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THE BATTLE'S OVER: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WWI

The Bells of Peace

By Haldimand Press Staff

HALDIMAND—This November 11 people across the world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the armistice. World War I began in 1914 and at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918 a ceasefire officially came into effect.

The armistice was actually signed at 5 a.m., but it wasn't until six hours later that it took effect. During this six-hour period, fighting continued and hundreds of soldiers died before word reached the trenches.

Royal Canadian Legions are planning the Bells of Peace, which entails the ringing of bells 100 times at the setting of the sun on November 11, 2018 to show the country that we remember, and to honour those who came before.

Communities across Canada will take part to mark the anniversary of the end of the First World War. The ringing of bells emulates the moment in 1918 when church bells across Europe tolled as four years of war had come to an end.

This November 11, bells will ring at Parliament Hill, city halls, places of worship, military bases, Naval vessels, and at cemeteries.

Canada's sacrifices and contributions to this war changed its history and enabled it to become more independent. Canada's total casualties during this war totaled about 66,000 killed and 172,000 wounded, out of a mobilized force of about 650,000.

The following churches had confirmed their participation with the Bells of Peace:

- Cayuga**
- St. Stephen's, St. John the Divine
- Hagersville***
- All Saints Anglican Church
- Dunnville****
- St. Paul's
- Caledonia*****
- St. Paul's, Grace United, Caledonia Presbyterian

*The Anglican Church is set to ring their bells all day. The Hagersville Chamber is programming a chime every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the clock tower on the main corner.

**The Dunnville Legion will also have three pipers at the cenotaph outside the Legion during their Bells of Peace celebration at sunset.

***The Caledonia churches will ring the bells after the Remembrance Day service for two minutes as quickly as they can. Niel Bell, the coordinator of Remembrance Day service in Caledonia, has said it will be a "contrast between the mournfulness of the Remembrance Day ceremonies and the joy of the end of the First World War." The bells that rang to celebrate the end of World War I 100 years ago was a joyful celebration and the bells this year will be marking that event.

The Battle's Over

To The Haldimand Press

HAGERSVILLE—Hagersville Legion Branch 164 is playing its part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

Organised by Pageant master Bruno Peek, Battle's Over takes place on November 11, 2018, with events throughout Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, France, Belgium, the United States and Germany, to name but a few.

"It's wonderful to see the event being embraced by so many organisations and communities," said Peek. "The centenary of the end of the Great War is an opportunity to acknowledge the enormous sacrifice made by the millions of men and women who died or were wounded, as well as those who worked tirelessly at home in our fields and factories."

Lone pipers will play Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, after which a specially written tribute will be read out. Over 1,000 pipers will be playing the tune in individual locations. Jim Yates will be piping at the Hagersville Cenotaph. Visitors should arrive at 5:45 a.m., with piping to begin at 6 a.m. For more information about this event, call 519-587-5197 or contact highlandpipers2@yahoo.com.

The Hagersville Executive released the following statement: "We are proud to be playing a part in this historic international event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War, and to recognize the contribution and sacrifice made by the men and women from our own community."

At 10:30 a.m. the Hagersville Legion will continue with traditional Remembrance Day tributes, parading to the Cenotaph. All are invited to the reception at the legion following the service.

Battle's Over also features special tributes to two groups of unsung heroes: The Chinese Labour Corps and the WWI Tunnellers.

About 95,000 volunteers made up the Chinese Labour Corps, who dug trenches, repaired tanks, laid roads and tracks, transported supplies, and assembled shells to free up British soldiers for the front line.

The work of the WWI Tunnellers was done on the Western Front, digging tunnels and laying explosives beneath the German trenches. The British Army had about 25,000 trained tunnellers, mostly volunteer coal miners, but they operated in such secrecy that little was known of their exploits until years after the war.

More information on Battle's Over can be found at brunopeek.co.uk/battles-over.

When the Battle's Over

I returned to the fields of glory,
Where the green grasses and flowers grow.
And the wind softly tells the story,
Of the brave lads of long ago.

Chorus:

March no more my soldier laddie,
There is peace where there once was war.
Sleep in peace my soldier laddie,
Sleep in peace, now the battle's over.

In the great glen they lay a sleeping,
Where the cool waters gently flow.
And the gray mist is sadly weeping,
For those brave lads of long ago.

