

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman - 884-0086

Squadron Leader George Moir, chairman of the provincial Air Cadet League, was a guest speaker at the recent branch general meeting.

The chairman spoke on the Air Cadet organization in Canada, and said that Richmond Hill presently has a good nucleus to form its own squadron. Approximately 30 local boys between the ages of 13 and 19 now travel to the No. 172 Squadron headquarters located in Toronto.

The squadron leader's speech was well received by Legion members, and all that would seem to be lacking is an idealistic volunteer capable of organizing such a group.

The general meeting was once again attended by "the faithful fifty", and the attendance prize was won by William Arlette of Centre Street who was absent in Quebec and thereby forfeited it.

After four new members were installed, committee reports were heard: Property Chairman Gord Bayler reported that Legion Court was presently in the process of being painted on the outside by many volunteers. While progress might seem to be slow, he hoped to finish it eventually.

Sports Officer Gord Mills reported that the shuffleboard would be absent for several days for re-surfacing. He said the shuffleboard tourney fell flat because of the recent beer strike, and playoffs between the top eight contestants would be arranged shortly. A golf tournament has been arranged for October 12.

Poppy Chairman Doug Hopson reported at length on the forthcoming poppy campaign. This year will mark the 50th anniversary of Armistice Day, and extra Legion effort will be made to remind the public of the sacrifices entailed through two world conflicts.

A Legion documentary film entitled "In Flanders Fields" will be shown on most television stations during Remembrance Week. A literary contest for local students will again be sponsored by the Legion, and several thousand copies of "The Story of the Poppy" are presently being printed for distribution in the schools.

Doug also reported that poppy replicas intended for display on car windshields are presently available at the Legion. He said every member should display this symbol of Remembrance not only in November, but throughout the year. All donations made for purchase of same, of course, go to the Poppy Trust Fund, and to the disabled veterans of the veteran shops who make them.

President Frank Barrott announced at the meeting the appointment of Bob Dickson as citizenship chairman. Bob's first job in office will be the local organizing of the Legion's literary contest.

The next general meeting is scheduled for October 21.

Fourteen hundred Legion husbands were "batching it" two weeks ago when their wives attended the ladies' auxiliary provincial convention, held in Ottawa.

Among local delegates attending were Auxiliary President Joan Dickson, Sgt-at-Arms Audrey Apperly and Zone "E2" Commander Gloria Sanford. Local president Joan said she was amazed with the spirit of friendship that prevailed at the convention. She learned much, and thoroughly enjoyed the business sessions.

We understand that the ladies aroused quite a stir in the normally tranquil precincts of Ottawa. Word of their presence spread after one modern suffragette was caught tip-toeing through the tulip bulbs; and when several hundred of them invaded Parliament Hill, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau had already executed a successful departure through the back window of a chamber belonging to the leader of the loyal opposition.

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NEWMARKET: Newmarket voters will go to the polls December 2 to decide if they want to drink in their home town in public. The town has been dry for six years. The liquor plebiscite will be held at the same time as council elections for the 1969-70 term.

ANNUAL MEETING
Richmond Hill Agricultural Society
Monday, October 7, 8:15 p.m.
Victoria Square Community Centre

ELGIN MILLS - JEFFERSON

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Church News
St. John's Anglican Church was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival service Sunday morning. The gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables have been given to church army headquarters in Toronto, for disposal to the needy.

The service, attended by Sunday school students, was taken by Les Eliot. The first lesson was read by Peter Hughey and the second by Gordon Achilles. Special prayers were read by Robert Rickward and the thanksgivings by Leonard Lomas. The rector, Rev. Earl Gerber preached a sermon based on the Peanut's cartoon — "Snoopy's Thanksgiving".

The service next Sunday will be the Litany at 10 am. The evening fireside services will resume at St. Mark's at 7:30 pm.

There will again be a game of touch rugby on the north field Saturday morning at 10:30 — married men versus the teenage boys.

The young people's group will attend the annual fall wiener roast of Koinonia Saturday evening at Centre Island. The group must be at the ferry dock by 7:30 pm. Cars will leave St. John's at 6:45.

Neighborhood Notes
Greetings are extended to Kenneth Lund whose birthday is October 3.

First Jefferson Cub Pack, which came into being 15 years ago is in danger of disbanding for total lack of leadership. If anyone can help in this department, please contact Rev. Earl Gerber.

Leonard and Jean Lomas and family visited on Sunday with Leonard and Ruth Abernethy at Tottenham. The Lomas family lived at Tottenham prior to moving to Jefferson.

Community Club
A most successful meeting of the club was held September 25 with an excellent turnout of parents. A special welcome was extended to those from the Markham side of Yonge Street.

Mrs. Pat Burns opened the meeting and it was decided that the next meeting to be held October 29 would be a euchre and bridge party similar to the one held last March. Mrs. Bolton presented the financial statement.

Principal Don Hansen then introduced the school staff — Mrs. Mae Hopkins, Mrs. Barbara Walwyn, Mrs. Pauline Hurley and Miss Janice Holmes of the primary division, Mrs. Verma Seal and Fred Winterton of the junior division; Mrs. Nahed Alebrash and Mrs. Marjorie Stuart of the junior division were unable to be present.

