

Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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Warriors Day At The Ex August 17

We all know that it is a social error to begin a letter or what have you with an apology. But in this case it must be done. Last week we sent in a column but mischance caused it to be lost. Sure hope all of our readers will forgive our poor old battle-scarred reporter. Will try to do better from here on in.

Let's see! Just what have we been up to in the past little while. Some time ago we informed you that two of our runners were very much overdue. We can now tell you that they have returned after spending their AWOL time down in the sunny climes among the swallows. Capistrano some one told us it was.

Speaking of travelling, we can tell you that some of our members have returned safely to the fold. We wish to say welcome home to Nancy and Bill Pollard on their return from England; Jan and Neil Jarvie on their safe return from a tour of the British Isles and parts of Europe.

At this time we wish to extend our sincere congratulations to the Pollard Family. While in England they attended the wedding of their son, Captain David Pollard to Miss Sheila Huddleston.

The other week we had the pleasure of meeting with members from other branches. In this case our guests were: Deputy District Commander for District "D", Comrade Leighton Howard and Branch 258 President Comrade Arthur Hale and his lovely lady. Branch 258 is in Highland Creek. During the evening Mrs. Hale was asked to draw the winning ticket on the weekly draw. Congratulations to Comrade Don McDonald. We sure hope these nice people come back again. That is

one of the nicest things about Legion; you meet some of the nicest people to be found.

Through the spring months we have had a branch tournament in all the social sports. We report the following results:
CRIB — J. Sanders (singles); Don Quinlan and Rick Pillage (doubles);
EUCHRE: (pairs) Bud Chapman and George Sullivan.
DARTS: (singles) Sam Wiscombe.
SHUFFLEBOARD: (singles) Homer Auger. Doubles to be played in September.

There is a rumor that Branch 375 might take up the curling game. More about this at a later date.

Before we go much farther there is an important date coming up. This is an annual event and one that we are all proud to take part in. August 17, WARRIORS' DAY PARADE. This time round, buses will be leaving our branch at 0930 hours (9:30 am) SHARPLY for the CNE. Again this year there will be no children on the buses. Transportation is only for Legion members and their wives. Return transportation will be from the armories to the branch where we will be dined and feted. All members please put your names on the lists provided in the clubroom. The tickets for admission to the grounds for this event can be picked up from the bar stewards. Remember that these tickets are only for members of veterans' families. Hurry. Hurry. The closing date is drawing nearer faster than you think.

Have you lost anything this past little while? We are in possession of various pieces of jewellery, jackets, sweaters and pens. They have been in our care for over three months and we would appreciate their owners claiming same. If not claimed within the next week, we will turn them back to the persons finding same.

Have you heard some strange noises coming from the Legion parking lot lately. Be not alarmed gentle readers, it is only our new pipe band getting in practice on the pipes and drums. Duddles went out to play a game of ball. At least it started out that way. At the end of the game we found we had taken a darn good licking. Won't tell you the score 'cause it hurts to even think about it. Don't know how we made out this weekend 'cause they won't tell you reporter about it. Anyway we have the best darn referee in the business. Oops, seems to us that we just made a booboo. Can't think of what they call the chap who calls the strikes and misses.

Speaking of ball games, there should be some keen action this Saturday and Sunday during the ball tournament. Just maybe that next trip around the bags we will be able to come up with some good news.

All the news for now. Must get this in before the boom gets lowered.
P.S. Just remembered something. Sure hope all friends are staying healthy. Enjoy your holidays and come back to us safely.

Miss Nancy Middleton of Palmerston, formerly of Carrville, visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton Wednesday. She is staying at her brother's in Aurora for three weeks' holidays.

Do phone me about your trip or birthday or party or anything interesting you hear in the neighborhood. We would like to tell about it. Have you new neighbors we could introduce or old ones we could say farewell to? I hope to hear from you soon.

