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Message from the President

Not being able to be with you at the last General Meeting being away attending the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Convention of the Legion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Comrades for their support in electing me as your president for 1947-48 which happens to be my 30th year as a member of the Branch (G.W.V.A. and Legion.)

In taking over this office I do so with a full knowledge of the responsibility I have accepted, which will call for considerable time and tact, but with the help of your executive committee and every member of the Branch, I feel sure that we will be able to carry on with and complete some of the work which has already been started during the past season under the able Presidency of Comrade Ian Macgillivray and his Executive Committee, and also arrange for some new and very necessary improvements.

This being the Summer season we will not be meeting in general session until the first Thursday in September, unless something of importance comes up, when it may be possible that a special meeting will be called.

In the meantime your Executive will carry on and the Chairman of Committees having been appointed, a list of which you will find in this issue, and

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these Chairman will be selecting others from the general membership to act on their committees with them, and I appeal to all members, young and old, should they be asked, to be willing to act in any capacity for the good of the Branch and of the Legion generally.

Now Comrades let us all pull together and make the years 1947-48 a banner period, and keep the Port Arthur Branch one of the best if not the best in the Canadian Legion. R.E.S.L.

Yours for co-operation and success,

SID WILSON, President.

EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of your Bulletin and Monthly News under new chairmanship. We are hopeful that in the near future you will have a magazine of which you can be justly proud; a bulletin full of helpful news, club items, and club activities. This is and we hope you agree, a start in the right direction.

Thus far the committee is comprised of your editor, Comrades Jack Kingswood and Mill Rice. Any comrade with journalistic ambition may find a medium in this club effort. Contacts may be made through anyone of the committee in charge. Contributions would be gratefully accepted from any Comrades who have any news or articles which would be of interest to the readers.

I.C.M.

ONTARIO CANTEN FUND RECEIVES BLAST

Comrade J. J. Perry of Sudbury, representing the trustees of the Ontario Canteen Fund (World War I) attended the caucus meeting of the North Western Ontario Branches at the Provincial convention held June 9, 10, 11. He spoke on the method of assistance given veterans and dependents. Following his address, Comrade Perry answered a considerable number of questions regarding the canteen funds. Comrades Sid Wilson and Alex Gray of the Port Arthur Branch were critical of the fund and their method of distribution. They charged Northwestern Ontario was completely ignored and asked for a representative on the board from this part of the province. Comrade Perry advised the gathering he would take a complete report back with him to Toronto covering the many grievances brought forth at the meeting.

AMERICA DAY

Comrades, July 4 is America Day in the Club. A great influx of Legionnaires is expected and we have made plans to entertain them.

I therefore make an appeal to all our comrades who have a room to rent for that week-end to leave their address in the Secretary's office.

As accommodation in the city is limited, let's get together and give our comrades from the south a real welcome. Thanks. T. B. 1st Vice

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Club Chatter

By Comrade Snoop

If you aren't on a committee—get on one.

Congrats to Sid Wilson and Alex Gray on being elected Port Arthur and district representatives at the convention.

To Our Worthy President Comrade Sid Wilson who handled the Vice-chairmanship of the convention superbly.

To the Port William Branch on getting the 1949 Manitoba and North-western Ontario Command convention. That means work and plenty of it.

If you ever visit Schreiber make a call to the Legion Branch now located in their excellent new Club house. They like company.

"The Maestro" Hughie Paxton is to be congratulated on his big step. Best of luck, Hughie.

For the information of Comrade ex-Lake Supa, "Red" Richardson, former transport wizard, is located at Manitoba Pool, Brandon and looking as fit as ever. Jimmie Neil is working out of Brandon as a travelling insurance salesman. Pinkie Lewis is selling real estate in Winnipeg and about 30 lbs heavier. George "Meatball" Murray is in Eaton's Mail Order Department. Sid Anderson is at Hodsons Bay. Bill Craig is employed at D.V.A. Winnipeg.

Have you noticed our "Poppye's" chest almost equals his corporation since the birth of that big bouncing "Poppye II"?

Are you sharpening up your golfing eye for the annual Legion Golf Tournament this summer?

Joe Greaves gave a fine report at the Provincial Convention on the aims of the Legion sports program and our sport activities at the Port Arthur branch.

