



www.theIFP.ca

THE INDEPENDENT & FREE PRESS



Thursday, November 10, 2011

Halton Hills' award-winning newspaper serving Acton & Georgetown

56 Pages

50 Cents (+GST)



Forgotten war memorial plaque finds new home

By **TED BROWN**
Staff Writer

It was 20 years ago— 1991. The Abitibi Provincial Paper Mill closed down after years of being one of the main employers in Georgetown. As the various items and machinery were being cleared out of the buildings, there was a large bronze plaque hanging on the wall in one of the rooms.

It listed the names of 18 Second World War soldiers— all employees of the then-Provincial Paper Limited, who had lost their lives while on active duty.

The names were M. Badre, W. Carney, C. Carpenter, R. Cartmell, L. Denneny, G. Dillon, J. Hemphill, W. Hukkanen, R. Hunter, D. Isaacs, J. Keating, W. Lanktree, J. C. McGregor, W. Murphy, H. Nelson, G. Robertson, J. Teskey and J. O. Weldon.

On a line below the names was the inscription, 'They Gave Their All In The Cause Of Freedom'.

The company, not sure what to do with it, decided to place the 100 lb. plaque in the care of some people they knew who would find the proper place for it— the Royal Canadian Legion.

Being quite large and heavy, Branch 120 (Georgetown) Legion members found it necessary to find a suitable interim place to store it until they could decide what to do with it.

At the time, it was assumed that it would probably be placed at Greenwood Cemetery, displayed somewhere on the grounds.

Veteran Shel Lawr poses with a memorial plaque from Provincial Paper Ltd., which listed the names of 18 veterans— all mill workers who were killed in the Second World War. When the mill closed in 1991 the plaque, which hung in one of the mill's rooms. was removed and given to the Georgetown Legion Branch. Lawr, a Legion member took it to Greenwood

Cemetery for temporary storage, but a recent similar story in this newspaper, featuring Georgetown District High School students, sparked Lawr's memory and the 100 lb. plaque was found in the cemetery's storage shed where it rested for 20 years.

Photo by Ted Brown

See **PLAQUE**, pg. 5

REFINANCING? PURCHASING?

2.99%

4 YR. FIXED CALL FOR DETAILS.

BOB WOODS, Broker

Assured

(905) 877-1490

360 Guelph St., Georgetown

HunterDouglas

Sale, up to 40% off...

Bergsma's

LIVE IN STYLE

PAINT • WALLPAPER • LIGHTING • HOME DECOR

GEORGETOWN MARKETPLACE MALL 905-877-4193

Like us on facebook

HunterDouglas

Extraordinary window fashions, exclusively yours.

hunterdouglas.ca

Derek Dunphy REALTOR®

CallDerek.ca

Time to move? I can help

Johnson Associates SALES REPRESENTATIVE

REAL ESTATE LTD., BROKERAGE

905-877-5165