



Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
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District "E" fall Legion convention held at Orillia

Well, well! Would you see just what the wind dropped into our humble abode! If it isn't old Sgt. Chopsocks himself! This old battle-scarred veteran of many wars has honored us by one of his annual migrations into civilized country. Just for the heck of it, we will let him be your editor for this tour. It's all yours, Sarge.

Harrumph! To begin with it seems that your former writer didn't submit a column for this past week. Seems there is an honest excuse. We will let it pass for this time. Gather there was a gathering of the clans somewhere in the wilds of Ontario, Orillia we believe. Just got corrected by that wee upstart for reminding me it was the occasion of the District "E" fall convention. Further to this we learn it was the best attended convention ever. Besides being the best gathering of Legion branches, we also learned it was the best organized session known to date. We wish to extend our thanks to the President of Branch 34 and his hard-working cohorts.

Shall we continue with this theme? Okay, don't get bored if we continue to bleat. Several members from Branch 375 attended this conflag. The Pres. (D. Hopson to you land lubbers), Bill MacPherson, Jack Sanders, most of the color party (there were too many to name them) Harry Copps, ye old editor and the ladies of the aforementioned personnel. All the ladies were treated to a hot lunch held at the Birchmere Hotel while the poor delegates had to suffice with sandwiches and coffee. (Guess there is something in being a gal after all). Returned from dinner to attend the wind-up of the convention meetings then on to various forms of relaxation. In this case it was a visit along with others to the home of one Cliff Evans. Here we had a ball.

It came about because one Bob Walker of this branch and comrade Evans served in the same outfit — Saskatchewan Light Infantry — during the years of the last war. Having in his possession one of the greatest collections of badges of Units in both World Wars that these tired old eyes have ever seen, he told Bob and we pals about it. Then he added fuel to the fire by bringing to sight a book commemorating the presentation of the colors by Her Majesty the Queen to the SLI. From here we got slightly ridiculous. Bob, being the character he is, began this amazing session by recalling each and every name throughout the book. Along with each name he had an anecdote with regard to this person. This went from the front page right through to the last. What a laugh we all got. The further Bob went the harder we all laughed.

It was later reported Cliff was going out to chin himself to get rid of the cramps in his tummy brought on by too much merriment. We offer one piece of advice to Cliff. In future please have a tape recorder handy, also a motion picture camera. Then you would have it all for posterity. All kidding aside Cliff, it was a very worthwhile time and we congratulate you on the fine display of badges that you have. We know it has taken you many years to accomplish this feat and you are well rewarded for your efforts. Sure hope we all may visit again.

There is a little aside to this story. Prior to going to Orillia this reporter was a guest of one of the color party and his lovely lady. Several others also enjoyed this couple's fine hospitality. "Father" George makes the best darn bacon sandwiches anywhere and at any time. Even after a dance. One of our mighty midgets had the distinction of not only having all his gear intact, he had parts to spare. There were so many events to make this past weekend the enjoyable one that it was time and space do not allow us to go on. We must report though, that the members forming our color party are to be congratulated for the fine showing that they made. It makes us proud to be a member of the Branch that they come from.

In a more serious vein, we send best wishes to two of

our comrades who are in sick bay at the present time. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Tom Campbell in Sunnybrook and Jim McKinley in Branson Hospital. Hurry up, fellows, time's awasting. Come back soon.

Next week we will give you a report of the Thanksgiving Pub Night being held this weekend. Sounds like it should be a smash. Also included in that report will be the name of the winner of the "Money Tree".

Speaking of the names of winners, will the holder of ticket 597 please contact Gord Ketrledge of the color party for his prize. This draw was made September 14. Hurry up folks, we want to be able to congratulate you.

At this time we wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Comrade Bill McNeely who passed away during this past weekend. We can only report that he will be sadly missed.

Earlier on we reported Jim McKinley was in Branson Hospital as the result of an accident. Hurt in the same accident were John and Marg McKinley. We are happy to report all are progressing well.

