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Rabies still real concern in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Ann Barrett has had her hands full controlling a high incidence of rabies in the Uxbridge area.

"I've never had as many fox sightings as this year," Mrs Barrett, animal control officer for both Uxbridge and Scugog Twps., told the Tribune.

The most recent encounter was Nov. 3 when a fox was spotted exhibiting rabies symptoms, south of Brock Street in Uxbridge. The animal was shot and later confirmed rabid.

Other cases in Uxbridge Twp. over the past two months have included a rabid skunk and another fox.

And a cat was shot in Goodwood last week, not long after Jamie and Diane Thompson's German shepherd puppy was confirmed rabid. It was destroyed Oct. 29.

A total of 53 people, in attendance at a party held by the Thompsons less than

two weeks before the dog began to display symptoms, were contacted by regional health officials and advised to have anti-rabies vaccinations.

The cat was believed to be the source of the killer virus at the Thompson property, but tests conducted at Agriculture Canada facilities in Bowmanville turned up negative.

However, an official with the animal health section said a final report on the case is pending.

"It was very important to catch that cat," Mrs Barrett said, noting that it appeared to be a textbook case. It was a normally friendly animal that turned unfriendly, she explained.

There have been no reports of rabies in over a week and the control officer feels the cold weather might be a factor. "It seems to slow down when winter comes," she said.

But Mrs. Barrett stressed that residents should continue to take extreme cau-

tion in their dealings with animals, domestic or wild.

Her main advice to owners is to ensure pets are vaccinated each year. And they should be kept under control at all times. Other precautionary measures are: teach children not to approach any animals or stray dogs or cats, and not to touch any dead animals.

- watch pets for any change in behavior, such as a normally outgoing dog becoming suddenly quiet. (One sure sign is that a sick animal will not drink water). - immediately report any strange animal behavior to the animal control office. If that source is unavailable there are many other authorities that can deal with a problem, including the department of health; animal health branch of Agriculture Canada; or the police department.

Phone number for Uxbridge Animal Control is 852-7295 or 640-1987, weekdays between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.



Lay wreath at Remembrance Day ceremony

Claremont Legion president Cec McMordie (left) and Durham-York M.P.P. Ross Stevenson place a wreath at the cenotaph in front of branch 438. Residents, young

and old, attended remembrance services, Sunday, including a special worship at Claremont United Church. —Chris Shanahan

Traffic not heavy, road report says

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Truck traffic on Sideroad 20, between Conc. 2 and 3, isn't as bad as some local residents claim, a roads department report says.

Information on road-use patterns was requested by Uxbridge Twp. Council following a complaint from Goodwood ratepayer Bob Burnside, Oct. 25.

Noise problems begin as early as 5:30 a.m. with the passing of the first heavy trucks and continue throughout the day, Mr Burnside said. And the road is in such poor shape it's

actually caving in at spots.

The study, prepared by Uxbridge Twp. roads superintendent Lorne Wall, indicates the percentage of trucks using the Goodwood route is small.

"These total counts represent 10 per cent truck traffic which is very representative of traffic volumes on our other roads, and does not represent an unusual volume of truck traffic here," the report stated.

The road allowance between the West Town Line and Conc. 3 requires only a gravel surface, according to

Ministry of Transportation and Communications requirements.

The report concludes that some sections of the road should be brought up to suitable gravel standards, in-

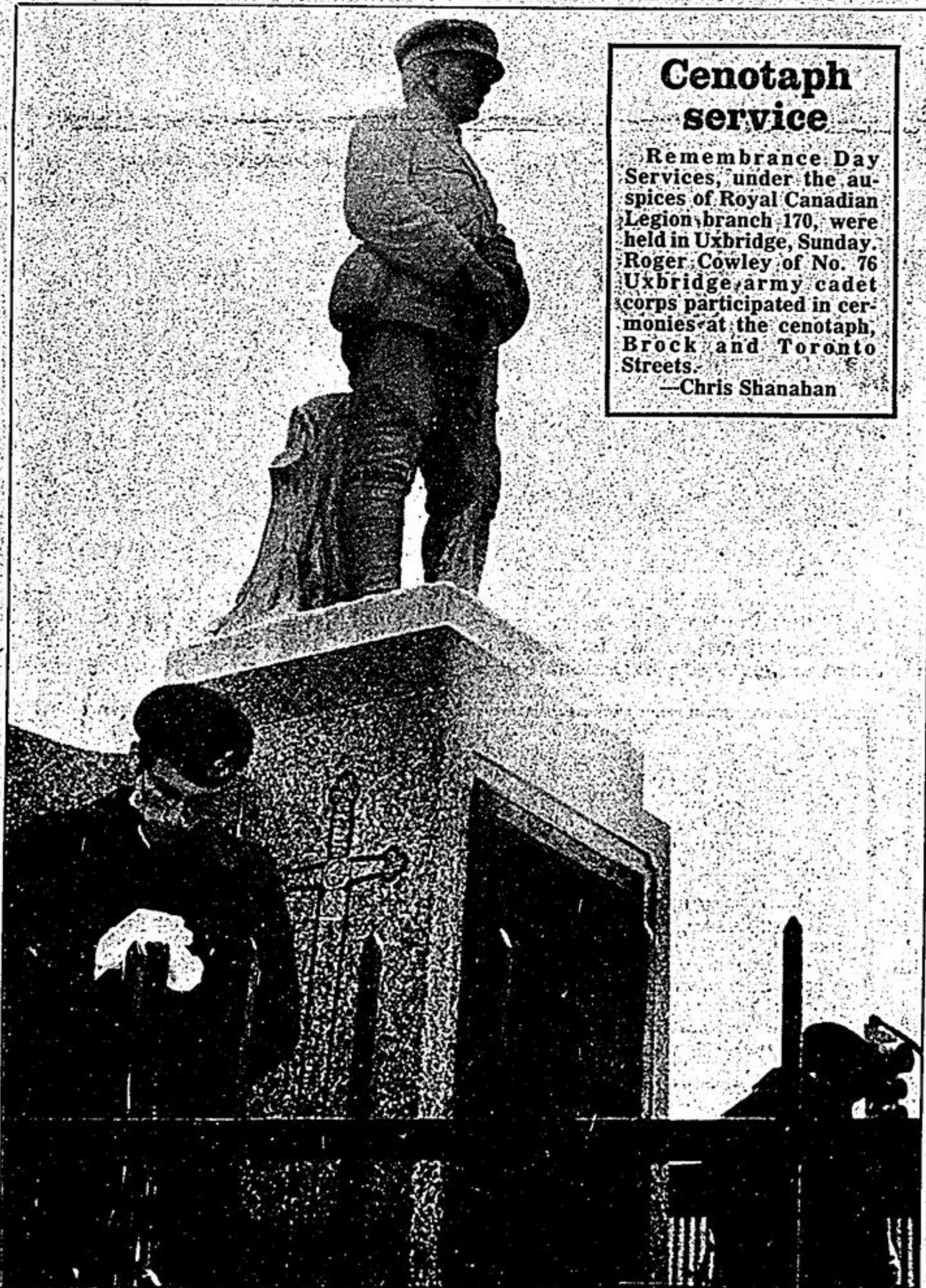
cluding ditching and grading.

