

BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS**
By James Hayes P.R.O.

Comrades,

On Saturday, May 27, a memorial service will be held for our late Comrade Jim Milne, at 10:30 am at the Rockwood Cemetery. Branch 197 will be providing a colour party.

Jim was a past president of Branch 197 and a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion. All members are encouraged to attend.

The executive chairs and appointments will be available after the next executive meeting on May 29. I will report them in next week's Legion News.

The forecast is finally for nice weather; come on down for that friendly game of horseshoes. The fun starts on Thursdays at 6:30 and on Saturday afternoons at 3p.m. All skill levels are welcome. See Keith Andrews or Bob Service for more details.

The Highland Games in Georgetown will be held on Saturday, June 10 and the Branch 197 Colour Party will be taking part in the opening ceremonies. George O'Donnell and his catering crew will be serving Scotch meat pies and mushy peas; also members of your executive will be manning the Branch 197 booth which will be located just inside the beer tent. So come on out and support your Branch and the highland games. If you would like to help work the booth, speak to one of your executive members.

Saturday, June 17 is "Back to Acton Days," so be sure to invite all your friends to spend some time at your Branch.



DOG DAYS: Victoria Day included a romp with a Frisbee for new Acton residents Steve Raben and Peanut, a three-year-old Boarder Collie. *Frances Niblock photo*

On Sunday, June 18 197 Typhoon Air Cadet Squadron will be holding their annual inspection at the Acton arena starting at 1p.m. Following the inspection the cadets and their families will retire to the Branch for a fundraising BBQ.

The Branch will be open to members and guests from noon until 6p.m.

Yours in comradeship,

Ladies' Auxiliary Notes

Next General Meeting is Thursday, June 1 also our Pot Luck night. We will meet around 6p.m. and eat at 6:30 sharp followed by the general meeting at 7:30. This is also the night the newly elected executive will be taking over. Don't forget to bring your favourite dish or dessert and also your appetite!!!

Qualifying round for District Euchre will be held Saturday, June 10 in Georgetown. Sign up with Marg Bromby if your name is not on the list.

LA members don't forget, Decoration Day Sunday, June 4 at 9a.m. at Fairview Cemetery.

Boat cruise is scheduled for Sunday, June 25. The cost of the cruise is \$36 and must be paid to Susan at the June 1 meeting. Also at the June 1 meeting we will require all names of ladies who will be attending the September Provincial Convention being held in Waterloo. Your name must be on the list at the June meeting in order to attend.

We send our best wishes out to Eva Cutting for a speedy recovery and to any other members that might not be well at this time!

*Yours in Comradeship,
Peggy Harris,
President
to Br. 197 LA*

Acton woman celebrates 95 years

By Frances Niblock

A life that shunned smoking and drinking and embraced hard work, good fun and love of her family proved to be very long and very rich for Acton's Edith Jennings who will celebrate her 95th birthday on May 31.

Jennings, who moved to Acton in 1937 with her husband Edwin and the first of their four children, remembers Acton as a "nice little village."

"It's still nice, but it's too big, but it's still home," Jennings said on Tuesday from her apartment at the seniors building on Elizabeth Drive on Tuesday, only slightly annoyed about the fuss being made by her family over her special birthday.

Jennings and her husband Edwin, known as Ed, bought a garage near the corner of Main and Mill Street where the Dollar Stretcher Daze store is now located.

"We came, and we never were sorry," Jennings said after returning from a weekend family visit to Bancroft where three of her four children settled.

"It was a great place to work and raise a family. At first we had a house and then we moved upstairs



**Edith Jennings
95 on May 31**

from the garage. The people before us had cars upstairs but we turned it into a play area for the kids and still today I get people telling me that they used to come and play up there," Jennings said, adding later it was turned into a bowling alley.

Jennings said she sometimes longs for that much simpler and gentler time.

"I knew where my children were, and other mothers knew where their children were. You practically knew everybody in town at that time and today it isn't like that and I don't like that," she said.

Jennings, who had two sons and two daughters, has 12 grandchildren,

the eldest is 49, and her youngest great-grandchild is 17-months old. She and her husband lived in Eden Mills for almost 20 years until moving back to Acton on Mill Street and then just over a year ago to Elizabeth Drive.

Looking back over more than nine decades of life, Jennings said she is most proud of her family and that she was up to it when her adventurous husband decided to leave the Port Perry area and buy a garage in Acton.

"I always had a place over my head and plenty to eat and I still do. I like it here on Elizabeth Drive, and am in really good health, except for a touch of the asthma and I have a knee that bothers me once in a while," Jennings said adding although she's led a good life with no smoking or drinking, a lot of her longevity is down to "just

plain luck."

Friends are invited to help Jennings celebrate her birthday at an open house on May 27 from 1 to 4 p.m., in the common room at 17 Elizabeth Drive.

Best wishes only or a donation to the Eden Mills United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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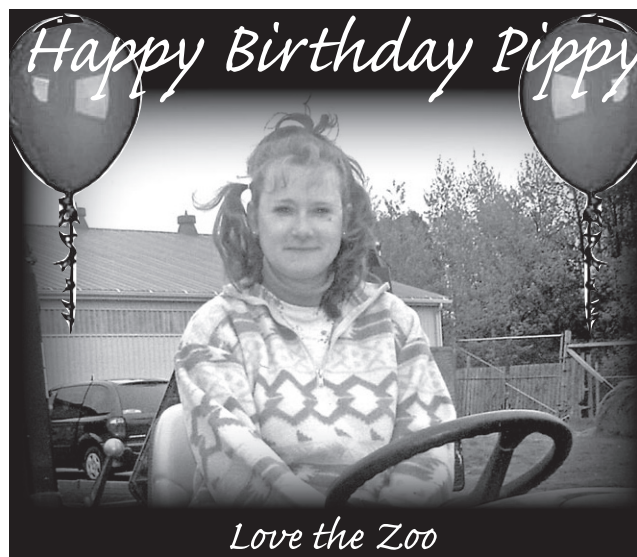
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