



## Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
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### Newmarket Pipe Band Second At Uxbridge

**COMINGS AND GOINGS** — This just about sums up the way "it" has been happening lately. John Cunningham comes over to visit the Bill McNeillies — arrives on a Monday night and Mrs. McNeillie takes off for the "Olde Country" the next night. Gather that the two bachelors are having a ball. The Neil Jarvies are in Evangeline country for the holidays and will spend some time visiting friends down there. The Sam Wiscombs have taken up residence in that lovely province.

The Frank Murphys are floating around somewhere in that part of the country. Should they all meet, it seems like a good old ball could be got going.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** — To any of our friends and members of the branch who are celebrating this week. This brings to mind my friend "Cochise". May you all celebrate many more of the same.

**CHILDREN'S PICNIC** — This comes off Saturday at Bruce's Mill. Loads of prizes, plenty of food, good companions and fun. Do hope you got your youngsters' names down. Saturday July 10 seems to be a date for reunions. The Collier clan is having a big family reunion on this date. The Sanders family will be attending a big do at Shelbourne at the same time. Sounds like a lively weekend all round. Best of luck to one and all!

**SOCIAL EVENING** — Lately our Friday social evenings are getting under way a little late in the evening. A lot of hard work goes into making these evenings possible for your pleasure. The group playing this past week was the Vertones from Nobleton. They are great. Come on out some Friday evening and join in the fun. It would be a show of confidence for Bob Dickson and George Dieceman. They really sweat it out on your behalf.

**"FORE"** — Have heard rumors of a district golf tournament in Penatung this Saturday. Seems Branch 375 has some ardent golfers. Best of luck, fellas!

**COMING UP** — Sometime towards the latter part of September or early October there will be an "over-night". A bus will take us on a tour to see the beautiful changing colors of that time of year. Following a day of touring, we will stop overnight in Huntsville. Possible there might even be a "harvest dance" for us to attend. Then home on the Sunday. This is still in the formative stages but will let you know more about it at a later date.

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"We're off to Belleville in a bus, in a bus". Excuse the parody but this is just a way to tell you about the fine time we all had at the highland games and band competitions at Uxbridge and Belleville June 26. The weather was the winner. A bus load took off from Legion Court at 1230 hours last Saturday. Cross country up to Newmarket to pick up any late arrivals then off and running again. We had a fine pilot in Ron Claidon; George Dieceman was the perfect navigator. No

the place is jammed. But no one is going to miss a thing. The "games" are officially opened and underway. Highland dancing, Scottish dancers and all the while in the background the sound of the pipe bands. The stirring sound of the march or the keening of the lament — it all is spell binding.

The bands are forming up in the infield. The band competitions are about to start. The judge (from RMC Kingston) has taken his place of vantage and the massed bands move forward. Gosh one would think all these bands had been playing together for years instead of the first time.

It is all over; the trophies have been passed out; there is many a damp eye in the stands. Many a broken heart among the competitors. No one has a clue to what a judge is looking for. Somewhere, some time, the crew from Branch 426 will win all the marbles and a more deserving bunch there just isn't.

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**TO THE MEMBERS OF 426 PIPE BAND** — This series of competitions is over; you can relax for just a little while — then you take off on the big tour overseas. We wish to extend our sincere best wishes for the success of the tour and for a safe journey there and home again. Cheers!

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By the way congratulations to Jack Seaward for being our mystery winner Friday evening. Speaking of the evening, did you ever see such a chorus line in your life?

See you all again next week — the good Lord willing.

**NEWMARKET** — Del Zotto Homes has made a 10-acre park site in the Bayview Hills Subdivision area available to the town and has promised to grade and seed it. No parkland in the subdivision was included in the transfer from East Gwillimbury to Newmarket in January.

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**NEWMARKET** — Grace Baptist Church raised \$2,600 in a recent walkathon for missions. This will help John and Wendy Ibbotson of Willowdale Baptist Church, who served as youth directors in the local church for a year to equip themselves for mission work in Angola Africa.

Holy cow — what on earth is that noise this early in the morning? Wouldn't you know it? Some of the bands couldn't sleep so they were just making sure that the rest of us got up as early as they. The darn birds have only just gotten up. Oh well — we can go to the coffee shop and get some breakfast (coffee) and greet the new day cheerfully.

