

Legion Lines



By Roma Timpson

Friday evening was pleasantly spent in our lounge with George (Rowe) and Brian (Munkley) supplying the very excellent music on piano and drums. Scarcely room on the floor unless you were first up to dance. They will be back again.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday saw many busy people out all over town standing with their poppy boxes and they were well received by our towns people. This is the one and only time that the town is canvassed for money in this capacity. Every nickel, dime, quarter or more that you contribute goes to our poppy fund and that it costs this legion and every other legion a cent? That is what we pay for every poppy. Word from Ottawa is that 10 million poppies would be worn this past Saturday and Sunday while the Royal Canadian Legion holds its 49th annual poppy day. Most of this money goes to those ex-service people and their dependents who are in financial distress.

Comrade Cleator states that last year command, on behalf of all legions in Canada present to Hospital for Sick Children, \$30,000 worth of heart testing equipment. We are very proud to have been a part of this gesture.

Our Remembrance Weekend was one of the best, if not the best. 200 people including members and their wives, many widows of our late comrades, members guests, and our exceptionally well known head table guest sat down to a beautiful roast beef dinner, served by our ladies from the Knox Presbyterian Church. They did a tremendous job.

Piper George Greig piped our head table guests to their seats. These guests, Rev. Kelvin Johnson and wife Connie, Col. John R. Barber, Rev. Ross Duncan, D.D. were accompanied by Ladies Auxiliary President, Jan Emmerson and usband Jim, Branch President, Denny Wright and his wife Dorothy, Branch Padre Rev. Peter Barrow and his wife Carol, Mayor Tom Hill and his guest June Lerch, 1st Vice President Harold Badham and his wife Elsie, 2nd Vice President Pat Chamberlain and his wife Doris.

I don't remember a more humorous, witty or enjoyable group of speakers in all my years of attending these remembrance dinners. Rev. Kelvin hasn't changed one single bit unless it was to be even more charming than ever. He kept us laughing each time he approached the mike.

Col. John R. takes a back seat to no one in his wit and humour and he had the pleasant duty of introducing our guest speaker, Rev. Major Ross Cameron. This gentleman was an outstanding speaker and it was a great pleasure to have him to our legion.

Although solemn in certain areas as he reminisced over some of his personal experiences, he also injected more humorous anecdotes to the evening. He closed with the words "The legion serves a purpose, we should pass this purpose on to our young along with our wealth of experience that we have achieved today. Don't let back and bask on past

glories but involve new energies and keep our legions at the top, where they are today."

Col. Barber is a most remarkable man and has had a brilliant career. Travelled around the world twice by boat and has been to 69 countries. W-O Jeff Jobb was bugler during our Remembrance Ceremony, past President Norm Ward made the toast to our fallen comrades and Rev. Kelvin Johnson read "In Flanders Fields", and I have never heard it said with more feeling. Thanks so much Kelvin, it was just beautiful.

Gifts were presented to Rev. Kelvin Johnson, Col. Jon R. Barber and Rev. Major Ross Cameron and flowers for their wives. Mayor Tom Hill brought greetings from the town of Halton Hills and expressed the pleasure it was to be associated with our branch as an Honorary Member and the fine relationship the town of Georgetown and Branch 120 have always enjoyed.

Ladies Auxiliary President, Jan Emmerson had the pleasant duty of presenting to Branch President, Denny Wright, a cheque for \$1,500 from the Auxiliary and comrade Denny said how appreciative he and his executive and branch members are of all the hard work the ladies do and how well we are supported in all legion projects whenever asked.

He mentioned the many hours that are put in catering to weddings and banquets, the plowing match last year and now the weekly bingos. Our branch is no different than all flourishing branches across Canada and when he says "we'd be nothing without the ladies", I say "Amen" to that, no matter if the ladies are in the auxiliary or the branch.

Our good friends, Jimmy and Maggie Murphy were at the dinner and we welcomed them with love, as we did all our widows.

Comrade Audrey Martin did her usual capable job of decorating the head table and setting out name plates. We look to Audrey to fulfill this annual job of hers and we know she enjoys it also.

Our honorary member, Dorothy Stone had our book of Remembrance brought up to date, and this is beautifully done and we thank you Dorothy, and Audrey for jobs well done.

President Denny Wright had the pleasure of presenting a Legion 25 Year Service Pin to Col. John Barber and Col. Barber replied that "this was the finest decoration he had ever received."

