

How are you going to chase girls if you're not in shape?



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Branch 375

Air cadet dance Saturday

Speaking of happy events, we wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raymond. Their very special day was November 22. May you both celebrate many, many happy anniversaries.

November 29 - Ladies' Auxiliary Show of "Happy Wanderers" for the branch. This is open to all Legion members and guests for a slight admission fee. Come out for some super entertainment. This date only, the "Free and Easy" will be in the main hall following the show.

Speaking of November 22, it seems it really had special meaning at 'ye olde club'. Our own bus traversed the byways to Woodbridge (Branch 414), picked up some arrow chuckers and returned home. Although we hang our heads in shame to report the home team got clobbered, it was still a fun night.

November 30 - A dance hosted by members of Squadron 778 Air Cadets to raise funds for the coming year. The lads and lassies of this squadron have ever come to our assistance. May we return the compliment and come to theirs. Tickets are available at the door.

While we were keeping the clubroom entertained, George and Ken were folding forth in the lounge for the regular "Free and Easy". The house was packed and everyone was having themselves a ball. This made the job for Ken and George that much easier.

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We now come to November 23 — honors and awards night, to honor the chosen few for 1973. Guests of honor were District Commander Bert Rae and Mrs. Rae, Deputy Zone Commander Ralph Newall, President Bob Higgins and lady of Branch 414 Woodbridge, Past President Alf Perry and Mrs. Perry of Woodbridge.

Pat Morely provided the dance music and did his usual super job.

During the first intermission Past President Alf Perry (Branch 414) presented the committee awards to Norm Bowen for the bingo committee, Officer Commanding Gord Ketrtridge for the color guard, Rita Hopson for the lady veterans and Tom McKeage for the air cadet girls.

Certificates of merit, presented by Branch 375 President Doug Hopson, went to Art Heaton, Bob Barrett and yours truly. Deputy Zone Commander Ralph Newall presented the Past Officer's Medal to Rick Pillage.

Then came the big surprise — when Rita Hopson was called forward to receive the "Member of the Year 1973" award from the district commander. Rita was caught off guard and really couldn't find words to express her feelings for a time. Nevertheless she recovered her aplomb and really stole the show.

Branch 375 Past President Frank Barrott did his usual grand job.

There were many other awards and presentations to be made but circumstances beyond the abilities of those in power prevented such being made. We would suggest there be a better attendance for the next general meeting December 16.

We are more or less happy (we can never figure which is the right word) to report that the sick parade has faded down for this week. We know several of our members have been confined to barracks with severe colds, flu and/or what have you. Here's hoping you are all soon back in our midst cause we miss you very much. This goes for all our friends and readers.

Members of the Fuddle Duddle Curling Group hosted a corned beef and cabbage dinner on the occasion of the Grey Cup football game. This was moderately well attended. From watching this on our own idiot box we can sympathize with those who backed Edmonton. How would you jokers like to play in that kind of game?

