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President's Message



It is with considerable pleasure that I extend best wishes and sincere thanks on behalf of the members, Ladies' Auxiliary and staff of The Royal Canadian Legion, Saskatchewan Command to those that assisted with the production of this Commemorative Book.

It is most fitting that this book that outlines the proud history of The Royal Canadian Legion in Saskatchewan should be produced in this, the 80th anniversary of the formation of The Royal Canadian Legion. What better way to preserve the elements of the sacrifices that were made on behalf of all of us by those brave men and women who rose to the task of defending freedom and purchasing the values that we all hold dear. These values -Remembrance, Service, Comradeship and Traditions - are the very things that have held The Royal Canadian Legion together throughout its magnificent history.

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Again, congratulations on the publishing of this commemorative booklet, and best wishes for many more years of service to veterans and our communities.

Lorne C.

Lorne Calvert
Premier

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Lieutenant Governor's Message



A Message from Her Honour

As Honorary Patron of The Royal Canadian Legion - Saskatchewan Command, I am pleased to extend congratulations upon the publication of this Commemorative booklet detailing the history and activities of the Saskatchewan Command and Branches since its inception in 1926.

We are profoundly indebted to veterans ... the most exceptional volunteers Canada has ever known. Their extraordinary service and commitment have afforded us rights and freedoms that are merely a dream to millions of people around the globe. The Royal Canadian Legion has honoured these deserving citizens through the organization's unwavering support. This booklet is a fitting tribute to veterans and will be an invaluable resource to young people, whose pride and character will be enhanced by knowing more about the important role played by the Legion and the contributions of its members.

I salute the collaborators of this meaningful project. You have helped to preserve our province's rich history and your work will be appreciated by generations to come.

Lynda Haverstock

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The Veterans of the Province of Saskatchewan have led the way in the actual organization of the "Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League." Items of note that were taken from this initial conference were:

- Armistice Day each year as a national day of commemoration Formal ritual for meetings & funerals be introduced
- More advertising to the public of vet-craft poppies
- Pension Board be re-organized to elevate the dissatisfaction and unrest of the Veterans
- Second convention was held in North Battleford from June 9-10, 1927
- Sunday February 12, 1928, a memorial service for Field Marshal Earl Haig, Commander of the British Expeditionary Forces during the Great War, was organized by Regina Branch # 1 in St. Paul's Anglican Church
- The third convention in Regina on November 1929 saw the introduction of War Veterans Act introduced in Parliament and the Soldiers Settlement Act formed
- March 1930 saw the fourth convention in Moose Jaw and the establishment of the Provincial Ladies' Auxiliary
- February 19-20, 1931 saw the fifth convention in Saskatoon. Free land grants for a further ten years and imperial Vets granted some pension opportunities
- February 24-25, 1932, Regina hosted the sixth convention. Zone Representatives have a vote on the floor. New pension system in place. Ottawa recognized Saskatchewan's request to have November 11th set aside as a public holiday, known as Remembrance Day
- June 5-6, 1934, our seventh convention was held in Saskatoon and the Ladies' Auxiliary has declared that they will hold their conventions at the same time as ours. Brigadier-General Alex Ross was elected Dominion President
- June 18-19, 1935, eighth convention held in Moose Jaw, and it was moved that conventions be held every two years

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- 1951 saw the formation of Districts within the Command
- Our 17th convention in 1953 at Saskatoon saw the introduction of our sports program and we moved into our new office space at 1820 Cornwall Street, the location of Regina #1 Branch.
- 1957 saw the discontinuation of the Run Jar after twenty-five years
- 1961 saw Mr. Justice Mervyn Woods elected Dominion President
- 1966 saw the Provincial Track & Field Program start within Saskatchewan
- 1969 saw Mr. Robert Kohaly elected Dominion President
- 1976 saw us celebrating our Golden Anniversary with the introduction of a Song Book and the selling of tulips to all our Branches
- 1984 after a province-wide fundraiser, we moved into our present building located at 3079 5th Avenue Regina
- 1985 - we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee
- 2000 saw Mr. Bill Barclay elected Dominion President
- 2001, we celebrated our 75th Anniversary
- May 18, 2005, saw Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh visit the city of Regina. They unveiled the bronze statue of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II riding her favourite horse, Burmese. Saskatchewan Command was an integral part of this committee
- 2006, we are celebrating our 80th Anniversary

Command continues to run a number of programs for our youth, seniors and sports for our members; we also offer bursaries and scholarships to our students graduating from school. Our Track and Field program has just celebrated its 40th year in operation. The Command Office also offers a Service Bureau to handle the pension process for our Veterans and still serving armed forces members.

At present our Command is divided into six Districts with twenty-one Zones within these Districts, who are responsible for 199 Branches within Saskatchewan Command. Our Executive Council is made up of a President, Past President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Chairman, Executive Director and six District Commanders.

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The contributions to our society made by our Veterans are invaluable and should never be forgotten. Unfortunately, with the passing of each year, the number of our country's Veterans decreases, and there may come a time when those who fought on our behalf in major world conflicts will be gone. However, it will always be important to continue to recognize their sacrifices, and acknowledge their accomplishments, through Remembrance Day Ceremonies, and War Memorials.

I look forward to continuing to assist Saskatchewan Veterans, and **The Royal Canadian Legion, Saskatchewan Command** in assembling Annual **"Military Service Recognition Booklets"** to help recognize the many brave men and women of Saskatchewan who have served our Country so valiantly in times of conflict and peace.

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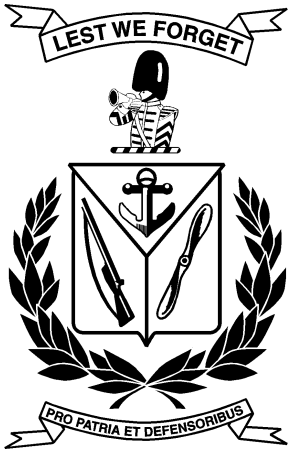
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REGINA BRANCH 1



In 1917, the Great War Veterans Association was formed and included a Branch in Regina. In 1925, a 'unity' conference, of all Veterans Organizations, was held in Winnipeg. Two prominent Veterans from Regina, L. Col. J.A. McAra and Major M. A. MacPherson, were part of, and instrumental in, the formation of the Canadian Legion, which resulted from this meeting. It was evident that a Dominion Convention must be held to draft a constitution to rectify the conclusions reached. Saskatchewan Command was formed and the first Provincial Convention was held under auspices of Regina Branch, which was chartered as Branch #001, the first occurrence in Canada and the Official Charter carries this seal of Recognition dated in October 1926.

Branch Meetings were held initially in private homes. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Branch was formed in 1930, and has played an important role in the history of the Branch. The Branch Building was built in 1947, at 1820 Cornwall Street, and is viewed as a memorial to honour those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the service to their country.

The province donated the large stained-glass window over the main entrance, entitled "Saskatchewan for Freedom" and was unveiled by the Hon. C. M. Fines. Stained-glass windows to sides of the main entrance were donated by Saskatchewan Command C.L.B.E.S.L., Regina United Services Institute, I.O.D.E. and Silver Cross Remembrance Assoc. and were officially unveiled by his Excellency, Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada, on May 14, 1955.

Princes Elizabeth and her husband, The Duke of Edinburgh, visited the Branch on October 17, 1951, while in Regina. Murals depicting the military history of Saskatchewan from the Riel Rebellion in 1885, South African War 1899-1901, First World War 1914-1918, Second World War 1939-1945, and the Korean War 1950-1953, are located in the Memorial Tower. These murals were painted by Mr. K. C. Lochhead and dedicated in 1956 to Lieutenant-Governor W. J. Patterson.

The Branch has been active since its formation in the support of programs for youth, such as the Canadian Cadet Movement, Track & Field training, bursaries and providing Speakers for Remembrance Week held in the schools throughout the city. The Branch conducts poppy campaigns and organizes Remembrance Day and many other Memorial Observances to remember our Veterans. Numerous community charities have benefited from resources provided by the branch. The Branch is one of the originators of the building of the Douglas Park Track & Field facilities, and they were involved in the leadership of organizing the funding of the YWCA building in Regina.

The time has come whereby steadily declining membership makes the 'torch of freedom' very weighty for a few hands, however, the lamp will still burn brightly and undiminished, until the last pair of hands lay it down to a well earned rest and these words are spoken with reverence, "Lord God of Hosts be with us yet," Let we Forget, Lest we Forget.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO REGINA BRANCH 1

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Regina Branch 1 was formed in 1930, chartered under the Canadian Legion British Empire Service League (BESL). The first recorded President was Mrs. Butcher. Meetings took place in various locations until 1947, when the Branch building was built.

The name was changed to Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion in 1960 to coincide with the Legion becoming the Royal Canadian Legion through Royal Assent obtained by Hon. John Diefenbaker.

Provincial Command's Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded in 2000, so, along with all other Ladies' Auxiliary in the Province, the Ladies' Auxiliary to Saskatchewan Branch became directly responsible to the Branch.

During the war years, members were kept busy with projects such as Hostess House, meeting Troop Trains, knitting, sewing, and visiting Veterans in hospital. Funds were raised through bake sales (some of which were held at the Co-op Store on Albert St. and Victoria St.), raffles, making and selling Christmas puddings, and coat checks, to name a few.

The war ended and many War Brides were welcomed to the organization. Membership at one time, was 400, however, that number has dwindled to approximately 165 members in 2006.

As in the past, the Ladies' Auxiliary still supports the Branch financially, morally and with many volunteer hours. Some of the major contributions include a wheel chair lift, a glass washer for the lounge, new drapery throughout the building, half of the cost of the cafeteria dishwasher, a stair crawler and a major contribution toward the construction of a dumb-waiter.

The Ladies' Auxiliary supports the community through student bursaries for local students, sponsor local students to the Legion Track & Field Camp, support local hospitals and charities. They continue to raise funds through bingos, teas, raffles, and catering. They discontinued their monthly dance, as their patrons were no longer able to support them, due to age and illness.

The Ladies' Auxiliary continues to assist with the Annual Poppy Campaign, visit Veterans and members in Care Homes and Wascana Rehab. Vets Wing, assist with the purchase of Christmas gifts for Veterans in Care Homes, Wascana Rehab. and their own shut-in members. Veterans in these facilities are sent a card and a small monetary gift on their birthday. The LA play bingo with and supply lunch to Veterans in Wascana Rehab. on a monthly basis. They also supply a monthly lunch for Wascana Happy Hour.

The LA Curling Team was well known throughout the province, however, due to age, that has been disconintinued. They do still golf, mostly par 3.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Regina Branch 1 celebrated their 75th Anniversary in 2005. They pledged their continued support and dedication to the Royal Canadian Legion, Regina Branch 1, its aims and objects.

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PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH 2



Located within a block of the beautiful fast flowing North Saskatchewan River at 133-8th Street East, Prince Albert Branch 2 of The Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command is surrounded by farmland and close to the Boreal Forest to the North. Originally founded on April 15, 1917, with a membership of 101. Prince Albert applied for a charter in the newly founded British Empire Service League (1925) on October 19,1926. Being the second Branch to apply, Prince Albert was thus awarded the title "PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH, SASKATCHEWAN #2." The Ladies' Auxiliary applied and received their charter in 1927.

The first Legion was an old house on the North West corner of 12th Street and 1st Avenue West. In 1948, due to increased membership and needed space, the old Bank of Nova Scotia building on the South East corner of 12th Street and 1st Avenue was purchased. In 1966, a new Legion was built at 133-8th Street East, its present location. Financing was made possible by the sale of the old Legion building and a mortgage through a local financial institution. On January 11,1988, the mortgage was paid off and a mortgage burning celebration was held.

Today, Branch 2 continues to be a very active Legion both in the Branch and in the community. In-house activities include darts, both senior and regular shuffleboard, pool and cribbage. Many members curl, bowl and golf in the community. Prince Albert has hosted Dominion curling and cribbage, Provincial darts and Provincial conventions.

In 2001, Branch 2 was a major sponsor of the Canadian Midget Boys Fastball Championships. At the Opening Ceremonies, the main ball field and scoreboard were dedicated to our Veterans and named 'Veterans Field' in honor and recognition of the Veterans and The Legion.

Each year, Branch 2 hosts the Annual Canada Day picnic in conjunction with the Ladies' Auxiliary. The main feature is a Veterans' Tent where the public is encouraged to chat to a "Veteran." The Branch also enters a float in the local Exhibition parade.

Fundraising is achieved through Poppy sales, bingos, annual Holiday Purse lotteries, Canada Day button sales, in-house suppers, ways and means, and meat draws.

Branch 2 sponsors the local Army Cadet Corp #390 with financial expenses not covered by the Department of Defense and the annual Legion Poster contests.

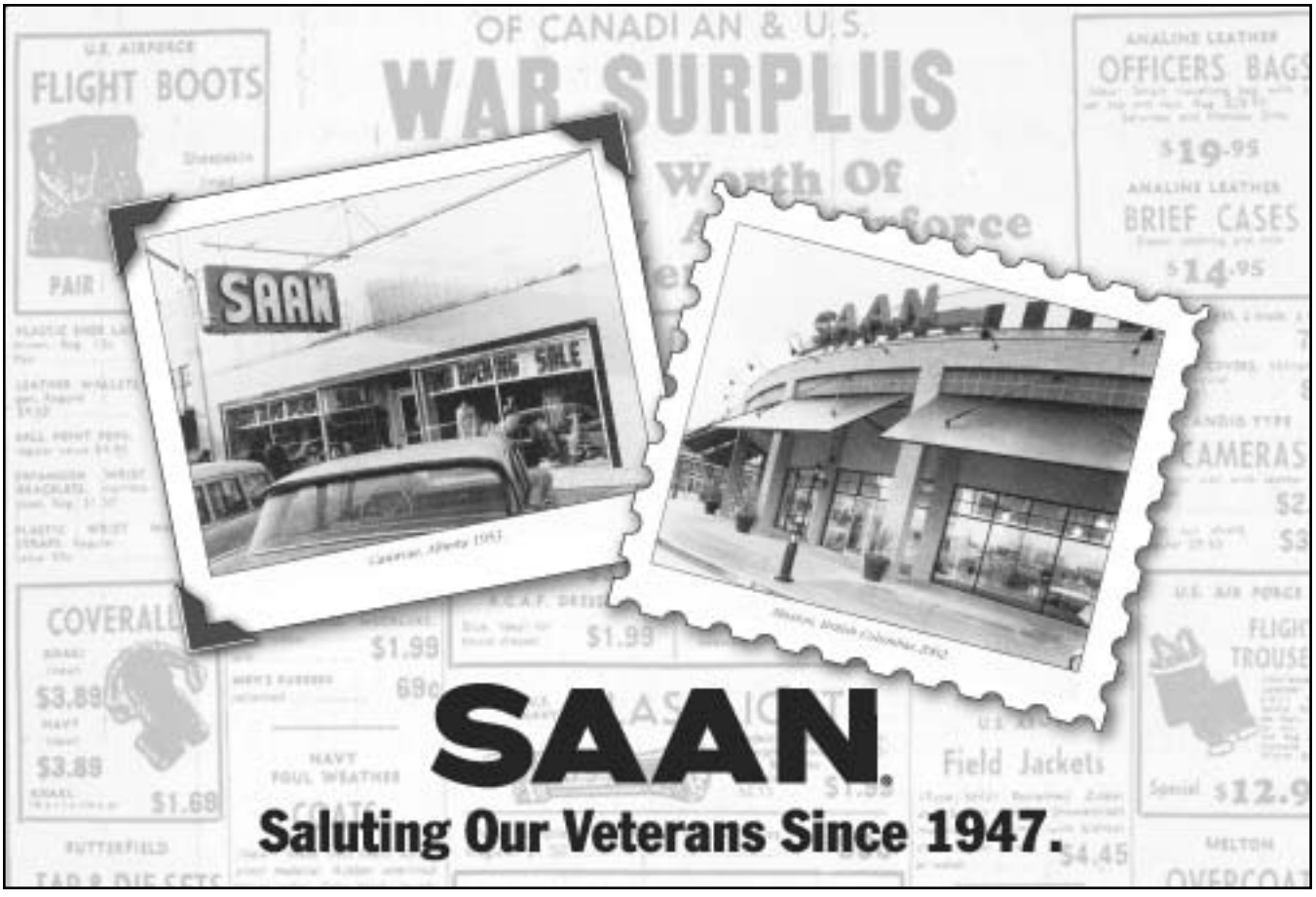
The Ladies' Auxiliary continues to be a valuable partner to Branch 2, with their tireless efforts and services. They cater to banquets, funeral service lunches, VE Day tea and bake sales, and whatever else is needed. Each year, the Ladies' Auxiliary continues to give a generous donation to Branch 2, which is greatly appreciated.

Prince Albert Branch 2 has a membership of 824. There are 294 Ordinary members, 379 Associate members, 21 Voting- Affiliate members, 108 Non-Voting Affiliate members, and 22 Lifetime members. The Ladies' Auxiliary has 76 members, with 24 Lifetime members.

Branch 2 has the following paid-staff: an Office Manager, 3 full-time bar stewards, 4 part-time bar stewards and a janitor.

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SOMME BRANCH 4

The Somme Branch No. 4 was chartered on December 13, 1926, under the name of Porcupine. The name was later changed to Somme in 1950. During the first few years of the Branch's operation, things were slow due to most of the younger generation going off to war. At that time, the Branch was heavily involved in raising funds for purchasing material for caskets to bury the dead in their area. They helped to provide lumber, lining and handles. Branch members assisted with polishing caskets until about 1935.

In 1946, when most of the younger generation returned from the war to civilian life, great interest was shown in the Somme Branch of the Legion. It was a great time to infuse new blood for the carrying on of the work of the older members in the earlier years. Once the Branch name was changed, a new large Legion Hall was built all by voluntary labour of Legion members and it opened New Year's Eve 1950.

The Branch has actively sponsored four ball teams over the years, supplying uniforms and equipment for junior teams. The Legion hall became the hub of the community serving many surrounding towns. The Legion helped to get the first community fair started and held numerous picnics and dances.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Somme Branch gave much wonderful assistance to the Branch since their formation in 1930. One memory stands out in the mind of Comrade Tom Rowan, a long-time member of the Branch; the making of crepe paper flowers for wreaths for Decoration Day and also gathering flowers for live bouquets.

Once the veterans returned from war, the Branch held "Smokers," and the idea of the smoker was to interest new members in joining. Much socializing was done, which enticed many new members to join the Branch.

Once the new hall was built in the 1950's, the Legion really boomed. Many community affairs were held, including November 11th suppers and New Year's Eve dances, some to the tune of 600 people. The Legion was the place to go back then. Over the next few years, the Hall was in need of repairs, so the Ladies' Auxiliary kicked in with the starting of Bingos to raise funds for the repairs.

As the years slipped by, membership dropped. It was finally decided that the Hall should be sold. Eventually it was turned over to the town, with the Legion still having certain rights to it. More years slipped by with the Somme Branch finding it hard to hold their Remembrance Day Services, so they joined with the Porcupine Plain Branch to hold combined services. Father time was taking its toll and the Somme Branch considered disbanding and closing their doors as a Branch. A date was set, the majority ruled against the closure, thus the Somme Branch still exists today.

Under the leadership of Past President Art Harris, now deceased, a huge membership drive was undertaken to bring the Somme Branch some new life. It was a great success with the membership now standing at approximately nineteen members, which is pretty good considering they were contemplating closure and they are a very small community.

KIPLING BRANCH 6

When The Royal Canadian Legion was first started in 1926, the Kipling Branch was one of the first in Saskatchewan to be organized. The charter was approved on October 19, 1926, with the following charter members: Roy J. Pollock, Wallace Doucette, Peter Scott M.C., Charles James Slade, Graham Elder, Daniel D. McPherson, Wilfred Bruce, Arthur Bates, John Sproat, Nicholas Santo, Daniel J. Devine and Victor W. Honeysett. They were all veterans of the 1914-18 war, except for John Sproat who had seen service during the Riel Rebellion. The WWI Veterans were young men getting established and had young families. By 1929, they were into the "great depression." It is not surprising that the Branch was not very active during that period.

With the outbreak of the war in 1939, the Branch was reactivated. The old theatre had not been in operation for some time, so the Branch decided that there was an opportunity for them to provide a community service, as well as have a fundraising project. The use of the building was arranged and the members started putting on shows every weekend. They were soon able to purchase the building. They had started the business with very little in the way of either money or experience, but with the help of much volunteer labor, they had succeeded.

The old building needed some repairs and renovations. The old hall at Kenosee was bought and torn down. The material was used to build a new theatre on two lots just east of the Bank property and the old theatre was sold to the Kipling co-op.

A new charter was approved in 1942 and the Branch carried on. When WWII ended, the returning veterans found a very active Legion Branch. They had a modern theatre showing films three nights a week and were being very well supported by the

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community. The Branch also took part in organizing the Kipling Sports Day each year, with some years attendance being around 3000. All of these activities meant much work but showed a good profit. Once the theatre was paid for, the Branch could make donations to many community projects such as to the Memorial Hospital to furnish a ward, to the recreation centre and to the tennis courts.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had been organized during the war years and they were a very important part of the organization.

Successful November 11th services were held along with the Poppy Day Campaigns. The Ladies have always sold poppies on the streets and their Poppy Day Teas have been very successful. In the early years, the Poppy Fund was used to assist many veterans, but today it is more used for purchasing equipment for the hospital and the senior citizens in Willowdale Lodge. We also use it for Literary crests for the Literary contest in the schools, which helps our children more understand the wartime sacrifices.

On April 8, 1968, fire destroyed the Legion Theatre. The Branch sold $50.00 certificates and many members guaranteed a bank loan. Financing was arranged and a new modern 340-seat facility was built. It opened in 1969 and was debt-free by 1978. Later on, a lounge was added. In 1986, the Theatre was sold and the Kipling Branch met in the new community centre.

In 2006, the Branch is now 80 years old. The Branch now owns a large building in the centre of Kipling. The Auxiliary can serve up to 150 steak suppers. In the past five or six years, the Branch has seen an increase in support from the community for the November 11th Services and Poppy Campaigns.

An Honour roll has been installed in the hall displaying the pictures and military history of 35 men from the area who lost their lives in war. There is also a group of about 125 pictures of men and women who have served in the armed forces.

In recent years, the membership has dwindled and the Branch is small, but still remains active.

HERSCHEL BRANCH 7

The Great War Veterans Association was organized on January 17, 1920 at an organizational meeting held with Comrade A.E. Elliott in the chair. The following months the GWVA was challenged with the work of helping members of the Imperial Command pensioners sort out and receive their proper pensions and exchange. The first November 11th dance was held on November 11th, 1920, with the first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. The Association continued on with making donations to the community and looking for a permanent building.

On April 23, 1926, the re-organization was completed and now known as the Herschel Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, with the charter being issued on October 12, 1926. The membership totaled 48 at that time. Their memorial fund was started in 1933. In 1938 a motion was passed to look into the possibilities of erecting a Memorial Hall. In 1940, the Branch set up a parcel fund for the troops overseas and steps were taken to register under the War Charities Act. In 1943, a motion was passed to form a Ladies' Auxiliary.

In 1945, the Branch hosted 25 servicemen who served in the 1939-45 conflict to a luncheon and smoker. A citation was given to Sgt. E. F. Schmidt, D.F.M., RCAF for his display and great courage and determination under severe anti-aircraft fire and fighter damage to their aircraft.

On. November 12, 1945, a special Remembrance Service was held at the School headed by Rev. G.W. Rodes. The Branch had also unveiled a Roll of Honour and read the names of all the volunteers of the District.

The Branch's donations in sending parcels overseas totaled over $3000.00. 1950 saw a combined community effort to get the hall started and the Herschel Memorial Hall became a reality. A bronze plaque was purchased to record all members of WWII killed in action and a flagpole and memorial was erected at the Herschel cemetery.

During the National Flag debate in 1963, Herschel Branch went on record as voting in favour of keeping the Red Ensign.

Early records show that Herschel Branch members were active in the Poppy Campaign in over twenty schools in the area. All of these country schools are now closed.

Funds raised for the general account show a wide range of ideas such as plays, curling bonspiels, dances, raffles of all kinds, turkey shoots, sports days, garage sales, bean and penny guessing games, card evenings, and just about anything one could think of. They also assisted in local sports hockey teams, baseball, track and field, figure skating, drama, curling and skiing, curling, darts, golf, cribbage and later, bowling.

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The Herschel Branch operated successfully through the 60's and 70's, but membership was dropping. In 1983, an associate member was elected President. Donations continued to the CNIB, Veterans Comfort Fund, Wheatbelt Centennial Lodge, the council for Crippled Children, Hall renovations, rink repairs, 4H clubs and a special raffle was held for the Paraplegic Association which garnered $1724.76 for their organization.

In 1996, a motion was passed for the Branch to disband, but was not accepted so the Branch carried on and actually tried to rebuild. New officers were elected, donations were put on hold for a while, and activities launched to boost funds and morale. A membership drive brought in several new members and former Ladies' Auxiliary members (as they had disbanded by that time) and now membership stands around 50.

In rural Saskatchewan, many small towns have all but disappeared, which has caused a great impact on organizations such as the Legion. The future is not as certain as it was, but people have become adjusted to the new realities of existing in rural areas where distances are great and neighbors are scarce.

The Branch members think they can still make a difference, and it will not be many years before WWII Veterans will be gone, and it will be up to the Associate members (sons and daughters, etc.) to keep the Legion alive. The future is always full of challenges, and changes always produce opportunities. Members of the Herschel Branch 7 think the next generation is up to the job!

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO HERSCHEL BRANCH 7

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Herschel Branch 7 was organized on April 7, 1943 to assist the Legion Branch in various ways and to benefit the members of the Armed Forces from the district who were serving overseas with parcels from home.

Charter Members were: Mrs. Edith Webb, President; Mrs. Alice Meints, Secretary; Mrs. Anne Aime; Mrs. Isabella Todd; Mrs. Eliza Stinson; Mrs. May Cheyne; Mrs. Phyliss McAurthur; Miss. Winnie Meints; Mrs. Edna Moore; and Mrs. Anna Tyson. Until the war ended in 1945, the members supported the Legion Overseas Parcel Fund and raised money to send parcels and wishes of cheer and Xmas greetings to local men and women serving overseas. The members used many diverse methods of raising funds for the parcels and the postage.

When the war was over in 1945 some of the local boys were bringing brides home with them, so the Auxiliary organized welcoming teas to honour the "overseas brides," presenting each of them with a gift of welcome for their new home in Canada.

The Auxiliary had a total of twenty-seven members at its peak, but by 1981, the number had declined to fourteen.

In May 1968, they observed their 25th anniversary with a banquet and dance, and eight of the ten charter members returned to help celebrate the occasion.

They also organized a banquet and dance to commemorate the Legion's fiftieth anniversary.

They assisted the Legion Branch in all its social activities, aided in the sale of poppies, provided lunch for Legion dances and other functions, visited members in hospitals, supported Veterans Comfort Fund, Books for the Troops, and sent games and parcels to servicemen in Korean hospitals. They raised money for the Hall fund, donated hall chairs and funds for the furnace, and they did not stop at local things. They branched out to assist in aiding national disasters, floods in Europe, and assisted a local Veteran and his wife to take their sick child to a children's hospital in Toronto.

They also participated in sports. The Herschel rink won the Zone Curling cup nine times, and in the process laid an "eight ender" against a Saskatoon rink at the District Playdowns in Watrous.

Sadly, the Herschel Ladies Auxiliary disbanded on May 31, 2000, citing drastic reduction in membership losses due to old age, and members leaving and joining the Legion Branches. Outgoing Provincial President, Sybil Clayton, observed the average age was well over sixty and probably closer to seventy. The Ladies' Auxiliary to Herschel Branch 7 is sadly missed by the Legion Branches everywhere.

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BATTLEFORD BRANCH 9

A group of returned Veterans of World War I got together to reminiscence and have a drink or two. They finally decided to organize, because they felt a group voice for benefits would be stronger than many single voices. They applied for membership in the British Empire Service League and received the Charter in October 1926. As all early records were lost, the history of the Branch must depend on memory of its members. It seems there were about 40 names on the first membership list, but only nine names are on the Charter.

The meetings were held in an upstairs room at the school, then the upper level of the fire hall, and then the Presbyterian Church, which is now a heritage building. It took twenty years of fundraising by both the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Branch to be in a position to even think about purchasing their own hall.

In 1946, the Provincial Government put the buildings of the NATO Pilot Training base on the Airport up for sale. The Branch members at that time negotiated a price of $1200.00 for the '"L" shaped recreation hall and canteen. The "L" part was traded to Mr. Stewart to move the building to its present location from six miles north of North Battleford. Even then, the building had to be cut in half in order to get it across the old iron bridge, which was built in 1912 for horse and buggy traffic.

At the present location, 262-22nd Street, a basement was dug and the building was finally in place.

Fundraising by both the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Branch was in high gear. Bingos, 50-50 tickets in the business, dances and raffles were main money raisers for the Branch. They rented the main floor to the general public for dances, weddings, funerals, etc.

Finally, in 1971, an addition was made to both the main floor and the basement. The Branch could then accommodate groups as large as 200.

During all this time, the Ladies' Auxiliary, who got their Charter in 1926, with 9 members, worked tirelessly in support of their men. Their first meeting was held in the Council Chamber on November 13, 1926.

Once the hall was in place, they held teas, bake sales, raffles, suppers and catered the suppers or lunches for people renting the hall. They also made up and sold cookbooks. The Ladies furnished and equipped the kitchen with a commercial size cook stove, dishes, cutlery and a fridge. In 1981, the Branch gave the Ladies the Bingos to run, which they still do.

Other fundraisers were Fiddle Competitions, and an Ol' Time Fiddle Jamboree. Comrade Ross Innis and helpers compiled a book "Lest We Forget" of all local military from the Boer War to the Korean Conflict, which were sold.



We have continued to make improvements to the Hall. A ramp on the outside to get people upstairs to the main hall and an electric chair-lift to get people downstairs to the Clubroom have been added. The ramp was a joint effort of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Branch, but a member donated the chair lift.

The Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary support many worthy causes: The Battleford's Pipes & Drums Band, Battleford's Army Cadets, the local Tot Lot, and many charitable organizations that have to do with Seniors and Youth. All this, besides taking care of local Veterans with gifts at Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries and any extra comforts for them. The Branch also does their lawns in the summertime and snow removal in winter. The Branch also does these things for the surviving spouse.

This Branch could not have survived the 80 years without member volunteers who gave of their time, talents and money; the Ladies' Auxiliary who worked tirelessly, in sometimes very trying circumstances (especially in the early days), to produce the best meals and tea parties in town.

In October and November of each year, the Branch members sell wreaths and poppies.

Local businesses allow poppy trays and each business buys a wreath to display. The Army Cadets do a house-to-house canvas now. It used to be the Ladies who went door-to-door. The school children do take part in the Literary and Poster Competition.

Both the Branch and the Auxiliary had excellent curling teams over the years. The curling has dwindled, but they enter Cribbage and Senior Bowling each year. They used to have a couple of golfers but have never entered darts.

Since Provincial Command changed Battleford Branch 9 to a larger Zone size, interest has declined. There is now Branch Crib on the first Saturday and Kaiser on the third Saturday of each month, with meat draws at both, in the Clubroom. These card days are well attended. Crib has meat for prizes and Kaiser gives money.

During the 80 years, the Ladies' Auxiliary has had 23 presidents, and the Branch has had 46 presidents with some serving more than one year and more than one term.

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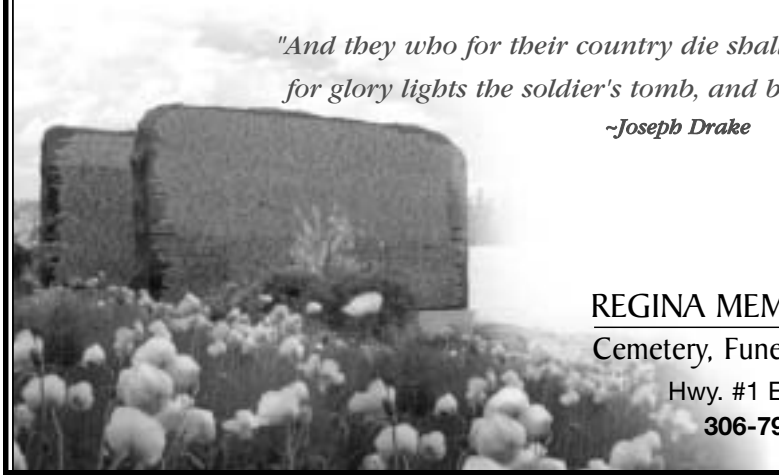
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CRAIK BRANCH 10

On May 16, 1928, Craik Branch 10 Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, received its charter. In 1959, they dropped British Empire Service League, and in 1961, Royal was added. A copy of the original charter was lost when the Legion Hall was destroyed by fire in 1968. The hall was rebuilt the next year with the help of the Legion.

Craik Branch 10 continues to help fellow veterans and dependents in need, give scholarships for students, support youth track and field and participate in community affairs, in particular the November 11th service. They presently have 29 members.

In 1922, a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in connection with the Craik Great War Veterans. They held meetings during the 1930s, and on March 2, 1935, they received a charter, and the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion was organized. Their aims were to help the Veterans, make donations to the Veterans' Comfort Fund, and to the scholarship fund for the children of Veterans. Catering was their largest money raiser. They dismantled on January 1, 2001.



The inauguration of Mossbank Veterans took place on November 8, 1923 with D. McNaughton, E. Tylee and P.J. Rawlinson forming the executive. This was the first year a Remembrance Day service was held in Mossbank.

On April 21, 1926, a meeting of Mossbank Veterans was called for the purpose of forming a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. They received their charter on October 12, 1926, and become known as Branch #11 of the Royal Canadian Legion. Meetings were held in the Rawlinson Hardware and in the Cropp building, then in the Empress Hotel. In World War Two, meetings were held in the Masonic Lodge. After the war, plans to have a portion of the Community Hall for a Legion Hall did not materialize. Arrangements were made instead, to purchase a building from No. 2 Bombing and Gunnery School at the airport. In the spring of 1948, the building was moved to its present location by Mr. Cal Sutor. The Legion, having purchased the original building, found themselves short of funds to pay for moving the building, so they agreed to give the Mossbank Hospital half of the building to pay for the moving - this half become the Nurses' Residence. The Legion president at that time was Comrade Pete Allan.

MOSSBANK BRANCH 11

Through the years, Branch 11 members have supported Veterans and their dependants who were in need. They have provided comforts for Veterans in hospital or in home care, and have supported efforts to improve the quality of life in this community. For many years, the Branch has had a cribbage night for everyone in the community. They have, on occasion, supported the Legion Provincial Sports programs, and have always supported the Zone sports and cribbage events.

The 25-pounder artillery piece, which is parked on the north side of the Legion Hut distinguishes our Branch from other Branches. Like the 25-pounder, Branch 11 stands on guard.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MOSSBANK BRANCH 11

The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed on January 11, 1946, with Zone Representative, Mrs. Bertha Byers, in attendance. There were 12 charter members; the first president was Mrs. C. Wyldman. The Auxiliary set about to raise funds to help further the aims and purpose of the Canadian Legion. The main interest was to make provisions for visiting and providing comfort for sick and disabled Veterans and their dependants. Other worthy contributions went to books for troops, national disaster fund, and a special auxiliary scholarship for Veterans' children. The Auxiliary also promotes the Poppy Day campaign.

Resources: History and Reminiscences of Lake Johnston and Sutton Municipalities, Furrows and Faith, a history of RM 102 and RM 103.

PIAPOT BRANCH 12

In 1919, a group of World War I Veterans formed a branch called the Great War Vets. They had no hall, so meetings and other events were held in various buildings. On June 5, 1926, the Branch received its charter with about sixty members. The Ladies'Auxiliary received its charter in 1948. In 1933, the Legion build a cenotaph in memory of the Veterans. In 1948, an old army barracks was moved in and is still being used as part of the hall. There was a lot of hard work in digging the basement by hand. Fundraisers for the Branch include sports days, walk-a-thons, raffles, suppers, bingos, to name a few. The club has twenty-two members. On the south wall of the clubroom, the wall is covered by 8" x 10" pictures of Veterans of the Army, Air Force, and Navy from the Piapot area. If only the walls could talk….

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NORTH STAR BRANCH 13

A group of veterans from World War I gathered at St. Walburg in the R.M of North Star and formed a Legion called North Star Branch No. 13. The date this all began was December 13, 1926; also the day the Branch received its charter. The total number of memberships at this time was forty. The veterans' names are as follows: J. Betrand, L. Billingslet, F.E. Bowbyers, J.M. Buick, J. Cassie, I. Edwards, E.L. Eldridge, A.H. Forbes, E. Henry, F. Hickman, E. Hope, Mrs. Ivy Hope, C.W. Ilsley, T. Johnstone, J.K. Kershaw, E.A. Knott, A. March, O. Marx, F. Mitchell, C.A. McDowell, W.H. McDowell, P.H. McFhault, A. Parkinson, J. Patterson, T. Pugh, C.T. Rowe, F.J. Scarrow, E. Taylor, J.C. Thomson, J.K. Thomson, J. Trainer, L. H. Twidale, H.H. Van Norman, G. Weber, A.J. Wesger, P. Whyman, R.E. Wilson, E.O. Wiltshire, J.A. Wright, and H.D. Wylie.

Mr. Ilsley was instrumental in purchasing the building that was to be used as a Legion Hall. The date of the purchase is unknown, for in the year 1946, the Legion Hall was destroyed by a fire and all the records were destroyed along with it. The fire took place some time after a picture show that evening. The Veterans and Ladies' Auxiliary started raising money in various ways to purchase a new hall, and by 1951, a new hall was built on the Legion property, by all volunteer labour. It was rented out to various organizations and for some time it was used as a cafe, while a new one was being built. It was also rented out as a Hardware store.

In the year 1953, some partitions were removed and a 12' x 20' foot kitchen was added. The building was heated by wood and coal. In 1966, heating was installed. Bathrooms with sewer and water were installed in 1974, and natural gas was installed in 1982.

In the year 1999, a building was purchased for $25,000 dollars, and some renovations were carried out at the cost of $5,000 dollars. On January 26, 2001, a Veteran and Legion member, by the name of Bill Pepper, paid off the Legion's mortgage of $22,000 dollars, and the Legion had the mortgage burning on November 9, 2001.

This really put the Legion on its feet and since then, their main money raiser has been a weekly bingo, where they net around eight to nine thousand dollars a year. The hall is also now rented out for court and for driving tests and exams, and for anyone who would like to rent it.

The Legion sponsors and donates to various organizations, including the hospital, senior lodge, track and field, minor hockey, to the needy Veterans from the sale of poppies, Telemiracle, Easter sales, crippled children's fund, Celebrated Legion 50th Golden Anniversary, and selling and planting tulips. There are numerous other ways that the Legion supports its area, but there are too many to mention along with other ways that they have raised money.

In 1986 the Branch built a cenotaph and dedicated it in honour of the Legions 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary.





The Legion has one paid member and that is the person who looks after the hall. The other members are all volunteers. To this day, the Legion still has 50 members, but only 10 or 12 regularly attend meetings.

The St. Walburg Ladies' Auxiliary North Star Branch No. 13 held their first meeting on September18, 1934, and received their charter. The Auxiliary was a very important part of the Legion. They raised money in many different ways, such as suppers, raffles, card parties, and many other functions.

The ladies had a Sunshine Committee to visit the ill. Furthermore, they donated to the crippled children fund to camp Easter Seals, Telemiracle, and other organizations. They also kept track of everyone's birthdays and celebrated each one. The Ladies prepared food for the Zone rally, bowling functions, and curling events. They were the ones who served the lunches after the Remembrance Day Services. The ladies did a great deed for the Veterans by sending parcels overseas during the Second World War, and this was highly appreciated. Volunteers did all of this work, which took a lot of time and effort.

On December 6, 1993, the last meeting was held. It was sad to say that the memberships were getting too few to carry on. The ladies gave up their charter and some of the Auxiliary Ladies then joined the men's Legion.

The Legion gives a big "Thank you" to the ladies who served so faithfully over the years. The ladies were a great help to the Legion in supporting it the way they did.



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SHELL LAKE BRANCH 15

In 1926, a group of World War I veterans held a meeting in their homes to discuss forming a branch of the Legion.

That same year, this Branch received its charter and was known as the Royal Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service. The Legion Charter is dated October 16, 1926, signed by B.M. Cambell, Dominion Secretary, and by Percy Drake, Dominion President.

The first Legion consisted of 16 members with William Reed as the first Secretary and Gilbert Proctor the first President.

The first meeting was held in a small hut on the edge of town before the present facilities were acquired.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the branch was formed on September 1, 1954, by ten ladies from the area, with Ellen Dobrowolski elected as the first President, and Myrtle Graik as the first Secretary/Treasurer. The Ladies' Auxiliary has been an important part of the Legion until it dissolved on December 31, 2000, with many of its members joining the regular Legion at that time.

In 1930, a memorial to the war veterans was built on Memorial Hill and dedicated in 1931 by the Legion and Community, this memorial was restored in 2005-2006 and rededicated on June 17, 2006 and is now considered one of Shell Lake's attractions.

Branch 15 now has 43 members and is a very important part of this community, as it has been for the past 80 years. They hold several



fund-raisers each year to aid in building maintenance, Branch 15 Legion programs, and those of Provincial Command.

The Branch puts special emphasis on Remembrance Day with special programs in the School and Community, never losing sight of the obligations as a Legion.

A Cenotaph was erected next to the Legion hall in 1985, along with handicap entry and many improvements to the existing building.

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FOAM LAKE BRANCH 16

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Robertson's Hall, fourteen members of the Great War Veterans Association held their first meeting. By 1931, membership had reached sixty-five and took in the towns of Foam Lake, Elfros, Leslie, Tuffnell, Sheho and Kelliher.

The first social function was a dance held on December 16, 1919 in Robertson's Hall, with music supplied by the Yorkton Orchestra. The Orchestra was paid a sum of $68, food and hotel expenses of $11 was paid for their stay overnight. The lunch for the dance cost $47.60, and decorations were $1.00. Proceeds from dance was $191 minus expenses.

In March of 1926, Foam Lake formed a local branch of the Canadian Legion and became a chartered member on November 2, 1926.

Over the years, meetings were held in Robertson's Hall (later known as Loptson's Hall - Red and White Store on the first floor, Main Street), Walshe's Office, Town Council Chambers and Sheho Ukrainian Hall.

Construction of the present Legion Hall, measuring 60' x 30' and located on 404 Royal Street, began in 1957. The kitchen area was renovated in 1974-75, and in 1981-82, the Lounge, 40'x30' was added.

The Ladies' Auxiliary became chartered members on November 4,1931, and eventually reached a membership of sixty-five by the 1970's. The ladies held meetings in their homes and the Town Office. The Ladies' Auxiliary, along with the Legion, held dances, whist-drives, bingo, sports day, amateur night, moving picture shows, raffles, collection for lunch after meetings, and in later years, catered to various celebrations and donated to many local organizations and charities.

In December of 1994, the Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded, but with the determination of ten members, they were re-institutionalized on January 23, 1995. In December 1998, the Auxiliary made a final motion to disband, and if so wished, members could join the Legion Branch.

With the disbanding of the Leslie Legion Branch 172 in 2002, Foam Lake saw an increase in membership to fifty by 2006.

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ASSINIBOIA BRANCH 17

The Assiniboia Branch received its charter on October 8, 1926. According to early records, Branch meetings were held in various locations. In 1934 a suitable hall was rented above the old liquor store. It was furnished and meetings were then held there. The Branch later moved to the Elk's Hall, which was rented for $7.50 per month with the Ladies' Auxiliary paying half of that.

In July 1934, $1.00 was sent to a Branch in Golden, BC, who were in financial trouble at the time. The Branch has been the sponsors of the Air Cadets since 1941. In 1952, the Branch held dances to raise money to build a new swimming pool in Assiniboia.

The 49th Parallel Days celebration, as it is known today to all local Legionnaires, was originated in 1954 as a result of a little girl from Assiniboia who needed a very delicate heart operation that was to be performed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, NY. Assiniboia Legionnaires made donations of blood available for the girl to complete her operation and from that day forward the Canadian/US members have met for socializing on a yearly basis.

In 1956, construction began on the new Assiniboia Branch building after years of fundraising work It opened in June of 1958. In 1967, a "Burning of the Mortgage" took place with a very impressive ceremony and dance. In 1970, renovations were needed and completed. Then open houses were held to give the public an opportunity to see and learn more about the work and accomplishments of the Legion.

In 1979, a wheel chair van was purchased to make it easier for the seniors of the community to partake in Legion and community events. The van has been used extensively and is operated by volunteer drivers.

The accomplishments to the community over the years has been extensive for our Branch. Some of them are as follows: sponsorship of cubs and scouts, air cadets, donations to minor hockey, united appeal, telemiracle, Santa Claus parade, scholarships for music festivals, scholarships for mathematics, donations to the civic centre, donations to both swimming pools in the town, a ward at the new Union Hospital, contributions to the town playground, upkeep of the cenotaph, sponsorship of students to the track and field camps.

The Branch holds successful November 11th and poppy and wreath campaigns yearly and all money collected is used only for veterans and veterans' dependents in need or distress. It is also used for war veterans and their dependents who are bereaved, hospitalized or confined to home or an institution. Assiniboia has always held Remembrance Day Services to honour the fallen and have carried out an educational program in the schools to keep as many people as possible remembering.

At present, membership stands at approximately 100 members and is going strong. Some of our members are spread across the country.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO ASSINIBOIA BRANCH 17

The minute books of the Ladies' Auxiliary go back to the first meeting held in the town hall on October 8, 1930. The Auxiliary was formed and has been one of the most active in the Province. They met twice per week in town facilities and members' homes. They assisted with the Poppy Campaigns doing the door-to-door canvassing. They held dances and whist drives and sold candies and popcorn at the local Olympia Theatre. They supplied eye glasses, shoes, prescription medicine, winter clothes, groceries, special food diets and coal during the 'Dirty 30's' for those in need.

When the second world war was declared, they raised funds to send parcels overseas. These young men numbered well over a hundred at the time for their area. While doing this, they continued to support the needs of those at home who were hospitalized or needy. They even sewed diapers and baby clothes and knitted jackets and bonnets for community children.

They sponsored blood donor clinics and sent comforts to the Veterans Wing at the Regina General Hospital. They sent layettes to hospitals in Great Britain. While all this was going on, they promoted and bought victory bonds hoping for the day when the conflict would be over.

The ladies also assisted the men in the purchase of their new Legion building. There has been a steady growth of the Ladies' Auxiliary since those days. Once the boys returned, they continued on with community work, such as donations to nursing homes, the skating rink, swimming pools, providing scholarships, veterans' comforts, music festivals, etc., and catering to banquets and the annual Poppy Day Tea and Bake Sale.

In August of 1980, the Ladies celebrated their 50th Anniversary of service to their Veterans and dependents and to the community of Assiniboia and District. A gala banquet and dance was held in conjunction with the Assiniboia's homecoming celebrations. Since then, they have continued their busy life of service. They recently donated $1,000.00 toward the Junior Hospital Auxiliary birthing bed and they annually sponsor five handicapped children to summer camps at Manitou Beach, and this past year they sponsored five students to the Provincial Track and Field camp in Saskatoon. They continue to sponsor blood donor clinics to this day. They continue to decorate War Veterans' graves yearly. November 11th is still their most important day, when they remember the young men who paid the supreme sacrifice.

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SINTALUTA BRANCH 18

The Sintaluta Branch of the Canadian Legion was formed from a number of Great War Veteran Associations, which had been organized after the First World War. In Sintaluta, the Great War Veterans Association was the forerunner of the Royal Canadian Legion.

On Dec. 6, 1919, with Chuck Dundas as President, the first meeting of the G.W.V.A. was held with fourteen members present: F. Booth, H. Talbot, N. Forsyth, W. Ewart, T. Bryson, W. Troughton, G. Holmes, J. Bryson, Chuck Dundas, W. Durrell, W. Stratton, J. Watt, L.S. Darling, and Dr. Gareau. Fred Dundas was given Honorary Membership for his assistance to the G.W.V.A. in December 1919. The Association met in the Dundas garage until the Memorial Hall was built.

They used the Library room in the Memorial Hall until the Membership became too large to accommodate them. They then met in James Watts' rooms until they acquired the Legion rooms in a building donated to them by Chas. Farrow.

The Sintaluta Branch of the B.E.S.L. (British Empire Service League) received its charter on October 6, 1926, with the following charter members: John Westmorland, James Watt, R.G. MacDonald, Neil Prain, Geo. Francis, Ivie Richardson, Walter Ewart, Arthur Francis, Walter Paxton, C.L. Dicken, W.C. Diment, Thomas Mitchell, Sam Pike, Ernest Ingle, and Ernest Chamberlain.

Today, the Legion continues to support the community by still having a Poppy Campaign and having a Remembrance Day each year, plus other projects. Our membership has declined over the years with our 2006 membership at 15 members, with 6 Ordinary members and 9 Associate members.

LADIES AUXILIARY TO SINTALUTA BRANCH 18

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Sintaluta Branch 18 was organized on Feb. 13, 1945. The eligible ladies of Sintaluta and Districts were encouraged to organize by Mrs. Cecil Fox. Her husband at that time was an agent on the Carry-the-Kettle Assiniboine Reserve south of Sintaluta. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Lowe. Mrs. Penfold of Cupar, the Zone Representative of Regina Zone 1 of this area was present and the Auxiliary was organized. Mrs. Fox was elected President. Other officers were also elected. The Branch appreciated the organization of the ladies. Charter members were: Cora Durrell, Gwen Lowe, Vera Diment, Elsie Luther, Madeline Henty, Hazel Boustead, Alice Davies, Ethel Doull, Ethel Fox, Mildred Blakley, Dorothy Dicken, Florence Hodgson, Eva Cox, Elizabeth Serson, Mary Paxton and Beatrice Luther.

With declining membership, the Ladies Auxiliary disbanded in 1995. They were greatly missed by the community and especially the Legion Branch with their help over the years.

KELVINGTON BRANCH 19

Kelvington Veterans returning from World War I felt the need for comradeship, and on October 12, 1926, received their charter under the Great War Veterans Association. A meeting place was their biggest problem, but they worked hard and soon found a building on Railway Avenue. Several other moves were made, but when the building burned down, they were forced into building a new hall, which also burned down before completion. The Vets had met in the basement and called their meeting place the "Dug-Out."

Determination could be called their motto, as they went to work on building yet another hall. November 11th was always recognized with a banquet. Poppies were proudly worn by old and young, alike. Dances proved to be their best fundraisers.

The Second World War saw many young men and women leave to serve and fight for their country. Not wanting them to come back to a huge debt on the hall, it was sold and eventually became a theatre. The "Dug-Out" still served as a meeting place.

World War II Veterans returned home in 1945-1946. With the help of the Town of Kelvington, they purchased an Air Force building at Dafoe (a training area for pilots) and moved it to Kelvington. Many volunteer hours went into making it a place of their own, and it became the center for fundraising and entertainment for many years. Disaster struck, once again, on the morning of May 9, 1975, when the fire alarm announced the Legion Hall was burning down!

Once again, the Legion was faced with some big decisions. They had $50,000.00 of insurance money, but it was not enough to rebuild a new hall. The Town was eligible for provincial grants, so together, a new hall, the Kelvington-Legion Community Centre was officially opened on August 19, 1977. The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable George Porteaus (a WWI Veteran), cut the ribbon to declare the building open. Since that time, the energies of the Legion membership has been the operation of the new centre.

Through the years, Kelvington Legion has always found ways to contribute funds to many worthy causes in the community and area. They have supported and encouraged students to attend Track and Field, to participate in the annual Poetry and Essay contest - a plaque is proudly hung in the Kelvington High School naming David Ashdown as the winner of the 1965 National Remembrance Essay Contest. Donations have regularly been made to such groups as the Salvation Army, Camp Easter Seal, the Cancer Society, Canadian Diabetes, the local Library, and many funds given to the local Hospital, the

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KELVINGTON BRANCH 19 *(...Cont'd)*

volunteer Fire Brigade, school sports. Members have participated in curling and golf.

The unveiling of the cenotaph took place on June 17, 1951. This event was sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary whose charter was issued on February 22, 1949. Today the cenotaph is lighted 24/7 and bares the names of fallen comrades from WWI and WWII. The soldiers plot and other graves in the Kelvingrove Cemetery are marked with a Maple Leaf and for many years a Decoration Day was held on Father's Day in June, when every Veteran's grave was marked with a Canadian flag.

In September 1980, membership was 11 Life, 76 Ordinary, 53 Associate, 9 Honorary, and 5 Fraternal, for a total of 154. As of September 2006, there was one Life, 32 Ordinary, 82 Associate, 2 Affiliate voting, and 2 Affiliate non-voting members, for a total of 119.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Kelvington Branch 19 disbanded on December 31, 2003 after 54 years of service to their Branch and community. They spear-headed furnishings of the Legion Community Centre, did all the leg work to build the Legion Villa, Legion Manor and NorthView - low-rental units for senior citizens.
Today, the Kelvington-Legion Community Centre is managed by the Associate members and a paid caretaker-maintenance person. Kelvington Legion Branch 19 is alive and well!

ROCANVILLE BRANCH 20

In the First World War, one hundred and twenty-eight men and one nursing sister served under arms from the Rocanville area. In 1919, Veterans of the service found themselves faced with problems of re-establishment, the need for companionships. Many ex-service men's organizations were started. One of the largest was "The Great War Veterans Association." A Branch (Sask. No. 20) was formed at Rocanville.

Following World War I, the Rocanville Municipality 151, in recognition of, and appreciation for services rendered presented each returned soldier with a medal suitably engraved on the back: "Presented to_____by Rocanville for Gallant Services in the Great War 1914-1918." This presentation was made in May of 1919.

Little did anyone realize then, on this happy day, that in 1946, the citizens of Rocanville and District would again be paying tribute to members of the Canadian Forces who had returned home after World War II, 1939-45; and remembering and honoring the boys who had paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Signet rings with the Saskatchewan Emblem on them (Three Sheaves), Rocanville and District, were presented to each soldier.

In 1924, the Great War Veterans Association and several other Veterans organizations amalgamated to form the Canadian Legion BESL. In 1926, the Cenotaph in front of the C.P.R. Station was unveiled in memory of the men who gave their lives.

Prior to 1931, a Decoration Day Service was at the Cenotaph in June of each year. The first Remembrance Day service was held on November 11th, 1931 in the United Church. The parade was led by the local band, with school children from the village and country, the Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary, marching from the school to the cenotaph, then to the church. An impressive service was held. The service on November 11th is still a yearly event.
The first meeting of the Legion was held in the Orangeman's Hall. Several other buildings were used. In 1953, an old store owned by E.E. Plummer was bought. A new hall was built in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice and to honour those who served in the two World Wars. The Hall was dedicated on Thursday, May 25, 1950, before an audience of over 500 people. Members of the Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary attended. The cenotaph was moved from the former place to along-side the new hall.

It is possible that the biggest challenge came in 1959 - assuming the responsibility for the recently completed community hall. Meetings took place in what was now the Legion Memorial Hall.

Throughout the years, the Legion Branch, with the assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary have sponsored many carnivals, sports days, raffles, bingos, minor ball and hockey. They have also canvassed for the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Mental Health, CNIB, Cancer Society,and the March of Dimes. The Ladies went door-to-door selling poppies. A collection was taken at the Remembrance Services and given to the Junior Red Cross.

In 1981, the Memorial Hall became the responsibility of a younger group. Arrangements were made to retain the cloakroom section as a club room for monthly meetings.

Since that period, the Rocanville Legion has seen the passing of its few remaining founding members and several veterans of World War II.

Today, the activities are limited. They still look after the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11th each year and sponsor the Literary and Poster competition at the school, which is associated with Remembrance Day.

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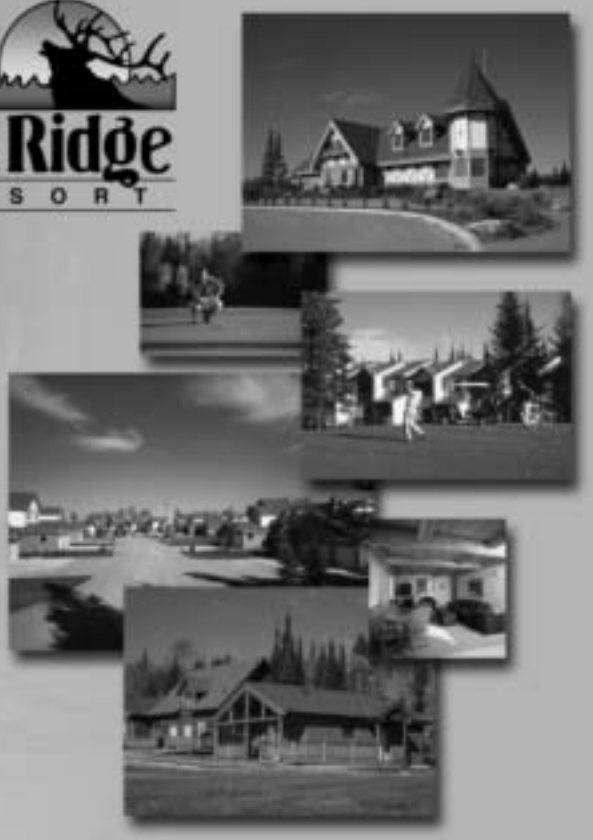
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LINTLAW BRANCH 23

On March 25, 1925, it was decided that a Branch of the Great War Veterans Association be formed, and an executive was formed. The Village of Lintlaw agreed to rent the room above the hall as a club room for the cost of $ 15/year.

The first social was held on April 15, 1925, for the members who returned, whether members or not, along with their wives or sweethearts.

At the July 6 meeting, a motion to purchase locally - one broom, six chairs, three spittoons, three blinds, three packs of cards, two games of checkers, one game of dominoes and one Union Jack. On February 5, 1926, Canadian Legion was referred to, with 15 charter members. Throughout the years, the Branch held many socials, picnics, dances, and picture shows.

At a meeting in February 1927, it was decided to build a "Vet's Hall," it is believed the hall was completed in 1928. On April 11, 1931 a "motion that meetings be held always on the Saturday before the full moon" was made.

On March 7, 1936, the Branch agreed to sponsor the Boy Scout movement. The Ladies' Auxiliary was chartered in September 1944. This group was the backbone of the Branch. Due to aging members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, it dissolved about 10 years ago, in 1996.

In 1949, a new Legion Hall was started, and officially opened on June 6, 1950. This hall still remains in use.

On July 2, 1952, work on the cenotaph began, and was completed on October 11, and unveiled on October 29, 1952.

In 1964, an addition of a kitchen and deposit for water and sewer was paid.

In 1966, the Branch purchased a wheelchair and three pairs of crutches.

On June 30, 1966, Branches from the area gathered to honor David Ashdown, who won the Dominion Essay contest. David then went to Ottawa to attend the November 11th service and place the wreath on behalf of the 'Youth of Canada."

Some very eye-catching scrolls hang in our hall; wooden, very professionally engraved with the names of our fallen comrades. One listed the "Great War" and the other "WWll." They were engraved by Comrade John Wilson from the Okla area.

At the current time, Lintlaw Branch 23 has 23 members, and is looking and hoping for more members in order to stay open. They have had celebrations for years of service awards, "Year of the Veteran," and hope we can continue the November 11th services. The Branch relies on bingo and rentals to help with costs, keeping in mind the purpose of a Legion and what it stands for.



KAMSACK BRANCH 24

The Kamsack Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion did not receive its charter until October 1929. Early minute books indicate that there was activity with ex-service personnel at least 12 _ years before this. The first minute book indicates that seven members of the National Service Board met on February 8, 1917. The Chair was T.A. Coppin. The Secretary was W.S. McMillan. Others present were: G. Borrill, R.J.M. Parker, J. Tyrrill, W.J. McLaughlin and J. Topham.

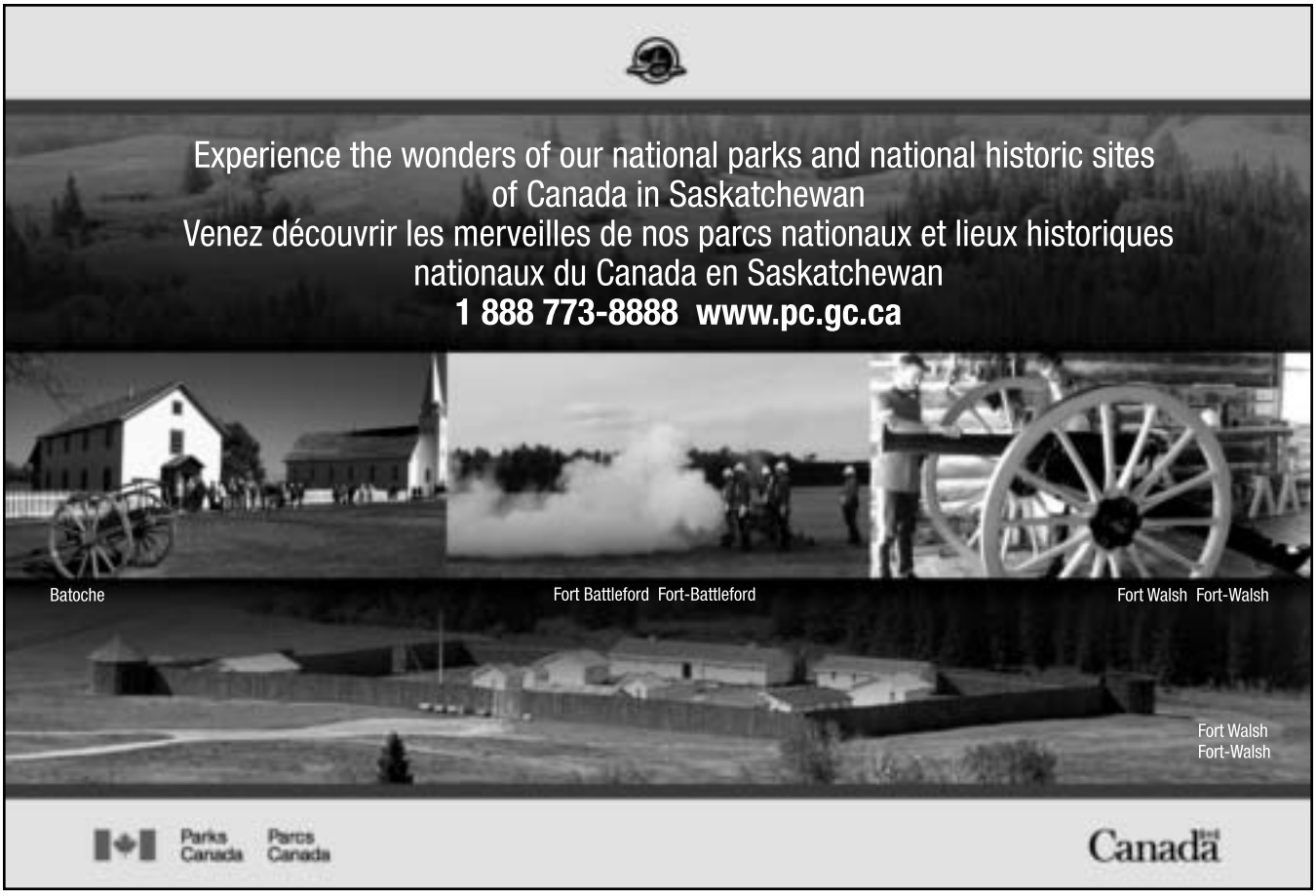
Records also indicate that at least two meetings of the Great War Veterans Association Kamsack Branch were held in the fall of 1918. The first meeting on October 4th was an organizational one. The first President was Comrade Black and the first Secretary was Comrade W.S. McMillan. The last meeting for that year was on October 12th.

The last meeting of this Executive was in March of 1919. On April 2nd, a re-organizational meeting was held with A.C. Dunaway being elected President and F. Owens as Secretary.

