

## Legion Report

By ERIC CHAPMAN

What is the Legion? If someone asked you that question, how would you reply? Would you answer, "Oh, that's the hall down the street where the old sweats drink beer?"

Or would you say, "Oh, they're the guys with medals who march down Yonge Street every year to the Cenotaph?"

It's surprising the number of people who still think of the Legion in that manner. A bunch of blue bereted beer bellies en route from glory.

It is, indeed, true that the old sweats down the odd pint on Ohio Road, and annually besiege the local memorial bearing wreaths.

But what is not generally recognized is that the Legion also plays a very great part in community affairs.

Take one service it supplies to youth for example.

If you'd been present at the recent Richmond Hill Remembrance Day parade, you would have witnessed a column of youngsters wearing air-force blue marching proudly alongside veterans of the Legion.

No medals here, only eager faces 70 strong, aiming to do their best as members of the Legion-sponsored 778 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

For several years now, the Air Cadets have paraded regularly at Legion headquarters on Ohio Road to learn from accomplished volunteer veterans, the various attributes of life.

Frank Barrott, Commanding Officer, states the purpose of the locally-sponsored Corps is to develop in youth good citizenship, leadership and physical fitness.

He'd also like to stimulate an interest in the air element of the Canadian Forces.

He says the Legion and Cadet Corps will always welcome new recruits for training, and offers the following:

A boy or girl normally join the Air Cadets when they reach the age of 13, or upon entering high school. The complete training syllabus calls for four years of squadron instruction, plus a fifth year of advanced study in specialist subjects.

After signing with Squadron 778, the new cadet is given a uniform, taught to wear it with pride and to keep himself looking neat and tidy at all times.

The cadet training year, which coincides with the school year, provides for 60 periods of two hours each for instructional purposes.

Cadets learn about drill, first-aid, photography, meteorology, aircraft engines, rockets, missiles, high speed flight, electronics, theory of atomic energy, driving safely and ham radio.

A wide range of optional subjects is also offered.

As each phase of training is completed, cadets may qualify for higher rank and added responsibilities within the squadron.

They also become eligible for the special activities and training awards sponsored each summer by the Canadian Forces and Air Cadet League of Canada.

These include summer camps, a senior leaders' course, technical training course, bush familiarization course, glider training and coveted exchange visit trips abroad.

In short, as Capt. Frank Barrott explains it, the young people who join our Legion squadron are offered instruction in just about everything — and it comes from professionals.

So... What is the Legion?

Next question please.

## Events abound as festive season nears

By MILLIE STEWART  
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### oak ridges lake wilcox

The busiest season of the year is fast approaching.

To help you make party plans well in advance please take note of the Christmas dances to be held in the next couple of weeks.

The Viking Club will hold their dance on December 10 at the club.

The tickets are \$10 per couple, the music will be supplied by a disc-jockey, there will be a hot and cold buffet and prizes galore.

Tickets are available at Rudy's Fish and Chip store in the Oak Ridges Plaza.

**SKATING CLUB**

Bond Lake Skating Club will hold their Christmas dance on December 10 in the Lions' Den at Bond Lake Arena.

Tickets are \$12 per couple and are available by calling 773-5201 or 773-5564.

The admission price includes a sit down dinner.

**MINOR HOCKEY**

There will be a Christmas Cracker dance in the Lions Den at Bond Lake Arena starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets at \$10 are available from Ivor Arnold at 773-5056.

**LIONS**

There are still spaces left on the turkey shoot cards.

The shoot will be held Dec. 17.

There are 12 circles on each sheet and each circle will cost \$1.50.

There will be a winner of a 12-pound turkey on each and every sheet.

To purchase your circle, please call Keith Doran at 727-2382.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**  
One sure sign that Christmas is on its way is the tree.

The Oak Ridges Lions will be selling trees this year as usual.

These are not just ordinary trees, these trees were selected by the Lions at a tree farm.

They tell me they are

the best trees ever sold by the Lions.

The trees will be arriving this weekend and will be on sale in the lot next to the Colonial Apartments next week.

**SCOUTS AND CUBS**

The first Oak Ridges Scouting Group Committee will hold a meeting tonight at 8:30 at St. Paul's United Church for the presentation of the Charter by district representatives and installation of group committee officers.

Rev. Keith Knill of St. Paul's United Church will be joining the first Oak Ridges Scouting as an

advisor.

**WHEELHOUSE CLUB**

There will be a Christmas Bazaar, craft and bake sale Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Wheelhouse Club.

