



Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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Pipers, Drummers Still Needed Pipe Band

The other week, the weather was like ugh! This time round most of the snow has gone. Now all we have to do is batten down the hatches for the rerun of winter. Woe is us. Excuse the gibbering folks—this last half of winter always sends us off our rocker.

Despite the tirade above, we sincerely hope that you have all been staying more or less healthy. Except for Freddie Smith, in Sunnybrook; Mickey Smith, residing somewhat temporarily in a Boston, Mass., hospital; plus the new admission to York Central—the rest of our crew seem to be fairly well preserved. Do stay that way. All friends and neighbors of Branch 375 please accept the same sentiments.

Braving the barren wastes of North Gwillimbury on Wednesday January 17, several members of Branch 556 traversed the danger ridden by-olde outpost Branch 375 for a social evening of euchre, crib and darts. After the smoke cleared, it was found that the local crew had won crib and darts—but the euchre team still has to win a match. How on earth can you win a euchre game when you are holding perfect poker hands? Not to worry, we are still in there pitching. Next time to try our luck is about February 14-15. We'll see.

Sticking with Wednesday night—this is the night that members of our pipe band practice. Desperately needed are pipers and drummers. From all the breeze that has been blown around the area for the past years, there seems to be a score or more of ex bandmen and girls. Come on every one, let's get this show on the road. Don't be backward about coming forward. You are needed—that is enough. Extra practice time every Sunday from about 1100 hours to 1300 hours.

Things were rather slow last Friday for our weekly social do. Everyone was saving their energy for Robbie Burns Night. Still we got in some good conversations; others played darts or shuffleboard. Then up came "Smiley" Copsps with the weekly winner. Once round the course and our new winner was "Laughing Boy" Earl Freeland. (Who wants to bet that your reporter will be among the missing next week if these two joes read this column?)

Anyhow we have now arrived at the festivities surrounding all of us on the occasion of Robbie Burns Night. Starting off the evening with a cocktail hour from six to seven, the evening was off and gathering steam as it progressed. We all, and I do mean all, (but most of Richmond Hill was present) sat down to a sumptuous roast beef dinner served by members of the

ladies auxiliary. Gord Mills cooked the meat; March Thompson tended to the vegetables; Harry Copsps carefully worked over the gravy while Ned Cook was busy carving the meat. These four kitchen stalwarts kept the girls well supplied so that we all were able to enjoy our food to the fullest. Comrade Bill MacPherson gave us the full-on Toast and Grace. Zone Commander Frank Barrott then gave the toast to the Queen. Following this members of our pipe band piped in the "Haggis" which was carried on the braw shoulders of Gord Ketrtridge and Neil Jarvie. Tommy Proudfoot (Liaison officer for Branch 426 Newmarket and their pipe band) addressed the haggis. Just prior to the ending of the dinner, the honored guests were introduced. These were: Mayor and Mrs. Lazenby, Mr. and Mrs. James Butler, Regional Councillor Lois Hancey and Mr. Hancey, District Commander George Wood and Mrs. Wood, Zone Commander Frank Barrott and Mrs. Barrott, Captain Victor Virrens and Mrs. Vierens, President Doug Hopson and Mrs. Hopson, Ladies' Auxiliary President Mary and Charles Robson, Ladies' Auxiliary Past President Joan and Bob Dickson. Bob did his usual grand job as MC.

Now the dinner is over; the tables are cleared and rearranged. On with the dance. How nice it is to be able to say "Welcome back" to Mrs. Alice Sherratt and her group! The lovely gowns of the ladies—the swing of the kilts of the Color Guard (MacKenzie Tartan) and the swirling of the pipes made for some of us—it seemed as if we were back home. During one intermission we had the pleasure of seeing the first official parade of our newly formed pipe band. Under the able direction of Drum Major Robert Tate and Pipe Major Ian MacIntyre, this group is going to lead this Town of Richmond Hill and Branch 375 to the top of the heap. They were good. Included in Saturday night's playing were: Jimmy Wilson, Ian Barker, Jimmy Thompson, June Tye, Wally Tye and Judy Thompson. When the pipe band had finished playing, we can assure you it was to a standing ovation. Must let you in on this little tidbit. During the evening, "Smiling" Bob Dickson announced the celebration of "Ren" and Janet Johns' Silver Wedding Anniversary. At this moment in came a lighted wedding cake with the numerals 25 aglow. Among those helping Jan and Ren celebrate the occasion were: Mrs. Gordon Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowell (Jan's sister and bridesmaid 25 years ago), Mr. and Mrs. Alec Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Donaldson (both sons) and