Jimmie Frost is steward at the Officer's Mess, Port Arthur Armouries. Lt.-Col. Harry Ruttan is up and about after a long illness. Club members wish you a speedy recovery, Comrade Harry.

Have you noticed Chester "Speed" Francey cruising about town in his new limousine?

APPRECIATION

An example of the Canadian Legion's efforts behind the scenes. A Comrade writes his appreciation:

Dear Comrade,

I have at last received my long awaited Educational certificate from the Department of Education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done, for I am sure that without the efforts of you and the Canadian Legion my problems and troubles would be just beginning.

Comradely yours,

John MacDonald.

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CHICK CHAT

By Comrade Norman Comben

The girls of the Legion don't seem to be making much headway.

Where the fault lies it's hard to determine. The men seem to think we aren't important enough to bother with and the girls don't seem to have any interest or go behind them to start things popping.

We've been promised a room—ok—the Executive have said that much, but up to date, no more. We could have the small powder room upstairs in the Wet canteen but who wants to be parked in a corner up there. As for the girls, when it comes time to make plans and put up a fight for what we want, will they turn out for the meetings and air their opinions on the matter... oh, no.

So all in all, no one side can really be criticized about the lack of co-operation or what have you to get the ball rolling and the girls a part of the Legion in more than name only.

The membership of the girls is dwindling rapidly, due, as far as we can ascertain, to the lack of an active part. But now with a member on the Executive we hope things will liven up for us.

In regards to the meeting held June 3rd, the few of us that were there really enjoyed ourselves. We hashed over our ideas and definitely decided that we want a room in the New Building and a large one at that.

When that is accomplished we're looking forward to the decorating of our "Inner Sanctum." That's when we really will feel important and be able to brag.

After the "business" part of the evening was over, we all started relating experiences we had in the services. "Undetected Crimes" and such, and laughing over some of the incidents that seemed pretty grim at the time.

It wound up with everybody in a sentimental mood and wishing we were back in uniform.

Up to the present I guess that's all, so I had best sign off.

New Proprietors

DRY CANTEEN—
NEW LEGION HALL

Legionnaires E. J. "Andy" Anderson and W. J. "Jim" Harrison are two former Winnipeggers who in the shuffle of World War II ended up in Current River Barracks. Liking our fair city of Port Arthur so well they decided to stay and enjoy our hospitality for the rest of their days. Cooks by trade, former members of the Officers and Sergeants Messes at Current River Barracks can well vouch for their abilities.

"Andy" served with the "Little Black Devils" 1916-19, Veterans Guard 1940-1946. Is married with four children. A son served with the Hamilton Light Infantry in the past war.

"Jim" served with RCMP and Cavalry World War I, Veteran Guard World War II. Married with four children.

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Imperial Veterans

The monthly meeting of the Imperial Veterans of the Canadian Legion was held on June 11th.

Comrade President J. Main was in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting held May 8th were read and adopted.

The president called for one minute silence for our departed comrade, Wm. Farrer Sr. This was observed by all Comrades standing and with due solemnity.

The President informed the assembled Comrades that Comrade Jack Crowther is now the oldest Legion member.

A visitor from the Imperial Veterans Branch in Winnipeg was tendered a welcome by the President. He was Comrade George Smallwood, a member since 1919 and gave the resume of the Winnipeg branch activities which was much enjoyed.

A new member of our branch, Comrade Thomas McCombe late of the Royal Irish Rifles was initiated and duly sworn in as a fit and proper person to be associated with, as an Imperial Vet.

A vote of thanks was tendered to President Comrade J. Main for the efficient manner in conducting the funeral of our late Comrade Wm. Farrer Sr.

To those who are not familiar with the activities and duties of Comrade Main, I may say that he is the Legion Funeral Director or Conventor, and spends many hours of his time in this direction.

August 13th was chosen as the night of our next meeting, and this meeting will be held on the invitation of Comrade Tommy Butler at his home 290 Otto Street.

Last year this was one of the best meetings and should be just as successful this year. But here's a word of warning to the Comrades. The garter is to be admired and commented on, not to be sat on. "Nuf sed."