These Great War Veterans did not have their own hall until 1935. In January of that year, a motion was passed to spend $250.00 to purchase an old "cottage" school house. This building was used until they purchased the Harvey House in 1946 for $7500.00, which was a huge sum of money at that time.

Before they had their own hall, the Veterans met in many different locations. The most frequently used meeting place was the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall. They met there intermittently from August 1919 until January 1935. During this time, the Veterans also met at the local RCMP Barracks, the RM of Cote Municipal Office, and the Town Hall. Executive and Trustee meetings during this time

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were held in the President's or Secretary's home or downtown at someone's business office.

The "new" Legion (ref. Kamsack Ladies' Auxiliary) was used for general meetings and socials but was too small for bigger events like November 11th. When a larger hall was needed, the Legion used other halls, such as the RC Church basement. The president in 1946 was A.J. McCracken and the Secretary/Treasurer was Stan Tysowski.

Fundraising in the early years consisted of Tag Days, Carnivals, socials, such as Vimy Dances and raffles, etc. In 1965, the Branch started bingos as a fundraiser. This became very popular and became their main fund raiser as it remains to this day. In the mid-1980's, Nevada Break Opens were started, bringing in only about 10% of Legion income.

Before World War II, Decoration Day services would be held at any time. In 1934 they were held on Sept. 2nd, with members from Togo, Pelly, Canora and Yorkton Branches attending.

As the bingo crowds grew, a larger space was needed to play. The main floor was expanded with a 40 x 38-foot addition in 1973.

In 1981, a two-story addition was added with storage and bathrooms on the main floor, a games room, and new Secretary's office on the second floor.

Remembrance Day and Decoration Day are the most important days of the year. Kamsack Branch 24 is a very active Branch, with approximately 175 members. They meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month, except July and August. There are three WWII Veterans on the Executive. The President this year is Mary-Jane Tysowski,, and the Secretary/Treasurer is Dianne Smutt. They are just two of seven Associate members on the Executive. The future does look very good for Kamsack Branch 24.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO KAMSACK BRANCH 24

Though wives of WWI Veterans often assisted the Legion, it was not until a meeting on May 21, 1929 that this Auxiliary was formed. There were fifteen charter members and they chose Ethel Carss as their first President.

Meetings were held in members' homes until the late 1930's, when the Legion bought an old school cottage. The ladies immediately set to work to make it more comfortable.

The minutes of a Ladies' Auxiliary meeting were found in one of the men's early minute books. These minutes were dated March 24, 1921. They were planning for a Tag Day to be held on April 9th. Some plans of the "Tea Committee" were also found with these minutes.

Then, WWII broke out, and the members found themselves busier than ever supporting the war effort and raising money for the parcels that were sent to all enlisted personnel from Kamsack. Parcels included cigarettes, chocolate bars, candies, tea, coffee, tinned goods, playing cards, hand knit socks, scarves and any other comforts they could think of. The necessary funds were raised by raffles, teas, bingos, rummage and homemade food sales. A ton of coal was once raffled.



When peace came, they worked with the Legion Branch to plan VE Day celebrations, welcomed home the returning forces, and did their best to make war brides feel welcome, too.

When the Harvey House became the new Legion Hall in 1946, the Ladies' Auxiliary members dug in again. They catered to everything, from 30-member anniversaries, to weekly Kiwanis meetings, to Kamsack men's bonspiel banquets for over 250 persons. They ran food concessions at the Legion carnivals and sports days, supplied food for the 2-day Legion bonspiel – any event where money could be raised to assist in their objective – to completely cover the cost of setting up the kitchen – gas stove, dishes and all.

The building was a three-story, all-wood home with over 4,300 square feet of floor space. The second floor and third floors were renovated and made into suites. Veterans with their families occupied these suites for a number of years after the war.

Over and above these money-raising activities, they helped with community canvasses (Salvation Army, Mental Health), set up blood donor clinics for the Red Cross and a TB Clinic, supported Legion programs (Scholarship fund, track and field, Veterans Comfort Fund) and donated time and money to other worthy causes, such as assisting with Special Olympics, donating to the Christmas Cheer Fund, UN Children's Appeal and the Paraplegic Association, etc.

The members were always represented at Zone, District and Provincial meetings and Ethel Carss served as Provincial President of the Ladies' Auxiliary in 1965-66.

They adopted a family in Britain and sent parcels alternating between money and clothing.

For several years, they made sprays and wreaths for Decoration Day. They continued to handle the Poppy Campaign covering Main Street, a door-to-door canvass, and sending boxes of poppies to rural schools. Over $200.00 was usually raised.

Although the loss of the Provincial Command Ladies' Auxiliary has hit Kamsack Branch 24 Ladies' Auxiliary hard, and they have lost members to the Legion, they continue to enjoy their monthly meetings, visit sick and shut-in members, and assist the Legion when they can.

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ABERNETHY BRANCH 26



In 1911, a returned soldier's league was formed. The Abernethy district league decided to form a company to be called the Abernethy and District Memorial Hall Company for the purpose of selling shares to build a hall in Abernethy. The hall was completed, and those who fought and who died for freedom and for the country would have a permanent testimonial. The villages of Abernethy and Balcarres, and the residents of Lorlie, each had a committee of the Returned Soldier's League. These became two leagues, and the Abernethy league eventually became the Great War Veteran's Association 1920. Six years later, the G.W.V.A joined the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. It became known as Abernethy (Saskatchewan No. 26) Branch. The Branch was chartered on October 12, 1926, with 15 members. In 1961, it became the Royal Canadian Legion.



During the 1920's and early 1930's, the Abernethy Branch assisted in the operation of the hall. They sponsored plays from Lemberg and Kenlis, as well as traveling shows and orchestras. All proceeds went to the hall.

The Decoration Day service at the cemetery was begun by the Abernethy Branch in 1926 and has continued to the present time with few exceptions. The Ladies' Auxiliary to Abernethy Legion Branch No. 26, after 49 years of faithful service, disbanded on December 31, 1997.

From 1926 to 1930, Remembrance Day was celebrated with a dance.

Since 1949, a memorial service and the placing of wreaths has been held in the hall.

The Abernethy Branch has actively promoted and sponsored sports and scholastic activities, including field days, Pony and Bantam League baseball, physical fitness plans and the Royal Canadian Fitness Camp.

The Abernethy Branch presently consists of 15 members.

HUMBOLDT BRANCH 28

In 1919, a branch of the Great War Veterans Association was formed in Humboldt and in 1926, merged with the Canadian Legion. During the years between the wars, the Branch was active in veteran and community affairs.

The Branch has occupied many premises over the years, including a building moved in the BCATP station at Dafoe, SK. This building was destroyed by fire in 1983, and the present building was opened in 1985.

The Branch sponsors the local Army Cadet Corp and the Humboldt Legion Swim Team. It also supports local students and athletes through bursaries and financial assistance. Financial donations are also made to other charitable organizations throughout the year.

Branch members continue to be active in most sports, including golf, curling, bowling and cribbage. Bingos are held weekly on Friday evenings in the hall, and are one of the main sources of income. The hall is also rented for wedding receptions and luncheons. The clubroom is host to a bridge club on Monday evenings, while fun pool is played on Fridays. The clubroom is staffed by volunteer bartenders and is open 5 days a week, Tuesday to Saturday.

The Bill Benson Military Museum is located within the Branch premises and has an extensive collection of military memorabilia. The museum is wheelchair accessible and is open on request.

Membership, at present, is approximately 240 members and is holding relatively steady at this figure.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was also organized in 1919, and has continued ever since in supporting the Branch in many ways by catering to Branch social events, luncheons and lately the Special Olympics.

Financial donations have been given to many area facilities including, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, St. Mary's Villa and many other charitable organizations.

The Ladies' Auxiliary also supports the Branch in its annual Poppy Campaign, Remembrance Day services and with the general maintenance and operation of Branch facilities.

At present, there are 32 members in the Ladies' Auxiliary who are truly dedicated to the support of the Legion.

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MELFORT BRANCH 30

The Branch had its first meeting on February 11, 1926, with 35 signed-up members. V. McKay was elected president. The Branch received its charter on October 16, 1926, and since that time, has had 51 Presidents, thru 2006.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was granted its charter on November 24, 1931, and since that time have had 36 Presidents, thru December 1995, when they surrendered their charter, at which time, a number of members opted to join the Legion as Associate members.

The first meetings were held in the old Ozark Hotel, but eventually moved to the Armoury Post Office, then to the Civic Centre (where their meeting rooms were dedicated to War Veterans), and finally to the old Sask Tel building, which had been designated as a Heritage Site. Renovations to the interior have been completed by volunteer Legion members, and maintenance is currently provided by volunteer members. All aspects of Branch activity are carried out by volunteer members of the Branch.

Branch activities include bingo sessions, bowling and cribbage.

The sick and visiting committee pay regular visits to Veterans in long-term care facilities.

Annual Branch activities include: Hosting the November 11th Remembrance ceremony for the city with Air Cadet Squadron assistance; Decoration Day along with the Air Cadets; Poppy and Vimy tea's; Canada Day opening ceremonies; Poetry, poster and essay competition, as well as doing the awards presentations; School visits prior to November 11th; sponsoring 171 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

Periodically, the Branch hosts Zone Rallies and provides colour parties for various organizations at opening and closing ceremonies. In the past, the Branch has hosted Provincial Crib Tournaments, as well as Provincial Curling Tournaments.

Present membership stands at: 22 Life Ordinary members, 21 Ordinary members, 72 Associate members, and 9 Affiliate members, for a total of 124 members.

The dates are missing, but our Branch has hosted Provincial Crib Touranments, as well as Provincial Curling Tournaments in the past.

The Branch is proud of their registered War Memorial, which was dedicated on August 4, 1929. It has been relocated three times, with the last being in August/September 2006 at which time it was completely refurbished and re-dedicated. It weighs approximately 29,000 pounds, including four granite books. The names of 88 fallen comrades from WWI, WWII and Korea are permanently attached to the books in hand-cut, gold leaf lead. The words on the twelve-feet high obelisk are done in the same manner. It is now located in the City of Melfort's newly-created Memorial Garden.



PADDOCKWOOD BRANCH 31

The Paddockwood District was settled by many First World War Veterans, taking up homesteads and developing the community, through the Soldier Settlement Board.

The Paddockwood Branch was chartered on November 23, 1926, as a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

Members were: R. Milligan, D.J. Smith, D. McGillivray, J. Pieln, J. Sinden, D. Frechette, P.O. O'Hea, J. Vines, C. Thorburn, R. Wilson, A. Street, N. Davis, S. Hickey, T. Campbell, J. Adair.

First meetings were held in various homes. A Legion Hall was built in 1933, one half mile south of the Dorothy School in the Forest Gate area. The community got together to take out logs, saw the logs into lumber, and build the hall. This was done under the supervision of Harry Clarke. Dances, meetings, and many community functions were held there, until it was sold to Cyril Brooks in 1965.

After the Second World War, the Branch was moved into the Village of Paddockwood. Meetings were held in different homes, as well as the Friendship Hall. Mr. Hilton Dyson donated a piece of land and a building to the Legion, which was renovated and became the Legion Hall in 1948. Later, a kitchen was added. This building was also used for the 1st Paddockwood Library. Meetings are now held in the Club Rooms of the Seniors Hall.

In 1983, the Legion Branch erected a War Memorial in the park by the Community Hall. There are 375 names from the Paddockwood area that enlisted in the 1st and 2nd World Wars

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and the Korean War. Now, they are adding the names of Peace Keepers who have served in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and other war-torn countries. The money to build this memorial was donated by Veterans and their families.

At present, there are 30 members of Paddockwood Branch 31, and they operate through volunteers and friends.

The Branch is very active in the community. They hold Remembrance Day Services, followed by a dinner for the community, as well as celebrate Decoration Day at the local cemetery, placing white crosses with Canadian flags on each veteran's grave, usually done on V.E. Day. The Branch also supports the local hockey rink, give bursaries to grandchildren of Veterans, support other charities, as well as Provincial Command Projects. They hold Legion Golf Tournaments, Pot Luck Suppers, Soup & Sandwich Lunches and other fund-raisers.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Branch was chartered on March 31, 1927. The fifteen charter members were: O. Campbell, M. Davis, Mrs. T. Dixon, L. Hazelwood, E. Hickey, A. Merrel, N. Milligan, D. Piercy, M. Piercy, Mrs. J. Sinden, A. Plaxton, M. Street, V. Thorburn, B. Weeks, and F. Wilson.

Following the Second World War, a re-organizing meeting was held at the Paddockwood Hall on May 16, 1946. Twenty new members joined. The Auxiliary has supported the Branch in all their endeavors and projects. Mrs. Hazel Henderson is the only original member from 1946 who is still a member. Clara Wiberg was the Zone Representative from 1988 to 1998, and District Representative from 1998 to 2000.

Every year, the Ladies' Auxiliary holds a Christmas Banquet for all the Veterans in the community, along with all the Legion members.

Motto of Paddockwood Branch 31: To Serve Our Veterans and Our Country

SILTON BRANCH 33

Chartered 11 January, 1927
Ladies' Auxiliary Charter 10 June 1931- Surrendered January 2000

Silton, Saskatchewan, today a mixed cattle and grain farming bedroom community, some 50 kilometres north-west of Regina, situated on a plain within the apex of the beautiful Qu' Appelle Valley - a place where the wonders of nature's glaciers have carved from prairie flatlands, the curving 60-mile Last Mountain Lake bed - the migration path of all species of waterfowl, upland game birds, deer, fish, berries and furs. Rich valley soil with unlimited lake and river water, today, offer opportunity for thriving market gardens and bountiful orchards. This is the site of an historic Hudson Bay trading post. Paradise indeed, absolutely - but challenged, then as now, by raging grass fires, unrelenting winds of winter blizzards, hot summer dust storms, drought, or alternately gumbo clay and hoards of summer mosquitoes!

It was to this area that settlers first looked in 1882, and with this look, became a wave of homesteaders in 1883-84, then continuing as choice land was claimed until 1908-10. Most of these homesteaders stayed, and they or their descendants would become the early volunteers to the call of the empire to the Great War (WWI) in 1914, and again in September 1939, as the hysterics of Adolph Hitler's aggressive Nazi agenda thrust Europe into World War II. Silton's young men and women were quick to volunteer for the duty of king and country - a pride and honour repeated throughout Canada - army, navy, air force, merchant marine, nursing sisters and RCMP stepped forward; 600,000 WWI and 1,100,000 strong in WWII, and nearly 27,000 to Korea – yes, t**hey stood on guard, 0 Canada!**

A quote from the book Royal Canadian Legion 1926-1986 '*ECEGI MNUMENTUM AERE PERENNIUS*: " I have built a memorial more lasting than bronze" is appropriate!

The 1986, 60-year diamond jubilee book of tribute to the Royal Canadian Legion includes a picture on page 22 of delegates to the 1919 convention of the **'Great War Veterans Association'** referred to as "the parent of Royal Canadian Legion."

Page 1 of the Membership Record of the **Great War Veterans Association** Silton Branch lists the names, Silton address, regimental number and unit of 16 returned Veteran members covering the years 1919-1921. This membership record continues through 1929, with quarter-year checkmarks for continuing membership or records of transfer with total membership numbers remaining constant at 15 or 16.

H.S. Allen is recorded as Secretary/Treasurer and member 1 (one) through 1923, with notation "gone to BC in 1924."

The year 1926, top of column, bears written notation "1st year of Canadian Legion."

Membership record page for years 1927-1929 now lists members' rural telephone party-line numbers.

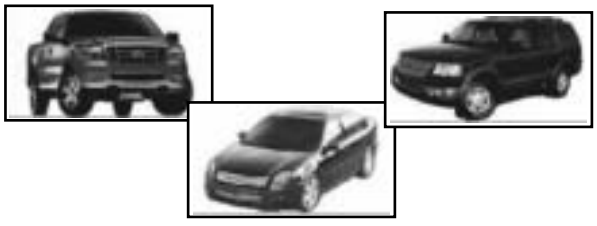
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SILTON BRANCH 33 *(...Cont'd)*

The name H.J.C. Becher Captain RFA appears prominently from 1919 Great War Veterans Association and continuing through the decades, serving as Branch President and Secretary/Treasurer - credited with keeping the local Branch going through the war years when there were so few Veterans around. The September 23, 1969 minutes record a motion to purchase J. Becher memorial plaque nameplate. Comrade Becher had actively participated in prior month's meeting; 50 years of service!

Minutes from 1934 indicate that meetings were held at homes of members. President was H.R Dale, R.H. Jacob was 1st VP., W. Merritt was 2nd VP, and E.Y.C. Johns recorded minutes. A fraternal visit was exchanged with Earl Grey Branch-, through a summer family basket picnic, with lemonade, 5 gallons of ice cream and cones. The event was well attended.

Meals, hotel and car allowance, totaling $24.40 was paid for provincial convention delegate expense. 12 memberships were paid. Social events were coordinated jointly with Silton Ladies' Auxiliary

In 1934, Silton membership was approving motions in support of medical pensions where Veterans suffered reduced health, or mobility or medical problems - pursuing lobby for independent medical assessments, appropriate disability pensions.

In July 1934, members were looking into building or acquiring a suitable Legion building. This activity must have been in vain, as similar motions reappear in 1947, with a building being obtained from Comrade Bill Batty, and moved into Silton for refit and the first meeting was finally held on May 27, 1949, in the Branch's very own building.

Tough times of the 'Dirty 30's' were evident by brief minute notes recorded in pencil using 5-cent school scribblers but Remembrance Day services and joint Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary suppers continued. Some 1935 meetings were held at the office of the Pool elevator, local garage, lumberyard, but mostly in members' homes.

- Branch minutes of March 31, 1935 record a motion to investigate procuring a WWI memorial window for installation in the Silton United Church. October/November 1937: 300 pictures in folders with memorial verse were ordered for a fundraising sale at 5 for $1.00.

- At a regional Legion meeting on May 18, 1935, of 21 Earl Grey, Silton and Strasbourg members, a feisty group of returned Veterans discussed and pursued resolutions including:
  1. That all cuts in small pensions be restored;
  2. That restored pensions 30% and under be made permanent;
  3. Right of pensioners to apply for Board (review) be restored.
  4. Resolution condemning provincial government's dismissal of a Veteran without just cause. Motion: Letter of direction to Indian Head zone that provincial command adopt a more militant attitude regarding the dismissal of ex serviceman from public service of the province without just cause. (A reaction to the dismissal of an Earl Grey beer store ex-serviceman employee.)

- Minutes from August 9, 1936 state "that $10.00 be donated to Commander Becher to enable him to purchase half-year car and driver's license to enable him to visit his wife in Qu' Appelle san." Writer's comment: wow!

  In June 1937, a motion was made to pay $10.00 coronation expenses. Meetings of this era being held in local lumberyard office - garage or elevator.

  A gap in Silton Legion minutes exists from April 1941-1947 - Jim Ewing, WWII Veteran suggests that HlC. (Captain Becher pretty well kept the Branch going while all the men were away (to war).

  August 15, 1945: F1ags flying in honour of the end of World War II. A celebration was held in the hall for the end of the Japanese war. August 19: A Thanksgiving service was held in the church with 80 people in attendance. Later, a public reception was held in honour of the returning Veterans, among whom were Lorne Salkeld, George Burrows, Jake Bundas, John Watson, Fred Cowan, Ted Ball, Raymore Wright and Jim Ewing.

Credit: Early Silton History by Myrtle Burrows

Perusal of Royal Canadian Legion, Silton Branch regular meetings minutes from May 29, 1947, identify Com Becher as President, Comrades Cowan, J. Becher Jr., A Rich, W. Rich Sr., W. Batty White, J. Anderson and Secretary/Treasurer J. Ewing for a total of 9 attending the meeting. This is similar to our count of 7 to 9 attending monthly meetings in 2006.

The names H. Ball and J. Ewing appear in 1947 meeting minutes - J. Martin's application for membership in the Silton Branch is recorded on November 19, 1947. Comrades Ball, Ewing and Martin continue to hold membership in the Silton Branch and were presented 60-year membership pins, along with comrades Len Ordon, and now deceased Victor Compton, in May 2005. Comrade Joe Martin continues to actively serve the Legion as Branch Secretary/Treasurer and unofficial historian.

We note that Comrade President Becher attended provincial convention with the Silton Legion Branch approving the paying of his $15.00 expenses.

Acquiring a Legion meeting hall was under consideration with possibility of a joint venture with the Ladies' Auxiliary group. Legion meetings were held by alternating invitation at the homes of members.

May 27, 1949 was the date of first Silton Legion Branch meeting held in their recently acquired and refurbished very own clubrooms.

The November 7, 1949 executive minutes record the building of a cindercrete chimney, installation of ceiling and wallboard by the 'Lutheran church people' as a work donation to the Legion Branch club building in return for allowed use of Legion building for Lutheran church services.

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SILTON BRANCH 33 *(...Cont'd)*

The November 28, 1949 minutes approve entry of a Silton rink in the Legion bonspiel, although previously voted down due to poor roads - Legion officials had encouraged reconsideration of support.

The minutes of May 13, 1950, indicate that Silton Legion meeting approves a Branch donation to the Winnipeg Flood Relief Program.

Recorded minutes of the 1947 - 1952 era refer to very limited funds available for building and Branch operation; combined whist and dance for 50 cents per person, the usual winter functions – and a summer picnic with 5 gallons of ice cream and cones. Winter road conditions were always a problem, as those who remember the blizzards of 1947-48 and 1949, which are well recorded in Saskatchewan archives.

Then, as now, the November 11th service and fellowship visiting were the highlights of the Legion year. A general party line telephone ring, the usual means of informing community of upcoming events! Prizes given out at social events were normally donated by Legion executive officers.

Poppies were distributed through half a dozen area schools, usually returned $3.00 per school from 30 poppies at 10 cents each.

The original Silton Legion building and property was donated to the Village of Silton in 1993, with the agreement that storage for Legion artifacts would be provided in the community centre and access to the community hall would be available for meetings and Legion social events.

Since 1947, Comrade Joe Martin has held all offices including zone and district command. His guidance as Secretary/Treasurer today is so highly respected by all. Bob Swanston's name first appears in November 1953 minutes, and George Burgess in January 1954 - both continue faithful attendance in 2006, having served multiple terms as President and most other Branch offices. R. James Ewing continues membership long after holding President, Secretary/Treasurer and other significant offices, as have Eleanor Ferguson and Murray Cheetham.

Alvin Phipps, Harold Morton, Victor Compton, J. MacPheat, Pat Thompson and others, all now deceased, were active long-term Silton Legion officers.

In 1987, this Legion Branch paid $4,200.00 to cover the church memorial window restoration costs. They assisted Mr. and Mrs. Yung in arranging for the dedication of a memorial marker in honour of Lorne Johnston, a soldier killed in the battle of Hong Kong.

The Silton Ladies' Auxiliary were always there in support, food supply, organization, social and financial, at $15 donations, then as an auction - $25, $40, $75, $100, $200, $300 donations to the Legion and sharing profits. Unsung heroines indeed from 1931 to 2000.

From frugal, hard time community support to significant youth, school projects, rinks, halls - DVA hospital - Lumsden and Strasbourg nursing homes, Telemiracle, Camp Easter Seal, and many others, a few good, earnest men and women poured thousands of dollars and unmeasured volunteer work into local communities - all in quiet, humble dedication.

The Legion was a main community social agenda. The Remembrance and Last Post, school, community, cenotaph and funeral services all continue to inform and remind the community of the price paid for the freedom we enjoy and often take for granted today.

THEODORE BRANCH 34

On December 27, 1926, the Theodore Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion acquired their charter. There were fourteen members in attendance. In the early years, the meetings were held in the council chambers of the village hall. In 1950, the Legion purchased a blacksmith shop. With the help of many volunteers, the blacksmith shop was moved and converted into the Legion hall, where meetings and events continue to be held. After World War II, returning Veterans joined and membership grew. But as the years passed, Veterans passed on, and present membership consists of fifteen: one Life member, four Ordinary members, and ten Associate members.

Fundraising is the main source of revenue for this organization. In earlier years, they held dances, whist drives and bingos, with proceeds going to the hospital, Christmas treats for children, minor hockey and minor ball teams. Members also participated and hosted many Zone curling play-offs. They also supported the Boys Scouts, Cubs and Girl Guides organizations.

Theodore Ladies' Legion Auxiliary 34 acquired their charter in 1951, with twenty members. This volunteer organization raised money by having teas, bake sales and whist drives. They also assisted the Legion in their community functions and Legion obligations, activities and celebrations. The Auxiliary disbanded in 1974 due to declining membership. The money remaining was given to the Theodore Legion for their war memorial.

In June of 1990, the Branch held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the new cenotaph. With many volunteers and donations, this war memorial was erected in memory of local comrades who paid the ultimate price of war.

At present, Branch 34 continues to market the poppy and wreath sales campaign. To commemorate Remembrance Day, they hold Remembrance Day Services at the community school promoting the essay, poem and poster contest program and conclude with a service at the cenotaph. They also hold a D-Day Service in June. The Branch members are invited to lead our town parades, at reunions and celebration occasions.



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Wolseley Branch received its charter in July of 1926. The objectives of the Branch are to support the Wolseley men and women who served their country in previous wars. The Branch has also been active in supporting community organizations. Each year, they sponsor the Legion Remembrance Day poem, essay and poster competitions at the Wolseley Elementary and High schools. The programs have been very successful. Wolseley students have won competitions at the Branch level and occasionally won competitions through to the Dominion level.

In 1994, a wall display was unveiled at a special Remembrance Day program at the Wolseley Town Hall/Opera House. To the left of the pictures of the Queen,

WOLSELEY BRANCH 36

Prince Philip and Vimy Ridge Memorial are the names of the men and women from Wolseley and Summerberry districts who served in WWI. Those who served in WWII are listed on the right side. The Branch members are very proud of the wall display.

The Cenotaph, which stands by the Town Hall/Opera House, was erected on June 24, 1923. It was unveiled by his Honor Lieutenant Governor Newlands. The Cenotaph is unique in that it depicts peace rather than war.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO WOLSELEY BRANCH 36



The organization meeting was held May 2, 1946. A Poppy Tea and Bake Sale was held annually. The Auxiliary also catered to many banquets over the years. After the Remembrance Day Service each year, the Auxiliary provided lunch for all who attended the Service. Each year, the Veterans in the Wolseley Hospital and those in Wolseley Lakeside Nursing Home are remembered monthly and at Christmas with a gift.

In July 1967, the Auxiliary sponsored a local Blood Donor Clinic. The Clinic was continued for over 14 years.

The Auxiliary supported the Branch in many other ways over the years.

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QUILL LAKE BRANCH 37

Quill Lake became a member of The Great War Veterans Association on November 14, 1919. In 1926, under a charter granted by the Canadian Government, The Great War Veterans Association became a National organization known as The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

The Quill Lake Branch of the National organization was formed on January 26, 1929. Charter members were: G.A. Warrack, R.J. Meiklejohn, C. Cowley, E. Pennington, F. Tunningly, E.F. Smith, J. Archer, W.H. Smith, H.J. Jones, A. Small, J. McCorriston, J.E. Graham, J.F. Freemanson and E.F. Gardiner.

Branch 37, with generous community support, built the "Community Memorial Hall" in 1949. This hall was home to the local Branch for 42 years, servicing the community for bingo, dances, weddings, graduation, anniversaries, funerals, family reunions, farewells, auctions, school reunions, fowl suppers, the dance club, talent shows, the scouts and cubs, Christmas concerts and a whole raft of other events big and small.

In 1991, the Branch became the keepers of the keys to a very up and coming building "The Community Centre." Branch 37 have within this new home, a Legion room, where they display memorabilia, hold meetings and plan their future in the community.

The Legion supports the local Dance Club, the local cubs and scouts, a local student bursary, teen aid programs, cadets, senior programs, including the Watson care facility and many other local community efforts.

Legion membership is made up of Veterans, their sons and daughters and their spouses: Branch 37 has six Life members: Bill Babiuk, Frosty Frieson, Reg Lane, Keith Graham, Don Metcalf and Thomas Morton. The current Executive are: President Bill Babiuk; Vice President Glen Gilbertson; Vice President Barb Halpape; Secretary Linda Johnson; Treasurer Bob Govan; Poppy Chairperson Janet Wyant; Sgt At Arms Gordon Howson; Past President Robert "Nip" Walker and Membership Chairperson Ruth Babiuk.

The Legion, as a whole, has the power to assist each and every Veteran across Canada to assure that their needs are well taken care of. In our local school, the Legion participates in a program of Remembrance through Essays, Posters and Poems. This helps to ensure our youth appreciate the costs of our freedom.

Branch 37 is proud to invite the community of Quill Lake to attend the Remembrance Day Service held each year on November 11th to refresh in our minds the price paid by our countrymen to give us the freedom we enjoy today.

August 4-6, 2006 was the village of Quill Lake's 100th birthday.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TO QUILL LAKE BRANCH 37

The Quill Lake Ladies' Auxiliary was formed on June 23, 1947, with 17 members. As there was no Legion Hall, meetings were held in homes or places available until 1949, when the Legion purchased a building.

The Auxiliary raised funds in various ways: Fowl Suppers, dances, etc., to help pay for the floor in the new hall, then cupboards and utensils for the kitchen. Over the years, the Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored St. John's Ambulances courses, students to the Legion Track and Field program, furnished a room in the Hospital, and gave annual awards for a Grade 12 graduate, etc.

In later years, (70's - 90's), they raised funds by catering to wedding receptions, anniversaries, dances, cold suppers for sports days, raffles and bingos, all funds used locally for hall projects and community functions.

In 1990, a new Community Hall was built and they raised funds for the kitchen.

Because members were fewer in number, and many 80 to 90 years old, the Ladies' Auxiliary dissolved in 1996. Some of the ladies then joined the Quill Lake Branch 37.

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LLOYDMINSTER BRANCH 39

The origin of the Lloydminster Branch dates back to the year of 1919, following the conclusion of World War I. It was called the Great War Veterans Association; Col. B. Laws was their first President; Harry Pick first Secretary.

After World War II, the face of the Branch started to change and membership soared. One of the first entertainment events was the Model "T" Ford races. In 1946-47, there were all kinds of dance bands booked from all over Canada. In 1948, the Branch changed the program and brought in the baseball tournaments, and by 1953, the Western Canada Baseball League was formed and Lloydminster had a semi-pro ball team.

In 1948, the building of the Legion Hall got started. The basement was finished and they were able to hold meetings and functions. It wasn't until 1951 that the top was finished and the Branch finally had a home.

Some of the earlier fundraising events included steak BBQs, bingos, raffles, concession booths and catering. The work was shared by the members as volunteers and a special tribute goes to the Ladies' Auxiliary who worked so hard.

During the late sixties and early seventies, this Branch fielded an Initiation Team that would go around to the different Branches and do the installation of their Officers for the coming year. In 1967, Zone 2 had a trailer unit that Branch #39 was in charge of. This trailer circulated throughout Zone 2 and stayed for 2 days at every Branch in the zone. It contained Legion Memorials and Memorabilia.

In 1967, Branch members held the "Burning of the Mortgage" on the original Legion Hall. In 1984, the present Legion Hall was built. They hosted dart, cribbage, horseshoe, and curling bonspiels. These successful events went on for approximately ten years.

Some of the more recent fundraising ideas have been annual spring and fall suppers, huge indoor garage sales, Saturday "Jam Sessions," weekly meat draws, and various raffles. In September of 2004, they introduced a "Memorial Board" to help raise funds for much needed repairs on the building. This is an on going board and a donation will buy a plague with the names of loved ones or your corporation's name engraved on it.

In 2005, the Year of the Veteran, the Branch held celebrations honouring our Veterans. In October 2006, the Branch celebrated its 80th Anniversary, as well. They hosted a weeklong celebration, and highlighted the event with an entertainment group from the Netherlands.

Lloydminster Branch 39 is known to support and sponsor numerous organizations within the community. They donate meals to Veterans and their spouses and we sponsor the local Air Cadet Squadron.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO LLOYDMINSTER BRANCH 39

The charter for the Lloydminster Ladies' Auxiliary, which now hangs in the Legion Hall, was granted on May 26, 1931. All records from 1931 to 1942 were destroyed due to water damage. The ladies met in a small building called "The Hut'" located on 50th Street. Mrs. Shufflebottom was President in 1933, and Mrs. M. L. Bexson was named Secretary in 1942.

In the early 1950's, a new hall was built, but it was built in stages. May Wallace was President from 1951 to 1953 and Irene Colmen was Secretary. The Ladies' Auxiliary raised money by catering, coat checking, selling coffee and pop, and working concession stands. At times, they served up to 300 guests at banquets, Fish & Games suppers, short courses, weddings, funerals, and RCMP events. The Ladies' Auxiliary paid $2,000.00 toward building the kitchen facilities and buying the stove and sterilizer. They then paid the Legion $200.00 per month to help pay the mortgage once the top floor was built. The ladies worked alongside the men, and it was often heavy grueling work.

One such notorious event was in the "Homecoming Year" in 1967. Ester Lafoy was President and the Ladies were asked to put on a luncheon of BBQ beef with all the trimmings for the Canoe Pageant that was coming down the Saskatchewan River. It was estimated that 1,000 people would be in attendance, but the true numbers were 1,500. God Bless the Ladies' Auxiliary and all those who pitched in.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary have attended many conventions. They have carried flags and banners and have marched in many parades. They have always been involved in the Veteran's special events, such as the November 11th ceremonies, Vimy Day celebrations and Christmas functions. For years, the ladies put on a Poppy Day tea and bake sale, which always did well. In 1988, the old Legion Hall was sold and a new one was built. The Ladies' Auxiliary donated $50,000.00 to the Branch, of which $10,000.00 went to building bathrooms on the upper level and the rest to furnishing the new building with tables and chairs. They also supported the debenture program that was implemented to help with building costs. Daisy Younger was President and Ester Lafoy was Secretary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has always given generously, when they could, to other organizations, such as the Veterans Comfort Fund, Bursaries, Legion Track and Field and a donation to the hospital for the digitalis machine.

All of the members have to be commended for their hard work and devotion through all the years as part of the Ladies' Auxiliary. At one time, there were 57 members but as of closing of the chapter in 2006, there were only 6 members left, all of which were Life members. Dorothy Bolton was President and Ester Lafoy was still Treasurer.

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SHAUNAVON BRANCH 40

War veterans in Shaunavon met on June 15, 1918, to consider forming a Branch of the Great War Veterans Association. At a meeting on January 19, 1919, twenty-three men applied for membership. In March 1920, the group approached the town concerning setting aside a section in Hillcrest Cemetery, south of town for a Soldiers' Plot. It is still in use, and veterans' spouses have joined them. Recently, care of the plot was turned over to town employees for upkeep.

When Earl Haig advocated the formation of Legion branches as part of the British Empire Service League, the local Veterans transferred, and received their charter on October 9, 1926. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #40, had 10 members listed.

Meetings were held in the Town Hall until the Legion purchased a building from Lieut. Col. G.L. Greenlay for $1,200.00 in 1930. It became a popular meeting place for local activities and it did not take long to retire the debt.

In 1948, a building next to the Legion Hall, which was the "Orange Hall," was purchased and joined to it, and renovations followed. In 1969, the Dominion Government bought the original hall, and in April it was torn down to make way for a new Post Office. The Legion continued to use the remaining hall until purchasing the former "Macdonalds Consolidated" building in 1970, which they renovated.

On January 3, 1986, a 1,000-square-foot addition to the hall was opened. It had excellent kitchen facilities, dance floor, large parking area and outdoor lawn area, which are all added features.

Activities in the Legion Halls have been farewells, card parties, meetings, school reunions, banquets, "Old Tyme" dances (which continue even now most Thursday evenings), Remembrance Day services, teas, and in the past, even vaudeville shows, boxing matches, and minstrel shows.

The Legion sponsors the local Air Cadet Squadron providing space for their activities. The Squadron assists the Legion at Poppy time in November.

A cenotaph in the park was built in 1925-26 from monetary and stone donations. It was built as a tribute to those who served in World War I. The Legion added plaques to honor Veterans of World War II (with names of local men killed) and the Korean War, 1950-1953.

During war years, the Legion sent parcels to those serving overseas, clothes to Britain, and held banquets for returned men. Money from the Poppy Campaign enables the Legion to purchase needed equipment for the local hospital or health facilities at Eastend or Climax since their Legions disbanded.



Membership has naturally decreased, but the Branch is fortunate to have some Associate members to keep them going. At present, all of the officers at present are Associates. Present membership of the Legion is 93.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO SHAUNAVON BRANCH 40

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch 40 received their charter in 1926 with sixteen ladies as members. They, like the men, have taken part in curling, bowling, golfing, cribbage, both locally and at other branches. They have helped at "Vimy" banquets, rummage sales, Poppy sales, and socials, plus catered to weddings and meetings. A room at the hospital was furnished by them, and they held the birthday parties at the "Lodge" and the Nursing Home, and assisted at blood donor clinics.

The Remembrance Day Poster and Essay entries from schools in Shaunavon, Climax, Frontier and Eastend are in charge of the Auxiliary.

"Meals on Wheels" are delivered from the hospital kitchen to designated residents at noon by both the Legion and Auxiliary, and both provide scholarships to High School graduates who continue their education.

Students who have attended the Legion Sports Camp or other worthy educational ventures have received monetary help.

Present membership of the Auxiliary is 27. Although the Auxiliary is no longer a part of Provincial Command, they continue to meet in the springtime to decide on scholarships and in the fall to help with "Poppy" events.

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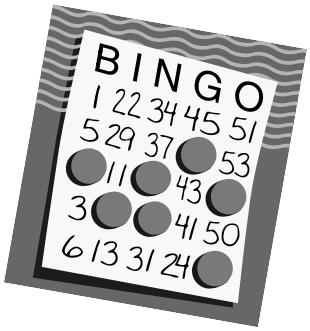
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RADVILLE BRANCH 42

With the formation of the Great War Veterans Association in 1919, a Radville Branch was organized to work in the interest of Veterans and their dependants. The name was changed to the British Empire Service League and then later to the Royal Canadian Legion. The original charter members were: Dr. O.H. Bertrand C.G. Boog, Fred Breeze, W. J. Ferguson, Andrew Lovatt, Thomas Topping, H. Sanders, Cameron Stuart, Wilfred McNaught, William J. Oliver, Murray Skelton, George Herbert, Chas Mavor, G. Taylor, and Walter Cassidy

The original Legion hall, known as the Memorial Hall, was built in 1928 on Main Street in Radville. The Branch has re-located twice since, and is now operated out of the building, which was originally the Masonic Lodge in Radville.



Re-furbished Cenotaph located on Main St.

The Legion has always remained active in Radville. The ice carnival and sports days were sponsored in the late 1940's and 1950's. One of the main interests of the Branch lately has been the Cenotaph located on Main Street in Radville. The two plaques on the cenotaph bear the names of the Radville area men who gave their lives for the cause of freedom. Branch members have cared for and maintained the location out of respect for their fallen comrades from the two world wars. At the request of the Legion, the town of Radville undertook a complete refurbishing of the cenotaph site, which is now a beautiful part of Main Street.



Current Radville Legion Hall - 2006

The Legion has been able to continue providing Remembrance Day services to the community of Radville, and has conducted the Poster and Essay contest, as well as a bursary program in the schools to keep the children of the next generations interested in the efforts of the Legion and its members. The Branch continues to provide support and comradery for its Veterans.

ROULEAU BRANCH 44

Little is known of the origin of the "Cenotaph" or those responsible for its placement in Rouleau. It is assumed that Ex-servicemen were involved in this project. It was sculpted in Italy after WW1 and dedicated by Lord Byng of Vimy on April 22, 1925, to honour all the fallen from Rouleau and District. Originally it cost $2000.00 - $4000.00 to build and in today's world would cost over $70,000.00 to replace.

On November 19,1925, twenty-five returned men met to form the Ex-servicemen's social club. On March 22, 1926, it became The Rouleau Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League. At that time, the main purpose was to help Veterans and their dependents receive fair pensions, disability allowances and adequate medical care. The focal point of Legion activities is perpetuating the memory of fallen soldiers. Meetings were held at various places in the area and membership rose to approximately 50 members by 1945.

In November of 1946, plans were made to construct the Rouleau Memorial Rink and the fundraising was in the forefront of the Legion Branch. Their biggest effort was raffling-off a 1949 Mercury car. Once the rink was completed, the Rouleau Branch moved into their clubrooms above the skating rink, which continues to be their meeting rooms today.

Membership in 1971 was approximately 30 members.

The Rouleau Legion continues to hold Remembrance Day Services at the School or United Church and the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph, followed by lunch. Until November of 1988, the membership sponsored a public dance in the Town Hall. Currently, a supper is still held for Veterans and guests.

The Legion membership endeavours to live up to its aims and principles. Although membership has decreased, they carry on with sponsorship of academic and sports scholarships, annual Remembrance Day Literary competition and poppy drive. They are still involved in the Track and Field program and sporting events for members and aid in many local community projects.

In September of 1991, the cleaning and restoration of the Cenotaph began. With the Branch efforts and donations from the community, the perimeter of the cenotaph was secured with wrought iron fencing, a flagpole with lights added.

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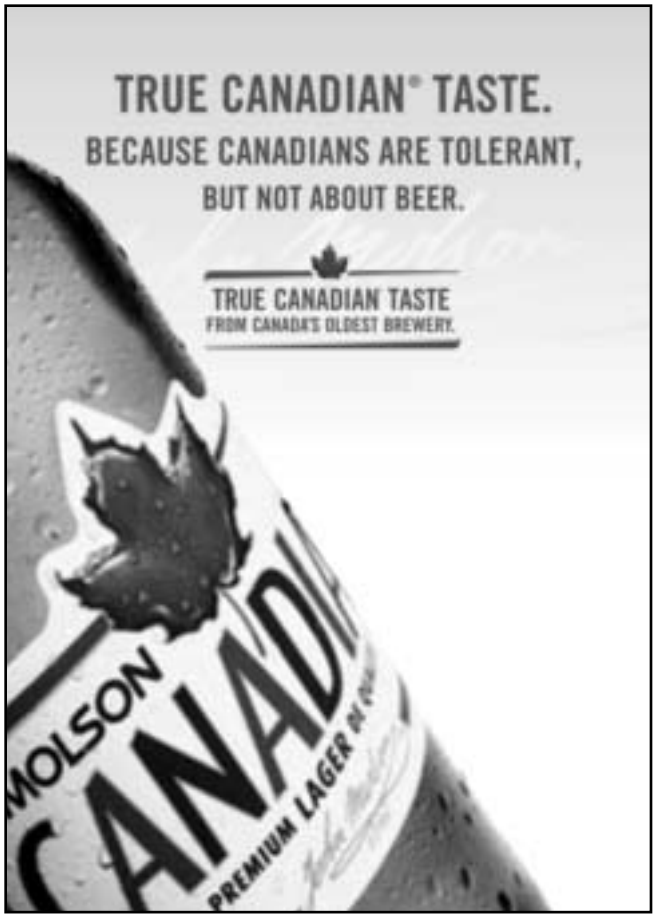
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ROULEAU BRANCH 44 *(...Cont'd)*

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO ROULEAU BRANCH 44

Through the leadership and organizational skills of Joyce McEwen, several ladies became interested in forming an auxiliary. The Queen Elizabeth Branch Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was formed in Rouleau on February 13, 1952. Charter members were: Joyce McEwen, Ruby McKenzie, Marj Nicholson, Gwen Dickson, Elinor Clarke, Norma Drew, Clara Smith, Olive Hansen, Freda Gillis and Doreen Yackel.

Meetings were held on the third Thursday of each month in the Legion Room at the rink. Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Moore donated a flag to the Auxiliary in memory of their son Kenneth; dedication service was led by Rev. Burley. By January 1, 1953, the membership was 37 ladies.

Early projects undertaken by the ladies were packing parcels for the soldiers serving in Korea, visits and treats to hospitalized Veterans and patients in the Saskatchewan Hospital, Weyburn. They held an annual canvas for the mental health campaign, conducted house surveys in connection with Civil Defense Project, provided Christmas Cheer parcels and other remembrances to people within the community, and gave monetary donations to various causes.

As well as the usual fund-raisers, the Ladies held a few novel events, such as pie shoots, indoor carnivals, dress raffles, hobo gallup teas and the traveling waistline apron. Their annual Flowers of Hope Tea for the Saskatchewan Association for the mentally disabled was held until the late 1980's. The Ladies assisted the Legion with catering at the rink, car bingos, November 11th dances, building of floats and the annual Remembrance Day Literary competition.

Over the years, the Ladies' Auxiliary paid tribute to the Veterans at the annual Remembrance Day Service. The Ladies were an important part of the Rouleau Community. Membership gradually decreased until only a faithful few remained under the leadership of President Judy Hodder and Secretary Treasurer Bev LeBlanc.

The Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded on June 20, 1994.

PUNNICHY BRANCH 45

A meeting of returnee men eligible for membership in the Great War Veterans' Association was held in the Punnichy Valley Centre Hotel on January 23, 1920. The President of the Raymore Branch, Comrade Chapman, explained the steps to organize a Branch. At this meeting, a Branch was formed and an executive elected.

The next meeting was held at the Punnichy School with first officers: J.B. Hardinge, President; J. Hollis, 1st Vice; W. Swan, 2nd Vice; and A.C. Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer. The Executive Committee consisted of G. Lamb, A.W. Anderson, J. Hadley, B.J. Medland and J.D. Straker. The membership fees were $1.00 per member.

On March 24, 1926, the name Great War Veterans' Association was changed to The Royal Canadian Legion, British Service League, so the Branch became The Touchwood Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion No.45 B.E.S.L. Then on November 11, 1948, after much discussion, the name was changed to The Punnichy Branch #45, and soon after the B.E.S.L. was dropped.

The aim of this organization, as it is today, was to assist the returned Veterans and their dependents, to assure fair treatment and rehabilitation, to maintain future security and to retain peace. Assistance was often sought from Provincial Command through the Branch for Veterans and dependents. Many times, the Branch assisted with local funds to members in times of sickness, fire and death.

On September 24, 1922, the first monument was unveiled by Lieutenant Governor Newlands, for the purpose of perpetually reminding everyone of the supreme sacrifice made by young men of the district, who served in the "Great War." The second monument, which is still standing, was built in 1931, on the same site referred to as "Monument Hill." The third monument was erected at the end of Main Street in 1968, as the hill was becoming difficult for many to climb on the November 11th parade day.

On March 18, 1947, a group of ladies gathered to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Touchwood Branch. The ladies wasted no time at all in getting to work. Their first money-raising effort was on April 7, 1947, serving lunch at the Easter Monday dance, put on by the Legion Branch. This netted them a profit of $12.40, and together with a $5.00 donation from the Legion, started them of their way. With the money they raised, donations were sent to the following: Food for Britain, Veterans' Comfort Fund, Christmas Cheer Fund, Books for Troops, Bursary Fund, T.B. Fund, Donor's Choice, and also for a period of years, the ladies sent a monthly parcel to a family overseas Through the years, the Auxiliary had seen many members come and go (46 in all), with 5 original members still belonging to the Auxiliary at the time of its demise in 2004.

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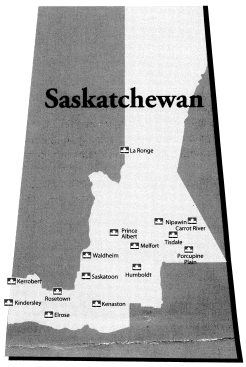
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PUNNICHY BRANCH 45 *(...Cont'd)*

A Legion Hall materialized in 1949. It was bought for the sum of $300.00 and set on a lot purchased from the town of Punnichy for $25.00. The hall had many facelifts over the years, which included the addition of a kitchen, carpet, paneling, a gas furnace, shingles, water and sewer. Unfortunately, with the declining enrollment of memberships and the cost of the upkeep of the building, the decision was made to sell the building in September of 2006. All the Legion material (books, scrolls, posters, pictures), which were displayed in the hall can now be found in the Punnichy Museum.

Today, the Branch remains active with one Lifetime member, eleven Ordinary members, and sixteen Associate members. Members hold meetings at the Punnichy Senior Citizens Hall about four times a year with a lunch and social following each meeting. Poppy sales continue as they have since 1921, and the members take an active role in Remembrance Day Ceremonies and Services in the local schools. The members judge poppy, poster and essay entries for further advancement and award prizes when necessary.

The Branch has hosted various sporting events through the years and members participate when possible. Donations continue to be made to the Canadian Paraplegic Association, the RC Church (in Punnichy), St. Joseph's Hospital (in Lestock), Silver Heights Special Care Home (in Raymore), and a bursary program has also been set up for a graduating student from Punnichy High School.

If you are ever in the Punnichy area, stop into the museum - as words cannot express the amount of history this Legion Branch has had. The Remembrance Day Service is always held at 10:00am on the morning of November 11th. Come walk with comrades and community members to the Main Street Cenotaph and lay a wreathe in memory of fallen comrades and to share in the freedom which we all enjoy today!

WEYBURN BRANCH 47

Branch 47 is located in downtown Weyburn, SK. This Branch was formed under the Charter on December 13, 1926. The Weyburn Legion, under the BESL Charter, operated out of the Holder Block basement until the present building of the Legion Hall was completed in the Fall of 1938. The first of three additions was started in 1960, and finished in 1990. The north half of the building was rented to the National Defence Dept., occupied by the 854 Regiment until well after World War II.

Branch 47 has in its possession, the last ensign to fly over the House of Commons in 1964. They have a photo gallery of Veterans in the lounge area, which is very interesting.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is an essential part of the organization. Their efforts contribute greatly to the success of the Branch. The Branch members and executive, along with the Ladies' Auxiliary, relies on its volunteers to help out with the many functions. They hold a cribbage tournament every Tuesday, and have a weekly meat draw on Saturday. They have many up and coming events in the works. Please feel free to stop in and take a look around.

WINDTHORST BRANCH 49

The Windthorst Branch 49 began as The Great War Veterans Association. The first meeting was held on December 9, 1919, with 21 members present; enrolment soon increased to 62 members.

The main project at that time was to establish a building fund. The Veterans sponsored Christmas concerts, amateur hours and raffles. In 1926, the Presbyterian Church building became vacant and the Branch made a down payment. After many renovations, it became the Legion hall and served the community until 1976, when a new hall was built and the Legion clubrooms moved to the new hall and the old hall was sold.

In July 1926, the Dominion Command issued Branch 49's charter and the Branch was officially formed.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Legion began during World War I, as the soldiers' friends to send parcels to Windthorst boys on active service. In 1919, they were invited to become the Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans Association and in 1926, they were accepted as an Auxiliary to the Legion Branch.

During WWII, the Auxiliary was active sending parcels to the boys on active service and over the years they helped the Legion in many ways. During WWII, Legion members organized a home guard or militia, known as the Green Berets, drilling once a week on home defense tactics.

After World War II, many young Veterans joined the Legion and over the years have helped the community in many ways.

In 1976, the sons and daughters became a part of the Legion and also helped our organization thrive for the betterment of the community. Our Branch has held a Remembrance Day service and Poppy Campaign since the Branch's inception and they continue to donate to many local events.

Present membership of Branch 49 stands at 22. The Ladies' Auxiliary have since disbanded.

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TISDALE BRANCH 50

Branch No. 50 is located in Tisdale, Saskatchewan, "The Land of Rape and Honey" (town motto), a small town of about 4,000. The early clubroom was in the Immigration Hall, but now is housed by the Town of Tisdale Civic Center. Tisdale is a very athletic and educational community, with many activities, of which donations are made by the Tisdale Legion. The Branch is also a supporter, and proud of, the Tisdale Air Cadets. Another activity the Branch is involved in is the Christmas Kettles, helping the Salvation Army serve the local families. You can also find some of the members and their families having a good time playing cards, playing pool, and visiting in our clubroom.

The Charter date for Tisdale Branch 50 is June 10, 1927, when it was still called service league. The number of original charter members is unknown. Earlier fundraisers included bingos, New Year's Eve Dances, and of course, cooking suppers which always went over well. Some of the money-makers today include having a pancake supper and banquets, which everyone seems to really enjoy. Currant membership is at 54 members. This Branch is a volunteer-operated team. It takes volunteers to have events, and also the executive is on a volunteer basis. Everyone helps out.

In the very near future, the Branch will be moving into a bigger clubroom, at the same location, so please feel free to stop in and say "hello." Company is always enjoyed.

DAVIDSON BRANCH 51

The Royal Canadian Legion was formed in 1926 by members of the Great War Veterans Association. Number 51 Branch of Davidson was chartered that same year, with James Bragg as President. During the 1930's and the early 1940's, the Legion was held on with a small membership. Morley Coxworth, Cecil Lick, Mr. Odling and Mr. Kershaw kept it going.

When WWII ended, the Branch gained a large number of new members with Keith Scott as President.

The Legion has been an active organization in the community with emphasis on the young people and Remembrance Day activities. The Legion is the main sponsor of the Air Cadet 553 Sherlock Squadron since the cadets started in 1984.

For fundraising, the Branch does Suit of the Month, Strawberry Festival, and bake sales, with help from the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The main building (sleeping quartos), was moved into town from the #23 RCAF Elementary Flying Training School after the base closed in January 1945.

In 1948, when the war Veterans revised the local Legion Branch, the wives formed the Ladies' Auxiliary. Their aim was to help the men help the Veterans or the community as best as they could.

The ladies have spent fifty-plus years with a great deal of fundraising until it was disbanded in 2000. They, along with the Legion, have helped the youth with bursaries and scholarships, never losing sight of their obligation to remember those who fought and died for this great country.

CANORA BRANCH 52

The Branch started out in 1920 as The Great War Veterans Association. They joined the British Empire Service League in 1926 and got their Charter on May 10, 1928, with 15 members.

By that time, they had already purchased a new church basement, but they had run out of funds to finish the church. The Legion boys put a roof on the basement and that's how the "Dug Out" was named. Most of the school activities were held there. Weekly dances were also held there for many years.

During the second world war, the Dug Out was leased to the War Department and that is where the militia was trained. During this time, the Branch held their meetings at the town hall. After the War, a new floor and new roof were built.

The membership grew to over 80 with all the servicemen and women coming back. Now, there are 20 members as follows: 1 Canada, U.K. Italy & Holland; 1 Allied, Polish Division; 1 Canada & U.K.; 5 Canada; 2 Militia; 5 sons and daughters; 3 wives; 1 RCMP; 1 Affiliate.

The Auxiliary was started in 1946 and got their charter on May 22, 1948, with 16 members. They also gave Honorary memberships to the War Brides.

The Auxiliary was a big help to the Legion. We held dances and card parties, dinner and dances to raise funds. They also held Spoken English competitions for the Public School. They also sold poppies on the Saturday prior to November 11th. Their membership dropped so much that they gave up their charter. Two of them joined the Legion Branch as associates (wives).

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SYLVANIA BRANCH 54

On November 25, 1926, charter number 54 was issued by the Saskatchewan Command of The Royal Canadian Legion to the World War 1 and Boar War Veterans of Sylvania and District. The charter members were: Elmer B. Robinson; George M. Dunlop; Thomas H. Ford; John O. Davis; Anatole Caron; Edward J. Devereaux; George F. Franklin; Henry Vandendorfe; Leonard E. Hill; George H. Greenwood; Octaaf Lefrebre; Ernest H. Clift; Alfred B. Creasy; Frank Wenbourne; James Paxton.

This first group operated for a short time but carried on for a few years as an unaffiliated organization. They had several very successful Armistice Day celebrations and banquets. It is thought that the difficulty of collecting dues during the thirties, when money became almost non-existent, caused the Branch to become inoperative.

After the World War II Veterans returned, the need for an organization became desirable again. In 1947 and 1948, the Veterans of the area got together and celebrated Remembrance Day, and at the 1948 celebration it was decided to reactivate the Legion Branch. The Saskatchewan Command was notified and a meeting was called for November 30, 1948. Soon after the Branch was reorganized, it was decided to build a cairn in memory of those men from Sylvania who lost their lives in the two World Wars. This did not get started until July 1955. The site in front of where the station then stood was suggested by Comrade Lorne Knuff. The Branch was fortunate to have Mr. Jim Angus Sr. in the community, who was a stone mason and did the stone work. Funds for the project were raised by donations from all the veterans in the area.

At a meeting on November 26, 1957, a motion was passed to contact Mrs. Morphy regarding the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary. This was done and the Ladies have been most valued partners of the Branch ever since.

Over the years, the Legion entered into lives of the community in many ways. They held dances for many years, and for a number of years put on the New Year's dances. Sports were a very big part of community activity and they supported equipment and coached baseball teams in all age groups. The Sylvania senior baseball team of the 1950's and 1960's wore the Legion crest and were supported as far as it was possible. In curling, the Branch participated each year at the zone playoffs. Also, for some years it held a curling clinic and bonspiel for the school children. Gerry Ivany, a station agent and avid curler helped with the children.

In 1965, the Legion, who had been meeting in the Restroom with permission of the Ladies Club, decided that they needed a building of their own. The Sylvania Rural School, which was the original Sylvania School No. 1873, was vacant and as the building was still very sound, although built in 1907, it was purchased from the Tisdale School Unit for a nominal sum. Permission was granted by the Municipality to move the building onto the sports ground. A basement was put in with volunteer help and on November 22, 1965, the building was moved by D.M. Stewart. There have been many improvements done, including an addition built by the Sylvania Sylvans, new siding and the basement finished.

The Legion members are now the grandfathers and grandmothers of the community and have become much less active the past few years, but still support the essay contest with the co-operation of the teachers of Sylvania and McKague. Since the early 1950's and until the present, the Legion has looked after the cemetery with the help of others.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO SYLVANIA BRANCH 54

With the help of the Sylvania Branch, a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Sylvania Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion was formed on April 17, 1958. Mr. Garnet Crawford and Mr. Bill Matthews, executive members, invited Mrs. Irene Killer and her executive members from Melfort to attend. Mrs. Killer read the constitution and the new members were sworn in.

The original members were Mildred Crawford, Phyllis Ellis, Joyce Nontell, Murl Miller, Marion McCaffery, Eileen McCaffery, Rose Mariash, Phyllis Ratcliffe, Hilda Dunlop, Minnie Toth, Olive Reid, Lillian Kidney, Dorothy Hainstock, Doreen Deforest and Verna Reddeman.

They were in business from the word 'go.' The second meeting saw them making plans to cater to the local Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation Supper on May 28th. This netted the Auxiliary $13.86. The Auxiliary catered this supper until 1967. How many remember the running from table to table to snitch fresh rhubarb pie?

They also sent a curling team to the Zone play-downs and Christmas boxes of goodies were packed for bachelor veterans; a tradition they have carried on to the present. The community club graciously allowed the use of their club rooms for several years.

The Auxiliary started to support the Mental Health program in 1959. Through the years, they held bingos, bake sales, canvassed and made donations to that worthy organization. One of the highlights as an Auxiliary was furnishing a room in the Tisdale Hospital in conjunction with the Legion Branch in 1960. They hosted Zone Curling several times through the years and served the banquets when the Branch hosted the same.

In the early years, they held family Legion Auxiliary parties. We purchased ball uniforms and looked after curling programs for youth. They sponsored figure skating, senior citizens, the children's concert candy fund, sewing classes, the Veterans comfort fund and the Bursary fund for students, made donations to fire victims, looked after hospitalized veterans and Auxiliary members. Donations have been made to the community hospital and to the cardiac unit in the hospital.

The Auxiliary ran the Sports Day booth for many years until 1971, and shared the profits with the Branch. The Auxiliary catered many weddings, family reunions, anniversary suppers and many lunches to bereaved families.

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GRENFELL BRANCH 55

On February 22, 1919, Grenfell and District Veterans became a Branch of The Great War Veterans Association (GWVA) of Canada. Comrades Thomas Wright, President; Chris Rosborough, 1st Vice; Charles Elliott, 2nd Vice; and G.A. Gamsby, Secretary-Treasurer. They met in various clubrooms while petitioning for armouries up and down the line to be thrown open to the Association. They were finally granted permission to meet in the Grenfell Armoury.

In February 1926, they sent a delegate to the first Provincial Convention of the Canadian Legion British Empire Service League. On March 11, 1926, they decided to disband the GWVA and join the Legion. Executive Members were: Comrades B.E. Hull, President; F. Pollock, 1st Vice; C.J. Chambers, 2nd Vice; and G.A. McLeod, Secretary/Treasurer. This brought new life and new members, and they carried on being a leading organization in the community. They have continuously sent delegates to Provincial and Dominion Conventions and have maintained a membership of more than 100. The Branch has contributed 5 Zone Commanders, 2 District Commanders, and one Provincial President – Comrade Frank Broome.

In 1947, the Branch members wanted to build a hall. The Veterans dug into their own pockets and bought a lot and started fundraising. When the Armoury burned down in 1950, the need became urgent. Although the Federal Government quickly rebuilt the Armoury, it was not suited to civilian use. The town was undecided as to what they wanted, so the Legion went ahead on their own. Someone questioned whether they had the expertise for this, and one Comrade and former officer replied that 'his comrades who had fought and won two world wars were certainly capable of building a hall.' The Legion organized volunteer labour and hired a contractor to oversee the work. The Grenfell Legion Community Hall was officially opened on November 11, 1953, by a former comrade, The Honourable W.J. Patterson, Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan. This is the Legion's greatest legacy to the community.

The Legion had a meeting room upstairs until it became too difficult for aging Veterans to mount the stairs so they purchased the Armoury in 1992.

Another outstanding legacy is the running track at the High School. Comrade Ernie Elliott was the force behind this project, which was dedicated in 1971 and named Bricker Field in memory of Comrade C.D. Bricker, an Olympic medal winner in track and field.

The Legion was instrumental in getting the Donors Choice organized. Another achievement is the Military Room at the Museum. This was done almost entirely by Comrade J.P. Claxton and is one of the highlights of the Museum.

The Legion has done much excellent work in the community, which stands out and will continue for many years to come.

In 2005, they began putting up pictures of local Veterans from all wars and to date have over 400 featured.

The Branch has a good relationship with the schools. In 1952, Legion personnel visited 12 country schools to explain the poppy and Remembrance Day. Services are held at both Elementary and High Schools, as well as the Community Service.

The Branch has been fortunate to have the right people on the roster when most needed: during prohibition - the town bootlegger; building the Hall - farmers with muscle, cement mixers and facilities for livestock donated for fundraising raffles; elevator agents - to sell the donated grain and grain grown by the members on leased land; Bricker Field - comrades who had access to the proper machinery; financing – a banker; legal - a lawyer; pictures - computer experts.

Emphasis now is on the aging Veterans and youth. The Branch's goal is to stay strong for the new generation of Veterans.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO GRENFELL BRANCH 55

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch 55 started sometime in 1931. the charter date was January 19, 1932, and disbanded January 1, 2000. The Auxiliary had a successful 68 years of raising funds and helping the local Legion Branch in various ways.

There were 15 charter members: Janet Rosborough, Mabel Bricker, Norma Garden, Charlotte Telfor, Kathleen Parsons, Agnes Bainton, Kate Ferth, Annie Elliott, May Meeker, Blanche Hodges, Bertha Duprau, Janet Mcdonald, Nittie Ashfield, Teresa Hunter, and Ethel Leonard. Mabel Bricker was the first President.

The main object of the Auxiliary was to help the Veterans and their dependents, and they did this by raising funds through whist drives and lunches being served at dances in the early years. Tickets for these events were $1.00. In later years, the Auxiliary catered to lunch at auctions sales, banquets for graduation, weddings and anniversaries.

In 1939, a quilt was initiated with all the names of the Veterans in the surrounding area. The quilt now hangs in the military room at the Grenfell Adare Museum.

The Auxiliary made many donations over the years to the Vets Comfort Fund, Provincial Bursary Fund, Paraplegic Fund, Camp Easter Seal, Legion Track & Field, Telemiracle, Grenfell High School, Grenfell Elementary School, and Mainline Music Festival. These were all yearly donations.

