

Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman

Legion Ball Tournament This Weekend At Crosby, Town Park

When Pierre Elliot Trudeau pitched the words, "fuddle-duddle", across the floor of the House of Commons some time ago he not only shook up the loyal members of the opposition—he also inspired Comrade Danny Kelly and his cohorts who were busy forming a Legion softball team at the time.

Notwithstanding that the loyal Opposition claimed the Prime Minister had hurled a more disrespectful remark, the Legion crew preferred to go along with Hansard. "We thought it was a good expression, so we named our team

Half Acre Of Land At Holy Name School Brings Board \$2,060

An offer to purchase a little more than half an acre of land of the Holy Name School site in King, made by the Region of York, was accepted by the York County Roman Catholic School Board September 18. The price offered was \$2,060 (at \$4,000 per acre) and the Region also stated its willingness to pay the legal costs and to reconstruct the entrance and relocate the gateposts.

In accepting the offer, the board asked that special attention be paid to the safety of the approaches to the school's entrance and exit (described as extremely dangerous at present), with visibility being increased to at least 500 feet in both directions during the reconstruction of the King Sideroad for which the strip of land is necessary. It was also suggested that the combined entrance and exit, when reconstructed, be wide enough that a bus going out and one coming in can pass, so that a bus turning east would not have to cross the centre of the road.

When the King Township RC Board built Holy Name, a plastic line was provided to connect the school with the King City water supply. The board also suggested as part of the agreement, that when a permanent waterline is installed on the road allowance, a connection be provided to the school without cost to the board.

the "Fuddle Duddles", said Danny—He didn't state what the ball team would have been called if Hansard had agreed with the opposition.

Ever since, however, the Legion men's ball team has been actively running around various local diamonds presumably without the home plate being loaded. Managed by Comrade Don Quinton, the Fuddle Duddles play in what Don calls a "no name league", of which Don is also president. League teams comprise Stouffville Legion, the Fuddle Duddles, Ratcliff's, Aurora Legion and York Regional Police. Last year the average age of players was 47. This year the average age is down to "between 35 and 36" said Don.

The Fuddle Duddles ended up the current season in third place in the league by winning 10 games and losing 10. At the time of going to press they were tied one game each with Aurora for the playoff championship. But the big event of the season comes up this weekend.

Saturday and Sunday ten teams will participate in the Legion men's first ball tournament at the town park and Crosby Park. Entered so far are Legion Branches from Aurora, Stouffville, Clarendon, Orillia, Agincourt and, of course, the Fuddle-Duddles, Canadian Forces Base, Downsview, has also entered.

Tourney Organizer Don Quinton, advises the first game will commence at 9 am Saturday with eight games being played in both parks. Finals will be played Sunday in the town park. Two trophies will be up for grabs donated by Norm Smith Realty. There is no charge for admission and all interested persons are welcome to attend.

Spectators may recognize our home plate heroes by their colors—yellow and blue sweaters with blue pants having a white stripe. And for the benefit of the color-blind, Comrade Cliff Dunbar submits a list of Fuddle Duddle nicknames by which team players are identified vocally during play and otherwise. They are as follows:

The Flash (Tim Saul), Twinkle Toes (Haddy Eakins), Soupy (Bud Chapman), Homer (Frank Tough), Bull Moose

(Gary Moss), Money Bags (Al Binnington), The Deer (Dan Kelly), The Sleuth (Billy Farwell), The Gabber (Neil Jarvie), Steam Roller (Eric Hillaby), Slim Trim (Don Quinton), Iron Man (Bill Robinson), Lover Boy (Wayne Kirkpatrick), Jackrabbit (Larry Black), Stomper (Clay Chapman) and Women's Man of the Year (Oly Oliver).

Team coaches include: Strike-Out Artist Cliff Dunbar, Rifle Arm Earl Freehand, and Super Star Marsh Thompson. Bat boy is Garlo Robson, scorekeeper Barbara Robson, Umpires on the line-up are Bill Hrynkiw (pronounced Smith), George Sullivan and Cy Cronin.

There is no word on whether the Prime Minister will be present this weekend to pitch another curve across the Legion infield.

In other notes — Legion President Douglas Hopson requests the pleasure of the company of six or seven able bodies to assist in digging up trees and bushes from sandy soil October 6. The foliage has been donated to the branch by Comrade Harold Sear and will be used to complete the landscaping of the Legion headquarters.

Past President Frank Barrett reports that Air Cadet Squadron 778 started its new training course September 11. Fifty boys and 20 girls are enrolled in the local squadron and there is room for more. Any boy or girl be-

tween the age of 13 and 19 is eligible to join. Just present yourself at the Legion Headquarters at 7:15 pm any Tuesday evening.

The midget hockey "Millionaires' Night" faces off at centre hall Friday evening at 8 pm. It includes a buffet and a chance to dance your first tango in tournament town.

1st King Host Americans

Scouts from the U.S.A. and Scouts of Canada are meeting October 4-8 in the fourth annual SCOPE. The American Scouts will be arriving by bus October 4 at 7 pm in Bramalea and then will be brought to All Saints Anglican Church, King City, for a welcoming dinner at 8 pm.

Friday, the Canadian Scouts will take their guests to their school for one day. Both groups will leave that night for a weekend camp at Earl Rowe Provincial Park. Thanksgiving Day at 7 am the Americans will return to Bramalea to board the buses for the trip home.

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Leader of 1st King Scouts is Leo Van den Heuvel.

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As in other years, the congregation of St. John's hopes to decorate the church with produce, grain and flowers Saturday morning from 10 am to 12 noon. Donations of harvest yields of field and garden will be accepted Friday evening and Saturday morning.

There will be a walkathon Saturday morning for the Richmond Hill branch of the Bible Society.

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