A total of 77 cars and five trucks were recorded on an east and west leg of the sideroad during a four-hour period on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Cenotaph service

Remembrance Day Services, under the auspices of Royal Canadian Legion branch 170, were held in Uxbridge, Sunday. Roger Cowley of No. 76 Uxbridge army cadet corps participated in ceremonies at the cenotaph, Brock and Toronto Streets.

—Chris Shanahan



War veterans gather

UXBRIDGE — Despite harsh, rainy weather, Uxbridge residents turned out in large numbers to honor Canada's war dead, Sunday.

Veterans and other members of the official party gathered at St. Paul's

Anglican Church for a service of remembrance. Address was delivered by Major General B.J. Legge.

The group then marched to the Town cenotaph for a wreath-laying ceremony.

Participants included the Uxbridge Secondary School

band, under the direction of Ants Sulev; members of No. 76 Uxbridge army cadet corps, led by Commanding Officer C.H. Diltz; and the Uxbridge Legion Pipe Band, under the direction of Pipe Major Earl Harman and Drum Major Len Nicholl.

Plans limo service

GOODWOOD — The operator of a Goodwood bed and breakfast inn plans to add a limousine service.

Ralph Mahood's proposal received favorable response from Uxbridge Twp. Council during a meeting, Thursday evening.

"I think we should have some sort of limousine service in Uxbridge for marriages," Mr Mahood said. He said couples must now

contact proprietors in either Toronto or Oshawa to arrange limousine transportation.

He's going to operate the service on a trial basis to determine if there is enough demand for such a service here.

Vehicles will be based at a large taxi garage in Pickering, Mr Mahood said. A local telephone line will be

available for placing orders.

The Goodwood resident stressed that limousines provide a completely different service than taxis. They'll operate only on advance bookings.

Mr Mahood and his wife Edna already run a bed and breakfast establishment at their Goodwood residence, located on Regional Road 21.

Response expected on report

UXBRIDGE — Data gathered during an intensive study by a team from the Ontario Association of Architects has been published in final report form.

Uxbridge Twp. Clerk Walter Taylor, a member of the Community Assist for an Urban Study Effort (CAUSE) steering committee, said he has heard only positive comments on the quality of the document.

Copies of the 85-page report are now being distributed throughout the community.

CAUSE is designed to help communities identify and address environmental, architectural and habitational concerns. A nine-man team studied and compiled data here Oct. 11 to 15.

Mayor Bill Ballinger, chairman of the Uxbridge steering committee, said recommendations based on the team's findings will be presented to Council in the near future.

It's possible the report will be discussed Thursday during an afternoon meeting at the Council Chambers; Clerk Taylor noted.

Mayor Ballinger has praised many ideas contained in the blueprint, including plans for revitalizing the downtown area. "Everyone likes to be proud of their downtown core," he commented. Development of a pathway system to link parkland with commercial areas, schools and recreational

land is an interesting idea, the mayor said. This would include a walkway and bicycle path leading in from Glen Acres.

The report also proposes development of a market square in the rear yards and municipal parking lot, north of Brock Street between Main and Toronto Streets.



Scott Central celebrates Bicentennial

Scott Central School, Sandford, relived part of Ontario's history last week during a special program commemorating the Bicentennial. Grace DeJong (right), one of a group of Uxbridge Twp. residents who displayed pioneer crafts, adjusts a spinning wheel with Grade 6 student Tim DeJong. In top photo, exhibitor Harold Clark (right) watches as four-year-old Joan Olivella tries his old-fashioned apple peeler. The program was held Nov. 7. —Chris Shanahan