Chorus

See the tall grass is there awaiting,
As their banners of long ago.
With their heads high forward threading,
Stepping lightly to meet the foe.

Chorus

Some return from the fields of glory,
To their loved ones who held them dear.
But some fell in that hour of glory,
And were left to their resting here.

Chorus

100 years of amputees helping amputees

To The Haldimand Press

HALDIMAND—On November 11, Second World War veteran Charlie Jefferson will not only be thinking of all those who have served and continue to serve on behalf of Canada, he will also be reflecting on the 100th anniversary of The War Amps, an organization which has supported him and generations of amputees.

In March 1945, Jefferson was serving as a Lieutenant with the Queen's Own Rifles Regiment in the Rhine Valley, Germany. He was injured by an anti-personnel mine explosion, resulting in the loss of his left leg below the knee.

The War Amps was started in 1918 by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other in adapting to their new reality as amputees. They then welcomed amputee veterans following the Second World War, like Jefferson, sharing all that they had learned, as well as starting the Key Tag Service to allow these new members to gain meaningful employment and provide a service to the public.

Jefferson says that he gained practical advice from fellow amputee veterans, like how to protect the skin on his stump from blisters. He adds that the moral support he received was just as important.

"It became easier to accept your amputation and helped make the most of what you've got left," says Jefferson.

This peer support was then passed on to a new generation. In 1975, war amputee veterans recognized that their knowl-



Charlie Jefferson

edge and experience could help others, so they started The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, which provides financial assistance for the cost of artificial limbs and regional seminars to young amputees.

When war amputee veterans started The War Amps, they could not have predicted that their founding principle of "amputees helping amputees" would still be going strong 100 years later. Thanks to the public's continuing support of the Key Tag Service, The War Amps vital programs for amputees across Canada will carry on long into its second century.

On November 11, we remember those who fought and sacrificed for our freedom.

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Bricks & mortar: The foundation of a Legion

By Charlene Papasodaro
The Haldimand Press

CALEDONIA—The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 154 of Caledonia has been a part of the community since September 29, 1929. Most understand that the Legion works to honour and support Canada's veterans. This is seen right in their mission, which is to: "Serve veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country." Local organizations all do their part to support this mission. In Caledonia, they organize the Remembrance Day ceremonies and reach out to schools for the Remembrance Day poster, essay and poetry contest. There are veterans' lunches and other works they do to support veterans. On top of that however, they also continue to work in their communities.

The Caledonia Branch moved into the current building at 29 Cathness St. E. in 1978. The building is an essential part of the Legion, allowing them to host various events. The first event in the hall was the Remembrance Day Dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary. However, Legion buildings across the country are

getting older and needing repair. The Caledonia building has recently undergone a project, which is nearing completion, to replace the roof and HVAC system. The project "allows us to maintain the building, which we like to see as a community hub," said Legion member Neil Bell.

"The Caledonia Legion has been open to the community for dances and other events," added Chris Moerschfelder, First Vice President of the Branch. On top of dances, the building offers a place for meetings, concerts, dinners and other events, including weekly karaoke and a yearly public speaking competition for students in Haldimand.

The building is not just for Legion members and activities. Other groups meet there as well, such as a senior citizen group that meets weekly, and other organizations can hold events there, like Habitat For Humanity, who holds a fundraiser called Catch the Ace on Wednesdays.

Ultimately, the Legion building allows members to continue to raise money for the veterans and serve their community. As Moerschfelder says, the building allows them to be "open to the public ... to give to the community."

Remembrance Day Services Sunday, November 11

Join the Legions as they honour and remember all those who have served and sacrificed.

- Caledonia**
10:45 a.m.
At the Cenotaph in Edinburgh Square
- Cayuga**
11 a.m.
At the Cenotaph by the Court House
- Dunnville**
10:45 a.m.
March from Legion to Cenotaph at Central Park
- Hagersville**
10:30 a.m.
March from Legion to Cenotaph at Hagersville Park
- Jarvis**
2 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian Church service followed by walk to Cenotaph

Remembering the sacrifice: The need for Legion members

By Shane Mahoney
The Haldimand Press

CAYUGA—As vital as it is to remember the soldiers of World War I, it's also important to honour those who work hard making sure such sacrifices are never forgotten.

