

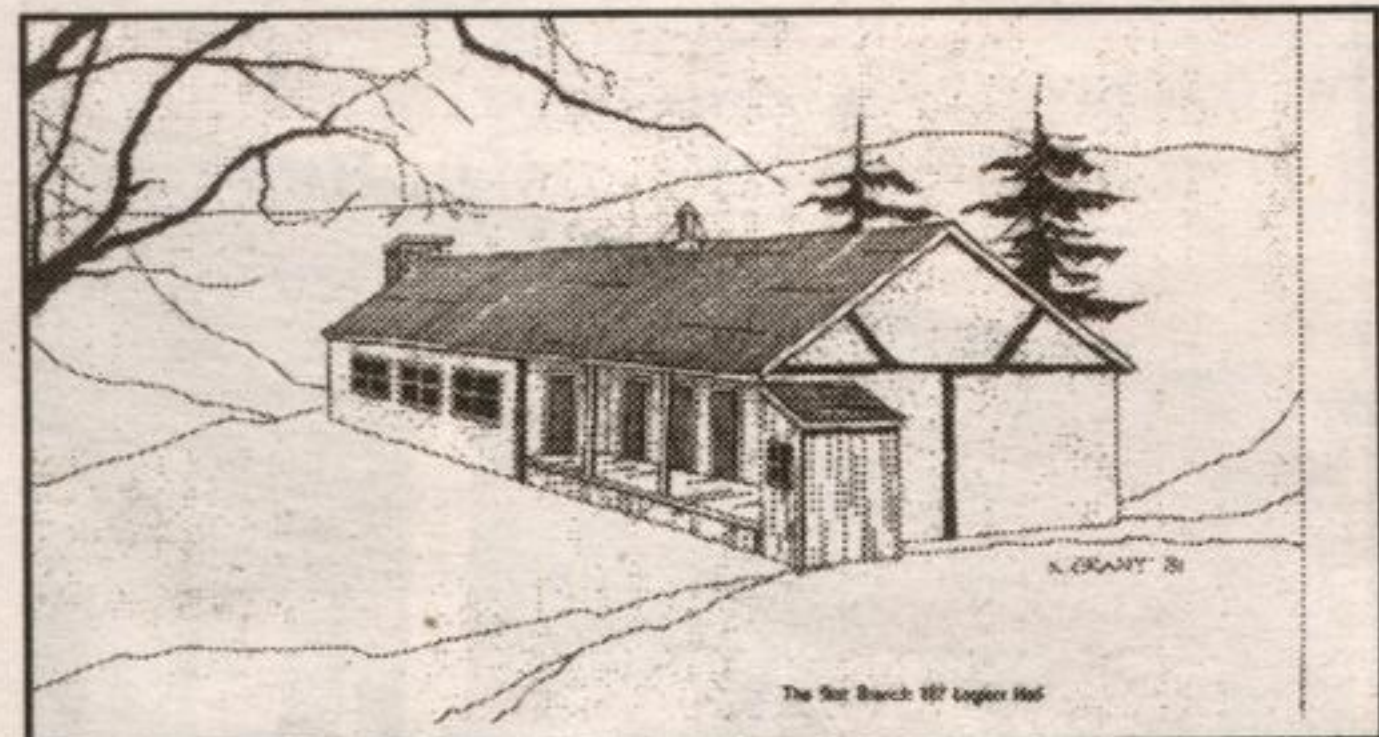
# Past Presidents of Branch 197



W. Gould 1931    J.M. McDonald 1932~1940    G.H. Musselle 1941~1943    J.A. Chapman 1944    S.F. Snow 1945    A.E. Padbury 1946~1947    A. Kirkness 1948    L. Duby 1948    R.M. Storey 1949~51, 53~54, 1960~1961, 1963~1966    W. Mattocks 1952    G.W. Beatty 1955    V.J. Patrick 1956~1957



