



LUNCH BUNCH: IODE Lakeside Chapter member Helen Jocque (right) offered lunch to Jane Hodge (left), Judy Burtney, Marie Anderson and Penny Bristow at the annual IODE Christmas craft sale and luncheon at Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday. — Frances Niblock photo

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

Comrades,

The support for our Remembrance parade last Saturday was outstanding. The participation of all the elements of our community was most gratifying to the Legion organizers. Our sincere thanks to all who braved the rain, and cold grey skies.

Our Ladies Auxiliary, as always, prepared and served an excellent dinner.

A special thanks to Tyler Transport for the donation of the shuttle bus to ferry us to and from the Branch.

The joint Legion and Rotary Seniors Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday the 28th of November; tickets will be on sale soon.

Dates for your diary:

Dec. 8: Honours and Awards, 8p.m. in the ladies lounge.

Dec. 9: Turkey roll, 2-6p.m. in the games room.

Dec. 10: Children's Christmas party at 1p.m.

Yours in comradeship,
Jim Hayes,
Branch PRO.

Ladies' Auxiliary News:

Our Remembrance Day parade and service of Remembrance was very well attended. The dinner that was prepared and served was delicious. Thank you to all the ladies that were involved.

Our December meeting (Dec. 7) will be held on the bus as we have our annual

Christmas dinner outing (Plainsman). If you are planning to attend please contact Sue Poulsen before November 17, as Sue has to make reservations. We are looking forward to having a great turnout.

Yours in comradeship,
L.A. President,
Annamarie Lowin.

Town wants test results from Peel St. home

By Frances Niblock

The Town has filed a Freedom of Information request after the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee (OPG) refused to release results of environmental testing done on a Peel Street residence and two storage bins, citing privacy rules.

"That's a lot of hooley," said Halton Hills municipal bylaw enforcement officer Ron Stein on Friday, adding the Town is not prepared to accept the contention from an OPG lawyer that Acton citizens have nothing to worry about from any possible environmental hazard.

"He makes a ridiculous statement like 'everything is okay and the residents don't have to worry.' Well, we can't rely on that," Stein said.

The OPG ordered environmental testing prior to its staff entering the house and bins to search for money and valuables, acting on behalf of owner Marion Gordon, who resides in a Guelph nursing home.

Her daughter, Nancy Gordon, placed the bins and a porta-potty on the property this summer — she lived in a tent on the front lawn for a while as the house is inhabitable with no electricity or water.

Frustrated neighbours have been trying to have the bins and porta-potty removed, and some have accused the Town of passing the buck on the issue.

Stein said along with the Freedom of Information request, the Town asked for a meeting with OPG officials and informed the OPG that the bins must be removed

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by November 17, or charges will be laid.

"The bins are a violation of the zoning bylaw — they are not permitted to be stored beyond the front face of the building," Stein said, adding he understands that the OPG can order Nancy Gordon, as a tenant, to remove the bins immediately.

Stein said if the OPG refuses the FOI request, the Town will appeal, and if the OPG does not respond to the notice of the zoning violations they will lay

charges.

The Town also wants the OPG, acting as Marion Gordon, to request Halton Region to hook up water to the house so the portable toilet can be removed.

Stein said if the test results were negative, the Town was prepared to allow Nancy Gordon to move the storage bins temporarily to a Town works yard to get them out of the neighbourhood, but she refused the offer.

On Friday afternoon, men in hazardous material

suits visited the site again for what Michael Maedel, general manager of TraumaCare Cleaning Services, said was a meeting for "ongoing preparations to take care of, to get the bins off and make sure everyone is healthy and happy."

During earlier site visits, Maedel's staff, working for the OPG on behalf of Mar-

ion Gordon, took samples from the house and the storage bins checking for mold and environmental toxins.

Maedel directed further questions to the Office of the Attorney General, where an official said they couldn't discuss the particulars of any case or the confidential Freedom of Information process.

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Acton Branch 197 of the Royal Canadian Legion would like to thank you for making it the best Remembrance ever!

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