

Former Trustees Honor McIntyre

More than 100 old friends gathered at Summit View Gardens Restaurant, Jefferson, on June 14 for dinner and a social evening. They were all there to extend best wishes to York County Board of Education's retiring associate director, Gordon McIntyre, and his wife, Dorothy.

Arrangements for the party were made by a committee of people who had worked closely with Mr. McIntyre when he was superintendent of the Richmond Hill Public School Board which was assimilated with all other public school boards in the region in 1969 to form the county board.

On the committee were Lew Clement who was chairman of the board when Mr. McIntyre first came to Richmond Hill in 1959, and three succeeding chairmen: Harold Sanderson, Dick Hutchinson and Mrs. Deena Simpson. Representing Richmond Hill Principals, past and present, was Nathan (Bud) Davison of MacKillop School. Completing the committee were Dorothy Turner, Mr. McIntyre's secretary for many years, and Dorothy Street, the former board's business administrator.

Among the guests were teachers, principals and caretakers who had known Mr. McIntyre before his office was moved to the county board's administra-

tion building in Aurora, including George Patterson, 82, who had worked well past the usual retirement age, taking care of Mr. McIntyre's office.

Ken Turton, a former business administrator with Richmond Hill Board, now with the Lampton Board of Education, and his wife, Mary, were there. So was Grant Nighswonder, retired principal of McConaghy School and a former principal at Beverley Acres, and Eldon Gooding, who is retiring from his post as principal at Crosby Heights, along with his successor, Dr. Peter Ross.

Bob Newman, principal at MacKillop from 1959 to 1966 had come from Sundridge where he is now a superintendent with the East Parry Sound Board.

Mr. McIntyre was presented with two paintings, one a fall scene near Dorset in Muskoka — an area he is particularly fond of — painted by Roy Robson, principal of George Bailey School in Maple, and a mural created by primary pupils at MacKillop portraying Mr. McIntyre's 43 years as an educator. On June 19 Mr. McIntyre paid a visit to the school to thank the children and to get the young artists to endorse their own particular contribution to the mural.

There was much reminiscing about "the good old days" and the informal and friendly atmosphere that prevailed under the small local board. Caretakers recalled how their former superintendent used to drop into their boiler rooms to chat, and how he always took off his overshoes before walking on their clean floors.

Talking about it all after the event, Mr. McIntyre said, "It was an emotional outpouring of human friendship that personified the Richmond Hill Board. People have been very good to me, and it is a very fine feeling to have passed through the stages from family and job to professional development and administration and now back to family and the community."

The McIntyres, who live on Lucas Street in the Hill, are planning to take off for the Pacific Coast on Labor Day, then on to a six-month vacation in Australia and New Zealand. They will be accompanied by Mr. McIntyre's brother, John, recently retired principal of Collingwood Collegiate, and his wife.

"People have been wonderful to me and Dorothy," said Gordon McIntyre. "Now we are looking forward to having three summers in a row!"

Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Chris Ratchford

Annual Children's Picnic July 14 At Bruce's Mill

Effective June 1 the basic rate for a single armed forces pensioner with full disability will be raised more than \$900 a year under a bill passed Friday in the House of Commons.

Changes to the Pension Act will increase the basic annual pension to \$4,704 from \$3,793. The new rate corresponds to the average salary, after income tax, of five categories of unskilled employees in the public service.

The bill will raise the basic rate for married pensioners with 100 per cent disability to \$5,880, an increase of \$1,047. Widows' pensions will be increased by \$56 a month, raising the annual benefit to \$3,528.

The bill also will raise payments for lesser disabilities and provide increased benefits to widows and family members of deceased armed forces personnel.

In a statement released in Ottawa, Robert Smellie, the Royal Canadian Legion's national president, said the legislation is "the most significant change in veterans' pensions since 1919," the year the pension program began. In 1919, the basic rate was in line with the salary of a civil service laborer, Smellie said. "The new rates officially recognize this index and restore pensions to their original value."

Daniel MacDonald, Veterans Affairs Minister, also told the House of Commons recently that the Veterans Land Act will be discontinued March 31, 1974.