We held a service in Glen Williams shortly after 12:30 on Sunday at the Glen Cenotaph. There were several members on parade for this occasion and a good many Glen citizens as well. We had the firemen accompany us led by Bernie Dore who laid a wreath as well as the Auxiliary, Branch and Imperial Section Colour Parties.

We must apologize to our Glen friends for the lack of a piper and a bugler.

Our piper and bugler were in Erin attending that legions service and the intentions were that they would be back in time for our Glen service, but as it happened, Erin were running a little late, which unfortunately made it impossible for piper George Greig and bugler W-O Jeff Jobb to be at the service.

Honour Guards at the cenotaph were cadets, Doug Cousens, Janice McDonald, Allen Vernon and Rose Wright.

Joining us at our service in the Glen along with the Rev. Peter Barrow was Mayor Tom Hill who addressed the congregation. Mayor Hill said "with our fellow Canadians all across Canada, we pause to remember those who sacrificed their lives that we might live in freedom. We

remember those who fought in both world wars and although those from the war of 1914-1918 their ranks are thinner as the years go by, we express our gratitude to those who are still among us. We remember those of world war two and all other conflicts the world over, where Canadians served so valiantly. Also remembering those in hospitals, though yet alive, sacrificed their capacity to live a normal life." His parting words were "the sacrifice of these Canadians were made in the name of freedom...may our efforts in the future be made in the name of peace."

Shortly after 2 p.m. Branch 120, under the direction of Parade Marshall, Pat Chamberlain, members formed up outside the branch, followed by several Ladies Auxiliary members, followed by the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department led by Chuck Tyler. Region of Halton Police Department, led by Commander District One, Floyd Schwantr, Squadron 756, led by Capt. C. Cousens, 2nd Lt. C. Vernon and 2nd Lt. Ann Smith, Scouts and colour party, Army Cadets Pte. Gerry Gale, Pte. Robert Hodskins, Pte. Larry Taylor, Pte. Kevin Harrison, with with Sgt. Mycull Bourque. The Lorne Scots Militia Honour Guard were waiting for us when we arrived at the cenotaph along with quite a few on-lookers who were waiting to take part in the service.

Councillor Harry Levy made the opening address in the absence of the Mayor. Rev. Peter Barrow then took over the service, which included the singing of "O God Our Help I Ages Past, Prayer of Invocation, The Lord's Prayer, said by all and he introduced Rev. Tom Brelsford of the Georgetown and District Ministerial Association who read the holy scripture.

There were close to 2 dozen wreaths laid at the cenotaph, including one from the Government of Canada by Julien Reed, M.M.P., Town of Halton Hills, Legion 120, Imperial Section, Police Dept., Fire Department, Lorne Scots, and many private citizens.

Fred Bootle played the organ for our hymns, and during the laying of the wreaths, the honour rolls were read out by First Vice President Harold Badham, W.W.1, (27), Past President and Deputy Zone Commander, Norm Ward, W.W.1 (36) and killed in action in Korea 1951 (2).

Perhaps there are many more of you who fit into this category or close to it but the only one I herd of was our good friend George Sargent who has marched in 30 consecutive Remembrance Day Parades. Nice going young fellow and to all who trail him by only a few years.

Thanks also to all who helped make Saturday the success it was and to Rev. Peter Barrow who was at the dinner, both services and who never fails to be with us when we need him.

Well it wouldn't be me if I didn't forget someone, spell their name wrong or do something wrong, so I

apologize in advance if I have. Just let me know and I will rectify it in next week's column.

During our poppy week we have many helping hands who, without them, poppy Chairman, Tom Elliott says the week would be a disaster. Without a doubt the one pair of helpinghands that we couldn't

do without are Mrs. Teresa Harrison's. Loyally year after year (16 I believe) Teresa has stood out in all sorts of inclement wether to help boost the sales of poppies for Branch 120. (We thank you so very much Teresa for your very fine efforts on our behalf and we just couldn't do without you each and every year. You

have built up a record year for many years and this year is not exception with over \$300.00

This Friday is the Imperial Sections dinner and draw. The ladies of the Auxiliary will be serving all ticket holders a beautiful dinner, as they always do. Wives of the Imperial members who would like to come out and help our

Auxiliary ladies prepare and serve the dinner are most welcome to do so. You can call Jan Emmerson and let her know who is coming out.