Activities of the Auxiliary over the years include: catered a supper to the Senior Citizens for the area yearly in June; provided lunch at the Mainline Music Festival when held in Grenfell; assisted the Legion with the yearly poppy drive; assisted the Legion with the yearly Remembrance Day Services at the Elementary & High Schools, Pioneer Home and

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Community Hall; provided a Christmas Supper for widowed Veterans; presented award to most improved student in Industrial Arts Class at Grenfell High School; delivered Meals on Wheels to the community each year in July; attended to the Grenfell Museum for one week each summer; assisted the Legion with the weekly bingo; marched with the Legion in annual Canada Day Parade; there was a committee called Hand of Friendship who visited shut in Veterans on their birthday, Christmas, Easter and one other time of the year, taking them a little gift.

Grenfell Auxiliary had two members as Zone Reps: Mrs. May Walton and Mrs. Violet Broome. Mrs. Broome moved on to District Rep. and then onto 2nd Provincial President, and she was the Provincial President for the term 1980-1982.
The Auxiliary honored many of its members in various ways: a cloth for the meeting table was made in honor of a deceased member (this cloth is still used by local Branch 55 at the monthly meetings), and a silver serving tray in memory of another member (this tray was given to the deceased member's family when the Auxiliary disbanded), also silver tea service in memory of another member (the tea service was given to the family of the deceased member when the Auxiliary disbanded).

Throughout the years, the main object of the Auxiliary was to help the Legion Branch and Veterans, which they did very faithfully. There were so many women involved throughout the years that it would be hard to mention them all.

SWIFT CURRENT BRANCH 56



The first record of a Veteran's organization in Swift Current was a Branch of the "Great War Veterans Association," dating back to 1919. They met in the basement of the Lyric Theatre. On October 23, 1926, the charter for the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was granted. There are fourteen names listed on the charter; and one hundred and eleven names on one of the early membership lists.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch 56 received their charter on June 23, 1939, with twenty-one names listed on the charter. Since then, they have been a very integral part of Branch 56.

Following several years of meeting in the Lyric Theatre, the Branch moved into a house on 1st Avenue NE - the approximate location of the present Branch building. There was a small hall upstairs and a lounge in the basement that was well used. There are stories of wives trying to get their husbands to "come home from the Legion." In 1948, an H-hut building was moved to the site from the airport. It had been used as one of the buildings for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan during WWII. This building served until a new state-of-the-art building (the present Branch facility) was constructed. The official opening was held on June 12, 1967. It has a large hall upstairs and lounge, offices and meeting room on the lower level. The Branch burned the mortgage on this building at a celebration in 1986.

The Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary have been a tremendous support to all community projects in Swift Current and area over the years with annual donations as high as $65,000 in the peak years. They have sponsored Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadet Units in the city. A weekly bingo to raise funds has been held in the Branch hall for over 50 years. They are strong supporters of the local Salvation Army. The Branch has been affiliated with the Swift Current Legionnaires AAA Midget hockey team for 61 years. In recent years, they have used Poppy Funds to support the new Cypress Regional Hospital. In 2003, the Branch co-coordinated a service organization project to present a Chain of Office to the City of Swift Current.

The Branch is especially proud of the service of the 209th Battalion, headquartered in Swift Current, and serving valiantly in WWI. Many local lads served in the 209th.

They are equally proud of the 14th Canadian Light Horse (1920 - 1940). This unit went overseas in WWII as the 8th Recce (1941 - 1945). They were named the 14th Canadian Hussars and served from 1941-1968. They now have a small detachment of the Saskatchewan Dragoons training in Swift Current.

Branch membership is about 350, with about 30 members in the Ladies' Auxiliary. Like many other Branches, they struggle with membership and finances, but look forward to a bright future as Branch 56 of The Royal Canadian Legion, Saskatchewan Command.

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KINDERSLEY BRANCH 57

Kindersley Branch 57 was formed in December of 1918, when eight veterans of World War 1 organized the Great War Veterans Association. W.B. Thompson was the first President. The meeting place, named "The Hut," was situated two doors west of the present Legion Hall.

In 1926, the name was changed to The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. In 1960, it was changed to The Royal Canadian Legion. In 1946, the Legion obtained the Orange Hall. A new basement was poured and the upstairs was finished. It became the center of Legion activities and still serves as a comfortable club room. In recent years, a new furnace was installed and a new paint job inside and out improved the appearance of the Hall. In 1999, work bees moved the cenotaph and two flag poles to the front of the Legion. In 2005, a memorial was installed and dedicated to all those who made the supreme sacrifice in World War I and World War II, with numerous members and guests present.

Branch 57 Charter is dated May 10, 1928, and consisted of sixteen members.

The Legion has always, and still supports many projects: Cadets, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Seniors & Veterans, Youth Groups, and Legion Track and Field, many of which would not be possible without the help of our Legion Auxiliary.

Though the years, the Branch has made substantial donations ($5,000 to $6,000 a year) to the hospital, the nursing home, the senior citizens hall and the rinks, just to name a few.

Branch 57 has been host to numerous Zone, District and Provincial sporting events, and in 1997 it hosted the Dominion Senior's Curling. It has had Provincial winners in curling in 1964 mens, 1975 mens, 1987 and 1989 mixed. And also won the 1987 Provincial Sr. Bowling. In 1983, it won the Dominion Sr. Curling.

Today there are a total of 95 members, including 37 veterans. In the forties, membership was over 200.

Branch 57 shows colors in numerous Local, Provincial and Dominion events, highlights being the World Junior Baseball ceremonies in 1984, and a Royal visit from the Queen in 1987.

In April of 2006, Branch 57 hosted an Awards Night, where ten members were presented with 60-year pins. This is a great Milestone for the Club.



Kindersley Ladies' Legion Auxiliary

The Kindersley Ladies Legion Auxiliary was formed in August 1947 Helen Bruce a Nurse in World War 1, and a member of the British Empire Service League, felt a ladies organization was needed. A number of veterans wives and mothers decided to form the Auxiliary. The first meeting was held in the Legion Hall August 21, 1947 with sixteen charter members the Carter members were: Helen Bruce, Marjorie Winter, Edna Lingstrom, Doris McMillan, Maude Agett, Lucille Reid, Edith West, Audrie Darling, Evelyn Moffat, Freda Lonsdale, Eleanor Lonsdale, Elsie Parrot, Agnes Sismey and Marguerite Gray. Legion President Norman Mullock assisted by Bill Moffat and Jack Jones performed the initiation ceremony. The Charter is dated September 8, 1947.

The Kindersley Ladies Legion Auxiliary began catering to banquets, teas, etc. A doll dressed in Legion Auxiliary Uniform was raffled with much success and is continued today. We hold Vimy Day and Poppy Day teas, and serve lunch for funerals and anniversaries for Legion and Auxiliary members as required.

The Kindersley Ladies Legion Auxiliary join the Legion in the Remembrance Day Parade.

The Kindersley Ladies Legion Auxiliary have contributed towards furnishings for two hospitals and the Senior Care Home, the Veterans Comfort and Bursary Fund, Last Post, Sherbrook Community Centre, Canadian Paraplegic Association, Camp Easter Seal, Music Festival, Track and Field and local veterans comforts. We also assist the Legion in their special projects.

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MOOSE JAW BRANCH 59



On October 16, 2006, the Moose Jaw Branch #59 of the Royal Canadian Legion will have proved to have been a viable asset to the community for the past 80 years. For the past seven and one-half decades the Branch has assured that proper care and attention has been paid to the welfare of all those who served, or are now serving, in our Armed Forces, as well as the welfare of their dependents, maintaining and comforting those in the community who have required special treatment - especially the disabled, sick, needy and aged.

The Moose Jaw Branch is just one of the more than 1,600 Branches in Canada, USA and Germany that is a part of the largest non-profit, dues-supported fraternal organizations that touches the lives of thousands of ordinary Canadians, particularly the youth and the aged, every day.

Hatched as an embryo after World War I, from the forming of the Great War Veterans Association of Canada, Moose Jaw Veterans moved in to the old fire hall station on the corner of Saskatchewan and First Avenue northwest, now the site of a thriving condominium.

In 1921, the Veterans moved to the corner of Cordova Avenue and Main Street, the present location of the now defunct Grant Hall.

In 1925, the Great War Veterans Association dominion convention delegates voted to change the Association's name to the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. The Moose Jaw Branch sold its property on Main Street to the Community Hotel Association, which erected the Grant Hall, and moved into the old Market Building while awaiting the construction of its new home.

On February 17, 1926, Saskatchewan was the first province to ratify the Legion's constitution and form a Command. On October 16, that same year, the Moose Jaw Branch was granted its charter. On November 11, 1927, the new home at 268 High Street West was taken over from the Bird Construction Company and officially opened.

In 1958, the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was changed to the Canadian Legion, and in 1960, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted the organization permission to affix the term "Royal" to its name.

Officiating at the opening were: Branch President J.C, Whitridge; Provincial President and guest-speaker, Capt. Carrothers; the Venerable Archdeacon Wells-Johnson, the Rev. Mr. Church; and T. Kindred, acting for the mayor. The celebrations ended with a dance. The new facility housed a meeting room, ladies' room and offices on the first floor, sleeping rooms, caretaker's quarters on the top floor, and a bar, club and games room and library in the basement.

It wasn't all clear sailing in the facilities, as the police conducted many raids on the establishment when wives complained of husbands spending too much time and money at the Legion bar.

Financial times were also tough. "Smokers," Housie-Housie (Bingo), and supporting Legion sports events, were all used to raise funds. When licensing to sell liquor came into effect, finances improved, although rationing during the Second World War took its toll.

World War II brought an influx of new members. The canteen was enlarged, three billiard tables were installed, and a coffee bar and cement floor were added to the basement. The hall was rented almost every night and assurances were taken to allow the public to use the washrooms but were partitioned off from the clubrooms.

When King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited Moose Jaw in 1939, and Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip in 1959, the Legion was called upon to participate in many activities. In 1956, plans were put into effect to enlarge the Branch facilities. Furniture and fixtures were renewed, and decorative and extensive repairs were made. In 1959, the Branch spent $40,000 on renovations to increase public use.

The Memorial Lounge was officially opened October 21, 1960, and in 1964, plans were made to provide more auditorium space, as well as increasing lounge facilities. The $90,000 project was started in 1965, and completed by February 1966. In 1966, the top floor was renovated. In 1986, when the Branch celebrated its Diamond Jubilee, a ramp was constructed and an elevator was installed to accommodate handicapped and elderly patrons. Also that year saw the installation of smoke-inhalers in the lounge area.

In 1988, the office was modified and the inner stairwell removed to augment storage space. A new roof, designed to enhance the exterior appearance of the Branch was completed. Funding for

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Over its 80 years the Branch has been supervised under the direction of an elected executive, by 22 different business administrators and today has a staff of one full-time and 11 part-time employees, and since receiving its charter in 1926, has had the office of Branch President served by 41 different members.

The success and endurance of the Moose Jaw Branch has been greatly enhanced by the assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary - an 80-year companion, having received its charter on November 2, 1926.

Over the years, good and bad, the support from the ladies has been exemplary by both deed and action and the men's Branch is honoured that the members of the Auxiliary have played such an integral part in the viability of the Branch. During its eight decades of operation, the Auxiliary has been headed by 33 different members in the position of President.

The Branch has a brilliant record of achievement, which will be upheld in future years. It has and always will be PRESERVING THE PAST - PROTECTING THE FUTURE!



Left to Right: Clubroom, Jubilee Room, Legion Hall, Memorial Hall

ESTEVAN BRANCH 60

In 1919, the returned Veterans of the Great War organized a Branch of the Great War Veterans Association in Estevan. The first President was Lt. Col. Sam Dryden.

In 1926, a unity conference was held in Winnipeg and the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was formed. The Estevan Branch became Branch # 60 Saskatchewan Command Canadian Legion. There were 35 charter members of the Branch on October 12, 1926.

On November 1, 1926, a cenotaph was unveiled as a memorial to the seventy-three World War I men from the district who laid down their lives. The names of the forty-two men who died in World War II were added later.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was chartered on April 23, 1944. Fifteen members signed the charter. There were thirty-six members present for the charter meeting. As they required fifteen names to sign the charter, they were picked out of a hat. The Branch gave the ladies $10.00 to acquire the necessary materials to begin their endeavor. It proved to be the best investment the Branch ever made, as over the years, the ladies have contributed over $200,000 to the Branch. In 1949, the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary proposed the idea of a 'poppy tea.' The pouring of the tea and waiting on tables was taken over by the men of the Branch.

With the help of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Branch has donated large sums of money over the years to the local hospital and the hospitals of Regina for construction and medical equipment. We also sponsor Air and Army Cadets, minor ball and hockey, as well as scholarships and bursaries.

The first permanent building was purchased in 1940. This is now known as 'the small legion hall.' In 1949, the present Memorial Hall was built and attached to the small Legion hall. When completed, it was dedicated to the memory of those who died in both World Wars and Korea. This now provided space for large functions, a kitchen to serve both halls, and large washrooms. In 1950, members built the Jubilee Room, which is attached to the west side of the small hall. This is the home of the Ladies' Auxiliary. In 1965, the Branch bought the property adjacent to the Jubilee Room. This property was remodeled to become the clubroom for the Branch.

Both the men's Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary have catered to banquets, weddings, etc. Annual events of the Branch include the Vimy banquet, Decoration Day, the Past Presidents' banquet, and the Remembrance Day service. Also, the halls are donated each fall for the United Way 36-hour Telethon, which has been the first to reach its goal in 28 out of 29 years.

The present membership of the Branch is 269 Legion members and 58 members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Estevan Branch is proud to list the following among its past members: William Gough D.C.M., J.E. McCormack D.F.C A.F.C., Edward Knight D.C.M., and William J. Knight M.LD.

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The present group was started as the Great War Veterans Association. Comrades M. Moore and N. Pilon joined in 1921 and became Life Members of the Branch. When the Royal Canadian Legion became official, the Branch received its charter on December 20, 1926, with sixteen charter members.



The Branch celebrates and remembers with gratitude those who have served. This Legion Branch reminds everyone of the contributions of the women and men who have contributed so much to our nation and invites us to be inspired in each new generation to continue that service.

During the Second World War, some 1,200 persons from Melville and district joined the forces and served in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Marine. E. Alberts, W. Daniel, H. McCaffrey and J. Malec received the Distinguished Flying Cross, and C. Crosby received the George Medal, and G. Jukes was awarded the Member of the British Empire Medal.



Following the Second World War, the Branch acquired many new members and the need thus arose for larger facilities. The Roxy Theater was purchased and converted into the present hall and Branch premises.

In 1973, the Branch changed its name from Melville Branch #61 to Robert G. Combe V.C. Branch 61, in memory of Robert Grierson Combe who was a druggist in Melville at the time of enlisting.

This Legion Branch has contributed greatly to the community through services to Veterans, and youth, and attention to many local needs. A major contribution has been the sponsorship of #2157 Army Cadet Corps for more than thirty years. Through this effort, hundreds of young people have had the opportunity to learn the value of good citizenship and service.

The Legion continues to be vibrant to this day with 186 members. Outreach to the young through the schools, especially at Remembrance Day, inspires each new generation. As a Centennial project, a Wall of Honour was erected to commemorate all those from the community who have served Canada in times of both peace and conflict. An impressive Wall of Valour is maintained at the Hospital. The local museum contains many artifacts of military service and a section dedicated to the HMCS Melville.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO ROBERT G. COMBE BRANCH 61

The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed at a meeting on August 28, 1919, and received its charter in 1928 with ten charter members. Through Poppy Day Sales, caretaking of military plots in the cemetery, teas, lunches and dances, this group contributed greatly to the presence of the Legion in this community. They also donated to a wide variety of charitable causes, funding medical needs, purchasing necessities for the local hospital, giving bursaries and scholarships to youth, and providing items of comfort to the troops. Although the Auxiliary no longer meets in Melville, the tradition continues through the participation of women and men in the Legion Branch.



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WADENA BRANCH 62

The Canadian Legion was founded in 1925-26 by the amalgamation of several Veterans' organizations, which had been formed after the Boer War and the Great War of 1914-18. The name was later changed to The Royal Canadian Legion when the title "Royal" was conferred by Her Majesty the Queen in 1960.

Wadena Veterans had formed a Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association in 1917 and in 1926 started the Wadena Branch #62 of the Canadian Legion with S. Rutherford, President, and G. Jenkins as Secretary/Treasurer.

The GWVA Hall was used by the Branch for a few years but was later given up and plans were made to build another hall. Meetings were held in various places in town, including the CNR station, curling rink and Jenkins' store.

In 1933, the Branch was able to purchase the old power building from the town and with the lumber salvaged from its new hall, 28' x 48', was built on Main Street, where Indy's Restaurant now stands.

This hall served the Branch and the community until 1949 when it was sold to become a poolroom and barbershop. In 1946, the hall was rented to J. L. Hicks for several weeks when he had lost his hard-ware store in a fire.

The present hall, which was built in 1949, was named the Legion Memorial Hall in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country. Some of the material used in the hall came from the airport buildings at Dafoe.

As it was the largest hall in town, it served in many capacities, such as for dances, weddings, meetings of all kinds and bingos. In 1950, it was used for a short time for school classes. The Wadena Kinsmen Club, having contributed some money toward building the hall, used part of the hall for their meetings until they built their own hall (1965) across the street.

The Canadian Legion was first formed to help needy Veterans, their widows and dependents, and to support worthwhile projects in the community. This they have done to the best of their ability and have contributed to minor sports, track and field, Cubs and Scouts. They have also helped furnish a hospital ward, Level IV furniture and school playground equipment.

The Legion maintains a poppy fund from sales of poppies and wreaths on Remembrance Day. This fund can only be used for needy Veterans and other special purposes.

Sons and daughters of Veterans can now join the Legion as Associate members who can be full voting members and hold office. It is through their participation that the organization will be able to continue.

The Legion Auxiliary members hold their meetings on the same evening as the Legion. They have supported the Legion in its endeavors over the years and the Legion members are very appreciative of their moral and monetary support.

Every November 11th both Legion and Auxiliary members parade from downtown to the hall, and after opening ceremonies, hold a memorial service with the reading of the honor roll and laying of wreaths. The service is led by one or two of the local clergy and is well supported by the community. A dinner is served to the public following the service and Veterans unable to attend are visited. The Legion and Auxiliary members sing some of the old war songs at the hall and in Weneeda Park lodge after the festivities.

The colors of the 214th Battalion, which was recruited in Wadena and district in 1916, are carried in the parade as well as the Canadian flag, Union Jack, Saskatchewan flag and the Legion and Auxiliary flags.

In 1985, six million tulips were ordered from Holland and sold by the Legion all across Canada to be planted in the fall so they would bloom in the spring of 1986, thus commemorating the Legion's 60th jubilee year. Wadena Branch sold 3,900 tulips with the help of the elementary school pupils. A special Legion Memorial Book was presented to each school and the local library.

The theme of the Legion Jubilee Celebration was "Pride in our past - Faith in our future." I am sure this will continue to be our theme as long as there is a Legion.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO WADENA BRANCH 62

The Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion was formed June 28, 1928 in Wadena with Mrs. G. Jenkins as organizing secretary. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Mrs. Currie (who bad six sons in the service, one of them paying the supreme sacrifice); President, Mrs. N. Rollins; first Vice-President, Miss K. Gregory; second Vice-President, Mrs. G. Gillespie; Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Willoughby; executive committee, Mrs. Saunders. Mrs. Eyre, Mrs. Hyslop and Mrs. McDougall.

During this year, the group raised $140 to care for veterans and their families.

The charter was drawn up in 1930 with the following names: Mary Rollins, Kathleen Gregory, Helen Jenkins, Jean Miller, Jessie Saunders, Catherine McLellan, Isabelle Brown, Ethel Nunns, Lillian Lockyer, Amanda Jenkins, Emma Hayes, Alice Waterman, Eleanor Hall and Henrietta Gillespie.

From 1928-48, with the exception of one year when Mrs. Ostry took over, Mrs. Rollins continued as President, for which she was awarded the President's Jewel.

At the same time, Mrs. W. Hayes received a Life membership pin, having been the standard-bearer for many years.

In 1930 the Auxiliary set up a scholarship for a Veteran's child, through which tuition, books and board were paid. The first one was won by Evelyn Sorrell of Clair. Since the war a sum of money is paid into headquarters from where scholarships are given throughout the province.

Work at the cemetery has been one of the main projects of the Auxiliary. Through their efforts hundreds of shrubs and plants have been placed there.

From 1930-45 the group did a lot of relief for Veterans and other families, at one time working with the town relief committee. They packed parcels, made quilts and layettes and collected new and used clothing and distributed them. The selling of poppies and wreaths helped needy Veterans as well.

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SASKATOON BRANCH 63

Saskatoon Branch 63 of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., was formed as a successor to the Great War Veterans Association, a Branch of which had been established in 1923. The charter for Branch 63 was received on October 23, 1926. The fist President was Dr. W.A. Carrothers.

By 1929, membership had grown to the point where a new larger building was needed. Work commenced that spring and the building at 315 19th Street East was opened and the first meeting held in December 1929. The building has been in continuous use to the present time, however, with rising upkeep and utility costs and declining membership, and with a generous offer from a developer, the property was sold in early 2006. A new site on Spadina Crescent West, has been purchased and the Branch will move in the early part of 2007.

A Ladies' Auxiliary to the Branch was formed and the charter received on May 26, 1931. The hard work of Auxiliary members over the years - catering, putting on teas and bake sales, contributed many thousands of dollars to the welfare of the Branch, one highlight for many years hosting a dinner for all Veterans whether Legion members or not in the afternoon of November 11th. The crowd filled the large upstairs hall. The afternoon concluded with the Branch chorus leading the singing of old wartime favorites. Due to declining numbers, the Ladies' Auxiliary was disbanded in May 1999.

Branch membership of a few hundred in the first two decades rose rapidly following World War II, reaching a peak of approximately 1,500 in the 1950's. Several members moved up from Branch Executive positions to higher office with Provincial Command. Two of these achieved noteworthy positions include: Mr. Justice Mervyn Woods rose to Provincial President (1955-57), followed by election to Dominion President (1960-62).

Gordon Blair joined Branch 63 in 1948 while attending University of Saskatchewan. He practiced law first in Saskatoon then in Ottawa. He continued Legion work over the years and was Chairman of the Constitution and Laws Committee, Dominion Command (1963-84). In 1994, he was asked to become Grand President of the Royal Canadian Legion, an honor he held until his death in 2006.

Membership has declined in the past ten years due to deaths, non-renewals, and now stands at slightly over 300, including Life Members.

For many years, the Saskatoon Poppy Campaign had its headquarters in Branch 63. The three local Branches, along with the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans and local cadet groups have participated. In 2004, the campaign headquarters has been moved to Nutana Branch 362.

During the 1930's, unemployment was high. Branch Executive tried to persuade employers to give preference to unemployed Veterans when hiring for the few jobs available. A male voice chorus was formed in March 1932, with 44 members. The chorus performed many concerts over the next thirty-two years.

The Second World War years (1939-1945) saw the Branch supporting Provincial and Dominion Commands in lobbying the Federal Government to ensure adequate benefits for returning Veterans. The Branch worked with department of Veterans Affairs to have them purchase a 200 acre parcel of land to establish a community of 1/2 acre small holding (Montgomery Place) on Saskatoon's west side for Veterans. The Branch also supported and promoted the War Bond drives. The large dance floor in the upstairs hall was a popular place with service men and women stationed on Saskatoon and area during the war.

A highlight and challenge for the Branch was hosting the 1948 Dominion Convention. Some 1,900 delegates attended.

The Legion sponsors many sports teams. Working at Legion track & field meets.

Other Branch activities of members and volunteers include sending delegates to Provincial and Dominion Conventions, serving on boards and joint committees, such as Legion Manor, Poppy Fund, Decoration Day, Remembrance Day, Woodlawn Memorial, Canada Remembers Air Show and many more.

PELLY BRANCH 65

A group of World War I Veterans met in the old Pelly Hall and decided to form a Legion Branch. On October 16, 1926, it became a chartered Branch. The number of charter members was approximately 23.

In 1934, the Branch had 28 members. The Branch in the early 20's, 30's and 40's was combined with Norquay. On October 11, 1949, Pelly Branch No. 65 formed their own Branch omitting Norquay. There were 28 members in attendance at that meeting.

In May of 1963, The Royal Canadian Legion moved into their own building on Main Street.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed on the 12th of June 1950, with approximately 12 charter members.

The new Legion Building was moved in early 1963, and all work was completed by Legion members.

Branch activities are Baseball, Old Timers' Crib Tournaments, Fast Ball and Whist Drives, which were all sponsored by The Legion.

The present membership of The Legion is 21. The Legion is strictly run by its members.

Due to the age of most members, we now have a November 11th service in the Pelly Hall with approximately 100 people in attendance each year.

The most outstanding thing in our Legion are the walls in the lounge area that have pictures and a brief history of all surrounding WWI and WWII, Korean War, and Peace Time members. Information for this wall was researched by Cora Stobee. The plaques with photos were assembled by Rick Kurtz.

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ROSETOWN BRANCH 66

The Rosetown Branch 66 of the Royal Canadian Legion received its charter on June 10, 1927, and since then has played an active role in the community. The Branch was formed after the last meeting of the Army and Navy Veteran's Association was held on May 31, 1926. The association was replaced with the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

Over the years, Rosetown has had the honour and privilege of hosting the headquarters of the 29th Light Horse, which transferred to Rosetown from Milden in 1913, the headquarters for Company C of the 232 Battery in 1916, and the headquarters for the 67th Brigade Field Artillery in 1937.

The largest project undertaken by the Legion was in assisting with the construction of the Rosetown Sports Centre and in "Operation Mud Free," which was the paving of the arena parking lot.

The Legion's first hall was built at the current hall location. The present Legion hall was constructed in 1967. In 2006 membership was as follows: 30 Ordinary members, 59 Associate members, 11 Life members and 6 Honourary member Affiliates. The highest number of members was 169. The current President of the Branch is Ev. Whyte.

Since the beginning, the Legion has played an integral role of support in many areas of the community. They have helped pay for hospital equipment, ambulance, The Wheatland Regional Centre, and the Wheels for Wheels van. The Legion has always been a strong supporter of athletes in the community by sponsoring them to the Legion track and field camp, as well as subsidized swimming for children. One of their biggest events over the years has been Dick's Spiel, an annual curling bonspiel named after longtime Legion bonspiel co-ordinator, Dick Low.

Each year the Legion has held Remembrance Day services which were held in the Rosetown Theatre and later rotated between the Catholic and United Churches. In 2004, the service was moved to the Rosetown and District Civic Centre, which put the service back into a non-denominational building, as well gave Veterans a shorter indoor march to the service.

The fist cenotaph was located at the town office, which burnt down in 1946. After the fire, the cenotaph was moved to the present location located near the swimming pool along Highway 4. This cenotaph was built of stone and rock. A new Rosetown Legion War Memorial was placed in the park and dedicated on November 11, 1951. It was located on the south and west corner close to Highway 4 and 5th Avenue. In 1966, the Department of Highways decided to pave and widen the highway through Rosetown, which made it necessary to move the cenotaph. It was placed in the hospital grounds where it was located until it was moved back to its present location.

The Rosetown Legion Cadet Corps celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 1984. The Rosetown Corps was the 23rd Corps in the province to be formed. Dick Low and Leo Forrest were both instrumental in the formation of the Rosetown Corps. The Corps later joined with the Biggar Cadet Corps, which is still active and participates often in Rosetown Legion events.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO ROSETOWN BRANCH 66

The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed on June 18, 1948. The President was Mrs. Elma Hawes; Vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Geekie; second Vice president, Mrs. Helen Currie; Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Pitman and Treasurer, Miss Florence Cheyne.

The Provincial Command of the Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion received its charter from Legion Dominion Command on April 8, 1930. At that time, it was known as the Ladies' Auxiliary Canadian Legion, under the British Empire Service League but the name was dropped from the Auxiliary name in 1958. In 1961, the official name of the Legion was changed to Royal Canadian Legion. Through the years, Auxiliary members gave freely of their time and efforts to show their appreciation to the servicemen during the war and to veterans after the war was over. Through their efforts thousands of dollars were raised for local projects and to ensure comfort in the lives of the less fortunate.

The main project supported by the Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion was the Veterans Comforts Fund, which began in 1935.

The Rosetown Branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion folded in June 2000, after the Provincial Command ceased to exist. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary had the opportunity to join the Royal Canadian legion after the disbanding.

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LEMBERG BRANCH 69

The granting of the Great War Veteran's Association of Canada charter was given to the Lemberg Branch in July of 1920. Information gleaned from their Bank of Hamilton bankbook starting in May 1920, reveals that a J.G. Gardiner dance was held on September 7, 1920 with a profit of $27.

In December of 1927, a special meeting of the G.W.V.A. was held and $600 was given to the town of Lemberg. The G.W.V.A seal was changed to Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League Lemberg Branch in January 1933. The names on the charter were L.W. Dodge and C.A. Findley.

The World War I Veterans were ambitious, dedicated and able men who did honour to the Lemberg Legion. Comrade William Henry produced the play “So This Is London” in 1927. Comrade Henry produced many excellent plays in the following years. A play would follow a supper on November 10th and a dance would be held November 11th.

The first closed rink in Lemberg was built by the G.W.V.A. on the site of the present hotel in 1927. The community had been canvassed for funds and Mr. Frank McKen donated a house to be sold and proceeds given to the rink.

In February 1928, the Branch put on a dance to raise money to buy uniforms for the Lemberg Band. March minutes indicate they donated $265 for this purpose. The Lemberg Legion organized the school field day and the community Sports Day.

In September 1928, a Chautawqua show was brought to town and in the same month a boxing match was held. A children’s party was arranged for Halloween and later that evening the Legion patrolled the streets.

In 1932 the local hall (now the Ward-Kanciruk. duplex) was purchased from the United Church for $2,000 at 3% interest. Not long after, the first picture shows were held in Lemberg.

At the end of World War, Branch 69 Lemberg Legion of British Empire Service League was happy to report a greatly increased membership with the return of the local Veterans.

On V.E. Day, May 7, 1945, a dinner was held at the Minto Hotel and Sgt. Raymond Stilborn was a guest on this occasion.

A Legion Victory Sports Celebration was held in June 1945. The Casey Shows were engaged for this event and for several years following were part of the Sports Days.

A ‘VJ’ Dinner was held on August 14, 1945 at the Minto Hotel. The Hon. J.G. Gardiner was guest speaker.

In 1946, the present sports grounds were developed. In May when the men were working, Comrade Richard Acton stopped activities at 3 o’clock and conducted a short service at which time the grounds were officially named "Victory Park."

Their next project was a new Memorial Theatre. In 1948, their plans were revised in favour of building a multi-purpose Memorial Hall. The minutes from October 1948 state that the official opening would take place on November 11, 1948, with a fowl supper, show and dance. The community had been canvassed for money and labours and had responded. A cenotaph was erected in 1949.

In the early 1950's, the mortgage was burned. This was possible due to all the dances, plays, shows and hall rentals. Shows were held several times a week, but had to cease on Tuesdays after receiving a letter of concern from the Lemberg Band. It seems that children preferred going to the show rather than practice.

In 1954, a scholarship was given to a grade twelve student with the highest academic standing. The following year, the Pony League Ball Club was sponsored by the Lemberg Legion. The Branch has also supported C.G.I.T., Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides, as well as Minor Hockey.

In 1961, minutes reveal the name was changed to The Royal Canadian Legion. Due to decreased show attendance, the movie projector was sold that year and the first Poppy Contest was held.

The Branch sponsored their first athlete to attend a Track and Field Clinic in 1969. This was also the year that the Lemberg and District Lions took over the hall.

Some interesting facts contained in over sixty years of minutes:

- Comrade Harry Cole was President in 1927
- "Rum Jars” magazine subscriptions taken in 1934
- Annie Allen and Sid Kenyon received most points in the 1936 field meet
- Chris Zaph was a long-term hall caretaker
- Gene Dulowhy’s orchestra played for a Lemberg dance in July 1952
- In 1952, a radio was purchased to be loaned to hospitalized members of the Legion and Auxiliary
- An extra $2 was charged in 1952 for the use the Hall basement for Weddings
- In 1963, the Canadian flag received a poor reception by the Legion
- Due to vandalism, a new stone cenotaph was erected in 1963
- A member was authorized to purchase two liquid "303s" for a mulligan stew social

Over the years, it has not been all work and no play. Veteran Legion members always enjoyed curling. They curled in Legion bonspiels for over half a century.

The main focus for the present day members of the Lemberg Branch is the November 11th program and the literary and poster contests for Grades 1-12. An annual Poppy Day Tea is also held with the help of young people who are members of the Air, Army and Sea Cadet groups. The Legion believes that the involvement of young people in the act of remembrance will ensure it is continued for the future generations. Although most Canadians today are fortunate enough to have no personal experience of living with war, we owe it to those who have served and continue to serve to understand, to learn, and to appreciate the contributions of those who have helped protect peace both here in Canada and around the world.

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NORTH BATTLEFORD BRANCH 70

Branch 70 of The Royal Canadian Legion received its Charter on November 2, 1926. Charter members were: A.M. Panton, M.E. Cook, G.B. Linney. H. Herbert, A.E. Blower, T.W. Cogland, W.A. Campbell, Rev. I.J, Jones, H. Denham, W.E. Jackson, H.F.L. Pink, P. Hewitt, C.E. McCurdy, J.C. Allan, J. Hinchcliffe. The Charter was signed by B.M. Campbell and Percy Lake, Dominion Executive Council Secretary and President, respectively.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch #70 received their Charter on November 2, 1927. Charter members were: F.M. Hicks, E.M. Cook, R.H. Rowland, E. Collins, E. Breen, E. Bunce, L. Whiting, D.M. Stannard, C. McEachern, M. Blower, F. Hoskins, M.C. Whitley, A. Gould, A.E. Dyer, and W. Parkhouse. The Charter was signed by B.M. Campbell and Percy Lake, Secretary and President of Dominion Executive Council, respectively.

The original Legion Hall was located on the 1300 block of Queen Street, now known as 100th Street. It is believed that this location used to be the Immigration Hall. The building was financed through an appeal to the public, and from Legion funds. The approximate value of this hall, including furniture and fixtures was $25,000.00. The building was officially opened in 1930 by General Alexander Ross. The building was made available to the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, St. John Ambulance, and the Anti-T.B. Survey free-of-charge.

Over a period of years, consideration was given to purchasing or building a new building. As far back as 1959, there were plans drawn up by architects for a 50' x 80' building.

The Hall remained in use until 1963, when, through fundraising, bank loans, and donations from the public and businesses in North Battleford, the Legion built a new building at the same location. This building was added onto again in 1989 to its present status. The building as it is now is valued at approximately $825,000.00. After much fundraising, the mortgage burning was officially held on October 17, -1973.

None of this, of course, would have been possible without the help of our Ladies' Auxiliary. As in many Branches, the Ladies' Auxiliary contributed greatly to the well being of our Branch, for example, from 1964 to 1992, they turned over in excess of $18,000.00 to the Branch; some years, as much as $25,000.00.

Some points of interest: The Cross of Sacrifice was erected and unveiled in a ceremony on May 22, 1973. Branch 70 has sponsored the 43rd Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets since 1950. They have had four members elected to the Provincial President's Office. As far back as the early 1960's, they have given out interest-free Student Loans. In the early 1980's, Branch membership peaked at over 1,100 members. Over the years, the Branch has made donations to the community averaging $25,000.00 - $30,000.00 per year.

Fundraising over the years have been bingo sessions in the Lower Hall, with the help of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who held bingo on Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon, and the Branch bingo, held on Friday evenings. As with many organizations, commercial bingo operations have made Branch bingo a thing of the past. The Branch now operates a monthly bingo at a commercial outlet.

Since the early 1990's, the Branch has been having meat draws on Saturday afternoon, which has made a good profit, as well as barbecued burgers every Friday night.

The Branch has offered homemade Fish and Chips several times per year, as well as steak barbecues, all of which are very well attended.

SPRINGSIDE BRANCH 71

Located in the Town of Springside, which is located in the Parkland area of Saskatchewan, this Branch had its conception in May 1926, first chartered as a Branch of the British Empire Service League. In 1943, it received its Royal Canadian Legion charter and has remained a very active group.

The Ladies Auxiliary chartered in March 1956, and was very active until January 2001, with bazaars, suppers and lunches.

The Branch was very active in assisting war Veterans and their families with social activities and money, as needed, in the early years. Later, the Branch funded the Boys Scouts, community projects, such as new playgrounds and other beautification projects in the town.

Funds were raised through dances, ball tournaments, suppers and bingos. To this day, funds are still raised through bingos, suppers and pool tournaments.

In the beginning, meetings were held in offices of the stores and lumberyards, later when the town built a community hall, they were given a clubroom in this facility which they utilized until June 1993, when they purchased the Post Office with money given by the Ladies Auxiliary. This is now a well used facility for coffee, pancake suppers, meetings of local groups, such as the 4-H, Lions, and so on.

The group still supports bursaries and community improvement projects. The highlight of each year, of course, is November 11th. A parade to the cenotaph, followed by a service in the Community Hall, and a dinner, are very well attended.

Today the Branch has 29 members and remains very active in the community.

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ENDEAVOUR BRANCH 72 ~ Closed

The First World War, which soon became known as the Great War, started for the British Empire when it declared war on the German and Austrian Empire on August 4, 1914. Men from all parts of the empire answered the call to arms. The next four years and three months were bad and unforgettable.

Of those who survived, many of us apparently felt that the close comradeship gained during the bad times, also many good times, should not be just thrown away. As a result of demobilization, during 1919 and the 1920's, several organizations were formed of discharged soldiers, sailors and airmen. One was the GWVA or Great War Veterans Association. In towns and cities, returned Vets were contacted and many joined the clubs, which were soon organized in local Branches with country or provincial and national headquarters.

In Canada, this work proceeded in the same way. In places like Australia, New Zealand and our own Canada, there were many places like this. The YPRE district, which was about 17 or more miles northwest of Preeceville, was one of these.

Early in 1924, a meeting was held in the home of Bolas Izdebski of young returned men who were farming, including several from the town of Preeceville. Out of this meeting, a Branch was formed allied to the GWVA. At this meeting, according records, were: David Jaques, Joseph Pringle, R. Johnston, F. Howlett, Alec Bigart, W. Harvey, B. Izdebski, H. Fee, C. Grice, C. Hilton, N. Thomson, T. Thomas and H. Prince. In the next six or eight years, others came to the district and joined, including g. W. Bryson, Ira Pipher, T. Harvey, D. Sinclair, H. Gotts, W. Campbell, Ed Hovey, J. Crozier, N. Wall, Ed Daley, C. Schell, F. Klingman, D. Jefferies, E. Daglesh (padre), G. Petrie, Ed and Oscar Clemetson, Art Carlyle, J. Malek, J. Sigurdson, W. Whalley and C. McAllister.

So, from 1924 to 1939, about 35 members signed up. In 1926, the Branch joined the New British Empire Service League, known as BESL. They received a charter numbered 72.

In 1928, the CNR line came north from Sturgis to Hudson Bay Junction and a railway station was named Endeavour. This name was taken from the name of the plane, which attempted to cross the Atlantic Ocean from east to west.

Bolas Izdebski moved his store to the new village, which as approximately 16 miles north of Preeceville. The Branch was reorganized in 1930, and in 1931, moved the Veterans' hall to Endeavour, and took the name Endeavour 72.

The Preeceville comrades now formed their own Legion Branch. The BESL, now known as the Legion, got many pieces of legislation passed in Ottawa to help Veterans and widows and their children, and really helped pave the way for the Veterans of the Second World War, which was rapidly coming up.

However, we cannot leave the 1930's without giving credit to the man who kept the Branch going by dances (with the help of their wives who brought lunch) concerts, cinematograph shows and kept up the hall for various community and official business. These names stand out: Dave Jaques, carpenter; Bolas Izdebski, who was always there; Joe (Major) Pringle; Fred Capper, Branch Secretary for many years; and of course, a good dozen others.

At the outbreak of war in September 1939, the Branch got down to business again. The hall was used for Red Cross meetings, patriotic concerts, etc. The members sent cigarettes to men overseas, and if a member re-enlisted, his dues were paid for him. In 1945, the Nazis finally collapsed and during the next fourteen months, as many as 78 men signed up in Branch 72 as they came back.

Of course, most of these pulled out as they obtained work elsewhere. Many men, however, stayed and took up land and farmed here, married here and the Branch became strong.

During 1957, after much discussion, a new Legion hall was built with a concrete foundation and a round galvanized roof. Most of the labour was voluntary. Material was bought with funds in the bank and some money was loaned by members and local friends. This effort was finished in 1958. Sometime during 1959, the wives were organized into the Ladies' Auxiliary and continued their good supportive work.

In the 1960's, despite members leaving the district, and transferring to many other Branches, Endeavour Branch 72 still had about thirty members and seven Honourary members. Members of the Legion can be proud of the fact that Canada has the best Veterans' legislation in the world, due to being able to express their views with a concerted voice to fairly sympathetic government.

The Legion members held turkey shoots each year, as well as derbies at McBride Lake. Members entered in the Legion curling and held the zone curling bonspiel n 1969. Each Armistice Day, they held service in the church, with the local ministers in charge. After the laying of wreaths at the Normandy Cemetery, a potluck dinner was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary in the Legion hall. An oil furnace was installed in the hall, which was quite a change from wood heat.

In 1971, they sold the sports grounds to the village and a walk-a-thon was planned with the community, as funds were beginning to dwindle. A meeting was called which they invited the community to attend. At this meeting, it was decided that the community take over the hall and the hall debts and call it Legion Community Hall, with two Legion members on the hall committee and the room upstairs over the kitchen to be for Legion members.

This was a sad time for our Veterans, as no monies were ever received after they let the community take over. But being steadfast in their ways, they continued on, asking their wives to join them at their meetings, which were now held in each home.

During this time, the Legion Community Hall Club had dwindled down to two members and no meetings were held. The Veterans thought it was time to sell the hall. This, they did, and it is now the Community Athletic Centre, bought by three young men of the community.

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LASHBURN BRANCH 73

The Royal Canadian Legion is a Veterans' organization recognizing men and women who served in the Canadian armed forces. The organization was formed following WWI to support the aims and interest of Veterans, to seek to maintain friendships formed while in military service and to see that disabled Veterans receive the care and help they need when returning to civilian life.

The Great War of 1914-1918 saw some 600,000 Canadians take part in the greatest armed conflict the world had ever seen. Names such as Ypres, Mount Sorrel, Vimy Ridge, became more than names of places on a map - they became part of Canadian History paid with human life. Nearly 67,000 Canadians died and many tens of thousands came back disabled.

Coupled with the problems of demobilization and rehabilitation, many Veterans faced real difficulties. At this time, the (G.W.V.A.) Great War Veterans' Association was formed. The general aims of the GWVA were to sponsor good will and comradeship among returned Veterans, to do all possible to help those Veterans in need and to keep alive the memory of their fallen comrades. On February 22, 1919, a Branch of G.W.V.A. was formed in Lashburn, SK, with Comrade R.J. Sanderson as President. The G. W.V.A. was active in Lashburn until March 1926.

In July 1923, "Memorial Gates" with an attached bronze tablet, were unveiled as a tribute to the memory of fourteen soldiers of the district who lost their lives in the 1914-1918 war. These gates were placed at the entrance to the Fair Grounds and later moved to the Lashburn Cemetery.

In 1926, a new organization, "The Canadian Legion British Empire Service League," amalgamated with the "Great War Veterans Association" and was called the "Canadian Legion Battle River Branch No 73. R.J. Sanderson, again, had the honor of being the first Commander. The aims and objectives of the Canadian Legion were much the same as those of the G.W.V.A., with possibly greater emphasis being placed on aid to the disabled and to widows and orphans of Veterans.

By March 1932, dues were decreased to $3.00 a year from $4.00. In spite of the further worsening of economic conditions, it was decided to build a permanent home for Lashburn Legion Branch. No. 73. By June 1934, a lot had been purchased on 1st St. East. Volunteers dug the basement and hauled gravel, and by August, the first meeting was held in the covered basement. By December, a social evening was held to initiate the new home of Canadian Legion Branch No. 73. The official opening was held in November 1935, with Comrade Valentine, the zone Commander.

Most of the activity of the Legion during the thirties was to help comrades with various problems, pensions, soldier settlement seizures, and generally poor economic conditions that prevailed. One event that became synonymous with the Branch was the May 24th Sports Day, an annual event from 1928 to 1958.

In September 1947, the unveiling of the Memorial Cairn was held. The Cairn is located at the head of the boulevard leading to the old High School. It was built with local stone and was designed by Stan Ilsley and built by John Evans. The plaque on the Cenotaph includes names of persons killed in 1914-1918, and fourteen names of those killed in the 1939-1945 war.

Only twenty years after the "War to end all wars," the war clouds were again gathering. On September 10, 1939, Canada declared war on Germany. Some 800,000 Canadians took part in three services in various theatres of war. The local Legion Branch was busy with various activities and campaigns, such as the Saskatchewan Veterans Civil Security Corps, The Evacuation Committee, to look after evacuees from Britain, Lick Hitler Stamp Campaign, Buckshee Fund for cigarettes to men overseas, and the War Services Drive. The local Branch was committed to send 200 cigarettes per month to local personnel overseas. At one time during World War II, the Legion membership dropped to twelve members. Finally, with the end of hostilities, the local Branch swelled in numbers to over 100 members. The Branch was involved in many community projects: Senior Hockey, PeeWee Hockey, Minor League Baseball, Red Cross canvass, sponsorship of local Boy Scouts, school essays, poetry, scholarships and visiting schools to give meaning to Poppy Day.

In 1961, the "Canadian Legion of British Service League" became the "Royal Canadian Legion." This organization, as well as furthering the cause of Ex-servicemen and his dependants, has taken the opportunity of becoming a great influence for good in the life and future of our communities and our whole nation.



MAPLE CREEK BRANCH 75

The Maple Creek Canadian Legion was issued its charter on December 15, 1926, and designated Branch #75 by the Dominion Command from its head office in Ottawa. The term "British Empire Service League" or B.E.S.L. was imprinted on the Badge. This indicated an affiliation with most Veterans groups in Great Britain and other countries in what was then the "British Empire." Names that appear on the Charter are: **Messrs. V. J. Bull, J. Allan, J.O. Beesley, W. Cook, A. Currie, L. I. Forbes, M. J. Graham, A. Hardy, Arthur Howlett, J. J. Johnston, W.J.C. Morgan, J. Stewart, A. Stone, J. J. Wilson and E. Young**. The first President was L. Forbes, and Secretary/Treasurer was M. Bevans. The first meeting of the new Canadian Legion was held on January 11, 1921.

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MAPLE CREEK BRANCH 75 *(...Cont'd)*

The Ladies' Auxiliary got its charter on March 3, 1927. Names that appear on their Charter are: **Millicent S. Broom, Eva A. Morgan, Alice M. Hawlett, Alice M. Cook, Margaret M. Graham, Winifred M. Young, Ivy M. Hammond, Rose Brinkhurst, Margret E. Bowyer, Anna L. Hardy, Hadassah R. Smith, Edith Beasly, Laurina S. Wilson and Stella V. Forbes.** Their Charter was returned on August 9, 2000 because of the age of their members.

The Maple Creek Legion played a part in the very first attempts to organize the Rodeo in Maple Creek, by sending a representative, M. Bevans, to "A Canadian Cowboys Contract Managers Association," held in Calgary in 1928. The Maple Creek Legion was involved in sponsoring "The Cowtown Rodeo," with what seems to be varying degrees of success, off and on, through the 1920s up to the mid-1980s.

Over the years, the Maple Creek Legion's Branch members were strong participants in upholding Legion policy and their activities varied. Members were appointed to represent the Legion's views at immigration meetings at the town hall. The struggle for Veterans' rights have been continuous. Letters were sent to Members of Parliament reminding them of Legion policy on Remembrance Day and Veterans employment in the civil service. Annual sales of poppies and wreaths, Remembrance Day Parade organization, and participation were focal points.

The idea of giving children an opportunity to write essays on Remembrance Day began with a suggestion by Com. Hitchcock in November 1936. This has been a tradition and is still carried on today.

On January 12, 1937, the town fathers were asked to donate a cemetery plot to the Legion. This has since been enlarged.

On March 28, 1939, a decision was made that an engraving of Vimy Ridge be framed and hung in the club room. This engraving now hangs in the main hall.

In May 1942, an "Roll Honour," listing the names of enlistments from Maple Creek and District "Volunteers for Active Service" was drawn up and is still on display in the Normandy Room.

In 1946, it appears the first women members to be admitted to the #75 Branch were Helen Morrison and Shirley Kearns. The President at that time was Jack White, who is believed to be the first WWll Veteran to hold office. That same year, the Legion sponsored a League Hockey team, and a member was appointed to assist Veterans passing through by providing meals and beds and negotiating the rental of H huts from the base for Veterans to rent.

Although there is not a clear record of where any of the meetings were first held at the beginning, it is known that the Legion



occupied the old Presbyterian Church before it was demolished and became the Salvation Army Church; the building, now known as the Gold building, and the Armories before the Ken Club moved an H hut from the Army base in 1953, which forms the main hall of the present Legion building located on Maple Street. It was not until 1975 that the project was under taken to construct the building that can be seen today at 218 Maple Street. Over the years, little has changed with Legion activities and support. The Branch does a lot of community support, golf course, local arena, Scouting Association, Salvation Army, and Cadets. They support student to Legion Track and Field each year and present bursaries or Scholarships to students for further education. We support many other community activities and worthwhile causes.

Remembrance Day activities of November 11th have moved from the Legion Hall to the Armories to accommodate more people. This also allows space for the participation of the school band at the service. They no longer march to the Cenotaph because of the age of their Veterans.

In the Legion, they have what is called the Memorial Wall. This is a plaque that consists of photos of members, local and district, who gave their lives for freedom and country. Also, there is a picture of the geographical location in Saskatchewan, named after them. The Branch has 29, so far, with more to come. These plaques came from family members and were donated for the Wall. The hall also consists of many uniforms, worn in the services, and photos of army units and members, also photos pertaining mostly to World War II.

Our first woman President was Juanita Porter in 1997-1998.

Currently, there are over 100 members and we hope to keep the activities of the Legion going for years to come by supporting the community, organizations and worthwhile causes.

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MEADOW LAKE BRANCH 76



The Meadow Lake Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 76 received its Charter on December 20, 1926. Charter members were: R. T. Barnes, J. E. (Pete) Evans, John Small, Jim Trask, Bill Waddington, J. W. Twidale, R. C. Higman, P. R. Rafuse, Percy Twidale, George Stewart and John Reed. Many of the early members had belonged to the Great War Veterans' Association. Today, membership is approximately 200 people.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter in September 1932, with fifteen charter members: Alice Trask, Elsie Ford, Elizabeth Ford, Freda Willsey, Ada Rogers, Katie Higman, Catherine Kinnear, Jessie Twidale, Annie Evans, Edith Perkins, Annie Stack, Mary Stack, Olivin Kew, Irene Evans and Clare McCrimmon. The work of the Auxiliary still carries on in the Branch. They continue to visit the sick or Veterans who are unable to get out, taking them gifts or food baskets. They support the Branch whenever their help is needed, and this extra help is greatly appreciated. At present, the Auxiliary has twenty-two members.

Until the early thirties, Legion meetings were held in the homes of local members. The first Legion Hut was a co-operative venture; many of the local citizens helped build it, and projects by Legion members helped finance it. It served the community for many years as a meeting hall at a reasonable rent. Some improvements were made to it in the early forties, and many members agreed that a larger hall would eventually be needed, especially when service personnel from World War Two came home.

Comrade Archie Wilson was the first President to hold office from the ranks of World War Two Veterans. He took over the reigns from Comrade Sandy Black in August of 1946. Comrade Wilson also served seven years as Zone Commander.

In 1957, the Ukrainian Hall was purchased and it served not only as the monthly meeting place, but also was used by the community for other functions, such as dances, etc. Plans were made in 1964-65 to build a larger building that would also be used as a community centre. Blueprints were drawn up, and some of the anticipated funding did materialize. The Town of Meadow Lake and the Federal Government built the present Civic Centre. It was built solidly enough to serve as a defense headquarters in case of war. The Legion rented part of this building as a clubroom for a few years.

In May 1971, with two charter members present, Comrade Jim Trask and Comrade Bill Waddington, and officials from Provincial Command, the new Legion Hall located at 109 1st Street West was officially opened. The new building had a bar, club room, and meeting room with kitchen to serve its members and the Ladies' Auxiliary. In 2005, an outdoor patio was added. Hired employees run the clubroom.

In 2001, the branch celebrated its 75thAnniversary by hosting a Banquet and Dance for Veterans and Ladies' Auxiliary. It was a great honour for the younger members to see the number of Veterans who came out for this celebration. The Branch members realized how important it is to remember these men and women who served their country during such a time of distress and how important their memory is.

In 2004, a committee designed a "Wall of Honour" for the Branch. Framed service photos of over 100 local Veterans now hang on this wall, including the new generation of Peace Keepers. The Branch members will continue adding to the Wall of Honour as more photographs are collected.

GENERAL ALEXANDER ROSS BRANCH 77, YORKTON

Yorkton Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion was formed in 1926 from a group of Great War Veterans Association members, which existed in Yorkton at that time. General Alexander Ross was a guiding hand in this and would continue to be for many years afterward. The Branch, having no hall of their own, held their meetings at the Parrish Hall of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

On February 21, 1930, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Yorkton Branch of the Legion was formed. Throughout the years, the Auxiliary provided a valuable partner in all aspects of Legion activities. Due to the declining membership and the ages of the Auxiliary, it was with great sadness they voted to disband on December 31, 2002.

In 1934, Dominion President General Alexander Ross, was instrumental in organizing the Vimy Ridge Pilgrimage. He played a prominent role in all activities and escorted King Edward the Eighth during the unveiling of the historic monument. A small wood casket, which was used at the unveiling, to scatter the ashes of the wooden crosses over the monument, was given to General Ross, which he brought back

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GENERAL ALEXANDER ROSS BRANCH 77, YORKTON *(...Cont'd)*

to Yorkton. He donated the casket to the Branch and from June 6, 1949 to present, the Branch uses this casket at their ceremonies on D Day.

In August 1935, the Legion purchased a hall on 1st Ave N. from the Orange Lodge #1618. It was noted that this hall had the finest dance floor in the district and to raise much need funds, the Branch held dances every Saturday night. In 1954, a motion was approved to build a new hall on West Broadway, but this did not happen until 1961. In 1959, a motion was passed to re-name the new building "The General Alexander Ross Sask. No. 77." In October of the same year, Dominion President Burgess presented the new charter.

Branch 77 is very community-minded. From the youth in Scouts, Cadets Corps, Track and Field, Minor Team sports, Bursaries, grants, and donations to the many worthwhile causes, including $25,000.00 in the last five years to the Sun Raise Health Foundation.

ARTICLE FROM THE NEWSPAPER IN YORKTON:

Brig.-Gen. Alexander Ross, 92, a founder of the Royal Canadian Legion who had risen from the rank of major to brigadier-general during the course of the First World War, died early today in Yorkton hospital. Funeral arrangements had not been completed, but it was expected a military funeral would be held.

Born in northern Scotland, he came to Canada at the age of six with his parents. After completing his senior matriculation, he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1901. He then took up the practice in Regina.

Prior to the First World War, he was second-in-command of the 95th Battalion. He went overseas in the spring of 1915 as a major with the 28th Battalion, which absorbed the 95th in 1914. He became a colonel in September 1916, at the Battle of the Somme, and on October 10, 1918, he became a brigadier-general.

He commanded the Sixth Brigade at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. On his return to Canada, he was given command of Military District No. 12 in 1921.

When the Second World War broke out, he offered his services and throughout the war was president of the Canadian Legion War Services.

In 1944, he was appointed director of civil defense following the death of Hon. H. J. Minion.

Gen. Ross was one of the founders of the Royal Canadian Legion, and in March 1934, he was honored by that body when he was chosen Dominion President.

He continued in office for three years. During that time, he visited Australia and was associated with King Edward VIII in the unveiling of the Canadian Memorial at Vimy.
He served as Provincial President for five years and as President of the Yorkton Branch, which bears his name, for five years.

Gen. Ross was also honorary colonel of the Regina Rifles, and Honorary President of the provincial command and of the Yorkton Branch. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the Yorkton Branch in 1970.

Gen. Ross was an able and learned judge and served as district court judge at Yorkton from his appointment in 1921 until his retirement in 1965.

He was honoured by the University of Saskatchewan in 1955, when the university conferred the degree of doctor of laws on him at the May convocation for "a lifetime of useful and unselfish service in many fields as a gallant soldier, an able and learned judge and a great leader in the Canadian Legion."

His talents were not confined to the military and the law. He had a deep and abiding interest in his church. He was a guiding light in the planning of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church and church hall and was rector's warden in the church for 40 years. In 1949, he was appointed chancellor of the Diocese of Qu' Appelle, and after 10 years of service in this capacity in June 1953, he was bestowed the degree of Doctor of Canon Law by the church, an honor never before bestowed on any layman.

Gen. Ross served as President of the Yorkton Branch of the Canadian Red Cross for a number of years, and was one of two Honourary Life Members of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.

Gen. Ross had lived in York-ton since 1921 and had taken an active interest in many community activities.

On the anniversaries of his 80th and 90th birthdays, celebrations were held in Yorkton honoring his work in the community and for Canada.

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, Lawrence Clements, who was associated with Gen. Ross for 21 years in the administration of the affairs of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, paid tribute to the general for his 40 years as chancellor of the Diocese of Qu'AppelIe and for his efforts in rewriting the canon law of the diocese.

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TVS Branch No. 78 was formed as "Branch 78 of the Tuberculous Veterans Association" in May of 1925 at the Saskatoon Sanatorium by tuberculosis veteran patients of the First World War. It was sanctioned by the Tuberculous Veterans Association Dominion Executive in Ottawa and officially known as the "San" Branch. R.D. Bobby Roberts was the organizer and twenty five patients were listed as members.

In 1926 the Branch joined the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League which is now known as The Royal Canadian Legion. As the Tuberculous Veterans Association (TVA) was instrumental in founding and organizing this new veteran's group, it was able to keep its own identity as the Tuberculous Veterans Section(TVS). On December 27, 1926, a charter was issued to TVS #78 San Branch noting twenty one members and two Honorary members.

As all members in the first few years were confined patients at the San, the facility became their Legion and all meetings were held there, until the Sanatorium closed. It was soon realized that as veterans recovered they moved off to other towns and cities in the province and throughout the country. The branch could only maintain but not build a significant membership, and many of those veterans wanting to be active in their own local branches, did not want to give up their TVS status or affiliation. In 1930 dual membership for the TVS and the Canadian Legion was granted. That was to say, only a tuberculous veteran could belong to an ordinary branch as well as a TVS branch. The timing could not be better as, the branch was down to 5 members.

During the middle 1930's times were hard due to the "Depression." Dues were $1.00 per year, payable at $.25 every three months. The heroic efforts of Andrew Hall, Harry Pizzey and Charlie Wood ensured that the branch survived. In 1938 a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed. During the war years to 1944, Harry Cowley and C. A. Atkinson were the mainstays, holding the branch until returning Second World War veterans took the helm. At that time, with a now very strong Ladies' Auxiliary at their side and a growing membership, the two were able to do much more.

The main source of revenue up to the middle 1950's was a civic tag day and the Ladies' Auxiliary's yeoman service. All proceeds were used to purchase socks, pyjamas, housecoats, etc. for the patients in the San. In the later 50's as more veterans were able to leave the San and become active within the branch, they were able to provide picnics for the kids, Christmas Light tours for the patients, and oversee that every child was discharged from the San with new jeans and a t-shirt. A booth at Pionera and Grey Cup Pools, were added to supplement revenues of the branch. In 1956 the Branch became the Dr. Harold Anderson Memorial Branch TVS #78 in honor of Dr. Harold Anderson who was the head surgeon at the Saskatoon Sanatorium. Dr. Anderson was an avid member and was the branch's Tuberculous Veterans Representative for many years.

In the 1960's the branch continued its activities, and in 1970 received a large increase in membership thanks to a letter to all ex veteran patients inviting them to join the branch. Dr. McPherson was another well respected doctor at the Saskatoon Sanatorium. The Branch continued to support patients at the San until its closing. The branch has never had clubrooms of its own and in 1973, moved to St. Georges Anglican Church. That fine relationship continues to this day. Many of the branch padres have been from St. Georges including Horace Brandrick, Bruce McAllister, Bob McAdam and present padre Henry Comerford.

From the 1980's to the present, veteran's welfare remained paramount and community involvement a close second. In 1988 a Penny Campaign was started. From then until now over $20,000.00 has been directed to the donation of medical equipment to hospitals, nursing homes, etc. Fun bowling, fun cribbage, and children's Christmas parties are enjoyed by members, children, grand children, great grand children and guests. The branch continues its association with the Saskatchewan Lung Association, presents Spinoza Bears to children undergoing treatment for catastrophic illness, partakes jointly in Saskatoon's Poppy Campaign, Decoration Day and Remembrance Day Service, and sends delegates to all Zone and District Rallies and Provincial and Dominion Conventions.

The Ladies' Auxiliary gave up its Charter in 2003 after sixty-five years of dedicated service to the branch. Most of the ladies then joined the branch which today has a proud membership of 170 including 46 veterans.

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History

A brief historical overview is offered to remind Legionnaires of the special relationship of the Tuberculous Veterans Section to The Royal Canadian Legion. The Tuberculous Veterans Association of Canada was organized in 1917, and in 1925 when Field Marshal Earl Haig came to Canada to urge the formation of the Canadian Legion, it had over 7,000 members and had been very successful in obtaining war disability pensions for chest disabled veterans. The Association was in a sound financial position with Service Bureaus in Ottawa, Toronto and London, and highly efficient service centres in most of the Canadian Sanatoriums. The TVA responded to the unity appeal made by Field Marshal Haig by taking a prominent part in the Unity Convention held in Winnipeg in November,

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1925. On the 1st of September 1926 in Victoria, B.C., the most solemn Articles of Faith were signed by Sir Percy Lake, thus creating the Tuberculous Veterans Section (TVS) of the Canadian Legion.

The TVS gave the Legion its financial start by providing $10,000.00, which in the early 1920's was considered a large amount of money. The TVS also made available to the Legion a number of very experienced service officers who had proven their value in dealing with thousands of claims, and who were familiar with veteran's legislation. For many years, the Chief Pension Officer of the TVS was the Director of the Dominion Service Bureau.

The TVS Section, like the Legion as a whole, has lost a number of members through attrition. Tuberculous veterans are effectively 10 years older than the veterans of a similar age because of the ravages of tuberculosis on their bodies. So not only are tuberculous veterans relatively older, but many are weaker health-wise, and therefore, membership is diminishing faster than normal, like old soldiers simply fading away. However, pride in their legacy is not fading away; it remains sound in the willing hands of comrades that are left.

Tuberculosis

Most Canadians have little concern for tuberculosis because of the relatively low incidence in Canada. This was not always the case, however. In the 1930s and 1940s sanatoriums existed throughout the country to accommodate afflicted citizens and a very large number of WWI and WWII veterans for the two to five years it took to effect a cure. With new drugs developed in the 1950s, efficacious treatment could be administered on an outpatient basis and everyone thought the disease was finished. A reality check would show that in other parts of the world, where overcrowding and poor sanitation exists, millions of new cases of tuberculosis develop every year. In fact about one third of the world population is infected with mycobacterium tuberculosis, which explains why physical examination and chest x-rays are required for all immigrants to Canada. Members of the present Canadian Forces serving abroad are especially susceptible to respiratory diseases and tuberculosis, including new strains which are resistant to drugs in the current formulary and greatly prolong treatment.