Have you been out to one of our "Free & Easy" nights lately? If not you sure have a treat in store for yourselves. Come on out some time and join in the entertainment planned for you. Speaking of entertainment, here are a few dates for your pleasure:

October 26 is the Saturday Legion Hallowe'en Dance. Haven't as yet heard too much about this one but it should be another time. OOPS! We did it again. Got ahead of ourselves, that is. Old Sarge is talking a mile a minute so please forgive us. Prior by a week to the Hallowe'en dance is the Four Team Legion Ball Dance. This occurs Friday. Tickets are available at the door for \$3 each. Back to the 26th. George Cowie and his group will provide the dance music for this one. Like old times seeing this group in action.

November 1 should be a big Friday time for the members and supporters of the Richmond Hill United Soccer Club. Their own orchestra will provide the dance music.

November 2 will see members of the color party and the pipe band holding a dance. Tickets for this are available from any member of the unit or at the door for the low price of \$3.50 each. Won't you join us?

News Flashes
There is a general meeting Monday, October 21 in the main hall at 8 pm sharp.

There will be no bingo on Wednesday of next week. All bingo aficionados please take note. Regular bingo will resume the following Wednesday.

Before we depart these ancient halls and bid farewell to our old chum, Sgt. Chopsocks, we must remind any members or their guests to pick up any and all wearing apparel that has been left behind. If not picked up by this time next week, it will then be disposed of. So think carefully — have you left anything behind?

We trust and pray each and every one of us will think well and remember just what our poppy campaign means. Time has once again come full circle and the time for remembrance is drawing near.

Ta for now. Take care and travel safely. You are too important to each other to be in an accident report. See you next time.



ROCK TALK

paul jones



Bearfoot

On the night of October 4, Bearfoot gave an exceptional performance at Geronimo's. Dwayne Ford, Hugh Brockie, Chris Vickery and Malcolm Tomlinson (and with the added assistance of Danny McBride — who jammed with them in the first set) set the pace for the evening. It indeed proved to be 'satisfiable' for most of the people (a full house) attending.

Bearfoot's material varied in style from hard to soft rock to folk to country rock, with all styles being played exceptionally well. In fact, the only weak note in Bearfoot's performance at Geronimo's was the volume of their sound system. It was just a bit too loud.

Right from their opening number — a tight instrumental piece featuring some excellent guitar-work by Hugh Brockie and Danny McBride — Bearfoot had the crowd's attention. Some of the other songs, to mention a few, which were dynamic are as follows. 'Sing A Little Song Of Love' was a tight number, featuring strong vocals (almost early-Beatle like) although it was definitely a heavy country-rock song. 'She Comes To Me', another strong number, showcased by the fancy keyboard work of Dwayne Ford and by the fine distinctive lead vocals of Malcolm Tomlinson; 'Passin' Time' — a funky rock song currently on its way up the ladder via radio stations throughout Canada; and 'Molly' (a personal favorite of mine) which has to be one of the finest soft rock songs to ever come along in Canadian music.

RICHVALE RECORD

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At St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic, Dunlop and Yonge Streets, October 21, all the young people of high school age and up are invited to meet Father MacKillop's youth team from Toronto. They will make a presentation of their activities which they hope will be of assistance to the young people of this parish who plan to get together on a regular weekly basis. Come and bring a friend or fellow student for an interesting evening of good fellowship and sharing of ideas.

The following evening those parishioners interested in "The Liturgy", with ideas for getting more meaning from today's Holy Mass and the other sacraments and religious services, are asked to meet Rev. Father Kenneth Pearce in the executive room, as bingo will be in progress in the big hall. Please be there about 7:30 pm for an evening of discussion and input.

This year the "Ladies' Coffee House" at the Richvale Bible Chapel on Oak Avenue, will have their gatherings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Time 10 to 11 am with baby sitting provided.

Coming Events
Richvale Hockey League Ladies' Auxiliary will be holding their Hallowe'en-Christmas bazaar October 26 in the Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue. The exact hour of opening is as yet indefinite, but will be announced next week. In charge of baking are Ann Evelyn 884-7830, Gail Adams 889-6806 and Janie Grieg 884-4002. This table is always sold out, so please be generous with your donations. Even a "little" is more than welcome!

A favorite with the youngsters who flock to every sale these days are the books and toys, along with the lucky draw run by May Butler 889-4508 and Claudette McKinley 884-7763.