The business side of the meeting then ended and as usual and proper Comrades McEntock, McSperran and Cameron went into action with the

result that all were soon satisfied and happy, and Comrade Butler as M.C. and our genial friend Slim Oihgren got his flicker machine going. We enjoyed the film "Down South" which depicted life in the Southern States. Next we had a Russian film and then as most of us were hungry we enjoyed our usual repast. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. We don't know the ingredients, but those chunks of eatables certainly disappeared fast, and by the satisfied looks on the faces of the Comrades, we could name, they were enjoyed. But don't be afraid, we do not intend to name anyone except our visitors who included such well known and friendly persons as Pete Fraser, Percy Graham, Robt. Blatchford, Bobby Bond and of course our master of the Horse, or do we mean House, K. C. Bliss who appeared to be enjoying himself. Of course there were others present but these were all we noticed at the moment, as we were too busy enjoying ourselves.

We were privileged at this time to imbibe to the health of an absent member, Comrade Sam Ashton who was at the Provincial Convention at Brandon. Many thanks Sam, it was appreciated and we hope your deliberations at the Convention did not prevent you from lifting the elbow and we also hope you thought of us now and then.

Unfortunately we had to leave in the middle of the general sing-song but from where we stood at the door there was little that could have been done to make it a more enjoyable evening. Compliments are in order to Comrade T. Butler for his arrangements of a real good time.

Don't forget Imperials, August 13 at 290 Otto Street. Come and join us, you won't regret it. B. H.

Wear your Legion Badge. It is an Honorable Emblem, to be worn Honorably.

There is no excuse better for the heart than teaching doves and lifting people up. —John Andrew Holmes

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion held their regular monthly meeting in the Club rooms Cobbe Street. Fifty-seven members signed the attendance book. Mrs. Armistage, President, presided.

Mrs. T. Godden and M. Fellows reported 62 visits made to the General Hospital. 22 visits were made to St. Joseph's Hospital by Mrs. Knott and H. Warwick. Mrs. J. Henderson and E. Stirrett made 51 calls to the district sanatorium. 98 visits were made to the St. Joseph's Manor by Mrs. E. Baxter and D. McDaid. One home visit was made to Mrs. Ellis by Mrs. Godden. Mrs. E. Ellis is now a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. J. Nickle and B. Lave reported several welfare cases taken care of.

Plans were made to hold a garden party at the home of Mrs. H. C. McKeeown, 34 Shumiak Road on Wednesday, July 30. Mrs. M. Horne will be tea convenor. Members are asked to keep this date in mind and bring your friends for afternoon tea. Donations of any kind will be appreciated and all help to make this Garden Party a success.

The Auxiliary will hold their annual picnic at Wild Geese Tuesday, July 15. Members are reminded to register at the Clubrooms, Friday, July 4. Only those registered will be provided with bus transportation.

Members are to bring their own picnic baskets. Tea, milk and treats will be provided by the auxiliary. Members will be informed of the bus time upon registering.

The Auxiliary celebrates their 30th Anniversary August 18 when a banquet will be held in the Legion Club rooms at 7 p.m. for members and their husbands, followed by a social and dance. Those wishing to attend are to get in touch with any member of the executive or register at the club

on Friday, August 8. August 18th has been set as the deadline so don't forget.

A donation of \$25 was made to the Greek Relief Fund.

Mrs. J. J. Nickle gave a detailed report on the convention held in Brandon.

One new member was initiated.

A representative of the Mutual Hospital plan was guest speaker at the meeting and outlined a plan where any individual may sign up for hospitalization without having to wait for a certain percentage of members to sign up. Anyone interested in this plan can obtain further information of this plan by getting in touch with Mrs. E. Armistage, President.

Three representatives, Mrs. J. Nickle, Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. M. Briden were appointed to attend meetings to be held by the consumers organization. This organization is to be formed of representatives from the most active organizations in an effort to bring before the public ways to help keep the cost of living from rising.

Well I have to report that all our members have been behaving their very best during the month but I will be watching for news for our next report. So just you be careful.

Our next meeting will be held in September. The officers and executive hope that you enjoy your holidays and come back in the Fall all set for the Fall and Winter activities.

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LADIES SECTION

A meeting was held June 3 in the Old Legion Hall. Lady members were phoned and contacted by letter and a number turned up as a nucleus of the Ladies section of the Legion.