Activities

The four existing branches in Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon and Saint John are very much in tune with the purposes and objects of the Legion. Moreover, history, tradition and the threat posed by tuberculosis and related respiratory diseases dictate an expanded purpose for the care and welfare of respiratory disabled veterans. In addition to the Poppy Campaign, Remembrance Ceremony, service work, community and social events, TVS branches focus on supplemental activities directed towards persons with respiratory conditions.

Service Officers are available at any time to assist with veterans' needs and to offer advice in any situation that arises. Sick and visiting committees keep a special eye on veterans and community members who suffer respiratory problems, and also those members and veterans who need special attention or simply a visit to indicate that the Legion still cares.

Concerned for treatment, relief of suffering and for arresting the spread of tuberculosis, much effort goes into fund raising. All four branches maintain contact with the Canadian Lung Association and direct available funds for hospital respiratory apparatus and other specialized equipment for community care. The Vancouver branch works with the TB Veterans Charitable Foundation to fund programs for respiratory technician training and for research into new drugs to fight mutant strains of tuberculosis. Furthermore, our youngest citizens, children with respiratory ailments are not forgotten. TVS branches place Spinoza bear kits, which feature personalized voice recordings that bring comfort to children facing critical illness.

Education continues to be a TVS priority. Strict criteria are applied to ensure support only goes to deserving students. Bursaries and scholarships totaling more than $50,000.00 per year are awarded at both the national and branch levels for the children and grandchildren of TVS members.

Membership

Recognizing that membership is drawn from tuberculous veterans, their families or those closely associated with treatment or research, one can understand that there is both good and bad news with regard to numbers. The inevitable passing of older members continues to compound, and the national current membership is down slightly to 550. Fortunately the new, younger members, many children and now grandchildren of tuberculous veterans, or past beneficiaries of our scholarship and bursary programs, show interest in the TVS and have become active in the branches.

Present

The Tuberculous Veterans Section is grateful for the Legion framework which has protected the traditions and special interests of tuberculous and respiratory disabled veterans through the Dominion Executive Council and Veterans Service and Seniors Committee. The Dominion Service Bureau has changed immensely and the number of TB cases has dwindled since the Tuberculous Veterans Association had provided the first Director. However, the pension needs of TVS veterans continue to be well served. The TVS Section is looking forward to continuing the special relationship with The Legion which has existed for 80 years.

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LEASK BRANCH 79



About 1923, the Veterans of WWI from Leask and district were organized into the Great War Veterans. In 1926, the name was changed to the Royal Canadian Legion, Leask Branch #79 and fifteen names are included on the charter. The influx of settlers under the Soldiers' Settlement Program greatly increased their numbers.

To raise funds to build the Legion Hall, the Branch sold shares for $100 each and $1,600 was collected. The remaining debt of $1,800 took eighteen years to pay. The hall was the main entertainment center for the village, hosting dances, school concerts, graduations, socials, weddings, fall suppers, teas, soup & sandwich luncheons, reunions, and many other events. In 1958, a kitchen was added to the hall. Other additions to the hall included a foyer, restrooms, stage and a bar. Also, a cenotaph was built following WWI with engraved names of soldiers from WWI and later WWII who gave their lives in battle. Recently, a permanent bronze plaque attached to the Cenotaph replaced the engraved names.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion was formed on May 3, 1954 with seventeen charter members. Early meetings were held in the fire hall and members' homes, and later in the hall kitchen. The Auxiliary was disbanded on February 3, 2002, and members joined the Legion.

The organization is volunteer operated. Over the years, members have participated in and hosted Remembrance Day Services, parades, dances, curling, golfing, Christmas parties, rallies, St. Patrick's Day parties, birthday parties at the nursing home, soup & sandwich luncheons, teas and bake sales, and served lunches at Veterans' funerals, auctions, 50/50 draws, and rented the hall. Funds raised have been used to sponsor prizes for poster, essay and poetry contests, and donations to community fundraising, local fire halls, the nursing home and medical clinic, Terry Fox Day, Telemiracle, bursaries, scholarships, as well as upkeep and improvements to the hall. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month with 55 members enrolled at present. The branch strives to maintain awareness of the sacrifices made by the veterans and their families during the great wars and to instill in our youth a sense of pride and appreciation for those efforts to uphold the freedoms we enjoy.

MOOSOMIN BRANCH 81



On January 11, 1927, the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League granted a charter to Moosomin Branch No. 81. There were 48 charter members, with H. Downing being President. By February 1944, 11 members and 45 of their children were in uniform.

During the Second World War, the Branch provided many services and comforts for the troops in town and overseas. They sponsored many entertainments for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Immediate concerns of the members of the Branch were to deal with the rehabilitation of the troops as they returned from the war. Many homecoming activities welcomed the veterans as they returned from the various theatres of war – Italy, Holland, Sicily, Cyprus, Germany, etc.

In 1952, the community, Branch 81 and the Ladies' Auxiliary completed its drive to erect a building as a memorial to the servicemen and women of World War II. An added lounge and hall completes the facilities.

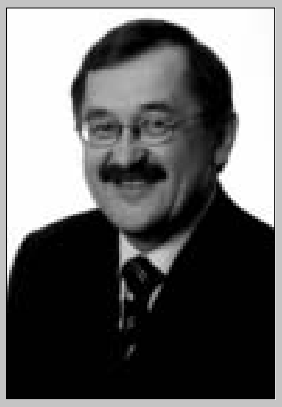
Over the years, Branch 81, together with the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, has been and continues to be involved in civic affairs vital to the community and district. There were financial drives – ticket drives, lotteries, bingos, as well as bake sales, soup & sandwiches, and the popular 'beef-on-the bun,' each adding to funds to:

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Moosomin Branch No. 81 is part of Zone7, District 1 of Saskatchewan. But to the citizens of Moosomin, ***our Veterans are number one.*** The granite soldier on the Veteran Memorial in the center of the town reminds us – ***we were, we are standing on guard for all.***

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MOOSOMIN BRANCH 81

The Moosomin Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 81 celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1980. When it was organized in 1930, the name was 'The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League" with 18 members. In 1961, the title was changed to ***The Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary.***

The early premises were on the second story of the Moosomin Town Hall until 1952, when the Legion Hall was built. During those early years, with no conveniences, the ladies carried the water, dishes, etc., up the long flight of stairs and carried the "slops" down.

Money was raised by catering, teas, raffles, bingos, and a fall bazaar in the early beginning; but today, the catering and bazaar have been dropped due to the lack of young members and the remaining members getting too old.

Community activities of the Ladies' Auxiliary consist of: Meals on Wheels, Nursing Home birthday parties; KINABILITY Christmas party and dinner, the Combined Appeal, Veterans Hand of Friendship and the Poppy Campaign.

We donate to Telemiracle, the Music Festival, the Terry Fox Run, Camp Easter Seal, Sports Camps; Fire victims, as well as to our local Branch twice a year or when asked for assistance. Over the years, the Ladies have donated over $100,000.00.

Many members take part in sports at all levels of golfing, curling, bowling and cribbage. Teams have advanced to provincial level in cribbage and bowling.

Today, there are a total of fifty members. Two members have received sixty-year pins, one has received a fifty-five-year pin, and six have received their fifty-year pin.

The Ladies' Auxiliary's motto of service has never faltered since its origin in 1930. They celebrated their 75th anniversary in 2005 with a cake cutting and a social event at the Legion Hall.

ARCOLA BRANCH 83

Early records indicate that a Lodge of the Great War Veteran's Association was meeting in Arcola in April 1920. The Canadian Legion was formed in 1925 through an amalgamation of organizations including the G.W.V.A. and the British Empire Service League. The prefix "Royal" was added in 1960. In Saskatchewan Command, Branch No. 83 was formed in Arcola in 1927. Initially, the Branch included members from Carlyle and Kisbey. In 1945, the Carlyle members formed their own Branch and in 1946, Kisbey members did the same.

During WWII, the Branch provided assistance to local servicemen and women overseas, as well as for their dependents back home. They put what money they had into Victory Bonds and took an active part in welcoming home and resettling Veterans. They helped with rehabilitation of the disabled and care of the war widows.

In 1946, plans were made to build a Legion Hall in town. An intensive community canvas and volunteer labour enabled it to be constructed and opened in 1950. In 1959, an addition was added to the east side. This accommodated the furnace room, washrooms and the Arcola Public Library. The Legion hosted the Library for fourteen years and when the Library moved to the Town Hall, the space was converted into a kitchen.

On January 23, 1946, a group of nine ladies met for the purpose of forming an Auxiliary to the Arcola Branch of the Canadian Legion. Twenty ladies were present at the next meeting on February 27. The charter was issued in March 1946. Early activities included social evenings to welcome war brides. Money was raised by holding dances, teas, raffles, or catering. Food parcels were sent to Britain after the war and parcels were given to the needy at home. Canvassing for the Red Cross and Mental Health was carried on for many years. Donations have been made to fire victims, Winnipeg Flood Relief, the local hospital, and many other needy causes.

Throughout the years, the Auxiliary has worked hand-in-hand with the Legion to furnish and upkeep the hall. Donations are given to the Veteran's Comfort Fund, Bursary, and the Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field project.

Presently, both the Legion and Auxiliary have very few members, but continue to sponsor the annual Remembrance Day Service and Poppy Day Tea. The hall is available for rent and is provided free-of-charge for the Guiding Organization. The Legion sponsors the annual school Remembrance Day Poster contest. In December 2005, a supper was held in honour of our Veterans. Following the supper, a picture wall was unveiled displaying photos and names of Arcola and District Veterans from WWI, WWII, The Korean War, as well as present day peacekeepers, to commemorate the year of the Veteran.

This history is a summary of the research submitted by Dunstan Pasterfield to Arcola-Kisbey History Book published in 1987.



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BALCARRES BRANCH 84

Balcarres Branch 84 received its charter on January 11, 1927, with eleven members. They met in an old house on the west side of Main Street, which was sold to the town in 1948. In 1947, they moved to their new quarters on the south side of the Memorial Hall, at which time the Legion gave a donation of $4,000 toward the construction of the hall.

Over the years, the Branch has given donations for lab equipment for use in the new hospital, assisted the Lions Club in the Lions Park playground project, were involved in the Pony League Baseball sponsored by Legion Branches in the District, and the 4-H Grain Club.

Our Branch, with the aid of the Ladies' Auxilliary, furnished a room at Parkland Lodge, assisted the Centennial Arena, assisted in purchasing the new bus for the Fire Hall and in purchasing a heart monitor to be used in the Union Hospital.

The Branch has had members go on to serve as District and Zone Commanders for Zone 4.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their Charter on April 24, 1944, and held their meetings in the same house as the Legion. They raised their money by holding teas, luncheons and catering.

With the aid of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Branch holds an annual fall supper and a number of pot luck suppers during the year.

They hold a poppy drive, have a Remembrance Service, and hold a Legion Essay, Poem and Poster Contest.

At the present time, the Branch holds five or six meetings a year and has 12 Legion members and 11 Auxiliary members.

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WHITEWOOD BRANCH 87

The Great War Veterans Association came into being after the first Great War. Other Branches sprang up throughout the country, with fifteen different Associations in all. In Whitewood, the G.V.W.A. began with forty members, meetings being held on the comer of Lalonde Street and South Railway Avenue. In 1961, the Canadian Legion Act of Corporation officially amended the name to Royal Canadian Legion forming fifteen previous organizations together. Whitewood requested and was granted a charter on March 3, 1927, with fourteen chartered members.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was granted a charter in March 1933, with sixteen charter members.

Due to increased membership, a three-storey building was erected on the comer of Lalonde Street and 4th Avenue. The official opening took place in 1951. On June 20, 1969, an explosion and fire demolished the building in a matter of four hours. Undaunted, it was decided with the help of Legion, Auxiliary and the community, that a new one-storey building would be erected on the same site, officially opening on July 24, 1970. This housed a dance hall, kitchen, bar, cloak room, and ladies' and men's clubrooms, now known as the Legion Community Hall.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary, who worked tirelessly over the years, disbanded in June 2006. They are now applying for membership in the Legion Branch 87. The men and ladies of the Branch will continue to work together for fundraising for Veterans.

Bingos are held every Thursday night, crib is twice a month, dances once a month, along with hall rentals, bar proceeds and kitchen catering. With these proceeds, donations are made to Kid's Sport, Scouts, Swimming Pool, Youth, Seniors, Scholarships and never forgetting our Veterans. The bar is busy

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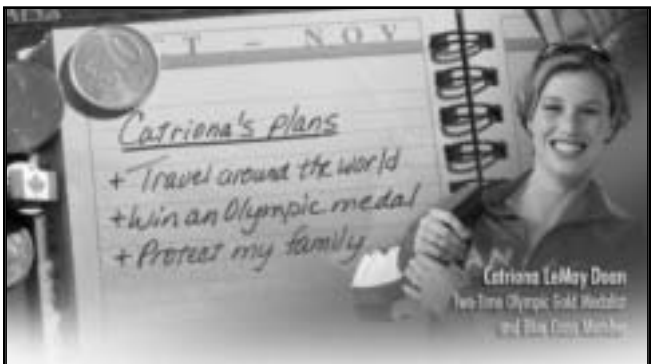
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Whitewood Branch 87 members invite one and all to come visit our park and play a round of golf. The Legion welcomes you.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO WHITEWOOD BRANCH 87

At meetings held on the tenth and twenty-sixth of June 1922, a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Whitewood Branch of the G.W.V.A. was organized. The ladies were of great assistance to the local Veterans. In 1925, the Whitewood G.W.V.A. received their charter and the Auxiliary became the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. Ladies' Auxiliary. The Auxiliary applied for a charter subject to approval of the local Branch. In 1932, a meeting was called and held in the Parish Hall. The object was to organize the ladies as a chartered Auxiliary. In March 1933, the Whitewood Legion Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter and the initiation of sixteen members and installation of officers was conducted by the local men's Branch. The first club house was above Whitewood Plumbing and Heating on Lalonde Street, and moved to the Legion hall in 1950. Membership increased in 1939 when WW II was declared. In the early 1970s, and 1980s, membership reached its highest point. In 2003, the Ladies Auxiliary celebrated its 70th Anniversary.

Through the years, the ladies tirelessly worked to raise funds to assist the Veterans, poppy fund, upkeep of the memorial grounds and send parcels to the troops overseas. The Auxiliary raised funds to help build and equip the Legion hall in 1950, and again in 1969, when the hall burnt to the ground and had to be rebuilt. Financial assistance has been given to the Veteran's Comfort Fund, Veteran and local hospitals, library, school, student bursaries, Legion track and field, local sport facilities, nursing home, and individual medical travel. No worthwhile community project was denied.

In June 2006, the Ladies Auxiliary disbanded due to declining membership.

The members have fond memories of social gatherings and comradeship over the past years. They would like to thank the community for the support given to them over the 73 years they worked together for the betterment of the programs and individuals they helped.

KERROBERT BRANCH 88

The Great World War Veterans Association was formed in 1919 for the purpose of maintaining comradeship and promoting the welfare of returned Veterans.

The long, narrow building on Pacific Avenue became the War Vet's Hall. It had previously served as a judicial point until the new Court House was built. In 1920 it was donated to the Vets. On March 8, 1926, the GWVA became the Kerrobert Branch #88 of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League.

Old minute books show there must have been a fire in the hall, sometime after the October meeting in 1926, as the meetings were held in the Town Hall until January 27. Minutes state the committee had the power to dispose of articles damaged by fire. Comrade Chas. Boulter was committee chairman. They built a kitchen on the back and renovated the clubrooms.

On February 15, 1927, they held a Valentine's Dance, with proceeds of $800. Some of this money went to the rink fund. The members bought a new piano, a Heintzman, which is still in existence, paying the remaining $315 in full in February 1927. This was to replace the old one that had been donated.

Years ago, the Legion sponsored an annual turkey shoot. In 1945, the Legion built the Memorial playground in the same area where a paddling pool was built. A student was lifeguard in the afternoons and the Ladies' Auxiliary took their turns helping; also paid the girl a small fee. When the Kinsmen decided to put a paddling pool near their swimming pool, it was with mixed feelings that the Legion pool was closed. Although the Legion's pool was surrounded by a high fence, every week, work parties had to remove broken glass, etc.

In 1961, the name of the Legion was changed to "Royal Canadian Legion" and the "British Empire Service League" was dropped. This title was conferred by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of the Legion's 35 years of service to returned Veterans. February 15, 1965 was the day the new Canadian flag was raised in Ottawa. Many Veterans all across Canada were disappointed, it was not the Union Jack that they had fought under!

Earlier than this, talk had been about building a new hall. The old one was very out of date, needing constant repairs. Comrades Slim Murdoch, with the help of Don Snell and Vince Weber, talked the Legion into buying a bingo machine, and they held bingos every week for 12 or 13 regulars. The bingos were still held weekly, even after the new hall was built, with proceeds to the new Hall. Comrade George Vallance was President in 1966 when plans for the building were finalized. The hall was built with mostly volunteer labor. In January 1972, the mortgage was burnt and its ashes are in a cabinet in the Legion Hall.

The Legionaires started to dicker with the town to trade their lot on the playground in the park next to the rink, for the lot

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adjacent to their new hall. After a few years, this was agreed upon. Once the lot was officially their's, Comrade Alex Gerlinsky started the ball rolling to build a new Cenotaph, much more elaborate than the one in the playground. Inscribed on plaques on the Cenotaph were the names of those who gave their lives in both wars.

The constant work of the Legion has been the annual Poppy Day sale for Remembrance Day, an uninterrupted record from 1926-1999. November 11th service still draws a large crowd.

The Legion, locally and at the zone level, has always sponsored various sports. They give a yearly scholarship. Every year, with the students of the school displaying their talent with poems, essays and posters, these efforts are exhibited and judged at the local level. The best go onto zone, then district, and then provincial competition. We've won several years at the provincial level.

Minute books of the 1920s and early 1930s state plans were made for a plaque with deceased vets names to be displayed in Memorial Hall. Later they were going to ask to have cairn at the Court Yard. Apparently, neither was done. Comrade A.X. "Sandy" Murdoch was Secretary of the Legion in 1936-38. He was President in 1939. He was Secretary for eighteen consecutive years, from 1950-1967, until his demise.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO KERROBERT BRANCH 88 by Margaret Weber

On June 15, 1993, the Kerrobert Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion celebrated their 50th Anniversary. At that time, they still had one Charter member remaining, Mrs. Margaret Gladden, who had resided at the Kerrobert Hospital. Mrs. Gladden celebrated her 93rd birthday on July 4, 1994.

World War II was in progress when the Auxiliary was formed in 1944. Cigarettes and food parcels were sent to the ones in the Canadian Forces overseas. The Auxiliary raised money by either a bean supper or a bingo every week.

Market Day Teas were held every April and October. A masquerade ball for Hallowe'en was held annually. Robbie Burns Night was held every January 25 with a card party and program. These events carried on until the 1960s, when they were dropped due to lack of interest. The ladies sponsored the March of Dimes and the Canvass for Cancer Research town-wide. They were relieved when United Appeal came into being. The ladies now sponsor the Terry Fox Run and have done so since 1980. Various sports awards were given throughout the years, promoting sports for the youngsters. In March 1952, the members swore allegiance to the new sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II. The Ladies' Auxiliary spearheaded the drive for our "new hospital," which is now some thirty years old. Letters, petitions and delegations were sent to Regina. 1953 was a baby-boom year. Many layettes were raffled to make money for Ladies' projects.

Zone rallies came into being. Kerrobert held the first one in May 1954. Civil Defense was the theme. The Auxiliary sectioned the town into four, and every member hit the streets and avenues. They walked miles and miles and had reams of paper. They were able to billet 900 people should a national disaster strike. In 1956-1957, zone playoff curling was started. "Books for the Troops" was phased out. In 1958, "British Empire Service League" was dropped from the Auxiliary name. In 1961, the official name of the Legion was changed to "Royal" for 35 years of service, recognized by Queen Elizabeth II. In 1962, District Representatives were installed. As more zones came into being in 1964, more zones representatives were elected. Mrs. Tillie English was the zone representative. The main fundraisers are catering and a Poppy Day Tea. The Ladies' Auxiliary's main concerns are the Branch, their Veterans and a provincial scholarship. They sponsor the Terry Fox Run, Cemetery Day, and have their own local scholarship. An annual Cribbage tournament is held during January and February sponsored by the Legion.

Although membership is dwindling, the ladies are still are quite active, although enthusiasm is not as high as it once was. We are all older and time marches on.

KERROBERT HOME GUARD by Bonnah Busch

There were two occasions where Home Guard was initiated in Kerrobert. The first was in June 1940, at the beginning of the Second World War, when under government regulations; a home guard was set up by the Canadian Legion headed by Captain S.R. Greer. "The Guards are not only alert to anything that pertains to the interest of a nation at war, but they are primarily established to report any or all subversive elements. The Home Guards are under the direction of the RCMP. A dozen or more of these organizations are active within 50 miles of Kerrobert. The President of the Legion warned "Complacency at this time of danger would be fatal, for our enemies are not merely at our gate, but among us."

Another time in our history when the community was asked to take local responsibility for our national defense was in 1952, during the Korean War. The RCAF requested the formation of' a Ground Observer Corps to supplement the early warning radar chain. The responsibility of an observer was to provide a listening and seeing watch of aircraft and military personnel within a specific area and to then transmit, in a predetermined form, accurate information concerning any movement of such to the "Filter Center" by means of telephone, telegraph or radio.



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UNITY BRANCH 90

From 1919 to 1929, the Veterans in and around Unity held regular meetings and in 1930, the Unity Veterans became part of The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command.

In 1949, the Legion purchased the old United Church and restored it into a hall. This church was built in the early 1900s, as it was Unity's first school.

In 1959, the Legion started and held annual July 1st Sports Days and Ball Tournaments, events that went on for many years.

In 1951, the Legion started its first Ice Carnival and became the largest winter event in Unity for many, many years.

In 1952, the Legion held a Northwest Region High School Hockey Tournament with high school teams from the northwest region competing for the Legion trophy.

In 1954, the Unity Legion built picnic tables and delivered them to Vera Lake, as at that time Vera Lake was a very popular resort and had up to1,500 visitors taking part in activities there.

In 1955, the Unity Legion participated in fundraising and held a car bingo, which was one of the first ever held in the area.

In 1956, the Unity Legion held its first Decoration Day at the Pleasant View Cemetery, placing white crosses on the Veterans' graves. This became an annual event and is still one of the many activities of the Legion today. Decoration Day services are also held annually at the Veterans' Plot at the Adanac Cemetery.

Until 1956, the Army Reserves gave funds in excess of $5,000.00 to Unimac Pioneer Lodge.

In 1959, the Unity Legion looked after Main Street security for the Royal Train as Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip made a stop over in the community.

In 1960, after many years of practicing, the Unity Legion Marching Band was asked to march in the Calgary Stampede Parade.

In 1961, because of a large enrollment in the Unity Public School, the Legion made the hall available for extra classrooms. Also in 1961, the Legion officially opened a Cub Camp at Atton's Lake for the use of the youth in the area. The sponsorship and upkeep of the camp was tended to by dedicated Legion members for many years.

As a fundraiser, the Legion hosted the Russian Cossack Dance Group in Unity in 1966.

From 1969 to 1972, the Legion held Pig & Whistle shows and was very successful as a fundraiser.

In 1994, the Legion hosted Dominion Command Curling in Unity, an event that had total community support and was applauded by the entire nation.

In 1996, 1997 and 1998, Amateur Hour was held raising a total of $25,000.00.

In 1997, our Branch sponsored Shawn Greenwald, a local athlete who represented Unity in the Legion Track and Field competition. Shawn excelled in the 100-metre hurdles and brought home a gold medal with his record setting performance. He also won silver and bronze medal.

From 1999 to the present day, the Legion holds barbecues for raising funds.

In 2005, fish feeds were successful and continue on an annual basis.

Donations have been made to the Health Care District in the amount of $25,000.00 in the development of a Senior Lodge in the Town of Unity.

Each year, the Branch gives a $500.00 bursary to a Grade XII student enrolled in a college or university.

Due to the closing of the Legion in Macklin, the Unity Branch has taken over the work of Veterans looking after widows in that community.

The Unity Legion Branch 90 has participated in Remembrance Day Services in schools, traveling to the neighboring communities of Senlac, Denzil, Macklin and St. Mary's Schools, for the benefit of the children in the area. Remembrance Day ceremonies are also held at the local schools, namely St. Peter's, Unity Public and Unity Composite High School.

LOVERNA BRANCH 91

The Loverna Legion Branch 91 was formed in the spring and summer of 1946 by the efforts of C.W. McFayden and C.V. (Buck) Foss.

The Loverna Legion Branch No. 91 was presented with its charter on August 20, 1946. The names of servicemen who were at the first meeting for organizing the Loverna Legion and had their names on the Charter are: C. Ball, S. Bolingbroke, R. Berscht, J. Erskine, B. Firth, W. Foley, C.V. Foss, J.T. Godfrey, G. Heisz, E.O. Logan, C.W. McFayden, D.O. Peat, A. Searl, J.M. Searl, A. Slater, B.E. Sonmor, G. Sonmor, J. Smyth and A. Warrington.

Over the years, the Loverna Legion has taken an active part in the Loverna Community by: showing picture shows, helping maintain the Loverna Cenotaph, having Remembrance Day Services, holding Christmas Parties, putting on Golf Tournaments, having Mothers' Day Breakfasts, holding card tournaments, both Whist and Kaiser and attending funerals for deceased Veterans and Legion members.

The Branch has decreased in size over the years, but is presently still active in 2006. It consists of 21 members: 4 Ordinary members and 17 Associate members.

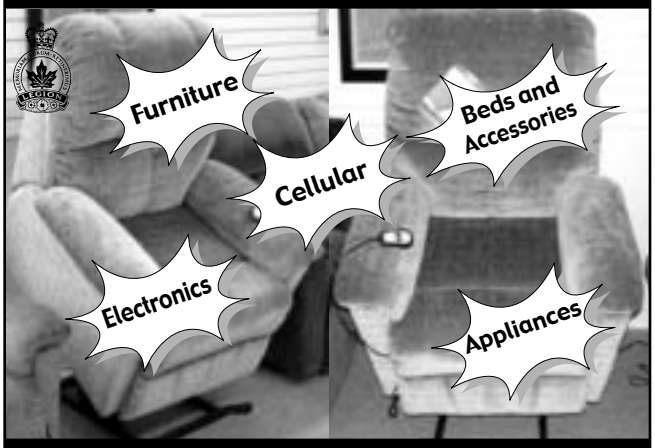
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MARSHALL BRANCH 92

Fifteen WWI Veterans met to form a Marshall Branch of the Canadian Legion in late 1926. The charter was issued in January 1927. Charter members were: J .H. Atkinson, C.W. Collicut, C.H. Cooper, J.R. Faulkner, N.J. Goss, A.D.T. Mann, E. Manton, P.R. Miller, M.G. Sharrot, F. Street, F. Sturgeon, A.J. Thompson, W.S. Topott, H. Tyler, H.R. Wilford.

On November 21, 1945, The Marshall Ladies' Auxiliary had their first organizational meeting. The charter was issued on December 31, 1945. Charter members were: Mrs. R. Miller, Mrs. F. Street, Mrs. E. Lindeblom, Mrs. J. Steenson, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. F.N. Lonsdale, Mrs. W. Hobbs. Mrs. O. Oddan, Mrs. E. Pickering, Mrs. A. Christensen.

Picnics, football games and other sports were means of raising funds to obtain the first small Legion Hall with its cottage roof. It was called the “Hut, the better ole."

With increased membership following WWII, the need for a bigger hall became increasingly evident. For that purpose, the Marshall Legion began raising money. Funds were raised by holding dances, sports days, raffles, curling bonspiels, and selling lunches. During this time, the Bank of Commerce closed and was moved away. The bank property was donated to our Branch. Harold Pedersen, a carpenter by trade and one of our members, was the overseer of all the volunteer help. With this help, the new hut was constructed in late 1956 through the hard winter and finishing in 1957. The original size was 24'x 42', but with the increased use, the members decided in 1985 to build on by adding 20 feet, making it 44' x 42’.

Branch fundraising activities include a ham and turkey shoot each year and two horseshoe tournaments a year. Branch activities consist of bowling, golf, cribbage, and darts. Socials were also put on once a month to raise money.

November 11th celebrations consist of a memorial service being held on November 10th at the Marshall School. Parents are invited and children are encouraged to take part, in the service, displaying their posters, essays and poems. As well, every year since WWII, a November 11th memorial service is held in the big community hall, with the Legion and Auxiliary members in uniforms, carrying their flags and banners, marching from the Legion Hall down the street to the Community Hall. The RCMP and a piper lead them. Following "The Last Post," and as the Honor Roll is being read, a slide show photo of each deceased Legion member is shown on a screen. The wreaths are laid at the foot of a small Cenotaph, to be later carried to the large Cenotaph in the center of town. At this time, the Branch is still blessed to have two WWII Veterans in attendance, one being Lorne Phipps, a 61-year member.

The service is always well attended, with the huge crowd being invited to stay for lunch prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Huge trays of sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee are enjoyed by all, along with a good visit. After lunch, members, family and friends go to the Legion Hall for socializing. Special guests from C.F.B. Wainwright also come to celebrate the day.

FLAXCOMBE BRANCH 98

On June 25, 1927, a few members of the Great War Veterans Association held a special organizational meeting in the Flaxcombe Community Hall to form the Royal Canadian Legion (British Empire Service League) Flaxcombe Branch No. 98. The presentation of the charter, which had been issued April 16, 1928, was held at a ceremony dedicating the newly constructed Memorial Cenotaph, in the village on Sunday, October 27, 1929 by P.T. Philpot, President of Saskatchewan British Empire Service League. The dedication service was presided over by Rev. Father MacKessy, of Kindersley.

The following were the charter members: William C. Ard, John Bolderhey, Wilfred Carter, Harold Conolly, Charles Davidson, John B. Durrant, Fred J. Fraser, Arthur Green, John Hocknell, Charles Johnston, James H. Cummings, Earl Tree, S. Melville Webb, Robert Derraugh, E.L. Klinzing, W. Booth, Chris Callsen, A. Herman, Alex MacKay, L.C.D. Pickett, A.J. Stevenson.

Some of the highlights of the early years were the building of the impressive Cenotaph in the spring of 1928. It was flanked by two captured German military pieces.

The Flaxcombe Branch hosted a visit by the Governor-General of Canada, Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan) in 1936. The official inspection of World War I Veterans took place in the village of Alsask.

When World War II broke out, these "Old Sweats" joined with other area Veterans and formed the Veterans Civil Security Corps. Several Branch members joined up for full-time service. All through the war, the Branch was active in sending cigarettes, parcels, correspondence courses and reading material to all service persons. In 1944, the former Cookhouse of Marengo was purchased and moved to Flaxcombe and renovated. Branch No. 98 had its first permanent home. When World War II Veterans were demobilized and then joined the Legion, it was felt that their numbers were large enough to form

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a second Branch at Alsask. Alsask Branch operated from 1962 to 1967, and then rejoined the Flaxcombe Branch. The Branch purchased a school and moved it to its present site in Marengo, renovated it and built on an addition.

At Her Majesty's consent, the name and badge were changed to "The Royal Canadian Legion" in 1960. In 1979, President Russell Denney and Eric Coutts, on behalf of Branch No. 98, presented the former Alsask Colours to the Saskatchewan Hospital Branch No. 249 at North Battleford to replace their's lost by fire.

Branch No. 98 continues to be active, holding their regular meetings, Remembrance Day Services and Poppy Day campaigns. They assist in sponsoring Athletic Training programs, bursaries and other community programs. Today, there are 28 members, seven of whom are Life members.

At the present time, and in 2004 and 2005, Flaxcombe Branch 98, with members from Flaxcombe and Marengo and Alsask, meets in the Legion Hut in Marengo during the warmer summer months and meets in Comrade Denney's basement during the colder winter months. By not heating the 'hut' during the winter, a great financial burden has been eliminated. Thus, through resourcefulness and plain common sense the Branch survives.

Some items of special note should be recorded: Two members have received the Meritorious Service Medal. Comrade Eric Coutts received the medal in 1992, was Secretary of the Branch for many years, held many positions in the Legion District as well as in the community. Comrade Tom Harkness was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 2006. Comrade Tom is presently District Commander and has held many positions in the Legion, served on many committees and served the community in many capacities.

In 2003, the ladies of the Auxiliary amalgamated with the male members. In the year 2006, the President, Secretary and Treasurer are female. By amalgamating, Flaxcombe Branch No. 98 continues.

In 2005, Comrades George Proud and Jack Callsen were nominated by the Branch and received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal from the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, Dr. Lynda Haverstock.

The Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1960 and it continued to be active until 2003, when it was dissolved and the members joined the Legion.



The impressive Cenotaph in Flaxcombe - 1936

The charter meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held on November 23, 1960, with Legion President William Armstrong presiding; the meeting was then handed over to Mrs. Knox, Zone Representative from Eston, Saskatchewan; her companion, Mrs. McAlister acted as Recording Secretary; the aims and purposes of the Ladies' Auxiliary were read. It was then moved by Lottie Cook, seconded by Evelyn Murray, that a Ladies' Auxiliary to Flaxcombe Branch No.98 be formed. Twenty-two charter members were enrolled.

Over the years from 1960 to amalgamation with Branch No.98 in 2003, the Auxiliary supported and gave much assistance in many ways to Branch No.98. To mention a few ways: financially, with furnishing, with provision of food, with organization, with sports, with entertainment and wherever assistance was required. In 2005, the Auxiliary was reduced to five active members. Fortunately, what they lacked in numbers, they made up for in determination.

In 2005, four of the five active lady members were eligible for and received a Certificate of Appreciation.

This history of the Branch was compiled by Comrades George Proud, Jack Callsen and Eric Coutts. History of the Ladies' Auxiliary was compiled by Comrade Doris Denney.

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LIPTON/DYSART BRANCH 99

Branch #99 is located on Osidge Street in the village of Lipton, SK; the community of Dysart is located approximately 10 miles west. The two farming communities were started in 1905 and 1908, respectively. A number of the residents were Veterans or relatives of Veterans who had served in the Boer War.

The forerunner of Branch #99 was the Lipton Branch of the Great War Veteran's Association (G.W.V.A.), organized in 1920 with seventeen members from Lipton, and 13 members from Dysart.

Some of the charter members, who were Veterans of the Boer War and/or WWI, were Bill Hulme, Cecil Lewis, Bill Peake, and Charles Fisher.

In 1926, the Lipton Branch reorganized as Branch #99 of the Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L. At that time, there were 21 members, all from Lipton. Membership had fallen to 12 by 1939.

With the declaration of WWII, the Branch had an upsurge of support, new members, and projects supporting members, Veterans, soldiers and families, by the early 1950s the membership had grown to 40 from the Lipton/Dysart area.

The Lipton Ladies' Auxiliary to B.E.S.L. was organized in August 1944. Mrs. S.M. McKenzie was elected President, Mrs. R Brinkworth elected Vice-president, Mrs. N. Walton, Vice-president, and Mrs. A. Allen was elected Secretary. Membership in the first year was 37 active members.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the same time as the regular B.E.S.L. meetings, and supported the Branch in all its activities to this day. The Auxiliary members transferred their memberships over to Associate Legion memberships in 2001.

Around this time, the Branch wishing to have its own meeting place rather than the community hall approached the Lipton Village Council. Council obliged by leasing to the Branch, Lot "B," Blk. 11, on Osidge Street for 99 years, at a rental of $1.00 per annum. A small wartime house was purchased and placed on the site, and a small addition was built on to make enough room for meetings.

Subsequently, as the membership grew in the early 1970s, another addition was planned for the Legion hall, and in October 1976, the expanded hall was officially opened with a large meeting, including members of Saskatchewan Command, the Lipton village council, and additional family and guests.

Reverend Comrade Jack Lambert conducted the dedication ceremony, and at this time, as consented to by Saskatchewan Command, Branch 99 was officially changed from the Lipton Branch to the Lipton/Dysart Branch.

In 1987, the Branch members had a Cenotaph built in front of the Legion hall, dedicated to the memory of soldiers from the district. Shortly after, the members gathered to put a new tin roof on the Legion hall, which is rented out for small group functions and family gatherings.

Presently, the membership of the Lipton/Dysart Branch #99 is holding at 40 members

Branch activities have been focused in the past on gathering of the members for acts of remembrance, social gatherings, fundraising, and the yearly turkey bingo in the community hall on every November 11th evening. Recently, members have gathered to participate in the 2005 homecoming parades in Dysart and Lipton, and colour party during the dedication of a new memorial in front of the Dysart museum.

The Lipton/Dysart Branch still receives a good deal of support for our efforts in the community.

WYNYARD BRANCH 101



In 1919, Veterans returning from World War I banded together to form the Great War Veterans Association and a charter was formed in Wynyard in 1920 with Dr. W.A. S. McGrath as the first President. In 1926, The Royal Canadian Legion was formed and Wynyard received its charter in this new organization on April 6, 1927, with Jack Collins as president. The first hall was a building donated by the community. It was operated by the Legion as a community hall and rented out as a theatre with meetings held in a small annex attached to the building. Due to deterioration and costly upkeep of this hall, a fund was started for a new building, which was constructed in 1959/60 and officially opened on November 11, 1960, with the lounge area being built on in 1977. A Cenotaph was erected at the front of the building, honouring Veterans who gave their lives to the service of their country.

Membership was small and times were hard during the depression years, however, with the return of Veterans in 1945, it grew rapidly. In the seventies, a number of Honorary and Associate members were accepted. Branch 101 benefited from the transfer of members from Dafoe in 1984, and Kandahar in

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1987, when these Branches gave up their charters. In 2006, there were approximately 80 on our membership roll, about half of whom are Veterans.



Throughout its long history in Wynyard, the Legion has endeavoured to provide assistance to needy Veterans and their families, and sponsorship of the Air Cadet Squadron. For many years, a successful Bingo and Nevada was operated, which enabled the Branch to be very generous in donations to worthy community causes such as equipment for the hospital, fire department, arena and most notably, a commitment of $20,000 for construction of the new nursing home. The Branch continues to offer support to many individuals and organizations in their requests of financial aid, and the Legion is a well-respected service organization in our community.

The Branch has taken a very active role in the activities surrounding Remembrance Day, and they continue to have a very successful Poppy Campaign in the local area, culminating with a very well attended Remembrance Day Service. They have participated in programs at the elementary and high schools and have always promoted the Poster and Literary contest. Many awards have resulted, including a Wynyard student being the national level winner in essay and poem competitions in 1995 and 1996.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO WYNYARD BRANCH 101

The Ladies' Auxiliary formed their Branch in 1920, along with the Great War Veterans Association, and later became an Auxiliary to the newly formed Legion. They received their charter on February 8, 1938, with Mrs. Belle Bailey as the first President.

In the early years, meetings were held in members' homes. The organization's aim was to assist and aid Veterans and support other worthwhile causes. During the years of World War II, they fulfilled this objective by sending parcels to servicemen who were serving overseas and continued to do so until the war's end. In the years to follow, they found various ways of raising funds to carry out their work. The Auxiliary gave a great deal of financial support to the Branch, including many of the furnishings for the new hall built in 1960. They continued in their role as an Auxiliary until 1995 when declining membership forced them to give up their charter. Several Auxiliary members joined the membership of the Branch at that time.

EDAM BRANCH 106



The Legion came into being in 1926. The principal members were Veterans of World War I and the South African War. The Edam Branch was organized and chartered on June 1, 1927. It was first called the "British Empire Service League." As the No. 106 would indicate, Edam was among the first to organize.

The charter members were: W.R. Fraser, S.W. Stuart, A.A. Lambroughton, W. Highton, A. Chivers Wilson, H.E. Halliday, W. Lafferty, F.M. DeMontarnel, A.W. Smith, J. Wahl, T.L. Smith, R. Balcomb and C. Ludwig.

Suitably engraved medals were presented to all returned soldiers having left the village for overseas service at a dance on December 31, 1919 in Edam. Our cenotaph was constructed before June 19, 1934. The exact date is unknown.

Every year since, wreaths are laid on November 11th to remember our fallen Comrades. A church service is held prior to the laying of the wreaths. Then the public is invited to have lunch at the Legion Hall.

Our cenotaph was updated with a plaque to include the war dead of World War II and the Korean War in the summer of 1990.

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EDAM BRANCH 106 *(...Cont'd)*

In earlier years, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Branch were a tremendous help to the Legion. In 2000, the Ladies' Auxiliary dissolved and most of them joined the Legion. This was a great help, as prior to 2000, there were only nineteen members. Now, there are thirty-two.

In 1962, the old Drug Store was purchased for seven hundred dollars. It lasted for thirty-four years. In 1996, members started to build a new Legion Hall. With the help of retired carpenters who were Legion members, by 1998, it was all paid, with an estimated value of $175,000.00. It was the last new Legion Hall built in Saskatchewan. It is not a paying proposition, but is serving the community very well. It has a spacious kitchen, bathrooms, a small bar, and is used for special occasions for about 100 people.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TO EDAM BRANCH 106

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Edam Branch was organized in 1930. In 1944, discussions were begun about chartering with Provincial Command. They got their charter in March 1945.

The first meetings were held in members' homes, with each member taking a turn, and the host always having a delicious lunch. Sometimes tea cups were read which created a few laughs.

During World War II, parcels were sent to the boys overseas, which included soap, cigarette papers, tobacco, and tooth paste; when wool was available, members would knit socks to send in the parcels.

In 1948, when the War Brides started arriving, the Auxiliary organized many showers for them. The Honour Roll was made by the Auxiliary of both World Wars. They had many fund raisers, such as concerts, teas, bake sales and raffles. They enjoyed curling at Zone level and sometimes District level, and always had fun.

They donated to the Auxiliary bursary fund and many local students in the community benefited from this venture. In 1962, they began serving for graduation banquets. Until then there had not been any of these such banquets. That activity is still going on in the Legion Hall today.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Legion is always a very helpful group.

SEMANS BRANCH 108

Semans Great War Veterans were issued a charter on November 14, 1919. Hugh McCulloch was President, and Donald Adam was Secretary. Semans Branch #108 of the Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L received their charter on August 10, 1927. After the Armistice Service, a meeting was held to raise funds for a war memorial. The motion to build was carried unanimously, and local citizens raised the funds. Construction of the Cenotaph was done by stonemason Angus Mackay, and unveiled and dedicated on September 27, 1927, with names of Semans' World War I deceased. World War II names were added on a separate plaque in 1947. Due to vandalism on May 10, 2003, the bronze sword now in safe keeping, was detached from the Cenotaph. It has been replaced by a luminous sword, visible for two blocks

Legion meetings were held in the village Fire Hall until 1952, when Wakefield School was moved to Main Street. On March 16, 2003, one wall of the hall basement began to collapse, but by March 20th the wall was replaced. Semans Hotel owners held a Benefit Supper on April 6th with the community helping. The Legion sponsored the New Year's Dances until 1976 - more than forty years. In 1976, the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Legion, Semans Legion and Auxiliary celebrated with a "Remember When Dance." Everyone wore apparel of the previous decades. Some Veterans wore their wartime service uniforms. Semans Legion held a 45-year reunion on July 13, 1990, inviting all Semans and district Veterans and their families for the full day.

The Legion brought Chautauqua back to Semans with two shows a day; the first Sunday in February from 1995-1997. All profits went to TeleMiracle in 1999.

One of our dedicated members, Joe Anderson, began corresponding with a young Belgian, Wally Schoof, who purchased an army Beret (Royal Canadian Engineers) containing the name of a WWII Semans' soldier, Russell Dunlop, who died 6-11-1944, at age 41. This young man was able to correspond with members of the soldier's family.

Again, Semans Branch hosted the 2000 New Year's Family Celebrations; entertainment in the hall, fireworks, sleigh rides, and wiener roasts. Seventy-five years of the R.C. Legion was celebrated at Semans beginning on June 29, 2001, a weekend event. Two-sided 75th Anniversary Coins were purchase and sold for keepsakes.

In the spring of 2001, under the 'Welcome' sign, bloomed the 100 Legion tulips (three colors), which bloom and multiply each spring.

The 75th Anniversary of Branch #108 was celebrated on July 20, 2002. September 18th marked 75 years for the Cenotaph.

Semans Branch has sponsored students to Track and Field camps, Boy Scouts, and Cadets.

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Branch members are now elderly and some Associate members do not reside here, a total of 32. They strive to carry on the Literary Contest, Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day Service, attended by approximately 150 from Raymore and Semans areas.

Donations are made to Veterans Comfort Fund, and three Seniors Homes nearby.

The Legion Hall is important to the members because of the Wall of Honour displaying pictures and information about the young men who lost their lives in WWII and are remembered by northern Saskatchewan lakes and islands named after them. Thanks to Joe Anderson and his late wife Louise, markers were placed at these sights. Other memorable pictures, pins and medals are also displayed. Many years ago, a book was started by Howard and Jean Phillips, containing pages for WWI & II Veterans. As Veterans and members pass away, their obituary and funeral services are added to the book. In 2001, The Royal Canadian Legion's 75th Anniversary, a book containing pictures, newspaper articles, etc., pertaining to Semans and neighbouring Legions dating back to 1987, ending in 2004, was started. In 2005, the Year of the Veteran, a second book was started, continuing to the present VE Day Celebrations held on Sunday, May 8, 2005.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO SEMANS BRANCH 108

A meeting to organize an Auxiliary to Semans Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L. was held on December 19, 1930 in the Municipal Council Chambers. D.R. Clements, Legion President, conducted the election of officers: Mrs. Gordon Clancy, President; Mrs. Nora Adam, Vice-President, Mrs. B. Smith, 2nd Vice-President; and Mrs. M. McKeon, Secretary/Treasurer. The charter was received on June 10, 1931, with sixteen members from Raymore, Semans and Tate. Some meetings were held at members' homes. One of the first projects was to care for graves of WWI Veterans.

During the depression, they helped in the community and provided Christmas cheer parcels to needy Veterans' families. When dances were held to raise funds, a four-piece orchestra cost $10.00, and a six-piece cost $16.00. After the war, members presented gifts and welcomed several British war brides. Membership grew to more than fifty, and made it the largest Auxiliary in Zone 3 - District 4.

A 1976 Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Mrs. H. Early, 20 Certificates of Merit were also awarded. The Auxiliary supported projects of Provincial Command and the community.

Funds were raised by catering to banquets, receptions of 200-300 persons, and auction sales. On Remembrance Day, the ladies provided a luncheon for the Legion.

In the 1970s, a 'New To You Sale' was held in the Legion Hall in the spring and fall, and then on May 10, 1980 was held in the new school gym.

At the end of 1981, members received Years of Service Pins: seven Life members; nineteen 25-year pins; eleven 30-year pins; five 40-year pins; and three 50-year pins were awarded to N. Adam, B. Smith, and M. Simpson.

The Remembrance Day Tea was held on Saturday prior to November 11th ceremonies, with a tea and bake sale and raffle for many years. The last Poppy Day Tea held by the Legion was in 2003.

Memberships dues in the 1970s were $2.50, then $3.00 and $4.00, with fifty to sixty members. In 1980, Herman and Violet Haffner, Legion and Auxiliary Presidents, celebrated their anniversary at a regular meeting.

There were conveners appointed to look after fifteen different duties in the organization. On November 11, 1983, six ladies received Life memberships, two members received 30 Years of Service Awards, and five members received Certificates of Merit. In 1988, Mrs. H. Early received a 55-year Certificate from the Provincial President, and then a 60-year Certificate in 1993.

The ladies put on an Easter Sunday Brunch in 1989, which became an annual event for several years.

At year-end in 1990, the Auxiliary had 49 members; the 50th member passed away prior at the age of 96.

Legion Crest Pens were purchased to raffle at each meeting.
Legion and Auxiliary members traveled to Wascana Center to visit on January 20, 1993.

The Auxiliary and Optimist Club put on a Sunday Barbeque Beef Supper in 1994, and in 1995, a Barbequed Pork Supper.

Alexas Pickrell received her 60-year plaque from Command at a celebration tea. Mrs. B. Smith, a 64-year and charter member, passed away at the age of 91 years. Louise Anderson passed away at the age of 64, prior to receiving a Caring Canadian Award. Her husband, Joe, and daughter, Anne, received the award from the Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan.

The 3rd Saturday in November was Flea Market Day at the gym, which was later turned over to the Semans 4-H and Rec Center.

October 31, 1999, greetings and a Semans Homecoming bag were sent to Mrs. Nora Adam on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

The Auxiliary had donated to the Veteran's Comfort Fund, Bursary Fund, Last Mountain and District Music Festival, and Seniors' Homes. In 1998 and 2000, two Semans students were both presented with a $100 bursary.

From June 1997 to January 2005, the organization mourned the passing of fifteen members, ranging in age from 44 - 101 years of age. May God reward them for their years of devotion and service. The November 6, 2002 Auxiliary meeting marked the final disband of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Semans Branch 108.



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SHELLBROOK BRANCH 111



The history of Shellbrook Legion Branch 111 begins in 1919, when a Branch of the Great War Veterans Association was started with Comrade Henry Hunt as President; Comrade Gerald Bryden, Secretary; Comrade Ed Poppy, Vice President; and Comrade Dave Riggal, Sgt. At Arms. Other members were F. Brazenal, Cliff Warren, Jim Potts, R. DeSatge, G. Horricks, Tom Gilmore, Harry Ade, Jock Hyndman, and George Hutton. Meetings were held in the Town Hall.

In 1923 it was decided to erect a Memorial for the ones who did not return from war. Property for the Memorial site was obtained, consisting of two lots, one from the Village and one from the C.N.R. There was a low spot in the lot, a six-foot base was poured, and then dirt filled in around it to level the site. This took place in October 1923.

It was difficult to keep the organization going, and in 1928, the Branch lapsed for a while. Through the efforts of Comrade Reg. Moore, it was revived and meetings were held in the country at the homes of various members. In 1931, Shellbrook joined the B.E.S.L. Meetings were held in the Town Hall.

After the Second World War, membership increased, and when the Town Hall was moved to a new site and turned into a Hospital, the Legion was offered a meeting place in the Anglican Church Hall, rent-free.

With a larger membership it was decided to build our own Hall on property donated by the Town. In 1945, the basement was started, and in 1947, the Hall was first used.

On January 31,1951, the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was formed. Charter Members were: Helen Amandrud, Margaret Beilhartz, Freda Coles, Martha Coles, Sarah Fisher, Leah Hewitt, Elsie Jacobs, Inez Jacobs, Bertha Kerr, Esther Lundy, Ethel Land, Sarah Mair, Florence Mazarach, Anne McAteer, Agnes Pepper, Ellen Poppy, May Read, and Mary Wilkenson.

The Branch had a bronze plaque added to the Memorial on September 23, 2000, dedicated in recognition of the Korean Veterans. Later, a plaque dedicated to the Peace Keeper Veterans was also added to the Memorial.





A new section of the Shellbrook Cemetery has been designated for Veterans and Spouses. This is marked with a plaque, which reads: "Shellbrook & District Veterans, Lest We Forget, RCL # 111." In 2002, arrangements were made to have a plaque included on the Tourist Information Highway Sign: "VETERANS MEMORIAL SITE."

Life Memberships were presented in 2002 to Comrade C.R. Land by Comrade H. Beilhartz and to Comrade F.C. Agnew by Comrade W. Steel.

In 2003, a sign was installed in the Legion Park near the Cenotaph, denoting Veterans Memorial Park.

The Shellbrook Legion Branch conducts November 11th services in the Shellbrook Community Theatre with assistance from the local clergy, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Knights of Columbus. Days prior to the November 11th service, the Legion and Auxiliary provide Remembrance Service at the Elementary, the Composite School, the Wild Rose Community School and the Home Schoolers.

The Year of The Veteran, 2005, Comrade Wm. Steel was presented a commendation by the Minister of Veterans Affairs in Ottawa. In 2006, Comrade F.C. Agnew was presented his 60-year pin by Acting District Zone Commander Comrade Ed. Buehler.

Over the years, the Shellbrook Legion Branch has sponsored the Shellbrook Legion Band under the direction of Dr. Jack Spencer, an Associate Member. The Branch has also sponsored sports teams in Hockey, Ball and Track.

The Shellbrook Legion now has an area in the Shellbrook Heritage Museum for artifacts and information recognizing the area Veterans. President Comrade Bill Steel was the one whose efforts made this possible.

Current Legion membership is 26 members. Legion Ladies' Auxiliary membership is 24.

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WAWOTA BRANCH 113

On January 27, 1928, a meeting was held in the I.O.O.F hall at Wawota by returned men of the district to arrange the forming of a Branch of the Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L on January 27, 1928. Preliminary inquiries with Regina had been carried out and this was read to those present. The organizing of the Branch proceeded from there.

This was to be known as the Wawota Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., and a slate of officers were elected accordingly. Membership fees were set at $4.00 per year. At the next meeting, which was held on February 8,1928, a minute of silence was observed and it was moved that November 11th each year would be held as a Memorial Day, and April 9th would be a Festive Day. Fallen comrades' names were read aloud by the Branch Secretary on both these days.

From the start, the Branch was very conscious of the plight of the Veteran and his dependents. Red Cross clothing was distributed, and employment for various comrades was solicited. Pensions were applied for by making a representation to various bodies of both Canadian and British government. Loans were made to Veterans, gifts were given, drugs purchased, transportation arranged, and doctors and dental bills were assisted.

A meeting place was of prime importance. A hall was purchased and then the Branch invited the ladies of the district to form a "Ladies Auxiliary." The Branch helped them organize in 1930. Their many acts of kindness, donations, and the grace they brought to Legion functions by supplying meals and lunches, and their dedication to all things Legion, made the adoption of their organization one of the best moves the Branch ever made.

Membership, when the Branch was first formed, was fifteen, but swelled to eighty after the Second World War. Dues were only two dollars during the thirties, but were hard to come by and were often paid for with labour or loads of wood. Ladies' Auxiliary membership peaked at forty-seven in the thirties.

Accomplishments recorded by the Branch over the seventy-five years were varied and many. In most of these, the Ladies' Auxiliary assistance was prominent. Probably one of the biggest efforts was the taking over of the town hall. It was enlarged to twice its size, a kitchen, dining lounge, and heating area were added. Also included were a Legion Club Room and a Ladies' Lounge.

Another project was the raising of funds for the building of the Wawota Nursing Home. Other Legion projects included the acquiring of a Soldiers' Plot and erecting a cairn in the local cemetery. Honour rolls were completed and displayed and the Ladies' Auxiliary was instrumental in organizing a gallery of all Veterans pictures.

A strong canvas was conducted in connection with the Veterans Independence Program, and quite a few Veterans and their dependants were helped. Bursaries and scholarships for deserving students were instituted.

The Branch took part in celebrating of U.S. Memorial Day by being part of "Hands Across the Border," where a contingent of Canadian Veterans joined forces with American Veterans at Sherwood border crossing, U.S.A.

A Wall of Remembrance was organized and displayed, wherein those who did not return from war were honored by having their picture and histories showing a geographical feature in northern Saskatchewan named for them. This wall was dedicated on November 11, 2003, with families of the fallen participating. The wall will be part of the Legion Club Rooms forever. The latest project, as of this date 2006, is the erecting of a Cenotaph.

The Branch has been most active down through the years in Legion and district events and it has reason to be proud of its accomplishments. It has been fortunate in the caliber of its leadership and it is hoped that its future will be as rewarding as its past.

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INDIAN HEAD BRANCH 114

Soon after the First World War in 1919, Indian Head Veterans formed a Branch of "The Great War Veterans Association." They were given the name Branch No. 114. Some of the original members were: Harvey McCorkindale, Fred Handley, Jack Dinwoodie, Joe Thompson, George Drake, Leslie Oldham, Harvey Cole, Fred Briant, Alex Badenoch, Joe Philips, Dan McDonald, Tom Ramsay, Jack Creighton, and Charlie MacIntosh. The Branch was very active for a number of years and much good work was one in those days. In 1925, the name was changed to "The Canadian Legion," then at a later date, the prefix "Royal" was added. Their charter is dated October 1926.

Money was raised through July 1st Sports Days, with horse racing, Ice Carnivals, dances, bingos, etc.

Meetings were first held in the old town hall in the upstairs rooms until the "Memorial Hall" was built in the fall of 1954, and the new meeting rooms were used for the first meeting in January 1955.

Sports that the Branch enjoyed include curling and golf. Members of the Branch were provincial curling champions in 1978.

The Legion sponsors many causes, such as bursaries and scholarships for sons and daughters of Veterans, as well as supporting the Indian Head Hospital and Nursing Home. Their main sponsorship is the Indian Head Air Cadet Squadron 691, which was started in 1942 as Squadron 47, but was changed to Squadron 691 in 1959.

Present Branch membership is 69.

The Branch has placed a poppy grave marker on the grave of all Veterans in the Indian Head Cemetery.

LADIES' AUXILIARY INDIAN HEAD BRANCH 114

On the April 12, 1928, Indian Head received their Charter and the name was changed to "Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion British Empire Service League #114" from Indian Head Auxiliary. The names of the first members were recorded: Mary Jane Grace Macdona1d, Florance Swinn, Edna Coleman, Annie Donally, Maud Josephine McCorkindale, Elizabeth North, Rubbina Elizabeth Turner, Isabell Brocklebank, Ella Elizabeth Briant, May Clark Holyoak, Maud Evelyn Hudson, Annie Bells Cole, Margaret Burnie, Margaret Jane Linton, Mary Ellen Young.

In the early thirties, the ladies went through the draught years and the Legion, both men and ladies, worked with many distress cases giving groceries, clothing, bedding, money and lodgings, when necessary. Shortly after this, the Second World War broke out and many young men and women joined the forces from our district and soon the Indian Head Seventy Six (76th) Battery were on their way overseas. The Ladies' Auxiliary, with the help of the Legion, soon had arrangements made for parcels to be sent to all Indian and District service men and women three times a year, with 185 parcels sent each time. The ladies sold lunches at dances, held Teas, catered to banquets, weddings and held raffles and card parties to raise money. The Legion men helped with expenses, as did the different organizations in town. Businesses in the town donated money and donation boxes were put in each store. Even the school children helped to pack and carry parcels.

After the war was over, mothers of sons who had served, young wives of returned men, and overseas brides joined the Auxiliary. This was a great help because there was still much to be done for the Veterans and their dependents, as Veterans were still in hospitals and Veterans' Homes and our other charities. Through the years, the ladies have donated annually to the Bursary Fund for children of Veterans, Donors Choice, Indian Head Hospital, Nursing Home, sponsored a child for Camp Easter Seal, helped to furnish the Legion Rooms in the Memorial Hall and assist the Legion in any way possible. Their main concern through the years was always the Veterans Comfort Fund and to this they gave their major donation each year. The ladies had a Home and Hospital visiting Committee, took part in Remembrance Day Services, helped in the Poppy Campaign, and catered.

It was a very hard decision to make, but with the aging members and unsuccessful membership drive it was unanimously decided that Indian Head Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary #114 would disband. Dissolution took place on January 3, 2002.

ROSTHERN BRANCH 115

Rosthern Branch 115 was founded on February 16, 1933. C. B. McLacklen was the founding President in 1933; 1934-35, W.H. Morris was President; 1936-37, A. L Gosling was President. The Branch charter was stolen, so it is not known who else was part of the founding membership.

The Legion hall in Rosthern is a country school building that was moved into town at 2015 9th Street. The original building has been added onto four times, with the last addition being a covered deck and wheelchair ramp.

The Branch has an active Poppy Campaign and Remembrance program. Remembrance services are conducted at four area schools each year, as well as the community program on November 11th.

All Branch activities are done on a volunteer basis. There is one paid staff person who looks after hall rentals and hall cleaning, as well as grounds-keeping and snow removal.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Rosthern Branch 115 was founded on April 25, 1956. There were very active raising funds, catering, purchasing dishes and kitchen tools, and with general care of the Legion hall. The Auxiliary disbanded in 1994, but more than half the regular members of the Branch are now women; where before the Legion consisted of all men, and the Auxiliary was all women.

In the 1960's, we had an Army Cadet Corp funded and instructed by the Legion. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides used the Legion hall at no charge for a number of years, until they disbanded in the area.

The Batoche Chapter 424 of the I.O.D.E. was chartered on February 19, 1915. It is not known where they held their meetings prior to 1933, but they were permitted to use the Legion hall, free of charge, until they disbanded. Their charter still hangs on the Legion wall.

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SPEERS BRANCH 116

The Speers Legion Branch 116 was granted its charter on October 24, 1928. Its purpose was to safeguard the welfare of ex-service persons and their families. The charter members were: John Symonds, Claude Radley, Leonard Noakes, Percy Simmonds, William G. Scott, Ed Gregor, Ted Foster, Cecil Campbell, Clarence Lindsay, Harry Layman, Walter Pope and George Linnell.

The original Legion hall was situated south of the present Post Office on Main Street. It had been the first Speers School. It was used for social and small gatherings, and Legion meetings were also held there.

On May 8th, 1945 V.E. Day, a social was held in the Scott Hall. The register was signed by sixty-three guests and ten Legion members. The Executive consisted of the following members. Arthur Marjoram, William Scott, Fred Fasnacht. Members included were Louis Senum, Ted Foster, Charles Archibald, A.P. Pym, Harold Ashcroft, Walter Pope and Ernest Auckland.

In 1946, a New Year's Novelty dance was sponsored by the Legion. Admission was 50 cents for ladies and 76 cents for men. The net profits were donated to the Hafford Union Hospital for the purchase of hospital equipment on March 2, 1947 at the regular United Church service. In Speers, an honour roll was unveiled as a tribute to over fifty persons from the Speers Community who served in the armed services. Then on November 11, 1947, a Remembrance Day Service was held in the Scott Hall at 11:00 a.m., followed by a program at 8 p.m., and a dance with a total admission of 75 cents per adult.

In December 1947, final arrangements were made to purchase the Scott Hall with a name change to Legion Memorial Hall for a cash payment of $1500.00. In 1948, Comrade Ronald McKeen held the office of President until 1950. After vacating his position, he was elected treasurer and held this position for twenty years. Comrade Bill Flint, the remaining Life Member since 1994, held the position of President from 1973-1983. Elected in 1983 were: Treasurer, John Kindrachuk; and Secretary, Genevieve Russell. The late Comrade Stanley Dove was President from 1984 to 1987. Comrade Margaret Strautman was President from 1989-90. The late Bill Langley was President from 1991-1992, and Treasurer Comrade Margaret Strautman, followed by Helen Kindrachuk from 2001-2005.

Late Comrade James Marjoram held the following positions: Zone Commander, District Commander and Provincial Command Vice President, Provincial 1st Vice President and Provincial President.

The 2006 Branch 116 Executive is: President Comrade Roland Pelletier, 1993-2006; Treasurer Mitch Bomok; Secretary Genevieve Russell, 1983-2006. 2006 membership stands at 40 members. Our membership chairperson is Jean Pelletier.

Branch No. 116 still takes an active part in the Remembrance Day Service at the Hafford Communiplex. The Branch also continues to sponsor the Legion Literary and Poster competitions. Hafford School students Grades 1-12 enter these competitions. The Branch provides certificates and monetary prizes for winners in all categories. We also sponsor two students entering the Track and Field program. Donations are sent to the Telemiracle, Paraplegic Association, as well as the Speers Seniors Centre for the use of their building for Legion meetings.

The members of Legion Branch 116 respect and follow the Legion rituals, and follow the Legion manual to the best of their ability, and are hoping to keep their Branch active in years to come.

NORTH PORTAL BRANCH 117

The Canadian Legion North Portal Branch No. 117 was chartered under the British Empire Service League on October 23, 1928, shortly after the end of World War I. Charter members were Mr. Coller, Mr. Mossopp, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Brownlow, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Menzies, Dr. Parker, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Teeter and Mr. Bradley.

Having organized without the facilities of a hall, meetings and other functions were held by this Branch at various locations such as the Portal Odd Fellows Hall, the United Church Hall, Minto School and the Grand View Hotel lobby. During this period, memorial services were conducted at the site of the present Cenotaph.

