Rockwood remembers fallen of two world wars

By Rebecca Ring The Rockwood Miller

The Township of Guelph/ Eramosa held a Remembrance Day Service in Rockwood on Saturday, November 5. The Guelph Pipe Band led the parade to the cenotaph. Mayor Clint Martin, a Korean War veteran, conducted the Act of Remembrance. WWII veteran Jim Milne of Rockwood read the names of the Lost Veterans. Councillor David

McCrae, a relative of author Lt. Col. John McCrae, led the reading of "In Flanders Fields".

Wreaths were placed by Federal, Provincial and Township representatives, the Royal Canadian Legion 197, RCMP, Fire Department Volunteers, Lions Club, Eden House Nursing Home, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, and families. The flag was lowered at 11am while "The Last Post" was played

LEST WE FORGET: War veterans and dignitaries attended the Rockwood Remembrance Day Service last Saturday at Rockmosa Community Centre. From left to right are Mayor and Korean War vet Clint Martin, RCMP Constable Darlene Kieswetter, and World War II vets Bob Leslie, Sytske Drijber, Wally Graham, and Jim Milne. - Photo by Rebecca Ring

on bugle. Two minutes of silence followed, allowing reflection on sacrifices that men and women made fighting for freedom. A piper played

"Lament" and a bugler played "Reveille". Reverend Linda Paquette led all in prayer. The Guelph Pipe Band then led the parade to Rockmosa

Community Centre for a service and refreshments.

Rev. Linda Paquette of Rockwood Presbyterian Church began the service by reading "A Call to Remembrance." Rev. Pauline Head of St. John's Anglican Church read Psalms 46, which begins "God is our refuge and strength..." Rev. Bob Cook of the Everton Community Church gave the sermon. He served in the Navy for 22 years. He spoke of the violence and wars in the world. He thanked those "who laid down their lives for what we believe in...for freedom." He reminded the gathering to remember the past so as to live in the present and see the way to the future. He quoted 1st Corinthians saying "There is no greater love than this that one lay down his life for his friends."

Rev. Lynne Bandy of the Rockwood and Stone United Church then prayed for humankind to use their knowledge to save lives, not to destroy them. Lou D'Arcy led the gathering in song and Rev. Pauline Head closed in prayer.

Poppy symbol...

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In 1921, Field-Marshall Earl Haig, the former Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France and Belgium and the principal founder of the British Legion, was sold on Mme. Guerin's fundraising idea and approved organization

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of the British Poppy Day Appeal by the Legion to raise money for poor and

The same year, Mme. Guerin visited Canada, and convinced the Great War Veterans Association (predecessor to the Royal Canadian Legion) to similarly adopt the poppy as a symbol of remembrance in aid of fundraising.

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