

Sunday parade, service to honour war dead

The annual Remembrance Day parade and service will take place this Sunday, Nov. 7 focusing on cer-

emonies at the cenotaph on Mill Street.

Those who died in two world wars and the Korean conflict, whose names are inscribed on the cenotaph, will be remembered in the traditional service with Branch 197 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The parade, which forms up at the post office on Bower Avenue, representing all sections of the community, will be led by Acton Citizens' Band and followed by the Le-

gion colour party, Legion members, firefighters, and various organizations. The procession leaves the post office and at 10:45 a.m. for the service at the cenotaph at 11 a.m.

Following the ceremonies at the cenotaph the parade will proceed to Knox Church on Main Street for a special service there. A dinner will follow for veterans at the Legion auditorium at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11, actual date of the signing of the Armistice of

World War I, the Royal Canadian Legion will conduct the original service at the cenotaph beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Nov. 5 to 11 is officially Veterans' Week across Canada "to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of Canadians at home and overseas during wartime and in peacekeeping operations around the world." It is also encouraging young Canadians to learn about the country's military history.

Canadians, of course, are wearing the poppy, symbol of remembrance, through the period from November 5-11. The Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign is one of the legion's most important programs. The money raised from poppy sales provides direct assistance for ex-service people in financial distress, as well as funding for medical appliances and research, home services, care facilities and numerous other purposes.



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Yule festivities, including the Santa Claus parade Nov. 20, start this weekend in Acton. See Page 12.

Illegal apartments Town's target

Halloween quiet here

Air-3, the Halton police helicopter helped disperse a large crowd of Devil's Night partiers outside Manny's Road House about 11:30 Saturday night. While no charges were laid, police report there was the usual group looking for a fight. Halton police report few, if any other problems on either Devil's Night or Halloween, except for eggs thrown at windows at several Mill St. locations.

Driver charged

A rural Acton man has been charged with impaired driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident after his eastbound van struck two cars parked on Mill Street East around 8:45 p.m. Monday. The vehicle then continued south along Willow Street and struck a culvert.



BIG DAY COMING UP: It's Royal Winter Fair time and three local 4-Hers will be off to the show with their calves this weekend. Greg Aitken, 13, left, and Jennifer MacNaughton, 17, will show their yearling heifers in the Knob Hill Farms competitions Saturday and Sunday, while Philip Aitken, 16, has his yearling steer entered in the Queen's Guineas on Saturday. The trio, all members of Erin 4-H calf club, keep their animals at the Aitken farm west of Acton. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Only 18 registered

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The New Tanner

Looks like the Town is ready to focus on getting owners of houses with basement apartments to register those units to ensure they are safe and to generate revenue for the Town.

Two years ago when provincial legislation was changed so municipalities could no longer ban second units in residential dwellings, the Town established standards and a registry program, but has done little to encourage compliance.

"In two years time, 18 people have come forward and done what they're expected to do," Elliott said at a recent council meeting as he asked for a report on the Town's liability and strategies for increasing compliance.

"There literally must be hundreds in municipality that aren't doing it, and if they don't want to pay the tax part, and they don't want to worry about spending the money for the upgrades, then they shouldn't be in the landlord business," Elliott said, reminding councillors of the liability issues several years ago in Mississauga when there was a fatal fire in an illegal basement apartment.

Henry Tse, the Town's director of Building, Zoning and Enforcement, Henry Tse, said they hadn't been actively pursuing the registration issue, but relied on real estate agents, lawyers, dis-

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Halton students do well in tests

Only 45 per cent of Halton's Grade 6 public school students met or exceeded Provincial standards in math testing conducted this spring, a figure that will prompt the Halton District School Board to shift resources.

"We were well above provincial average on all areas of the Grade 3 testing. [We] did well in reading and writing at the Grade 6 level, but were down a bit in math. That tells us there's a focus for us," Board chair Ethel Gardner said

on Tuesday. Gardiner said the value of the testing is that it gives the board clear direction around improvement and, although it's beneficial to compare Halton with other boards in Ontario, it's not helpful to compare individual schools in Halton.

"You might have a very small school that doesn't fare very well. You don't have a very large sample - you might have 10 or 12 children - and then the percentages become huge but its not nec-

essarily an accurate assessment," Gardiner said, adding "all teachers are working hard."

The Grade 3 assessment, in place for three years, is designed to be part of the student's performance evaluation, along with tests and the teacher's report card. The Grade 6 students were assessed for the first time in the spring so a year-to-year comparison can't be done.

The Halton Catholic District School Board is particularly pleased with the "con-

siderable improvement" shown by its Grade 3 students in math, a 21 per cent increase in the number of students who met or exceeded the Provincial standard. Both reading and writing skills of Grade 3 separate school students were up 3 per cent over the 1998 results.

The public board will release individual school results on November 19 and the Catholic board will also release school by school results later this month.

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