Rockwood remembers with ceremony



IN FLANDERS' FIELDS: Bridget Edwards read Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem, at the Remembrance Day Service in Rockwood last Saturday. Her father, Robert, spoke about remembering the lives of the fallen, such as his two great uncles named on the cenotaph. - Rebecca Ring Photo

By Rebecca Ring

Guelph/Eramosa honoured its fallen in a Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph in Rockwood last Saturday, November 3. The ceremony was held a week before Remembrance Day so that the Guelph Pipe Band and Royal Canadian Legion members from the Acton and Guelph branches could take part, as they will be participating in those municipalities' services on November 11.

The ceremony began as participants marched from the post office on Guelph St. to the Soldier's Memo-

A Remembrance Day Message

Michael Chong, M.P.

Wellington-Halton Hills

For over one hundred years

Canadian men and women

around the world. Whether in the First

peacekeeping missions around the world

today, over 100,000 Canadians have died

This year, on November 11th, please take

time to pause and remember the ultimate

"Lest We Forget"

sacrifice paid by your fellow Canadians.

War, in World War 2, in Korea, or in

Have fought in conflicts

for their country.

rial Cenotaph on Main St. Parade Marshall Bill Smith called the parade to begin and the Guelph Pipe Band led the way. It assembled at the Cenotaph, where army cadets from the Wellington Regiment stood sentry. Councillor John Scott, the Master of Ceremonies, led the crowd in singing O Canada. He then read the Act of Remembrance. Canadian Forces Lieutenant Chris Patterson piped the Last Post as air cadets from 121 Red Arrow Squadron lowered the flags. Two minutes of silence followed, where everyone had an opportunity to

remember those who fought and are fighting in the name of freedom.

Lt. Patterson played Lament, then Reveille, as the cadets raised the flags. Reverend Lynne Bandy, of the Rockwood and Stone United Church, said a prayer of thanks for all those who gave their lives in war, all those who returned and all those who staved home waiting and praying. She prayed for help for everyone to remember, "Lest we forget." She prayed for new paths of justice and love and for God to "show us Your way."

Bridget Edwards, a young girl whose great-great uncles' names are engraved on the Cenotaph, read "In Flanders' Fields" by Lt. Colonel John McCrae.

People representing a variety of groups and families then laid wreaths of remembrance at the foot of the cenotaph. First was MP Mike Chong, then MPP Ted Arnott, and then Mayor Chris White. Also laying wreaths were members of the Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, Constable Darlene Kieswetter RCMP, Deputy Fire Chief Dan Hitchcock, Lions Club president Ken McNabb, Master Bombardier Dennis Bingham, John Bouwmeester, and members of Scouts, Guides and Brownies. Finally, families and friends of war vets and those who fell.

Robert Edwards, Bridg-

speaker. He remembered how he was encouraged by his father to memorize the poem In Flanders' Fields and how happy he is now to hear his own daughter read it. "A new generation of Canadians is remembering the sacrifices of those who came before us," he said, "Because of these sacrifices, I have been lucky enough to never have known war first hand and I hope this will remain true for my children." He read from the Dept. of National Defense Personnel Selection Record of his great uncle

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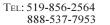
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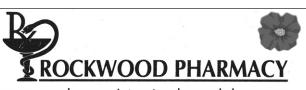
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