Over coffee and sandwiches we grasped a lot and decided that if the girls were to get active in the Legion a few things should be done for them.

First of all—the girls need a place to meet—a room to meet in and talk over all those things girls talk about. There are a lot of things the girls can do. For one thing a sick and visiting committee would be a good thing—to visit ex-service girl personnel and what ex-serviceman wouldn't like a nice girl calling on him when he is sick or in hospital.

Then there is a lot the Canadian girls can do for servicemen's wives—particularly the girls who married our soldier in England and on the continent. A Canadian girl could give a non-Canadian wife a lot of slants about how to handle the Canadian ex-servicemen—but don't get me wrong.

There is a lot of good the girls can do but to get going we need a place to meet and that doesn't mean with an entrance through the beverage room to the tune of the whistler.

Now girls let's give this idea some support and make our section of the Port Arthur Canadian Legion interesting and worthwhile.

T. A. RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT BRANDON

WHEREAS during the war years 1939-1945, temporary positions in the Government Service were filled by persons who did not possess War Service preference and whose retention in such service decreases the opportunities of providing employment and obtaining the advantage of Veterans Preference in the Government service.

AND WHEREAS it has been the announced policy of the Dominion Government that upon the conclusion of hostilities these temporary positions would be thrown open to discharges of the Armed Forces.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Legion again urge the Government of Canada review its present list of temporary employees to the end that such temporary positions be made immediately available to eligible discharges of the Armed Forces.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that in order to extend the War Veteran's Preference and opportunities for employment that the Civil Service Act be broadened to include all Dominion Government departments.

Considering the present acute housing situation in many parts of Canada, the Canadian Legion recommends that representations be made to the Dominion Government that only limited selected immigration be permitted until a definite policy of post-war immigration has been formulated and declared by the Government.

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This Convention!

By Joe Greaves

He was smooth. He slid around the chairs like a swivel-hip on a broken field gain of 30 yards. His hands kept rubbing together like a South Cumberland Street storekeeper trying to entice a prospective customer back shop. At any moment he was going to go into a romantic act and I've been allergic to Klobbering Mike before Major Cox started tying up elections. There hasn't been so much baby-kissing since. I kept one eye on the door and the other on His Nibs. They called it a caucus, what ever that is.

I said, "Two gets you five, there's going to be an election."

His Nibs eddies up to the head table and hammers. No one paid any attention so he hammers again and this time a couple of guys look up and take notice.

"Comrades!" He says it with a sticky sort of grin and I wonders if he really means it. "Comrades," he says it again just to make sure it sounds right. "Before we go any farther we have to elect a secretary, nominations now open."

I wet my lips which were, by this time, dry and no less, to make a nomination. Ah, what a mistake to wet your lips.

"I nominate . . ." Bang. "Nominations closed!" Bang again.

The secretary moved up two seats and grabbed the pencil.

It was a good thing no one took me up.

Just about then I catches a glimpse of a couple of old timers from way back. One's a salesman and the other's his best customer. If there's any cross checking done, those are the fellows who'll toss the checks I optimes to myself, 'cause the only other guy in the room who is paying any attention to yours truly is the old guy on my right and he isn't worried so much about me only if my cigarettes will hold out.

"Help yourself," I says and he grabs a handful.

By this time His Nibs is having difficulty with the salesman and his best customer.

"I object," is as good a way of explaining the whole thing as any.

Then His Nibs introduces a chap from Toronto, who is by way of recognition a foreigner by trade, who handles the first war's canteen funds for this province. Well perhaps he wasn't a foreigner but from the sound of the report he and his gang must have had a little trouble with orientation when it came to eating the chickens on that "cool million and more."

So the Easterner or foreigner goes into a spiel about how the funds were spent and His Nibs just sits there and rubs his hands together. I wondered when that election was going to take place.

"Comrade!" It was the salesman on his feet again. "I wish to know how many, if any, Northwestern Ontario men are on the board that disposes of these canteen funds?" Which was a mighty fine question.

The guy from the East smiled very sweetly.