Notice to all branch members not initiated as yet, call Tom Elliott, 677-8302 because this Saturday is membership night. Also if you are entitled to a 25, 30, 35, 40 or 50 year

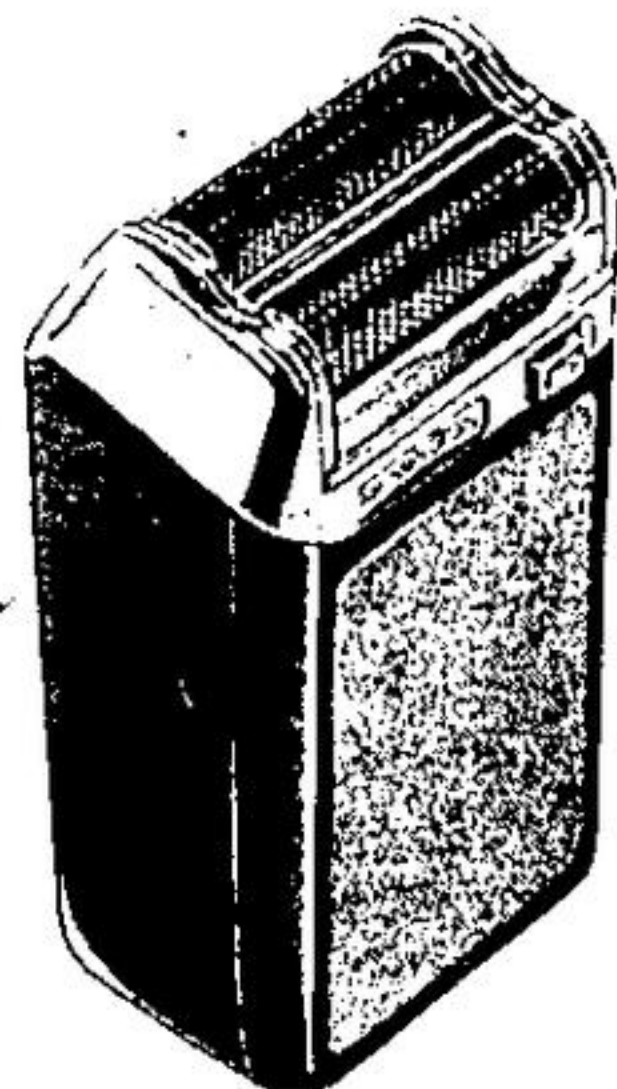
service pin by all means get in touch with Tom Elliott, membership chairman or any of the executive and we will be only pleased to see that you receive your pin.

We have welcomed several new members to our legion the past few months and add another name to the list with Ken Creary who joined last week.