her cousin from Los Angeles USA, Mr. Andrew Baird. What a gay group! More dancing and then it is time for the pipe band to entertain us again. Members of Branch 375 are noted for their partiality to pipe bands and having their own band really brightens their days. Or should we say nights. It is hard to let the band go when they have finished this time. But we must be fair. More dancing. Time now for drawing the winners of the evening. The door prize was drawn by your reporter and it gives us pleasure to announce that Comrade Bill MacPherson was the lucky one (00). The name of the winner of the raffle was not heard—we apologize—so will give it to you next week. Our sincere congratulations to the winners. Time for a few more dances and then it is time to leave. After some coaxing the pipe band played for us again to complete the evening.

Branch 375 would like to say a very sincere "Thank You" to each and every one who made the evening possible and such a success. To our honored guests, to the members of the ladies' auxiliary for their services (both in serving and washing up); to members of the Color Guard for the grand job they did all evening; to Frank Barber, Alec Kermohan for keeping an eye on us all; to the pipe band for showing us just what can be done and how in a short time; to Tommy Proudfoot for taking the time out to do the honors of addressing the haggis; to Mrs. Sherratt and her group for providing music that matched the mood; and finally to all you nice people that made the whole thing worth while. May we all meet again through the year and especially next Robbie Burns Night.

Let us see just what is cooking for the next little while that you may like to join us in. Oh yes, here they are—Saturday—District Mixed Bowling. At the close of the competitions there will be a dinner and dance. Prizes will be handed out at this time. For further information re the dance only or other information, please contact Gord Mills at 884-0086.

Saturday—February 3—Zone cribbage hosted by Branch 426, Newmarket. Entry fee \$1.00. List in club-room if you are interested. Transportation will be by car pool. Leaving Legion Court at 11:30 am. Registration time 12 noon. Get with it fellows.

Saturday—February 10—Zone bowling for men only. Dinner and dance to follow. For information be sure to contact Gord Mills at 884-0086.

March 19 to 24—International Hockey Tournament. Each and every evening there will be live entertainment at the Legion during this time. Alice Sherratt and her group, George Cowie, Ken Birch are just a couple

of examples. Sure hope you all join us in our new quarters.

Sunday—March 25—Championship dinner. Keep an eye open for more news in this column and your monthly news letters for further information.

There has been a correction made with regard to a previously mentioned date. March 3 slated for the Color Guard has been changed to (we hope) March 28th. Check with us periodically. Now we are suddenly into April and there are several important dates here for you to keep in mind:

Sunday—April 8—Vimy Sunday. Zone drumhead service. Every member up and at 'em and all spit and polish.

April 11—Wednesday—First night of bingo at the Legion. This will be a weekly event. Come on out and have some fun.

Saturday—April 28—Lady veterans are joint hostesses in this first of their two dances of the year. Funds raised at this one will be for the annual children's picnic.

Guess that better be all for this time out. Don't want to get you all fouled up with dates. These are just a forecast of what is in store. Will drop in on you all next week, we hope

Hill Mayor, Clerk Will Screen Letters

In an effort to save time at council meetings and cut down on the amount of paper used each month in providing members of council, press and public with copies of all correspondence, Richmond Hill Town Council agreed January 15 to try out a new procedure, proposed by Mayor William Lazenby.

In the past all correspondence received by the town was duplicated and attached to the agenda for a meeting. In the future, Mayor Lazenby proposes to go over the correspondence with the clerk or deputy-clerk on the Thursday preceding the meeting and attach to the agenda only those letters requiring immediate action by council.

The other letters will be listed with suggestions for their disposal to be approved by council.