"Comrade!" the best customer was on his feet this time. "We understand all you have told us thus far. What we want to know is . . ." he pulled himself up to his full five feet, seven. "are there any Northwestern Ontario men on the canteen board?"

The answer was a repeat number and just as sweet. It was a cinch bet, even better than two gets you five that

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there were no such animals vast of Schreiber. The song continued.

"Comrade!" The salesman again. "We understand there has been much of the money spent. We understand there isn't much of the principle left, but what we want to know is how much of it has been spent in Northwestern Ontario?"

"Now I have some records here, let me see. . . we sent out circulars in . . . you, and we gave a financial report in 1927. . . and again in . . ."

"Comrade!" The best customer really meant business. "All this you have told us, we know. What we are anxious to ascertain," he paused to let that last one penetrate, "is how much of the funds have been spent in Northwestern Ontario?"

The report was on its last legs after that. His Niba came to the rescue of the one with the report.

"Comrades," His hands were going again. "Comrades I once obtained help for a needy customer. I mean Comrade," he trailed off into details.

I said "Two gets you five we aren't in Ontario."

Not when it came to those carleen funds.

A motion went on record. "Recommends that in future all conventions be held in Winnipeg." Carried!

I said "Two gets you five that the convention is held in Winnipeg in 1940 on the recommendation of this caucus."

His Niba "Any further business?"

Everybody licked their parched lips.

I said, "Two gets you five that salesman has only got gingey ale in his room?"

Which just goes to show that some days a guy just can't win a bet.

WHAT ELSE COULD HE DO?

"Pa, tell me how you proposed to ma," requested the young hopeful.

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The Voice of our Command President

The following is President C. Rhodes Smith's condensed report given at the 13th convention of the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Command, held at Brandon, June 9, 10, and 11.

During the period under review, the past nineteen months, the Legion has grown to giant size. Into our ranks have come thousands upon thousands of the men and women of the Second World War, until today our Dominion Command office advises that we are over 300,000 strong and still growing. In our Command, every branch has grown rapidly, some almost beyond recognition, and many new branches have been formed, with more applications for branch certificates still coming and our membership strength is approximately 30,000.

This tremendous growth has given the Legion numerical strength we have never known before. Coupled with the high public prestige attained in past years particularly during the years of the recent war this numerical growth means many things to the Legion things which should be ever present in our minds, and which must condition our policies and our activities down through the years, more particularly in the immediate future. Whether we like it or not, the ultimate destiny of the Legion, and the final value of its services both to our comrades and our country, will be largely determined by our conduct and our record during the next two or three years. And so our great growth and present prestige mean many things for the Legion, as I have said. They mean for example that:

1. The young veterans of 1939-1945 have turned to the Legion as their spiritual home. They have not branched out in a flood of new veteran organizations. In the main they have come to us and they are making the Legion their own. The Legion must not let

them down. But must see to it that its policies and conduct continue to represent the broad spirit and aspirations of all veterans. So only can unity be maintained, and without unity we are undone.

2. The Legion is now in a stronger position than ever before to serve those who are the cause of its existence, viz: all veterans, whether they are members of the Legion or not, their widows and dependants who suffer from any disability, discrimination or adversity. We must so act that our strength and prestige are not injured, lest our ability to help our comrades also suffer.

3. The Legion can better than ever before, present to Government the just needs of the ex-service men and women and our legislative proposals to meet those needs. We must see that our proposals are always fair and just, that they will not only serve the true interests of veterans but will also fit reasably into the economic and social structure of Canada. Once satisfied on these points, the Legion must press its arguments upon Government with energy and firmness, and with all the power of its numbers and prestige.

4. The Legion can now serve our country as a whole more fully than ever before. As a great patriotic organization whose motto is service, we should throw our strength and influence behind worthwhile community projects of wide appeal. Thus may we help to build the kind of country in which we should like to live. Further, all efforts directed to this end will rebound to the advantage of the Legion many times over, in public respect, goodwill and support for the things that are dear to us.

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CONVENTION REPORT—PENSIONS

At the recent convention in Brandon, sixty resolutions were placed before the delegates for their approval. Seven of these related to pensions and I have been asked to bring them to your attention.

