



### Remembering with special friends

This group which gathered at the annual Remembrance Day dinner at Legion Branch 68, Penetanguishene on Tuesday are the same group who attended the 40th anniversary Battle of Britain celebrations held in Toronto, last September. They are

shown here toasting with wine from a commemorative bottle of wine which Bright's Wines provided at the September event. The wine was saved for the Remembrance Day reunion in Penetanguishene. From left to right, front

are: Ron Desroches, Kate Perrault, Una Dupuis, Jean Scott and Ron Trustham. From left, standing are: George Scott, Vern Farrow, Bill Stevens, Padre Bob Sinclair, Nettie Sinclair, Marg Stevens and Dorothy Trustham.

## Students form important part of Legion 68's annual dinner

Penetanguishene Legion, Branch 68, held its annual Remembrance Day dinner and dance on Tuesday at the Legion on Simcoe Street, and a capacity crowd of veterans, their wives and friends turned out for the occasion.

A special feature of the evening was the presentation by three local elementary school students of poems and essays they had composed around a specific Remembrance Day theme.

The three students, Darren Lediard (St. Ann's school), Cindy Wright, (Corpus Christi school) and Lise Magnan (St. Joseph's school), were the top three winners in the writing contest which is becoming a yearly event for area schools.

#### Cheque

Each of the students won a \$50 cheque for their pieces; Darren Lediard's was a poem entitled "Why I Wear a Poppy", Cindy Wright's was an essay titled "The Significance of Remembrance Day" and Lise Magnan won her cheque for a poem in French titled "Le Jour du Souvenir".

The idea was originated a couple of years ago by Legion comrade Vern Farrow who said Tuesday, the idea was to get the younger set thinking about the wars and particularly about the significance of Remembrance Day.

The essay or poem format requires research by the students and therefore means they will learn something along the way. Farrow said the students presentations have continued entirely on the basis of their popularity and quality of work.

# Penetang Legion dinner a big success

Penetanguishene Branch 68 of the Legion held their Remembrance Day dinner and dance on Tuesday night and a capacity crowd and some special events made the evening a big success.

Included in the evening's festivities were presentations by three local elementary school students, concerning the topic of Remembrance Day.

Following the presentation of \$50 cheques to each student, there was the introduction of World War 1 veterans. As the members of

that select group rose from their seats, the audience rose with them in a standing ovation for the veterans of the "Great War".

One of those veterans, Henry Hamelin then came forward to introduce the Silver Cross mothers in the audience and they too received a prolonged standing ovation.

#### Address

Mr. Hamelin, in a brief address thanked the Legion for allowing him, along with Silver Cross mother Norma Dupuis, to place the wreath for the Province of Ontario, during

Cenotaph services earlier in the day.

He went on to add that Tuesday marked the 62nd Remembrance Day ceremonies he had attended, the first one being in 1918, in Mons, France at the end of WW1.


Joan Ackerman, president of Branch 68 Woman's Auxiliary was introduced and she spoke briefly, thanking various individuals for the help given to the Auxiliary, and citing some of her group's accomplishments over the months.

In addition, the Auxiliary presented Legion

president, Bob Magnus with several cheques, including one presented by his mother. The Branch 68 Auxiliary has contributed thousands of dollars to the Legion and community charities over the course of its existence.

With a final benediction by Padre Bob Sinclair and a round of applause for the ladies who worked so hard preparing and serving the fine dinner, the gathering moved upstairs to enjoy a night of dancing and further reminiscences.

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