

Remembrance Day 1984

Sombre setting for services

In the best tradition of the Royal Canadian Legion, Midland Branch 80, close to 300 people gathered around the Midland Cenotaph last Saturday morning in remembrance of the war dead.

This year's parade along King Street to the memorial was led by Midland Legion President Ian Donaldson and Deputy District Commander North Bernie Levesque, who joined the Remembrance Day service this year by special invitation from the Branch 80 Legion.

They were joined by Mayor Allan Roach and Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis.

Allan McLean, MPP for Simcoe East, met the parade at the Cenotaph.

Gray skies made for a sombre setting as Reverend J.L. Self told onlookers not to remember the wars, but to preserve peace.

While gathered to honour the war dead, he asked people to also remember the police officers and the men serving with NATO who continue to fight for peace.

Despite damp, overcast weather, the memorial service was over and the parade was leaving the Cenotaph before the first drops of rain fell. Donaldson, who organized this year's service with help from Legion Branch 80 members Frank Graham, Jim Ellis, and Bud Baker, remembers Saturday as, "the best day 'weather-wise'" for the Cenotaph remembrance in nine years.

Although the Midland Legion Executive chose to hold this year's service on Nov. 10, they did lay a wreath at the Cenotaph with Mayor Allan Roach during a brief service at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 11, 1984.

by ALEX HUTTON

Yet another Nov. 11 Remembrance Day observance has come & gone. On reflection it was indeed another memorable occasion. Prior to this date, Branch 262 Elmvalae encouraged our local school students to remember, think, & participate prior to and during the annual Remembrance Day observances.

We, the Branch, achieve this by holding literary & poster competitions. Our aim through these contests is for students to perhaps research & better acquaint themselves with the purpose of Remembrance Day. The main aim of this exercise is not to feature the actual wars, but rather the heroic deeds of Canadians, both living & dead, who offered their lives in time of their country's need, to preserve the freedom which we enjoy today.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our Branch to express our thanks to both staff & pupils of HCES & Lady of Lourdes schools for their participation. Monetary prizes to the value of \$275. were handed to the winners at our Remembrance ceremonies on Nov. 9, held at HCES. Comrade Milton Leonard, the Branch bursary chairman, also reports that it is worth mentioning there were a total of 60 posters to be judged. What a tremendous input from these fine young students. They all deserve a pat on the back. I would love to name each & every pupil who participated, but of course time & space does not permit me to, again to all of you though, thank you!

The winning participants were as follows:

Junior Poster, 1, Amanda Cameron, 2, Paul Turner, 3, Doan Ly.

Posters Intermediate, 1, Marcia Rowat, 2, Jeremy Sturgeon, 3, Jenni Shermento.

Junior Essays, 1, Sheldon Bell, 2, Karen Leamen, 3, Marcella Desroches.

Intermediate Essays, 1, Rob Conn, 2, Wanda Young, 3, Tracey Townes.

Junior Poems, 1, Brent Reynolds, 2, Doan Ly, 3, Heidi McNight.

Intermediate Poems, 1, Robin Langman, 2, Lisa Simmonds, 3, April Elliot.

Special thanks on behalf of the Branch are tendered to Comrade Milt Leonard & his committee for his customary job well done. Comrade Milt also advised me that our public speaking contest will be held in January, 1985. Students, please make a note of this date.

Last Saturday evening, we held our annual Remembrance Day Banquet. As usual, a full house. A wonderful meal was provided by the Allenwood W.I. Thank you!

Rev. Ian Clark was our guest speaker. Ian delivered quite a lively account of his wartime experiences whilst growing up in Aberdeen. Even as far north as that, his home was bombed. It was then time for honours & awards, with Chairman Milt Leonard presenting bars to both Dennis Deschenes & Joe Rountree. A special certificate of merit was presented by Cde. Roly McLean to the president. To round the night off Ace the Pace, the legion's own D.J., provided the music for a well attended dance, predominantly music from the 40s, as befitting the occasion.

Remembrance Day parade, in view of the lousy weather, a super turnout. Over 50 members paraded. Elmvalae & District, you can be proud of this effort. Following the service at the cenotaph, we were transported, courtesy of PMCL, to Lady of Lourdes RC Church, for a special service. In this troubled world of today, peace was the main theme of the service, and so it should be. Wars we hope & pray are a thing of the past.

Finally, to all those who paraded, it was good for the Legion, good for the village, a most heart-warming sight! Thank you!



Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 80, Midland flagbearers approach the Cenotaph for Saturday's official Remembrance Day service. Following tradition, this year's parade was led by the Midland Legion Pipes and Drums followed by Midland's veterans and Legion members. Also marching in the long line, that stretched north along King Street, were the municipal and Ontario Provincial Police, Midland firefighters, Sea and Air Cadets, as well as Midland Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Beavers.

Remembrance march

Police Dept. Personnel to change

Midland Police Department will be advertising soon for a new constable.

The new policeman is to replace Const. Glenn Shuman, a 14-year veteran with the local police force who becomes a civilian radio operator with the police department, Nov. 30.

He'll be taking over from CRO Lorna Shewfelt who plans to leave the force on that date.

Dozen accidents probed

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