A resolution in respect to a wife, who has been divorced by laws not recognized by the laws of Canada, was passed. Although these women draw Seperidich's allowance, the Pension Commission does not authorize payment of Pensioner's Allowance in these cases. It was resolved that the Pension Commission be empowered to make payment of these allowances.

Owing to the increase in the cost of living it was agreed that there should be an increase in the basic rate of disability and dependent pensions commensurate with the increase in cost of living.

A resolution was passed stating that the benefits of the Dual Service pension should be extended to Imperial Veterans and others, who saw active service with Allied Forces and, who later served with the Canadian Forces.

At present, widows, who have lost their husbands after marrying again, within a period of five years, are entitled to pension if in steady circumstances. An effort to extend the period of time to ten years was defeated.

A request that the Government and the people of Canada treat with generosity and equity those members of the Veteran's Guard, who find it very difficult to procure employment by reason of their age.

A resolution dealing with veterans who are allowed a period under Section 11 a. of the Pensions Act was passed. It applies to veterans, who are entitled to treatment in hospitals, but if these veterans wish to take treatment at home, the allowances are not granted. Why there should be any distinction is hard to understand. It was asked by the Convention, that an amendment, be made in the Act thus making it possible for a veteran to procure treatment at home under this section of the Act.

It was also resolved that the Legion urge the Government to pass laws providing compensation in all cases of disability revealed upon discharge. It is assumed that all recruits when accepted for service, were fit for enlistment, and, consequently, when discharged after a reasonable time with a disabled condition should not be classed as a pre-enlistment case. Many thanks for being chosen a delegate to the convention.

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Sports Report

Leading all branches in the Manitoba and Northwestern Command in the sports field, the Port Arthur Branch of the Canadian Legion commands the respect—and no little envy—of all other branches. This is the sum and substance of a survey taken at the convention held at Brandon June 2, 10 and 11.

No other branch in the command has as full a sports program as the Port Arthur group and, what is more, the precedent set by the Athletic Association, in sponsoring youngsters is something that more than one branch has attempted and failed—up to the present—to promote on a large scale.

Comrade H. L. Soffley, chairman of Provincial Sports declared that the program instilled by the Port Arthur Branch was the leadership needed throughout the command in order to reach the goal which has been set.

"The other branches find difficulty in getting the older comrades to see 'eye to eye' with the younger members in the line of sports," he said. "They have two main obstacles to overcome. One, that the older members be convinced that sport is something which, if handled correctly, is a means of holding the branches together and also a means of gaining prestige throughout local communities; and two, that the youngsters of five to twelve today may be the veteran of tomorrow, and if he is in better physical condition than we were in 1939, thanks to a selected athletic program sponsored by the Legion, we will have completed something worth while," he said.

"Another point in question throughout the command is the sponsoring of sport for elgion members only. I am definitely against this as the boys are not getting any younger and many have lost the pep needed to lace the ball out of the park. But in sponsoring sport as a whole the objective may be reached and those of us who are still able and wish to partake of sport may be able to compete," Soffley declared.

Comrade Soffley went on to say that although the Port Arthur Branch was well in advance of the others in sports No. 7 district lacked organization as a whole. Districts 1 and 2 have formed sports boards and it is the wish of the Command that District 7, fall in line. District 7 has been invited to provide a softball team for the provincial championships in August.

The branch at St. James, Winnipeg, quite confidently boasted, previous to the convention that they had launched a \$4,000 project, which naturally could not be topped by any of the "Country" branches. However, when informed of the huge program already more than half completed by the Port Arthur branch, they quite readily retreated from the self-styled throne.

The difficulty to be overcome in the Command sports field is the distance between the Ontario district and the Manitoba groups. However, as softball is now drawing large crowds in Winnipeg, it is hoped that sufficient funds will be available through gate receipts to enable District 7 to make the trip this Fall. In boxing, although only a few branches have as yet taken an interest, it is well known in Port Arthur that the only worry in that sphere is good competition. Comrade Soffley was pleased and enthusiastic at the prospects of the Legion Sponsoring a Golden Gloves tournament throughout the nation on line similar to the bountierpart in the United States.

Taking a cue from the Golden Glove tournament held in Port Arthur last Spring, it may not be long before such a program is Legion wide, Soffley said.