Mr. Hansen then invited those present to view the portables and the rest of the school after the meeting. He also spoke of the new addition which it is anticipated will be ready for occupancy in January.

Mr. Hansen had two requests — one the need for parents or other interested and interesting people to come and share their experiences and travels with the children, and the second, help for the librarian, Mrs. McVey on Wednesdays, cataloguing and covering the books so that the library may be established.

Continuing, Mr. Hansen also spoke of the future of education in connection with the Hall-Dennis Report.

Following a period of discussion on various topics, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Roberts Parliamentary Observer At United Nations, Oct. & Nov.

York Simcoe MP John Roberts is being sent by the federal government to the United Nations as a parliamentary observer for the last part of October and early November.

"I am extremely pleased and honored by the choice," said Mr. Roberts. "It will give me a chance to see how the United Nations has developed since 1963 when I attended the United Nations as an adviser to the Canadian delegation."

Mr. Roberts reports that with the conclusion of the debate on the Speech from the Throne, Parliament is now discussing the establishment of two special committees; one on procedural reform for the House of Commons and one to examine delegated legislative powers.

It is hoped to reform the rules of the House of Commons to transfer a much larger share of the work to Parliamentary committees. "The problem is to find a set of rules which will permit the government to pass the legislation the public expects of it, fairly quickly, without overly restricting the time available to the Opposition to criticize the government's legislation and administration," notes Mr. Roberts.

One reform already announced is that oral questions asked of ministers will then not have to attend the House of Commons every day, but in rotation when questions concerning their departments are to be asked.

In paying tribute to the contribution made to Canadian life by Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson, whose sudden death last week left his party leaderless, Mr. Roberts expressed the fear that the Government of Quebec has entered into a period of great uncertainty and perhaps, instability. He also feared that this would hamper the progress of constitutional discussions between Quebec and Ottawa.

Needs Civic Responsibility

Realtor Not Just Real Estate Agent

By FRED SIMPSON
A hunger for knowledge, civic responsibility, and an ever constant code of ethics sets the realtor worlds apart from the public's conception of what constitutes an average real estate agent.

This was the theme expounded Wednesday night of last week by W. J. Richardson, Education Administrator of the Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards.

Occasion was the second annual York County and District Real Estate Board Civic Night held at the Aurora Highlands Golf and Country Club. Realtors and civic leaders from Richmond Hill and other municipalities in the county were present at the meeting.

Speaker Richardson stated that a realtor isn't just out to make a buck although, of course, he is in the selling business and has to make no apologies for wanting to make money.

"But while every realtor is a real estate broker, not every broker is a realtor. A realtor belongs to an association such as ours which subscribes to a code of ethics which must be adhered to at all times."

"A realtor is part and parcel of his community, he is interested in every facet of its development, he wants to see it grow in a responsible manner and be part of that growth. This is what makes a realtor so special. It's his concern for his community."

Mr. Richardson noted the unique position occupied by a realtor by way of his being so closely involved with land "which is the most important single asset in the existence of mankind. The land provides man with everything, his food, his shelter, all his necessities."

This involvement with land puts the realtor in everyday contact with the average person and also carries with it "a responsibility to find out the needs of the people and to spell out these needs to the civic leaders of his community."

"It also provides the realtor with a hunger for knowledge which sets him apart from the ordinary real estate man. He hungers for knowledge in order to improve so that he is better able to accept civic responsibility, not just to enable him to make more money. He encourages others to become more civic minded."

Mr. Richardson pointed to the courses in real estate education being sponsored by the association in universities "which provide the knowledge required by our members. These courses teach our members to accept civic responsibilities."

The speaker advised civic leaders to rely on and consult more often with realtors regarding the needs of the community. "Realtors know what the people want. A builder just looks at the plans of a house, what it costs, the shape of the lot."

"A realtor deals with people and it's the people who tell him what kind of home they are looking for. Builders talk to the people in real estate who then talk to the people themselves. Planners talk to the realtor and then it is the realtor who talks to the people. The realtor knows what the community is lacking, what it needs."

The speaker was introduced by Harry Sadler of Emerald Isle Real Estate in Richmond Hill.

Chairman of the evening was YCDREB President Bill Hobson of Keith Real Estate in Thornhill.

Other head table guests were: Garfield Wright, York County Warden; Fred Cook, past president York County and District Real Estate Board and Mrs. Cook; William Hodgson M.L.A., York North; David Sensi, regional vice-president, No. 5, Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards; Albert Fish, F.R.I., vice-president O A R E B, Norman Smith, vice-president YCDREB and Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Hobson, wife of the county president.

Restrict Speed Elgin Mills Rd.

In response to several complaints of excessive speed by cars using the newly reconstructed and paved section of Elgin Mills Sideroad between Yonge and Bathurst Streets, Vaughan Township Council last week passed a by-law setting the speed limit at 35 mph.

Elgin Mills Sideroad is not a built-up area as defined by the Highway Traffic Act but the township does have authority to prescribe rates of speed between 35 and 60 mph on such a road.

Chief of Police W. S. Shimmis has investigated the road and traffic conditions and recommended the 35 mph limit for the entire stretch between Yonge and Bathurst.

The township bylaw still requires approval by the Department of Transport and Department of Highways before it is effective.

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Remembrance Day WREATHS

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