In October of 1932 (as near as can be established), the North Portal Branch bought two lots from the village. They paid around three hundred dollars for the original Customs House from the Canadian Pacific Railroad. An additional seventy dollars was required for moving equipment and the expenses of two local farmers who loaned their tractors to move the building. Branch members, assisted by Arthur Daley, Harry Olsen and Reid Lyall, moved the building to its present location. Remodeling and repairs to the new hall followed and they held their first function, a Bridge party, in the new building on December 12, 1932.

During WWII, Zone representative Mr. Worrel of the Bienfait Branch, at a joint meeting with the North Portal Branch, gave the North Portal Ladies' Legion Auxiliary full authority to conduct and manage the business of the Legion. They continued to do so until such time as the service men returned to once again replenish membership.

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NORTH PORTAL BRANCH 117 *(...Cont'd)*

After WWII, a 'Welcome Home Party' was held for the servicemen of the area. The North Portal Branch was reorganized during 1946-47.

In the late 1980s, the old Legion Hall was shut down and meetings moved to the North Portal Community Hall. The Branch continues to rent a small room for items and can use the hall for their activities.

A Golf Tournament and different fundraisers are put on throughout the year.

At present, there are 36 members: Shaun Briscoe, Cathy Davis, Gary Ear, Ron Earl, Neil Hirnmelspeck, Dave MacDonald, J.E. Mckimm, Andy Pukas, Greg Skoczylas, Sylvia Skoczylas, Brenda Strong, Patricia Thompson, Joy Vancuren, Kevin Vancuren, Joe Yurkowski, Brad Burnett, Ross Dunbar, Mark Ermel, Ian MacDonald, Delmer Quewezance, Tim Skoczylas, Philip Thompson, Dean Vodden, Kelsey Trott, Greg Amott, Larry Dunbar, Trent Hildebrand, Scott MacDonald, Adrian Schindel, Wes Skoczylas, Toban Tisdale, Lori Wurtz, and Kristin Trott. The Branch is proud to have three Veterans as members: Russell Earl, Mac Dunbar, and John Paul Skoczylas

Ladies' Auxiliary to North Portal Branch 117

The North Portal Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion was organized on March 16, 1929, with ten women present. The first meeting was held on March 20th at which time dues of one dollar were paid. It was not until April 20, 1931 that they received their charter. Charter members were: Mesdames Teeter, Parker, Bennett, Brownlow, Davis, Elliot, Menzies, Nielsen, Mossopp, and Miss Chadwick.

The war years were busy ones. They had a sweater knit for every local young man, and all relatives of members, who joined the Armed Forces. In addition, they sent food parcels at Christmas and Easter, when possible. In between, they sent cigarettes and chocolates.

The Legion membership had fallen so low during the war years that they could not hold meetings. In August 1944, the Zone Representative of the Legion called a joint meeting of the Legion Auxiliary, and it was decided that they would conduct and manage any new business of the Legion, together with Mr. Brownlow as a councilor of the Legions, until they were again able to hold meetings.

The Ladies' Auxiliary history has changed little in recent years. They support local youth activities, contribute to a high school bursary every year and assist the Legion. Membership is now at nine members: Bonnie Pukas, Norma Barber, Doreen Maxwell, Jan Dunbar, Marion Milne, Betty MacDonald, Jane Dunbar, Betty Baniulis, and Dorthy Fuchs.

GULL LAKE BRANCH 119

The first association of war Veterans in Gull Lake was "The Great War Veteran's Association of Canada" founded in 1919, and the first Memorial Day Service was held in Gull Lake on November 9th of that year at the Lyceum Theatre. Charter Officers were: F.J. Badge, President; C.C. Barker, First Vice-President; P. Stockdale, Second Vice-President; J.R. Broley, Secretary/Treasurer; C.M. Martin, Sergeant-at-arms; Executive Members- H.E. Harris, D.C. Lochead, A.E. Woodward, S. Hendrickson and N. Robson.

The Association merged with the newly formed Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League in1926, which in later years became the Royal Canadian Legion. The activities of the Branch in the early years were mainly confined to Poppy Day and Remembrance Day Services on November 11th; a service has not been missed to this day. During these years, meetings were held at the members' homes and businesses.

When World War II began, the Gull Lake Legion Branch, like other Branches across Canada, became involved in many activities to assist the war effort. The Canadian Legion War Services Fund came into being. In 1943, sixty-eight copies of the Legion Magazine were purchased and sent overseas to service personal from the area. After the end of the World War II, the Branch was mainly concerned with the general welfare of ex-service personal and their families until 1947 when the club's role switched to become more involved with community events and services.

In 1960, the Legion helped the "Booster Club" to operate the town swimming pool, and in 1962 they took over full responsibility until 1979 when a new pool was built.

In 1947, a building committee was formed to obtain a Legion Hall; suitable buildings were not available until 1963 when the Legion purchased the Dama School from the Gull Lake School Unit. With the Legion needing almost all of its funds to operate the pool, it was difficult to finish the Legion Hall. The membership donated twenty-five dollars each, and ten members made $100.00 interest-free loans to complete the hall.

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in 1970, which was extremely beneficial for the club, providing an extra hand in the activities.



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NIPAWIN BRANCH 120

The precursor of the Legion Branch in Nipawin was the War Veterans Association, which held its first meeting in 1920. Nipawin Branch 120 received its charter on December 28, 1928. At that time, it was the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. Charter members were H.B. Smith, J. Lafarelle, J.F. McKay, W.O. Shearer, S.M. Scott, J.A. Irwin, J.A. Dall, W.W. Lawrence, F. Street, L.P. Corley, R. Rogers, H.J. Lawrence, J. Short, and G.A. McKay.

In the beginning, business meetings were held in a variety of places, including in the neighboring community of Codette, the Lawrence Bros. Hardware and the Odd Fellows Hall. In 1940, services of the local Branch were offered in any way for the Home Protection Force.

The Branch had an influx of new members at war's end and the decision was made to build a hall with the first $200 deposited into a building fund in September 1944. A shortage of building supplies (cement) delayed construction start until spring of 1946. This difficulty plagued construction. A loan of $2000 was obtained and members were asked to donate to the building fund ($10 in lieu of two days work). Voluntary loans were also obtained from the membership, but the job was finally completed. Two extra lots were purchased and a note burning for paying the $3000 debt was held in 1971.

In 1984, the official ribbon cutting for the new Legion lounge and clubrooms under the hall was held. An expansion for the new kitchen and meeting rooms was done for the Legion Diamond Jubilee in 1986. Major renovations to the lounge were made in 1995.

In 1996, the Memorial Park was constructed and the Cenotaph was moved to the Park with the official dedication held on August 10, 1997. The lift was added in 1998 to make sure Veterans had access to the hall and lounge.

In 2001, new washrooms were constructed with funds donated by the Auxiliary when it surrendered its charter. They gave over 70 years of valuable service to the Branch. A number of Auxiliary members were welcomed as Branch members.

In July 2002, the Tribute Wall was dedicated. Photos of those killed serving their country, along with the geographic site named for them are surrounded by photos of all those who have served from the area. This is an ongoing project with over 200 photos already filling the walls of the lounge. In the Upper Hall are the Fallen Heroes plaques donated by a local insurance company on behalf of Western Financial Group.

The Legion has always been a major sponsor of the Nipawin Air Cadet Squadron 190. In return, they assist the Branch with events such as the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day. The Branch has assisted with numerous youth projects, such as junior hockey,



baseball, track and field, music festival, scholarships, etc. We have been heavily involved with the Relay for Life Cancer run when it comes to Nipawin.

Through the Poppy Fund there are three bursaries available for students.

The Branch has over 200 members, including 16 Life members and 60 Ordinary members. Eight members have over 60 years in the Legion, including six exclusively to Branch 120.

Regular weekly events include: bingo, kaiser, darts, cribbage and a Saturday supper. We employ someone to run the lounge and a part-time janitor. Everything else is done by volunteers.

We have annual Vimy and Poppy Day teas, Decoration Day, Remembrance Day service and banquet preceded by visits to all local schools, and on November 11th, a second service at the nursing home. When Legion Branches in neighboring communities closed, we took over Poppy campaigns in White Fox and Codette. The Branch has hosted numerous provincial sports events, and take part actively in the Legion sports program. In 2000, the Branch hosted Dominion Regular Curling, and to add to the excitement, the Nipawin team won.

The hall has the Happy Harvesters Dance Club, the Community Drama group and the Diabetes Association as regular tenants. They also cater many community events. In 2007, the Branch will play a major role in the Anti-Stigma Campaign project conducted by the British Columbia Institute of Technology, one of only three communities in Canada to be chosen for the three-year project.

The Branch will celebrate its 80th Anniversary in 2008, and the members hope to honour the founders and Veterans with a mural in Memorial Park.

Branch members thank our veterans who have generously passed the torch to associate members, while carrying on supporting and working for the Branch whenever possible.

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NIPAWIN BRANCH 120 *(...Cont'd)*

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO NIPAWIN BRANCH 120

The Ladies' Auxiliary to The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 received its charter in 1929. Due to declining membership, it was disbanded in 2000, with remaining assets turned over to Nipawin Branch 120 and many of the remaining members joining the Branch.

Mrs. Nora Maywood was the first president. The main fund-raising activities in those years were teas and bazaars. Proceeds were used to assist First World War Veterans and Boer War Veterans and their families.

During World War II, the ladies became very active knitting for the servicemen and also sending parcels to them. Both during the war and immediately following, there was a large increase in membership, as the servicemen returned home.

In 1946, the new Legion Hall was opened. There was a mortgage on the hall, and the ladies wanted to assist the Branch in paying off this debt. There seemed to be a demand for catering, and they took that up. The first banquet was in early 1947, for the Board of Trade, at a charge of $1 per plate.

Catering was not easy in the first years. All glassware, china, cutlery, table cloths, pots and pans - everything that was needed to work with had to be brought from the members' homes. What fun after a banquet, sorting all that out and packing it to take home! Gradually, as funds were available, equipment was purchased. There was no water and sewer until 1951; the lack of this convenience made a great deal of work!

The largest banquet was held in 1953, when 400 guests were served for the Teachers District Convention. The joint project of the Legion and Auxiliary made the final payment on the mortgage.

For a few years, the ladies served as many as fifty events a year, a lot of work but a lot of fun. Several fashion shows were also put on.

A great deal of the money raised went to pay off the original debt, and to assist with the many improvements over the years, including the full cost of installing water and sewer. The final donation was used to install new washroom facilities in the upper hall.

There was a major fire at the Legion Hall in June of 1957, which curtailed activities for some time while repairs were made.

In the early 1980s, the Branch took over the dining room for a club room. This meant that catering would have to be done on the upper level; this was not practical. An addition was built to the hall, providing an excellent kitchen on the main floor. However, as members aged, the catering had to be cut down.

Over the years, donations were made to the provincial Auxiliary to help supply comforts for Veterans, and scholarships for children of veterans. Much was done locally over the years to assist Veterans and their families through difficult times. Non-Legion activities were also supported, such as the local Music Festival, sports, scholarships, donations to hospital and nursing home and many charitable organizations.

One project was "The Hand of Friendship." Veterans who were disabled were visited each month and received a small gift. This was extended to include all Auxiliary Life Members.

"Legion Auxiliary" meant helping the Legion Branch and this was accomplished in exemplary fashion over 70 years!

(Compiled from information given by Marian Lane to Bridging the Years history book.)

BIRCH HILLS BRANCH 122

On February 13, 1929, Birch Hills Legion received their charter with thirteen signatures, and became Branch #122. Money was scarce during the next decade. To keep the Branch solvent, some comrades contributed to pay delinquent members' per-capita tax.

During WWII, members of Branch 122 were active in helping the war effort in various ways and supporting men and women who had enlisted in the military services.

Arnold Davis, Gordon Savage and Sigurd Hokness obtained their discharge and joined the Legion before the 1945 annual meeting, thereby gaining seniority and starting a trend for younger WWII members to take over the Branch executive and influence future policy.

As Branch membership increased, the Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter on November 5, 1947, with six signatures. The addition of female members strengthened the Branch, and their co-operation made activities more social and successful.

The small building, which had served the Branch up to this time, was no longer adequate and rental space was used for a few years. The community remodeled the local skating rink, and when the Legion made a generous donation to the rink fund, they were given permission to erect a long, narrow room behind the upper level bleachers. This room had two main drawbacks; the noise during ice use and dampness in summer, which damaged paper records.

The members showed great ingenuity in raising money and earned the respect and support of the community. Branch 122 held public dances, some of the first pancake breakfasts with live radio broadcasting, carnivals with parades, queen contests, and ice shows. Beginning in 1949, '49ers Days,' using the old miner theme, became an annual event with beard contests and costumes, which made Birch Hills widely known and often copied. Bill Harper, a Legion chaplain with artistic ability, used the '49ers' theme to decorate the town and gave amusing names to some of the town leaders and business people.

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BIRCH HILLS BRANCH 122 *(...Cont'd)*

It was the Legion members who improved local area sports facilities and influenced the area councils to build a new union hospital. As one of the more generous donors, the Legion requested the word 'Memorial' be included in the name: Birch Hills Memorial Union Hospital. A bronze plaque, bearing the names on our local Honour Roll was placed in the Memorial Hospital (now, Memorial Museum). A stone cairn with duplicate plaque was erected in front of the hospital, and when the hospital closed, it was later moved to the front of the Legion Hall.

In 1960, the Branch purchased the present lot at 114 Bellamy Avenue. John Cook, the member who had supervised the construction of rooms in the rink, presented plans for a new Legion building. The design was approved and erected by volunteer members under his supervision, and construction was completed in early 1961.

The local cemetery had been neglected. John Cook was chosen to supervise improving the Veterans' section. Arnold Davis arranged help from Veterans Affairs. The work resulted in a monolithic pour for the Veterans' section and placement of monuments on all veterans' graves. This improvement encouraged the town council to hire a permanent caretaker for the cemetery.

Branch members have served as zone and district commanders, and have been active in inter-Branch activities. Branch 122 participated in and also hosted many curling events, golf and dart contests. When Veteran's needed help, the Branch supplied housing for several and helped others in financial need.

For sixty years, the Branch has held public annual Remembrance Day Services. Membership is presently down to 50 members, and few Veterans are able to march, or take an active role in Legion affairs. They must depend upon younger Associate members and Auxiliary to carry the torch.

KYLE BRANCH 124

The Branch originated as a member of the British Empire Service League. On September 10, 1929, the Branch received its Charter at Tuberose, Saskatchewan and was composed of Veterans of WWI and Boer War. It later became the Royal Canadian Legion after WWII.

In its earliest days, the Branch did not have a hall of its own. The towns of Tuberose, Sanctuary, White Bear and Kyle alternated having meetings. Sometime in the early 1930s, a property was purchased at Kyle that had formerly been a garage (Melland Garage). At the time of this report, the Post Office occupies the space.

After WWII, and the influx of new Veterans, the old hall was sold and a new one was built at its present site, starting in 1954. A ramp and new steps were built on the outside of the building in 1986. In 1987, the interior of the hall was redone with proceeds from the Estate of Comrade Roy Bryan. There is a photo display of local Veterans and Auxiliary in the hall, totaling 122 pictures.

In 1951, the Legion raised funds to build a "Memorial" skating rink. This rink, which was located on Main Street, was demolished after a new combined curling/skating rink was built on the outskirts of town in 1985.

The Branch awards academic and vocational scholarships to the local school; sponsors the Scouting Group; has provided uniforms to sports teams; supports the Provincial Track and Field Program; donates to the D.A.R.E. Program in the school; sponsor a sign at the sports complex, which is a yearly donation; in 2006, they donated $1,000 to the local Hospital Board toward the purchase of a defibulator.

The main fundraiser for the year is the ham and turkey bingos and dice-roll held in the fall until Christmas. The Branch holds a service for November 11th at the community hall. Potluck lunch is served afterward for those wishing to stay for fellowship.

In 1993, the Branch erected a cairn at Clearwater Lake Cemetery, Kyle district, in memory of all Veterans who served in all conflicts. At that time, a block of lots was set aside for a veterans' plot.

The Senior Citizen's Group moved to the Legion Hall in November 2004. This move helped us to keep our hall open with their monthly rent. A washroom was constructed on the main floor of the hall for their convenience. A work-bee was held in February 2006 to paint the upstairs interior of the hall.

The Branch has a membership of thirty in 2006, with a paid combined Treasurer/janitor.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was granted their Charter on March 27, 1931. Twenty-three ladies were Charter members. The first meetings were held in the Grain Growers Hall. In 1937, the group moved to the hall purchased by the Legion. The group moved to the present hall in 1956.

The ladies help the Legion with the annual bingos and dice-roll; hold an annual Poppy Day Tea and Bake Sale on the Saturday before November 11th. Proceeds from special draws of donated articles go to Veterans' Comforts and Veterans' Homes; they sponsor academic and vocational scholarships at the local school; support the provincial Track and Field Program; financially support an annual community fundraiser; in 2006, a project was done to place red maples leaves made of metal at graves of local Veterans.

There are sixteen Auxiliary members in 2006.

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GLEN KERR BRANCH 126



A group of fourteen World War 1 Veterans formed a Branch of the British Empire Service League, which was chartered on October 1, 1929, and named the Log Valley and Calderbank Branch #126. Original charter members were: W.K. Rooker, J. T. Glover, W.G. Yates, A.G. Bourne, C.E. Potts, C. Richardson, J. Main, A H. Craig. T. Clelland, H O. Shea, N.V. Ericksen, E. Gregory, R. Bailee and A. Sweeting.

The Branch was renamed in 1960 and received its charter on September 26, 1960, as the Glen Kerr Branch # 126. The Branch was active with bingos and pie socials and supported the activities of the Glen Kerr 4-11 Club in its early years. The Poppy campaign was always a strong point, together with the education of students on the values of peace.

The Branch had dwindled to three members until 1983 when a number of sons and daughters joined the membership. The Branch now has a total of 38 members, including four Veterans and one RCMP officer.

In 2000, the Branch was instrumental in putting the hamlet of Glen Kerr back on the highways map with Tourism Saskatchewan obtaining front page news in the Toronto Star.

The Branch remains active in the Poppy campaign and the education of youth through the Literary and Poster Competition. The Branch supports school activities, community events, Royal Canadian Legion Track & Field Program and Legion Activities.

History by Mildred Weppler, Secretary

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KINISTINO BRANCH 129



In the years 1928 and 1929, the Veterans of the First World War were meeting at many local villages trying to form a Legion. They met at Weldon, Brancepeth, Kinistino, and at times in farm homes.

On November 1, 1929, the Shannonville Branch of the Canadian Legion received its charter as Branch No. 129. Fees were set at $2 per member with 22 members present. There were 68 members by the end of the year. In 1932, the Shannonville Branch purchased the Canadian Utilities Powerhouse in Kinistino for $30.

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KINISTINO BRANCH 129 *(...Cont'd)*

They converted it into a hall and a Legion Clubroom. In 1946, many World War II veterans returned home and joined the Legion. The Weldon and Kinistino Veterans joined the Shannonville Branch. The Branch started using the chartered name "Kinistino." Membership grew to 101, with dues at $3.50 per year.

There was talk of building a new Legion hall. This hall became a reality with a lot of work by the Veterans and volunteers. The cost of building the hall was $18,546.44. Money was raised by various projects. One of those projects was a turkey raffle. This raffle brought in a generous sum of $1,355.48. That is quite a sum for one turkey.

The first meeting of the Kinistino Legion Branch #129 was held in the new hall on December 2, 1948. The official opening and dedication of the new hall was held on May 24, 1949.

The Kinistino Branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in 1945. The Legion and the Legion Auxiliary have continued to work closely throughout the years. The Auxiliary has given tremendous support and assistance for any Legion project.

Around 1966, the Legion began having weekly bingos. These bingos are still carried on in 2006.

Besides keeping the hall and clubrooms in good order, the Legion has donated to many community projects, both in money and as volunteers.

It was an exciting time when the Legion curling team went to Nationals in 1984 and 1986. Members of the team were Russell Bacon, John Freeman, Jack Drysdale and Gordon McPhee.



One of the highlights at Christmas is the Annual Turkey Dinner, which is prepared and served by the Legion and Legion Auxiliary in early December. Everyone from the town of Kinistino, who is 70 years of age or older, gets an invitation.

The Kinistino Legion has always had a strong Poppy Day campaign. Students at school are recognized with monetary awards at the local level for their posters and literary efforts. The Remembrance Day activities continue to be a well-attended and important event every November 11th.

In August 2006, the Kinistino Legion had two Life members, thirteen Ordinary members, thirty Associate members, and no Affiliate members.

It is hoped that this Legion Branch will remain strong.
History from research by Russell Bacon

HUDSON BAY BRANCH 130

The Hudson Bay Branch 130 was formed on November 26, 1929, and was then known as Hudson Bay Junction with twelve charter members. At the present time, there are 96 Legion members. The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed on September 27, 1932, with twelve charter members. The Ladies' Auxiliary now has twelve members.

The Branch's first fundraising was dances and suppers. They now have weekly bingos, Ladies Night Out, fall suppers, and monthly suppers. They have started a 100 Club Lottery with a raffle every Friday.

The present hall was built in 1948, and renovations are done as needed. We also have a bar downstairs. We have a Boer War home in the Heritage Park.

The Branch sponsor Track & Field and give bursaries to our Veterans' grandchildren, donate to numerous charities, and members take part in cribbage, darts, bowling and golf.

CANWOOD BRANCH 132

The Canwood Branch of the Legion was chartered on February 14, 1930. There were thirteen Charter members.

The Branch was revitalized with the return of World War II Veterans in 1945. The Legion hall was started in 1949. The floor was laid in 1952, and it was opened in 1954. Sewer and water were installed in 1963. In 1971, an upstairs kitchen was built. In 1976-78, that hall was updated with a new floor and carpet, new kitchen cupboards and new lights.

In August 1949, a group of ladies met to form an Auxiliary to the Legion. Their charter arrived in December and was signed by ten ladies.

The Auxiliary started with a bank account - this was achieved by making and selling lunches at the Silver Lake Dances every Saturday night. In the early years, when the ladies catered, they had to bring everything from home: water, wood for stove, dishes and silverware, and white sheets to use as tablecloths.

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CANWOOD BRANCH 132 *(...Cont'd)*

Food was cooked in the kitchen in the basement and then carried upstairs. Everything was sorted afterward and returned to its proper owner. The first meetings were held in homes and then in the local school. In 1952, they started serving dinners to the public on November 11th.

The activities of the Legion and Auxiliary have been shared, and were many and varied over the years: sponsoring a Queen in a Legion carnival, helping the Legion hockey team, helping the Legion with a booth at Sports Days, hosting Pancake Breakfasts, assisting with TB surveys, making visitations to the Mental institution at North Battleford, sponsoring blood donor clinics, sponsoring swimming lessons, and sponsoring local Legion curling teams. They have sponsored pages in school yearbooks, formed a Branch of P.A.V. Reserves and sponsored a cadet unit, supported the construction of the Canwood Community Clinic, the curling rink and the skating arena, sponsored Literary and Poster contests, participated in Legion curling and golf, hosted curling and golf at the district level, established a Veteran's plot in the North Cemetery, and held annual St. Patrick's Day suppers and dances, New Year's Eve Dances, supplied welfare baskets to sick Veterans, and donated funds to Veterans who were in need because of fires, sickness or funeral costs. They have organized the annual poppy drive and support the Peterson Trust Fund.

At present, the Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary cater to many events: donate to Telemiracle, work bingos in Prince Albert, continue to sponsor athletes to Legion Track and Field Camps, host teas and bake sales, make donations to local groups and charitable organizations, make donations to the Bursary and Welfare Fund, make regular visitations and give gifts to the elderly Veterans, sponsor the Legion Literary and Poster contest, and conduct the annual Poppy drive. They have each furnished a room in Whispering Pine Place Nursing Home in Canwood. The Auxiliary donated an additional $2,500 to Woodland Home Care. The Legion has also donated funds for the upgrading of equipment in the nursing home. They still host a St. Patrick's Day supper. They are also part of the three services prior to November 11th: one in Canwood Community School, Debden School and Whispering Pine Place. A public service on November 11th is held in the Legion Hall where a lunch is provided for the public

In 1990, the original Cenotaph was redone in stone, and flowers and trees were planted on the Legion grounds. They are now in the process of upgrading the hall, with new roofing and a wheelchair ramp. They still contribute to the school yearbook. Legion members are still active in curling and golf. The Legion conducts the annual poppy drive and a Club 200 raffle has been held in the last few years to raise money. The upkeep of the hall and grounds, fundraisers, catering events and services are done on a volunteer basis. A few of our Veterans go to the schools and speak with various classes each year just before Remembrance Day.

At present, the Legion has twenty-two active members and the Auxiliary has twelve members.

STOUGHTON – TECUMSEH BRANCH 133



After the cease of hostilities of the 1914-1918 war, the servicemen formed a local group, which was eventually turned into The Royal Canadian Legion. They received their charter on April 22, 1930. Within the shuffle of moving from one building to the other, the list of charter members was lost, and the Veterans that are left cannot remember how many charter members they had.

The meeting place for years was the second floor of the Town Hall. During the 1950s, a building was purchased at Corning and moved to Stoughton. An addition was built on it to accommodate the local cadet troop. This building served as the Legion home until the present building, which was built in 1968. This building has served and is serving the community and is a great asset to the town.

The main focus of the Branch is serving the Veterans of the community, never forgetting the great sacrifices they have made.

The lounge is licensed, and can seat approximately 100 people, plus a huge hall and two meeting rooms.

The Branch members raise funds from such projects as the annual Border International Field Trials, weekly Monday night bingos, and many meal functions. They donate to Pioneer Lodge Minor Sports, school bursaries, Provincial Track and Field and curling rinks within the community. They are also very active with Remembrance Day Service and the Essay, Poem and Poster contest for students.

Membership currently stands at 78 members.

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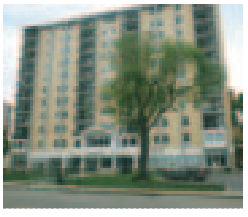
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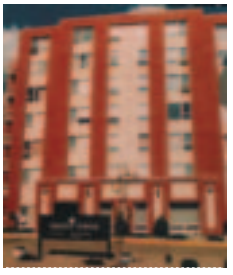
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STOUGHTON – TECUMSEH BRANCH 133 *(...Cont'd)*

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO STOUGHTON-TECUMSEH BRANCH 133

The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in the council chambers of the Stoughton Town Hall on August 18, 1941, under Zone Representative Mrs. Weightman of Weyburn. Ten members were initiated. Mrs. Mildred Sutherland of Heward was the first President.

During the Second World War the Auxiliary sent cigarettes, mitts, socks and parcels of chocolate bars to the men overseas.

In the 1950s, the meetings were moved to the Legion building where funds were raised by card parties, bake sales and rummage sales. Swimming lessons were sponsored at White Lake.

In 1968, they moved their meetings to the new Legion facility, where they stayed until they dissolved in 2003.

Their first priority was the Veterans Comfort Fund and also donated funds to schools for bursaries and sponsored a student to the Provincial Track and Field Camp. They donated to local hockey teams, baseball teams, the swimming pool, drop-in centre, arts and entertainment.

On November 11th of every year, they donated monies to the Legion Branch ranging from $50.00 in 1941 to amounts exceeding $2,000.00 in the later years.

The Ladies were definitely the backbone of the local Legion Branches.

NEILBURG BRANCH 135

Manitou Lake Royal Canadian Legion Branch 135 was organized in November of 1947, with twelve Comrades in attendance. They held their first meetings at Gibbons' Garage, the pool elevator office or the CPR waiting room. They made plans to build a Legion Hut and completed it in 1948. Funds raised for the Hut were made by holding dances and raffles. A re-organizational meeting was held in November of 1949 with the Legion Zone representatives T. Hubbard and Babcock addressing the lack of interest and the needs of the Legion Branch. In 1950, the Legion sponsored a Junior Baseball team, made donations to the Neilburg Union Hospital and the reconstruction of the Neilburg Community Hall and to the blind.

The Neilburg Legion Ladies' Auxiliary wasn't organized until 1952. The Auxiliary held their meetings at their homes and the CPR waiting room. They raised funds by having bake sales, a birthday box, raffles and collecting lunch money.

The Freemont Branch was organized on June 22, 1947 with twelve Comrades present. They held their first meetings in the Municipal Office in Freemont and later in their homes. They built their Hut in 1949, raising money by raffles, dances and whist drives. On November 15, 1949 The Royal Canadian Legion held a joint meeting with the ladies to organize a Legion Auxiliary with representatives Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. G. Skinner to initiate new members.

There had to be seven ladies to form an Auxiliary. They held their first meetings in their homes. Fundraisers for the Auxiliary were sales of candy, Christmas cards, and knitted afghans.

In 1953, Manitou Lake and Freemont Legions held a joint meeting with Comrade George Edwards, Zone representative present, and decided to amalgamate into one Legion Branch, which was named the Neilburg Branch 135.

The Freemont Hut was moved to Neilburg and joined onto the existing Hut to form a larger space. In 1955, they built on a kitchen, where the Auxiliary Ladies held their meetings. By 1974, the Auxiliary helped to put in a furnace, water and sewer. In 1977 they put carpet in the kitchen and fluorescent lights in the hall area. This was quite a change from the old wood coal heater and oil burner.

The Neilburg Branch has sponsored many organizations and events over the years, including: sponsorship of hockey teams buying sweaters; they sponsored the Carnival Queen in 1957; they held bingo games to raise funds to send to the Neilburg Union Hospital and Community Hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary raised funds for Veterans' comforts and Christmas fruit baskets for seniors and provided Scholarships and Bursaries to students. They also helped to fund a new x-ray machine and heart monitor for the hospital. The Branch and Auxiliary have also helped with chores around the hospital and United Church and even helped Comrades who have had house fires in their area.

The Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded in 1993, due to lack of membership, and some of them joined the Neilburg Branch at that time.

The Branch continued on with its support to the community, hosting garage sales and barbeques. In 1995, Robbie Burns Night was implemented, along with Mother's Day Brunches and Amateur Talent Nights, all aimed at maintaining the Legion's commitment to the community.

1999 saw a member of the Neilburg Branch attend the Youth Pilgrimage to Europe. Upon her return, she spoke to 3000 people about her experiences in Europe during that year.

In 2000, the Branch decided to create a Memorial Park in honour of those Comrades who served. It officially opened in 2003, and is located at the corner of 2nd Street West and 1st Avenue. Much fundraising was done for this venture also. In 2005, the membership decided to set the goal of a new Legion Hut to be built next to the Memorial Park.

As of this present date, the Branch has seven WWII Veterans: Grant Doolittle, Neil Lamb, Rex Hall, Russell Goodfellow, Maurice Lane, Norman Peart, Les Graham; as well as 50 regular members, and going strong. They hosted a celebration in the fall of 2006 to honour 60-year member Russell Goodfellow and 50-year member Neil Lamb.

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BIG RIVER BRANCH 136



Big River Branch 136 was granted its charter on April 23, 1930, with 15 active members. The first meetings and socials were held in private homes, but the first Legion hall was soon purchased on Third Avenue South. In 1950-1951, a garage on Main Street was converted to a hall and kitchen, and the British Commonwealth Ex-Serviceman's League had its new, roomier residence. Since its meager beginning, the veterans of the area have been well represented, their concerns have been heard and when requested, a proper 'soldier's burial' was performed. Every year since, a November 11th 'Remembrance Day' service has been held at the hall as well as at the schools.

In 1950, Branch 136 was asked to put on a supper for the lumber mill opening and the wives and daughters were asked to convene. On August 3rd, 1951, the Branch 136 Ladies' Auxiliary was granted its charter with 15 active members. It should be noted that the ladies had been helping out since the Legions' conception and now they had the deserved recognition for keeping the barrel heater burning and floors scrubbed, as well as assisting the men with their activities.

Together, the Legion and its Auxiliary have kept busy supporting veterans and the community with many activities such as July 1st Sports Day, Shrove Tuesday supper, St. Paddy's Day and Remembrance Day Tea and Bake Sales, card parties and socials. Fund raisers were held through our wreath and poppy sales, hamburger booths (with no shelter from the rain), ice cream sales with no refrigeration, bingos, and of course, hall rentals. These are just a few of the ways the Branch has kept the hall open and the bills paid. One must also remember that there was wood heat, no water and sewer, and the power supply could be gone without notice. In the early years, the heater was lit 2 - 3 hours before a function, water hauled by pail, and the outhouse had to be kept clean. When the power went out, you either moved outside or lit candles or coal oil lamps. Things have certainly changed. Dishes for supper were borrowed from members' homes until the Auxiliary had collected enough Robin Hood and Nabob coupons to get their first complete set.

In later years, the branch competed in many zone, district and provincial events, such as conventions, rallies, curling, cribbage, golf and darts, with many success stories.

Some of the Branch's main contributions are to hockey, Track and Field, Veteran's Comfort, hospital and nursing home, cemetery, schools and youth, seniors groups and the local recreation centre. The Branch members feel fortunate to have supported local veterans and the community in the past and in the future.

In 1953, a cenotaph and flagpole were constructed in front of the hall to commemorate the Branch members' dedication to Remembrance, veterans, the Branch, and the Royal Canadian Legion and its objectives. The Branch members encourage local youth to carry this on through the Poem, Poster and Essay Competition, school Remembrance Day Service and track and field, with the hope that Branch 136 will continue on forever. Today, in 2006, the Branch has 180 members, and are a continuing strong voice for veterans and the community. Lest we forget. We will remember them.

EARL GREY BRANCH 137

Earl Grey Branch received their Charter from The Great War Veterans Association of Canada on July 22, 1919. Israel Cross was President, and Amos Harrison was Secretary.

On May 24, 1921, The Great War Veterans Association Memorial Hall was dedicated. On the front of the hall, a tablet was erected in memory of our boys who fell in the Great War 1914-1919. The tablet was erected by the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Longlaketon.

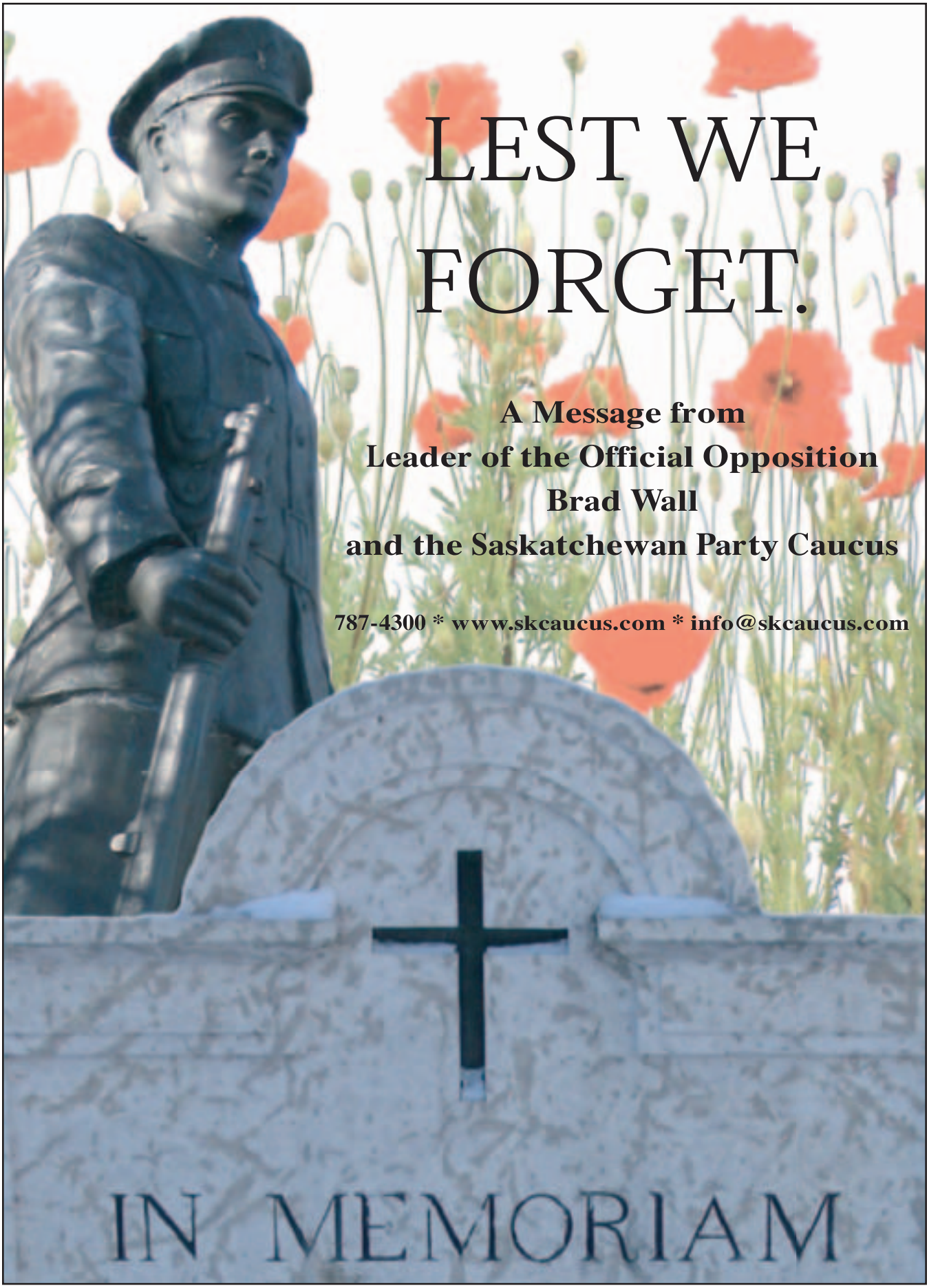
On April 13, 1930, an organizational meeting was held: Amos Harrison, President; Joseph Austin, 1st Vice; and Robert Shaw, Secretary. The Canadian Legion of The British Empire Services League Charter was received on May 12, 1930. Members listed on the Charter were: Guy Foster, Amos Harrison, Joseph Austin, Robert Shaw, George Buchan, John Jinks, John Bremner, Israel Cross, George Nutt, Robert Bremner, James Binnie, Frank Binnie. It is interesting to note that at a time when place of birth is often listed as England or Scotland, George Nutt's place of birth is listed as Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies.

In 1946, the Earl Grey Ladies Patriotic Club offered to erect a tablet listing names of the men who fell in the 2nd Great War. The tablet was installed on the front of the building in 1948.

The Legion Hall has seen many renters, which helped with maintenance costs to the building: The Butterton Telephon, Pentecostal Mission, Lutheran Ladies Aid, School Unit, Earl Grey Band, Poultry and Egg Pool, Patriotic Club, Mitzaph, Earl Grey Co-op, Sylvan Telephone Company Wheat Pool, Farmers Labour, Fairy Hill- Ladies, German Canadian Club, Boy Scouts, United Church Ladies Aid Earl Grey Board of Trade Polio Clinic in the 1950s.

The Branch participated in parades, ran the crown and anchor on Sports Days, played softball. and of course, curling. Dances,

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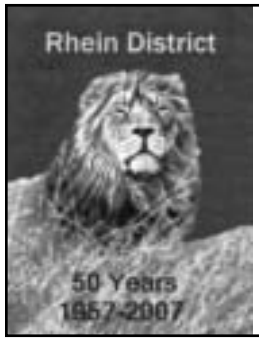
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bingos, whist drives and raffles helped to raise money. Raffle prizes were varied: a movie camera, a record player, grocery hampers, even two watercolour paintings were donated by Mrs. Highland. In 1953, the school contest for written essays on Remembrance Day was first sponsored and is still being promoted today.

In 2005, due to the disrepair of the building and rising costs, the Membership turned the building over to the Village of Earl Grey. Branch #137 is presently working on two projects: a military history of area Veterans, and the erection of a Cenotaph in the Guy Foster Memorial Park. This is their way of keeping alive the memory of those who fought.

Current membership in the Branch is 20 members.

When the Legion & Ladies Auxiliary hosted the curling, they made all the meals, which were a big hit. The Ladies' Auxiliary won the Provincial Curling Championship on March 11, 1965, and the team consisted of skip Ann Shaw, lead Min Krupp, second Marion Smyth, and third Helen Anderson. In 1968, the ladies won the Zone Curling and here is a photo of that team.

Many of the younger Legion members joined the curling team in 1976-1977, which was nice to see.



Left to right: Ann Shaw, Helen Anderson, Marion Smyth, Madge Kiel

The Ladies' Auxiliary have also been proud to have been part of, and sponsor, children for the Royal Canadian Track and Field Camp, and Scholarships and Bursaries for education.

All of the Branch's members, both past and present, are volunteers and have been happy to serve community and country especially to help Veterans. Most of all, the Earl Grey Ladies' Auxiliary have enjoyed a good time together, with laughter and comradeship, and with that so much can be achieved.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO EARL GREY BRANCH 137

Twenty-two ladies got together and held a first meeting on August 12, 1953. They banded together after having a supper made by the Legion men on November 11th! It was quite bad! After 1953, the ladies made the suppers consisting of turkey, potatoes, salads, vegetables, home made buns, etc. Quite a feast, after the suppers that the men put on from 1946-1952! The ladies that attended that first meeting were: Mrs. Joe Austin, Agnes Binnie, Laura Burmeister, Frieda Butz, Annie Ellias, Mary Hunter, Helen Huber, Amelia Kiel, Grace Kiel, Madge Kiel, Truce Manz, Ethel Pinkney,



Front row: Anne Shaw, Bill Shaw, Geoffrey Williams
Back row: Linda Fyfe, Joyce Bundus, Mrytle McLeod, Donna Rumpel, Lynn McLeod, Avril Williams, Ken Hornung, Laurie Mohr, Harvey Wicks, Gladys Johnson

Dolores Pinkney, Frances Pinkney, Margaret Pinkney, Annie Peerless, Rose Pinkney, Elsie Renner, Anne Shaw, Edith Shearer, Marion Smyth, Bertha Wagner. The Earl Grey Ladies' Auxiliary was officially chartered on July 12, 1956, and the charter consisted of ten names: Agnes Binnie, Laura Burmeister, Frieda Butz, Madge Kie1, Dolores Pinkney, Margaret (Peggy) Pinkney, Rose Pinkney, Lydia Rick, Marion Smyth, and Bertha Wagner.

To raise funds to help the Legion, we wrote to Eaton's and Simpson's Department Stores for donations of material. Then the ladies all gathered together and made the material into quilts, which were raffled-off to make money. The venture was very successful and those first monies were used to purchase new cutlery and dishes for sixty people and to put on November 11th lunches. Sometimes, there weren't enough plates, so the ladies would bring extra from home. This was no longer a problem after a few years, as unfortunately our members dwindled mainly due to either deaths or sickness.

During those early days the Legion was in very poor shape, so the ladies got together to help with painting and maintaining the hall and making curtains to brighten it up. They purchased tables and chairs, which are still used today. The building is in even worse shape today, but now the membership is not large enough nor do they have the resources to fix it up properly.

The Ladies' Auxiliary have remained industrious throughout the years and have decorated many floats for all the parades. The two biggest ones were for the Saskatchewan Jubilee in 1955, and the Canadian Centennial Parade in 1967. That year a centennial quilt was made and raffled-off, which turned out to be a very lucrative fundraiser. Other projects the Ladies' Auxiliary started were making Christmas parcels for Veterans living alone, consisting of clothing, including sweaters, shirts, slippers, gloves, and of course some home baking. All of these parcels were delivered personally by the ladies and all of the Veterans enjoyed receiving their gifts. The ladies have assisted the Legion with cabarets, making lunches for farm auctions and hosting Poppy Day Teas.

The Ladies' Auxiliary have helped with the November 11th services held in the community hall over the years and have been happy to have ministers from every religious sect participate and welcome the whole community. After the service, the ladies supply and serve a special lunch at the Legion hall. Everyone has a wonderful time and over the years, they have often had someone play the piano with singing along to the wartime songs. They have a wonderful time and really enjoy each other's company and camaraderie.

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BIGGAR BRANCH 138

Biggar Branch was chartered in June 1930, with 17 Boar and First World War Veterans. The Ladies' Auxiliary was chartered on August 9, 1937, with 15 members and was disbanded in 1998 for lack of members.

The early meeting halls were small and in the community. Over the years, a lot of time and funds have gone into the present hall, which the Branch has had for over 50 years, and many wonderful happenings have evolved from it over the years.

Some of the biggest and best ventures have been the sponsorship of the longest running Santa Claus and Community Day for kids and shut-ins for over 30 years.

Over the years, as well as community events, the Branch has run a Senior Hockey Team, Two-Day Semi-Pro Baseball, as well as minor sports of all kinds, and some very large donations to the Fire Department, Hospital and Senior Homes and meeting centre.

The Branch has both paid and volunteer staff, and a bar license as well.

The Branch is well respected in the community and take a large part on November 11th parade and services. Much of the members' time is given towards the welfare to veterans and their dependents.

Present membership of Biggar Branch 138 stands at 137.

WILKIE & DISTRICT BRANCH 139

The fIrst organizational meeting of local veterans was held in the old fITe hall on March 22, 1930. The name chosen was the Wilkie District Branch British Empire Service League Canadian Legion. The charter was granted June 4, 1930. Charter members are: lC. Jones, W. McAllister, D.J. McCarthy, J.H. Gammon, H.R. Wells, W.P. Graham, G.G. McConechy, J. Wemyss, M.A. Wilson, and G. W. Smith.

The cenotaph was dedicated in the Memorial Park on July 3, 1927. The first Armistice Day parade of veterans and Legion members was held there November 11, 1930.

A Legion Hut was constructed on the corner of Imperial A venue and Marion Street. The fITst meeting in there was probably held January 8, 1933. The hut was sold to Allan Crawford Jr. and moved off the site June 25, 1945.

Early fund raising activities included a Jitney Dance which cost 5 cents a dance, or you could dance all evening for 35 cents. Several bingos, dances, and teas have been held throughout the years.

The branch sent cigarettes to local servicemen overseas in World War II. Financial assistance was given to the War Services fund, aid to Russia, and to our local veterans and dependents. In 1945 the Branch and the Town Council established a Soldiers Plot in the local cemetary. Pte Oliver Zink was the frrst veteran laid to rest. This year (2006) a new sign is being erected to honor our veterans.

August 10, 1945, a Decoration Day Service was held in the Roxy Theater. At this time a new plaque was unveiled for the Cenotaph. The plaque contained the names of the 34 local deceased World War II soldiers.

Work on a new Legion Hall was started September 6, 1947. The 28' x 48' structure included a full basement. The hall did not have water and sewer connections. Water was hauled in and the local Night Soil Man was always sure of a hefty donation. Upgrades to the hall continued over the years with a 15 foot extension being added in 1968.

Our Auxiliary has been the backbone of our organization for the past 60 years. We were proud to participate in their 60th Anniversary celebrations. They received their charter April 15, 1946. The Auxiliary charter members are Edith Johnson, Beatrice M. Nay, Lonetta M. Grill, Lorna P. Hushagen, Marion J. Knisely, Lyla Hushagen, Mary Abramoff, Irene Cameron, Mary McIntosh, Margaret E. Buxton, Jean Turner, Agnes McConechy, Loretta Marshall, and Mary Sherwood.

Throughout the years the ladies have worked tirelessly catering, running bingos, teas, and raffles to name a few. They have always been there for us. The Legion simply couldn't have done it without them.

The many fun times at the Wilkie Branch have included the Pig & Whistle dances, the haggis at the Robbie Bums dances, and the pipers at the St. Patrick's Day dances. Our present membership (2006) is 56 members.

Submitted by Dave Martin Sec. Wilkie Branch #139

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TOMPKINS BRANCH 140

After World War I (1914-1918), Veterans of the Tompkins area joined the "Great War Veterans Association" and as of 1928, members of the organization were: CA. McEwan, Bill Mullen, Sid Knight, Sandy (Alex) Blair, Ben Smith, Randy Holding, Alfred Heffer, John Gilchrist, Joe Little, Jim Smith, Alex Chouinard, Jacob Joyce, Alf Watell, Bill Dowland, Sam Beatty, Max McGillivary, I.A. Brian, Gordon McEwan Cyril Theedon, Aurther Hansen, Rev. Williams, Reg Forster, T. Henry Forsaith, Archie Cameron, Charlie Keown, E.J. Leicester, Harry Heffer. The meetings were first held in the Orange Hall, then in the old school house, and finally in the Beaver Lumber Yard (located at the present day post office).

In 1925, the Federal Government passed an act to incorporate all Veterans Associations, to be known as the Royal Canadian Legion - (BESL) British Empire Service League with Branches throughout Canada.

In 1930, the Royal Canadian Legion Tompkins Branch #140 was organized. The membership roll was transferred and absorbed into this new organization and the Great War Veterans Association terminated.

Charter members of the Tompkins Legion #140 were: Scotty (Ivy) Richardson, President; Alf Wastell, Vice-President; I.A. Brian, Secretary/Treasurer; C.A. McEwan, Alex Forsyth, John Gilchrist, Thomas Simpson, Archibald Cameron, Cyril Theedon and Reg Forster.

The Branch was represented at all Provincial and Dominion Conventions by delegate Alf Wastell.

The Legion was very active within the community, promoting sports and supporting many worthwhile activities, one of the foremost projects being the building of the Tompkins Memorial Hall, which was completed in 1946. In 1957, they purchased and renovated the building presently known as the Legion Hut.

In 1984, the Tompkins Legion membership had dwindled to only nine members. George Robinson, then President, recruited M.C. (Dick) Wells, who had just retired from the Royal Canadian Navy, and together they started a recruiting campaign. By 1986, the membership had increased to over forty members. Dick Wells is still membership chairman and the current membership, in 2006, is 65 and climbing.

The Tompkins Legion Branch #140 has represented Saskatchewan on three occasions at Dominion Cribbage. In 1994, George Robinson, Dick Wells, Alvin Dugan, and Peter Robinson won the right to represent the province in Saskatoon, losing by two points to British Columbia. George was the oldest competitor at a young 81 years. In 1998, Tompkins again represented the province in Charlottetown, PEI, with the team consisting of Dick Wells, Garlin Wells, Bernie Ford and Peter Robinson. Again in 2001, lady luck smiled on Tompkins and Dick Wells, Garlin Wells, Bernie Ford and Raeburn Jahnke represented the province in Kingston, NS.

The Royal Canadian Legion Tompkins Branch #140 are very active within the community at this time giving support to the Rec. Board, Curling & Skating Rinks, Community Centre, School, Senior Citizens and many youth activities.

Legion Presidents since 1984 are as follows:

1984	George Robinson
1985	Jake Jesse
1986-1988	M.C. (Dick) Wells
1989	Preston Eklund
1990	Pat Robinson
1991	Raeburn Jahnke
1992	Raymond Peterson
1993	Don Harvey
1994-1995	Peter Robinson
1996-1997	Randy Jahnke
1998-1999	Peter Robinson
2000-2002	Randy Jahnke
2003-2004	Pat Robinson
2004-present	Judy Wells

Legion Secretary/Treasurers since 1984:

1984-1986	Alex Forsyth
1987-1988	Don Harvey
1989-1990	Dick Taylor
1991	Ken Ford
1992-1993	Raeburn Jahnke
1994-1995	Walter Ernshaw
1996-2001	M.C. Wells
2001-present	Bette Jane Jahnke

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO TOMPKINS BRANCH 140

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Tompkins Branch 140 was formed on May 12 1947, with Mary Kruse as President and Gladys Wiens (McEwan), Flora Thompson, Faye Wiens, Mae Noland, Mary McEwan, Vera Brian, Ethel Downey, Gertrude McEwan, Mary Cave, Olive Harrison, Irene Bethel, Hazel Baker, Mary Ivhason, Violet Leoppkey, Marion Mitchell, Elizabeth Ward and Amelia (Dolly) Hundt. The first meeting of the Ladies'Auxiliary was held in the town hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary was very active throughout the community for many, many years. *(Cont'd...)*

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On November 11, 1954, they had a Legion Banquet for 100 people folIowed by a dance. In 1955, they donated funds to the Gull Lake Hospital for a lift. For the Remebrance Day Service in 1993, the Legion and Auxiliary put on their own memorial service in the Community Hall with over 150 people in attendance. Chris Wolfater gave the service with assistance from Vivian Sandilands and Dolly Hundt. Back in 1953, the ladies had a bingo and card party - admission was fifty cents with additional cards five cents each. On November 11, 1994, a fowl supper was held with admission $1.75 per plate. One hundred and fifty guests where served. For the Legion Sports Day in 1955, they served a cold plate for forty cents, with coffee ten cents extra. In 1969, they served a cold plate at the New Year's Dance for $4.00 per plate. How times (and expenses) change. In 1982, Life members were Gertrude McEwan and Almira Mussel. In 1978, Mary Eupre received a Certificate of Merit and became a Life member in 1988. On October 6, 1994, Katherine Swan, Gladice Roen, Dolly Kimber, Dolly Hundt, Christina Wolfater, Monte Campbell, Gladys (Wiens) McEwan, and Iris Cameron all received a Life Membership.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Tompkins Branch 140 continued to serve the Legion and the Community until they surrendered their Charter in 2000. At that time, several of their members joined the Legion in order to continue to serve and enjoy the comradeship.

Auilixary Presidents were:
Mary Krust, Beth Lease, Dolly Hundt, Allie Mussel, Hazel Baker, Lea Jensen, Velva Brian, Irene Wolfater, Myrtle Wiens, Ruby Harris, Mary Flaherty, Monte Campbell, Gladys Wiens, Iris Cameron, Chris Wolfater, Bertha Connaboy, Helen Rathwell, Minerva Elms, Hope Mussel, Dolly Kimer, Pear McIntyre, Emily Ford, Hazel Brown, Mary Clark, Catherine Sloan, Mary Eupre, Mae Noland, Kay Schenk, Vivian Sandilands, Judy Wells.

Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurers were:
Gladys (Wiens) McEwan, Mary Kruse, Elizabeth Ward, Hope Mussel, Jean Mussel, Hazel Baker, Irene Bethel, Dolly Hundt, Myrtle Wiens, Mae Noland, Helen Rathwell, Lea Jensen, Chris Wolfater, Gladice McGregor, Iris Cameron, Mary Eupre, Mary Flaherty, Hazel Brown, Augusta Holding, Vivian Sandilands, Dorothy Meyers, Marlene Rak, Mavis Woodward.

MAIDSTONE BRANCH 142

Nine World War I Veterans from Maidstone and district, a mixed farming area in west central Saskatchewan, began planning to form a Legion Branch after returning from overseas. They received their charter on September 22, 1930.

In 1934, they built a hut, which opened on November 12th, and held their first Decoration Day at the cemetery in 1939. The hut was enlarged and remodeled in 1946. All the construction work was done voluntarily by members. A Legion Cairn was unveiled at the cemetery on August 24, 1952.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter on February 5, 1935, with fifteen members, and in 2006, they have 26 members. Together with the Branch, both groups have worked together through the years to raise money for charity, seniors, youth, and to provide support for Veterans. The Auxiliary held teas, did catering and bake sales. The Branch held dances, raffles, bingo, meat draws. The money raised provided funds for construction that went on as well as allowing the ladies to give generously to our schools and individuals locally, as well as organizations local or abroad.

In 1980, a new larger hall was built on the same site, which is used by the Legion for functions and meetings and by the whole community for weddings and special occasions.

A unit in the condominium complex in Maidstone was purchased in 1992, renovated and opened as a Club Room in the spring of 1993. It was run for several months by volunteers but eventually a staff was hired and most months see a nice business. The Club Room has been a great place for members and non members to socialize. They have hosted Zone and District cribbage, watched sports events on the big screen television, and enjoyed musical evenings with local musicians providing the entertainment.

Through the years, Branch 142 has participated in all the Legion sports at one time or another, often earning some sort of recognition. They keep Remembrance Day as a very special time with their remaining Veterans going to the schools in their Legion dress, carrying the flag, and taking part in the program that has been prepared by teachers and pupils. Vimy Night was always observed, New Year's Eve, and more recently, they host a Christmas Party for members.

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LANIGAN BRANCH 143

Lanigan Branch was originally chartered as the Wolverine Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League #143 on August 20, 1930. There were fourteen charter members, most of whom lived in the R.M. of Wolverine: Walter Allan Henry; Lazor Solonenka, Benjamin Joseph Smith, Cyril Stackhouse, Basil Henry Legg Dance, Alvin Mertz, Thomas Henry Crawford, Andrew Cummings, Lloyd David Walmsley, William Robertson, Henry Jackson Porter, William Henry Barclay. The following were officers after reorganization: K. Elliott, President; Allan Larmour, 1st Vice President; B.V. Hill, 2nd Vice President; W. Barclay, Sgt.-at-Arms; C. Stackhouse, Secretary.

Because some minutes from those early years cannot be located, it cannot be accurately known where meetings were held and how funds were raised. From the minutes that were found, it is known that monies were often raised by hosting socials and dances. Meetings were held in rented premises until the Branch purchased their own hall in 1947.

The Branch was reorganized in November 1945 with the assistance of Zone officers from Humboldt. New officers were elected and local bylaws established. In September 1950, the Branch name was officially changed to the Lanigan Branch of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L.

Since its inception, the Lanigan Branch has been active in raising money for purchasing equipment for services such as the hospital, long-term care home and fire department. They have also sponsored many students to athletic camps and donated to local Air Cadets. On occasion, they have also supported local charities and/or organizations.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO LANIGAN BRANCH 143

The original name of this Auxiliary was The Wolverine Saskatchewan Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League No. 143, and received its charter on June 6, 1946. On April 12, 1953, the name was changed to Lanigan Ladies' Auxiliary to the Lanigan Branch No. 143.

Major activities and fundraisers were the St. Patrick's Day Annual stew suppers and late afternoon tea and bake sales. The carol festival was held annually for 42 years. The major part of the proceeds were donated to the Veterans Comfort Fund. They assisted with Blood Donor Clinics and the United Appeal and held canvasses for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Society and the CNIB. Records show that funds were also raised through bingos, and many teas for different occasions throughout the year. There were pancake and bake sales and suppers catering to funerals, weddings, banquets, rallies auction sales and sports days.

They raffled many things to raise funds, like fruitcake, turkeys, quilts, and Easter hampers. They compiled and sold their own cookbook back in 1965.

They usually held their meetings in conjunction with the men and always enjoyed socializing afterwards and at Christmas time one never knew who would emerge in the Santa suit to provide cheer. The ladies always packed Christmas bags for the town children and had a lot of fun doing it.

They assisted with dances, bonspiels, meals on wheels, the Cenotaph fund and decorating a float for the annual Sports Day Parade. They always helped out with Remembrance Day activities.

The Branch has also honoured the ladies over the years on special occasions and anniversaries, holding special dinners and social evenings.

Major Auxiliary donations throughout the years have been to the Veterans comfort fund, bursary fund, financial support to track and field athletes, special contributions to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, community rest room, furnishing the new Legion hall, the Legion's two-bed ward in Lanigan's first hospital and financial aid in building the second ward. They contributed to furnishing the Central Parkland Lodge, which is a special care home for seniors, as well as donating a piano to them in 1975. The Auxiliary sent books to the troops, aid to war orphans in Britain and Korea and assisted in the purchase of Fireman's Rescue Equipment and a Blood Analysis machine for their hospital in the early 1990s.

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LUSELAND BRANCH 146

It is very hard to get a precise story of the Canadian Legion (or the Great War Veterans Association, as it was called then) after the First World War, as many of the old records were lost in the Pool Elevator fire years ago.

The Luseland Branch of the Great War Veterans Association was formed in the year 1919, with ap-proximately eighteen charter members, among whom were Harry Griffin, H. Barlow, W.H. Creighton, Wm. Evans, Wm. McKenzie, J.W. Sim, W.D. Sim, L. Mattatall, George Crawford, F.A. Fellows, D. McKenzie, G.E. Morris, P. Hennon, E.E. Keys, E.R. Graham, A. Brockelhurst, D. Jones, and E. Connley.

The writer is unable to find the name of the first President of the G. W. V .A., but the late J.W. Sim was one of the first Secretary/Treasurers, holding that office in 1922-23.

This early organization was a very active one as is shown by some of the entries in the cash book. A Sports Day on July 3, 1921, net-ted the sum of $1,212.17. In 1923, a record shows a gain of $207 from a sports meet. The first prize for baseball was $125 and it went to Macklin in 1921, the second prize of $75 went to the Denzil Club. In 1922, the first payment by the G.W.V.A. was made for a building site, the one opposite the Royal George Hotel, and construction began the same year on the clubroom. The membership fees were $3 per annum, and also at that time, the late J.W. Sim attended a few conventions that were held in Regina.

Some members of the G.W.V.A. were Wm. Wylie, John Kembel, C.W. Pattison, Fred Lindberg, George Riehl, Jack Ferguson, A.E. Dowling.

The main project of the G.W.V.A. was the Memorial Park and Cenotaph, which is a fitting memorial to those of their comrades who lost their lives in the World Wars.

In the year 1926, the G.W.V.A. amalgamated with the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. Mr. J. Zubick, now of Calgary, was the first Legion President, with James Sim again as Secretary; an office which he held off and on for many years. New members then were Harry Whittaker, Tom Eyre, Carl Beck, G.H. Downton, Fred Riley, A.G. Howard, and Harry Griffin. Taxes on the property that year were $8.70, while the Community Hall rental was $2 per evening.

Records are not available for the activities of the new Legion until the depression, when the membership dropped considerably and the fees were cut to $1. This state of affairs continued until the end of the last war. Mr. A. Geelan was the President then, with Wm. Wylie as Secretary/Treasurer. Much credit is due Mr. Geelan for his work in keeping alive the Canadian Legion during the war, in order to hand over the reigns to the "young sweats" when they returned.

In 1946, a complete reorganization took place with fifteen World War II Veterans joining the ranks of the older Veterans. The late E.W. MacEwan was appointed President with W.M. Wagner as Secretary/Treasurer.

In 1948, after considerable discussion and controversy, the Legion sold the G.W.V.A. club room and constructed a Legion Room in the upper part of the Luseland Memorial Rink, for which they obtained an extensive lease from the town.

Activities have been varied. Annual socials and banquets were held for Legion members and their wives. Much work and money was put into the new rooms. The Legion started holding Car Bingos in 1955. This con-tinued until 1959. Money from Bingos was spent building a paddling pool on the north side of the Memorial Park. From then until the present day, the Legion has continued to take part in many community projects.

At the beginning of the 1970s, membership began to fall and it looked as if the Branch would have to close. It was at this time that sons and daughters of Veterans were admitted into the Legion and through their efforts the Luseland Branch is again a thriving organization.

History by Robert Haugen

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO LUSELAND BRANCH 146

The Auxiliary to the Legion was formed in 1954 with fifteen members. Presently, there are twenty-two members.

The ladies' first commitment is to the Legion, and they assist by serving lunch at their dances and parties and if needed help with renovations to the Legion Room.

A few years ago the 11th of November was for Legion members only and they usually went to the Legion Room after the services for the day, while the wives were left home with crying and fighting kids. About twelve years ago they decided the Auxiliary should take part in this day and now a supper and a social is held and enjoyed by all.

The ladies raise their monies by annual Nov. 11th Tea and Bake Sales. Proceeds go to Veterans Comfort Fund and a scholarship fund, which is for children of Legion or Auxiliary members who may need assistance for their education. They also have card parties and raffles.

There are five Auxiliaries in the zone, so every fifth year Branch 146 Auxiliary hosts zone rallies, curling and dart tournaments. They also support most local charities.

In 1979, they celebrated their 25th Anniversary and six members received their 25-year pin: Elsie Muench, Shirley Patterson, Gertie Whittaker, Lil Kembel, Dilly Flahr and Essie Campbell. They have one Life member, Mrs. Whittaker, and she is honoured on her birthday each year with a floral arrangement and a party.

Present executive is Ann Banks, President; Maryann Germann, Secretary; Bev Obrigewitch, Treasurer; and Marion Myers, Standard Bearer.

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BROADVIEW BRANCH 148

The Broadview Branch was chartered on December 17, 1930, with 11 charter members. They were: T.A. Quayle, D. McNeil, J.P. Ostrandes, L.C. Emrash, W.J. Brown, H.C. Polenhanna, W. Collister, J. Webb, J. Cook and Chas Mills.