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CONVENTION REPORT

By Sam Ashton

Opening ceremonies were held in the Armouries, Brandon, Sunday evening June 8th. Guest speaker was Lt. General Sanson, retired. Some 215 delegates accredited, plus 35 fraternal and 10 guests were in attendance.

Commencing Monday morning, numerous resolutions were submitted on different subjects, the more pertinent ones dealing with immediate needs were: Housing, Veterans' Land Act, and Civil Service preference. The latter holding the spotlight for reasons that are quite obvious to all veterans, particularly veterans of 1939-45 war.

It now seems clear that the Powers that Be are very reluctant to amend the Civil Service Act so that veterans might be given the opportunity to bid on the thousands of so-called 'temporary' jobs that were created while they were serving in the armed forces. It can be said that every effort has

been put forth by the Dominion as well as Provincial commands of the Canadian Legion, to have the Act amended, but as yet without any definite results. The time element is important as it is more than two years since hostilities ceased, and if the fruits of their efforts are not to be sacrificed on the altar of political expediency, as in the past, it will require the all-out support of the 300,000 members of the Legion, their dependents and dependents of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, to get the required action.

Housing

This subject is one that has been given wide publicity due to the acute shortages of accommodation. The following figures will be of interest to the members: They are self-explanatory and clearly indicate that we are not alone in this problem.

Fennancy Report for Wartime Housing as of May 30, 1947

	OCCUPIED		By Servicemen	By Others	Allocated Servicemen's		
	Total Spaces	Under Constr.			By May	By Hand	May Receipts
Brandon	100	34	61	—	23	277	23
Fort Frances	25	25	—	—	—	—	—
Fort William	425	—	195	231	1	623	32
Port Arthur	200	59	120	39	3	361	27
Geraldton	109	3	93	3	13	—	3
Kemora	50	50	—	—	—	—	—
Portage la Prairie	100	—	100	—	22	60	23
Winnipeg	1100	179	921	—	119	3663	171
St. Boniface	125	—	125	—	—	331	5
St. James	190	—	190	—	—	307	11
Texacoona	75	—	75	—	1	77	3
Port Gairy	25	—	25	—	—	39	3
East Kildonan	30	50	—	—	—	21	15
TOTALS	2776	390	1820	296	182	5995	179

Veterans' Land Act

Under this Act, resolutions were few; we can only assume that those who took up land under the V.L.A. are satisfied generally, or that there is a lack of interest on the part of young veterans to take advantage of the scheme. Your delegates supported those resolutions dealing with isolated cases, as well as many others that might well be considered—repeaters.

The name of Fort William was the only one submitted at the next convention, city, 1949, and carried without any comment.

Other details will no doubt be given by the other delegates at a future meeting, or through the medium of the Bulletin.

EDUCATION

There's nothing like a wedding
To make a fellow learn;
At first he thinks she's his;
But later learns he's her'n.

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THAT'S DIFFERENT

Ann: You mean to tell me he just sat there all evening with his arms folded?"

Mixins: "Yes—but it wasn't so bad. I was in them."



Fort Arthur
N. 3340

Fort William
S. 1709

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CANADIAN CEMETERIES IN EUROPE NOW AVAILABLE

Title is available on request, free of charge, at the Manager's office, photographs 7" x 5" of nearly every Canadian cemetery in Northwestern Europe. The proofs are also available for anyone wishing to have enlargements made. The following are the graves for which snaps may be obtained through the courtesy of Eddie Clavel, formerly with No. 3 Company, C.F.C.

Beny-sur-Mer	Normandy
Marquise near Calaise	France
Bretteville between Caen and Falaise	France
Nijmegen	Holland
Adeghem	Belgium
Dieppe	France
Holten	Holland
Bergin-op-Zoom	Holland

The picture on the front cover of Beny-sur-Mer is one of the photographs available. It shows a French communion class saying a prayer beside the graves.

Note: Beny-sur-Mer is the resting place of the many boys who fell on D-Day. It contains the grave of the Skipper Johnson, reputed to be the first Canadian killed on the Normandy beach, June 6, 1944.—Ed.

Bill Paynter once called at the photographic department of a large department store to ask if it would enlarge a snapshot of his son, Earl. Of course it would. Then Conrade Bill wanted to know if they would remove his hat. He would rather have the enlargement with out it. That too, could be done; but on which side did he part his hair, and was it straight or curly? "Don't be silly," snapped Conrade Bill, "You'll see that when you take his hat off!"

