



Ross Whitney of the Claremont Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, pauses briefly, after placing a wreath at the base of the new cenotaph, Sunday. The memorial, to the fallen of two world wars, was dedicated by Rev. Eldon Linstead, Claremont United Church. Jim Thomas

Remembrance Day Legion cenotaph is dedicated at Claremont service

CLAREMONT — Claremont's new Legion hall was completed in 1967 — six years ago. Since that time, branch members have looked to the day when a suitable cenotaph could be erected on the site, listing the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in two world wars.

That dream was realized, Sunday, and it seemed appropriate that the dedication, by Rev. Eldon Linstead, should come on Nov. 11. The ceremony, followed the Remembrance Service in the Claremont United Church, with the procession led by the Uxbridge Legion Pipe Band.

Wreaths at the cenotaph were laid by Ross Whitney of the Legion; Irene Rennie, Legion Ladies Auxiliary; Mrs. Doris Lake, representing the Silver Cross Mothers; Lorraine Paterson of the Girl Guides; Brian Redshaw of the Boy Scouts and Cindy Ball of the Claremont Public School.

Guest for the occasion included, District Commander John Maw of Brooklyn and Zone Commander, Jim Sullivan of Ajax.

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'A miracle' Driver escapes crash 'without a scratch'

CLAREMONT — A miracle, is the way Mrs. Jim Michell described her escape from serious injury or even death, Friday, following a collision on the Brock Road, near the laneway entrance to her home.

Mrs. Michell recalls stopping to let a south-bound gravel truck go by, before completing a left-hand turn into her drive. "I saw this truck coming up from behind in my mirror. I knew it couldn't stop in time, there was nothing to do but sit there until it hit me," she said, in recounting the seconds before the crash.

The impact drove the station wagon across the highway and into the west ditch. She said she thought she would be pushed into the path of the gravel transport. "I remember seeing the truck's grill by the window, but it missed me. The driver came back. He didn't know how he missed me either."

Evelyn's husband heard the sound of the crash and ran from the house to the scene. The doors of the vehicle were jammed shut, but Jim managed to pry one open. "It was sure bounced around," she said, "but the amazing thing, I wasn't hurt."

Bill Evans, of Claremont, driver of the northbound pick-up, suffered a cut on the head. He was admitted to Uxbridge Hospital and released following treatment.

"He was really worried, but I kept trying to tell him I was alright," said Evelyn. The Michell station wagon is a write-off.

Visits newcomers Mrs. Pal Beaton, hostess for Welcome Wagon, visited the following newcomers to town recently Mr. and Mrs. Ken Topping, formerly of West Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hingley, formerly of Toronto; and Mr. and Mrs. C. Palmer, also former Toronto residents.

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