For example: last Monday's list included an appeal from the Royal Canadian Legion, Richmond Hill Branch 375 for financial support for the new Richmond Hill Centennial Pipe Band, which was referred to the finance committee for recommendation to council. Also referred to that committee for consideration and recommendation was a letter from the Salvation Army requesting its annual grant; a letter from Girl Guide Division Commissioner Joan Wood, requesting financial assistance through the recreation committee for use of schools for meeting purposes; and a letter from Participation House Building Fund asking permission to sell lottery tickets in the municipality in aid of victims of Cerebral Palsy.

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Name New Teachers York County Board

York County Board of Education last week approved the appointment of teachers to the following public schools:

Mrs. Heather Beed, Bayview Fairways; Mrs. Margaret Big Canoe, Sutton; Mrs. Kathleen Cowan, Morning Glory; Mrs. Beverly Davis, Marklee; Mrs. Zoe Greer, Bayview Glen; Miss Penelope Ingles, Unionville; Mrs. Eva McNamara, Meadowbrook; Leslie Meisner, Meadowbrook; Mrs. Gloria Morrison, McConaghy; Mrs. Ann Murphy, Bayview Fairways; Mrs. Isobel Pipher, Parkview; Mrs. Sharleen Reid, Rogers; Mrs. Sheila Robbins, Bayview Fairways; Miss Carole Rosen, Beverley Acres; Mrs. Sheena Schmitt, McConaghy; Miss Susan Smalridge, E. J. Sand; Mrs. Ursula Stewart Henderson Avenue; Mrs. Cheryl Sullivan, Sutton; Mrs. Ann Thompson, Sutton; Joseph Tracey, Whitchurch Highlands; Mrs. Bette Walker, Ross Doan; Mrs. Amy Wilson, Ross Doan; Miss Marny Worling, Park Avenue; Mrs. Madeline Wright, Baythorn.

Also appointed were: Miss Patricia Ashley, King City Secondary School; Mrs. Maureen Ramsay, Markham District High School; Miss Jean Semple, Area 3 speech teacher; Mrs. Ann Shin, Markham District High School.

The appointments were the result of a series of resignations from the board before Christmas, plus the need for extra teachers to accommodate additional pupils from various subdivisions in the area.

Personal reasons, transfers of spouses, retirement and post-graduate courses were given as the reasons for the pre-Christmas resignations.

AURORA: A delegation of citizens from all over town has asked council to hold a public meeting to discuss the town's policy on road improvements. Some 90 signatures had been obtained in one day.

Elgin Mills - Jefferson News

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Church News

This Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 am at St. John's Anglican Church. The confirmation class will meet at 8 pm.

Last Sunday guest preacher at the service of morning prayer was Canon Reginald Howden of Holy Trinity, Thornhill, former Rural Dean of York. The choir anthem was "Send Out Thy Light".

On January 21, 1873, the last of the six children of George and Mary Harper was buried in St. John's Cemetery. The flowers on the altar in St. John's Church, January 21, 1973, were placed there "To The Glory Of God" and in memory of Thomas, who died April 18, 1872, at the age of one month; of George, who died November 5, 1872, at the age of five years; of Elizabeth, who died January 12, 1873, at the age of 16; of Mary, who died January 14, 1873, at the age of 14; of John, who died January 14, 1873, at the age of eight; and of Rose, who died January 18, 1873, at the age of 10. The flowers also expressed grateful thanks-giving to God that the discoveries and advances of medical science and knowledge during the past century have eliminated tragedies of this nature.

The window on the north side of the chancel over the door into the rector's vestry was given in memory of these children by their parents.

Last Sunday a Richmond Hill Centennial Flag and an Anglican Church of Canada Flag hung from the ceiling of the chancel. The Centennial Flag was a gift of the 1st Jefferson Cubs and Scouts through the group committee. Both flags will be dedicated and flown from a memorial flag pole to be installed in the spring.

A series of photos have been mounted on the walls of the hallway leading to the upper room. Anyone having photos of former

events at St. John's are asked to please contact me at 884-3000.

Monday night the men's club met for dinner and a meeting at St. Mark's Chapel. The spiritual life fellowship met at St. John's

the same evening.