The Royal Canadian Legion Cayuga Branch #159 was first established on December 31, 1929 and will be 90 years old next year. Their mission statement is to assist in the quality of life for all veterans while keeping respect alive amongst the younger generations.

"I've been a member here since 1988 in various positions," said the branch's oldest life member, 74-year-old Bent Mogensen. "I joined because I thought it was the right thing to do, to support the veterans and help the branch."

Mogensen, whose own father served in the military, takes part in a number of the Legion's event nights and proudly carries Canada's flag during the Remembrance Day ceremonies. "For me personally, I like the Cayuga Branch. I enjoy all the people that are involved with it; I like the town, period."

The youngest member is 22-year-old Jacob Hunt, who grew up with the Legion as he is the son of two members, Dawn and Jeff Hunt.

"We're just trying to get the younger generation to remember what our soldiers fought for," said Dawn,

who is also the Legion bar steward. "In the schools, that falls by the wayside."
Unfortunately, membership is not what it used to be: "We have a small membership, a small community," said Jeff, who is also the President of the Cayuga Branch. "It's the smallest in our zone of 10 Legions; we always have to work to keep those numbers up."
Dawn adds, "We do a recruitment drive on Remembrance Day. It's cheaper, \$35, but it's hard to get new members to come in."
Despite the need for more members, the branch is doing everything it can to honour the bravery of those who served in the First World War.
"We do our Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph at 11," explains Jeff, adding there is talk of the town having a flyby. "The colour party marches in and we all sing O Canada. There are a couple of speeches, then we give the act of Remembrance and the moment of silence and then the laying of the wreaths."
The Cayuga Legion is hoping more people will join so they can help sell more poppies this year and in the future; however, their doors are always open to volunteers or even visitors just looking for a drink.
"A lot of people think the only way to come into the Legion is if they're a member or if they've served," said Jeff. "It's not true, everybody is welcome at our Legion."

Recognizing veterans and those who keep their memory alive



HAGERSVILLE—Veterans were recognized at the Hagersville Legion's Veteran's Appreciation Night on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Shown at left is (l-r) Jim Yates, Marv Doney, Rod Poirier, Don Foster, Al Walsh, George Roach, Bruce Chamberlain and Bob Fenton. Below, Wendy King, daughter of John Quinn, presents the John Quinn memorial award to this year's recipient, Andrew McKellar, for his service with the Hagersville Legion.
—Haldimand Press photos by Charlene Papasodaro.

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The Haldimand Press

HAGERSVILLE—The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 164 in Hagersville hosted their annual Veterans Appreciation Night on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The night offered dinner and live entertainment to those in attendance. Veterans and Legion members were also invited to pose for photos offered by the Haldimand Photography Club as a "give back event". An important part of the night is the presentation of the John Quinn Award.

"John was a real driver, part of a team that raised a lot of money for the Branch," said Branch President Jack Esselment. Quinn passed away in 1985. His family donated a plaque in his honour and every year since then the award is presented to an individual who goes above and beyond for the Legion.

Two of Quinn's daughters, Wendy King and Ruth Ann Montour, who are also Legion members, were in attendance to present the award. They appreciate the Legion continuing to acknowledge those who work hard for the legion: "It keeps his memory alive in the community and honours our dad's memory."

This year the award was presented to Andrew McKellar, who is a Legion executive and public relations officer. McKellar stated he was "blindsided" at being chosen, but very thankful.

"I try to carry on a legacy from my father and grandfather," said McKellar. His grandfather was in the Canadian Army and then a Hamilton police Sergeant, and his father was a Hamilton police officer for 32 years.

Andrew was awarded the Junior Citizen award in high school and has continued to do what he can for his community since then. Esselment said that Andrew "is always there for us ... the type of person who you ask to help and will always be available."

Andrew said, "I don't do it for the recognition ... I've always been the person who wants to help." He added that he enjoys the work he does in the Legion and getting to meet new people: "I am always into something new and exciting."

McKellar and many of the Legion members are concerned with passing on the importance of the Legion and the act of remembrance to the next generation. As McKellar put it, "It's about preserving the history and continuing the legacy."