Rev. Victor Shepherd in charge. The minister expects to be around here for the most of August. Kindly inform him if there is anyone who is ill or shut-in.
Picnic
The Woman's Institute and the UCW invites everyone to attend their annual Sunday outing at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Gee at Duclos Pt., Lake Simcoe, August 18.
A pot luck lunch is the menu. Beverages, dishes and cutlery will be provided. Don't forget your bathing suits!
86th Birthday
Special birthday greetings to Mrs. Alice Perkins, who on August 1, will be celebrating her 86th birthday. Congratulations Mrs. Perkins.

Neighborhood Notes
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisby and girls had Sunday evening dinner with Mrs. Frisby's mother, Mrs. Bert Taun at Stouffville, the occasion being Margarte Frisby's ninth birthday.
Mrs. Jim Smith, Joan and Penny have returned home after spending the past three weeks in Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Boynton and girls have been holidaying in the Haliburton area.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson and Larry of Islington had Saturday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham.

LAURA DARNELL LIND
Graduate Nurse

Laura Darnell Lind will be joining the nursing staff of York Central Hospital in the surgical department following her graduation August 16 from Seneca College School of Nursing. Laura is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lind, Lake Avenue, Oak Ridges, and is a graduate of Langstaff Secondary School. She received a Kinnel award for those entering the nursing profession.

Changes And Improvements In Municipal Election Act

By WILLIAM HODGSON MLA
York North

When a resident of any municipality complains to his alderman or a council representative about the pot holes in the road opposite his house or the bad condition of the sidewalk on his street, he is in effect looking for immediate action or quick remedy to bring about an improvement in these local conditions. When a municipal council decides upon purchasing a new fire pumper or hiring some new planning staff, its decisions are positive responses to local needs. In this context, the Ontario government has consistently attempted to strengthen local government in as many ways as possible.

Over the past few years regional government has been used as a measure to develop a more orderly planning process or to share in financial and other resources for overall effective government. A good number of county councils throughout Ontario have seized the initiative in planning a restructuring of local government to meet the particular needs and challenges of their own areas.

Another major way of strengthening local government decision making has been the introduction and passage of the 1974 Municipal Elections Amendment Oct. This bill resulted from a series of meetings with municipal officials, municipal associations and with the Municipal Liaison Committee.

Significant changes have resulted from these consultations and exchanges, ranging from procedures regarding the voters' list, through the removal of certain restrictions and ballot printing requirements and use of voting machines in municipal elections.

Several administrative alterations were also made to the amended act. For example, under the present procedure, an assessment commissioner conducts an enumeration for the preparation of preliminary voters' list from the Tuesday following the first Monday in September to the second Tuesday in October. The amended act would shorten that period so that the enumeration would end on September 30. Under the revised act, the municipal clerk must assist the assessment commissioner in verifying the accuracy of the preliminary voters' list by ensuring that people are on the list and that they are properly numbered and enumerated. The amended act also provides for the disqualification of all judges from voting in municipal elections as requested by the judiciary. Two other changes for voters to get on the voters' list for voting purposes and certain uniform standards to be followed in the type of ballot used complete the other administrative improvements.

I believe that the major changes in the revised act include:

- Municipal councils may use voting machines so long as certain procedures are followed;
- Councils must hold one advance poll on the Saturday, nine days before the polling day; in addition, local councils may hold one or more advance polls to widen voter participation at the municipal level;
- Clarifying the procedures and conditions for conducting municipal by-elections;
- Permitting (at the clerk's discretion) a polling place in nursing home or other institute of 20 beds or more in which resident patients are chronically ill or infirm.

The number of voters required by a person interested in becoming a prospective candidate remains at 10. Certain refinements have been made regarding the conditions and time under which a person becomes a candidate for office. Qualifications for voting remain the same: Canadian citizenship or other British subject, residency in the municipality and 18 years of age on or before polling day.