Under the Act, World War II and Korean Force veterans have received financial assistance to buy farm land, to set up in commercial fishing, or to build or improve homes on their return to civilian life. The minister, who lost an arm and a leg in World War II, said the VLA Act was not intended as a program for urban housing nor a help for veterans at retirement age.

It should be noted that only veterans who have received a certificate of qualification may apply for assistance under the land act. The date for obtaining this certificate expired several years ago. Qualified veterans will therefore be required to exercise their option by March 31, 1974, or lose it.

Executive Officer Rita Hopson reminds members that the annual children's picnic will be held July 14 at Bruce's Mill commencing at 2 p.m. Forms are available at the Legion Hall for those wishing to attend.

Belated congratulations are extended to the following members: Bill MacPherson on his 85th birthday June 6, George Miller on June 16, Frank Barrott, Nan Pollard, Bill Pollard, Colin Hyatt also became a year older and wiser in the month. Gordon and Addie Mills celebrated 29 years of marriage June 3 and are looking forward to becoming wiser also.

Congratulations to Past President Frank Barrott who was named to the Legion's

provincial executive recently at the Biennial Ontario Convention held in Sault Ste. Marie, Frank, who was once aptly named, "Sergeant Bilko" by the Mayor of Huntsville, is now the Legion's provincial resolutions chairman. Any Legion member who wishes to resolve something should therefore consult Frank who also holds an honors degree as a trick cyclist and is noted for handing out jobs to the unsuspecting.

In other notes: Legion ball-player Danny Kelly reports the Fuddle-Duddles, a Branch 375 ball team of some renown, is now leading the pack. They are in first place in the league and play at Victoria Square every Friday evening at 8 p.m.

The new Richmond Hill Legion Headquarters was officially opened Saturday with a host of officials and Legion supporters in attendance. President Douglas Hopson announced during the ceremony he received a message from Buckingham Palace with regard to naming the new building, The Prince Philip Centre. This news, together with a story and picture, will appear in next week's Legion Report.

Mrs. Chris Ratchford, whose byline has been appearing in the masthead of this column, requests that all static concerning the narrative be addressed to Canadian Press Rewrites, attention of a Mr. E. A. Poe Esquire — a ghost writer.



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Community News
This week birthday wishes go to Verna Nigh who will be 11 July 2 and to Bobby Mashinter who will be nine July 3.

Church News
Sunday at St. John's Anglican there will be a service of Holy Baptism at 10:30 am.

The junior young people meet at St. Mark's Chapel Friday evening at 7:30 pm for baseball, swimming and refreshments with a devotional.

125th ANNIVERSARY

St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson, held its 125th anniversary parish dinner at All Saints Anglican, King City, last Saturday evening. Rev. Fred Hall of Trinity, Aurora, said grace and after dinner Miss Elizabeth Grant proposed a toast to St. John's, to which Cliff Rumble replied. Miss Elizabeth Flood proposed a toast to Her Majesty the Queen.

Norman Rumble introduced the head table guests who included Mayor William Lazenby and Mrs. Lazenby, Rev. Earl Gerber and Mrs. Gerber, Rev. Fred Hall and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rumble, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Goldsmith, Miss Elizabeth Flood, Mrs. Ruth Holmes and Mrs. Fran Bell. Rev. Mr. Hall brought greetings from Trinity and on behalf of Rural Dean Rev. Neville Bishop, rector of All Saints who, with his wife, was unable to attend.

Mayor Lazenby brought greetings from the town and presented the church with a framed poster announcing the 1891 parish picnic, found in the Matthew Teefy collection.

Short speeches were made by former and present parishoners: Mrs. Claire Freer, Mrs. Mary Dibb, Mrs. Helen Crawford, Mrs. Gladys Hill, Russell Boynton, Mrs. Mae Thompson, Mrs. Dorothy Beynon, Miss Leah Stephenson, Mr. Robert Rickward and Leonard Lomas.

The Mixed Blessings sang a medley of songs and Miss Brenda Ash sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" and "Amazing Grace".

