



Peace Celebrations after World War II (1939-1945)

On May 7th, 1945 the news reached Canada of the unconditional surrender of the Germans.

The following afternoon a service of praise and thanksgiving was held in the Park Head United Church conducted by Rev. W. E. Curran of Allenford.

Each young man upon his return was met at the station by almost every citizen of the entire community and given a very warm welcome. When possible the school children marched in a body to the station, carrying flags.

Later on public receptions, under the auspices of the United Church and Community War Service Unit, were held in the community hall, where a programme was presented and the boys who served overseas or in the navy were each presented with a gold watch.

The boys who had not gone overseas were each presented with a suitably engraved ring, as were also two other boys, one who had moved from the community shortly before the war began and one whose parents became residents of Park Head during the war.

Our only woman in the service received a gold watch at a reception in the hall.

Three mothers, whose sons had made the supreme sacrifice, were each presented with a gold watch and an address of sympathy, in their homes.

When the wives of the boys who were married overseas came to join their husbands they were given a reception and presented with a miscellaneous shower or other gifts.

The boys who married soon after their return to Canada were remembered in the same manner.