The bus is ready to take off for the fairgrounds. On the assumption of first come, first served, we took off. Seems as if everybody had the same idea. A last minute to relax and then the bands take off for some practice sessions. The suspense is beginning to mount. We return to the hotel for the last time; pack our gear and once more return to the fairgrounds. The sun is hot and

## Hadfield Raises Strong Objections

# Trustees Want School For Retarded To 21

York County Board of Education will seek changes in legislation regarding the education of the trainable retarded. After considerable discussion, trustees agreed June 21 to petition the Department of Education, asking that the retarded, who must now leave board-operated schools at 18, be allowed to remain in the schools until they are 21.

The board was asked to endorse a brief to be presented to Education Minister Robert Welch requesting that the right to attend a school to the age of 21 be extended to trainable retarded children.

It also asks for permission to purchase training in a sheltered workshop for the Mentally Retarded on a fee basis with cost not to exceed the maximum payable for secondary school pupils, and asks that education grants be amended to reimburse the board for fees paid to the sheltered workshops.

The brief pointed out that under the Public Schools Act a person has the right to attend a public school "unless he has attained the age of 21 years." It also stated that children enrolled in schools for the trainable retarded achieve readiness for sheltered workshop at varying ages between 18 and 21.

It mentions, too, that legislative grants payable to boards of education operating schools for the trainable retarded make no distinction between the cost of providing a program in a secondary school or in a school for the trainable retarded.

Trustees supporting the motion pointed out that a student in a secondary school is entitled by law to remain there until he is 21, while dissenting trustees argued that the cost of educating trainable retarded is much more as there are fewer pupils per teacher in schools for the retarded than there are in other schools.

The law permits a student who has completed grade 8 to continue in secondary schools for seven years. After that, he must pay fees. Sheltered workshops are financed jointly by the Department of Social and Family Services, parents and the local associations for the mentally retarded, with the department and the parents each paying

\$35 per month and the associations paying the balance of the costs. There is some revenue from work contracts and the sale of goods produced. The trainees are paid a small wage for their work.

Support for the brief was far from unanimous. Newmarket Trustee Jack Hadfield objected strenuously to the "diverting of education funds" to what, he insisted, is a form of manpower training or occupational therapy.

The decision he said, was an emotional one, that the training available in a sheltered workshop is related more to apprenticeship than to education, and should therefore be supported by other departments of government.

The board is constantly under fire to restrict spending to education, but at the same time it is asked to be "all things to all people," said Mr. Hadfield, adding, "This could be the death of us."

Since it was formed more than two years ago, he continued, the board had been successful in making people understand that education dollars cannot be diverted to recreation, that recreation must be financed from other sources. At the same time the school boards have been broadening their education services. Prior to formation of the county boards, schools for the trainable retarded were administered by the local associations in cooperation with the province.

Soon, said Mr. Hadfield, boards will be asked to include education of the blind, deaf, mute and crippled in the general system of education at the local level.

"We provide health and dental education in our schools. Should we also provide doctors and dentists?" he asked. He conceded that some retardates might benefit from staying in the local school beyond the age of 18, but argued that it would be a mistake to compel the schools to keep all retarded children in a sheltered environment up to 21.

Markham Trustee Jack MacKay also wondered whether this was the time to incur such increased costs, particularly when the retarded already seem to be receiving adequate care

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**Church News**  
The service at St. John's Anglican Church Sunday will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10:30 am. The 8 am services on the first, third and fifth Sundays have been discontinued for the summer.

One hundred and two persons enjoyed the parish picnic held last Sunday at Cedar Glen Conference Centre, Bolton. The threatening rain held off until the return journey. The day was hot and extremely humid and so most took the opportunity of using the pool after the races and games.

The married couples held a swimming party July 2 at the home of Les and Angela Elliott, St. Mark's Chapel, Oak Ridges. One couple from St. Paul's United also joined in the fun. Those not swimming enjoyed table tennis and euchre. Barbara

became hamburgers as well as a surprise birthday cake for Jean Lomas featured the refreshment period.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
The Jefferson Scouts and Cubs finished their season's activities with a camp at Earl Rowe Park on the weekend of June 18-20. The Scouts went up Thursday evening and pitched the tents in readiness for the arrival of 17 Cubs and two Scouts, Mike Carson and Leslie Sayers on Friday. Also attending were Scoutmaster Jeffrey Walker and Cubmaster Peter Hughey as well as Harry O'Donnell, Guy Olmstead, Brian Winje and Bob Sayers.

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