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One property purchased with assistance of the WW1 Act was located in the community then known as Ringwood, the vicinity of Stouffville Rd and Highway 48. The property flourished for years as a market garden and was passed down through the family, generation to generation. It has just recently changed ownership such that it is no longer in the name of that original family.

This property and many others like it were made available through these long-forgotten Acts of Parliament, enacted by grateful governments in recognition of the public service and sacrifice provided by our returning soldiers.

We sometimes question the need for the different assistance programs our governments operate with our tax dollars. But we should give thanks to the government which provided this assistance to those young men, professional or otherwise, who returned home to our country from the war-torn battlefields of the world.

Also thanks to all those who wear the poppy year after year to remember those who did not return.

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Radio 102.7fm

WHISTLE RADIO TO COMMEMORATE REMEMBRANCE DAY

WhiStle Radio will commemorate Remembrance Day November 11 with some very exciting and insightful programming featuring classic broadcast clips from the front in WWII, Winston Churchill on the BBC, and interviews with local veterans.

Producer Ivan Harris has collected interviews from local veterans including Dutch Pilot John Dekker, who trained in Canada, Aussie Norm Sumner, who spent most of WWII in the Philippines, Canadian Wilbert Dean, who was a tank mechanic who traveled to Europe and back on the Queen Mary, and Margaret Tennant, who talks about her brothers being away at war. Stephen Sword reads a letter written from the front by Margaret's brother Sid.

WhiStle's own big band expert, Bob 'Curly D' Donald has chosen the music for the Remembrance Day show, which airs from 10 am to 1 pm. "It's all music that was popular around the time of WWII," says Bob. "It adds ambiance and takes the older folks back to that time when radio was the only media available."

WhiStle Radio has been collecting stories of remembrance for several years now. "We are very proud of the classic and local blend that we bring to this special occasion," says Mr. Harris. "We have veterans in our community and it's wonderful to be able to honour them and hear their stories." The Remembrance Day Special can be heard on WhiStle Radio at 102.7 FM or at whistleradio.ca.

After months of hard work, project lead and professional web designer Glenn Jackson has unveiled WhiStle Radio's new web site. "It's easy to use and there's lots of up to date information, including a current program schedule," said Mr. Jackson. Once again listeners can go to the web site and listen to the station live as well as listen to archived shows whenever they like.

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