



WORLD WAR I vets Cam Leishman and Jim Inglis are served Yorkshire pudding by Kay James. Flags decorated the tables at the Legion when the Sunnybrook vets and World War I vets from town were special guests Saturday.

## Sunnybrook vets guests at Legion

Branch 197 Acton was a very active place on Saturday afternoon when the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary entertained 50 vets from Sunnybrook hospital and seven of their own World War I veterans, Dr. Buchanan, John Milne, Bob Turner, Cam Leishman, Fred Wright, Willard Britton and Jim Inglis.

The Choralliers sang many old songs and charmed them with their voices.

One of the visiting vets played his accordion and kept everyone singing and tapping their toes for the rest of the afternoon.

Many goodies were given out by the ladies, the men receiving cigarettes, cigars, candy and after shave lotion and the seven women present received cigarettes, chocolates and perfume.

The men of the Branch treated the vets royally with refreshments and their attention for the afternoon. There were 13 wheel chair patients and many who weren't too steady on their feet.

After a delicious banquet they left for Sunnybrook a happy, well-fed group of grand old vets. Legion members are hoping to have them again next year.



OLDEST SUNNYBROOK vet at the Legion dinner Saturday was Bill Bell, who is 92.



HOME MADE pies are seldom made for catering jobs now, but this is one Legion Ladies dinner that gets them. Mary Daigle serves the vets.

## Donations from Auxiliary

by Fern Shultis  
Legion Ladies Auxiliary held their November meeting with 47 present. New members voted in were Janet and Phyllis Raynor and Nora Cordoni.

Marjory Staley was the lucky winner of the Christmas cake. Eileen Wedge had her name pulled for the pot of money but she was absent. Two euchre teams are going on to Provincial in Sim-

coe. All wish them luck.

One hundred dollars was donated again this year to the Santa Claus Parade fund in Acton to buy the sugar canes, also \$100 to help the new Coffee House in town to get started. We feel this will be good for the town.

Lily Higgins took names for the Christmas bus trip. There are still quite a few seats so anyone outside the Legion who would like to come along get in touch with Lily for information. There are banquets coming up for Christmas so we'll be calling on all the comrades.



FERN SHULTIS of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary served the table with women vets at the Legion dinner for Sunnybrook vets Saturday.

## Eugene Braida is 90 years old

From Gravere Italy to Bracebridge Ontario to Acton, Eugene Braida has left a trail of friends who in one way or another helped him celebrate his 90th birthday Sunday.

Mr. Braida was born on November 6, 1887 in Gravere. He was the son of Battista and Maria Braida. In 1906 he packed up his belongings, said goodbye to his parents, and travelled to Bracebridge, where he met some friends. Here he worked at the tanning factory until 1925, when he moved to Acton and got a job with Beardmore. He has lived here ever since.

In 1912, while living in Bracebridge, Mr. Braida met Theresa Guglielmo, who also was from Italy. The two travelled back to their homeland and were married. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1962, and Mrs. Braida died in 1969.

During their lifetime together, they had four children, Nino, Norman, who died in 1971, and daughters Elma, and Rena (Mrs. Ray Arbic). He has eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In 1939, Mr. Braida bought out Kenney Shoe Store which he ran until 1956. At this time, sons Nino, Norman, son-in-law Ray Arbic and himself

formed the Corona Shoe Company.

An open house was held at his home at 284 Queen St. Sunday where over 200 people visited him. A dinner was held at St. Joseph's hall for family and friends. Dr. Frank Philbrook, member of parliament for Halton, visited his home and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Canadian government. Julian Reed, member of provincial parliament, was on hand to present a plaque from the Ontario government, and Father J. Smye visited to present a plaque from the Pope. Engraved on it is "Special apostolic blessing from the Pope." Mr. Braida is extremely proud of all three gifts.

Friends and relatives came from Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Mississauga, Brampton, Oakville, Port Credit, Georgetown and Huntsville. Two special masses were celebrated on his behalf in Italy. One was held in Gravere in the same church where he was baptized and married, and the second mass was celebrated by longtime family friend Monseigneur Didero in Ventimiglia Italy.

Mr. Braida is still very active and is interested in all aspects of life. His entire family gathered for his birthday, making the occasion a very happy one.

## November meeting for IODE chapter

Forty members attended the November meeting of Lakeside Chapter IODE, held in the Legion Auditorium, November 1. Letters were read from the recipients of the chapter high school awards, also a letter of thanks from the Robert Little School for the Jubilee book presented to the school library.

Books and magazines were donated by the members for the two local senior citizen homes. Final plans were discussed for the annual bazaar and Christmas activities.

Mrs. Jane Gamble showed slides of a recent trip to Mexico taken by four of the chapter members, and Mrs. Kay Alger displayed some of the crafts made by local artisans.

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## Vandals tip tombstones

Vandals went tripping through the tomb stones of a pioneer cemetery near Milton.

Sixty head stones were toppled in the Mountsberg Methodist Church cemetery. Hamilton-Wentworth Police are looking for a vehicle which was used to drag down a heavy steel fence which surrounds the burial lot.

Damage is estimated to be in the range of thousands of dollars.

Annual services are held by the church in the cemetery, though the congregation moved to the village of Rockton years ago.