No minutes were available for 1930-31 but the charter members got together (past servicemen) and decided to form a Veterans organization, The Royal Canadian Legion. Funds were raised by membership, donations, card games and dances, etc.

Meetings were held upstairs at the town office using the Armories when necessary for other functions such as Decoration Day in June and Memorial Services for November 11th.

The November 11th Memorial Service was a strong reason for the formation of the Legion. Decoration Day was held in June and the Memorial Service every November 11th. Of course the Poppy Campaign was held prior and leading up to November 11th. The Poppy drive was assisted by scouts, cubs, guides, sports personnel and the school board. Now, basically it is handled by the school board.

At one time, the Legion, along with the Auxiliary, met hospital trains going through Broadview passing out goodies and helping transients with meals and a bed when necessary. Now transients can get a bed at the local RCMP barracks overnight.

We still help veterans the odd time with meals when requested.

We sponsored minor hockey and baseball for the youth and hosted picnics and Christmas parties for children. We like to send young athletes to the Legion Track and Field whenever possible.

We make donations to a variety of organizations over the year, such as hospitals of Regina, donor's choice, etc., and also local donations such as the medical centre building, seniors bus, community hall, hospital and seniors lodge.

We provide our hall free-of-charge to charity organizations, cubs, scouts, sports committees and kinettes, etc.

In the past, we have helped the town and other organizations with celebrations such as the King and Queen's visit, welcoming the return of Veterans, centennial and homecoming events.

In times past, the Legion sponsored sports days and horse racing. These became a thing of the past as the horse racing circuit ceased to operate and did not find too much interest in spo rts days any longer. Sports days are being held again now with more interest shown in them.

A new Legion hall was built in 1968 at its present location and had a special get together in 1952 to "burn the mortgage" with four Legion members and four Auxiliary members in attendance for the occasion.

Present membership is: Life 5, Ordinary 10, Associate 24 and Affiliate Voting 5.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO BROADVIEW BRANCH 148

On April 2, 1931, 26 ladies met to form an Auxiliary to the British Empire Service League Branch 148, which later became The Royal Canadian Legion.

There were sixteen charter members: Margaret Allingham, Colina Wylie, Martha Collins, Ella Mae Emich, Ruth Brown, Eunice Collister, Jessie Darling, Emily Sheeran, Jennie Walsh, Mary Boultbee, Margaret Morrison, Rose Pullen, Florence Holloway, Dora Ellens, Mary Wilson, Jennie Cook.

The first meeting of the Auxiliary was held on April 16, 1931, in the Men's Legion rooms, at which time Mrs. Bernice Strickland was elected President and Mrs. Charlotte Stewart as Secretary.

Unfortunately, these minutes until January 3, 1942 were accidentally burned. Meetings were held monthly all year around.

Many fundraising activities were undertaken such as bingos, whist, crib, teas, catering projects, bazaars, raffles, lunches, New Year's Eve dances and hot dog stands downtown on Saturday nights.

Proceeds from the fundraising projects were used for The Veterans' Comfort Fund, parcels for the boys overseas, bundles for Britain, and donations to many local and other charitable organizations.

Scholarships were given to Veterans' children, and later a plaque was given to grade 12 students with the highest marks.

Picnics and Christmas parties were held for the children, hospital visiting, meeting hospital trains and visiting other clubs were some of the services rendered.

Sponsorship of the "Lazy Eye Clinic" and assistance to other community activities, such as "Hospitality Week" at the picnic park and a centennial quilt involved the members to a great extent.

The Ladies always helped the men with the yearly Remembrance Day Service, providing lunch.

The Auxiliary was disbanded and the charter returned to Saskatchewan Command on December 5, 1990. Seven members were present at that time.

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MANOR BRANCH 151

The Manor Legion Branch was granted their original charter on March 19, 1931. The original charter members were as follows: L. Mathews; Thomas A. Pargeter; Aubrey Beatty; J.P. (Punch) Mitchell; Donald D. Dickin; J.A. Robinson; C.E. Busby; J.R. Behr; H.G. Reid; A. Glew; Tom Templeton; F.C. Wood; H.J. Greene; P. Brockman; C.H.H. Wilsone; J.A. Brown; J.A. Cower; J. Cowee; R.J. Wiggins; Pete McCallum;

A number of the charter members had previously belonged to an organization called The Great World War Veterans.

They rented rooms in the west end of the building, formally "Beatty's Foods," now the 'Centennial Park,' from the village council, which naturally became known as the Legion Rooms.

Following the end of the Second World War, most of the returning Veterans joined the Legion; in 1947, the Roll Call contained 39 names, the highest membership ever obtained by Manor Legion. Unfortunately many of them never became very active members. Some moved away and the membership dropped off year by year.

Manor was in dire need of a new town hall. The Legion thought it would make a suitable memorial to Manor and district War heroes, so on March 6, 1948, a special meeting was held to discuss the matter. It was decided to purchase the Lawrence building at the south east corner of Main Street.

The efforts of the members in the next few years were geared to building, equipping, and paying for a new dance hall and meeting place. Building funds were acquired by the usual dances, bingos, rummage sales, whist drives, sports, and donations from the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Tragedy struck in the forenoon one day in July1961, when the Legion Hall was destroyed by fire and the hard working men of the Legion were back at square one. They collected the insurance on the hall, procured some land at the north end of town, next to the theatre, and again slatted the long procedure of building a new Town Hall for Manor in June 1961.

Again came the canvassing for donations, Street Bingos at the sports grounds, dances at Cannington Manor Hall, anything to bring in a little money.

Volunteer crews of Legion men and many other willing hands worked on the new building under the guidance of Comrade H.C. Hortness.

Donations were received from the R.M. of Moose Mountain, the Community Theatre, from the school children and teachers: from other service clubs, and from private citizens. In the beginning the lower level contained the clubrooms, kitchen, furnace room, banquet hall, washrooms, and bar, with the dance floor on the upper floor.

The official opening was scheduled for June 2, 1967.

Some of the contributions the Legion has makes to the community, other than management of the hall, are donations to Minor sports, to provide uniforms and trophies to Minor Hockey and Minor Ball teams. They make a yearly scholarship to Manor school and donations to the Curling Club and Over-Sixty Club. They also have given to the Arcola Hospital and Redvers Hospital.

The Hall is still rented out today and the Branch has thirty-eight members at present.

C.W. (Cliff) Beatty was Secretary/Treasurer of the Branch from 1954 until his passing in 2005.

Today's president is Terry Dickin, and Secretary/Treasurer is Glen Rowley.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MANOR BRANCH 151

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Manor Legion Branch 151 was granted a charter to form an Auxiliary on September 6, 1934. There were fourteen charter members: Margot Bagot, Josephine Busby, Edith Beatty, Sarah Brockman, Roberta Dawson, Rosamund Greene, Mary Keenan, Felice Mitchell, Maude Mathews, Mary Pargeter, Violet Wilson, Elma Stevens, Agnes Templeton and Lillian Woode.

The first meeting was held in the Legion Rooms located in the building that was "Beatty's Foods" in 1981.

The first and most important priority of the Auxiliary was the care and comfort of all Veterans. November 11th was always an important day. The ladies joined the Legion for church and to lay a wreath. In recent years, the local cadets have joined also.

The Auxiliary helped furnish the hall and kitchen. They raised money catering to weddings, anniversaries, reunions, hockey, wheat pool and credit union banquets. They also sponsored the annual Halloween Masquerade and the Pig and Whistle, organized and sponsored the first square dance club, and the first figure skating club, hosted the first senior citizens' party, and for several years, served them a turkey supper with all the trimmings.

The Auxiliary donated scholarships and bursaries to local students, money for uniforms for minor hockey and baseball and money to the rink to help with the roof and bleachers.

The Auxiliary entered floats in 1967 centennial celebrations, the 75th birthday celebrations for Manor in 1977, and the 1980 Celebrate Saskatchewan.

From 1981-1999 Phyllis Efford, daughter of charter member Edith Beatty served first as President then Secretary. When the Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded in 2001, the Executive was: Edith Gould, President; Muriel Truman, Vice-President; Kathy Bax, Secretary; Ella Hartness, Treasurer; Ruth Fraser, Sick and Welfare Representative; and Mary Kay Reddick, Flag Bearer.

Some of the Auxiliary members have since joined the Legion as Associate members.

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FAIRLIGHT BRANCH 154 ~ Closed

The Fairlight Branch was first formed in the area of Fairlight and Walpole on March 10, 1931.

Meetings were held alternatively at Walpole and Fairlight in the homes of various members. The last meeting held at Walpole was on August 8, 1946, when the Branch acquired a building on the west side of Main Street in Fairlight.

With the influx of WWII Veterans, the membership increased. With help from the Ladies' Auxiliary and bingos, etc., the Branch was able to build a new hall on the same location after tearing down the old building.

The Branch celebrated its 50th Anniversary on October 23, 1981. However, due to declining membership, which was due to deaths, etc., the Branch had to relinquish its charter. The hall was sold to a local lady and her daughter who now operate it as a Tea Room and Gift Shop known as "Home Sweet Home."

With the money received from the sale of the Branch, members had a Stone Cenotaph erected on Main Street in Fairlight with a bronze plaque listing the names of the fallen in the two World Wars. The remainder of the money was put into a Bursary Fund in the local School Division, and each year a worthy student receives a cash donation from this fund.

The Branch also had a long-time Secretary who devoted much of his time to Legion business. His name is J.F. Cawood, and he has been the Branch Secretary for forty years.



ESTON BRANCH 155

The Royal Canadian Legion, Eston Branch #155, received its charter from Dominion Command on March 27, 1931.

Charter members were: Wm. Rockley, Ernest Jackson, Claude Hamilton, Thomas Myers, Raymond Parker, D. McAllister, Fred Edwards, Daniel Steadward Sr., Dr. Robert K. Johnston, Henry Carruthers, D. Wightman, I.F. Tullock, R. Newport, Dr. Ross Rose, Dr. Samuel Holmes.

The Legion originally had its clubrooms in a small building on First Avenue East in Eston.

During the early years, the Legion operated boys' summer camps at Jackfish Lake. These camps were a marvelous outing for the boys, for a period extending from 1932 until the start of the Second Great War of 1939-1945.

The Legion was involved in community affairs, such as Memorial Day services and Poppy sales supporting disabled Veterans. During the Second World War, it was active in supplying parcels to all service men and women in all theatres of war. Also at this time, they were very active assisting in formulating plans for the rehabilitation of returning Veterans.

The Legion records show that on April 9, 1945, donations were being accepted and plans were initiated to build a new hall. This hall was to be named the Eston Legion Memorial Hall in remembrance of the men and women who lost their lives during the two world wars. The hall was completed early in 1947 at a cost of about $35,000, with a great deal of donated labour and assistance. A Cenotaph was designed and built by George Gatenby in 1952, with a bronze plaque attached, listing the names of those who died during the wars.

The Eston Union Hospital burned down in the fall of 1951, at which time the Legion Hall was converted into a hospital. This situation remained until the new hospital was completed in 1955. During this time, the Legion built a temporary clubroom on the Beaver Lumber property.

The Legion planned and built a new facility in 1959 to be used as clubrooms and the Boy Scouts. This was situated beside the Legion Hall connected by a walkway between the adjoining basements.

The Legion Memorial facility in 2006 is well maintained and operated by the members for the benefit of the community.

Currently, the Legion members use the upper level of the clubrooms, and the Eston Lions Club use the lower level for its general meetings and offices.

Over the years, the Legion has supported all worthwhile community projects, by sponsoring the Boy Scouts, providing scholarships, donations to the Music Festival, Minor Hockey, Riverside Park, School Patrols, Camp Easter Seal, West Central

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At present (2006), the Legion remains active in the community. Time has reduced the number of Ordinary members to 26, with 38 Associate members, total of 64, to carry on the traditions and good works initiated by the Veterans of two World Wars and the Korean War.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO ESTON BRANCH 155

Eston Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian legion held its first meeting in April 1933, with Ann Carruthers as President and Ursula Holmes as Secretary/Treasurer.

At first, the meetings were held in homes, then in the Legion Hut on 2nd Avenue East, which the ladies assisted in furnishing. During the "dirty thirties," members gave hampers to needy families in the district. During WWII, boxes were sent to men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

The work of the Auxiliary has been supported by a tremendous effort in catering to Board of Trade, weddings, teas, bazaars, bake sales, funerals, auctions sales, etc., and this has been the main source of revenue.

The Auxiliary had two cookbooks printed consisting of favorite recipes of members.

The Auxiliary assisted the Red Cross, various charitable organizations, Veterans' comforts, a provincial bursary, local scholarships, music festival, Grade 12 scholarships, and sent one student each year to a sport camp. They also provided gifts to local Veterans when in hospital, adopted two Veterans from a Vet Home who had no family, for Christmas, Easter and Birthday gifts.

The Auxiliary assisted in building and furnishing the new Legion Memorial Hall. The old hall was used as a hospital for two years after the hospital burned down.

A Welcome Committee helped the new war brides become part of the community. A Girl Guide and Brownie group was sponsored.

Margaret Knox was appointed Zone Rep from June 1956 to June 1962. Lillian Kletke was Zone Rep from June 1962 to June 1968; Ethel Eichel was Zone Rep from June 1968 to May 1980; Sue Wilkins (Brock) was Zone Rep from May 1980 to 1994. The district represents 19 Auxiliaries. Eston held the Zone rally when it was their turn.

An annual Remembrance Day tea and bake sale was held and the Auxiliary helped with the November 11th pot luck lunches after the services.

Twelve members are elected to the executive meetings held second Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Sutherland were presented with 60-year pins.

Eston competed in Zone curling and darts. They put a float in the July 1st parade and delivered Meals on Wheels.

With memberships dwindling, all members being older and no new young members interested, the Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded in 2004. All monies were donated to the Legion Memorial Hall.

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CHRISTOPHER LAKE BRANCH 159





At the inception of the Legion in 1921, it was known as the British Empire Service League. This became the Canadian Legion British Empire Service League in 1926 or 1927, and finally The Royal Canadian Legion. Christopher Lake Legion Branch 159 received its charter on April 22, 1931. The original charter members were Clifford Lavall, John H. Weedon, Herbert Weedon, William Harris, James Swain, Peter Smith, Joseph Buckley, John Robertson, Hugh Curtis, John Towe, Harold Parrott, James McHugh, John Doyle, Raymond Fern, Harry Lake, L.G. Temple, Fredric Temple and James Weedon. The first President was Edward Doyle.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter on August 26, 1936, with charter members Hilda Towe, Alice Riley, Elizabeth Lavall, Eveyln Jarvis, Charlotte M. Wilson, Grace Estella Temple, Violet Ethel Temple, Agnes N. Hamilton, Chrotona Viola Powley, Vina Gibbs Ferny, Olive McDonald, Mary Young Leona Crowe, and their first President was Hilda Towe.

During the Second World War, as all but three Legion members joined the services, there were not enough members left to run the Legion business. Because of this situation, the Ladies Auxiliary took full responsibility for the Branch. This was carried from March 30, 1940 to February 15, 1946, when the ladies held a returning Veterans affair and as there were enough men to resume the responsibility for the Branch operation.

In 1957, there was a decision by the community and the Legion membership to construct a new building. Comrade Robert Milligan signed a loan note and by 1966 it was paid off. There was a full community effort and at first had joint operation arrangements. It is unclear as to when the Legion took over complete responsibility for the operation of the hall but it is estimated that it has operated it since 1977. A renovation to soundproof the main hall was carried out by Mel Ross in the 1980s, and an addition of toilets was carried out about the same time. A further addition of the Memorial Room was built in 1997.

The Auxiliary catered banquets, weddings, and dances, assisted the men in their activities and turned over funds to them, as well as furnished the kitchen.

The Legion has a present membership of sixty members, not all whom live in the area. A number of members who moved away have kept up their memberships and live in provinces such as BC, Manitoba, North West Territories and in other cities and towns in Saskatchewan. There are currently six Life members, sixteen Regular members, twenty-five Associate members, three Affiliate voting members and one Affiliate non-voting member. Branch President is George Leybourne; Past President is Leroy Evenson; Vice-President is Gary Fox; Executive Members are Pat Taylor, Cec Mancini, Marie Markowski, Laura Anderson, Albert Stevenson, Leta Lapoint, and Edwin Bird. Sec-retary/Treasurer is Edward (Ted) Walker; Sgt.-at-Arms is Murray Smail; and Padre and Service Officer is Esther Hay.

The Ladies' Auxiliary executive is as follows: President Pauline Bird; Past-President Iris Morris; Vice-Presidents Florence Lafaver and Viki Hauch; Secretary/Treasurer, Edna Button. Executive members are Minni Patterson, Alice Marsh, Cleta McHenry, and Gusta Thorson.

The Branch is obligated by its mandate to give assistance to Veterans and their dependants and to keep remembrance. In this regard, the Service Officer contacts Veterans Affairs when necessary to process matters that need to be looked after. The Branch also holds Remembrance programs at four schools and holds poster essay and poem contests each year with the students. They hold November 11th services at the hall and in Prince Albert at a seniors home. In addition, they have sports programs, weekly community bingo, fundraising bingos in Prince Albert, along with allowing groups to use the hall for their activities and rent out the hall for other meetings and events. The Branch co-sponsors the yearly Halloween party for the Community and area with the Lions Club. Occasionally, they sponsor other activities, such as plays. Funding now comes from holding bingos and renting the facility. Since 1977, costs have risen from $7,000.00 to $20,000.00 for the Branch to operate for one year. The Branch is presently debt-free.



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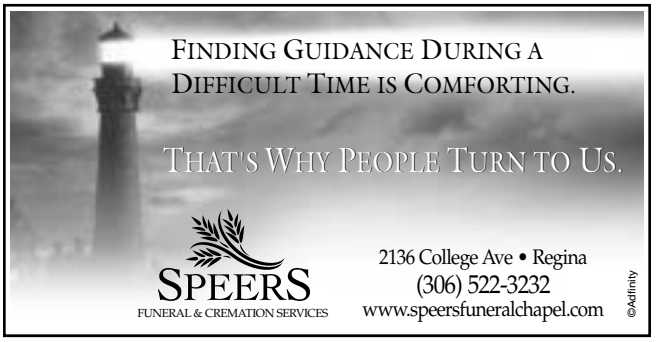


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LOON LAKE BRANCH 165

Loon Lake Branch 165 received its charter on September 17, 1931, with the following fourteen Charter members: Fred (Scotty) Mitchell, Jack Kershaw, T.A. McFarlend, Tom Owen, J.A. Kronlund, J. Krausie, Ed Knott, Cliff McDowell, William McDowell, W. Trowsdale, H. Underhill, T.H. Kerr, William Black, and A.H. Parkinson. The first President of the Loon Lake Branch was William McDowell, holding that position from 1931-1936.

In the beginning, the Branch operated without a clubhouse and meetings were held on Bill Tracey's farm, in the Post Office and store from 1931_1932. The first hall was built around 1933 in Loon Lake on Lot 1 & Block 5 on Main Street. The hall was used until 1946, when it was destroyed by fire. The Legion then purchased two lots east of the original one. Someone donated a small building, and then an addition was built on. This hall was used until 1987, when it was demolished and a new hall was built.

On November 11, 1954, Remembrance Day Service unveiled the new Cenotaph for Loon Lake Branch 165. Since 1931, the Branch has operated successfully and now has a total of forty-two members with eleven Ordinary members, twenty-nine Associate members and two Life members.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received its charter on April 4, 1946; and closed on January 1, 2000.

The Branch has been active in the community by hosting a Birthday Party for people at the special care home, and each June they do Meals on Wheels. During the summer months, they do clean-up and cutting grass at Sanderson_s Bay. Over the years, they have donated a $300.00 scholarship to a Grade 12 student (these students usually have grandparents, parents, or relatives in the Legion) continuing their education at either college or university. Loon Lake Legion members have continued to have their Remembrance Day Services and dance.

BIENFAIT BRANCH 169

The veterans of the First World War in Bienfait and district met on October 11, 1931 at the Freeman Hall. The officers elected by ballot were: President C.W. Locke; 1st Vice, J. Bembridge; 2nd Vice, A. Nelson; Secretary, Ken John; Treasurer, A.H. Cuddington.

It was decided on October 19, 1931 that a dinner would be held at the King George Hotel, at which Premier Anderson and Attorney General M.A McPherson would be invited and entertained after the inauguration ceremony. Financial assistance was accepted from Estevan and North Portal Branches.

On October 19lh, the public and the Veterans in "the hall" welcomed the Premier and Attorney General. The meeting was called to order; after the address from the Attorney General the public left and Comrades Redford and Douglas of Weyburn Branch proceeded with the ceremony. Comrade Duff from Bengough spoke briefly to the Veterans and the Bienfait Legion #169 was on the way. Everyone then adjourned to the hotel for supper catered by Mrs. Dudfield (Clara Uhrich).

The first meeting was held on October 26, 1931. The Green Hall was used for meetings for 50 cents to cover the cost of lights and the Freeman Hall was used for socials. Dues were $2.00 to the end of March 1932. At the end of 1931, there were 49 members.

The first Vimy was held April 9, 1932. In May 1932, a committee was formed to start the erection of a Memorial Hall. A building 32 X 57 feet of brick and tile would cost approximately $4,000.00; excavating, hauling of brick and gravel extra.

In 1940, a special meeting was held to outline the enrolling of the "Home Guard" ex-servicemen with only Service in Canada during the Great War was referred and the Bienfait Branch all signed up for this corporation. In June, a resolution was made to support the government to coordinate the manpower and resources of our country to a successful conclusion of the Empire' s present fight for freedom.

On September 1, 1942, a moment's silence was taken in respect for Canadians killed at Dieppe and also the Duke of Kent. Gas rationing started in 1942, with food rationing later.

In 1960, plans were submitted and approved for the building of a new hall. The first meeting was held in the new hall on April 3, 1968, and the mortgage-burning ceremony was celebrated in September 1977.

LESLIE BRANCH 172 ~ Closed

The Great War Veteran's Association was formed in January 1920. Leslie Legion Branch received its Charter on December 28, 1931. During the Second World War, the branch sent parcels overseas.

The Legion members and Ladies' Auxiliary were very active in the community and gave financial support to the Air Cadets, bursaries, sport camps and curling. The Branch disbanded on December 31, 2002, at which time some members joined the Foam Lake Branch.

The Leslie Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in 1951, with twelve members. Funds were raised by holding bake sales, bingos, the New Year's Eve Dance, and an annual Legion Sports Day.

The Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded on December 31, 2002.

At an annual meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 1946, "VIMY DAY," President, D.M. Patrick was quoted as saying, "Congratulations to the fighting services for a job well done, and hope that the men and women will carry into civilian life the same high courage and resourcefulness, and the will to serve Canada wholeheartedly and unselfishlessly in peace as in War."

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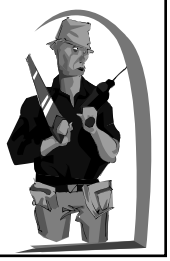
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WATROUS BRANCH 174

The Royal Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Watrous Branch #174, has as its forefathers and founders, the World War I Veterans' Association. The Returned Soldiers League was organized in Watrous in July of 1916. At that time, local branches were being organized in all towns and municipalities of the province. The duty of these leagues was to welcome returning soldiers and to see that they secured what help they needed. A local league was organized as follows: President - Rev. J. Cox, Vice President - W. Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer - F.J. Willis, Committee -Mayor Garrett, Corp. Grennon, Rev. Pile, Mrs. Love and Mrs. Garrett.

In 1926, the Returned Soldiers Welcome and Aid League disposed of their account and donated it to the Watrous Cemetery Association. The money was to be used to help beautify the cemetery and special care was to be given to the graves of deceased soldiers.

The Great War Veterans' Association was changed to the Royal Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. In November 1931, the following officers were elected to the Watrous Branch #174. President- - Norman Bracewell, Secretary/Treasurer - H. Fisher, 1st Vice President - -C.C. MCClell1hd, 2nd Vice President - A.M. Young, Honorary President -- Hon. R. Stipe, Executive - E.B. Miller, Q.R. Fulwiler and H~W. Harbord. Officers were installed at the charter night in January 1932, the first meetings being held in the Elks clubroom on the 11th of each month. The charter members were: F.W. Fisher, D.J. McDonald, N. Bracewell, W. Armour, G. Barclay, W. Davenport, J. Devlin, H.A. Fowler, F.P. Collins, V. Gay, E.H. Harbord, C.C. McClelland, G.F. Southey, A.M. Young, H.R. Mills.

This was the birth of an organization that has rendered service and comfort to Veterans and their families and the community in general.

Over the years, many community activities kept the members busy, in addition to Veterans' welfare work. Figure Skating was an early activity sponsored by the Legion, as well as ball tournaments with entries from across the country. For many years, the legion has sponsored the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron #221. Other community projects include support for the swimming pool, tennis courts, ice arena and artificial ice, golf course, music festival and legion scholarships to Grade XII students.

The Watrous Branch Ladies Auxiliary was formed on November 25, 1944. The assistance to the Branch cannot be measured in words and was sadly missed when, due to declining years, the Branch was forced to surrender their charter in 1996.

Declining membership was also the reason the Branch presented the Legion Hall to the Town of Watrous for the purpose of housing the local Library.

The Branch now has the use of the basement for meetings for as long as the need is there.

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PIERCELAND BRANCH 178

Eleven Veterans from an area encompassing three communities and an area 30 square miles founded the RCL of Pierceland # 178 on June 21, 1932.

The charter members were: Brig. Gen. Alex Ross CMG-DSO, D.R. Walker, Lt. A. Nolin, J.V. McEvoy, O.H. Revell, W.I. Rhinehardt, C. Cotterhill, W.R. Yelland, R.C. Meeker, S.M. Dayton, and J. Hassler.

These men and their wives met and following the correct guidelines established a RCL in Northern Saskatchewan. In 1934, they were able to construct a Legion Hall. It was situated where the Hotel-Motel is today. Matt Gelowitz had an implement shop on the spot where the present-day Medical Clinic is situated and a trade was made with him. The Legion Hall moved into his shop. A well-fitted kitchen was added to the west end and this building served the community until 1974. The kitchen had a wood cook stove, a hand pump, cupboards, serv-

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PIERCELAND BRANCH 178 *(...Cont'd)*

ing tables and a lovely set of dishes. In 1953, Ora Britton and Mrs. Gill were commissioned to purchase hardwood flooring from the mill in Bonnyville. It was installed over the cement floor and from then on, dancing was much easier. Weekly dances, raffles, catering, carnivals, turkey shoots, and rental from social functions funded the hall. They raffled an English model car that was won by Verna Gelowitz.

Over the years, the hall served as a classroom, and as a temporary post office. Many wedding dances, funerals, meetings and other community events took place within the welcoming walls of the Legion HalL.

The Hall was condemned in 1974 and Norman Britton oversaw its dismantlement. The lumber was parceled out and sold, the funds from the sale of the lumber still supports the Branch today. The dishes and kitchen supplies were donated to the Community Hall.

The Ladies Auxiliary was formed on April 22, 1954, and was disbanded in January 2000. The women had worked hard over the years and the men agreed that as they had raised most of the necessary funds and had to attend meetings as non-voting members, they should form their own association. For years, they met on the same evening, the men in the living room and the women in the kitchen. Following, is a partial list of the Ladies' Auxiliary members: Ora Britton, Anne Britton, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Gill, Sadie Buchan, Gladys Erickson, Jesse Barrowman, Marjorie Gelowitz, Irene Erickson, Edythe Barton, Opal Forsyth, Dorothy Dahlseide, Lena Wild, Ann Zieglgansberger, Verna Gelowitz, Elsie Dahlseide, Gladys Sharp.

Presently, the Branch boasts 31 members, has a very limited executive, and survives on money from the sale of the lumber from 1974. They are supported by the community and are grateful to the school, which has hosted a wonderful Remembrance Day Ceremony since 1957.

Several Legion members recal1cd this incident. Ma Hassler hosted one of the early meetings and provided food and refreshments. Her home was near Lee Kong's Cafe. She had prepared turkey and all the trimmings and kept them in a galvanized tub to serve after the meeting. Since this was in the 1930s and there was no refrigeration, nearly all the members were violently ill the next day.

Soldiers from the area who were killed in action during WWII are as follows: Edgar Finn, George Kuchryn, Clarence Meeker, and Steve Torna.

On July 2, 1995, fifty years after WWII and the 90th Anniversary of Saskatchewan, a Cenotaph was dedicated to the War Veterans. This event was made possible through the combined efforts of the Pierceland Legion, the Pierceland & District Chamber of Commerce, the Pierceland Tourism Committee, the Village of Piercdand, and through many donations from other organizations and private individuals.

PANGMAN BRANCH 180

According to correspondence dating from early 1926 through 1929, there must have been a Legion Branch formed in the Amulet district. This Branch found it difficult to keep interest and membership in the late 1920s. They carried on as best they could but it was impossible to undertake any real projects.

Consequently, following WWII, with an influx of new Veterans, mainly from the Pangman/Khedive area, they felt it would be advantageous to transfer their location to Pangman. In the 1950s, the Legion membership at Pangman was quite active and each November 11th they sponsored a well attended morning "Service of Remembrance" followed by an evening banquet for the Veterans and their wives with music and a special speaker.

As the years passed, membership dwindled and the evening function was discontinued but the Remembrance Service is continued each year. A community potluck dinner now follows the service.

In 1961, Pangman Branch bought a small building and moved it to Pangman to use as a clubroom. They donated its use to the South East District Regional Library and it was used in that capacity for over twenty-five years.

As Pangman area Veterans have passed away, one by one, the Branch has taken advantage of the "Associate Membership" program in order to keep functioning.

Over the years, Pangman Branch has donated to the Poppy Fund, Veterans' Hospitals, Muscular Dystrophy, C.N.I.B., the TB Veterans program, Paraplegic Program, as well as community endeavors.

Records show that the Legion was instrumental in raising funds to build Pangman' s first curling rink.

At the present time, the Branch sponsors the annual poster and poetry competition at the school, with Branch members conducting a Service of Remembrance for students, teachers and parents.

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SPIRITWOOD BRANCH 182

On January 5, 1933, the Spiritwood Branch original charter was formed with thirteen members. In the following years, there were twenty more members who joined The Royal Canadian Legion from World War I.

There was no Legion hall at that time, so meetings were held in churches. After World War II, there were up to seventy Veterans in the Legion, plus there were seven peacetime servers.

At the present time, membership is way down, with only 12 Ordinary members, 14 Associate members and 1 Affiliate member.

A Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was then formed. Their original charter date was 1957, with a membership of ten. In the years that followed, their membership peaked at fifty members. Then, slowly the membership declined. At present, the Ladies' Auxiliary has disbanded.



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Dedication of the rock to our fallen soldiers

During the years of World War II, there was no active Legion in Spiritwood. Members went to Mildred Branch 190 (seven miles east of Spiritwood) to have their meetings. Later, Mildred amalgamated with Spiritwood Branch.

In the 1950's, there was a Legion hall built (40' x 80') plus a cenotaph. This building has served its Legion members well providing a place for their meetings, dances, parties and all around socializing.

In 2003, there was a big rock erected along Highway No. 3, which was dedicated to our fallen soldiers. This rock has a ring around the topside that we like to think of as a "Halo."

In 2005, the Legion hall was moved onto a new foundation and was made wheelchair accessible.

The future of this Legion as in all other towns is uncertain, but we still continue as a viable asset to our community.

FRENCHMAN BUTTE BRANCH 183

The Frenchman Butte Legion 183 was organized on January 19, 1932, with seventeen members. Rev. J. Bolsten was President and F.O. Simpson was Secretary/Treasurer. Meetings were held in the CNR waiting room.

Records of the first 10 years as a Legion Branch are lost, but the minutes start on November 11, 1946. A motion was made to hold a meeting in the old school, which was a log building and later served as a church and pool hall. Ownership was not known at the time, but we acquired proprietorship, held meetings there, had card parties and dances and collected some rent also.

During WWII, a building, which was the co-op store, was purchased and made into a Legion hall. The Branch paid $700.00 for the building. A new front was put on the hall, but in February 1959, the hall was completely destroyed by fire.

On March 8, 1960, a new hall was to be rebuilt made of cement blocks 32 x 72. Raffles, dances and donations from other Branches helped to pay for the new hall.

The Branch never really had a Ladies' Auxiliary. A few women tried to have meetings in their homes but they soon became inactive.

The Frenchman Butte Branch, at present, has 3 Life members, 14 Associate and 8 Affiliate non-voting members. Youth programs play a part in this Branch. We sponsor youths in Track and Field and occasionally we give out Scholarships. Students from grades 2 to 9 are very active in our Remembrance Day Essay and Poem activities.

Crib Tournaments, working bingos, hall rental and our annual Remembrance Day banquet and dance are our main source of revenue.

Working along side the Frenchman Butte Museum Society, the Frenchman Butte Legion takes part in the local festival every August, and also always manages to put a float in the local parade.

Giving to various charity funds keeps the Branch active in the local area. The Branch was very active in curling in the early years until the ice gave out, and they kept active in Cribbage and Golf functions.

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Delisle Legion Branch 184 was granted a charter on June 19, 1933. Members met in the Town Hall. No records have been found regarding their activities, except that they ceased to be active in 1960, but were re-activated in 1964 under the same charter. They met on October 7th with 16 members present and agreed to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The membership soon exceeded 30.

They arranged for a veterans' plot in the local cemetery, which is now filled and a new plot opened. A cenotaph was built with a rifle and helmet attached and a plaque which reads "In honour of the illustrious dead of Delisle and District, and in honour of our living heroes who have defended us in all our wars." The Branch was financed by rodeos and bingos. The Branch built and maintained a children's playground. They sponsored minor hockey teams and a peewee baseball team that won the provincial championship. They also help to sponsor scouts and guides and have them parade with the Legion on November 11th. The militia in Saskatoon have been invited to the November 11th service since 1975, and in the past few years have taken charge of the parade.

The Branch sponsors students to the Legion provincial track and field camp and to the National camp if they qualify. The Branch gives a bursary each year to a grade 12 graduate. The original cenotaph listed as 47010-001 was replaced by a steel structure on August 20, 2004. In all local functions, the Branch gives its support through labor and finances.

The present membership is 34 of which 6 are WWII Veterans. The Delisle Legion Auxiliary 184 was formed in January 1966, with their charter granted on February 4, 1966. There were 34 members, but these numbers declined over the years for many reasons. They donated to many community events, such as schools, the rink, churches, etc. They visited the veterans' home in Saskatoon for many years taking in treats and baking. They also donated to many charity organizations such as Easter Seals, Telemiracle and Paraplegics, to name a few. They won Zone curling in 1967-68 and went on to Districts.

They, along with the Legion hold a Santa Claus Day each year, supplying entertainment and treats for children. They also hold a family curling day and pot luck suppers. They raise money with bake sales, bingos and raffles. Due to a decline in membership, they disbanded in the year 2000, with 6 of the members joining the Legion. They have only two members left who joined in 1966.

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OXBOW BRANCH 187

The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League Oxbow Branch held a meeting in the Palladium Theatre on December 3, 1932. A motion passed to form a Branch of the Canadian Legion at Oxbow. Twenty-five founding members attended this meeting. The sponsoring Branch was Bienfait. The date of the Charter of the Oxbow Legion Branch #187 was March 24, 1933. A Ladies' Auxiliary formed on November 19, 1947, and the ladies worked tirelessly to promote community projects.

Early club meetings were held in the Forester's Hall and at local churches. After World War II, the Legion spearheaded the building of a Memorial Hall, which was used for meetings and other gatherings. In 1987, the Branch purchased their own building, which is used for regular monthly meetings and other activities. It is a popular gathering spot for fellowship, pool and cards.

First fundraisers were a picnic and a dance in Beaver Park. A banquet in memory of Vimy was held in 1934. Rodeos were sponsored in 1937 and 1938. Minor baseball was another project. In 1957, the Branch sponsored the formation of Bow Valley Squadron #675 of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and is still their sponsor. The Branch has worked with many organizations in promoting the welfare and progress of the community. For many

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OXBOW BRANCH 187 *(...Cont'd)*

years, bingo was held in the Memorial Hall. Currently, the Social Committee has reinstated Friday night bingo at the clubroom as a popular fundraiser. The Branch operates a bar which is volunteer operated. Present membership of the Oxbow Branch is seventy-one.

BRANCH PRESIDENTS: 1933 to 1946 - J.L. Hart; 1947 - W.G. Outhwaite; 1948 - RA. Shay; 1949 to 1950 - A.B. Brown; 1951 to 1959 - R.D. Wardrope; 1960 to 1961 - J. Vizniowski; 1962 to 1964 - B. Hodgson; 1965 to 1966 - W.W. Hames; 1967 to 1969 - D.J.E. Holtz; 1970 - W.G. Rodenbush; 1971 to 1973 – F. Dyer; 1974 to 1976 – R.G. Holt; 1977 - F. Henger; 1978 - C.C. Bull; 1979 to 1981 – R.H. Lowdon; 1982 to 1986 R.D. Wardrope; 1987 to 1988 - G.A. McNab; 1989 to 1990 - Duane Barber; 1991 to 1993 – R.M. Bentson; 1994 to 1996 - Bill Bait; 1997 to 1998 - George Stevens; 1999 - J.B. Pott; 2000 - G.A. McNab; 2001 to 2003 R.M. Bentson; 2004 to 2006 - Bill Ringguth.



Long Service Awards, presented on September 5, 1995. Left to right, front row: Fred Henger, Paul Baerwald, Gordon Stewart, Roy Wardrope, Henry Bartolf, Art Brown, Doug Haigh. Back row: Alex Grodeski, Keith Paton, Jack Dixon, Roy Shay, Frank Dyer, Jim Armstrong, Bud Corbett, Fred Whiting, Ed Holtz.

PREECEVILLE BRANCH 188

The Preeceville Branch #188, B.E.S.L. was formed in 1933 with G.H. Hawkins as President and Henry Harvey as Secretary. Meetings were held in Mr. Harvey's home or a room in the back of the theater or the John Deere building or other homes.

In 1950 or 1951, an aircraft hangar at Yorkton was obtained and Mr. Henry Fellows was hired to move it to Preeceville. The building was too big to move by road so it traveled very slowly across fields during the winter of 1951-52. It was nearly lost crossing the Assiniboine River (a place known as Iverson's Crossing) about a mile south of town. Some phone calls for help resulted is assistance from the Army Base in Regina and the Pas Lumber Company.

The building was placed on a concrete foundation at 218 Main Street and rooms were prepared for a Legion Club Room and later Cadet quarters, gun storage and firing range on the upper levels.

Veteran John Grimsrud and his wife, Mary, who had a café, kept the workers well fed at their own expense.

In 1950, the Ladies' Auxiliary was organized with Mrs. Mayme Mattison as President and Mrs. Marie Lundeen as Secretary. The Auxiliary was very active catering for weddings and other banquets, sponsoring Craft & Bake sales, raffles and selling Auxiliary Cookbooks. The kitchen was very small with one cold-water tap and one small sink. Water was heated in a boiler on the stove. Banquets were not serve yourself. The food was in bowls or platters served to every table, and no disposable utensils. Most of these items were brought from homes. The cooking was done at home and even the gravy was hauled in cars to the hall. One summer in the 1970s, there were eleven weekend weddings in a row. Quite a few cars had gravy stains when that was over!

About this time, the Legion decided to build a 90' x 30' addition. This made a dining area 70' x 30' and a 20' x 30' kitchen, fully equipped with walk-in cooler and three double sinks. In time, this was stocked with enough utensils to seat and serve 250 or more persons.

The Auxiliary was disbanded in December 2000. Their funds were turned over to the Legion at that time.

In 1955, the Legion sponsored an Air Cadet Squadron and provided financial assistance many times. This group is still an active presence in the community. They do a poppy blitz in November and have a significant part in the Remembrance Day service.

The Legion at various times has supplied uniforms for school sports teams. The Legion sponsored weekly bingos from 1990 to 1999 with the profits going to many improvements. Some of these are three new furnaces; new roof; siding & windows; new doors; handicap washroom; maple hardwood dance floor; P.A. system; new tables; 400 new chairs; paneling on walls of main hall and dining area and a new chimney. (A strong wind brought the old brick one down with a crash heard several blocks away). The sponsoring of bingo was turned over to the local Air Cadets in 1999.

Until the local school built their gymnasium in 1972, the students used the Legion hall for all indoor sports free-of-charge.

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AYLSHAM BRANCH 191 ~ Closed

In 1932, veterans from World War I residing in the Aylsham area began proceedings to form a Legion Branch. The charter, issued December 7, 1933, included the following names: John D. MacFarlane, Harold R. Dafoe, Hadley LaPointe, William J. Stevenson, Wademar Apperley, Thomas Douglas, John F. King, Daniel G.S. Sinclair, James Stansfield, George MacFarlane, Cyril P. Thomas, Richard A. Laxen, William G.H. Norrish, Louis M. Robbins, James Clark. The first President was J. D. MacFarlane and the first Secretary was W.J. Stevenson.

Various places were used for meetings until 1935 when members donated money to purchase the Sunnybrook Hall for $300, paid at $25 down and $75 per year at 6 percent interest. It took eight years to payoff this debt. The hall was moved fourteen miles at a cost of $40 for the moving contractor and payment of Legion dues ($1.75) for the use of a tractor. It was situated on a lot purchased by the Ladies' Auxiliary from the C.N.R. Many events were held in the hall and in 1941 it was remodeled to accommodate movies, which were shown until 1958. The hall was partially destroyed by fire in 1948 and had to be replaced. The new hall was built jointly by the Legion and the village and operated by a committee with three members from each. It was known as the Legion Memorial Hall. An upstairs meeting room was used by the Legion, Legion Auxiliary and firemen. By 1975, this hall had deteriorated beyond repair and was demolished. Meetings were then held in the new Aylsham Complex until the Legion disbanded.

Over the years, many fundraising events were held and funds were donated to causes in the community. As the first war Veterans dwindled, the Legion continued to function with the younger men in charge. However, membership gradually waned and so, very reluctantly, members voted in May 1979 to disband. Funds were divided between Pineview Lodge in Nipawin and the Aylsham Community Complex. Some members joined the Codette or Nipawin Branches.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO AYLSHAM BRANCH 191

Approximately five months after the Legion displayed their charter, the ladies did likewise. An organizational meeting was held on April 11, 1934, and charter was issued May 31, 1934 to Alice Bennett, Maude DeForest, Jean R. MacFarlane, Lillian M. LaPointe, Irene Black, Elsie Brady, Mable F. Carswell, Laura Rowan, Isabelle Clark, Lorene O. Thomas, A. Martha Aikman, Reta Duncan, Clara Stansfield, Ann M. Sinclair and Dorothy King. An additional four members were registered: Doris Dahlseides, Gladys Howell, Lillian May Gerrie and Helen Laxen; with Alice Bennett named Honorary President, Maude DeForest, Executive President; Secretary/Treasurer, Irene Black; pianist, Reta Duncan and councillor, Mr. P.C. Gerrie. Membership fees were $1 with an option to pay in two installments (reduced to 75 cents in less than year and to 50 cents in 1936, raised back to $1 in 1937). The Auxiliary supported their Legion over the years and also donated to various community projects and charitable organizations. In 1972, they joined with the Rebekah Lodge to organize the first Donor's Choice Appeal in the community.

In 1973, dues were $3. By 1975, membership was down to thirteen, three of whom resided in Nipawin. Finally, at the December meeting, it was decided to disband.

After many years of dedicated work for a common cause the bonds of friendship and fraternalism are strong and not easily broken -- for many years, in spring, about Rally time, remaining ex-members met to brag and reminisce.

LIVELONG BRANCH 192



The Livelong Branch 192 was chartered on April 26, 1934, with sixteen members.

The first meetings were held in Steve Davenport's (returned man) service station and pool hall. Later meetings were held at the pool elevator. In April 1952, the Legion built their own hall. The land was donated by Walter Hicks.

Funds were raised by holding dances and having suppers. The Ladies' Auxiliary also helped out by donating to the building



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fund. In 1957, an annual fish derby was held and it lasted until 1996 (39 years).

The community built a new complex and the Branch currently has a new Legion room in the complex free-of-charge. The Branch moved in October 2001. The Branch is currently active in bowling, golf and cribbage. We help sponsor student athletes to camp and help out in community activities.

The Branch always has a very successful Poppy Campaign. They enter a float in local parades, always making a nice showing.





At present, the Branch continues to hold monthly meetings. All work at the Branch is on a volunteer basis.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO LIVELONG BRANCH 192

The Ladies' Auxiliary were chartered on March 10, l935, with ten members. They sent parcels overseas and always provided lunches after meetings and helped with all events.

The Ladies' Auxiliary joined the regular Branch in January of 2000.

WAKAW BRANCH 195

The Wakaw Branch 195 was granted a charter on January 15, 1935. Before this charter was granted, in the 1920's and to 1934, the Wakaw War Veterans began Remembrance Day Observances each November 11th, with a service, a banquet, speeches, and music, followed by a dance.

Records from the granting of the charter to December 27, 1945, are missing, so written history dates back to this date. In January of 1946, the Legion Executive approved a Ladies' Auxiliary and it was granted permission to use the Legion Hut for their meetings.

In January of 1947, the Wakaw Village Council agreed to reserve the Town Hall for the Legion on three specific dates each year. New Year's Eve, Easter Monday and November 11th. The Legion also agreed to rent out the Legion Hut for $3.00 per day in winter and $2.00 per day in summer to various groups.

In 1950, it was decided to purchase the stucco school originally a separate school and this was accomplished on July 4, 1950. Hall rentals were established at $5.00 per function and $10.00 with kitchen facilities.

In 1956, at the request from the School Unit, the new Legion Hut was rented out as a school classroom. This was passed by the Legion and the south-hall was rented out for $300.00 per year. Later, the larger school unit requested the rental of the whole building on May 13, 1957, and this was approved by the membership at $600.00 per year.

A Cenotaph on Legion property was planned in 1961, and the dedication took place on August 4, 1965.

Our Branch poppy trust fund is used for Veterans and their dependents with special uses, as laid our by our National Office along with Bursaries for students and involvement in our yearly Literary contest.

In the past, the Legion has sponsored cubs and scouts and have held an annual Christmas Carol Festival. They have also sponsored and supplied uniforms to many sporting groups, such as the Wakaw Midget Hockey Team, held local Branch sporting activities, such as curling and golf tournaments. Other charitable organizations that have been helped include canvassing for the blind, telemiracle, united appeal, the children's Christmas party, Christmas hampers, hospitals, nursing homes, seniors' recreation centres, the town van, etc.

Meanwhile, Legion Branch 195 continues to upgrade its facilities making our Legion more user-friendly, including wheel chair accommodation, etc.

In 1983, our Branch hosted a Veterans' reunion and hopes to do this again soon. We also sponsor socials/meals on special days, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, St. Patrick's Day.
In 1995, the community began negotiations to establish an Air

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WAKAW BRANCH 195 *(...Cont'd)*

Cadets League Squadron No. 888. This was finally accomplished and a new squadron dedicated to the memory of Wm. Kindrachuk was formed on March 15, 1995.

Membership is the number-one concern and recruitment has increased our membership to approximately 60 members for 2006. Getting school children involved in Remembrance Day activities is also an important objective for us.

Membership is all volunteer operated, which makes fund raising sometimes quite difficult, but the Branch is recruiting young members. They press on with fundraising and continue to support any event the community holds.

There is no longer an Auxiliary, but the ladies have joined the Legion Branch, and without them, the meetings would lack the lunches we have come to enjoy.

Branch members continue to support the dwindling Veterans by visiting them in the nursing homes and hospitals and take part, when requested, in the funerals of all Veterans and Legion members in our area.



Perdue Legion Hall 1985

PERDUE BRANCH 196

Perdue Branch #196 was chartered on February 19, 1935, with fifteen members signing. In the first years, meetings were held in the Legion Hut at 517 Ave J. In 1951, the Branch purchased five lots from the United Church, where a community hall was built with the help of volunteers from the community. The present address is 831 7th Street. The funds to build the hall were raised by holding bingos, where the prizes were merchandise such as blankets, lamps, toys and hardware, etc. The bingos were held in a farm implement and Imperial Oil dealership building situated on the civic address of 916 Avenue K. The building was salvaged and the materials were used in construction of the new hall. A building in the nearby town of Asquith was salvaged as well. A car was raffled off, land was rented and crop shares were donated to the fund. Construction began in 1952. A hardwood floor was installed, which was regarded as the best dance floor around. The hall has served the community for over fifty years.

The Perdue Legion has held a very successful annual bonspiel on the last weekend of January each year for the past thirty-five years, with some rinks consisting of three generations participating.

The Branch is co-sponsor of the #300 Fisher Air Cadet Squadron in Biggar. Many youth from Perdue have been members over the years. The Branch holds an annual Remembrance Day Service with good participation from the community. The poster and essay contest is well received and many students participate each year.

The Branch sponsors an annual Fiddler's Contest in the spring, which is enjoyed by many of the people who attend. On November 11, 1990, a wall of honor was dedicated, which displays the names and pictures of over 350 men and women who lived in the community and served in WWl, WW2 and Korean War.

In 2006, the largest membership base is the Associate membership being the sons and daughters of the Ordinary members. The Associate members and the Ladies' Auxiliary members are the main core of the Branch. The Ladies' Auxiliary was chartered on October 17, 1953, with twenty-two members signing. Their dedication has helped tremendously to keep the Branch active. They assist with Donor's Choice, raise funds by selling a community calendar and catering to the bonspiel, as well as other functions held during the year in the community.

The Branch activities and Ladies' Auxiliary involvement keep the Branch operational and a very visible part of the community of Perdue.

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LUELLA DENTON BRANCH 199 ~ Closed

This Legion was chartered in 1935 as the Garrick Branch #199. Charter members were: Daniel Wright, Leslie Redford, Jim Langton, Malcolm Logan, Donald Galbraith, William Irvine, George Inglis, Frank Kroetsch, Bertram Rothwell, Thomas Willis, James McGonigle, Robert Irvine, William Gray and William Jones. The Branch was renamed Luella Denton in 1939 in honor of the World War I nurse who became Matron at the Nipawin hospital. The Garrick Legion Hall was built in 1937, and was moved in 1947 due to basement flooding. Many renovations and improvements were done over the years, and by 1990, it was being rented to the Torch River Youth Club and used as a youth centre three times a week. The Branch donated to many causes over the years, including supporting the Choiceland Air Cadet Squadron and health care facilities in Nipawin. In 1979, the first sons and daughters of original Veterans joined the Branch. However, by 2003, membership had declined drastically as the village population shrunk and it was decided to close. A number of members joined the Nipawin Branch.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO LUELLA DENTON BRANCH 199

An organizational meeting in February 1938 was followed in March of that year by the installation of officers: President, Mrs. J. McGonigle; Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. G. Archibald; Standard Bearer, Mrs. L. Redford; and pianist, Mrs. J. Mollison. Dues were 50 cents each.

Auxiliary members sent parcels to soldiers overseas, made layettes for overseas mothers, and adopted an orphan family in London. The overseas parcels continued until 1950. Showers were held to welcome war brides and to provide kitchenware for the Legion Hall. By 1990, over eighty ladies had been members of the Auxiliary, but like many others, declining membership resulted in the surrendering of its Charter.

Information obtained from various community history books.

CUT KNIFE BRANCH 200



An organization meeting of the Cut Knife Legion Branch 200 was held on October 24, 1938. The first executive was elected: President, J. Hamilton; Vice-President, R. Woodall; Secretary, W. Perkins; Treasurer, S. Barker. The charter members were: A. Jack, W. Nettbohm, H. Grant, J. Leslie, J. Cameron, S Zeilinski, M. Bradburn, G. Durling, N. Parkinson, D. Wilson, J. Hamilton, R. Woodall, S. Barker, A. Beckett, A. Hushagen, and J. Pook.

The meetings were held in a room at Mah Show's Hotel, with the rent being six dollars a month. In 1938, the annual dues were $1.75. The 1938 New Year's Eve Dance made a profit of $28.40. The 1939 Poppy Campaign made a profit of $5.42.

A renovated hall was moved to its present location in 1957. A stone cairn was built in 1977, dedicated to those who did not return from WWI and WWII.

From 1935 to the present, Cut Knife Legion has been a very active part of the Cut Knife community. For many years, they hosted the annual New Year's Eve Dance and Social. As times changed, and the needs of the community changed, the Cut Knife Legion has always been there to assist where help was required. In the late 1930s, relief was given to those most affected by the drought. Welfare of Veterans has always been the first and foremost concern to the Branch, with the youth of the community second. The Branch members have always supported local youth through sports, bursaries and scholarships.

Along with the cooperation of some dedicated teachers, the history of Cut Knife Veterans has been kept alive and every year, Remembrance Day services are held at the schools.

The present membership of the Cut Knife Legion #200 is eighty-one. Like most Branches, they have trouble getting members out to meetings, but they are still a vital part of the community. It is very important to the Branch to keep the memory of Veterans' sacrifices alive.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO CUT KNIFE BRANCH 200

The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized in November 1937. Its purpose throughout the years has been to support the Legion in its endeavours to assist the needy and disabled Veterans and their families, as well as community projects, especially those involving young people. When the Saskatchewan Command of the Legion Auxiliary disbanded in 2000, the Cut Knife Auxiliary voted to continue with their support of the local Legion and the community, but with aging and declining membership, this group later disbanded in December 2005. Some members joined the Legion and continue to support Veterans' welfare and the community.

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FLEMING BRANCH 201

The Fleming Branch had their charter approved on December 24, 1935. It had 15 original members: Garfield C. Durnin, Graham G. Wren, Alexander T. Jupp, George Richardson, Alexander Campbell, William O. Saxton, Alexander A. McCormick, William J. Powers, John Martin, Robert V. Lawrence, Charles W. Elvin, Frederick H. Davis, Herbert Megson, Cecil C. Freeman and Samuel Smedley. The members had served mostly in France, some in Ireland and India, as well.

There are no minutes available for these years, but it believed that the Legion owned a two-storey stone house. The top floor was rented-out, which helped the Branch financially. It was a private place for the men to get together, share stories, songs and drinks. Ladies were admitted only to bring in food for the November 11th dinner after the Church service. There was a temporary cenotaph, made of wood, in the shape of a cross beside the building.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was granted a charter on April 8, 1937. There are no minutes from their early meetings, either.

There were some special times noted in the 1939 books. All members were to meet at the Legion rooms on May 25th at 9:00 a.m., and to bring their medals. A committee was struck to make arrangements for the visit of the Royal train. Guards were appointed for all three crossings and other members were detailed for guard duty where necessary. Two packages were sent to Moscow and also money was sent later.

In 1940, the Branch undertook to pay the cost of the delivery of parcels to the enlisted men of the District who were overseas, and to those at home also. In 1941, the President offered his services as a member of the War Savings Campaign committee. The Branch purchased $5.00 in war savings certificates each month.

The Branch held whist drives, dances, masquerade balls. Admission was 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, and lunch was 10 cents. In 1942, dance proceeds were for the Milk for Britain fund. They raised $75.29. Bingo games also raised money.

The Branch wrote the Buckshee Fund in Montreal for seven collecting boxes to be placed in stores in Fleming. The object of the fund was to supply overseas troops with cigarettes. They collected $6.04. In later years, they sent the cigarettes directly to the boys from the Branch who were overseas.

In June of 1942, the members paraded to the United Church for the Sunday service during Army week.

In 1944, all prizes at the Easter Masquerade Dance were given in War Savings Stamps. A $100.00 War Bond in the 6th Victory Loan was purchased. In 1945, donations of $5.00 per month were given to the Broadview Legion where troops were moving through in large numbers.

In 1947, the Legion was in favour of erecting a closed-in rink and provided much support to it.

A "smoker" was held at the Windsor Hotel in Fleming to raise money. The Branch bought a chesterfield set and sold tickets for funds going toward a rehabilitation fund for assistance to members.

In 1955, the Branch sold their old stone building and moved into their new hall. Later that year, they also made plans to erect a new cenotaph, which was dedicated on July 6, 1968.

Due to costs and upkeep, the Hall was later turned over to the town and the members now meet in the Community Hall.

Where the former Legion property was located, a campground has been erected which is named "Veterans' Campground."

The Ladies' Auxiliary have since disbanded and joined the Branch. The Branch now has a membership of 35 members.

HAZLET BRANCH 202

The first organization of the Hazlet Branch 202 was on February 1, 1936. Those appointed were Leslie Colter, Rudolph Stock, Frank Dyball, John H. Boyer, Arthur E. Todd, Percy Pyne, Charles W. Perry, Charles J. Herriott, William T. Vilness, Ralph S. Bingham, John Munt, Joseph F. McAdam, Walter Weedon, Edward I. Olson, and Oscar A. Sannes, with J. H. Boyer as Secretary.

Branch 202 was re-organized in 1946, and the charter members were Frank McAdam, Leslie Colter, Owen Olsgard, Orland Robertson, George Bell, John McIver and W. J. Burak. The first recorded meeting was on November 5, 1946 in the McCabe grain elevator office with President Owen Olsgard, Secretary/Treasurer Frank McAdam and eight members present.

The first project was a dance on May 30, 1947 with net proceeds of $29.18. The attention then turned to the construction of a monument to servicemen from Hazlet and area who had made the supreme sacrifice. The monument was completed in 1948 and still stands today on Railway Street in Hazlet, bearing the following names: F/O T.R. Bailey, D.F.C. Sgt. A/G M.A. Lowick, Sgt. AG/W.N. Partridge, Sgt. A/G D.L. Robertson and Pte. R. Shiels.

In 1948, the Legion formed a softball team and actively supported a ladies' team. The Legion teams existed for several years and each year held a sports day tournament. A meeting place for the Legion was a problem, so in 1949, a clubroom was set up in the basement of the Community Hall. This was used as the meeting place until August 1950, when Maurice Akre offered the use of his poolroom. This continued as their meeting place for seven years, with free use of the pool tables included.

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The first annual dance for the Branch was on October 26, 1951. Admission was 50 cents per person; the orchestra fee was $55.00, hall rent of $15.00, and the net profit for the evening was $4.00. Other firsts for the Branch are: first annual Legion bonspiel on March 3, 1954; first entry to the Legion Curling playoffs in 1955; first Legion carnival in 1957; first turkey bingo in 1957; and first annual Legion deep-pit barbecue in 1966.

The carnivals were held annually for seven years while turkey bingos continued for thirteen years. The deep-pit barbecues reached twenty years annually in 1985. The barbecue in 1978, which was Hazlet's 50th Anniversary year, had the largest attendance, catering to approximately 1100 people in one hour.

In 1956, we purchased the Trent School for $3.00. A cement basement was poured on November 10, 1956, and we had our first meeting on February 14, 1957, in our own Legion Hall.

In 2004, the Hazlet Legion made the decision to close the Legion Hall due to the increasing costs of maintaining it, and the limited use of the building. Meetings are now held in the local Café. In 2005, the Hazlet Ladies' Auxiliary joined the Legion to bring their experience and much welcomed comradeship to Hazlet Branch's small, but proud group.



Arborfield Legion #203 with Memorial Plaque at Jordon River Cemetery.

ARBORFIELD BRANCH 203

Several Legion members gathered on June 9, 2003 at the Jordan River Memorial Plaque. Similar Memorial Plaques were placed by the Legion at Moose Range, Catholic, Zenon Park, and Aborfield Cemeteries to remember fallen comrades.

Fifteen soldiers who returned from WWI had taken up land in the area and decided to form a Legion Branch. A meeting was held on November 13, 1938 to elect officers with M.A. Devine as President. They received their charter on February 5, 1936. Many others joined, especially after WWII.

A small clubroom was used in the late 1940s. Around 1950, the Legion purchased a building from Denis Meeks. It became the Legion Hall after many additions and improvements over the years, such as the installation of a new roof, new maple hardwood floor, natural gas and water and sewer.

The Legion raised funds by having pie shoots, bingos, Saturday night dances, New Year's Eve dances, Easter Monday dances, Valentine's Dances, and Remembrance Day Dinner and Dance. The Legion sponsored the organization of the Cub Scouts and Air Cadets.

The Legion built a Cenotaph and unveiled it in August 1965.

In 1978, the Legion decorated a Jeep for Arborfield's 50-year parade. The same Jeep was decorated in 2005 for Arborfield's Home Coming parade, celebrating one hundred years for the province. The Branch currently has twenty-two members.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO ARBORFIELD BRANCH 203

After WWII, some Veterans' wives decided to form an Auxiliary. They met in the Legion clubroom on February 2, 1948 to elect officers. On March 3, 1948, Zone Representative, Mrs. Swanson, installed the officers with Mrs. Pearl MacNutt as President.

The first Bake Sale was held on April 17, 1948, with an angel food cake raffled. On October 27th, they catered to a banquet for fifty Elks Lodge members. On November 17th, they served lunch at the Legion Dance.

The charter arrived, dated April 14, 1950, with fifteen charter members.

The ladies held meetings in different homes until the Legion purchased a building for a hall and they helped furnish the kitchen.

The Auxiliary bought a piano on April 14, 1951.

The Auxiliary and Legion sponsored Jean L'Arrivee and Hilda Pickersgill to walk in the 15-mile Walk-a-thon to raise money to build the new community hall.

The Auxiliary and Legion held their first meetings in their new hall on May 8, 1972.

The Auxiliary disbanded on December 31, 2000 and joined the Legion in 2001.

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LAFLECHE BRANCH 204

In 1936, the Lafleche Branch of the B.E.S.L. was formed, with sixteen charter members. Toland Hall was purchased for their functions. After much needed repairs, the hall was destroyed by fire in 1939. In 1945, the Branch purchased the Parish Hall from the Ste. Radegonde Church for $5,000.00. Three thousand dollars was received in donations, leaving a debt of $2,000.00, which was finally paid off in 1950, after a very successful carnival.



Scouts Canada honoring the Lafleche Legion: 2005
Back L-R; Merle Sproule; Cliff Day; Russ Patterson; Herb Harron
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Throughout the years, the Hall had undergone many changes and improvements. In 1951, the stage was built; in 1952, the furnaces were installed; and in 1963, the hardwood floor was laid. After removing the bowling alleys in 1958, an extensive project was started to modernize the basement to house a meeting and banquet room. After completion, it was known as "Butternut Cove," and the official opening was in May 1961. The work was done mostly by volunteer labor. In 1976, the interior of the hall was completely finished. In 1980, the entrance to the hall was remodeled. In 1955, the Cenotaph was erected at the C.P.R. station.

In 1960, the Ladies' Auxiliary was formed, working alongside the Legion members raising money to support and encourage participants in the community projects. The main source of monies came from their catering to teas and banquets. A yearly Appreciation Supper was held in honor of the Auxiliary in recognition of all their support.

People of the community donated articles for an auction sale when funds were needed to buy necessary equipment and furnishings for the hospital and the Health Centre. The Branch sponsored minor sports, athletes to track and field clinics, essay contests and scholarship programs, and offering assistance to various community endeavors.

The November 11th interdenominational service was held at the hall, until three years ago, when the service was changed to the Central High School. The school's Home Economics Class served lunch after the service. The Legion handed out awards to the winners of the essay and poster contests.

Due to declining membership and age of Veterans, it was decided to relinquish ownership of the hall to the community, the Woodriver Memorial Hall Association. Since 1996, the hall has been rented for a token dollar per year.

The Auxiliary, also struggling because of the lack of funds to support their causes, followed the Provincial Auxiliary and also folded. Members were informed they could join the Legion, if they wished.



Charter Members received Life Memberships:
L.-R. Tony Morin; Frank Harron; Joe Charlesbois; Adrian Belcourt; Alex McDonald.

Joe Charlesbois - the last chater member passed away at age 102 in 2002

There are now thirty members and two Auxiliary members, for a total of thirty-two members.