Soviet Macguffinray at bridge party: "You're an expert at bridge, Mr. Matthews, how would you have played that last hand of mine?"

Conrade Jack Matthews: "Under an assumed name!"

KITCHEN KORNER

A new feature for our women readers. Any suggestions or hints would be appreciated.

Sugarless Cake Recipe

- 1 cup pitted dates
- 1 cup raisins, washed and dried
- 1 medium-sized orange, juice and rind
- 24 cups sifted cake and pastry flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 eggs well-beaten
- Milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening

1. Grease thoroughly and lightly flour a 9 x 9 inch square cake pan. Preheat oven to 350 degree F. Prepare dates and raisins.

2. Squeeze juice from orange into measuring cup. Set aside until needed. Remove white membrane from orange rind.

3. Put orange rind, dates and raisins through food chopper and put into mixing bowl.

4. Sifted flour, baking powder, baking soda salt and nutmeg into flour sifter and sift together over fruit. Blend thoroughly, using fork, until mixture looks like coarse meal.

5. Beat eggs until light and foamy. Add sufficient milk to orange juice to make one cup liquid. Add vanilla and melted shortening.

6. Pour combined liquids into dry ingredients, and mix thoroughly but do not beat.

7. Turn into prepared cake pan and bake at 350 degree F. for 40 to 45 minutes.

8. Remove from oven, allow to stand five minutes then turn out on wire cake rack to cool.

Note. Cool thoroughly and, if possible, store for 24 hours before using.

CONVENTION "MOSTS"

Most Loved	Herbert Charles McKeown
Most Striking	Doris "Lady in Red" Aronjacy
Most Loving	Stephen Henry Walter Sidney Wilson
Most Lonesome	Joe Greaves
Most Sincere	Freddy Thomas
Most Hungry	Tom "Spot" Francis (Pave) Br.
Most Annoyed	Sam Ashton
Most "Most"	Connie McKeown
Most Dashing	Alex Gray
Most Observant	Mable "Mother" Bryden
Most Genial	Mrs. Hawthorne
Most Gentlemanly	Gino Caccaso (Pres. Schreiber branch)
Most Agreeable	Hugh Stewart (Schreiber branch)
Most Dry	Not I

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Now You Tell One!

Office Boy, nervously: "Please, sir, I think you are wanted on the telephone."

Employer: "You think! What's the good of thinking? Don't you know?"

Office Boy: "Well, sir, the man on the line said 'Hello, is that you, you old idiot?'"

Murphy: "Was your bachelor party a success?"

Moody: "Was it? Man alive, we had to postpone the wedding for a whole week."

Me joy is gone,
Him don me dirt,
Me never noo,
Him was a flirt.

To all who buy
Let I forbid,
Lest they be dood
Like I been did!

GOOD HUNTING

The waiter in the swanky restaurant hovered over the customer. "And how did you find your steak, sir?"

"Sheer luck," sighed the hungry man. "Sheer luck! I just happened to knock that little piece of potato aside and there it was."

DOWRY

The young visitor seemed a likely prospect, so the father grew confidential. "I've several girls and I'd like to see them all comfortably married," he announced, "and they won't go penniless to their husbands. Jane, who is 23, will take \$1,000 with her. Then there's Linnie, who's 24, she'll take \$3,000 with her. And Mary, who's 41, will take \$5,000 to her husband."

The young fellow thought a moment, then asked, "You don't happen to have a daughter about 50, do you?"

A clasp on the shoulder indicates there's wood higher up.

The average country cottage has five rooms and a path.

LEGION ACTIVITIES

Regular Monthly Meeting—Summer Vacation.

S. H. Wilson, Pres. Finlay Macleod, Secretary, Phone N. 3395

IMPERIAL SECTION

Imperial Veterans' Section—Meetings held each month on the first Wednesday following the branch general meeting.

J. Main, President, Phone N. 3832. Bert Hopper, Secretary, N. 696

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Summer Vacation

Mrs. E. Armitage, President. Mrs. H. C. McKeown, Secretary.

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