Taking the helm

By Valerie Posthumus
The Haldimand Press

DUNNVILLE—The Dunnville Legion now has a new executive and at the helm is new president, John Woods.

Woods was voted in to the position on June 1, 2018 after serving as First Vice President for nine years.

When asked what he most looks forward to in his new role, Woods said, "The actual Legion doing well and helping as many veterans as we can."
He added, "With the current poppy drive we are hoping to break records because the more money we get, the more people we can help."
As in every year, poppies are being sold as a symbol of remembrance. Look for the volunteers and the boxes at businesses around town. They won't be hard to find.

All of the money raised through the Legion goes directly to helping veterans and their families as well as community organizations. Between the poppy campaign and Legion funds, they are able to give \$15,000 each year to the Haldimand War Memorial Hospital, \$2,000 to meals on wheels and between \$8-9,000 to the Salvation Army's Food Bank. The Legion also supports the Tony Stacy Foundation for veterans," said Woods. Veterans in need can access help directly through emergency funds as well: "If a veteran is in trouble, they come to us."

Woods encourages anyone who supports the objectives of the Legion, is community-minded, and likes to help others to join him as a member at the Legion. Along with the satisfaction of helping veterans, Woods added that members get the benefit of community engagement and social activities, including two dinners each year, and access to the Legion magazine, which can offer various discounts.



Pick Up Your Poppy Today!

Wear a poppy to show your support for current and past veterans. You can find poppies all around Haldimand for purchase, with proceeds going towards Canadian veterans and their families. The Poppy Fund gives grants, such as for food, clothing, medication, and emergency shelter; it assists with veteran visits/day programs, along with community programs that may help veterans, such as meals-on-wheels; and it provides help to families, such as educational bursaries for descendants of veterans.

In 2016, over \$800,000 in Legion grants were given out to ex-service personnel and their dependents; \$306,000 on veteran's programs; \$341,000 for seniors' programs; and \$1.3 million on medical equipment and research.

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THE WAR IS OVER

The news that the armistice had been signed and that the fighting was over came as a message of relief to the whole country. Possibly the first thought to many was one of thanksgiving for victorious arms and for a cessation of the war.

It couldn't be said that it was unexpected, for Thursday's false news, while it was a hoax, prepared the people to expect the news at any time. Allied with the thought of thanksgiving for the cessation of the war, the news of the armistice was coupled with the news that the Kaiser had abdicated and the Crown Prince had renounced the throne, both fleeing to Holland with the headquarters staff. This renunciation and flight was brought about by the revolution which spread throughout the whole country. A bloodless revolution, almost, but one which, overthrowing the despots who brought about the war, will no doubt give the people of Germany better peace terms than she would otherwise have secured.

JACK HARCOURT RETURNS HOME

Fourth Cayuga Boy Returns With Honors of Battle

Gunner Jack Harcourt arrived home Saturday noon from overseas. He was wounded at Passchendaele on the 6th of November 1917. His battery was one of the first to go over the top and whether he was struck by shrapnel or a sniper's explosive bullet he doesn't know, but at any rate his collar bone was broken, his right shoulder bone broken and his lung punctured. The wounds were very serious and for a time his life was despaired of. He spent six months in bed, and was only able to get up in May. In June he had several splinters of bone removed from his shoulder and the wound isn't all healed yet. He has to report at Whitty hospital on the 26th of the month for further treatment.

The 114th Haldimand Battalion C.E.F. was raised as a part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force during WWI in an effort to help replenish the troops overseas.

land, the 114th Haldimand Battalion was dispatched to other units including the 4th and 5th Battalions. They were in all the major battles including Vimy, Passchendaele, and Ares. The local newspapers were filled with letters from the boys and casualty lists. This link was sometimes all the news that family members would hear from the front for months.

nurses were killed in the line of duty. On June 27, 1918, a German U-Boat torpedoed and sank the Canadian hospital ship, the Llandovery Castle. All 14 nurses on board were killed.

Permission to raise and command the Haldimand Battalion of 1,100 men was granted to Lt. Col. E. S. Baxter of Cayuga. Baxter eagerly and successfully recruited the necessary men, many coming from the ranks of the old 37th Haldimand Battalion. Recruits came from all across Haldimand County and the Six Nations Reserve. Over 300 First Nations joined the battalion.

