

Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman

Veterans Finding It Harder To Find Work

About 18 months ago a Richmond Hill resident and former member of Branch 375, who wishes to remain anonymous, became concerned about the apparent increase in poverty among veterans caused by unemployment.

The Legionnaire, who is presently a member of Coronation Branch 286, then spent 12 months researching a brief and submitted a resolution at the recent Biennial Ontario Provincial Command Convention. It was subsequently adopted by the National Veterans Welfare Committee of the Legion, and the October edition of the Legion's national magazine contains information regarding action that is being taken.

There are few members of Legion who have entered their fifties, who have not been affected by unemployment or job insecurity at some time or another. Even those fortunate enough to have enjoyed full employment themselves throughout their working life will probably have felt the serious consequences of unemployment in their own family during the depression of the 1930's, through the inability of a father or a brother to get work.

Canada's entry into the war in 1939 stimulated employment both in industry and through enlistment. The employment picture has fluctuated in the intervening 34 years, though there was no return to the extreme unemployment of the 1930's.

Most Legion officers today know little of the frustrations experienced by their counterparts in the 1930's in trying to assist veterans get jobs. In the country as a whole, veterans generally have not been seriously affected by unemployment, though there have been, and still are, areas with local unemployment problems.

The resolution from the Ontario Command Convention suggests that the employment situation among war veterans is deteriorating. Responsibility for this development is attributed to technological change, the

decline of certain industries, and other factors such as the age of those affected.

The resolution proposes that the Legion examine the possibility of evolving programs to alleviate the impact of these changing conditions on war veterans. As a most important first step in determining what action might be recommended, Dominion Command wishes to determine how many veterans presently seeking employment would avail themselves of a veteran-oriented program of counselling, retraining and placement.

With this in mind a questionnaire has been prepared and appears on Page 3f of the current edition of the Legion magazine. The cooperation of members is sought in having this questionnaire completed by unemployed veterans so that some idea of the extent of the problem may be ascertained. If you are satisfactorily employed but know of a veteran who is unemployed and not a Legion member, it is suggested you supply him with the questionnaire and have him complete it. It is stressed that the identity of unemployed persons filling out the questionnaire does not have to be revealed.

Noting that stories of war heroes on welfare have recently been appearing on front pages of daily newspapers, Branch 375 President Douglas Hopson welcomed the work put into the brief by the anonymous local Legionnaire and said the concern held of poverty among unemployed veterans is very real. He urges all members to support the survey. Additional copies of the questionnaire, if required by veterans who are not Legion members, may be obtained from the branch public relations officer.

Members and their guests are also reminded that a Halloween Dance and Beerfest will be held Saturday evening at the hall.

JOB HUNTING?
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VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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Charter Night

The 14th anniversary of the Lions Club Charter Night was held in the community hall Tuesday evening of last week.

Following the delicious dinner catered by the ladies of the United Church, David Nelson played several piano numbers, his accordion, and finally his mouth-organ which was very much enjoyed by all. David is a very talented young musician and will be seen on "Tiny Talent Time" Channel 11 TV October 28 at 4:30 pm. Please watch for him.

Guest speaker was Eddie Luther, well-known helicopter traffic reporter for CHFI radio, who gave a very interesting and informative talk of his work illustrated by colored slides. Mr. Luther has promised to take David Nelson, accompanied by Lion Don Boynton, in his helicopter some morning.

In the presentation of the attendance awards it was interesting to note that charter member Lion Gordon McWhirter received his pin for perfect attendance for 14 years. Can anyone beat that record?

Euchre

There were 16 tables of euchre played at the community hall Friday evening of last week. Prize winners were: Mrs. Joyce Hemmerslade, Mrs. Gertrude Orr, Mrs. Harvey Swain, Earl Fraser, A. Wood and H. Gehring.

Lucky draw for a box of groceries was by Ron Gadel. Another euchre will be held November 2 at 8 pm!

Church News

Anniversary Sunday at Victoria Square United is this coming Sunday. Headford congregation will unite with our congregation on this day of celebration.

Morning service at 11 am. Please remember that it will be standard time! It will be

a welcome home for Rev. Martin Jenkinson who will conduct the service and bring the message. Special music will be provided by a quartette from Woodbridge Sunday school will be held at the regular time of 11 am.

A special musical program will be held at 7:30 pm, featuring the Harmonaires under the direction of Mr. Wright. Miss Lynn Reid will be assisting with this musical witness, followed by a social hour and refreshments. Please invite your friends.

The annual trucker supper sponsored by Victoria Square United will be held in the Victoria Square community hall November 14, from 5 to 8 pm.

Tickets are available from any UCW or church members.

Neighborhood Notes

The many friends of Mrs. Gordon Draper are pleased to see that she is able to be out once again following her recent surgery.

Bruce Morrison left recently to tour Australia.

Miss Judy Hart of Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hart of Richmond Hill had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and Wendy, the occasion being in honor of Judy's birthday. Judy will be leaving October 27 for a two-week holiday in Spain.

Birthday greetings to Lindsay Brumwell, 10 years, October 27; Robert Gee, five years, October 27; Mark Runney, October 28; John Houck, October 28; Mrs. Don Canning, October 29; Dale Barker, 11 years, October 29; Mrs. Tilo Hoffman, October 30; Maria Horsch, October 30; Jamie DeFarrari, one year, October 31.

A speedy recovery is wished for Joe Stephenson who is ill in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

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Community News

This week a happy birthday is wished for Cameron Lund who will be seven on Sunday.

A well-attended Meet The Teachers night was held at Jefferson Public School October 17.

Church News

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 am next Sunday at St. John's Anglican Church. At 7:30 pm there will be a "Fireside" in the upper room. This will be a "farewell" for Bob and Pam Locke, before they move to Thunder Bay.

Rev. John Speers was guest preacher at the 10:30 am service of morning prayer Sunday at St. John's. Guest soloist was Bruce Owen, a lawyer from Barrie and a friend of Mr. Speers, who sang "How Great Thou Art". During the service Mr. Speer's hymn, "In Thy Pentecostal Splendor", was sung. A gathering to share the mission was held in the evening.

Rev. John Speers acted as missionary at the week-long teaching mission on the theme of Amazing Grace October 15 to 19. Monday's theme was Grace And A New Beginning, Tuesday's was Grace And Growth, Wednesday's was Grace And Glory, Thursday's Grace And Wholeness and Friday's Grace In The Morning.

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Low Bidders Get Contracts Sand, Snow Plowing, Sewers

Gormley Sand & Gravel were successful tenderers for two contracts with the Town of Richmond Hill at its council meeting Monday evening.

The company was awarded the contract for the supply of winter sand in the amount of \$6,560. The only other bid received was for \$8,200.

Gormley Sand & Gravel also was the successful bidder for rental of snowplowing equipment, for north of Elgin Mills Road, having tendered on all categories and being the low bidder on all but one. The contract is figured on the basis of 121 days of standby. There were two other bids.

Ray-More Construction Langstaff was awarded the contract for installation of a new sanitary sewer to serve the arenas in the town park. This firm bid \$15,147.50 and the highest of six bids was \$39,750.

Based on the cost of a five inch sanitary sewer connection in this contract, council decided to increase the rate from the present \$225 to \$400 plus a \$20 winter charge.

Successful tenderer for a staff car for the works department was Baker's Sales and Service, Richvale, whose bid of \$2,818.38 was the lower of two received. The other was for \$3,276.64.

King Town Paving was awarded the contract for construction of sidewalks on Centre Street East from Newkirk Avenue to Bayview Avenue, portions of Neal Drive and a section of Pearson Avenue.

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