

Goings on at Branch 197



By John McHugh
At the general meeting of the Branch, Monday, September 13, 11 sons and daughters of veterans were accepted into the Branch. The initiation ceremony was ably conducted by our president, Ab Irwin assisted by vice-president, Alex Waldie. We were especially pleased to welcome into ordinary membership, Ross Ballentine. To all the new members, the Branch welcomes you "aboard".

President Ab Irwin and officers of the Branch were especially pleased, re the Branch Anniversary celebrations. Splendid response of so many members volunteering their services made this weekend one of the most memorable in Branch history. Starting off on Friday night, entertainment provided by the Choralliers, Bob Finlay and his banjo, Ron Loutitt at the organ and many others were all well received by an enthusiastic, over capacity audience.

Breakfast
On Saturday morning the following members worked hard to produce one of the finest breakfasts this Branch has ever known. Harry Otterbein, Doug Mason, Cal McIntyre and Bill Cook slaved over a hot stove, turning out bacon, eggs and pancakes with such professionalism one would think they had been doing this type of thing all their lives. "Great work fellas". Also working with them in the kitchen were Comrades Chuck Shultis, Sam Tennant, Steve Goy and Ron McKnight. On dishes were Gord James, Jim Gordon, Fred Allen and of course our President Ab Irwin. A big job, well done, and the thanks of the Branch goes out to these men. Around 250 breakfasts were served.

It was very gratifying to read in the Free Press that the officers of the Fall Fair Board felt that the Legion's participation in the parade and the services of the Mini Bus, transporting people back and forth to the Fair to and from the Branch, certainly helped to a great degree in the success of the fair. This has to be a shining example of co-operation. Perhaps it could be repeated again another year.

The Pipe and Drum Band of Ontario Command were outstanding. All members had every reason to be proud of them. The Ladies' Auxiliary provided hot meals for the band and they were especially appreciative of the Aux-

iliary efforts and Branch hospitality. The Branch was "jammed" to capacity Saturday evening. It was nice to see so many old familiar faces, from far and near, enjoying themselves in a real spirit of comradeship.

Sunday afternoon
On Sunday afternoon an enjoyable concert was played by Acton Citizens' Band. The band's selections were varied and appealed to every taste. The Choralliers performed, under the direction of Comrade Ted Hansen and David Mashinter at the piano. My thanks and the thanks of the Branch goes out to George Elliott, conductor of the Band, and its members and of course to our own Choralliers.

Good idea
Harry Otterbein, Doug Mason and Brian McDonald handled the cooking chores consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs and chips.

Our two members of Parliament were on hand Sunday afternoon, Dr. Frank Philbrook of the Federal and Julian Reed of the Provincial legislature. Julian Reed presented a plaque to our President on behalf of William Davis, Premier of Ontario, to commemorate 50 years of legion service and achievement. The plaque has been placed in the lounge.

Frank Philbrook spoke very nicely of the Legion and its 50th anniversary. He also talked to John Goy and will be trying to do all he can to help John in his efforts to obtain a tank and field gun for our outside display. He seemed quite taken by the whole idea.

Collision
Two cars were in collision at the Mill-Main corner Tuesday of last week. Driver Proful Gupta, Mississauga, had estimated \$250 damage to his car. James Hulme, London, was the other driver.



VOLUME OF photographs commissioned as Canada's official gift to the United States on their bicentennial was presented to Acton library. Gary Reading, film officer for the National Film Board office for Hamilton and Niagara and the office's film librarian Jean Codsi (left) show the beautiful book to librarian Mrs. Isabel Watson.

U.S. Bicentennial gift presented to library

Prime Minister Trudeau visited Washington, D.C. to present to President Ford a copy of the National Film Board's "Between Friends Entre Amis", a beautiful volume of photographs which was chosen as Canada's official gift to the United States on the occasion of the American Bicentennial.

Last Wednesday a copy of the same book was presented to the librarian of Acton public library, Mrs. Isabel Watson.

Gary Reading, field officer for the Hamilton and Niagara area, and Jean Codsi, film librarian, represented the National Film Board and made the presentation.

