

300 gather to remember fallen

A crowd of over 300 gathered quietly Sunday morning at the cenotaph for the annual Remembrance ceremonies which recall the dead of two world wars.

A slow drizzle of rain began after the wreaths were laid and the parade proceeded into Trinity church for the service.

Behind Acton Citizens' Band, about 40 Legionnaires in berets and medals paraded with the Legion Ladies, the color party, representatives of organizations, clubs, scouts and guides. Bill Nicolak was parade marshal. Over 250 formed a silent semi-circle under leader skies for the time-honored proceedings.

The Lorne Scots had formed a guard of honor at the cenotaph before the traditional ceremonies began.

Legion president Bob Angell delivered the Legion charge and John McHugh read the names of the dead in resounding tones.

Bob Loutlet called the names of organizations as wreaths were placed — for the province of Ontario by Dr. A. J. Buchanan; for the town of Acton by Councillor Bill Costa; for the Lorne Scots regiment by Captain Kirkwood, officer commanding the color party; for Legion branch 197 by Bob Angell; for the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary by Mrs. Helen Valenski; for the Legion Chorality by Gil Malcolm; for the Duke of

Devonshire chapter of the I.O.E. by Mrs. Ann Mowat; for the Lakeside chapter by Mrs. H. H. Hinton; for Acton Women's Institute by Miss Dorothy Simmons; for the Acton Firefighters' Association by John Turkoz; for the Chamber of Commerce by Carl Watzack; for the Lions club by John Griefeneder; for the Rotary club by Fred Gordon; for the Y's Men by Walter Dubois; for the L.O.L. by J. Williams; for the L.C.B.O. by Gordon James; for the Scouts and Guides by Jeffrey Patterson; for the CFAW local 479 Hugh O'Rourke; for the UWRC of PWA local 603 by Herb Price; for the SWU local by Mick Davis; for ACWA local 303 by Price Henderson; for UFWA local 7515 by Ed Footitt; for Acton Citizens Band by Bill Buchanan. There were four more wreaths this year.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Chuck Wright, with Bill Middleton raising and lowering the flag, and after Abide With Me the benediction was said by Legion padre the Rev. A. H. McKenzie.

The poignant, stark white "V" bearing the names of fallen servicemen which had been in the Legion window at Acton House. Furnishings had been placed at the front of Trinity church for the service. It was flanked by pots of mums and

the color party brought their flags to the front of the church to make a most impressive sight.

In his sermon, the Rev. Gordon Turner referred to this "V" as the victory of renewal. Each of us has the power, within himself, to extend the aim of liberation, he said. We must see all men as children of God whatever their creed.

He quoted C. S. Lewis who said "If I had a man, it's because I don't know him well enough."

Instead of despair and doubt, see the positiveness of the "V", he stressed.

He welcomed the multi-denominational congregation "which reminds us of the oneness we share in Jesus Christ."

Bandmaster George Elliott, who had left the band to slip in the back door of the church, played the organ for the service and Trinity choir sang. The hymns which are part of the tradition of the day were — O God Our Help in Ages Past; God of Our Fathers... Let us Forget; and Lord of the Lands. make all the Lands Thine Own.

A veterans' dinner was held at the Legion hall Sunday afternoon.

At St. Joseph's Church a special requiem mass was said by Father V. J. Morgan.

It's been several years now since the town's Remembrance Day service was changed from the actual 11th day of the 11th month to the nearest Sunday. However, when the historic hour came, Beardmore whistle signalled a beginning and end to two minutes silence.

And there must have been many who remember... again. Veteran Bill Middleton returned to the cenotaph and raised and lowered the flag.

Schools and banks were closed Tuesday. The post office remained open.



THE LUCKY WINNER of this brand new ski-doo, on which Acton Lions Club are presently selling tickets won't have to worry about travelling by dog sled this winter. Lions Club members l. to r. are Hank Ruppert, John Griefeneder, Art Gordon, Neil Miller and Bob Hall. — (Staff Photo)

UNICEF DRIVE NETS \$1,526.51 FOR NEEDY

The Acton Y's Men's Club wish to thank all of the people, too numerous to mention, who helped in every way to make the UNICEF drive such a success.

Your united efforts, along with the pupils who walked in the walkathon, held class projects and carried collection boxes on Hallowe'en, have helped to make better lives for the children who are less fortunate than our own.

The total banked as of November 10th, is as follows:—

Class projects.....	\$ 75.57
Walkathon.....	1,157.96
Boxes.....	292.98
	\$1,526.51

This has proved to be our best year yet on behalf of UNICEF.

Thank you all — not forgetting our good friends at the Acton Free Press for your excellent coverage.

William P. Wilson
Chairman, UNICEF Project,
Acton Y's Men's Club.

With cabinet

On Tuesday of last week, the executive of the Mayors and Reeves Association presented their resolutions at a formal meeting of the Ontario cabinet. Mayor Les Duby was present as a member of the membership committee of the Association.

Bill Davis to speak in Acton

Acton people will have an opportunity to hear the Minister of Education, the Hon. William Davis in the Tri-Angl Men's Club's next meeting at St. Alban's Hall on Thursday, November 20.