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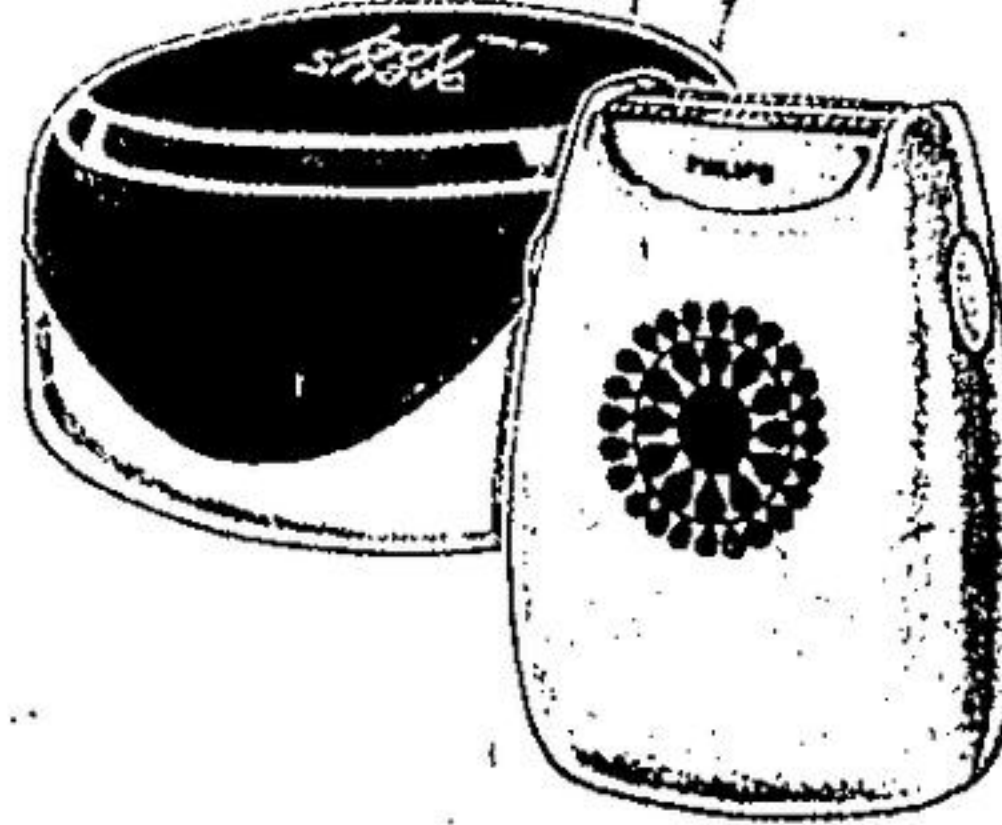
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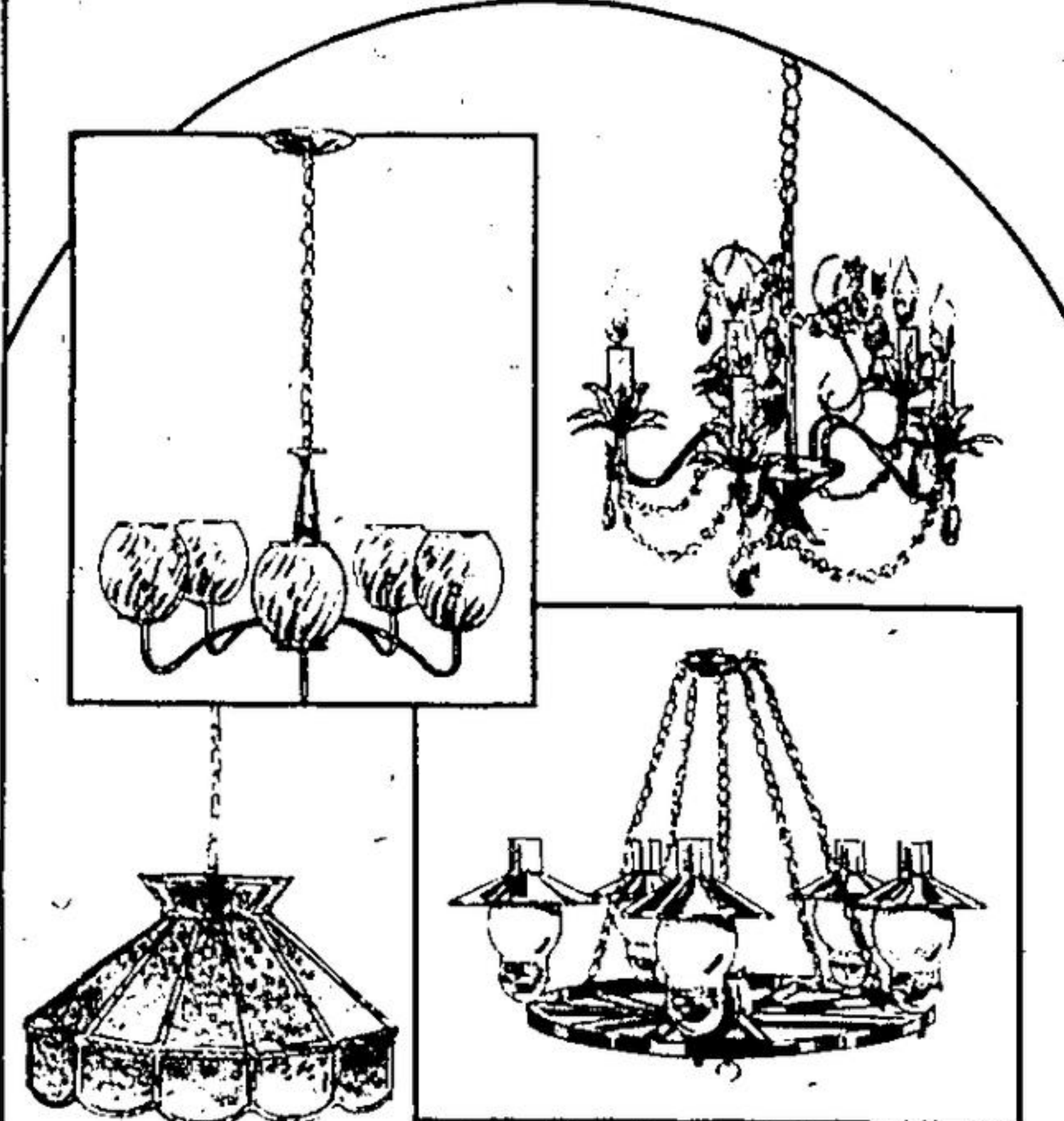
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