

Montague Legion has long history

Thirty-two years ago, almost to the day, on Nov. 29th, 1922, the Montague Branch No. 8 of the Royal Canadian Legion held their organizational meeting in the Montague Memorial School, the building that now houses the beautiful new Legion Home.

The branch was organized with the assistance of Provincial Command and the chairman of the meeting was Comrade J.J. Leightner, immediate past president of Provincial Command. Other prominent speakers at the meeting included Comrade Major T.E. McNutt, past president of Provincial Command and Comrade George Barran, secretary of Provincial Command.

The speakers outlined in general the organization of the Legion and emphasized the necessity of each of the members cooperating with the officers in charge to make the branch a success. Thirty-eight members were present at the original meeting and an excerpt from the minutes read "Those who wished to organize a branch were asked to stand. All stood."

Comrade W.A. McLagan was elected first president of the branch and other members of the first executive were: Ist vice president, Ewart A. Keopke; 2nd vice president, Lorin Keenan; secretary, W.H. Poole; executive members—L.C. Alford, Wendell Graham, Charles MacLeod. In addition to the first executive were: Roy W. Aitken, Neil E. Campbell, Beecher Deane, Eugene Dunn, Merton Ferguson, David Hutchison, William J. Knox, James Lambert, Thomas Lannigan, Hugh S. MacDonald, Leslie O. MacDonald, Murdoch J. MacDonald, Murdoch MacLeod, D. MacLeod, Simon D. Nicholson, George Parker, James R. Skinner, Charles A. Steele, Harold Stewart, Heath Stewart, Elmer Valcher, Howard F. V.

teacher, Cecil K. Wightman, William Woodgate, George W. MacDonald, Archibald Hume, Russell MacGregor, A. Fulton Campbell, William Amear.

The charter granted by Dominion Command was presented to the branch on January 26th, 1923.

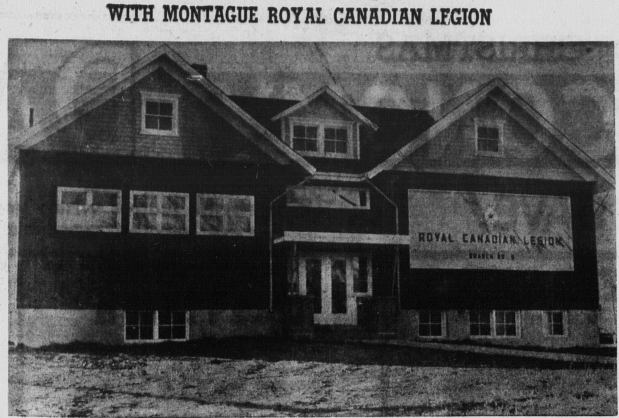
Since 1922 when the branch was formed the following members have served as presidents—W.A. McLagan, Simon D. Nicholson, George W. MacDonald, A. Fulton Campbell, Ewart A. Keopke, Archibald Hume, W. Herbert Poole, Cecil K. Wightman, Leslie O. MacDonald, Marshal Reynolds, C. H. Kidd, Douglas McGowan, Russell MacGregor, Rodrick M. Martin, L. Cyril Johnston, Kitchener Smith, J.S. DesRoches, G.G. Jardine, John Clancy, Norman MacLean, Malcolm MacKenzie, M.B. Fitzpatrick, Miller Matheson, A.C. Robertson, Daniel Munn and Basil MacKinnon.

In the Montague branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, as in any other branch, the chief aim and purpose is the welfare of veterans and their dependents. The concern is not only for its members, but extends also to those veterans who for some reason or other have not joined the ranks of Legionnaires.

But the welfare of veterans and the promotion of unity and comradeship among them is not the only concern of the Montague Branch. The branch has always been interested in the promotion of sports in the community. Their first venture in this field was the organization of the Provincial Championship Tag-O-War Tournaments which were held in Montague from 1933-35. Since then they have always been in the forefront in sports promotion and their projects at various times included sponsoring the minor hockey program, operating the Community Rink, sponsoring track and field, ice sports programs and giving full support to other projects, such as the Montague minor baseball program.

The branch has also given support to many worthy causes and following the disastrous fire in which the High School was destroyed provided temporary quarters in their home for two classes until the new school was built. Their facilities have also been made available free of charge to the Girl Guides for the past 15 years or more. Each year financial assistance has been given to sports, education, scholarships, welfare agencies, youth groups and numerous other worthy causes and the Branch still continues when possible in spite of an expensive building project, to provide assistance to any worthwhile cause.