In costume Joan Celsie 889-5516 and Marlene Gradinsky 884-2414 will take care of the plants and pumpkins. Thanks to the beautiful work of Pat Maheu 889-4504 and her mother, with help from Shirley Burke 889-4026, the crafts and knitting booth is one of

STROUD: Bert Johnson, Steve White and Clarence Warren, teenagers, rescued their third boat this year when its mooring rope broke. The youngsters called the emergency dispatch of the Innisfil police after tethering the boat and were rewarded with a \$5 bill by the owner.

Deserve Success
Bearfoot is indeed a tight rock band which deserves to, and probably will, achieve success on the national level. They can be seen on "Music Machine" on CBC-TV on November 13 or at the Whitehouse Hotel in Renfrew from November 4 to November 11.

It's a rather disappointing experience in going to Geronimo's during a week-day night and finding only 30 to 40 people there. It almost shows us what city people say about the people in Richmond Hill and the surrounding area — as being farmers and only capable of going out on weekends — is true. Well, if they're right in their assumption, it's about time people up here get off their tractors and go out on week nights. If they don't get off their tractors soon, there's no doubt the quality of the bands will again deteriorate to the embarrassing level it was before.

When Richmond Hill finally has the chance, as it does now, in becoming an entertainment centre, it's a shame to see it all go down hill because of the lack of response by the local people. Hopefully, this won't happen. It's known for a fact Geronimo's has Canadian big name bands booked for dates until December; so with any luck people may start going soon. If they don't, the place will obviously go back to having the meagrely talented bands Richmond Hill has been exposed to, for much too long a period. The loser in the end is not the night club but the people themselves.

Next week — Downchild Blues Band and their latest album.

the most attractive where you can make your choice of Christmas gifts.

So that you need not hurry home to fix lunch "The Counter" run by Pat McDowell and Lynn Cromb will satisfy your appetites with hot or cold drinks, sandwiches, etc.

I almost forgot to mention there will be a white elephant stall, featuring knick-knacks, paraphernalia, light furnishings, kitchenware, anything you don't use, but someone else needs. Take it to (or have it picked up) May Butler 889-4508, Janie Grieg 884-4002 or Claudette McKinley 884-7763 as soon as possible. Used clothing is not being accepted this year.

There is an important general meeting for Ward 3 residents October 17 (tomorrow) at 8 pm in Room 2 at Walter Scott Public School, Markham Road at Sussex Street.

Sports
The house league started October 6 with a good practise followed by a short exhibition game. These will continue for another couple of weeks to get the boys accustomed to their skates and all the exercise!

The various sweaters had not all arrived in time for play so you can imagine the confusion when some members of the opposing clubs turned up on the ice wearing identical sweat-shirts. It was too early in the season for the players to know just which ones were their team mates. The result was utter confusion and pucks passed to someone on the other team all the time. How important those uniforms really are!

Bantams
Richvale 4, Willowdale 2

In this well-played game for both teams in Richmond Hill Arena scorers for Richvale were Keith Coxworthy assisted by Jim Mark. A beautiful goal was netted, unassisted, by Steve Cromb. John Vorrick scored once assisted by Danny Iafano and the final goal was shot by Gary Tripp assisted by Terry Thorsell.

Willowdale's two goals came from the sticks of Doug McKay and Steve Sprackin, who provided each other with assists and Tom McNally came up with two assists.

NEWMARKET: The parks and recreation committee has decided to continue allowing free ice time in town arenas for Newmarket school children. Schools are also able to offer free use of municipal swimming pools provided they bring their own life guards, instructors and supervisors.