The last remaining Charter member, Joe Charlesbois, passed away in 2002 at age 102.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO LAFLECHE BRANCH 204

Eleven prospective members attended the first meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L., held on January 6, 1949 at the Lafleche Metropole Hotel. Mrs. B.M. Byers, of Assiniboia, conducted the meeting, initiated the members and instructed them on meeting procedures. According to 1949 membership forms, there were fifteen charter members.

The members served meals at the rink for one day of the curling bonspiel. The paid the caretaker one dollar to light the fire in the coal and wood stoves in the morning. Dishes were washed in large rinse tubs and emptied in the alley. Several ladies lost cutlery when the dishwater was thrown out. Many times, they would dig around in the mud and weeds looking for the missing cutlery.

Records show that there were no more meetings until December 15,1960, when a re--organizational meeting was held in the Legion Hall with Zone Commander Hazel Corbin of Kincaid conducting the meeting. Five charter members were re-instated and seven new members initiated. The Auxiliary was instrumental in raising funds to help with the renovations and furnishings for the hall. For the Jubilee year, the ladies planted flowers at the Cenotaph, and also helped decorate floats and participated in the parades.

In 1965, the ladies were involved with the community in promoting and helping set up the Lafleche Music Festival. They supplied a scholarship until the year 2000. They sponsored or participated in the Bishop's sewing classes. They donated a plaque to the Horticultural Society, and served at the Seniors' Christmas dinner. Donations were given towards the renovations of the nurse's residence, furnishing a room at the hospital, and donations were made to the Lafleche & District Health Centre. Three members collected and mounted pictures of all enlisted men of Lafleche and district, which adorned the walls of Butternut Cove until 2001, when they were moved to the museum.

The Lafleche Auxiliary had curling teams going to Districts in 1979, 1980, 1984,1987, and in 1990, they hit the jackpot as Provincial Champs!

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SNOWDEN BRANCH 205

On March 2, 1935, a preliminary meeting of ex-servicemen was held with sixteen present. Mr. Harold Shannon arranged the meeting. The first inquiry to the Saskatchewan Command Office as to the forming of a Snowden Branch was on January 18, 1935. The second letter was on March 7, 1935, requesting necessary application forms and materials.

The Charter was issued on August 26, 1936, with the following names as Charter members and was mailed to the Secretary, Henry T. Mitchell: H. Shannon, J. McDonald, F. Yeates, H. Mitchell, E. Galbraith, S. Hughes, J. Hamilton, O. Johnson, J. Lightheart, D. McNaughton, F. Noon, W. Stewart, W. Holliday, J. Gill, and F. Herrity.

(The above was taken from the Snowden Looking Back History Book Committee, Friesen Printers, Altona, Manitoba, 1979.)

Harold Shannon had a lake named for him after his death in 1958. The following is taken from the Snowden Looking Back:

"Harold Shannon was an ardent sportsman; he helped plan the Handson Lake Road. This road opened up the northern lakes for tourists who were enthralled with the scenery and the good fishing. One beautiful little lake was named "Shannon Lake'" in honor of Harold. There is also a cairn at this lake which tells briefly of his service to the country during the war of 1914-1918."

The cairn was made of wood in 1961. Later, it was stolen or wrecked, so a cairn of cement with a brass plate now stands at the top of the lake. It now reads:

"Shannon Lake - This Lake is named in honor of Harold Shannon who was born in the Kinistino District in 1894 and died in 1958. He served his country during World War I and also acted as postmaster and Justice of the Peace. During his many years in the district, he was a true sportsman and conservationist.

Erected by the Canadian Legion Snowden Branch # 205 In Co-Operation with the Saskatchewan Department of Natural Resources."

Snowden is located on highway 55, between Nipawin and Prince Albert. Its population in town is around 20 people, but being a farming community, the population is greater in the community. It has a Post Office (the original one burnt n 1996) and The Star Hotel (built in 1935), two halls and a curling rink.

A lot in Snowden was purchased and a Legion Hut was built (due to a flood, all early records were destroyed, so the year is uncertain). All the meetings, Turkey Bingos, crib tournaments and services were held there until the membership started to drop, at which time the Smeaton Legion took turns hosting the Remembrance Day Services every other year, and still continue today.

The Legion Hut started to need major repairs, and a town meeting was called in 1978, where it was decided to build one hall instead of repairing the two existing buildings. So in 1979, a new hall was built and all the Legion Hut's items were donated with the agreement that the Legion could use it free-of-charge for meetings and services. This is still in effect today.

When membership dropped to ten active members, meetings were then held in the homes of the members, with many of them held in Harold and Irene Thompson's home, who was President for many years, unti1 his declining health in 1999. Then, the meetings were held at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erdman's home until his death in 2002, and now due to most of twelve members being from Choiceland, the meetings are held in Placid Place.

The twelve members consist of four women and eight men; ten of whom are Associate members, and two are Life members. The Life members, who are Veterans of World War II, are Walter Brown and George Nelson. Walter Brown has been a member for forty-seven years and still has his farm in Snowden, but due to health reasons, he and his wife, Alice, live in Tisdale, but still spend time at the farm. Walter still attends meetings and helps out at Remembrance Day Services. George Nelson is other Veteran of the Branch. He still lives on his farm in Kinistino, with his second wife, Muriel, after being widowed. He was a member first in Smeaton, and has been a member in Snowden for forty years. He attends meetings and services, and helps out with fundraising. His wife, Muriel, is one of our members.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Eileen Trueman

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO SNOWDEN BRANCH 205

The organization meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shannon on April 25, 1950. Mrs. Daniel Smears (Marion) was elected President, and Mrs. Harold Johnson (Flora) was elected the Secretary.

Other members were Mesdames: H. Shannon (Margaret), Bill Gordan (Annie), W. Seeley (Grace), R. McKenzie (Margaret), P. Robertson (Mary), O. Gertz (EIsie), A. Meyers (Emma), R. Laventure (Merna), J. MacDonald (Marj), J. Kwiatowski (Maria), E. Galbraith (Beatrice), D. Schell (Pearl), Amy Pagan, E. Acott (Daisy), H. Harrison (Georgina), Wm. Thompson (Vandla), R. Nordin (Evelyn), R. Oliphant (Margaret), H. Thompson (Irene), and S. Kuznair (Lily).

(The above was taken from the "Snowden Looking Back" History Book Committee, Friesen Printers Altona, Manitoba, 1979.)

The Ladies' Auxiliary has been a large part of the Legion by helping with the meals and other fundraising tasks. The Auxiliary is still going strong with **eleven** members; five of those are Life members, with all having been members for over thirty-five years. The Auxiliary help with the judging of poems, posters, and essays, as well as the Turkey Bingo and the Remembrance Day meal, all of which are well attended by the community. They also sponsor a plaque to the Choiceland Air Cadets. The meetings are at Placid Place in Choiceland due to most of the members being from there.

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ELROSE BRANCH 206



On August 4, 1936, Veterans residing in Elrose, Hughton, Forgan, Wartime, Greenan, and Sanctuary districts met and decided to form their own Branch. The September meeting formed an executive and in October 1936, the Branch received its charter with fifteen members. Early meetings were held in various Elrose locations, including Gesy's Showroom, The Massey Harris building and the Schwalm Garage. In 1941, the Branch saw the need for a hall in the community and permanent quarters for itself. The Legion Hall, located on Main Street in Elrose, was officially opened on December 3, 1941, and was used extensively for community gatherings. It would be hard to find any club or association in the community that has not made use of the Hall.

During 1946, the Branch erected a Cenotaph in memory of the twenty-four men from the district who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the two World Wars. The Branch also maintains a Veterans Plot in the Elrose Cemetery. Together, the Branch and Ladies' Auxiliary have supported many community buildings, organizations, and individuals.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received its charter in June 1939, with seventeen members. The meetings were held in homes until the construction of the Hall. At some point, the Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary began meeting the same evening - the ladies downstairs and the men upstairs. They would then meet for lunch together upstairs. During WWII, many extra meetings were held to pack parcels and cartons of cigarettes destined for delivery to local service personnel serving in Canada and overseas. The Elrose Ladies' Auxiliary vigorously supported many other wartime projects. Community projects too numerous to list ensued from blood donor clinics to sending a student to the Legion Track Camp. When the Ladies' Auxiliary folded in 1999, several of the members chose to join the Branch to help carry on the work of The Royal Canadian Legion.

Both Branch and Auxiliary contributed to the marking of November 11th. For many years, the services were held at both the Cenotaph and the Hall. In more recent years, the service has been held at the larger community hall only. It was a long-standing custom for members to meet later in the day for a quite formal banquet and social evening that often included singing songs from the Second World War era. This became a more relaxed event over the years, and now they simply meet after the service for lunch.

In 2005, some members created a Veterans' Memory Wall, which includes as many pictures of local service people as could be located. Visitors to Homecoming 2005 enjoyed perusing the displays.

Unfortunately, changing times and rising costs have forced the Branch to close its hall, as of January 2006. Meetings are now held in the local Scout Hut, which the Branch helped to build in the 1980s. Preparations are underway to locate archives, pictures, and other memorabilia in the Elrose Museum.

LUCKY LAKE BRANCH 209

The Lucky Lake Legion was started on January 4, 1937, with approximately sixteen members. The Ladies' Auxiliary started on January 18, 1951.

It is not known where the Legion first held their meetings, but later, they were held in the old Kin Hut. Later, an RCAF Link Trainer building was moved from Caron Port and used for meetings for many years. It was torn down in 1985, and the Legion then moved into the community centre.

The Legion sponsored the local Hockey Team, and had lots of social events over the years. To help raise money, they had annual turkey shoots and ran regular bingo nights. At one time, there were more than one hundred members in the Branch. Now, there are only five members.

The Ladies' Auxiliary turned in their charter and closed a number of years ago.

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DINSMORE BRANCH 210

The Dinsmore Branch 210 was chartered in 1937 with 15 charter members. The Branch very quickly became a very integral part of the community by sponsoring sports and field days, plays, dances, etc. It is of interest that back then, the dances started out charging 25 cents admission and made money at that time! Branch meetings were held in a shoe shop and when larger facilities were needed, they used the Orange Hall. The Branch held their own despite many of the younger members going off to war, but as peace was becoming a reality, a community Thanksgiving Service was held and a victory parade was held in Dinsmore in 1945.

Once the war was over and all veterans returned, the re-organization of Dinsmore Branch began, which was on January 7, 1949. The Dinsmore Branch was given a couple of rooms for their own use in the Rink Arena. The rooms were given free-of-charge, but the Branch paid for the $10,000 worth of fire insurance each year to help the community.

The Branch has been involved in many things such as a Scholarship program, bingos to raise money for the United Emergency Food for Britain Fund, and a boys' club, which specialized in fitness and sports activities. The boys were housed in tents and the Legionnaires volunteered to cook, instruct and look after them.

In 1954, the Cenotaph was erected in Dinsmore, largely due to Comrade Tip Hoffos who was President at the time. Trees and shrubs have since been planted. The Cenotaph was dedicated on November 11th, 1954. That year also the Dinsmore Branch changed its name to the Dinsmore-Wiseton Branch, which included our Comrades from Wiseton in name, as well as Comradeship.

As a service club to the community, the Dinsmore Branch has been involved in too many programs to write about but some of them are as follows: Turkey shoots, variety shows, hospital wards, scholarships, sports days, boy scouts, cadets, ball teams, regional library, rink insurance, bar-be-ques, track and field sponsorship, donation of a hospital heart monitor, to mention a few who have received sponsorship from the Branch. Pee Wee Hockey has been an ongoing event for over 30 years. In 1979, our team entered the SAHA Provincial playoffs and became southern champions, so the Branch is very proud of them.

The Branch currently has 15 ordinary and 5 associate members and is going strong.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO DINSMORE BRANCH 210

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Dinsmore Branch held its charter meeting on May 21, 1954. There were 18 charter members, five of whom are now residing in this area. Over the years, membership has been as high as 75 members.

Their first project, 25 years ago, was a Civil Defence Survey, which covered a large area including Wiseton. Since then, they have been involved in various projects, some of which have been: Well Baby Clinic, monthly Board of Trade Banquets, Polio Clinics, TB Surveys. They donated the first television set to the hospital and have since provided various gifts. The Ladies' Auxiliary, together with the local Branch, also helped to furnish a ward in the hospital.

They have sponsored an Essay Contest annually, and other annual projects include a Strawberry Social and a Poppy Day Tea. The Ladies' Auxiliary has enjoyed and appreciated a great deal of local support for any of their undertakings.

Curling and golf are the two sports enjoyed by the Legion Auxiliary members, the object being to bring the members in closer contact in a friendly and competitive way. The curling is a competition on Zone, District and Provincial level, whereas golf was started in 1977 and is on a zone level only.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Dinsmore Branch 210 disbanded their charter in 1990.

CENTRAL BUTTE BRANCH 213

The Central Butte Branch of the Legion evolved from the 'Great War Veterans Association' in the early 1920s. Meetings were held in the old Chinese Laundry building, with Bert Alcock as President and Vern Detlor as Secretary.

The first November 11th banquet was held in Charlie Mulholland's house. Later, the annual banquet was moved to the hotel, with Veterans from Riverhurst, Lawson, Mawer, and Central Butte taking part. It was customary to hold a dance following the dinner, and all proceeds would be donated to the Central Butte Hospital.

Following the Second World War, Riverhurst and Central Butte each formed their own Branches as the growing membership warranted a Branch in each town.

Central Butte now needed a Legion building, and in 1947, Dufton School was purchased and moved to its present site. In 1948, a twenty-foot addition was added to the front and the structure was placed on a cement foundation. These improvements were financed by social events and outright donations from members and the community at large.

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CENTRAL BUTTE BRANCH 213 *(...Cont'd)*

In 1951, a hardwood floor was laid, and dances and rentals were the main source of revenue.

A Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in 1954 and for many years, membership consisted of twenty or more members. The group was very busy, catering for banquets and hosting social events of their own, so their cash contributions were significant to the finances of the Legion. They also worked closely with Legion members on any activities planned or in progress.

As membership in the Auxiliary declined, the group found it more difficult to carry on and finally decided to disband. Their presence is missed by the Legion members and by the community in general.

In 1962, the Legion Hall underwent some needed renovations. The stage was removed and a kitchen was built with cupboards, sink and equipment for serving meals at special events.

The 1970s saw many improvements, including an addition 16' x 60', a new furnace, bathrooms, and furnishings.

This was also the decade in which several Association members were added to the organization.

Currently, there are thirty-two paid-up members, and a few pending. They meet on a monthly basis to organize fundraisers, as necessary. The members are active and maintain a lively interest in the well being of The Royal Canadian Legion.

ROSE VALLEY BRANCH 214

The Rose Valley Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion received their charter on November 25, 1937. The charter members of the Branch were as follows: J.P.A. Hayes, Ted How, Arthur York, C.W.R. Cowell, C. Christianson, E.Y. Prosser, W. Moore, Ed Smith, Charles Brooks, Duncan Griffen, Julius Peterson, Andrew Anderson and J. Hopkins.

The current Secretary of the Branch is Ray Malach, and the current President of the Branch is Larry Bjerland. Current membership stands at 24.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Rose Valley Branch was chartered on December 10, 1941.

The charter members were: Agnes Hayes, Alice Moore, Phoebe How, Mary Jessup, Sarah Roberts, Margaret Gall, Eleanor Bounds, Eleanor Childs, Ina Bowden, Mary Smith, Gertrude Belfour, Eva Childs, Margirethe Larger, Alice Erickson, Matilda Westby and Pamela Bounds.

The Ladies' Auxiliary were a vital part of the organization, helping out the Branch with many Legion and community activities. The Branch will be forever grateful to the ladies, past and present, for their contribution to the organization.

The Ladies' Auxiliary surrendered their charter in August of 2003.

Rose Valley Branch is now low in numbers but still strives to continue on and provide community support whenever needed.

CARNDUFF BRANCH 216

On October 3, 1938, the local WW I Veterans organized the Carnduff Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion, then called the British Empire Service League. The first meeting was held in Wyatt's Hall, which cost $1.25 to use, with sixteen members initiated. The second meeting was held in the Pool elevator office. Carnduff Branch # 216 received its charter from Provincial Command on January 13, 1939.

From its inception, the Branch became quite active in the affairs of the town and district. During the 1940s and 1950s, "home" of the Branch was the upper floor of the Town Hall, but in 1951, the Branch had to vacate these premises to allow their use as a dental clinic and doctor's office. In 1953, after going for fourteen months without a regular meeting, the members discussed surrendering their charter and disbanding. However, a little more than a year later, the Town Hall was available again



and after a few years, the Legion became the sole possessors of the building. Over the years, some improvements were made, but many members felt the old building had served out its useful life, and a new series of projects were begun in order to establish a building fund.

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CARNDUFF BRANCH 216 *(...Cont'd)*

On December 1, 1967, the new Branch Hall was opened, complete with a lounge in the basement. The lounge remains open six days a week and the hall is used for bingos, weddings, socials, music festivals, court and auction sales.

An organizational meeting was held on May 14, 1945 to form a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Carnduff Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion. There were fifteen charter members, with several new members joining the first year. War brides were welcomed and each was presented with a blanket.

The Auxiliary did a lot of catering, both in the Legion Hall and in the school auditorium. However, the Legion Hall was located in the Town Hall on the upper floor. This meant that the dishes had to be hauled down two flights of stairs to the auditorium and then back again to be washed. This all changed in 1967, when the new hall was built with a modern kitchen. Over the years, a large dishwasher and steam table were added to help with the enormous catering jobs that could sometimes reach two hundred people or more. Catering is still a major part of the fundraising. In 2006, there are twenty-seven members, which included eight Life members. With the decline in the Auxiliary membership, the group is thankful for the help of the Legion members.

Through the years, the Legion and Auxiliary have supported such things as the skating and curling rink, the swimming pool, the Senior Citizen's Home, medical expenses for families in need, the Lions Band, Telemirade, a Student Memorial Award, Track and Field Camp, and the local Cadets. In preparation for the Homecoming Celebrations in 2005, both the Auxiliary and the Branch made a contribution to the restoration of the Cenotaph.

Despite declining membership, the Branch and Auxiliary continue to be successful because of the help of the community and the dedication of the members.

CUPAR AND DISTRICT BRANCH 217



The Branch started with approximately 58 members on April 21, 1939. The Branch was officially chartered on May 10, 1939. Today, membership stands at 6 ordinary members and 7 associate members.

Fundraisers were handled like every other Branch; smokers, dances, booths at sports days, poppy and wreath sales, etc.

The Ladies' Auxiliary started on February 28, 1940, and the charter was cancelled in 2001. They started with 15 members and they were a true Auxiliary to the Legion. Also during the war years, buying, packing and shipping parcels to our local armed forces personnel overseas was one of their most important projects. Many other activities like sponsoring students to the Track and Field program were first and foremost also. Visiting the sick and sending food hampers at Christmastime was very important to the community.

November 11th saw members marching to the hall in all sorts of weather. What a sight it was to see everyone marching so smartly. Today, we drive to the church and the Legion Hall.

Meetings were held at various churches, the Cupar Town Hall and the old Legion Hall in the early years and now the new Legion hall.

All the members are all volunteer officials now. The Royal Canadian Legion has sponsored the scouting movement in Cupar for over 50 years. In 1997, the Cupar Legion received a Certificate of Congratulations for this sponsorship. Scouting was very active until we ran out of children in the community. The Legion benefited in later years from the Scouting movement as a lot of the children went on to become part of our Legion colour party and helped in laying wreaths at the cenotaph.

The Cupar Legion sponsors the National Literary and Poster contest within the schools and the work is always displayed on November 11th in the Legion Hall for everyone to view. Judges are picked from the crowd to judge the entries to go on to the next level of competition.

Throughout the years, the fundraising has gone towards the purchase of electric beds, lifts, slings, etc., for the Cupar and District Nursing Home. There currently are some Veterans in the residence.



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NAICAM BRANCH 218

Several WW I Veterans formed a Great War Veterans Association Branch in Naicam, SK in 1920. When the Canadian Legion was formed, the Branch was absorbed into the new organization.

A local branch, known as the Big Four, comprised of the villages of Pleasantdale, Lac Vert, Spalding and Naicam, was formed. The Charter was issued on May 22, 1939. This Branch functioned until each village decided to have a Branch of their own and a new charter was issued to Naicam in 1948 with 19 charter members.

Naicam Branch has had several homes over the years. We obtained our present building in 1968. This building was given an addition a few years later and serves the needs of the branch and community well.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received its charter in 1957. They worked with the Branch on all of their projects for many years. About five years ago, their numbers dwindled and the Ladies' Auxiliary folded.

In 1964, the Branch held their first weekly bingo. The money raised was used for many local donations. They handed the bingo over to the Naicam Cadets in 2000, but continue to sell Nevada tickets at this and other functions.

The Naicam Legion Cadet Corps was founded it 1967. Naicam Branch continues to sponsor the Corps with monetary donations and free use of the Legion Hut for many of their functions.

A Cenotaph was erected on the east side of Naicam to remember those gallant comrades who lost their lives in the Wars. The cost was borne by public subscription, but the upkeep is done solely by the Branch.

Each November 11th, a Remembrance Day Service is held. Over the years, it was held in the Star Theater. After the theater closed, the service was moved to the Naicam Town Hall with the laying of wreaths held at the Cenotaph. As members aged, it was decided to hold the entire service indoors. Since 2000, the Service has been held in the Naicam School Gym. A collapsible replica of the cenotaph was build and it is set up for the laying of the wreath ceremony.

The branch continues to support many local causes: Naicam Museum, Naicam Library, Curling Club, Skating Rink, Minor Sports, Donor's Choice, to name a few.

Through the Poppy Fund, they are able to give donations to many of the area Hospitals and Senior's Homes, and also give two annual bursaries to Grade 12 students.

The Branch is very proud of our "Wall of Honour." In the 1950's and 60's the provincial government named lakes, islands, bays, etc., to honour local servicemen who paid the supreme sacrifice. A bush pilot, Doug Chisholm, photographed these geographical memory sites. The Naicam Legion has purchased 20 of these framed photos, and now proudly displays these in memory of the young men from Naicam and District who did not return home. The Wall of Honour can be viewed at online at www3.telus.net/nb218.

Membership has declined, but over the past ten years, the Branch has been able to attract many active younger members and this has given the Branch a new lease on life.

At the present, the Branch has 35 members: 8 Life, 11 Ordinary and 16 Associate.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO NAICAM BRANCH 218

Shortly before 1957, Mrs. McDonald and Ivy Stapleton began catering to Legion functions. On February 16, 1957, a motion was made by Comrade Bill Stapleton to approve the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary to Naicam Branch 218. The motion was carried, and in June 1957, the Auxiliary received its charter.

At first, meetings were held in homes, later moving to the Town Hall. When the Legion bought the old Pentecostal Church in 1968, the Ladies then had permanent location. Additions to accommodate a game room and bathrooms were done over the years.

The Auxiliary helped the Legion in a small way by catering to weddings, Christmas parties and teas. The charge at the time was $1.50 per plate. A coffee maker was purchased with Blue Ribbon coupons. A Veteran's chair was bought and delivered to the Saskatoon Veteran's Home with our name and number on it. Other activities were raffles, quilt making, selling cook books, bake sales and teas. Prices were cheap at that time.

In 1969, the Ladies purchased a set of dishes with the Legion Crest on them at a cost of $248.15. The dishes are still in use.

In 1963, they started the Christmas Carol Festival and it was an annual event for over twenty years. Proceeds were sent to the Veteran's Comfort Fund.

The Branch presented the Auxiliary with a Ladies' Auxiliary Flag in 1966.

The Auxiliary always had a Banquet for the Legion and Auxiliary members and guests on November 11th.

We also took part in curling. Two teams advanced to Provincials, where they were defeated.

In 1985, the Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated their 25th Anniversary. This event was attended by Zone and Provincial representatives.

In 1987, they purchased a piano which was used for many occasions.

In 1990, they made and raffled off a beautiful quilt featuring the Provincial Flowers.

Over the years, they have donated to the Music Festival, Telemiracle, Naicam Museum and Student Bursaries. They helped with Naicam Homecoming in 1971, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1990.

It was always the aim of the Ladies' Auxiliary to support the Legion in whatever project they did.

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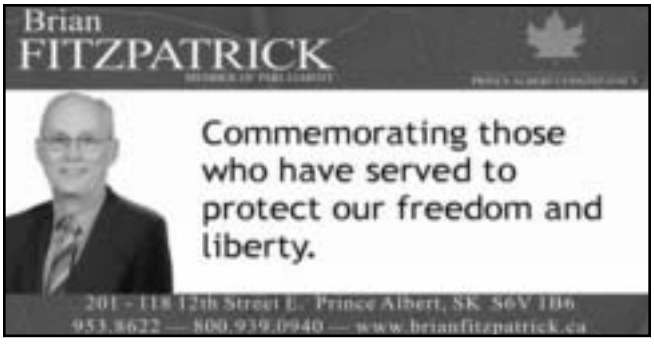
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KELLIHER BRANCH 219

The Kelliher Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion had its beginning after the First World War when Veterans organized the Kelliher War Veterans organization in 1920.

The first President was Fred George, and the first Secretary was Eric Stevens, with a membership of thirty. The regular meetings were held in the Rex Hall. This organization continued until September 1939, when a charter was applied for and issued on November 6, 1939 in the name of the Kelliher Branch 219 of the Royal Canadian Legion with a membership of eighteen.

Meetings were held in the old town hall at 2:30 p.m. in the wintertime, and at 8.30 p.m. in summertime. When the war started in 1939, a few more of the 14- 18 Veterans joined up but the membership was small, the Branch was active by sending parcels to the boys and girls overseas.



In 1940, the Kelliher Branch sponsored a meeting to form a Veterans Battalion for home defense. Eighteen members of the Branch did not come back from overseas.

When the troops returned in 1945-1946, the membership increased and the need for a permanent meeting place arose. A drive for funds was made and with volunteer labour, a meeting place in the old Town Hall was furnished. This served well until in 1962 the Cullen's Drugstore was purchased and gradually renovated to serve the Legion members and the Ladies' Auxiliary. The membership at this time had risen to sixty.

On September 12, 1950, a meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Kelliher Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion. Twelve members were initiated, with President, Mrs. Cora Kaufhold, and Mrs. Ruth Englund as Secretary.

Through the years, the membership had its ups and downs but the Branch was active in its support of the Legion, furnishing



the kitchen, serving teas and catering to community events, sponsoring students to Provincial Track and Field events, 4H home craft clubs, Santa Claus days for the kids, etc.

Through the years, the Kelliher Legion Branch 219 was active in several projects: a Legion dance pavilion was built and operated for some years on the shore of Birch Lake, swimming classes were sponsored by the local Legion and the Red Cross.

Bingos were held weekly in the hall, students were sponsored to go to Provincial Track and Field meets, and yearly Literary and Poster Contest had, and still have, many participants from the Lestock, Kelliher and Ituna schools.

The Hall is rented for community events and the Kelliher Lions Club have their regular meetings scheduled there.

The members, Ladies' Auxiliary and Color Party, always attend the school Remembrance Day services in Ituna and Kelliher. The Remembrance Day services are held in the town of Ituna on November 10th and in Kelliher on the November 11th with good attendance of both communities.

Through the years, the Branch has taken part in several community events, as parades with the Color Party and floats in local and neighbouring communities. Members take part in Legion sporting events such as, curling, golf, bowling, and cribbage.

The Branch made donations to the hospitals and senior homes in the form of wheelchairs, lifeline, or funds out of the poppy fund, toward the purchase of necessary equipment.

Membership has declined with age. As of 2006, Kelliher Branch 219 has twenty-two members.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is still active locally with sixteen members and are a great support to the Kelliher Legion Branch.

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ABBEY BRANCH 222

In November 1939, a group of World War I veterans met in Abbey, making the decision to organize a branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. The charter was granted on January 8, 1940, representing 30 members from Cabri west along the Empress line. The first annual meeting was held on November 16, 1940, in Mrs. Mathison's house.

When the second war ended in 1945, veterans returning home found the Abbey Legion well established. They were encouraged to join and play a major role in the branch. At the time of the annual meeting, February 1947, the membership was 184 veterans. In 1948, members of the Legion invited mothers and wives of veterans to discuss forming an Auxiliary. At the meeting held on April 21 in the original Abbey school building, two important decisions were made: the ladies voted to form a branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Legion agreed to make an offer to the Leader School Unit for the purchase of the school building, erected in 1915, to be used as a Legion hall. The Auxiliary charter was issued in May 1948, with 24 members on the original roll. The school building was purchased for $1000, with an official opening held in March 1949. The Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary now had a home, which was also to be available to the community, with a special emphasis on youth groups.

Some of the veterans carried with them, from wartime socializing, the rolling of dice (crap shooting). This being very noisy, they were relegated to the crumbling basement of the old building, which soon helped them realize a new one was necessary. In 1949, the hall was moved onto the new basement. This was followed by a new porch on the front, which included washrooms to replace the outdoor plumbing. Later, a kitchen was added to the rear of the building. These improvements were a combined effort of the Legion and the Auxiliary. A cenotaph was placed near the hall and properly dedicated with a full colour ceremony.

In February 1974, the first associate members were initiated and remain an integral part of the organization.

Over the years, the Legion has sponsored youth groups. Boy Scouts and Cubs, 4-H beef, homecraft and canine clubs, Girl Guides and Brownies have used the Legion hall for their meetings and activities. Both groups provide scholarships to high school graduates. On 4-H Achievement Day, the Auxiliary runs the lunch booth and the Legion hosts a beef barbecue.

The Legion and Auxiliary have entered floats and provided colour parties for the annual Chokecherry Festival in Lancer and for other significant events. The Auxiliary held a St. Patrick's Day dance for many years and continues to hold an annual Mother's Day Tea. Members and friends have put on nostalgic musical performances, Sentimental Journey and Down Memory Lane.

Remembrance Week is a major time for our branch. Comrades take part in school remembrances; the solemnity of Remembrance Day is emphasized for the community service by the backdrop depicting a war scene painted by local artist Angela Kost; a banquet and dance are hosted in the evening.

A Wall of Remembrance was added to the Legion Hall in 2003, commemorating local servicemen who paid the ultimate sacrifice and have had Saskatchewan geographic features named for them.

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PINTO CREEK BRANCH 224

The Pinto Creek Branch came into being shortly after the start of the second world war. The Branch consisted of Comrades from the villages of Kincaid, Meyronne, Hazenmore and Mankota. The charter was issued on April 2nd 1940 and the following is a list of the 26 charter members:

Carl Frostad	Frank Dayman	W.B. Crozier
D. Thomas	B. Backhouse	M.D. Pascoe
R.C. Banks	W.C. Irwin	E.T. Birkett
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C.P. Lee	E.M. Olson	R. McKinley
E.J. Waite	R.W. Richardson	W.B. Nielson
E.W. Rodbard	C.C. Sonne	

For the first few years members met in their homes or the RM Office. As membership increased following true war years, the Branch moved to a permanent site in the village of Kincaid. This building was opened in 1955 and remained in use until the 1980's when the Branch moved in the Kincaid Community hall. The Branch now shares this hall with the Kincaid Lions Club.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was chartered on May 17,1951. They held their meetings on the same evening as the men and after there was a lunch served following the meetings. The Auxiliary was actively involved in all fundraising projects and played a prominent part in all Legion activities. The Auxiliary eventually disbanded but many of the wives and daughters of Veterans have remained actively involved by becoming associate members.

The Branch had various methods of raising funds from local donations to sponsoring sports day in June and July in each of the communities. In later years they sponsored a winter carnival at the Kincaid rink. Much of the fundraising in the early years was to send care packages overseas. The Branch also kept a close eye on returned veterans who were in hospital. In later years the Branch helped to fund the Kincaid rink, Hazenmore hall and furnished a room at the Mankota hospital. The Branch has actively supported sports and often sponsored an athlete to the Legion Track and Field camp.

Our Branch, like many others has evolved over the years. We now have only three Ordinary members in our Branch. It is now up to the sons and daughters of Veterans to carry on the work of the Branch. We will continue to uphold the ideals of The Royal Canadian Legion.

PENZANCE BRANCH 226

The Penzance Branch #226 of The Royal Canadian Legion received its Charter on July 11, 1940, with fourteen signing members, all of whom were World War I Veterans. The Branch was organized, in large part, due to the efforts of Earl R. Lane, who was a WWI Veteran. The WWI Vets gladly paid extra membership dues to support the men and women overseas until they arrived home.

At the time of inception, Penzance Branch included the area from Imperial to Dilke. The first meeting was held on July 15, 1940. With the return of the ex-servicemen following World War II, Imperial, Dilke and Liberty received their own Charters, and this left Penzance and Holdfast as Penzance Branch #226.

The Branch has regularly held a Remembrance Day Service and has run the Poppy Campaign. They sponsor the annual Legion Poem, Poster and Essay Contest with support from Schell School in Holdfast. Many winners have gone on to the provincial and national levels. For a number of years, two baseball teams (sandlot and juvenile) were sponsored by the Branch. Cribbage and pool tournaments have been held, and members have competed in curling and golf tournaments. It is to be noted that two local Legion members have gone on to be Zone Commanders.

In 1943, the Penzance Town Hall was donated as a memorial to those who were on active service and it became known as Penzance Memorial Hall. During this period, Legion dances were held and the Boxing Day dance became a regular tradition.

In 1977, a house in Holdfast was donated to the Legion for use as a Clubhouse. Later that year, the Branch purchased the old "cottage school" at Holdfast and moved it on to the present site. The members did many renovations, and the building has remained the Legion Clubhouse, up to the present time.

The Penzance Branch still has about thirty members, nine of whom are WWII Veterans and numerous Associate members. Many no longer reside in the area.

The Penzance Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Penzance Branch was formed on July 15, 1940. Some of their meetings were held in the C.P.R. waiting room between train times. Later, meetings alternated between Penzance and Holdfast.

During the war, as many as seventy-five parcels were sent each month to servicemen and women in Canada and overseas. These included many pairs of hand-knit socks.

The Auxiliary made an annual donation to the Veterans' Comfort Fund and to the Veterans' Hospital in Saskatoon. A bursary fund was established for members' children to be used toward secondary education. Each year, a child was sponsored to a Track and Field event, and a Remembrance Day Tea and Bake Sale was held each year.

Due to a lack of members, the Ladies' Auxiliary was disbanded on May 6, 1989.



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PLEASANTDALE BRANCH 227

Pleasantdale Branch 227 was granted its charter in July 1940. Charter members were: N.M. Bonderud, G. Brooks, C. Bunnah, H.W. Bunnah, F.C. Corley, W. Date, J.C. Harley, M.M. Lynam, R.W. Moss, J.M. Nichol, S.B. Shields, F. Walton, S. Webb, R.A. Wilkinson and G.W. Wingham.

The Legion held meetings in the school or Municipal Office until it purchased its own building from the Beaver Lumber Company on Main Street in Pleasantdale. In 1945, land was bought from the CPR for $125.00 and the building was moved to the southwest corner. This established a "Legion Hut" on "Legion Grounds."

In 1952-53, Daleville School needed space for Grades I to V and the Legion Hut became a classroom for thirty-six pupils.

The Legion then cleared the grounds to make way for a sports ground. Booths and ball diamonds were built and sports days were conducted for years. Boy Scouts and minor sports were sponsored. An open-air skating rink was built and later turned over to the community.

The Legion Hut was later sold to the Pleasantdale Community Club. The club moved the building to another location and turned it into a booth. Then the Legion began to share the Ladies' Auxiliary premises on Main Street. Many building improvements were made. In 1983, a 25-year agreement was struck with the New Horizon Senior Citizens to share the facility. There is a joint Building Fund Committee that manages the premises. The building is used by the public at a low rental rate.

The Branch has a history of working closely with the school. The Branch has sponsored the Essay, Poem and poster contest, and over the years has presented many monetary and plaque prize awards to winners at the local, Zone, District and Provincial and Dominion levels. Other cash donations have been made. The school has responded by hosting the Remembrance Day Service. The Community Ladies have been supportive by serving lunch after the service. The school closed in June of 2006.

The Branch has been visible in Homecoming parades, Decoration Days, and many fund raising bingos. Membership is currently eleven.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO PLEASANTDALE BRANCH 227

A Charter of the British Empire Service League Ladies' Auxiliary was granted in 1941 with fourteen members: E.G. Ashmead, C. Brooks, A. Haddon, C. Lynam, W. McPhail, E. Olson, E. Wilks, K. Bonderud, M. Convery, A. Lindsay, J. McMillan, M. Moss, F. Whittaker and H. Wilkinson.

The Ladies held meetings in Daleville School and in the homes of each member until the group purchased a building on Main Street in 1955.

During World War II, the Auxiliary sent parcels of food, clothes and cigarettes to the servicemen overseas. Also, beneficiaries of war and post-war care packages were the Williams and Lawrence families in England. One parcel contained gum, shortening, butter, tapioca puddings, Jello powders, syrup, pie, tea, rice, candy and Swansdown cake flour. The value of the goods was $5.63 and the postage was $2.50.

Contributions were made to Milk for Britain Fund, The Poppy Fund, the Benevolent Fund, DVA Hospital, TVS Tubercular and Mental Hospitals for Veterans, and the Comfort Fund for Veterans.

The Auxiliary helped the Legion and catered to many functions put on by the men. The largest were the annual picnics, when enough food was supplied and donated by the ladies to serve five hundred people. The Auxiliary also catered to showers and weddings.

Membership once was twenty-three, but as members moved away or passed on, it became necessary to dissolve the Auxiliary in 2004.

EATONIA BRANCH 233

Eatonia Legion Branch # 233 is located in the small town of Eatonia, about two and one-half hours southwest of Saskatoon, and about twenty-seven miles southwest of Kindersley, with a population of 450-500 people.

The first meeting of the Eatonia Legion was held on September 20, 1944. It was first known as the British Empire Service League. The Charter Members were: H. Humphries, W.J. Cleland, V.O. Peters, J. Kernelaguen, H. Dunbar, A. Bolding, W.G. Gillies, G.D. Melville, D.M. Meloche, F. Stevens, A. Mathews, H. Lundy, J.W. Hanson, A.F. Kohne, J.J Carr, J.H. Prucha, W.E. Roger, E.C.F.L. Lewsis, and J. Benner.

H. Humphries was elected President, W.J. Cleland was elected Vice-President, V.O. Peters was elected Secretary/Treasurer, and H. Dunbar was elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

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EATONIA BRANCH 233 *(...Cont'd)*

The second meeting was held in the Secretary/Treasurer's office on October 11, 1944, and the Executive was given the power to obtain a building of their own. The location of the building was on Main Street, and Joe Prucha donated the building. To raise money to furnish the building, a dance was held in the nearby village of Glidden on December 15th. Membership in 1944 was twenty-six members.

In 1965, a motion was made by R. Gammage and Secretary by Wm. Kool that a lot on Railway Avenue be purchased for $300 and to build a hall 32' x 40' with a full basement. This building has served the Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion ever since 1966. In 1990, the Legion had forty-nine members, but it has slowly dwindled in the past sixteen years, until now there are only five members, with the majority in their 80s.

The Eatonia Legion has served the community in many ways over the years, helping out on Sports Day, taking part in parades, selling raffle tickets, holding bingos, acting as security for the Eatonia Trade Fair, etc., to raise money for various causes, sponsoring sports events, school contests, and always looking after their members' needs, and the needs in the community. A Christmas Party was always a highlight of the year, with a supper, Santa and exchange of gifts.

The Eatonia Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion was formed in 1955. Muriel Bondar was the first President and it had a membership of thirty. They served banquets for the Legion and Board of Trade once a month. A full Course Meal was $1.25. They served in a booth on Sports Day and every year held a much-anticipated Tea. Over the years, they aided many community activities such as Mental Health, TB Surveys, the arena, hospital, and sent girls to Dundurn Camp. They were always there for the support of the Legion. The Auxiliary was forced to close a few years ago due to lack of membership and the aging membership.

LUMSDEN BRANCH 234

Branch #234 is located in downtown Lumsden, in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, widely known for its annual Duck Derby. The Branch was founded in December 1944, by a group of WWI and WWII Veterans with sixteen charter members. The membership now stands at forty.

The clubrooms in those first years were situated over the old curling rink. These quarters were not the most luxurious. One was too warm near the stove and a little chilly along the wall. In 1957, half of an army H-hut was purchased and moved to Lot 6 on 3rd Avenue. This marked the first permanent quarters of the Branch and Auxiliary.

In the mid 1980s, the hut had an addition added on and was remodelled. With the help of the Auxiliary, money was raised to upgrade and furnish the hall. Together, they held Home Shows, Wild Game Dinners, Cribbage Tournaments, Bingos, Zone and District Curling and worked the "Fun-in-the Sun" booth. The members are proud of their hall; it serves as a pleasant and convenient facility for their own needs and is used extensively by the community. The Cenotaph is located on James Street as you come into Town.

The Lumsden Legion Ladies' Auxiliary to the British Empire Service League was organized in March of 1950 with twenty-two charter members. In 1961, the name was changed to Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Lumsden Branch #234. At present, the membership is eighteen.

Both the Branch and the Ladies' Auxiliary volunteer their services and play an active role in supporting its Veterans, youth and seniors in the area, never losing sight of their obligation to remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We make regular donations to the Veterans Comfort Fund, the Legion Track and Field Camp and the school Language Award. In the early days, the Legion held an annual Fish supper for the Ladies' Auxiliary to celebrate their formation. The fish were caught in the Last Mountain Lake. Today, the supper is still held annually but fish is not always served. The Ladies' Auxiliary reciprocates with a supper on November 11th to honor our Veterans.

At present, the Legion relies on rental from the hall for income and the Ladies' Auxiliary have two annual fundraisers, the Mothers' Day Tea, and they participate in the Snowflake Bazaar. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month, except July and August and Comrades are welcome to drop in if in the area.

Each of the Branch members has treasured memories of former members and the good times and fellowship which has been part of the Branch. We look forward to many more years.

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AVONLEA BRANCH 236

The organizational meeting of Avonlea Branch #236 of the Royal Canadian Legion was held February 11, 1945 in Armstrong's Drugstore. There were fourteen charter members. The first officers were W.J. Armstrong- President, T.E. Miller -1st Vice-President, R.J. Hubbard - 2nd Vice-President and W.C. Arthur - Secretary/Treasurer.

Some of the early activities of the Branch were to join in the formation of a welcome home committee for retired service personnel, to assist the community in the erection of the Cenotaph of fieldstone together with the bronze plaque commemorating the names of deceased comrades of the First and Second World Wars. Avonlea Branch provided trees and shrubs to complete the landscaping and perpetual care.

During the years 1945-49, meetings were held in the Masonic Hall. In 1949, the Branch purchased what had been the Flanders home. It was renovated and served as the Legion Hall until 1997 when maintenance costs forced the Branch to demolish the building. Since then, meetings have been held at the town/RM office or the Museum. In 2004-05, under the direction of Comrade G.P. Hubbard, a "Legion Room" was created as a display in the Avonlea and District Museum. This room contains many artifacts from the Legion Hall and local Veterans.

The original members and other returned Veterans joined in and paraded to the community Hall for a V.E. Day service on May 8, 1945. They also worshipped as a body in the United Church on November 11, 1945. The Branch also initiated, with the cooperation of the local clergy, an annual non-denominational Remembrance Day service in the community hall.

In 1945, the membership joined in the support of disabled Veterans through participation in the national wreath and poppy campaign, which continues to this day. Funding has been given to support local youth hockey teams, as well as sending a number of local youth to the Provincial Track and Field camp. The Branch has also provided a $100.00 bursary annually to many local students. For many years, the Remembrance Day Cabaret helped to raise money for operations, as well as providing the community with a social event.

The Branch has always been an active supporter of Veterans and other welfare agencies, such as the Weyburn Hospital Veterans' Appeal, the T.E. Veterans Fund, and the C.N.I.B.

Decreasing membership is a serious challenge. Avonlea Branch continues to provide the Poster, Poem and Essay competition to Avonlea and Briercrest schools. We provide an honor guard for school Remembrance Day services and the community service. We continue to make improvements to the 'Legion Room.'

Avonlea Branch continues to carry out the theme: "their sacrifice will ever inspire us to labour on to the end that those who survive and need our aid may be assured of assistance and that the country in which we live and for which they died may ever be worthy of the sacrifice they made."

Taken from "ARROWHEADS TO WHEATFIELDS" by Com. Reginald D. Watson, 1983, updated to 2006.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO AVONLEA BRANCH 236

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion was formed in 1945 as the men and women of the Canadian Forces were returning home from World War II. There were eighteen charter members. The executive consisted of: President, Margaret Ridgway; 1st Vice President, Jeanetta Miller; 2nd Vice President, Margaret Sinclair; Secretary-Treasurer, Isabel Armstrong; Standard Bearer, June Taylor; Press Rep. Melve Aikens.

In order to be a member, women had to have close family relationship to a Veteran. The official dress of the Auxiliary is a navy blazer, beret, gray skirt, black shoes and white gloves. The emblem is inscribed "Memoriam Eorum Retinebimus" meaning "We will remember them." The auxiliary work was to complement that of the Legion and to bring comfort to all Veterans.

The Auxiliary always had a March of Dimes Tea, as well as a Poppy Tea. For Veterans, the Auxiliary served with the "Hand of Friendship," remembering birthdays and Christmas with small gifts.

The Auxiliary has had fun times: local cabarets, Christmas parties and curling teams. One year, the women's team beat the team from Moose Jaw, one frosty morning they traveled to Gull Lake for the District playdowns.

For fifty-two years, until 1997, the Ladies' Auxiliary provided services to the Avonlea community, from cleaning the Legion Hall, serving lunches on Remembrance Day and after meetings. After surrendering their charter, some of the women joined the Legion Branch as Associate members. The reward of being in the Legion Auxiliary was the unbreakable friendships formed over the years. The most meaningful moments are the two minutes of silence at each monthly meeting. "Lest we Forget."

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The Village of Pelly commends the Pelly Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion for their service to the community. We salute all the men and women who serve our country so well during times of war and peace.



ELFROS BRANCH 237

The Legion was formed on April 30, 1945, with Guy Gislason as the first President and Karl Sveinson, first Secretary/Treasurer. Other officers were: 1st Vice-President, A.M. Taylor; 2ndVice-President, Tom Derry; Sergeant-at-Arms, S.0. Gowen. The Executive Committee included Ken Hedstrom, Charles Clark, and James Attfield.

The meetings were held in the Masonic Lodge Hall until 1947, when the Legion bought the town hall from Mr. Laskin. In 1948, they bought a hangar at Dafoe Airport.

The Royal Canadian Legion is a Dominion-wide fraternal organization of men and women who served in any of the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP, or sons and daughters of such members. It is democratic, non-political, non-sectarian, and open to Canadian citizens regardless of racial origin. It was form-ed to promote the welfare of all Veterans and their dependants, the comradeship and mutual self-help of men and women, with a common bond of service and loyalty to Canada, to perpetuate the memory of those who lost their lives in service and those Veterans who die in the future, ensure that all Veterans will receive a suitable burial and to care for memorials and graves.

On April 30, 1945, twenty-one World War I and World War II Veterans, including some members of the Great War Veterans Association, met and agreed to form a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion at Elfros. The charter was issued on May 26, 1945, making Elfros the 237th Branch of Saskatchewan Command. The charter members were Comrades E.J. Attfield, E.G. Biggs, H.C. Bjarnason, C.E. Clark, R.E. Fewster, G. Gislason, S.0. Gowen, G.F. Gudmund-son, W.J. Hutchinson, P.T. Mawhinney, M.G.K. Sveinson and A.M. Taylor.

In 1967, they built a Cenotaph in the Elfros village park, to honour Comrades who lost their lives in action. The names of Comrades Russell Bennett, Peter Bennett, George Govier, Francis Black, Herbert Cook, Donald Smith, John Gislason and Gilbert Smith are inscribed thereon. Each year on November 11th, we pay tribute to these men and all our Comrades who have since departed by laying wreaths at the base of the Cenotaph.

The first hall in Elfros was built in 1911 by the Independent Order of Foresters, with James Smith as carpenter. After the First World War of 1914-1918, the Great War Veterans Association used the hall as a meeting place. The Independent Order of Foresters folded up and the hall was purchased by Mr. B. Laskin. After the Second World War of 1939-1945, the Elfros Legion was formed and in 1946 they bought the hall. In 1947, they bought a building at the Dafoe Airport and dismantled it, using the material to build on the front of the hall, to provide a larger entrance and clubrooms. An annex was then at-tached to the south side for a kitchen. In 1975, they decided to build a new hall. Construction started in April and the hall was finished by November 11, 1975. The cost of the hall was $56,000. It was financed by donations from the public, government grants, their own money, and a line of credit from the Elfros Credit Union. When the hall was finished, they owed $26,000 on the line of credit; this was changed to a 10-year mortgage loan. This mortgage was paid off and they held a mortgage burning on November 11, 1980. In November 1982, there was a fire in the hall, which started in the carpet of the clubrooms. The fire and smoke damage was over $40,000, which was covered by insurance. The damage was repaired in time for our annual New Year's Eve Social on December 31, 1982.

Some of the Legion activities within our the branch include assisting Veterans with pension difficulties, transportation costs, and trips to the city for interviews, medicals, etc., assisting members' families with funeral arrangements and burials, helping widows and dependants to get pensions, and in general, looking after the needs of our Comrades. In 1960, we organized and helped plant Comrade Cottam's crop when he suddenly took sick. Another time, in 1973, Branch members helped harvest and stack feed for Comrade Delaney. They take an active part in Legion organization and control structure, all the way from Branch to Provincial Command and to Dominion convention. They also participate in Legion curling and golf activities, sponsor students to track and field camp, etc. Community work included providing $1,000 for seating in the west side of the skating rink in 1952. About 1956, they started holding a children's sports day and picnic on the last day of school. This carried on for about fifteen years. In 1961, we purchased $450 worth of goalie equipment; in 1966, they sup-plied sweaters for the young hockey players; and in 1967, they assisted the Wadena Branch in furnishing a four-bed ward in the new Wadena Union Hospital. The Legion started figure skating lessons and turned it over, a couple of years later, to the Figure Skating Club when it was formed. In 1979, they took an active part in the 70th Anniversary celebration of the R.M. of Elfros, villages of Elfros, Leslie and Mozart and also the Homecoming Celebration in 1980. For several years, the Legion and Rink Board have operated a successful outdoor cash bingo.

The Branch members, individually, have been and still are active in all facets of community life. They hope to continue to work for their Comrades and com-munity in the years ahead.

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MACRORIE BRANCH 239



The Macrorie Legion was organized in 1944 by some of the First World War Veterans. They received their charter on June 20, 1945, after some of the servicemen had returned home. These charter members are: A.W. Blundell, J.W. Coates, D.A. Delparte, J.R. Graham, W.T. Hill, P.E. Hodges, L.M. Hurlburt, A.C. Kvale, D.L. Metcalf, A.G Prentice, C. Seymour, J.C. Talbot, R.P. Tett, and T.J. Turgeon.

First officers elected were J.R. Graham as President, Charles Seymour as Vice-President, and Wm. Blundell as Secretary/Treasurer. One of the first projects they did was to give each of the servicemen a gold ring on his return home, which is now a prized souvenir.

To raise money, and for entertainment, the Branch held Saturday night dances. Music was supplied by the Macrorie Orchestra, with Mrs. Calloway, Ken, Merlin and Alton Corbett and Willard Ross.

The first meetings were held in the Macrorie School, and then in 1948, Goodwill School was purchased for the sum of fifty dollars. Goodwill was located two miles east of town so the members, with local help, moved it into town under the supervision of Arnold Grindle, who also supplied the moving timbers.

The hall is located just north of the Macrorie Town Hall, where a field stone Cenotaph was also erected in memory of those who gave their lives for their country. One of the aims of the Legion is to see to the welfare of the Veterans and their dependants in time of need, and this Branch has done so on several occasions, especially organizing and with the help of neighbours in putting on bees to seed, summer fallow or harvest crops whenever needed.

This Branch has excellent relations and cooperation from the community in any of the projects they have undertaken. The Branch has helped to purchase equipment for the different sports organizations, held annual fish derbies, a children's sports day and for more than twenty-five years, held a "Friendship Ball" after harvest. This ball was always very well attended.

With sons and daughters of Veterans able to join, the Branch has increased in size. Today, there are a total of twenty-eight members; unfortunately only three members are Veterans.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter on June 6, 1946, with seventeen members on the Charter Roll.

Although, the Ladies' Auxiliary is no longer, there are still eight active members who attend Legion meetings and help the Branch in every way possible.

KENASTON BRANCH 240

On Wednesday, April 11, 1945, a group of Kenaston men met for the purpose of organizing a Branch of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. Present at that first meeting were C.F. Edwards, A.W. Breadner, M.E. Prpic, L.E. Wood, F.C. Fountain, Andrew McBroom, D. Robson, R.E.G Adams of Kenaston and W.H Dean of Hanley. The election of officers for the new organization resulted in Russel Adams being elected as President, Donald Robson as 1stVice-President, A.W. Breadner as 2nd Vice-President and C.F. Edwards as Secretary/Treasurer. On this afternoon, the Kenaston Branch of the Canadian Legion was formed.

Early meetings of the Kenaston Legion were held in the CNR waiting room. Discussions in those early days revolved around community events, Legion activities and how best to welcome home the men still coming from overseas. It may be of interest to note that the first time the Legion operated the Crown and Anchor at the Kenaston Sports Day was in July of 1945, a tradition that continued until just a few years ago. The Legion sponsored regular dances, ran the picture shows in the town hall, as well as Armistice Day celebrations. The first wreath and poppy campaign took place in 1946. The sprays of poppies sold at that time for $2.00 each. One of the early campaigns showed total sales of $120.00.

By the end of 1946, most of the veterans were back in Kenaston.

The Legion was in charge of the Kenaston town hall and the Boy Scouts were given free use providing they did the janitorial work. Hall rental was set at $10.00 for dances, $15.00 for outsiders and $6.00 for non-profit organizations. Admission to the Saturday night dance was set at 35 cents.

In 1948, the Branch had grown considerably. It was decided that a Legion Clubroom was necessary for meetings and social events. The Blue Hills School had remained vacant for some

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years and the branch found that it could purchase the building for $500.00. In discussion with the Village of Kenaston council, the Legion was granted a 99-year lease on the lot. The building was moved onto its new foundation in the fall of 1948 and became the hub of Legion activities. Meetings, suppers, Remembrance Day Services, Zone Rallies and social events were all held in the hall. The boy scouts and girl guides used the facility for their activities and the Kenaston Band held practices there every Monday. The Legion Hall still stands today, next to the old community hall. Although it has not seen much activity during the last few years, it holds many wonderful memories of Branch functions.

In May 1949, discussions turned to erecting a War Memorial in the Kenaston Park although the actual construction didn't take place until 1954. Carl Unrah of Hanley was hired to do the stonework. Over the next few years, the Legion took on greater and greater roles in the community. The Branch organized a winter carnival, sponsored curling bonspiels and sports days, cleaned up the cemeteries, donated funds to youth groups, sponsored hockey teams and the list goes on and on. All the time they were also lobbying the government for the fair treatment of Veterans and their families. One of our members was also assisted in seeking treatment in the Mayo Clinic, a rare event in those days. In all of the activities, the Ladies' Auxiliary were on hand to lend support and their culinary talents. It is noteworthy that the Legion brought in John Diefenbaker to speak at an outdoor Memorial Day celebration. Mr. Diefenbaker returned to the community at the request of the Legion only two years later.

During the 1950s, the Kenaston Legion continued to work for the betterment of the community.

Members of the Branch assisted the Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance, Kenaston Junior Athletic Club, Winter Carnivals and Sports Days and helped out at many functions. From September 1951 to June 1952, the main floor of the Legion hall was rented to the Davidson Larger School Unit (now known as the Davidson School Division), as there were too many students for the school. The total rent for the year was $300.00.

On March 19, 1954, the Legion sponsored an Ice Show in the Kenaston Skating Rink, complete with professional entertainers. It was a bitterly cold and foggy evening but the "show must go on." Most of Kenaston and the surrounding area turned up to see the performance, which featured figure skating, clowns and elaborate costumes and sets. It was quite an undertaking for a small town Branch, but from all reports, it turned out to be a great success. It was also in early 1954 that Glen Hamre became the Secretary/Treasurer of the Branch - a position that he held until the new millennium, for a total of forty-six years!

Over the years, the Branch has done whatever it can to enhance the community and Legion initiatives.

Through the great support of the Poppy and Wreath campaigns, the Branch has been able to contribute to the welfare of Veterans, make donations to a wide variety of Legion activities, and provide scholarships for deserving students. In 1992, we made a decision that we could best serve our community by sponsoring the Kenaston Wellness Clinic. The registered nurse in attendance provides health monitoring, foot care and individual wellness counseling to many of our residents. We are very proud that we have been able to continue supporting this service to the present day. Each year, they hold the Remembrance Day Service and are so grateful that Kenaston has not forgotten the sacrifice of our war heroes.

Membership has been dwindling over the past twenty years, as many Veterans have passed away and others have moved to larger centers. Currently, the Branch has only four active members and eight others on the ledger, most from out of the area. They are very pleased that Wray Breadner has been a member since that first meeting back in 1945. Wray, Glen Hamre, Vance Hamre, and Ken Parsons are regular members (Veterans or RCMP), and Bill Lindsay, Carol Lewis, Gayle and Merlin Lee, Terry Hamre, Rosemary Parsons, Ole Remmen, and Gordan Cowan are Associate members. Glen has been granted "Life Membership" for his dedication to Branch activities.

For nearly sixty years, the Kenaston Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion has been a part of the community. It is the sincere hope of Branch members that they be able to continue in that role for many years to come.

MACDOWALL BRANCH 241 ~ closed

The charter for MacDowall Branch 241 was granted on August 3, 1945. Eleven names were on the charter; nine were First World War Veterans and two were Second World War Veterans.

The Branch prospered. Their intent was to serve members and community, as well. The Legion took over the abandoned High School in 1952.

Maximum enrolment reached 60 members. Highlights as a Legion was their service to members. As a community, the Branch's highest achievement was sponsoring a two-day agricultural short course in co-operation with the local Agricultural Representative. Approximately 100 farmers attended. This was quickly picked up by the Department of Agriculture and expanded across the Province.

Membership dropped and the Branch moved into the Seniors Hall. The Legion Hall was sold and moved to a petting zoo farm three miles north-west of MacDowall.

The charter for MacDowall Branch 241 was cancelled on December 3, 2003.

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WHITE FOX BRANCH 244 ~ Closed

The Royal Canadian Legion, White Fox #244, was organized on August 27, 1945. The first officers were President H.E. Wilson and Secretary/Treasurer Robert Bradshaw. Along with them, Veteran charter members were Bernard Holland, Robert Wilson, J.J. Cook, Steve Levitsky Sr., J.G. Irvine, and I. Wall.

The Legion didn't have their own building until 1950. Before this, they met in any building they could rent. They purchased their original hall on August 7, 1950. They supported their community and the Air Cadets and held Remembrance Day services. A decline in numbers and advanced age resulted in the closure of the Branch in 2003.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO WHITE FOX BRANCH 244

The Auxiliary was formed on February 20, 1946. The first President was Nellie Kroetsch; Secretary was Mary Hayes; Treasurer was Olive Green; standard bearer was Margaret Rusk; and pianist was Selma Mosure. Thirteen members were sworn in at the first meeting, rising to thirty by the end of the year. Meetings were first held in the Orange Hall and then moved to members' homes until the Legion Hall was built. Declining membership resulted in their disbanding.

DUCK LAKE BRANCH 246

The Duck Lake Branch was chartered on October 12, 1945. Past Presidents of the Branch are as follows: 1945-48 Comrade Joe Fisher; 1948-49 Victor Heidgerken; 1963-65 William A. Dumont; 1966-67 Archie Nicolas; 1968-69 William A. Dumont; 1969-70 Len Doucette; 1971-72 Charles Dumais; 1973-74 Peter Fiolleau; 1975-76 John Gardiner; 1977-78 Len Doucette; 1979-80 William A. Dumont; 1981-82 Herman Dyck; 1983-84 William A. Dumont; 1985-88 Neil Pelletier; 1989-91 Omer Ranger; 1992-94 Dennis Williams; 1995-96 Neil Pelletier and 1996-present Omer Ranger.

The Royal Canadian Legion was organized basically to support the needs of returning service personnel and their dependants and to perpetuate the memory of the fallen.

Comrade Omer Courchene served as Secretary/Treasurer for some odd 20 years. Comrade Alana Anderson became Secretary in 1986.

Locally, the Branch has become a community service club seeing to the welfare of the Veterans and spouses. They see to the maintenance of the Veterans' plot and markers, have helped to support families in times of need, and made donations to the Nursing Home, Sports Clubs, the Cancer Society, etc.

The annual Poppy Campaign has always been well supported in the area. In connection with this campaign, the Legion Literary and Poster contest has had many entries from local schools.

The local Branch also awards a scholarship to a grade 12 graduate whose family has some affiliation with the Branch.

In 1992, Rachelle Poirier became Treasurer, replacing her father, Comrade Omer Courchene, who is still active at the age of 96.

Yearly Remembrance Day Services are well attended and services are also held at both the Elementary and High Schools.

At present, membership stands at 33, many of whom are out of town and even out of the province. The Branch is still fortunate enough to have 5 World War II Veterans.

CARLYLE BRANCH 248

The Carlyle Branch of the RCL was formed on August 13, 1945, after years of being part of a Branch made up of WWI members from Carlyle, Arcola and Kisbey. It was formed so returning WWII Veterans would have their own branch. The charter was issued on November 21, 1945, with twenty charter members. The meeting was attended by eighty-five Veterans, including thirty-seven WWII Veterans, seven being from White Bear. Lunch was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

A meeting of ladies interested in forming a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Carlyle Legion was held in the Masonic Hall on January 10, 1944. A fundraising dance was held in February. Tickets were 65 cents, including lunch. On April 4, 1944, the Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion issued the charter with seventeen charter members.

Many activities were held in the 1940s, 50s and 60s. Sports days, New Year's and November 11th dances were celebrations organized by Legion members for fundraisers. The Ladies' Auxiliary raised funds for the Red Cross, Veterans Comfort Fund and books for troops. One of their popular fundraisers was a play put on each year from 1956-1975. In 1986, in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the RCL, the local Cornerstone theatre group put on the musical "Til We Meet Again."

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CARLYLE BRANCH 248 *(...Cont'd)*

The Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary ran weekly bingos for years. Members of both were, and still are, involved in curling and golf. Over the years, the Legion has sponsored ball and hockey teams, gave grants to students for sports camps and helped with the purchase of equipment for the hospital and nursing home.

In 1947, the Community Hall burned down. The Legion raised $15,000 for the new building and so the hall was renamed - The Carlyle Memorial Hall. In 1978, the Legion bought their own building, an old schoolhouse. This building is still used by the Legion to this day. In 1979, Mrs. Eliza Beatty, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was chosen as the Silver Cross Mother and laid the wreath at the National Memorial Cenotaph in Ottawa in memory of her two sons and all fallen soldiers.

In 1980, the Legion presented memorial gates to the Glen Morris Cemetery. In 1995, the Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary took part in the parade, which featured WWII memorabilia. In 2000, the Auxiliary Provincial Office was closed so the Carlyle Ladies' Auxiliary closed their books. Some members have since joined the Legion.

In 2005, members began to assemble a memorial wall, consisting of pictures and a short write-up of Veterans who enlisted from Carlyle and area. This is an on-going project.

The Legion, with volunteers, continues to support the local hospital and nursing home, the Cadets, student sports, and remains involved in curling and golf. At present, there are forty-eight members, including five Life members.

ESTERHAZY BRANCH 249

Esterhazy Branch #249 received its charter on December 7, 1945, from Dominion Command, Ottawa. The original charter members are: R.D Allen, RJ. Banting, J. Brown, L.H. Burrill, W.F. Clements, J.V. Cozens, H.W. Flook, R.J. Helme, C.J. Larson, W.M. Lobb, J. Lucas, J. Lukiwski, R.J. Montague, D.J. Moodie, G.F. Paulger, R.J. Pearson, J. Rocen, W.E. Spence, W. Stadnyk and W.J. Walker. The first officers elected in January 1946 were: President, James Brown; 1st Vice-President, Robert Montague; 2nd Vice-President, James Cozens; Secretary/Treasurer, Herb Flook; Sergeant-at-Arms, Sandy Lukiwski; Executive member W. Jerry Lobb, H. Burrill, Curt Larson and Robert Helme.

