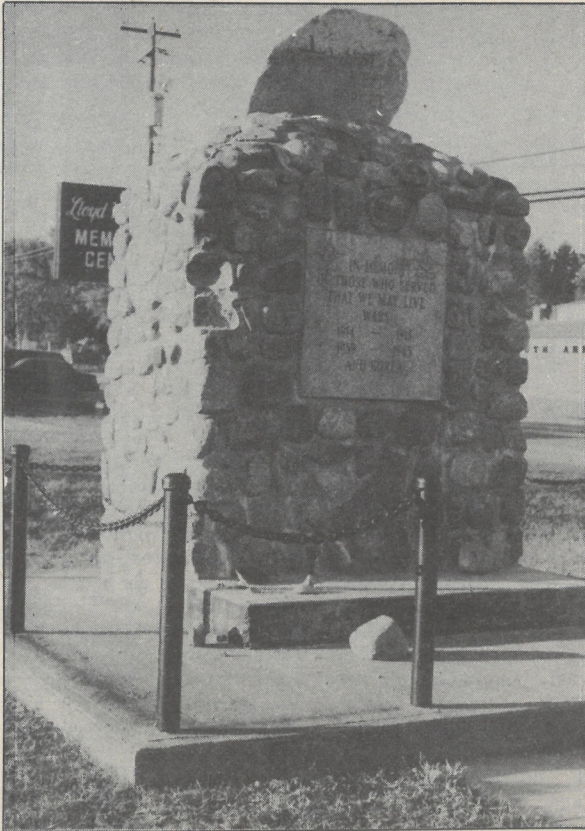


Wilberforce War Memorial Is Defaced



War Memorial at Wilberforce

By Stewart Smith

"It's sad," commented several children, as they viewed, on Monday afternoon, September 11, the damage done to the Cenotaph at Wilberforce.

The children felt a personal hurt that anyone would do this in their community to a monument that was to stand as a memorial for them.

Members of the Wilberforce Legion Branch also felt a personal hurt. Did they risk their lives - and their friends and relatives give up their lives - so that the community could mock them, and slap them in the face?

The damage appears, at first, to be relatively

slight. Two large field stones have been knocked out of the south west corner of the memorial. One of the stones, dirty yellow brown on the outside, broke along a smooth face, revealing a dark and granular interior.

But as one stays by the defaced memorial, one begins to notice other things.

The heavy object used as a weapon also landed on the concrete base, making a crack through the concrete.

The stones were knocked out by a heavy blow. The mortar from there to the top of the monument has a crack, which must be repaired before

frosty weather comes.

The Cenotaph was built by Pat Welsh, now deceased. It was dedicated in the early 1980's.

"Maybe we'll leave it for a while," sighs Legion Branch President, Ethel Scott.

The memorial will probably remain defaced for the Remembrance Day services on November 11. It will remind participants of new threats to human rights and peace.

The Legion Branch, of course, must pay out of its own funds for any repairs - as well as for any security measures they establish.

BANCROFT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

By Stewart Smith

Bancroft Council held its last Village of Bancroft meeting, and its first Town of Bancroft meeting, on Monday, August 28. We reported, in the August 31 Courier, on some work of that Council.

POLICE

"It certainly has been a busy summer," sighed OPP Staff Sergeant Bernie Gaw. The "mindless mischief" of vandalism has been the most vexing.

"People must see this happen," he added. "We cannot be every place at all times." He

begs citizens to phone the O.P.P. - at 1-800-267-7444 if they see anything suspicious, and especially if they see vandalism taking place.

Reeve Lloyd Churchill complained about the light sentences given to those vandals who are convicted. "They go out of court with big grins on their faces."

Staff Sergeant Gaw also announced that the new Community Policing Officer for Bancroft is **Tim Wood**.

There will also be a Police Officer solely responsible for traffic enforcement, beginning in mid

September.

SUBDIVISION

Peter Stringer and several citizens spoke with Council about a proposed subdivision on land near Billa Street (the road to the Arena) and coming out to Bridge Street.

Mr. Stringer spoke of 19 residential units, but insisted, "This is pretty preliminary." He added, "It would be unlikely to see anything happen in 2 years." Council thought he was optimistic at that.

The Stringers - Peter and Kathryn - wanted to learn from the neighbours of any difficulties now, when corrections can be worked into the plans.

They heard. David and Rea Callaghan told of the continuing drainage problems down that steep hill and on to the Callaghan property. "There is no

storm sewer drainage whatsoever," Kelly Callaghan complained.

"I think we're going to create a major traffic problem," Rea Callaghan added.

Kelly spoke of 27 school buses, twice each school day, on the Billa Street hill.

He spoke of many children who walk beside Billa on their way to the Senior Elementary School - or even the Arena.

Cheryl Edwards spoke of problems for those using the Medical Centre parking lot.

Kelly Callaghan noted that when the police stop at the bottom of Billa Street (for example, after a ball tournament), the beer bottles get pitched out of cars as they descend the hill.

Reeve Churchill commented that as

Bancroft continues to grow, "Some of these properties are going to be developed." He added, "You establish guidelines, and get the best development."

MUSEUM

Council continues to be upset that Hastings County has taken on another 20 year commitment to support the Museum in Belleville, at \$50,000 a year, but refuses to consider the North Hastings Museum in Bancroft.

ROAD NAME

With a snort of disapproval from a member of the audience, Council agreed to change the name of 100 yards of Roy Road, to Walker Road, as it

becomes when it continues north into Herschel Township.

Council still talks about Chemsushgon Street. Apparently a change of two letters would return it to the historic Indian [Algonquin] name.

9-1-1

"9-1-1 is a mess," Lloyd Churchill reported. One person, who apparently wanted to personally set up the system, has complained to the CRTC. Now the arrangement of many municipalities with Bell Telephone has been disallowed. "We have to abide by the CRTC ruling," Mr. Churchill sighed.

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Receives Canada Cord

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of 5 different badges: Community, Home, Outdoors, World, and Camping.

Each of these badges involved many challenges and activities, and led to 4 sections: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and "Be Prepared."

The Canada Cord stood above all these as the completion of Pathfinder work. Jodi Tate was the

first Canada Cord winner in Bancroft in 10 to 15 years. Terri Carswell is the second.

"If they decide to go back and finish it," and if they work hard, another 2 or 3 girls might qualify for the Canada Cord in 1996.

The honour was presented by Reeve Lloyd Churchill, and Guiding leader, Jeannine Webster.

Legion Week

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added. That was formed on April 18, 1955.

More reports on the Church Service, the wreath laying, and other Legion Week activities will be presented in the October 5 Courier.