

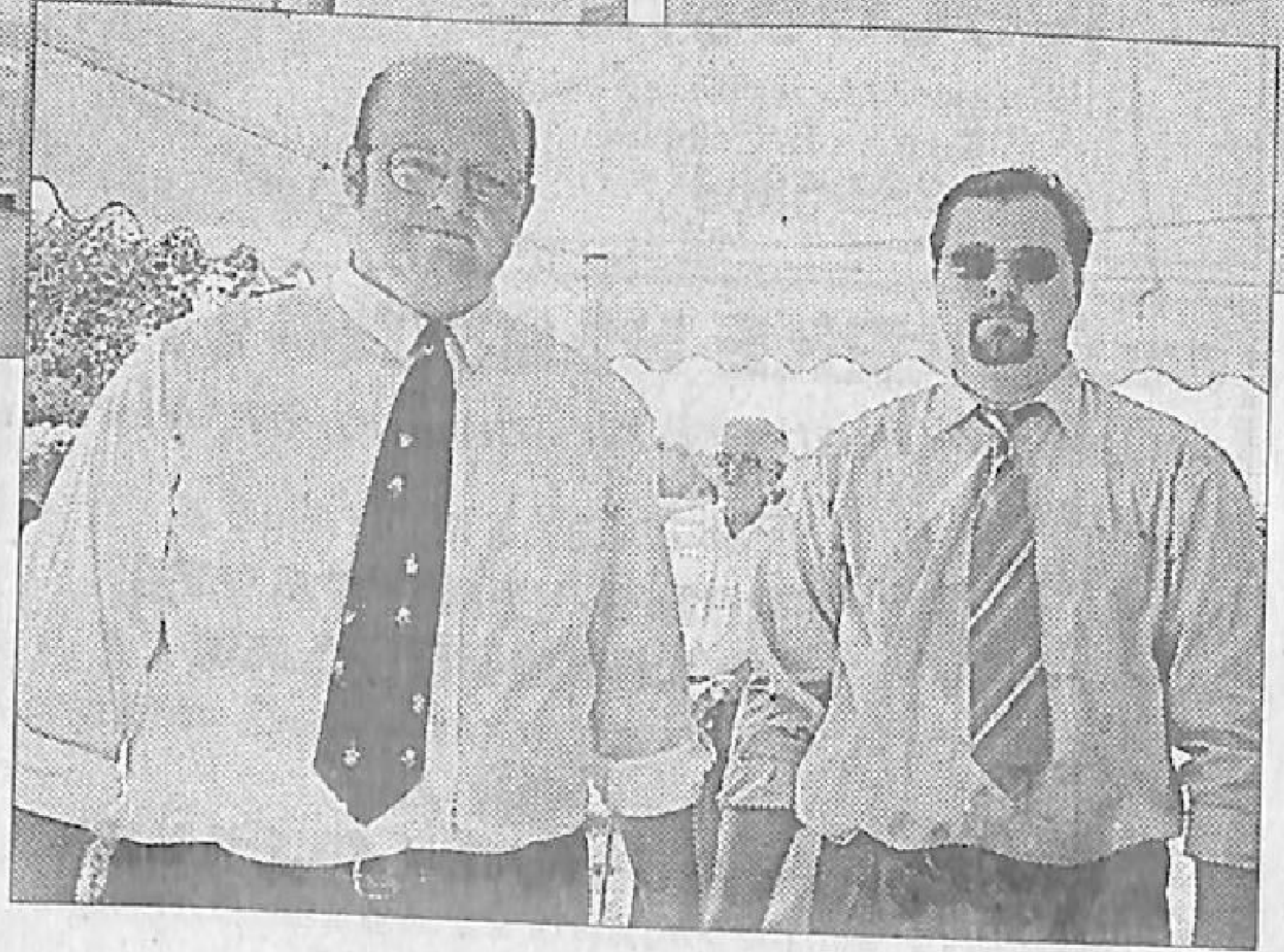
# COMMUNITY NEWS



ABOVE: Johnny Handzuk of Oshawa was only 20 years old when he became a member of 431 Squadron. He was killed on his first flying operation in 1944. His aunt Anne Evelyne Hails, behind, of Grimsby, and cousin Anne Demerk, front, of Cobourg, attended last Saturday's dedication of the 431 and 434 Squadrons Memorial Cairn at Trenton in his honour. At the reception following, the studied photos and memorabilia for hints of



LEFT: Chris, left, and Don Baluk served guests at the Baluk reception Saturday afternoon.



TOP RIGHT: John C. Turnbull of Willowdale, left, CM, DFC, BSP, is Chairman of the Allied Forces Reunion and Peter Burnett, right, of Toronto have a never-ending argument. Mr. Turnbull, who served on Halifax bombers, and Mr. Burnett, who spent most of his time aboard Lancasters, have debated the superiority of their respected aircraft for over 50 years now.



Harry and Merna Rowe of Colborne, members of Colborne Branch 187 of the Royal Canadian Legion, volunteered to register guests at Saturday's memorial dedication in Trenton.

## Air cadet squadron shares the day

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The wreath for the 431 was laid by Mr. Jowett and Gow Harvey, another former prisoner of war. The wreath for the 434 was laid by Mr. Crees and Don Sutherland.

For Mr. Baluk, words alone cannot sufficiently honour the contributions of those who served in these groups.

"We survived deprivations of food and comfort, shed sweat, blood and tears, and were scared out of our wits so that our country and the free world could enjoy freedom of speech, freedom to make decisions and freedom to travel wherever we want — so that our children would have a better country to live in.

"Those of us who served can say with pride, 'I served my country in her time of need — when democracy and freedom of speech were threatened to be replaced by a dictatorship.'"

Following the ceremony, the day ended on a light-hearted note as Mr. Baluk invited everyone — cadets included — to his Shiloh home for some music and the old-fashioned songs everyone loves.