This would be a good time to choose that unusual gift for someone special.

The seniors will be having their Christmas dinner on December 12 at 7 p.m.

Please bring a small gift to exchange.

**OUR LADY'S GUILD**

The ladies will be holding their Christmas party December 6 at the home of Mrs. Silvestri at 10 Toscanini following Mass at 7:45 in the chapel.

There will be a gift exchange.

Our Lady's Guild will have a New Year's Dance at Our Lady of the Annunciation School.

The tickets are \$15 per couple and will be available at the door or by calling 773-5873.

**MAGIC**

There are still some tickets available for the magic show sponsored by the Oak Ridges and District Minor Hockey Association.

There will be two performances at the King City Secondary School on Sunday.

Tickets are \$2 each and are available by calling 773-5056 or 773-4626.

### Family 'Y' planning luncheon

York Region Family 'Y' will hold its Guys and Gals Luncheon Tuesday, December 6, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Richmond Hill Lions Hall on Centre Street East.

This annual event, which proved so popular with business people last year, features a buffet of hot and cold dishes.

Decorations and music will be in keeping with the festive season.

Convener Shirley Cornish and committee members Ruth Charlton, Janet Whalen and Pat LeClaire are busy preparing for what promises to be a large turnout.

Tickets are available from Pat LeClaire at 884-3327 evenings.

They may also be purchased at the door on the day of the luncheon.



## This might be a log cabin

By MERILYN MCKELVEY  
(Twelfth in a Series)

In the nineteenth century, there was a type of house which could be found all across Ontario.

Andrew Eckardt did construct a clapboard house for himself on another part of his property in 1863. Perhaps at this time the cabin was divided and rented out to farm labourers or mill hands.

Another theory is that the house was built around 1884 when John Gormley purchased the farm. The Gormley family lived in the red and yellow brick house on Victoria Street in Unionville and they may have built the house as rental property. At the turn of the century the Presbyterian minister lived in the house rent free.

The house stayed in the Gormley family for 81 years until 1965 when Kathleen McKay, a grand-daughter of John Gormley, sold the property to a realty company. The property was later bought by Monarch Construction Company in 1969. The company has shown a keen interest in the conservation of heritage buildings and have donated the house to The Town of Markham that it might be preserved.

It is not known exactly what year the house was built. It may be that the house is really a log cabin later covered with clapboard siding, built by Andrew Eckardt when he first acquired the land in 1831. The proportions of the house are similar

## HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### November-December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>30</b> Parent Concern Group. 8-10 p.m. 884-3505. "Meet the Mayor" night. 8 p.m. Consumers' Gas bldg. Travel film night. "The Orient". 7.30 p.m. Richmond Hill Library.	<b>1</b> Richvale Writers' Club. Richvale Community Centre. 8 p.m. 884-0855. Art exhibition at Richmond Hill Main Library. Also display of hand painted china. Elmwood Manor Nursing Home bazaar & tea room. 1-4 p.m. Air Cadets, Legion bldg. 7 p.m. Recreation club for disabled adults. Maple. 883-2087.	<b>2</b> Ireland '78 Bazaar & flea market by the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club. Old Elks Store. Richmond Heights Plaza. Also Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Display of hand painted dishes at Richmond Hill library. All month. Also art exhibit.	<b>3</b> Wheelhouse Club bazaar. Oak Ridges. 1-4 p.m. Cantabile Chorale & York Symphony at Hillcrest Mall. 6.30 p.m. R.H. Young Naturalists nature trip. Meet at R.H. Library. 8.30 a.m. R.H. Kinsmen Club Christmas dance. Richvale Community Centre. 881-1873; 495-0656. Bayview Fairway Public School fun fair. 10.30 a.m. - 3 p.m. One-Parent Family Assn. Dance. Thornhill Comm. Centre. 8.30 p.m. Thornhill Town & Country Nursing Home Christmas Bazaar. 2-4 p.m.
<b>4</b> Special Youth Advent Service at St. Paul's Lutheran, Bayview. 11 a.m. Widows & Widowers Club pot luck supper.	<b>5</b> York Central Assoc. for Mentally Retarded. Ice hockey and skating skills 4-5 p.m. Every Monday. Richmond Hill Arena. Hydroponics at Thornhill Comm. Centre. branch library. 8 p.m. Morning Out — St. Paul's United, Oak Ridges. 9.30-11.30 a.m. Morning Break — R. Hill United. 9.30 - 11.15 a.m. 884-4294.	<b>6</b> Guys & gals luncheon at Lions Hall. Noon to 2 p.m. Sponsored by York Regional Family Y. Richmond Hill Recycling Committee general meeting. Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Hall. Public is welcome. 8 p.m.	<b>7</b> Parent Concern Group. 8-10 p.m. 884-3505. Adult Education Seminar "Forgiveness — the Healing of Fractured Man". St. Gabriel's Church. 8 p.m. Richmond Hill Recycling Committee general meeting. Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church Hall. Public is welcome. 8 p.m.	<b>8</b> Recreational Club for disabled adults. Maple. 6.30 - 9.30 p.m. Coffee house. York Mental Assn. for the Mentally Retarded. 8-10 p.m. St. Mary Immaculate. Social Planning Council meeting. Richmond Hill municipal building. 8 p.m. Air Cadets, Richmond Hill Legion. 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> Registration for YBA basketball at Family YMCA, Richmond Hill. Christmas Dance. Viking Club, Oak Ridges. Graham Townsend, fiddler. Hillcrest. 3 shows. 6.30 to 9 p.m. Children's Christmas films. R.H. Library. 2-3 p.m. R.H. Horticultural Society. Christmas Party. 8 p.m. R.H. Presbyterian Church.	<b>10</b> White Elephant & bake sale. York Central Hospital 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lecture Room. Bond Lake Skating Club Christmas dinner dance. 8 p.m. Bond Lake Arena. Christmas Dance. Viking Club, Oak Ridges. Graham Townsend, fiddler. Hillcrest. 3 shows. 6.30 to 9 p.m. Children's Christmas films. R.H. Library. 2-3 p.m. R.H. Horticultural Society. Christmas Party. 8 p.m. R.H. Presbyterian Church.
<b>11</b> Cronshaw and Bob Manning; Ingrid and Roy McMurray. Dec. 4 join us for the Charlotte Ingram Memorial Swiss Teams Game. Starting time is 12 noon. For information or partners call Ann Payment 727-3873.	<b>12</b> York Regional Camera Club meeting. RHHS. 7.30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Golden Era Club euchre. 8 p.m. Concord Community Centre. One-parent Family Assn. General Meeting. 8 p.m. Thornhill Community Centre. Over 65s, vets & wives meeting. Royal Canadian Legion. Ohio Road 2 p.m.	<b>14</b> LCW Christmas program and talent table. 8 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Adult Education Seminar "Forgiveness the Healing of Fractured Man." St. Gabriel's. 8 p.m.	<b>15</b> Euchre at St. Paul's United, Oak Ridges. 1.30 - 4 p.m. Air cadets, Legion building. 7 p.m.	<b>16</b> Crafty Christmas Crafts at Charles Connor Library, Oak Ridges for boys and girls. 4 p.m.	<b>17</b> Christmas Crackers dance, sponsored by Minor Hockey Association at Lions' Den, 8 p.m. Special story hour at main library. 10.30 a.m. Registration necessary.

## Bridge winners

By CLETA DIEKEN  
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Wednesday, November 16 — North-South: Mable Howe and Edith Windsor; Heather Burling and Marg Davis; Marina Basman and Ingrid McMurray.

East-West: Joan Orlando and Barbara Lariviere; Jean Goodwin and Marg Melnichuk; Marie Ryan and Lil Thompson.

Friday, November 18 — Men's pairs Trophy winners were Bob Manning and Victor Cronshaw; Ross Jenkinson and Fred Dieken; Jacob Vandervalk and Fred Strang.

Woman Pair's Trophy winners were Ruth Browning and Kathy Rawlinson; Theresa Tierney and Ann Manning; Marjorie Nkekchuk and Edna Dunn.

Monday, November 21, Continent Wide Charity Overall winners were Joe and Lorri Coen;

North-South: Peter Osborne and Hank Sharp; Fred and Theresa Tierney; Jack and Billye Mavor.

East-West: Joe and Lorri Coen; Victor

Cronshaw and Bob Manning; Ingrid and Roy McMurray.

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## Civic Corner

The following Meetings of Civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks:

Wednesday December 7 — 7:30 p.m. Committee Room "B" By-Laws, Procedures, Fire and Personnel Committee Meeting.

Thursday December 8, — 8 p.m. Committee Room "B" Social Planning Committee.

Tuesday December 13 — 4 p.m. Office of Deputy Treasurer Finance Committee Meeting.

Wednesday December 14 — 7 p.m. Office of Deputy Treasurer Finance Committee Meeting.