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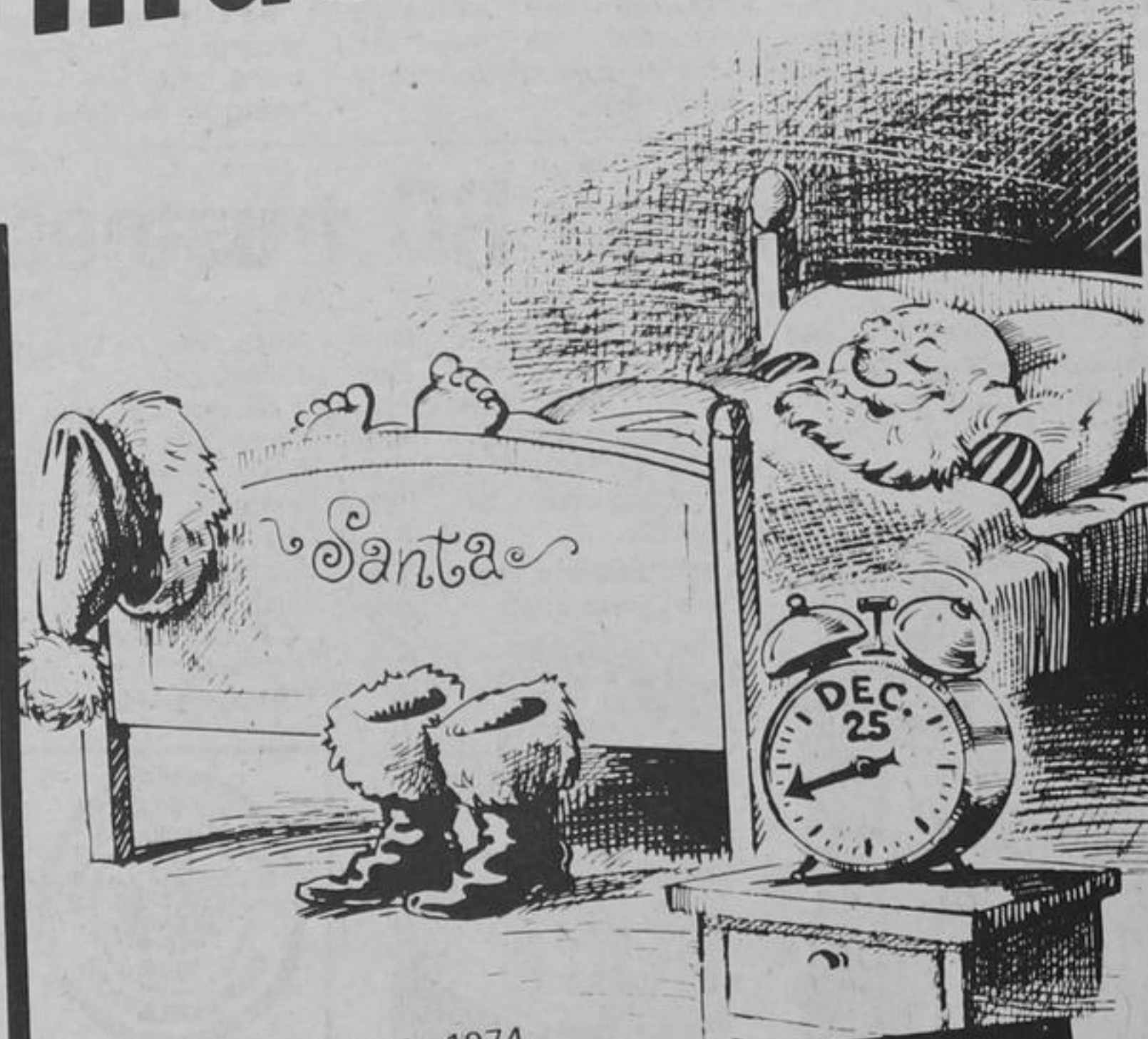
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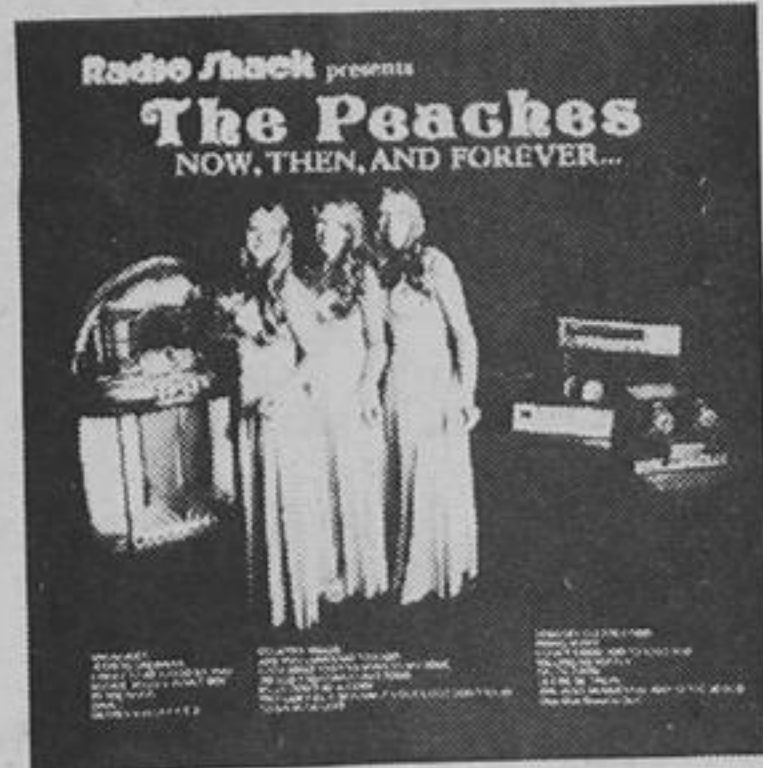
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