

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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Air Cadets Inspection Was Held Saturday

Before we get down to further business, we regret to report that a few of our friends and comrades are in sick bay. If you get a chance, why not send them a card or better still, drop by and spend a few minutes with them. Mrs. Mabel Haviland is spending the next couple of weeks in York Central. Mrs. Janet Johns still has a little time left in Scarborough Centenary Hospital; Comrade Fred Burt is staying in Doctors Hospital, Toronto; while Comrade Bob Jones is putting up at the Toronto General. Come on everyone, hurry up and fly the coop — it is just too darn nice to stay indoors.

Swingers up! We sincerely hope that is the right phrase. Branch 375 "Fuddle Duddles" are out swatting the old tomatoes (?) these days in preparation to challenging any other branch that is willing to take on these daredevils. From all reports the referees are the swingiest; the rest of the troops are great getting to the second stop; from there it is a joy ride to the third slot and then home again. In a wheelchair yet. You ought to see who they have for a mascot, water boy (girl) and bat-boy! Out of this world. The "Fuddle Duddles" have big aspirations. They want to challenge Dvnes Jewellers at the end of the season. Come on out and support this daring team. Any funds raised are in aid of Branch 375 Sports Fund.

It seems that there are of have been birthdays and anniversaries celebrated among our keen lads and lassies. With regard to the birthdays we hear that Ivor and Ethel Buck did some celebrating; also Mabel Haviland. Did you ever see a birthday cake like Mabel got on Friday night? Hubby George got down to some mischief and came up with a cake made of ice with a huge green candle. Don't know who got the biggest laugh Mabel or the rest of the crowd in attendance.

With regard to anniversaries — the little birds have passed the word that Gord and Adelaide Mills celebrate 28 years of wedded bliss on June 3. To all concerned, may you all celebrate many more years of happiness.

As you may or may not know, there are members of Branch 375 that will take part in any kind of sports in aid of the cause. Recently such members travelled some distance to take part in a few games of cribbage. One of these sporting sorts was Comrade Earl Freeland. Unfortunately Earl and his partner didn't win anything; after ball practice on Friday evening Comrade Earl put in an appearance at the Friday night social do and came up the mystery winner. Just goes to show you what can happen. Why not come out on a Friday night and see how you make out.

The lucky ticket was drawn by Mrs. Buck of Keswick. Thank you ma'am and congrats to Comrade Earl.

We welcome the safe return of all our members and their ladies from the Dominion Convention hosted by Branch 76 Regina. This convention was very very well attended. Be sure to read your newsletter when it arrives because there will be much that will interest all members. Further information will be given out at the next general meeting — so be sure to turn out in force for that.



ROBERT SMELLIE QC
Legion President

Robert Smellie, of Winnipeg, was recently elected president of the Royal Canadian Legion at the organization's national convention in Regina. A graduate in law from the University of Manitoba, he also served during World War II with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, landing in Normandy on D-Day. A former Minister of Municipal Affairs for Manitoba, he has been active in Legion work since 1948. As Legion president, he succeeds Judge Redmond Roche of Montreal.

Queen's Park Report

William Hodgson MLA,
York North

New Magna Carta For Ontario Citizens

This week, instead of reporting to you on my activities since my last column appeared, I would like to discuss two pieces of government legislation—one passed last March and a bill now before the Legislature.

The first has been dubbed "A New Magna Carta". The original, signed in 1215, guaranteed the principal that the King's power must be limited by law. Its successor is aimed at protecting the rights and privileges of individuals. Reform legislation, based on a report of the McRuer Royal Commission Inquiry Into Civil Liberties, was introduced in the Legislature a year ago and came into effect last March.

In this province there are over 100 tribunals which influence everything from the price of milk to the location of apartment buildings. With the increasing number of such tribunals, and the volume of work they must handle, it was inevitable that the rights of some citizens were infringed at times.

I feel that this new Magna Carta is one of the most important pieces of legislation ever passed here. These are your rights, and you should be aware of them.

The person who appears before a tribunal, with the new law, will have these protections—

- He will have the right to reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing, to reasonable information of any allegations respecting his character, conduct or competence.
- He will be entitled to a public hearing unless the tribunal decides to meet in camera because public security or intimate financial or personal matters are involved, and he can challenge that decision before the courts.
- He can be represented by a lawyer or agent, has the right

York Atkinson College Honors Dr. Ross Lloyd

Dr. Ross Lord, P. Eng., of Toronto, chairman of Metro Conservation Authority since 1958, was honored by Atkinson College, York University, at its convocation Saturday.

One of Canada's foremost hydraulic and flood control engineers, Dr. Lord received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the university.

The citation acclaiming Dr. Lord as "the savior of public open space in the Metro region." "Future generations will look upon his work as being among the most important contributions toward making Toronto and region a desirable place in which to live", the citation continues, noting that the MTRCA has acquired, developed and maintains some 22,000 acres of land which are preserved for public recreational use.

A native of Peterboro, Dr. Lord retired as head of the University of Toronto's mechanical engineering department in 1971. He is a graduate in engineering from the University of Toronto, received his

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