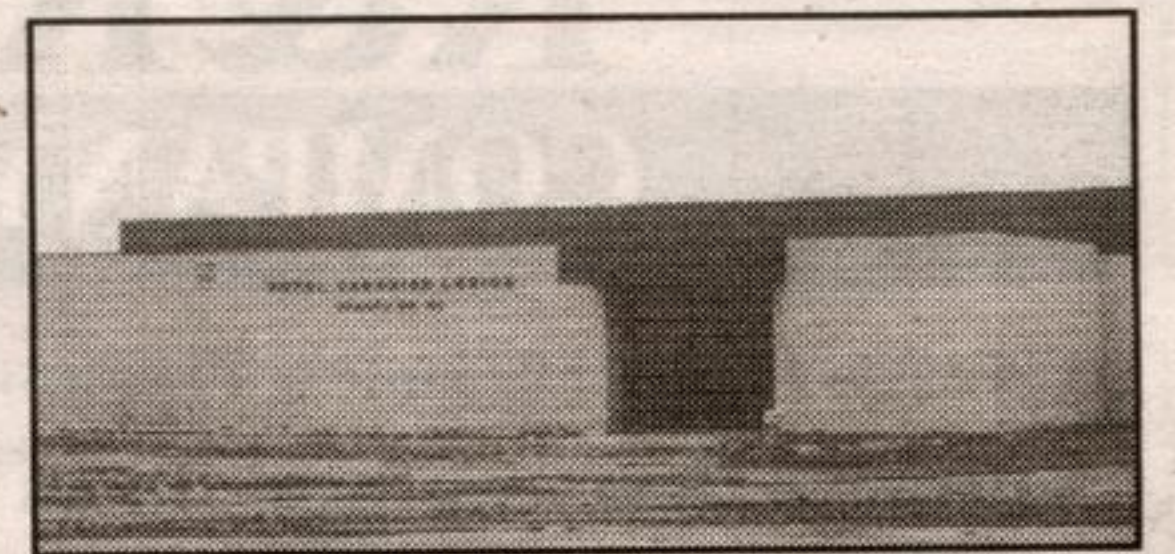
W.H. Peal 1958~1959    J.A. Milne 1962    S.D. Gunn 1964~1965    G. James 1967~1969    R.H.L. Angell 1969~1975    F.C. Allen 1975~1976    A.J. Irwin 1976~1978    J.H. Goy 1978~1980    A. Waldie 1980~1981    J.F. Higgins 1981~1983    L.Shone 1983~1986    J.W. Phillip 1988~1991



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## Veterans' week an invitation...

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the generations ahead as it has inspired us.

If all Canadians participate, The Year of the Veteran will be a year to remember and a year of remembrance that builds on the annual tradition of Remembrance Day and Veterans' Week.

This Veterans' Week, we are remembering the Italian campaign, the 20-month struggle to liberate Italy. It was a battle that involved nearly 100,000 Canadians and left nearly 6,000 dead.

Recently, we followed the trail of the veterans of the Italian Campaign who, 60 years ago, surrendered the comfort and safety of home to become exporters of

peace and freedom. Across Italy, we found cemeteries with row on row of tombstones engraved with the Maple Leaf. We also found towns teeming with people eagerly waving the maple leaf in tribute to the Canadians they remember as liberators and as friends.

In the town of Cesena, the central square was filled with veterans, dignitaries, local families and townspeople as we honoured Smoky Smith. Smoky has always been one of a kind. Now he is also the last of his kind. The last living Canadian who earned the Victoria Cross.

Smoky single-handedly took on enemy tanks and troops while protecting a

wounded Canadian soldier. Hailed as a one-man army, Smoky prevailed and his story would inspire our troops to hold a key bridgehead against continued attacks. His legendary courage was a portrait of thousands more Canadian Veterans, who made the Maple Leaf the badge of bravery throughout the Italian Campaign.

Every Veterans' Week is a battle against the amnesia of time and a mission to remind all Canadians that we have reason to be proud of the achievements of our Veterans and reason to be humbled by the scale of their sacrifice.

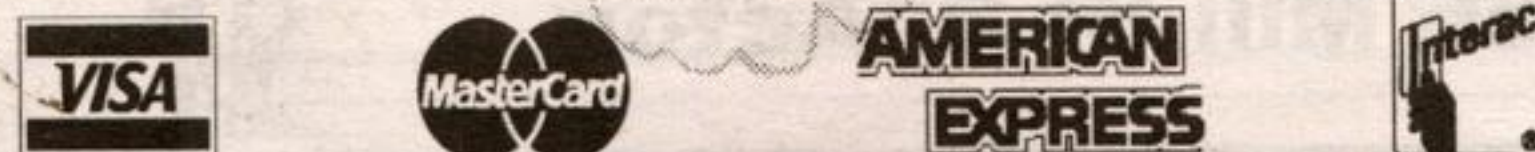
## Shoppers Drug Mart opens at noon Nov. 11

The Owner/ Pharmacist of Acton's new Shoppers Drug Mart Store, Mark Ward-Dargish, out of respect for Remembrance Day and Veterans has postponed the opening of the store until noon today (Thursday) November 11. The official opening of the new store, at the corner of Young and Queen Streets, is not until Saturday, November 13.

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## The Garden of the "Unforgotten"

A garden lies, - far, far, across the sea.  
There, all is Peace, - and birds sing happily  
Where once, the sound of guns did rend the air,  
And warriors sad, - heard dying comrades prayer,  
For Rest, - and Peace.

A garden lies, - far, far, across the sea.  
There, headstones white, with names engraved thereon,  
Where once, the earth was torn by trench and shell,  
Now bloom on grassy spots where brave men fell,  
The Rose of love.

A garden lies, far, far, across the sea.  
There lie war's toll, who died that we might live  
Our puny lives, - in ease and comfort here.  
What shall we offer in return, - our tear?,  
Or loyalty.

To those ideals, for which they sacrificed -  
Their all, - Right, Honor, Justice, and Democracy.  
Oh, happy dead! - sure of a place are they,  
While we on earth, - have yet - to pay our way,  
By KEEPING FAITH, - with them.

*Elizabeth Roworth*

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