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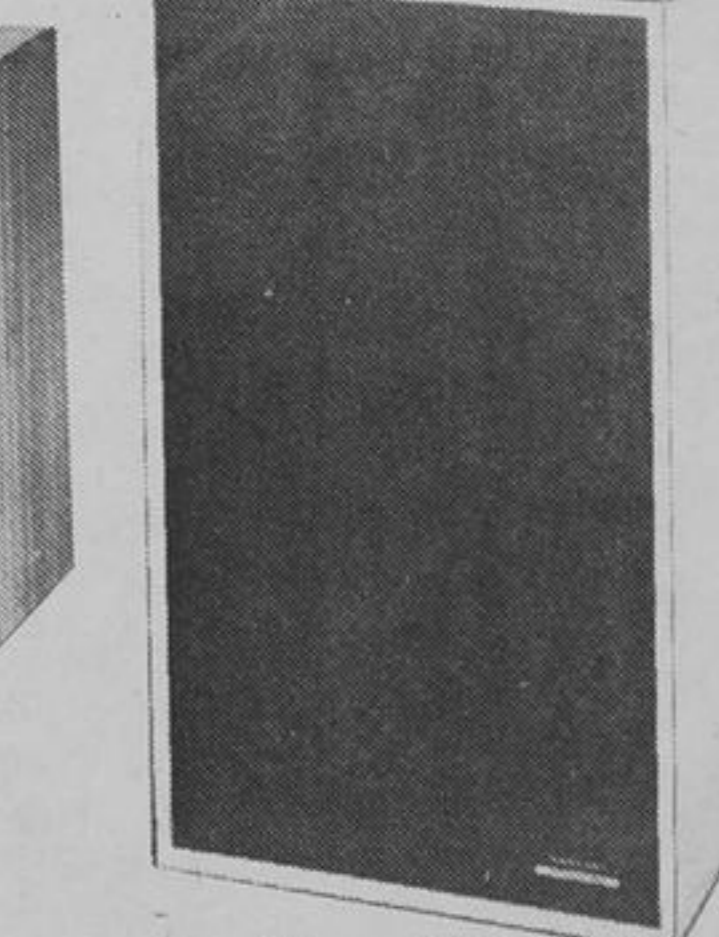
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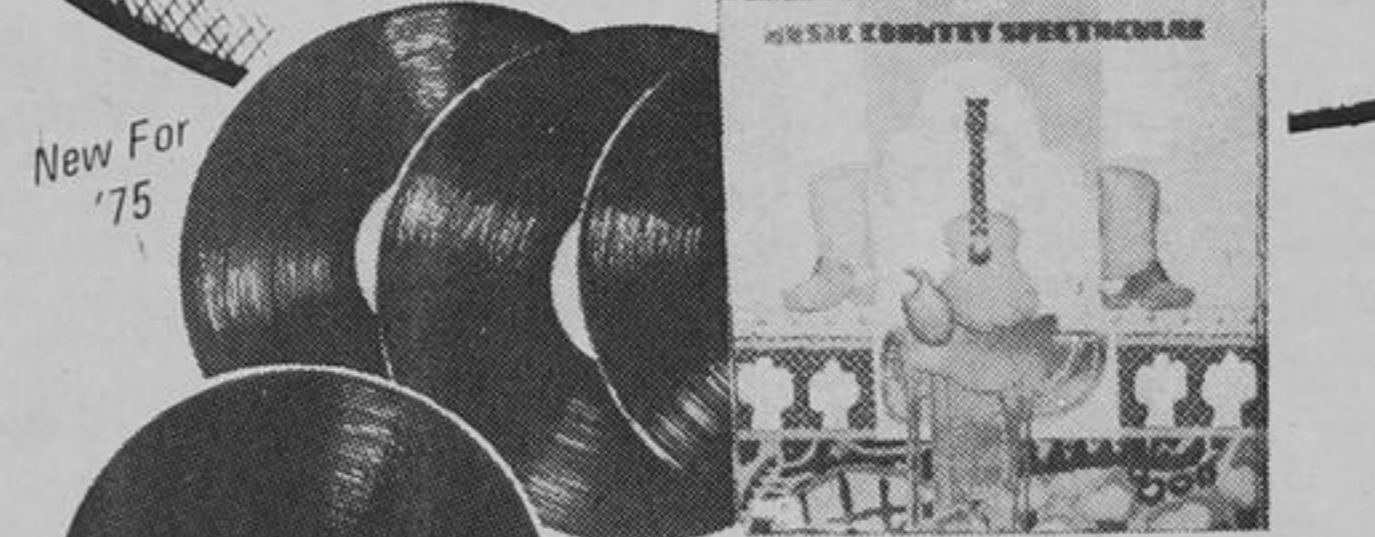
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