



Bob Connelly assists in placing of the wreath at Brookwood cemetery in England.

## DIEPPE REMEMBERED

By MACGILVRAY

Thirty-five years ago last month Canadians stormed the beaches of Dieppe, and many lost their lives in the German counter-attack.

It has been claimed by some that the sacrifice turned the war around in favour of the Allies, while others said it was an exercise in futility likened to the "Charge of the Light Brigade."

Three Georgetown boys, Bob Connelly, Johnny O'Kane and Ed Francis were members of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry who took part in the raid.

Johnny O'Kane died that day on the beach; the late Ed Francis was taken a prisoner of war, and Bob Connelly made it back to the landing craft after being caught up in the barbed wire. Mr. Connelly said "he was just one of the lucky ones."

Another member of the regiment Sgt. Herbert "Sheeny" lost his life in an unfortunate accident during maneuvers on the Isle of Wight prior to the Dieppe raid. He was buried in England.

Last month 168 veterans, their families and friends of the R.H.L.I. made the pilgrimage to Dieppe to remember their comrades buried there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Connelly, former residents of Georgetown and now of Oakville, were among those who attended the service at the Canadian memorial.

Sgt. C. Fairburn and Mayor Jack McDonald of Hamilton placed the regimental wreath, and Mr. and Mrs. Connelly also placed their own flowers. Padre Col. Foote, V.C., a distinguished hero of that dark day also attended.

Mrs. Connelly will be remembered as the former Norene Forgrone.

**VISITED BROOKWOOD**  
Returning to England the Connellys were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Georgetown and together they visited Brookwood War Cemetery where they joined others on the tour at a memorial service there.

They placed flowers on the grave of Herbert "Sheeny" Tost on behalf of his sisters in town, Mrs. Kenneth McMillan and Mrs. "Lefty" McMan.



Veteran Bob Connelly, who with his wife, attended the 35th Dieppe Remembrance Services last month in France.

Sheeny will be remembered by the older Georgetown residents for his ability as a hockey player in the years prior to the war.

The Connellys felt it a privilege to attend the 35th remembrance services at Dieppe and Brookwood. While they were deeply touched by the "crosses row on row", Bob was proud to have served at Dieppe.



Mrs. Connelly stands by the grave of Sgt. H. "Sheeny" Tost at Brookwood War Cemetery.

# Something new in opener

Theatre audiences looking for something new on stage are promised their fill with Georgetown Little Theatre's season opener, The Mumberley Inheritance.

Derek Joyne is directing the production and told The Herald he is "trying to do something different by adding music." He wrote of his intention to playwright Warren Greaves in Edmonton who gave him a free hand.

The Mumberley Inheritance isn't true melodrama, the director said. "It's a send up of melodrama." Set in Britain in the early 1900's, it will be played as a musical with turn of the century tunes Ralph Ursell is digging up with titles such as The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo, She was Poor But She Was Honest, Has Your Mother Anymore Like You? and Roses Bring a Dream of You.

Joyne, as director, finds plenty of challenge in making the show work by opening night, Oct. 19 for a four night run.

For starters, he began with a script bare of production notes which normally contain prop lists, lighting and sound plots, set design and a description, perhaps, of the first public performance.

In this case, Joyne said, no such information was included by the Canadian publisher. The play won an award as best Canadian written dramas event years ago in an ACT festival.

"We had to create the mood, set, everything," Joyne said, "and it's been fun from that point of view."

Another challenge is to fit the music in the play, he said, works directors can usually shirk. "But I'm forced to," he added, not entirely displeased with his lot.

Joyne feels he has a strong cast of GLT veterans to make the musical work, especially following the great success last year of Ron Hill's musical

The Bungalow with music and lyrics by Ralph Ursell and Charles Crimes.

He said GLT will decide in a couple of weeks whether to enter The Mumberley Inheritance in the theatre festival. Whatever the decision, Joyne is relatively unconcerned about it. "It doesn't affect my work," he said.

"The audience comes before the adjudicator."

And keeping that dictum in mind, Joyne declined to reveal the plot other than to say, "It's funny."

The eight-member cast are Bev Nicholas, as Sir Roger Mumberley; Joyce Holland as the heroine, Daphne Mumberley; Bob Matthews as Rodney Stouhart, the hero; Ed Arcuri as the long lost brother, Jack Mumberley; Ron Hunt as a character named Crispin Cringe; Pat Joyne as Polly, the nurse and maduke Mayhem, the villain.

Following the opening night performance, the GLT will host a wine and cheese party for the benefit of the YM-YWCA in Georgetown.



Bev Nicholas, (left) plays the character of the slightly deaf Sir Roger Mumberley in the Georgetown Little Theatre's first production of the season, The Mumberley Inheritance. Shouting into the speaker trumpet is Ed Arcuri who plays the long-lost brother, Jack Mumberley.

## Costly to produce live theatre

Ever wonder how much it costs to produce live theatre? Well, according to the Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT), the community's only amateur theatre group, it runs from \$800 to \$1,500 per production.

And since the group members live in Halton Hills the bulk of the cost is returned to local people through purchases of goods and services.

GLT treasurer Brian Herner, 30, says the four-play season each year requires a budget of about \$9,000.

"Of the \$9,000, \$6,000—about two thirds—goes back into the town in terms of advertisements, building supplies, for sets, decorating, costumes, printing posters, tickets, photography and school rentals," Mr. Herner says.

The only outside help the GLT receives is an annual grant from Theatre Ontario for use in the hiring of a professional for one of its productions. This can be for any position from actor to director.

Last year the theatre group hired Donald Ford to produce its final play of the season No Sex Please—We're British! Negotiations are now under way for the hiring of another director for one of this year's productions.

Two years ago the GLT executive adopted a policy of placing \$2,000 annually into a building fund as a contribution toward the development of a Halton Hills facility where live theatre could be performed. For both years the GLT has made its objective.

## Fall fair list out

The 1977 Georgetown Fall Fair prize lists are now off the press and ready for distribution.

Copies may be obtained from the secretary-manager C. R. Fogal or at the newspaper offices.

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