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It could be a devil of a night

The line-up for the Milton Devils team has been announced by coaches Pierre Pilote and Jim Gallant with just five days left before their hockey game against the Flying Fathers next Tuesday.

Playing for the Milton team will be: Dave Del Papa; Ray Tonelli, Bob Roselle and Peter McDuffe from the Milton Old Stars; Stan Szura, Ian Birnie, Paul Scherer and Steve Cervais from the Milton Old Wings; John Picone, Chuck Rattray and Mike Kelley, teachers from Bishop Reding Secondary School; and Lou Massi and Paul Leonard, teachers from St. Peter's School.

The local squad will also feature Paul McCann from Milton Winter Hawks and Sue Scherer, captain of Team Canada's Ladies Hockey Team.

Father Earl Talbot, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, will turn into a Devil for the fundraiser as team captain.

The faceoff at Memorial Arena will be at 8 p.m.

The game will be followed by a social gathering where spectators will have a chance to meet the Flying Fathers and Ms Scherer.

There are advance tickets only and some are still available at \$6 for adults, \$4 for children, students and seniors.

The following locations have tickets: Fitness Technique, Jack Fraser's, Man's World, West End Auto and Pro-Skate Exchange.



World War I veteran Mattiussi Aurelio is the oldest active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136 in Milton. But he is only one of the countless soldiers who fought for our freedom. A Remembrance Day service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mattiussi Aurelio

First World War vet survived trench horrors

By KAREN SMITH

Mattiussi Aurelio shies away from the notion that he is a hero.

The 91-year-old First World War veteran says he did what he had to do and there wasn't time to think about the consequences.

In the spring of 1917, Mr. Aurelio — the oldest active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136 in Milton — was drafted by the Italian army to fight the Germans. He was 16 years old.

He can't remember all the details about his ordeal as a soldier in the war more than 70 years ago, but he has the scars to remind him.

Mr. Aurelio is sure of one thing, though. There was a lot of suffering. He was shot in the arm and wounded from shrapnel. He recalls living in trenches in Italy and France for three months at a time.

Surrounded by enemy fire in Mount Grappa, Italy during November, 1918, Mr. Aurelio's legs were trapped under the wheels of a cannon, which he was pushing up a hill when the attack came.

"With shells coming like rain, I was yelling for help and I thought it was my last minutes," he recalls.

He managed to escape without a bullet wound, but his legs, stuck for three hours in the cold, have never been right since.

The native of Udine, Italy wasn't so lucky earlier in 1917 when he was shot in the right arm just above the wrist. Mr. Aurelio spent six weeks in a camp hospital before returning to

the front line.

Later he was promoted to what the Canadian army calls a corporal — one rank below sergeant.

When the war ended in 1918, he can recall joining other soldiers in England for a victory parade.

"We were happy because we were free, but we were depressed because we did a lot of suffering."

He was discharged from the Italian army in 1920 and Mr. Aurelio, seeking work, immigrated to Canada. He initially got a job at a Hamilton steel plant, but since has lived and worked throughout Ontario.

Eventually, he settled in Milton in 1955. Today, the father of three sons lives in the same house on Martin Street with his wife Albina.

He is also still involved with the Royal Canadian Legion. In the past, Mr. Aurelio helped make the organization's existing home on Charles Street a reality.

In 1970, with medals and a certificate, the old country officially recognized Mr. Aurelio for his service in the war effort.

On Sunday, Mr. Aurelio will be recognized by Canadians. He is just one of the countless valiant men and women who fought for our freedom. In Milton, a Remembrance Day service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery at 11 a.m. A parade will follow, starting at the Legion at 1:30 p.m. and finishing at Town Hall.

Ontario is in for 'a hell of a ride', says auto exec

By NORMAN NELSON

Are we in Ontario living too high off the hog and possibly setting ourselves up for a big fall?

The general manager of a large auto parts supplier in Milton thinks so.

"Our problem as Canadians is our lack of awareness that we are living beyond our means," said SKD's Bruce Dolson, in a statement sent to *The Canadian Champion* this week.

"And very shortly we're going to find out that we cannot compete on a global basis

without a major change in attitudes."

However, Doug MacPherson, a spokesperson from the union which represents 115 of the company's 140 workers, questioned whether this means Canadians are expected to live on "two bowls of rice a day."

The heavy stamping company provides auto components to North American and foreign auto-makers, with business split between the U.S. and Canada on a 70-30 basis.

The company has just started contract negotiations with the United Steelworkers of America. The current contract runs out at the

end of the month.

Mr. Dolson estimated business is off about 40 per cent from its peak in the mid-1980s.

Many factors have combined to hit auto parts suppliers hard, and for Mr. Dolson, it's a case of "I told you so."

He said he could see it coming in the mid-1980s.

A low Canadian dollar expanded the number of players in the industry. This created over-capacity, with new suppliers lowering prices to pick up market share, particularly hurting companies with "mature" labour

agreements, he said.

Then came the rise in the exchange rate — from 72 cents to 84 cents — which he termed "the silent killer."

Most people don't understand, he added, that Canada isn't "competitive as a nation on a par dollar with the United States."

The luxury of the low exchange rate resulted in wage settlements being made year after year about 4-6 per cent a year while American competitors, during the same period, were tightening their belts, he said.

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