Mrs. Ruth Holmes who compiled the history of St. John's also spoke briefly. Gifts of appreciation were presented by the rector and people's warden to Mrs. Joy Harden who retired as organist and choir mistress Sunday after 16 years; to Mrs. Fran Bell, secretary of the 125th anniversary committee as well as parish secretary; to Mrs. Ruth Holmes, historian; to Irene Boyle, convener of the luncheons held this year; to Mrs. Ella Rumble, convener of the banquet and to Leonard Lomas, former warden and cemetery superintendent.

Rev. Mr. Gerber also made a presentation to Mrs. Betty Carson on behalf of the Mixed Blessings. Rev. Robert McElhinney brought greetings from St. Paul's United Church, Lake Wilcox, and pronounced the benediction.

The banquet was attended by some 177 present and former parishioners, some coming from Montreal, Thornbury, Jackson's Point and Toronto.

A special service of praise

and rededication was held at St. John's Sunday at 10:30 am. Guest preacher for this 125th anniversary service was Rt. Rev. Lewis Garnsworthy, BA, DD, Lord Bishop of Toronto. The service was conducted by the Rev. Earl Gerber and lessons were read by Lay Readers Les Eliot and Leonard Lomas, who also acted as Bishop's Chaplain. Miss Brenda Ash sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings".

Mayor William Lazenby attended the service and a basket of flowers from the mayor, council and citizens of Richmond Hill, decorated the lectern.

Also present were Staff Sergeant Paul Mendricks and Sergeant Howie Hall of the RCMP, who acted as sidesmen. There is a historic link between St. John's and the RCMP as Col. James MacLeod, assistant commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police (forerunner of the RCMP) was the son of the man who donated the land on which St. John's stands.

The RCMP is this year celebrating its centenary. The flowers on the altar were placed there to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Grace Goulding and George Ronald Browne by Marg Browne and family. The congregation numbered 201 with 20 seated in the lower hall. After the service a birthday cake, punch and coffee and tea were served.

The visitors also viewed displays of photographs lining the upper hallway and an exhibition of china, cutlery, dishes and platters used in former years.

The first desk prayer book (printed in 1817), the first lectern Bible (printed in 1828), the second desk prayer book and the first altar service book were presented by the Church Society of Toronto on the first Sunday in Lent 1851; a set of Bible, prayer book and altar service book, given in 1873, by James F. MacLeod, CMG, 1st Assistant Commissioner NWMP; two further desk prayer books of the 1918 revision, one with state prayers for George V and the other for George VI; and an altar service book of the 1918 revision, given in 1959 in memory of Donald Leno, were on display.

One of the original hand-planned pews was also on display, as well as a silver cup won by Mrs. Mae Thompson at a denary drama festival.

These displays were arranged by Mrs. Fran Bell, Mrs. Irene Boyle and Leonard Lomas. Colleen Boyle and Julia and Caroline Lomas arranged the photographic display. A display of Cub activities with trophies won recently was arranged by Mrs. Betty Tutton, Akela of 1st Jefferson Cubs.

The Mixed Blessings' contribution to Saturday's banquet program was their last engagement for this season. During the year they held a practise almost every week under the direction of Mrs. Betty Carson and then had 20 engagements.

They sang at the Aurora Conference Centre; St. Gabriel's, Richmond Hill; the

Fishnet, a Richvale coffee house on four occasions; the "Festival of Faith" at All Saints, King City; St. Paul's, Bloor Street; the Peace Talbe, a coffee house near Yorkdale, twice; Union Villa; Daybreak; St. Bride's, Clarkson; Stouffville "Youth For Christ" Centre; Aurora Ontario Hospital; confirmation service at St. John's; They hosted a concert with the Marantha group from St. Bride's; and sang at "The

Concert In The Park" in Richmond Hill Centennial celebrations.

Composing the group are: Leader Mrs. Betty Carson, Rhythm Guitary John Gerber and Ron Stiver, Lead Guitar David "Hap" Wilson, Michael and Beth Carson, Lynda Earl, Heather Gerber, Danny and "Billie" Locke, Caroline Lomas, Cheryl and Janet Marsh, Debbie and Kathy Stiver and Bass Guitar Kent Butler (on occasion).

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By KATHY GABY, 884-2727

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