

B.C. Mother Chosen For Ottawa Nov. 11 Ceremony

OTTAWA, Ont. — A 69-year-old mother from Mission City, B.C., has been selected by the Royal Canadian Legion to represent the motherhood of Canada at the National Remembrance Day ceremony here on November 11. She is Mrs. Sylvia Kimmel who, with her husband Harry Kimmel, lost three sons in World War II. Five of their 11 children were in the armed forces.

Mrs. Kimmel, with her husband, will fly to Ottawa for the ceremony where she will place the first wreath after His Excellency the Governor-General places his on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen. Other wreaths will be placed by the Prime Minister, the Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Chiefs of Staff.

Four of Mrs. Kimmel's sons and one daughter served in the army during W.W. II. Her three deceased sons joined up within a month of each other in 1940, and all were killed within a six-month period in 1944.

Corporal Clifford Kimmel, 25, enlisted at Kamloops. He went to Italy with the Princess Patricia's and later transferred to the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. He was killed in Italy and is buried at Ravenna.

Rifleman Gordon Kimmel, 28, enlisted at Vancouver. He served with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and died of wounds while a prisoner of war. He is buried at Bretteville-sur-Laize, France.

L/Sgt. Richard Kimmel, 30, also enlisted at Kamloops. He served in north-west Europe with the Regina Rifles.

Mrs. Kimmel is the seventh mother from outside the Ottawa area to take part in Canada's ceremony of Remembrance. Prior to 1955 a

mother was selected from Eastern Ontario each year. Since then, on successive years the Royal Canadian Legion has selected a mother from various parts of Canada. Last year Mrs. Albert Cantin from McCreary, Manitoba, represented Canadian motherhood. Other mothers have been: Mrs. W. A. Anderson, Craigmyle, Alta.; Mrs. Helena Forestell, Coniston, Ont.; Mrs. A. J. Reynolds, Chatham, Ontario; Mrs. Zylpha MacFarlane, Truro, Nova Scotia and Mrs. John Leboldus of Vinbank, Saskatchewan.

The Kimmels moved to Mission City a year ago. Prior to this, for 20 years they lived at Langley, B.C., and for 18 years lived near Tete Jaune. Two of the surviving sons, Harry and Virgil, live at Tete Jaune, David Kimmel lives at Langly Prairie.

The sisters all live in British Columbia. They are: Mrs. Ruby Wells, Coquitlam; Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Parksville; Mrs. Leila Severson, Vancouver; Mrs. Eurora Thompkins, Salmon Arm and Mrs. Mildred Hess, Fort Langley.

While in Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel will be guests of Governor-General and Madame Venier at tea.

Strange Beliefs Cause Accidents

What's your attitude toward farm safety? If it fits any one of the following "strange beliefs", your chances of having an accident are higher, says Hal Wright, Farm Safety Specialist with the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Here are the four most common "strange beliefs" about accidents: "My number was up" — the fatalistic attitude. If this theory were true, it would be a waste of time to try and fight the inevitable.

"An accident is punishment." If this were a fact, the so-called "sinners" would have an alarming frequency of accidents, while the "saints" would be accident free. This is not so!

"Taking chances is showing bravery." The mere act of taking a chance does not denote bravery. Taking unnecessary risks usually indicates foolhardiness.

"It always happens to the other fellow." Are YOU such a special person that you can take any kind of dangerous risk without being caught? Talk with accident victims — they didn't expect to get hurt either.

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