

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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Children's Christmas Party Dec. 12

Before the runners get here as yours truly found out that from the Arctic Cold, there is only one thing really set for the members of the color-guard for Branch 375 wish to thank all those who worked so hard to make their Millionaires Night such a success. To those who attended and had a wee ball a very hearty vote of thanks for aiding such a worthy cause.

Another vote of thanks must go to color-guard members from the lady voters for their donation toward the Legion Children's Christmas Party this coming Sunday, December 12. Have your date books handy and pencils at the ready. Here are a few coming events for all to take note of: December 11 — Legion Mixed Bowling Dance. Door prizes and a big draw. Good dancing music for your pleasure. George Diceman is the man to see about this one. He may be contacted either at 884-0086 or 832-0867.

To all members of Branch 375. Start your Christmas festivities off the right way. General meeting December 20 at 2000 hours. Sure would be nice to have a darn good turn out.

December 17, Friday night, annual Turkey Roll. See general Gord Mills about this one. A regular night of social pleasure with this little added excitement. How about coming out and joining in the fun. Friday night, December 24 there will be no activities at the Legion. We know that there will be so many last minute chores for everyone to do. Besides the wee tads will be trying hard to stay awake so that they may see Santa.

December 31 comes the New Year's Eve Hop. Come on out and bring in the New Year with old comrades and new friends. Again George Diceman is in charge of operations. Tickets now on sale from the bar stewards. Couples only.

Members from the Branch December 8 are going to North Gwillimbury to take part in some fun. Euchre, cribbage, shuffleboard and darts are the order of the night. Leaving about 1930 hours, we sure are hoping to do some winning. Still ticking our wounds from the defeat given us by members of 426 Newmarket. Do hear that we have won both shuffleboard games anyway.

The Grey Cup game is over and your reporter chose the wrong team again. How about you? Congratulations to all winners. Especially to John Collier. He won the pool at the Legion. From the beam on Mel's face we all thought that he had won. What a proud pop!

Friday evening, December 3 was a smash. The attendance was down. The weather was ugly but it sure wasn't miserable inside. That scintillating duo — George Cowie and Ken Birch — provided the dance music that keeps you on the dance floor. Some special guests were three members of the Pipe Band of 426. They had come down to give us a tune or two with the pipes and drums.

The pipers were in short demand so George Smart (weren't you supposed to be somewhere George?) Ernie Tolsch (welcome back Ernie) and smiling Don Vinam entertained us all another way. It is amazing how versatile these pipe band members are. George rendered us a tune "How can you be Killarney?" and admirably done too. Then on came Donnie with his favourite "My Nova Scotia Home" and the "Squid Giggling Ground". Do hear that he is darn good on the guitar too. Ernie just couldn't be persuaded to get up and sing (he was sure doing okay in the audience). He is rather shy. But when he got up to accompany Ken (he sang my brother Sylvester) on the drums, then he was right in his element. Darn good show fellows. Come again sometime.

There was a different set up this Friday evening. Tables were arranged in a semi-circle and we all joined in the wonderful singalong. Good dancing too. How about our own Roy Cook. What a beautiful voice he has. Special welcome back to our own Nell Spence. Nell has been under the weather lately but sure didn't show it when she sang for us the other night.

Our mystery winner of the evening was Roy Cook. Big winner of the night was Terrence Elliott of King City. He won the monthly \$0/50 draw. George Diceman sold the winning ticket. Congratulations to all winners and a big "thank you" to all who attended and shared our wonderful evening of fun. Special thanks to Ken Birch and George Cowie for your usual fine entertainment. And we are not forgetting George, Donnie and Ernie. Thank you one and all.

One wonders sometimes just where all the talent comes from when it shows up so unexpectedly at some of our social nights. Didn't know that our Gord Ketrtridge (got your name right this time Gord) could sing but he sure gave us a good show last Friday. Also he is a darn good shuffleboard player

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Church News

The service at St. John's Anglican on Sunday will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10:30 am.

There will be a further rehearsal of the Christmas Pageant at 2:15 pm and the choir will be assisting at the Christmas Service at the Villa Nursing Home, Bathurst Street, at 5:15 pm Sunday.

The pageant will be staged in the church on Sunday evening at 8 pm December 19 and will be followed by a reception which will be the Christmas Party.

The regular evening Together-ness Session will not resume until the worst of the winter is over. The first is scheduled for February 20.

On Sunday the final session for the winter was held with evening prayer in the church and singing and refreshments in the upper room using the new hymn book which has just been received. A short audio-visual presentation was also shown.

There will be a Magic Carpet Night on December 10 at 8 pm at St. Gabriel's Anglican, Richmond Hill to explain the tour of the Holy Land and Greece for 10 days next March under the leadership of Rev. David Sproule.

Auction Sale Of Four York Region Rural Schools Brings In \$111,500

York County Board of Education has sold four schools for a total of \$111,500. All four had been offered for sale earlier by sealed tender but failed to bring in bids the board would accept.

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Toronto Man Admits George Gilligan Killing

A 25-year-old Toronto man William John Shelly on Tuesday of last week pleaded guilty to manslaughter in Ontario Supreme Court. Last summer he was charged with non-capital murder in connection with the May 23 death in Minden of Bernard George Gilligan.

Victim Gilligan had been stabbed several times. Gilligan's car was later found abandoned on the southern edge of Richmond Hill on Highway 7 East near the intersection of Markham Concession 3.

The presence of the car was first noted by York Regional Police patrols. The car was apparently left on the southern boundary of Richmond Hill by the person or persons responsible for the stabbing death of Gilligan, a 26-year-old councillor at the Brownedale Camp at Carnarvon, eight miles northeast of Minden.

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