Although you may not consider some of the more mechanical or administrative changes significant, they will enhance the opportunities for every person to vote in a municipal election and to improve the overall decision making of local councils.

RICHVALE RECORD

Correspondent — Mrs. Mary Watts
43 Spruce Avenue 889-5787

Neighborhood Notes

Welcome to all the merchants who have located in the Hillcrest Mall, which opens its doors to the public August 8. I am sure that we, in South Richmond Hill, especially, will appreciate the convenience of so many varied enterprises. Our young people too will benefit from the offering of a "job on the spot" and many bicycles will be back in use again throughout the area. Even some of the older residents may be seen throughout this area exercising on "wheels".

The planning department of the Town of Richmond Hill is at present in the process of preparing a new Official Plan for our town. Community groups and organizations should already have received copies of the Initial Steps of Goals and Objectives which have been circulated. If not, be sure to phone Planning Director Hesse Rimon at 884-8101 and ask for a copy to be sent to you.

EAST RICHVALE

Correspondent: Mrs. Sophie Logush
Telephone 889-4405

Neighborhood Notes

Belated anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. John Lukianuk of Duncan Road, who celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary July 20. It was a very enjoyable barbecue.

Belated birthday greetings to Albert Gargarella of Duncan Road who 12 years of age on July 28.

Happy birthday greetings to Heidi Gutsch of Duncan Road who will be 10 years of age August 1. The best of birthday wishes to Grandma, Mrs. Annie Thomson, of Duncan Road whose birthday is August 2. Birthday greetings to Billy Gargarella of Duncan, who celebrates his 11th August 3 and Billy Logush will be 14 on the same date. The best to every-

Written comments, suggestions, etc. must be submitted before September 15. From July 22 to August 15, the planning department has reserved Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am until noon and Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 pm for any citizens who might wish to question or discuss these goals and objectives.

There is to be a public meeting August 29 at 7:30 pm in the council chambers for Ward 6 (the South Richmond Hill area) from Vaughan Road to Highway 7, bordered by Bathurst and Yonge Street.

Your representative on council, Lou Wainwright of Pemberton Crescent encourages your participation and expression of opinion in these all important issues, so if not on holiday, please show your interest or concern.

Congratulations to all the boys in our newly formed interlocking bantam softball league, known as the Richvale Rose Trailers, who have been playing some excellent ball this season, wiping out their opponents in Thornhill in three successive games. Thanks are due to their enthusiastic coach Ralph Sawyer of Weldrick Road, and to the many parents and friends who have turned out regularly to all games and whose support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

It is unfortunate that there has been so little publicity on the successes of the other teams throughout the season, so would the coaches or scorekeepers please get information to me or "The Liberal" office by 9 am Friday for the following week's issue.

I was away until the middle of July, as stated in a June issue, and will also be on vacation the last two weeks of August, so any information you wish to publish during my absence, call Mary Dawson at 884-8177.

STOUFFVILLE: A private group is planning a recycling depot to start in September. The group has asked for space in the public works building but council is not prepared to grant this.

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OPP Seek Death Car

Ontario Provincial Police in Oak Ridges and Sibbald Point Provincial Park are still conducting intensive investigation into the hit-run death of 18-year-old Holly Starkes, July 12, at Sibbald Point Provincial Park.

Holly was struck down from behind while walking on a park road at approximately 11:15 pm July 12 and died some three hours later at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

The vehicle being sought by the police is believed to be a 1964 to 1968 Ford, turquoise in color which would have damage to the front. Anyone who has any information about such a vehicle is asked to contact the nearest police department or the Oak Ridges detachment of the OPP at 773-5261 or the Downsview detachment at 248-3151.

BLOOMINGTON: Area residents have complained to Whitchurch-Stouffville council that gravel trucks are not using the entrance to the James Sabiston Ltd. pit on Bloomington Road, because of reconstruction at the nearby intersection. Instead they are using a make-shift entrance over a field from dawn to dusk, creating clouds of dust.

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