Community News

This week birthday wishes are sent to Joey Schuyler, who will be eight on the 27th; to Robin Mortson, who will be nine on the 28th; to Jo Anne Kinzett, who will be 10; to Sherrie Malisch, who will be seven and to Ian Walker who will be eight, all on the 30th; and to Carl Boyle, who will be nine on the 31st. Happy birthday to you all!

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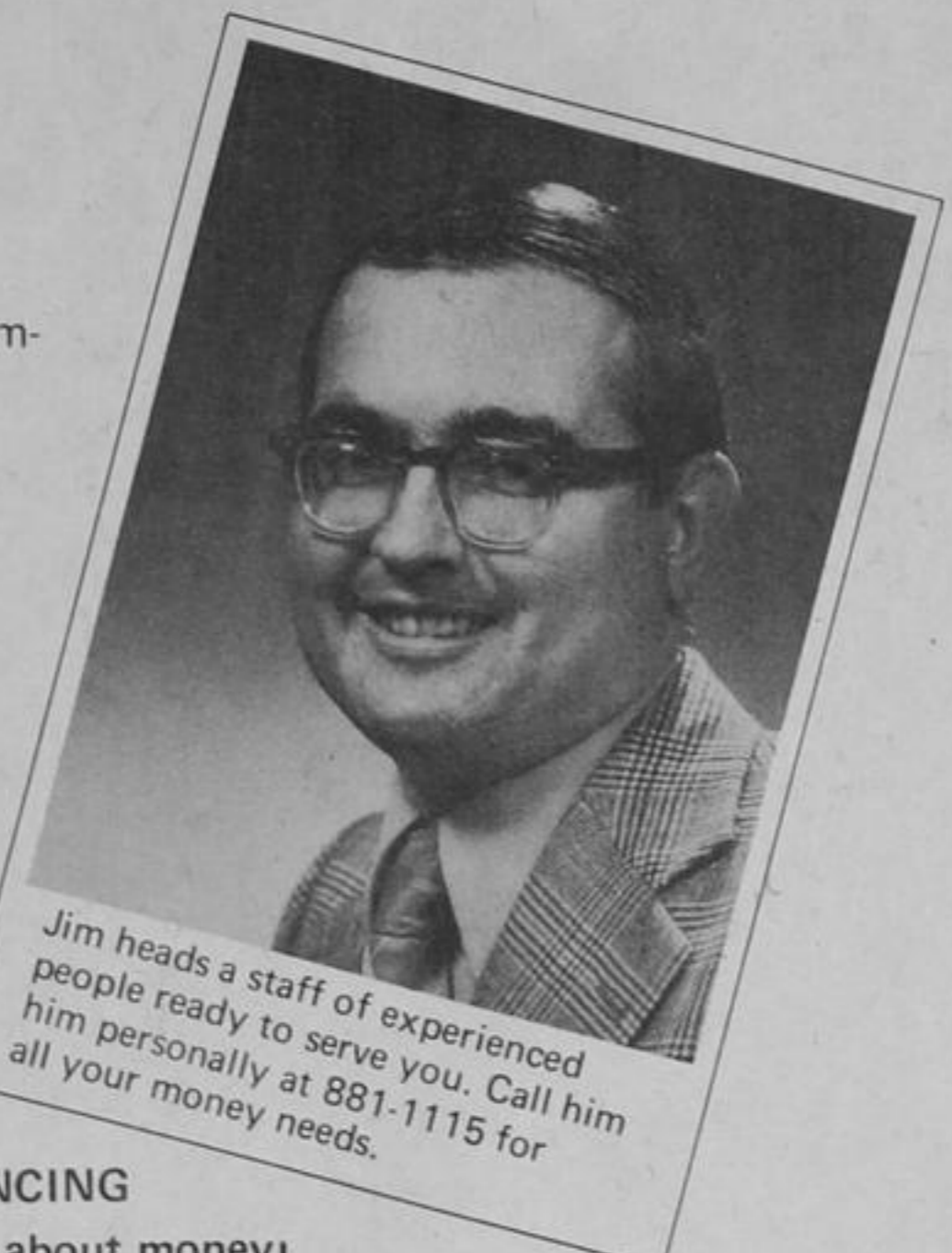
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