Despite being attracted to the war effort by loyal commitment to country or the adventure of battle, life on the frontlines was by no means glorified. Each day, soldiers had to endure the close quarters, damp conditions, poor nutrition and harsh routines of trench living. William Selkirk Duff was born on December 30, 1895. He enlisted with the 114th Haldimand Battalion at Cayuga on March 23, 1916. At the time of his enlistment he was single and a banker. He went overseas and was transferred to the Canadian Infantry 4th Battalion. William died from wounds received at the Battle of Passchendaele on November 8, 1917. Peter Russell from Jarvis died at Vimy on April 9, 1917. He had enlisted with the 114th August 16, 1915. Peter was 21 years old.

During the Great War, the four local factories in Dunnville employed 100 local girls among them for the first time. Women also took up various duties outside of work to support the order to supply socks for local men overseas. Haldimand women also rolled bandages, grew Victory Gardens and organized fundraisers. Women across the county volunteered to help. Community groups such as local Women's Institutes, Red Cross Societies, the 114th Overseas Battalion Sock League and religious congregations performed volunteer work, often knitting warm woolen clothing, collecting books and newspapers or baking treats to send overseas. 620,000 Canadian men and women served overseas, of which 66,655 died, including approximately 187 of the 114th Haldimand Battalion.

In June 1915, it was reported that Haldimand County had the largest number of men in training in Canada and overseas, more than any other comparable county in Ontario. Those who enlisted in the 114th Haldimand Battalion came from various backgrounds, being comprised of farmers, tradesmen and celebrities such as Olympic marathon runner Tom Longboat. Additionally, many of the men recruited into the 114th were descendants of those who had fought alongside Sir Isaac Brock in the War of 1812. The Battalion was suitably nicknamed "Brock's Rangers" as a tribute to the ancestors of the men. Colonel Andrew T. Thompson assumed command upon the death of Colonel Baxter in 1916.

The evolution of women's roles in Haldimand County was prevalent during WWI. Nursing was a highly respected and significant occupation for women during WWI. A total of 3,141 Canadian nurses, including those from Haldimand County, volunteered their services for the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Of the 2,504 Canadian nurses who served overseas, 53 were killed during the war. On two occasions in 1918, Canadian hospitals in Europe were hit by enemy bombers and several

A telegram announcing that Armistice had been reached arrived in Haldimand at 3 a.m. on November 11, 1918, officially signaling the end of the "War to End all Wars". Celebrations across the country were loud and boisterous. Whistles and bells were sounded, car horns were honked, citizens sang and cheered as they threw confetti in the streets. Festivities continued into the afternoon and evening with carnivals, parades, fireworks and bonfires. Ceremonies continued to be held across the county as soldiers returned home. War memorials were erected in many of Haldimand's communities in honour of those who had sacrificed their lives.

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Where Pte. Lawrason Met His Death

A correspondent sends in the following particulars in connection with the death of the late Pte. Lloyd Lawrason, a well-known local young man who went overseas with the 114th.

November 30, 1918.

Three months ago to-day, in the early morning the First Brigade was detailed to take Upton's Woods, a strongly fortified ridge just south-east of Arras.

The taking of this position was necessary to the Allies in order to bring up guns and supplies in readiness for the breaking of the Wotan-Quent Switch of the Hindenburg line which was done two days later.

The casualty list was necessarily heavy in the taking of Upton's Woods but the engagement was entirely successful. After the battle, just as the remnants of the battalion were returning, a big shell burst in the midst of the boys killing four outright, among whom was one of Cayuga's most respected young men, Pte. Lloyd E. Lawrason.

Pte. Lawrason will be remembered by most people in Cayuga and vicinity having clerked for Mr. E. D. Holliday for about two years. He was also a member of the Cayuga Methodist Church and of Cayuga Lodge I.O.O.F.

He was born in the village of Norwich, Oxford County, twenty-six years ago and moved, with his mother, to Woodstock at the age of nine years where he attended school and later worked in several of the leading shoe stores. In 1912 he went to Toronto where he lived with his only sister Mrs. W. E. Haines for some time later coming to Cayuga. Pte. Lawrason was of a modest, retiring disposition, true friend and a brave soldier. In

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