Tickets are being sold for the event which is one of a series which has featured influential speakers from the provincial and federal level in politics.

Mr. Davis' department is one of the most controversial at the present time and the club officials say he will be answering questions on education as well as delivering an address.

Comeback for clock

The former Bank of Montreal clock will cost the town \$800 by the time it's up and ticking.

However, Mayor Duby declared at council Tuesday evening that the people need a clock on the main street.

Installation of the clock is priced at \$351.68; renewing it with new paint and name \$347.44 and wiring \$100.

The clock was taken down from the Bank of Montreal building and given to the town. Educated guesses place its worth at about \$2,000.

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Two young men injured in mishap

A two-car collision on Highway 7, west of Blue Springs Road Wednesday morning, Nov. 5, saw two area men escape injury. Raymond Cutting, 17, of R.R. 4 Rockwood had \$100 damage done to his car while Michael Ferrigno, 24, of R.R. 4 Guelph had a total of \$1,000 damage done to his car, say the O.P.P.

The next day, a car driven by Rina Dudnik of R.R. 1 Moffat went out of control and rolled over doing \$1,000 damage to the

car. The driver escaped injury in the mishap which happened on Nassagaweya's First Line south of 28 Sideroad.

An accident on Friday, Nov. 7 on Highway 7 west of Georgetown sent two men to hospital for treatment of injuries. The single-car accident sent the driver, 21-year-old David Cook of Guelph and his passenger, David Carroll, 20, of Guelph to hospital suffering from head, face and back injuries. A total of \$300 damage was done to the Carroll car.

400 club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were William Baverstock, John Goy, Mansell Nelson, Grace Townsley and Kay James.

Panel, discussion on drugs draws 200 to high school

Drug users who resort to the "Speed", the amphetamine the medical profession prescribes for the loss of weight, were warned that over-indulgence reduced their life expectancy and they could expect to live only another two, three or four years.

"They are actually killing themselves," Dr. Omelon, newest member of the Acton Medical Group, told a large crowd of parents, teachers, students and others interested in "drug abuse" at a Family Life Education discussion at Acton district high school last Wednesday.

Results from the drug are very lethal as well as being very rapid. First there is stimulation, then the user becomes jittery and finally everything collapses and dies.

The meeting on drug abuse followed up a similar one at the school in October and guidance teacher Brian Skerrett said he was delighted with the turnout. "It far exceeded our expectation," he told the Free Press.

"Whether we have a drug problem in Acton or not is a matter of opinion," said Mr. Skerrett but the turnout indicated there was wide interest in the subject. Discussion at the next meeting November 27 will be on the "New Morality."

Three of the four discussion groups at last Wednesday's meeting, which sometimes developed into open confrontation between young people who favored the legalization of marijuana and others who made no bones about being opposed, recommended that youth facilities in Acton were not adequate. Most common proposal to solve the problem was a "drop-in centre."

Members of the panel who numbered eight, fielded questions from the audience. The queries ran all the way from why people should not use marijuana to reasons why other countries had banned sale of the drug because of previous dreadful experience.

Dr. Omelon admitted that responsible people were coming out in favor of its use and the government is being forced to conduct a study and come up with answers as to whether or not it is harmful.

Authorities are split on whether the use of marijuana is harmful. Many users of

marijuana also use other drugs and the most repeated objection to use of marijuana was that it led to more dangerous drugs like "Speed" or LSD.

Dr. Omelon warned those at the meeting not to assume that marijuana was harmless because some people take it and don't seem to suffer ill effects. There is very little scientific data on the question, he said, and something may yet be discovered.

It is difficult to tell whether children are smoking marijuana, Dr. Omelon acknowledged when questioned by a parent. It is virtually impossible to detect any symptoms like alcohol would cause.

He suggested that the drug problem was one which people should make their minds up about because the day was not

too far away when they would be forced to make a decision.

Acton, three of the discussion groups decided, was short of facilities for the youth and some complained there was no place to go but the pool room. But other students felt the problem lay with the students themselves who wouldn't support activities when they were organized for them.

Why do people take drugs? Curiosity, said some. For the kick said others.

Teenagers resented being blamed for all the misdemeanors and some brought it to the attention of the participants in the discussion that adults, too, often broke the laws of the land.

The generation gap showed but one mother spoke for many by requesting many more such discussions which she found

valuable as well as being informative.

Members of the panel were Dr. Omelon; public health nurse Mrs. Helen Laughlin; Father Leblanc of the Peel County Task Force; Rev. Gordon Turner, minister of Trinity United Church; Dave Coleman, Wellington Health Unit; Lt. George Moore, Burlington Police; Bill Yundt, pharmacist; and the moderator and organizer, guidance teacher Brian Skerrett.

Group leaders for the discussion were Rev. Turner, Bruce Andrews, Joe Bray and Dr. Omelon.

Mr. Skerrett told the Free Press he would be interested in hearing any opinions on a drop-in centre as a community project and invited comment from those interested.

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