Major T.E. McNutt, MBE, VD, the first president of the P.E.I. Provincial command was a very active Legionnaire and an invaluable advisor when the



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HOME IN MONTAGUE.



MONTAGUE VETERANS ON PARADE

Board plans to eliminate

CHESTER, Ont. (CP)—A committee that School Section 11 has formed to eliminate the Colechester area public school board has declared its determination to eliminate segregation in its area.

Promises to improve physical conditions at the all-Negro school was made after the meeting Wednesday night at a committee of the South Essex Citizens' Advancement Association and the board. The issue of segregation was raised by the association a month ago in a letter to the board.

In the conclusion of the meeting, which was closed to the press, a joint statement was issued.

Separatists hold march

MONTREAL (CP)—A group of separatists led by former boxer Reggie Chartrand held an orderly march here Sunday to honor patriots who fell in the rebellion of 1837.

Watched by police, the group carrying fleur-de-lis flags followed a band and majorettes to Place des Patriotes to place a wreath at a monument.

Chartrand, a member of the separatist, Rassemblement pour l'Indépendance Nationale (RIN) warned his followers against violence.

NORMAL WORLD FOR AMPUTEE

By GEORGE W. HACKETT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—It has taken time, and that of his mother's love, but Bucky Welch is returning to that wonderful world in which seven-year-old boys live.

He runs when he should walk, asks questions the rest of the family can't answer, and complains when a toilet "No more television. You should have been in bed an hour ago."

Within a few weeks Bucky expects to be playing ball again, using his artificial limbs for the first time.

The 7-year-old lost both of his arms below the elbow Aug. 28 when he rescued his puppy, Smokey, from beneath the wheels of a freight train.

"To make things worse," said Bucky's mother, Mrs. M. J. Welch, "I'll be in bed for three days. Then a friend showed up with another dog, which the boy promptly named Patsy."

Bucky, one of 11 children, has no special treatment from his mother anymore.

"When he first came home from the hospital," she recalled, "he was sullen. I didn't talk much. We decided the best thing to do was show him he wasn't any different from the rest of us, despite his accident."

Bucky is impatient to return to school but probably will have to sit out the rest of this year. A trust fund has been set up to assure the youngster's education and to help defray his medical expenses.

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Montague Branch was organized 32 years ago. His address to the Charlottetown Branch on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their being granted their charter concluded with these words: "Surely those who served their country during the strain and stress of wars should be equally capable of serving it during peace. Many of our members have great talents. The most of us may not be so blessed, but each of us have a job to do for our country and for our organization. Let us not forget the last message of Lord Tweedsmuir to the Legion—'You must keep the national mind balanced and the national spirit keen.'"

Comrade president and comrades we are members of a great organization—our qualifications for membership are unique—SERVICE.

The objects and aims of our organization are worthy of our best endeavors. Sound them rightly and let us endeavor to be worthy of our membership. As Churchill said during the dark days of the last war—"We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. Let us serve our God, our Country and our fellowmen."

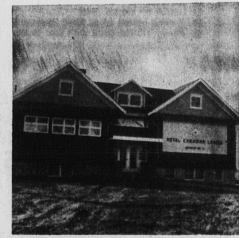
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Deserter hid for 22 years

MOSCOW (CP)—In June 1912 at the height of the Soviet-German war, Dmitri Kurkin ran away from his army unit and hid in the cellar of his home in Moscow village not far from Moscow.

He remained there 22 years. For though amnesty was offered war-time deserters he didn't believe the offer was genuine.

Recently, after authorities discovered Kurkin was still alive, he and his wife were tried for receiving money they weren't entitled to.

In 1947 his wife Alexandra began getting a pension for two children.

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At 6.45 P.M.

A Message From The Executive

From left to right: George Nicholson, building committee chairman, R. M. Martin, chairman of the finance committee for the new Home, Basil MacKinnon, president of the Montague Branch Royal Canadian Legion, Mrs. Athol Robertson, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion.

It is a distinct privilege for us as branch executive to extend to all Legion members in Prince Edward Island a cordial invitation to attend our opening ceremonies. Our new building does, we believe, mark a definite step forward for the Montague Branch . . . and we trust that our organization and our members may continue to maintain the fine record of service which has been a tradition with the Montague Branch since its inception. We wish to thank the tax payers of Montague School District who made it possible for us to establish our new home

Open Hours To The Public

Wed. Dec. 2nd - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We invite you to come in and inspect the new Legion Home