For community The book is for the community, so the logical place to place it is in the library, Mr. Reading said.

He has made about 25 such presentations so far in his territory which ranges from Oakville to Fort Erie.

He explained that when the National Film Board was asked to prepare the book, 32 photographers were sent out and covered 5,000 miles, restricting their work to within 25 miles on each side of the border.

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Heavy traffic trucks crash

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Wesley Kraemer, 31, of Mitchell, was heading towards Toronto when he was forced to brake his 1973 GMC tractor trailer to slow down for the traffic ahead of him.

Meanwhile, 23-year-old Peter Forbes of 112 Poplar Ave., Acton, who was following behind Kraemer was unable to stop his 1973 Mack tractor trailer and the collision occurred.

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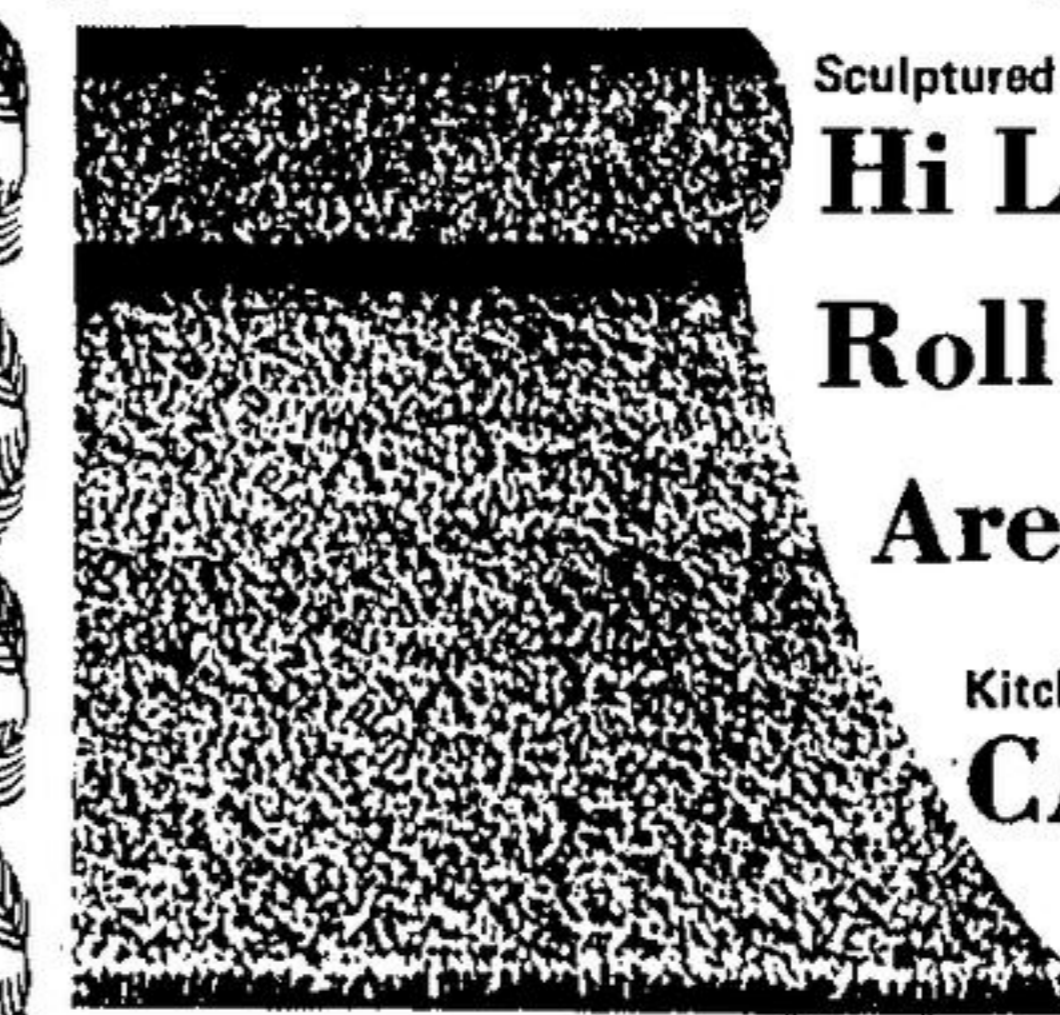
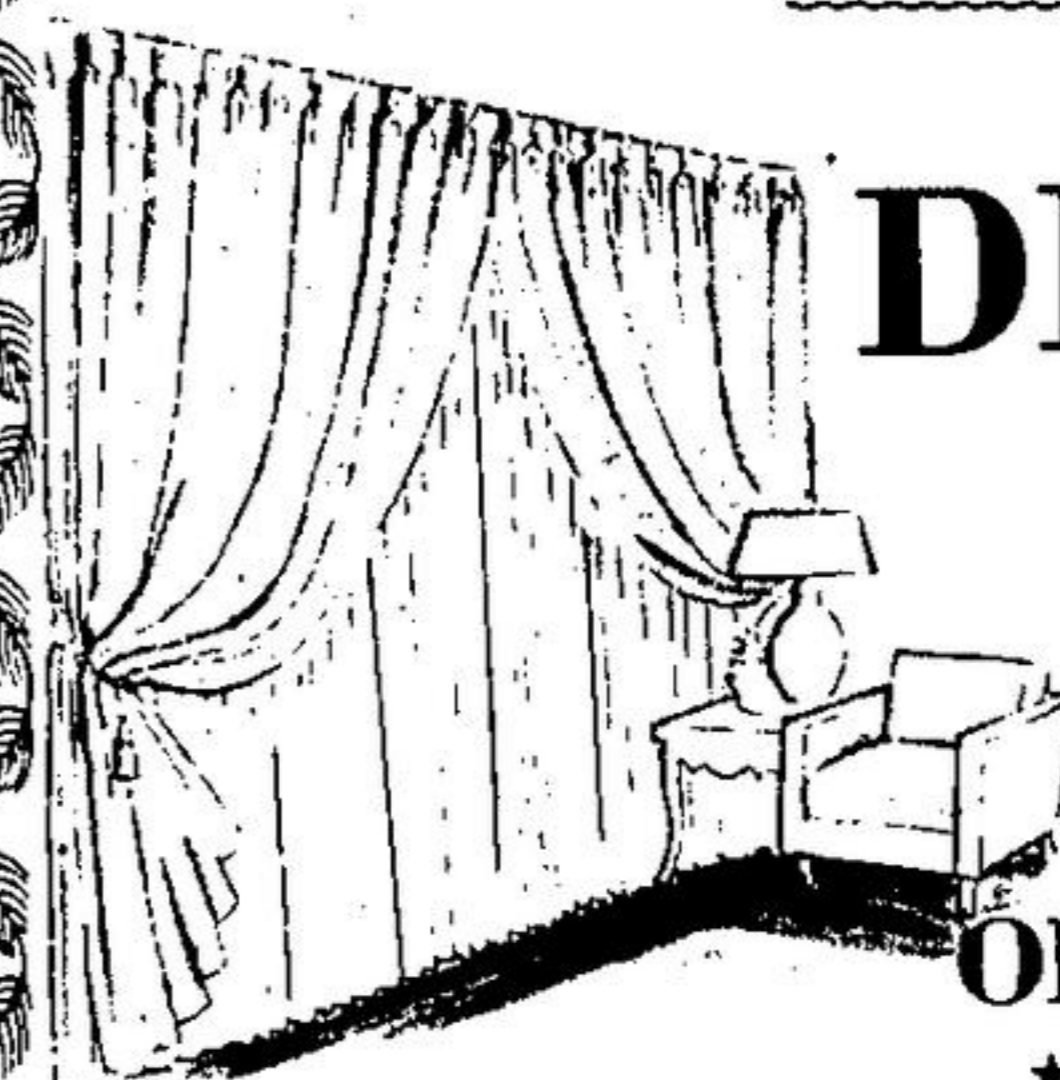
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