One of the first orders of business for the new Branch was to apply for an Honorary Life Membership for Happy Young, who operated a cafe in Esterhazy. During the war years, he spent much time and money sending packages to servicemen overseas.

Membership in the Branch continued to grow. Records show that in 1974, there were 243 members. Membership has continued to decline with the passing of the Veterans. The year 2006 shows 110 members.

In 1970, the Ladies' Auxiliary #249 was formed. Original charter members include: Ella Busch, Mary Gulka, Adeline McDonald, Julia Moore, Ethel Orosz, Frances Peterson, Dorothy Bye, Norma Hamilton, Dorothy McLeod, Doris Nicholson, Jean Pask, Selina Pawelko and Betty Quesnel.

The Auxiliary cooperated with and assisted the Legion in carrying out its aims and objectives.

Through the years, the Auxiliary raised money by catering to banquets, holding bake sales, and Remembrance Day teas. Cookbooks were sold and raffles conducted in addition to other activities. This money was used to improve the facilities in the hall, and donate to local programs. In all, the Auxiliary raised and donated over $70,000.

In 1964, the Branch purchased the Esterhazy Community Hall. After extensive renovations and surviving a fire in 1968 that gutted the interior, they now have an air-conditioned facility with a fully stocked kitchen and hall that can accommodate two hundred persons. A lounge in the lower level provides a relaxing area for members to enjoy. One wall in the lounge displays over three hundred pictures of service personnel from the Esterhazy area.

The Branch also maintains a Cenotaph Peace Park. On the cenotaph is listed the Honour Roll of Veterans:

World War I - Frank Simpson and Walter Park

World War II - Garnet Turcotte, Allen Jepson, Latimer Bernanski, Paul Kurucz, James Stack, Truman Dahle, Harvey Moloski, Ludvig Urba, Harvey Tochor, Anthony Kellner, Alick Watt

The Branch has always been involved with community affairs, and has sponsored minor sports teams and tournaments and open and closed scholarships to students of Esterhazy High School. They have donated substantial amounts of money. Hospitals in Esterhazy, Yorkton, Melville, and provincial hospitals in Regina and Saskatoon have received over $150,000 from Esterhazy Branch 249.

In 2005, the town of Esterhazy was approached by the Branch and requested that as both the Legion Hall and the Cenotaph and Park are on 2nd Avenue, in honour of the "Year of the Veteran," the Avenue should be renamed. The Town agreed, and 2nd Avenue is now named "Veterans Avenue."

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LANGENBURG BRANCH 250

Langenburg Branch #250 received its charter on December 7,1945 with twenty charter members. R.A. Popp was elected as the first President.

On May 28, 1946, the Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter, with Barb Berger becoming first President.

After several years of meeting in members' homes, a hall was built in the sixties. Within a few years, as money allowed, the basement was finished and turned into a lounge. The lounge was very popular until the early 1990s. It finally shut down in the mid 1990s.

Funding for the Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary was primarily raised through bingos and Nevada ticket sales. The Legion helped form support for a local Air Cadet Squadron for many years.

In 1999, the Ladies' Auxiliary folded.

Legion membership was up to nearly one hundred members in the 1970s and 1980s. However, as of July 2006, there are only thirteen members remaining.

LOREBURN/ELBOW BRANCH 251

About 1921, after the end of the First World War, the Branch was formed. Sam Jack and Harry McDougal were among the first members. Manley and Milan Wankel joined soon after the formation.

On November 11,1945, a meeting was held to re-organize the Branch in Lorebum. This was to be comprised of Elbow and Loreburn Veterans. The meeting was held in Elbow and A.A. Minty chaired the meeting. J. Welykochi acted as Secretary.

Present at the meeting were: Comrades Lamb, N. Ganes, W. Low, A. Knutson, Schram, G. Medby, I. Hundeby, J. Welykochi, and A. Minty of Elbow. Attending from Loreburn were Comrades J. Middlemiss, M. Wankel, Fields, and D. Book. It was decided to form a Branch and another meeting was held in Elbow. Present at this meeting were Comrades K. Miller, J. Willoughby, J. Middlemiss, G. Brown, C. Hans, J. Lennox, A. Stewart, G. Hans, D. Book, M. Wankel, J. Ashworth, W. Low, A. Minty, A. Knutson, N. Tastad, G. Medby, L. Rowley, A. Spencer and R. Buckley.

The first executive for the Branch was: President, Comrade A. Minty; Vice-President Comrade K. Miller; Secretary/Treasurer Comrade J. Welykochi, and Sergeant-at-Arms Comrade W. Low. The Legion continued to meet at Elbow and Lorebum in the Council Chambers, both free-of-charge. It was decided to call this Branch the Lorebum/Elbow Branch. Comrade Manley Wankel and Comrade Bob Hazel were made Life members - both were Veterans of World War I. To raise money for the Branch, they held an annual turkey shoot, raffles, progressive auctions and bingo.

In 1956, the Legion purchased the old Bonnie View School and moved it to Loreburn. In 1977, they purchased the pool hall, formally Stafford School, and remodeled it. All work was done by local members.

On May 5, 1976, a meeting was held to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary. District Representative Mrs. Niven conducted the meeting and installation. Mrs. Cox, Zone Representative from Craik, and a member of Craik Branch, Mrs. Howarth, also attended.

The Charter members were: Betty Aldous, Nellie Anderson, Anne Ashworth, Olga Kerney, Dorothy Brown, Lona Davidson, Lois Forrest, Ruth Forrest, Eva Forster (who served in the C.W.A.C. during World War II), Vera Gall, Ellen Hayden, Joanne Hritzik Mildred Joel, Irene Taylor, Patti Taylor, Ruth Kelman, Ruth Knutson, Sylvia McLean, Kay Middlemiss, Evelyn Pederson, Lucille Perry, Darlene Ruuth, Hilda Seltenrich, Margaret Stone, Louise Stromberg, June Stronski, Muriel Stronski, and Nona Stronski. The Executive was formed at this meeting: President Evelyn Pederson; Vice-President Hilda Seltenrich, and Secretary/Treasurer June Stronski. In 1999, the Ladies' Auxiliary dissolved and eighteen members joined the Legion.

To date, the Branch has forty-three members, and with the ever-growing costs to maintain the "Hut," they have managed to keep their heads above water with yearly fundraisers - Mother's Day Tea, Poppy Day Tea and Turkey Bingo. The Branch is very supportive of the Literary and Poster program at the local school each year.

FERTILE VALLEY BRANCH 255

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Branch Charter Date: 08 February 1946

Auxiliary Charter Date: 03 May 1954

Current Membership: 13

Closed: 1973

GOVAN BRANCH 257 ~ Closed

Govan's Legion Branch #257 was formed in October 1945, but was chartered on February 8, 1946, with the first President being Comrade E.F. Fitzsimmons. For three years, the Legion held its meetings in the Town Hall or the Gymnasium; they then purchased the former W.W. Hall and moved it to town.

With adequate space for both the Legion and the Auxiliary, they began holding meetings on the same night, followed by lunch. In order to pay for the building and other expenses, they worked hard at such money-raising projects as a minstrel show, dances, and games at Sports Day. The first meeting in the new hall was held on February 8, 1949, with J.V. "Red" McGrath as President. The hall had a beautiful hardwood floor, which, along with a piano purchased from Mrs. McPherson, made the Saturday night dances, they sponsored for many years, very popular.

The Legion organized the first Armistice Day Service, with Fr. Bergen, a member of the Legion, giving the first Armistice address. Later, many prominent people were guest speakers, including John Diefenbaker, John Fisher (the broadcaster known as" Mr. Canada"), Hon. Alvin Hamilton and Jack Cardiff.

The Legion was always interested in youth, sponsoring Junior Hockey, and later, the Annual Minor Ball Tournament, until the Minor Sports Association was formed. It also assisted several young Govan athletes at the Physical Fitness clinics organized by the Legion and held at Dundurn, Muenster, and Notre Dame (1975).

Members were also directly involved in sports. In 1961, Earl Fitzsimmons, Charlie Wayling, Osborne Lakness, and Jack Bridges went to curl, for the honour of Govan and Saskatchewan, in the Canadian Legion Finals in Prince Edward Island.

Help for local people in trouble, such as those suffering from such misfortunes as illness or fire damage, was organized by the Legion.

In 1976, the Legion found a new home in the former School Unit Office Building. The Legion Memorial Hall was then sold and removed to the Last Mountain Regional Park.

Due to the continuous decline in membership, Govan Legion #257 closed on December 31, 2000.

Excerpts from Govan History book submitted by: M. Doreen Riach, Secretary/Treasurer, Nokomis Branch 290

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO GOVAN BRANCH 257

Representatives of the Govan Legion met with Mrs. E. Walker and Mrs. L. Roberts, representing the ladies, in the fall of 1947. Subsequently, a Ladies' Auxiliary received its charter on January 15, 1948. Charter members were: Doreen Roberts, Margaret Hill, Menitha Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. Stowe, Marie Bridges, Dorothy Bridges, Margot Bridges, Margaret Gibson, Esther Walker, Mrs. J. Clarke, Mrs. McGinnis, Muriel Newlove, Mrs. Longe, Mrs. J.H. Gibson, Mrs. M. Hocking, and Mavis Campbell.

The organizational meeting of the Govan Ladies' Auxiliary was held on February 5, 1948, in the dining room of the Silver Plate Hotel. Mrs. Mayers, Provincial President, installed the following officers: President, Mrs. J. Gibson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Les Roberts; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Newlove; Secretary, Mrs. Esther Walker, and Standard Bearer, Miss Margaret Gibson.

The objective of the club seemed to be to raise money, by selling lunches at dances, Ice Carnivals and auction sales. They donated $200 to the men in the first year of operation.

On April 18, 1949, the first of several Variety Shows was held, with the theme of the "Gay Nineties." In May 1949, the first meeting in the Legion Hall was held and a piano was purchased. Just as a note of interest, hot dog prices that year were ten cents. By 1951, they had risen to fifteen cents. Social evenings and summer picnics were held every year. Dances and bingos seemed to be the favorite means of fundraising, along with the annual fall tea and bazaar. The most repeated item of business was the purchase of a Water Ticket. Special money-making projects included raffling a "hope chest" and a quilt.

Ladies' Curling in the Zone began in 1955, with Esther Walker in charge. Mavis Campbell and her rink were good enough to make the Provincials several times.

In 1956, the Ladies' Auxiliary decided to support the Govan Health Centre. A wheelchair was purchased the next year and presented to the D.V.A. wing of the Regina General Hospital. The Auxiliary also always supported its members when in distress, whether it be sickness, accident or fire.

Youth activities included billeting hockey players, sponsoring Ice Carnivals, and beginning in September 1963, the 4-H Homecraft Club. They paid expenses for girls to attend the Legion Track and Field Camp.

In 1965, the ladies made their first visit to the Veterans in the Wascana Hospital, taking entertainment and lunch to brighten their day. This became an annual event. Although the prime purpose was to assist the local Legion, they made an annual donation to the Provincial Comfort Fund and the Bursary Fund. Four Govan and District students have been awarded bursaries.

In 1971, the Home Coming Year, the Ladies' Auxiliary arranged the Antique Display for the Homecoming Tea in the High School.

A quarter of a century had rolled on. So on April 14,1973, nine of the members were presented with 25-year pins for continuous membership. The Auxiliary moved to join the Legion in their new hall on March 11, 1976. The togetherness at lunchtime led to much fun and confusion. Three new members were welcomed to the branch that year.

The Ladies' Auxiliary carried on as usual in 1977, with the added feature of two supper meetings enjoyed by all. Material was purchased and new drapes were made for the windows, which was a great improvement to the hall's interior.

The ladies continued with their good works until they joined the Men's Legion upon canceling their charter on December 31, 2000.

Excerpts from Govan History Book submitted by: M. Doreen Riach, Secretary/Treasurer, Nokomis Branch 290

HANLEY BRANCH 258

The Hanley Legion received its charter on February 8, 1946. The first meeting was held in the waiting room of the C.N.R Station in September 1945. L. C. Duddridge was elected President and R. Moore was elected Secretary. Attending the meeting was R. Baxter, T. Bohrson, W. Hohrson, W.H. Dean, L. Duddridge, J. Haraldson, W. Hodgson, R. Loe, J. McGregor, D. McPhee, R. McPhee, S. McPhee, E. Paulson, G. Paulson, T. Remmen, R. Utegard and O. Wagar.

Later in 1945, they were presented with a furnished room in the Hanley Opera House, as well as a ninety-nine-year lease by the Hanley Town Council and RM. of Rosedale.

Our present Legion building, known as the Hut, was purchased from the school unit and was formerly the Bell Rock School. It serves the Legion and Auxiliary well, to this day. Branch membership is 10 Life members, 12 Ordinary members, 34 Associate members, and 3 Affiliate members. They continue to hold a Remembrance Day Service, which is well attended by the local community and members from Dundurn military camp. A lunch is provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary, which is followed by an annual afternoon dance. The evening ends with a ham supper prepared and served by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Members are invited to attend Remembrance Day services at the local school and church.



Legion Auxiliary #258, October 2005

The Branch supports area youth through bursaries, scholarships and sponsorship of the Legion Track and Field. They support their community through donations to the Wellness Clinic, Canadian Paraplegic Society, school track and running a lottery, which raises over $5,000.00 annually for the community centre. The first weekend of January, the Branch hosts a "Round the Clock" bonspiel, which is our major fundraiser. We have hosted Legion sponsored curling, golf and crib tournaments, as



Hanley Homecoming Parade, Legion float and members

well as had members going to other Branches to participate in their events. In 2005, we entered a float in the Hanley Homecoming parade, which celebrated the town's 100th birthday.

The first Hanley Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was organized on November 8, 1949. Fourteen members were initiated by Zone Commander, Mrs. Meyers. The first members were: Mrs. Edna Bedient, Mrs. Pearl Ophahl, Mrs. Vemice Trask, Mrs. Kathleen McPhee, Mrs Laura Hunter, Mrs. Anna Haraldson, Mrs. Helene Bohrson, Mrs. Grace Malcolm, Mrs. Arlene Holland, Francis Kranz, Mrs. Rosalee Gregg, Mrs. Neeta Haraldson, Mrs. Blanche Loberg and Freida Loe. The Auxiliary carried on until August 23, 1951.

On October 14, 1970, the Auxiliary was reorganized and continues to this day. In April 2000, closure of the Saskatchewan Command Ladies' Auxiliary in Regina gave our ladies the opportunity to close or join the Branch. They chose to remain an Auxiliary to our Branch.

Over the years, several organizations have been recipients of their financial support. These include Camp Easter Seal and Sherbrooke Nursing Home Veterans' Wing. They also purchased tables for the local hall and other necessary items. The ladies have helped in the booth at several community events, including looking after the lunch booth at the annual Legion Bonspiel serving homemade soup and pies, as well as burgers. In 2003, they held a Poppy Tea. As it was well attended, they have continued to hold this annually. They organize the annual Legion Christmas party; the highlight of the party is the visit from Santa. He hands out bags filled with Christmas treats to all the children in attendance.

OUTLOOK BRANCH 262

On October 24, 1945, WW I Veteran, Mr. J.C. Carter, organized a meeting of Veterans. The following are the minutes of their organizational meeting.

Mr. J.C. Carter called together a meeting of war Veterans assembled to discuss the matter of whether or not to organize a local Branch of the Canadian Legion. After some discussion, a vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to organize. Mr. Carter called for nominations. T.E. Armstrong nominated Harold Storbo; moved by Jones and Taylor, nominations ceased, and the motion was carried. Storbo was elected by acclimation. Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer were called. Mr. Carter nominated Comrade Edney. Moved by Carter and Armstrong that nominations cease, so the motion was carried. Edney was elected by acclimation. Mr. Carter nominated Armstrong for Vice-President. Mr. Taylor moved that nominations cease, and the motion was seconded by Jones, then carried. Armstrong was elected Vice-President by acclimation. The slate of officers was elected on a temporary basis with the main object of getting organized with a view of holding an annual meeting and election of officers early in the new year. Moved by Comrade Armstrong that the meeting be adjourned until Thursday, November 8/45 at 8:00 p.m. The motion was carried.



Legion #262 presenting cheque to hospital for Heart Monitor and wheelchair totalling $6340. L to R: June Rankin, Thelma McPherson - Director of Nursing, Bill Reynolds

The meeting of these Veterans resulted in Outlook getting a charter of The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, dated February 8, 1946. The charter members of Outlook's newly formed Legion were: T.E. Armstrong, B.O. Berg, J.C. Carter, R.N.L. Davies, R.E. Davison, W.E. Edney, W.I. Featherby, K.I.F. Fraser, A.D. Hill, R.M. Hunter, J.W. Jones, A.W. Keith, A.J. Knapik, R.A. Knapik, W.C. Mann, R.I.M. McNally, Anna A. Neish, Elizabeth I. Patterson, H.W. Storbo, and A.L. Taylor.

The following year, on June 14, 1947, the Ladies' Auxiliary of The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League received its charter. The members were: D.M. Armstrong, W. Forsberg, C.E. Herbert, M. Olson, M.A. Rogers, S. Currell, E.M. Hunter, M. Gardner, S. McGregor, B. Storbo, L.B. Davison, H.M. Hodgson, M.E. McClain, and N.N. Richards.

The Ladies' Auxiliary turned in their charter on July 1, 2004. They served a vital role in the running of the Legion, and participated in all aspects of the Legion. It was the Auxiliary that organized the Legion weekly bingo in October 1972. From this source of income, the Legion and Auxiliary donated tens of thousands of dollars to various organizations, to Veterans and the youth. Prior to the beginning of bingo in 1972, the Legion's income was derived from raffles and dances and special occasions.



Back Row: Irene Hopkins, Agnes Fensom, Margaret Martin, Helen Joyes, Enid Hawkes, Johanna MacRae, Marlene Vavra; Front Row: June Rankin, Patricia Derdall, Darlene Larson, Elsie Read, Margarette Prokopiw; Missing: Jean Arthur, Buelah Barron, Eva Forester, Vi Johnson, Grace McMillan, Ethel Rooke, Dorothy Stranden
Ladies' Auxilliary as of September 18, 2002

In the summer of 1991, The Bratton Memorial Hall from the Bratton area was moved to Outlook and attached to the Legion Hall to become the new meeting room for the Legion. This was the second addition to the old creamery, which was the meeting place of the Legion from its inception.



L-R: Norman Anderson - Vice President, Floyd Childerhose - Chairman of Outlook and District Health Foundation, Bill Reynolds - Treasurer Making a $5000 donation for the purchase of a room for Outlook's new hospital.

The Outlook Legion had a big and successful 50th Anniversary celebration, which began with a dinner, followed by a program and speeches. When the charter was granted to Outlook on February 8, 1946, it was Zone Commander John Cumming and Gordon Park of the Macrorie Branch who delivered it to Outlook. Symbolic of the event, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Gordon Park to the stage, once again carrying the charter as he did fifty years ago. Greetings were brought by the Mayor of Outlook, Zone Commander Keith Andrews, and District Commander Ken Frerichs. After Saskatchewan Command Past President Bill Barclay's speech, he had Comrade Neville Davies escorted to the podium to receive an inscribed plaque as the only charter member of the Outlook Branch. This was followed by entertainment with John Linsley and company playing and singing great music from the forties.

The Outlook Branch did a terrific job selling Dutch tulips. This resulted in Outlook Branch winning a trip for two Legion members to attend the 55th Anniversary of the end of WWII held in The Netherlands.

Submitted by Ralph R. Derdall, Secretary, Outlook Branch 262

STAR CITY BRANCH 264

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Branch Charter Date: 08 February 1946 **Current Membership: 49**

Auxiliary Charter Date: Unknown **Closed: 22 May 1999**

STOCKHOLM BRANCH 265

Stockholm Branch 265 received their charter dated February 8, 1946, with twenty names listed. The first President was Boer War Veteran Ed Clayton, and the first Secretary/Treasurer was WWI Veteran D.S. Macdonald. In the fall of 2004, they took part in a memorial service for the last of the charter members.

Membership soon grew to a high of forty-eight. Meetings were held in a variety of places. The first fundraiser was a dance. Sports days and raffles were some of the other means adopted.

The first large project in 1949 was the building of a Memorial Hall. As the membership dwindled to ten, as many could not make a living here, the hall and its debt became an impossible burden, so the hall was sold to the village in 1957.

A period of inactivity followed, but per capita fees were submitted. Some funds were accumulated, enough to purchase the original Public School building. The Village had an office in one corner and the Branch was given a 33-year lease, which has since been renewed. When the Branch members were asked to house a public library in their portion, they readily agreed. When the village built and moved into a new complex, the Legion Branch sublet their lease to the Lion's Club free-of-charge. In return, they hold their meetings and house their possessions there.

For years, they joined the Esterhazy Branch for Remembrance Day services. In January 1986, upon the death of both the Branch President and Secretary/Treasurer, we had a membership of twelve, so they re-organized and decided to build a six-sided Cenotaph of their own. It was dedicated on June 30, 1987. It lists the names of the fallen on the face and the Veterans on the three back panels. Since then, they have hosted their own services.

The Branch never had a Ladies' Auxiliary, but when new categories of membership came about, they recruited sons and daughters, widows and now Affiliates. In 2005, membership reached thirty, in spite of some deaths.



The Branch has always conducted a Poppy Campaign. Each year, the school pupils submit over one hundred entries to the Poster and Literary contest. The general fund is maintained by an annual Tea and Bake Sale.

In the past, the Branch has hosted Legion curling. They now take their turn hosting Zone Rallies and cribbage play-offs.

For the Branch's 55th Anniversary in 2001, they held a banquet attended by the community at large. For this event, they organized a Legion choir, which takes part in the November 11th services.

Over the years, the Branch has donated to local disaster funds, jerseys for a Minor Hockey team, furnishings for a Care Home, physical therapy steps for the Esterhazy Hospital, scholarships and travel funds to Veterans' descendants, taken part in opening ceremonies for special events, entered floats in parades, conducted a dedication ceremony for the Cenotaph in Bangor and brightened the village spring gardens with tulip campaigns. They work to maintain as high a profile as possible.

YELLOW GRASS BRANCH 266

At the end of WW I, returned men gathered at each other's homes for social evenings. They were also very active with sales of Victory Bonds and organizing sports days, memorial services and other projects in the community. On November 17, 1945, they became a Branch of the Canadian Legion British Empire Service League #266. Weyburn Branch #47 carried out the installation. They purchased the Strand Theatre as their meeting place and paid off the bank in 1962.

Many activities have been held in the hall, such as Remembrance Day Services, New Year's Eve dances, weddings, anniversaries and other functions. Bingo was started in 1960, and remains the main source of income.

Decoration Day has been observed at the cemetery on a Sunday in June or July for many years. As a homecoming project in 1971, the Legion erected white iron crosses in a sacred place at the cemetery known as the Field of the Vanquished. The crosses bear the names of the service personnel who lost their lives and are buried overseas. Such crosses are also erected for all Veterans buried in the Yellow Grass Cemetery. A dedication cairn was later placed in this plot.

In the early years, the Legion sponsored minor hockey. They helped provide coaches, equipment, uniforms and transportation to games.

The number of active members is down. The Branch has four Life members, five Ordinary members, one Associate voting member and one Associate non-voting member. The current officers are President Ted Obst, Secretary Treasurer Lorna Obst, and Executive Member Ellwood (Poose) Whitrow.

The Branch continues to meet their financial obligations by holding bingos, annual turkey shoots and an Irish Stew Supper. They sponsor the students Literary Contest and continue to hold the Remembrance Day Service each year with much help from Reverend Carolyn McBean. They no longer go to the Cenotaph in Allan Park, instead, they have a Cenotaph in the hall and a large cross where Legion members place poppies for the honored dead as their names are read aloud. The congregation then files forward to lay their poppies on the field of green.





Left to right, back row: Thomas Cockram, Ellwood (Poose) Whitrow, Adolph (Bing) Jaster, Eldon (Pudge) Ralston, Theodore Obst, Conrad Bechard, George Bathgate, Reverend Carolyn McBean.

The Yellow Grass Branch motto is, as always, "Service." They will continue in the belief that the sacrifice made by those who gave their lives in defense of our nation shall not be forgotten. They shall carry on in service to those who served and need our assistance.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO YELLOW GRASS BRANCH 266



The Auxiliary was organized in 1949. After two years, it was disbanded and then reorganized again in 1960. Since that time, it has been active. The most important projects have been the Veteran's Comfort Fund and the Bursary Fund. In 1980, the Auxiliary was honored by the Legion with a banquet on the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee. The membership at that time was twenty-two, but over the years, has dwindled to approximately twelve members. They have helped serve lunch in the hall for funerals, and had many fundraisers, such at the Irish Stew Supper, Poppy Teas, Cribbage and Whist tournaments. They have served lunch at auction sales and catered wedding receptions and banquets.

In 2000, the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Saskatchewan Command disbanded, but Yellow Grass Ladies' Auxiliary has remained an Auxiliary to the Branch until the year 2006, when they also disbanded.

ALAMEDA BRANCH 267

Alameda Legion Branch #267 was formed in 1946, with fifty-seven members. Ken Collopy was the first President and Emile Jonescu was the first Secretary/Treasurer. The Alameda Legion Auxiliary received their charter in the same year.

In December 1947, the twenty-one Frobisher members helped form Frobisher Branch #343, leaving Alameda Branch membership at thirty-six.

Meetings were held in the Alameda Community Hall, which was the former Presbyterian Church. In April 1947, the Alameda Community Hall Association turned this building over to the Legion. The Branch made many repairs and built an addition of a Clubroom.

For many years, this building was the meeting place for many organizations, where socials, dances, plays, etc., were held. Weekly picture shows were run by the Legion. The Ladies' Auxiliary utilized the basement for serving lunches and other catering. In 1957 and 1958, there was a trailer court in the Legion yard.

During 1959, the building of a new hall was the topic of much discussion and our last meeting was held in the old hall on September 2, 1959. Meetings were then held in the former T.R. Truscott office.

With many hours of volunteer labour, sale of the old hall material, donations, and a loan of one thousand dollars, the basement was filled in and a new hall was built. The first meeting in the new hall was October 4, 1961. Gas heat, sewer and water, new steps and back porch have been added over the years.

Over the next few years, the Legion Play Park was built, which has been financed by some donations, but mostly by the Community Christmas Card, which is sponsored annually by the Ladies' Auxiliary. It would be remiss to not give credit to the help and support of these ladies, without whom most Branches would not survive.

A major addition was made to the hall in the early 1980s, expanding seating and enlarging the kitchen.

With the disbanding of the Frobisher Legion, some members transferred to Alameda Branch and being able to bring in new young blood, the Branch has been going strong. In the last few years, a deck was added to the hall and a liquor license was obtained.

The Legion has been quite active hosting District golf, as well as many Zone Functions. They were privileged to send two members, Glenn Zimmerman and Bill Neuman to Sudbury, Ontario for the Dominion Cribbage Tournament.

Over the years, besides supporting Legion and community projects, the Branch has sponsored the Boy Scouts, Santa Claus Day, men's bonspiel, and carnivals, etc. With the Ladies' Auxiliary, we have sent both girls and boys to the Physical Fitness Camp since its inception. The Branch supports the Bow Valley Air Cadets Squadron #675. They continue to hold Remembrance Day Ceremonies and do a Poppy Campaign. The school children of Alameda and Frobisher do great work on Remembrance poster, poem and essay contests, sending some to Zone, District and Provincial levels.

Through the years, membership has varied, with members being deceased, moving away and being transferred. Some members have transferred to our Branch and with new members, membership is now forty-six.

Presidents throughout the years were: G.K. Collopy. W.G. Gibson, W.G. Young, R.H. Farden, R.M. Emmerson, J. McManus, B.V. Ward, W.M. Bennett, W.O. De yell, R.G. Santer, C.N. Slack, G.M. Young, A.T. Farnden, J.L. Bechman, O.P. Petzel, W.D. Farden, E.R Emmerson, E.D. Barton, J.P Harvey, Ken Annetts, Reed Gibson, Robert Wilson, Gordon Young and Butch Richarson.

The position of Secretary/Treasurer has been held by: E. Jonescu, N. Slack, A. Farnden, N. Strong, D. Farden, B. Farden, W. Gibson, Morley Bennett, Grant Young, Trina Faber, Allen Schiestel and Bonnie Widenmaier.

The Branch continues to uphold the tradition and values of The Royal Canadian Legion, while never forgetting the sacrifice of fellow comrades and honoring the remaining Veterans of the community.

CORONACH BRANCH 268

The Coronach Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion was organized at a meeting held on September 15, 1945, in the United Church basement with Len Chase who was Secretary of the Saskatchewan Command present. Harve Coubrough was elected President with Nels Nelson and Leonard Knudsen as Vice-Presidents. Alex Stone was Secretary/Treasurer and Ed Sanders Sr. as Sergeant-at-Arms. A chapter for the Branch was secured the following year.

In June of 1952, a re-organization meeting was held in the fire hall with C.A. Brown becoming President and Elizabeth Goddard, Secretary/Treasurer. James Deacon became President that same year. A fieldstone cairn was erected in the cemetery as a Cenotaph, which was unveiled at a ceremony held on November 11, 1952. This had been largely the work of Frank Willford.

An annual meeting was held the same day and Robert McNair became the new President. Legion colors were obtained by Harve Coubrough and Alex Stone donating the Branch standard and the organization bought the Union Jack. There was much discussion at this time about securing a suitable building for a Legion hall.

A town lot was purchased early in 1953. In June of that year, a bid was placed on Luella School, which was being offered for sale by the Willow Bunch School Unit. The bid was accepted and in the fall a

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basement was prepared of cement block construction and the building moved on it late in 1953. The first Legion meeting was held in the new hall in January of 1954.

After it was reorganized, the Branch spent much time trying to improve the condition of the local cemetery. Other activities were of a money-raising nature, such as running a concession booth at the local fair, sponsoring carnivals, sponsoring Associated Commercial Travelers Amateur Shows, turkey shoots, raffles, and operating the skating rink for a period of six years from 1961 to 1966. The Branch also helped Veterans secure assistance when it was required and held a Remembrance Day service each year on November 11th. The Branch donated a wheelchair to the D.V.A. wing of the Regina General Hospital in 1958 in memory of Frank Willford, who had spent so much time working on the Legion hall and Cenotaph.

The hall required much work to make it a suitable place for meetings and much money and effort were expended to get it renovated. An oil furnace was installed in 1957, new windows in 1959, sewer in 1961 and water in 1964. The hall has been available over the years for many organizations to use. The Branch had another period of inactivity, but more recently it has become active again as sons and daughters of Veterans are now eligible for membership.



Remembrance Service - Nov. 11th, 1982

Coronach Branch No. 268 of the Canadian Legion is an organization to assist all Veterans as well as to be a service group in the community. The Branch has attempted to fulfill this objective.

In November 1953, a Ladies' Auxiliary was authorized by the Branch. It has remained active ever since, which has helped to keep the Legion Branch active.

Through the years, the Coronach Branch took an active part hosting and attending an across the border organization called the 49th Parallel. It was made up of Zone I on the Canadian side and Zone 1 on the American side. All the Veterans and Auxiliaries were welcomed to a weekend social, held every June on alternate sides of the border.

Coronach Branch also attended many conventions and other Legion functions like cribbage, golf and curling.

In recent years, we have donated to the local hospital and Veteran's Comfort. They still have Remembrance Service, Poppy Campaign, Poster and 1itereary contests.



49th Parallel Days held at Coronach June 1981

There are now twelve members: five Active members and a very supportive Auxiliary.

49th PARALLEL DAYS by Cec Hayward

The 49th Parallel Days celebration, as it is known to all the local Legionnaires was originated in 1954. It resulted when a little girl from Assiniboia needed a very delicate heart operation, which was to be performed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, NY. The arrangement for the actual surgery had been looked after, but there was a catch in the whole procedure, and that was the availability of blood for the necessary transfusion. At that time, blood clinics did not operate as they do today, and the cost of transfusion were exorbant. To meet this challenge, a few Legion members from Assiniboia, led by Donald Johnston of Assiniboia, started negotiating with some members from the Glasgow-Scobey area to see if an arrangement could be made available on a donation basis to complete the heart surgery on this little girl, whose family was not in a position to meet the high cost of the medical bills.

After considerable negotiation between the Canadian Legionnaries, the necessary blood was made available through donations, and the surgery was completed successfully, and the story had a happy ending.

As a result of this cooperation, when the chips were down, this original group of Legionnaries from both sides of the 49th parallel decided it would be a nice idea if they and their colleagues got together at least once a year for some socializing. The idea caught on, and it became an annual affair that continued until the mid-1990s, with the celebrations alternating, one year south of the border, and the next year, north of the border. To many Legionnaries on both sides of the border, it was a high point of the year.



49th Parallel Days held at Coronach June 1981

VISCOUNT BRANCH 271

An update on Legion activities since 1983 (with help from the minute book).

The Legion assisted the Ladies' Auxiliary with planting poppies and other flowers around the local cenotaphs in Viscount and Plunkett. This was continued until the Ladies disbanded.

Sixty-year commemorative medals were presented to Veterans and Auxiliary members for their continuous contribution to the community. Medal recipients were: Ervilla Brown, Phyllis Colhoun, Robert Dale, Ed J. Morelli and Otto Shoemaker.

The 75th Anniversary of Saskatchewan was also celebrated in 1985. Viscount held a busy day of various activities, including a parade. The Viscount Legion, assisted by the Ladies' Auxiliary, built an appropriate float complete with a large cake, flag and members in their uniforms.

In March 1986, a rally was held by the Legion in the Community Centre for Comrade Charlie Osterhout. He was planning to run from Viscount to Vancouver to arrive for the opening of Expo'86. The Legion sponsored him in this endeavor and gave him a rousing send-off. Charlie dedicated his run to Unity and World Peace.

In 1986, John Rauckman constructed a scale model of the Cenotaph to be used for November 11th services held inside at the Community Centre. He also built small white wooden crosses engraved with the names from the Honour Roll.

In 1988, on advice from Provincial Command, local Legions were to promote associate members to hold office. The local Branch elected Associate member Comrade Edwin Morelli to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Comrade Dale Miller was elected to the office of President. Since 1993, Comrade John Dale and Comrade Edwin Morelli have been alternating holding the offices of President and Secretary-Treasurer (like their fathers before them).

The Legion honoured a long-time devoted member, Past Zone Commander Ed J. Morelli, by presenting him with the Meritorious Medal in 1990 and the Palm Leaf in 1995.

The Legion continues to support its Literary, Essay and Poster contests. Schools included are: Viscount Public School and Viscount Central High- now known as Viscount Central School, St. Alphonse School and Clavet School. Suitable films for Remembrance Day were made available from Provincial Command to show at all of the schools.

In 1989 Viscount Legion donated a medical table to the Lanigan Nursing Home.

Legion members, under the guidance of Comrades Edwin Morelli and Doug Leigh, began a project of obtaining photos of all ex-service men and women in uniform from Plunkett and Viscount Districts. The photos that have been obtained (over 200 to date) are displayed at Plunkett Community Hall and Viscount Community Centre. Comrade John Rauckman volunteered to make the many photo frames needed. They are still seeking photos of over 40 service men. Contact the Legion if you have one of the missing photos.

In 2000, a Korea Veteran's plaque was installed on the Cenotaphs at Plunkett and Viscount.

The Viscount Legion continues to support the Lanigan Cadets. Local members of the cadets carry the flags at Remembrance Day services. They, accompanied by able Veterans, also march after the Service to deposit the wreaths at the Cenotaph.

Dundurn Militia members attended the Remembrance Day Service in 2001. Dutch medals were presented to all of the service men (known from the area) who had served in Holland. Deceased Veteran's spouses received their husband's medal. Willem de Lint, CM, Dutch Consulate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Regina, SK, was instrumental in sending out the medals to all Legion Branches that requested them. The recipients graciously accepted these medals.

The annual Christmas dinner for Veterans and Auxiliary members, which had been enjoyed in Viscount for many years, has now expanded. With so many locals moving to Saskatoon, the members decided to hold the meal there. Former Plunkett and Viscount residents, now living in Saskatoon, joined Viscount Legion members for a lively get-together and festive meal, with thirty to forty attending. The former Auxiliary members (now Nutana Auxiliary members) are in charge of arranging for the meal at Justin's Restaurant and providing a small favor.

Viscount Legion members were active on the 2005 Centennial Celebration Committee. The local citizens support the annual Remembrance Day Service, so it will continue to be held. The Legion is very grateful to the local businesses in Plunkett and Viscount that have supported the poppy and wreath sales. This Poppy Fund is used for needy Veterans and local aid.

In 2003, Viscount Legion received the Zone plaque for the highest increase in membership. Branch membership now sits at twenty-three, consisting of ten Ordinary members, and thirteen Associate members. There are seven Life members. Comrade Bert Colhoun has held membership in Viscount Legion for sixty years. Those close behind him are: Comrades Ed J. Morelli, with fifty-nine years; Esther Tallon and Oliver Austenson, with fifty-six years; and Grant Marcoux with forty-nine years.

Branch members hope to continue to be a positive influence in the community of Viscount for many more years.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO VISCOUNT BRANCH 271

Since the last history was written much has changed.

Organized in March 1950, the Viscount Legion Ladies' Auxiliary to Viscount Branch 271 functioned for 45 years until December 1995, when the Charter was surrendered. District representative, Doris Kool from Eatonia, SK, and Zone Representative, Lorene Graham, of Branch 78 of Saskatoon were present. The last meeting was held at the home of Phyllis Colhoun.

The last Executive was elected in June 1995: President, Mary Hastie; 1st Vice President, Winnie Fink; Secretary, Phyllis Colhoun; Treasurer, Joy Rauckman; and Past President, Lionne Morelli. Life members include: (deceased before 1983) Alice Morphy, Gladys Tallon and Christine Charters. Ervilla (Morphy) Brown, Catherine Binding and Kate Osterhout are deceased Life members. Current Life members are: Evelyn Vanhouwe, Phyllis Colhoun and Joy Rauckman.

Looking back over the books, it was noted that dues in 1950 were $2.00 per year and in 1995 they had raised to only $13.00 per year. They were kept deliberately low as it was felt the Ladies did all the work for fund-raising so why have high dues?

Meetings were held every second Tuesday of the month, and this day was maintained even until the final meeting. Meetings were always a time for socialization. Meetings were quite often held in the members'

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homes. It was a real treat to attend District and Zone rallies to see and participate in formal openings and closings.

Membership began with 16 ladies, and reached a high of over 30 members. The final year's membership stood at eight, hence the decision to close. The final members involved were: Lionne Morelli, Ervilla Brown, Winnie Fink, Joy Rauckman, Mary Hastie, Clara Leigh, Phyllis Colhoun and Evelyn Vanhouwe. Phyllis, Joy, Lionne, Evelyn and Winnie now belong to Nutana Branch 362 of Saskatoon.

The Auxiliary started out in the Viscount-Plunkett area, but as more and more of the membership moved to Saskatoon, meetings were held in Saskatoon.

Money raised through fund-raising went towards Provincial Track and Field Clinic, Veterans Comfort Fund, the Bursary Fund and community charities. The Auxiliary also took a turn at entertaining at the Saskatoon Vet Home for a number of years. A once-a-month birthday party was given to all who had birthdays that month. Their turn usually occurred in July. One month, they had 10 Vets to party with! The Home provided the birthday cake; the Auxiliary provided the gifts. Laura Solmes often sang and Joan Jackson provided the music.

One social activity that has not stopped is the annual Christmas party. It first began as a Christmas party for just the Ladies, and then the Legion Members were invited. When most of the membership began living in Saskatoon, they met (and still do) at Justin's Restaurant in Market Mall. It has now evolved into a celebration of former neighbours and friends from the Viscount-Plunkett area. It is still organized by the Legion and former Ladies' Auxiliary members.

Remembrance Day still plays a vital role. The former Auxiliary Ladies still help with the judging of the poster and literary entries. They usually make sure that the coffee pot and lunch is served on November 11th.

The Ladies may have been small in numbers over the years, but big in participation. Their actions have served as a role model for others. Though the Viscount Ladies' Auxiliary is no longer an active organization; the friendships and goodwill will be forever cherished.

WATSON BRANCH 272



Branch #272 is located at 208 CanAm Highway #6 South, Watson, Saskatchewan. The humble beginnings of the Canadian Legion British Empire Service League began with the Watson Board of Trade who worked for ten months to get a Branch established and also organized the first Remembrance Day service held on November 11, 1945. The Legion received its Charter on February 25, 1946 with twenty members.

The first meetings were held in the Town Hall until a house on 1st Street NW could be purchased for this purpose. In later years, meetings were held in a member's home, followed by the curling rink clubroom, and eventually in a building that was purchased in April 1987. The grand opening of the Legion Hall took place on October 24, 1987. More space quickly became necessary and an addition was added to facilitate a kitchen, games room and display cabinets. Legion members, along with Associates and Affiliates volunteered all the labour required to carry out the renovations and building expansion.

In the earlier years, fundraising was accomplished by holding dances. At the present time, funds are raised by holding raffles and through hall rental for various functions. The Legion operates on volunteer labour, except for a paid janitor.

The Legion displays WWII memorabilia, information on Dafoe #5 Bombing and Gunnery School, and a Wall of Honour in remembrance of the servicemen from this area who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Annual Branch activities include hosting an annual cribbage tournament on November 10th, and planning and participating in the Remembrance Day Service held at the Watson Civic Centre, followed by an afternoon of socializing and an evening banquet at the Legion Hall.

The Watson Legion sponsors the Watson High School Valedictorian Award, as well as many other youth-oriented functions throughout the year. Our Branch has contributed towards many community projects over the years, including the skating rink, hospital, senior's home, swimming pool, and the Watson Combined Appeal.

The Watson Legion Auxiliary was organized with ten members on March 31, 1965, and received its Charter on June 14, 1965. Throughout the years, they held various fundraisers and donated to many youth functions and community projects. At present, the Auxiliary very capably helps with various Legion functions by providing coffee, lunches, and deserts.

At present, Watson Branch #272 has forty Legion members and the Auxiliary has eight members.

CODETTE BRANCH 275 ~ Closed

Informal meetings of World War II Veterans, some of whom were members of the Nipawin Branch, were held and in February 1946, it was decided to form a Legion Branch in Codette. The Branch was chartered in April 1946 with President Ernest Thomson and Secretary/Treasurer, John Harder. Other charter members include: O.J. Bossenberry, H.S. Carter, J.G. Collins, J.A. Dunn, M.B. Foster, H. Harder, W. Hornby, E.G. Jensen, C. Johnson, G. McFayden, E. Munnings, V. Reynolds, A.E. Sager, H. Schellhorn, B. Segal, H.A. Street, W. Tait, W.A. Tait, E.Y. Thomson, A.C. Turner, and L.C. Wilkes.

Regular meetings were held in the old Codette Hall. Soon, the Branch decided to spearhead the building of a new Community Hall. The Legion acquired property and the Codette Memorial Hall was erected. The Legion turned the operation of the Hall over to a community committee in 1951. In 1961, the Branch had to take over the operation of the hall once again, as community interest waned, but by 1978, the Legion transferred the property and hall to the Village of Codette. In 1956, the Legion had purchased the old Nipawin Rural School to use for its activities and it was officially opened as the Legion Hut in 1963. The Codette Cenotaph was unveiled east of Codette in 1928. In 1957, it was decided to move it adjacent to the Legion Hut in Codette. The names of the fallen of World War II were added and the Cenotaph was rededicated on November 11, 1966. The Branch supported numerous local activities over the years and was active with a small but dedicated membership until 2003, when it disbanded and most of the remaining members joined the Nipawin Branch.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO CODETTE BRANCH 275

Many of the Auxiliary members were members of the Nipawin Legion Auxiliary before and during World War II. Eventually, the Codette Auxiliary was granted their own charter in 1946. The first President was Katherine Carter, with other executive members May Morris, Marj Robinson, Jean Turner, Verna Rushmer, M. Sager and Beth Manley. The very active group catered banquets, worked at the fair booth, held teas, bake sales and card parties. They assisted in getting the Legion Hut ready, including purchasing flatware with Quaker box tops, a coffee percolator with Blue Ribbon or Nabob coupons, and holding a community shower for hall supplies. Over the years, they assisted the Legion Branch with many projects, with many joining them officially after the Auxiliary disbanded.

CHELAN BRANCH 276

Chelan Legion Branch 276 received their charter on April 4, 1946. The names on it were as follows: L.A. Aspen, W. Beale, R.E. Beatty, C.I. Bigler, C.D. Birtles, G.L. Dalemo, E. Freyer, J.L. Hettle, A.L. Jewell, D. Lamont, A.L. Lee, J. McNiven, S. Monkman, G. Poelzer, T. Pringle, M. Sorochuk, O.W. Ward, W.H. Ward, G.E. Webster, N.G. Yaremko, S. Zenuk.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter on Jan 8, 1954, and was active for several years, but ceased after many moved away or died. Then a few joined the Legion as Associate members. One of them, E. Back had served actively in WW2, as well.

Over the years, more men joined and some members moved away or were deceased, and as the community grew smaller it was difficult to get new members.

When the village theatre ceased operating, the Branch bought the building for $1500 to be used as a hall. A member, Ron Back, and his wife Betty, both accomplished musicians, thought a piano was needed for the hall. They and a friend, John Wolkowski, drove to Saskatoon in John's truck to buy a piano which is still in use. It cost $350.00 with a discount for a Legion Branch.

The Branch repaid Ron's purchase of the piano in small amounts as funds were raised. The hall was recently turned over to the Community Club and enlarged and still serves the community.

The Branch has been active for many years in the community with the curling club, seniors, community club and school. The Branch supported the literary contest for school students over the years and was proud of all the students who entered. Many of them won prizes each year against larger schools in Zone, District and Provincial levels.

Members have been active, as well, in surrounding communities and hope to continue.

"Lest We Forget"

DUBUC BRANCH 277 ~ Closed

Dubuc Branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League was organized on November 26, 1945 in the Almassey Hall. J.W.A. Edwards was elected President and Harold Moore was elected Secretary. In 1959, the B.E.S.L. was dropped and it became the Canadian Legion, and in 1961, by proclamation of the Queen, The Royal Canadian Legion.

The first meetings were held in Harold Allan's office. Harold was a WWI Veteran. Later, they moved to the Homemaker's Hall. In 1952, a Legion room was completed in the Dubuc Memorial Hall, built by the community assisted by the Veterans. The hall was built in 1948 and dedicated to the Veterans of our community. In 2005, "The Year of the Veteran," pictures of Veterans from Dubuc community were displayed on the wall below the dedication plaque.

In 1961, a Cenotaph was built on Main Street, on a lot donated by the village. It was unveiled at the November 11, 1961 Memorial Service. Wreaths were laid for 1914-1918 and 1939--1945 war dead, with their names engraved on the Cenotaph. In 1967, Larson School was moved next to the Cenotaph and renovated for the Legion's permanent headquarters. The "Hut," as it became known, was later turned over to the village in 1977, with the Legion having use of it as long as the Branch was active. In 1997, due to decline of memberships, the Legion was forced to disband and the memberships of a remaining faithful few were transferred to Esterhazy Legion. In 1970, they had a membership of seventeen to celebrate their 25th Anniversary. The Branch spent much time and effort aiding Veterans and their families and has recognition in Saskatchewan for its high sales of wreaths and poppies. The annual Remembrance Day services were always well attended, and neighbouring towns participated, as well. Youth participation was always present, with the children providing musical entertainment and on occasions, a youth choir provided anthems during the services. Lunch and fellowship with entertainment was a great loss to Dubuc community, when the Branch could no longer organize this annual event to honour our Veterans.

The Legion organized Sports Days, turkey shoots, raffles, and football pools as fundraisers. The Legion assisted with work bees, building of houses, cutting firewood, helping sow, harvest, and doing summer fallow for folk needing help. In keeping with Legion aims, the fitness of youth was of prime concern. Track and Field trips were financed, physical fitness programs, and



Members of the Dubuc Branch Royal Canadian Legion taken Aug. 1-1986 (Legion's 60) at their 40th anniversary celebration held in the Hut. Back row - Tom Wilson, Charlie Probert, Ed Skene, Ray Orgen, Clarence Anderson, Jack Dyser, Jack Ewen. Front Row: Bob Davies, Jim Skene, Andy Skene, Alan Edwards (Three members were unable to attend.)

they organized baseball and softball, gun safety programs, with winter recreation in the Memorial hall. The annual Legion Essay and Poem Contest received good response from the schools. Several essays won at Zone, District, and even Provincial levels.

In 2005, "THE YEAR OF THE VETERAN" pictures of community Veterans were displayed in the hall below the dedication plaque mounted in 1948. Pictures are still being added, as they are received. WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO DUBUC BRANCH 277

The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized on October 27, 1965, with ten ladies in attendance. The first President was Betty (Fred) Willway; Vice-President was Elsie McAlpine; 2nd Vice-President was Joyce Bawden; and Secretary/Treasurer was Goldie Stenberg. Standard Bearer was Irene Andersen. The Ladies' Auxiliary helped support the Legion Branch financially with fundraisers, often catering at auction sales and providing lunches for the Memorial Services. They supported the Veteran's Comfort Fund, Bursary Fund for aid to Veterans' children to further their education. They sponsored many social events, the most outstanding being the Branch's 25th Anniversary. They had a total of twenty-five members, thirteen of which were still active in 1980. They disbanded a few years prior to 1997.

MONTMARTRE BRANCH 279

The Branch was founded on April 4, 1946 with twenty-one members. The Ladies' Auxiliary received its Charter on June 6, 1956, with sixteen active members. The Legion has sponsored many sporting events over the years. Initially, meetings were held in various halls and meeting rooms in the village, until 1960 when land was purchased from the village and an old one-room school house was purchased from the School Board and moved to Montmartre for a Legion Hall. The Hall was rented out for various dances and social events until it was sold in 1975. Since that time, the Legion has held its meetings in the local Seniors Hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary was active until the end of 2000, when it was disbanded.

Currently, the Branch has 4 Life members, 5 Regular members, and 16 Associate members. The Regular and Life Members include eight WWII and one Korean War Veterans. The Branch sponsors the local Army Cadets, which has enrollment from surrounding communities. Students from Montmartre, Odessa and Vibank are involved in the Essay, Poetry and Poster Competition and many have won awards. Our Remembrance Day Services are well attended with many people traveling several miles to attend.

WILLOW BUNCH BRANCH 287

Willow Bunch Branch #287 received its Charter on May 29, 1946. Charter members were: A. Berard, L. Berard, C. Bonneau, G.A. Bullis, J.M. Caplette, G. Duperreault, R.E. Gosselin, J.A. Gourley, J. Lacerte, E. LaPointe, A. Legare, S. Millar, L. Mondor, A. Rainville, M. Rainville, E. Rodrique, S.G. Sylvestre and D. Wood.

Sylvio Sylvestre obtained permission to start a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Willow Bunch. Sylvio, Secretary/Treasurer until 1970, climbed the ladder of Provincial Command to become President.

In 1963-64, Sylvio and Don Johnson (Assiniboia) had a dream of "Hands Across the Border," which later became reality with the birth of the "49th Parallel Days."

Paul Emile Mondor, very active in the local Legion, hosted Legion events in his home. In 1964, a site was purchased and a former hall/school was moved onto the site to become the Legion Hall. Sunday nights were bingo night. In the late 1940s, and early 1950s, the Legion paid for a hotel room and two meals for transient Legion members. Members were active in 49th Parallel Days with other Branches.

There is a November 11th Memorial Service, with presentation of crosses and wreaths for the public, followed by lunch for Legion and Auxiliary, then meetings in the afternoon. Legion members used to host a November 11th supper and dance each year for the general public as a fundraising event. Currently, fellowship follows with supper at the restaurant and sometimes cards at the hall. Remembrance Day Service at the school is supported by a Colour Party from the Legion.

The Legion has bought various pieces of medical equipment, and a wheelchair for public use was purchased, which can be leased through the clinic. In September 2004, Legion members bought a brass plaque, "Lest We Forget," with different wars on it and the Legion Crest.

Willow Bunch Legion has been a huge supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion Essay, Poem and Poster Contest Winners for Zone, District and Provincial Levels. Many students participate, with several winning at the Zone and the District levels, and in 2005, there was a Provincial winner from Willow Bunch.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO WILLOW BUNCH BRANCH 287

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary #287 was formed on June 8, 1974. Charter members were: Lila Fisher, Judith Fortier, Mary Joyal, Luela Buckler, Liliane Joyal, Janet Grey, Louise Boisvert, Edith Wood, Cecile Sylvestre, Gloria Gosselin, Olga Philippon, Marion Buckler, Jacqueline Patterson, Evelyn Philippon, Genevieve Millar, Shirley Delorme, Jeanne Burnay, Elizabeth Fontaine, Cecile Giraudier, Estelle Gosselin, Doreen Gosselin, Henriette Fitzpatrick, and Barbara Mainil.

Curling was the predominant activity in the 1980s. The Willow Bunch curling team competed in the Provincial Play-downs. Members of the Auxiliary have taken part in Zone Cribbage and other Zone activities.

One fundraiser was a Card Party with a Penny Arcade table in March/April. The Auxiliary held various fundraisers and made donations to Veterans Comfort Fund, Hand of Friendship, Telemiracle, Music Festival, School Year Book, Scholarships, Student Track and Field, Air Cadets, Brownies, Guides, Paraplegic Fund, Home Care for equipment, Tourism for the town's 125th Celebrations, Community projector and screen, Red Cross, Salvation Army, C.N.I.B., and Learning Disabilities. On September 8, 2004, the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded. Several Auxiliary members joined the Legion.

NOKOMIS BRANCH 290

Wm. Elworthy organized the Nokomis Legion Branch in 1946 with twenty members. The date of the Charter was May 29, 1946, with the Charter members: D. Adam, E.A. Anderson, W. Ducker, W.H.V. Elworthy, D.W. Fenton, J.C. Fenton, T.G. Halstead, K.C. Hendry, M. Horbul, T. Horbul, N.A. Joa, R.W. Kirk, W.H. LeCain, A.E. McDougall, R.J. McFarlane, W.A. McNichol, M.L. Potter, J. Redford, F.E. Rodgers, and R.D. Strachan. The first President was W. Elsworthy and the first Secretary was R. Strachan. Marv Potter is still an active member of the Legion, receiving the Meritorious Service Award in 2004.

The first meetings were held in the Masonic Hall banquet room. In 1952, a barn was moved into town and renovated into a hall with a Legion Clubroom in it. The first meeting was held in the Legion Memorial Community Hall on August 11, 1952, with eighteen members present.

To raise funds for the hall and Legion activities, they held dances, carnivals and had a booth at the Sports Day.

In 1961, a Cairn was built to honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice in both World Wars and the Korean War. On October 3, 1962, it was decided to purchase a rural school, Richfarms School, with a loan from the Credit Union for $500.00 and ten co-signors. This would be moved to town and used as a meeting hall. The community hall was turned over to the town. At the same time, the town was asked to reserve two lots next to the Cairn for future building.

In 1964, the Legion hall was built next to the Cairn for $1,900. A raffle or pool was held each month until the loan was paid. Currently, the Legion holds a bingo each month and another at the annual Fair to raise funds.

Each year, the Legion holds a community Remembrance Day Service on November 11th. For several years now, they also hold a service at the Health Centre on Remembrance Day for the residents and patients. Legion members also visit the schools (Govan & Nokomis) to talk to the students and hold a service. Each fall, an essay and picture contest is held at the schools. Winners' submissions are sent on to the Zone level and further. Since 2002, a Flag Day is held with services in Nokomis and Lockwood, and for the first time, in 2006, there was a service held at Govan. Canadian Flags are placed in crosses on all Veterans' graves and at the Cairn (Cenotaph) for those buried or lost overseas.

Nokomis Legion has sponsored the Scouting Association and the Cadets. Years ago, they did the Cancer Drive. More recently, they have purchased equipment for the Health Centre and donated money for a Rescue Vehicle for the Town.



2006 Nokomis Flag Day Participants
Nokomis Legion #290
Photograph courtesy Dennis Simpson

Legion members have always participated in Zone, District and Provincial rallies and activities. Activities participated in have been golf, bowling, curling, and cribbage. Quite often, a float has been entered in the Fair Day Parade. Nokomis Legion has always been supportive of other Legion members and Legion Branches. Records show that donations from the Welfare Fund to individuals in times of need, as well as to other branches, e.g, Cumberland House when their hall burnt. On one occasion, used skates in good condition were collected to be sent to Northern communities so youngsters could play hockey.

Following W. Elsworthy as President was Jack Brewer for four years. Other Presidents serving more than one year were: Bob Kirk - 2 years, Bill McClughan - 3 years, Fred Korpatniski - 2 years, Harry Hurley - 3 years, Harry Badham - 8 years, Lewis Simpson - 6 years, Wm. Riach - 11 years, and Ray Hards - 10 years. The current President is Lavern Sobus.

Serving as Secretary for more than one year were: A.E. Wheatley - 4 years, M.L. Potter - 9 years, John Fenton - 2 years, G.T. Humphrey - 6 years, Bill McClughan - 8 years, Fred Korpatniski - 2 years, Ray Hards - 7 years, Lewis Simpson - 14 years, and Doreen Riach for 5 years. Bill Riach recently served three years as Zone Commander. Branch membership now stands at fifty, with 16 Veterans, 33 Associate members, and 1 Affiliate member.

When Govan Legion Branch #257 closed in 2000, Nokomis Branch members were pleased to have Chris Lekness, Ward Mortenson, Palmer Unseth, Pat Farrar, Ira Travis, Joe Pratchler, Ernie Aldred, Gord Aldred, and Barrie Hunter join their Legion. The Branch members are proud of their Veterans and their sacrifices for us. Membership has increased by ten Associate members in 2005, who with the rest, work toward maintaining our Veterans' well-being and honour.

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DUNDURN BRANCH 291

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Secretary: Carole Clark
Phone: 306-492-4956

President: Jack Merril

Branch Charter Date: 29 May 1946

Auxiliary Charter Date: 25 March 1960

Current Membership: 18

Closed: 22 May 1999

CROOKED RIVER BRANCH 292



The Crooked River Branch 292 was organized at a meeting on January 26, 1946, at which the Provincial President of that time, Comrade W. Whelan, outlined the aims and objectives of this organization. The Veterans present at that meeting became the Charter members as listed on the Charter granted to the Crooked River Branch on May 29, 1946, and are as follows: G. Abbott, G. Belsher, E. Boucher, E. Canada, J. Canada, F. Caplette, F. Chatlain, E. Cummings, G. Fahner, A. Fairbairn, G. Fengstad, G. Head, G. Henderson Jr., P. Lawrence, W. Locker, W. Peoples, E. Sandgren, R.J. Stoker, E. Sward, and W. Whitmore.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their Charter in October 1948. Charter members were: I. Olmstead, H. Steele, V. Fairbairn, E. McIvor, M. Wiens, M. Huyghebaert, H. Huyghebaert, and S. Vanderguct.

The Auxiliary deserves high praise for the contribution made to the Legion over the years. When they handed in their Charter, most of the ladies joined the regular Branch, so we still feel the effects of that great organization.

The Branch did not have its own Clubroom, so meetings were held on an alternate basis at members' homes in Crooked River, Girwood, Peesane and Eldersley. The Auxiliary would meet the same night and after business was concluded on both fronts, everyone would meet for lunch and a social visit and then head for home.

In June 1955, a lot was purchased and construction began on a new Clubroom. The first meeting in what was to be the Branch home for the next twenty-eight years was held on June 3, 1958.

In 1986, the Auxiliary purchased a building in Tisdale and had it moved to Crooked River. Once again, the men and women of the branch were asked to devote their time in preparing the building as a suitable Clubroom. Local citizens also contributed time and labour. The hut was ready for its first meeting in the fall. In 2005, improvements were made that would carry the Branch through for the several years.

Looking back, the Branch has always been quite active in the area. The first major event was a Legion Sports Day held in Peesane on July 1, 1947. To raise money, turkey shoots began in October 1948, with live turkeys awarded to the winners. Many members recall the formation of a Junior Baseball team in 1953. 1965 saw the formation of a Junior Sandlot baseball team with uniforms supplied by the Auxiliary. Sponsorship and instruction of the Pasquia Air Cadet Squadron was another Branch project.

The big event of the year has been and continues to be the Remembrance Day Service held in the community hall. In early years, the students played an important part in the service as they participated in the Legion's Essay, Poem and Poster contest. We lost contact with the school children when the school closed, but we now sponsor and guide the students of the Bjorkdale School in the same contest.

In its 60th year, the Branch remains quite active with a membership of thirty-seven. Monthly Bingos and the sale of Nevada tickets keep finances in order. Without the support of the general public over the years, the Branch would have had a difficult time surviving. Thank you all!

REDVERS BRANCH 293

The Redvers Branch is located in beautiful parkland near the Manitoba and American borders, not far from Kenosee and White Bear resorts. Although the district sent a sizable number of volunteers to the Great War, 1914-18, and in 1926 erected a striking Cenotaph to the memory of those who did not return, Redvers was not where Legion Branches were organized in the 1920s and 1930s. Manor Branch l31, Auburton Branch 229 and Three Town Branch 194 served the needs of the area until after World War II. These earlier Branches eventually surrendered their charters while Redvers Branch 293 carried on.

A meeting of twenty-one Veterans at the King's Hotel in Redvers on April 24, 1946 resulted in the chartering of the Redvers Branch. At first, members met in a variety of rented facilities: Jensen's Hall, the R.M. of Antler #61 offices, and a building bought for $2,300.00. The first permanent purpose-designed building; a 50' x 40' frame structure was erected, largely by volunteers in 1950. It served until 1963, when the present premises were constructed, again with much donated labour. An extension to this structure was undertaken in 1982-8-3. The completed structure contains a very large upper hall capable of division to provide separate halls, complete kitchen facilities and, on the lower level, a bingo hall and lovely bar facility, the finest building of its type in the district.

As neighbouring branches declined, Redvers grew to over 100 members. Advancing age and rural depopulation have had their adverse effects in the last few years, however, and although it still musters eighty-six members, the active contingent is now quite small. The Branch soldiers on doing as much as it can, considering its circumstances.

Over the years the Branch, aided by its loyal and extremely active Auxiliary, supported the Pipestone Air Cadets #623, donated to the local Health Centre, helped with treats and movies for local children at Christmas, and prepared a float in the annual fair. Labour to erect a barn for one comrade and a porch for another comrade's widow were provided, with no strings attached. Few local worthy causes went on without Legion support and that of the Auxiliary, who still carry on a weekly bingo. Profits went to sundry needy local organizations and various good causes.

One unusual activity, held annually since 1937, is the 'Hands Across the Border' event. Held in Sherwood, North Dakota each American Memorial Day, members of local American and Canadian Legions march across the international border to the music of Canadian bag pipers or the Sherwood brass band. At the Sherwood School auditorium, a Remembrance Service takes place, followed by a march to the local cemetery. Lunch and baseball games for the young complete the day. This event bolsters the spirits of aging Veterans and helps them to carry on. Carry on they do, working to better the lives of our membership and leading and educating our youth in citizenship in the hope that, as much as possible, the horrors of the wars of the 20th century will never again disturb our tranquil life and peace-loving people.

Redvers Legion Ladies Auxiliary #293 was organized in 1946 with thirty-three members under the leadership of Mrs. Sadie Johnson as President. Several ladies took memberships when the Legion was called the Three Towns Branch, namely Storthoaks, Nottingham and Alida. Meetings were held in members' homes. In 1948, the Legion opened a building fund with $375.00 donated by the Auxiliary. In 1950, the first Legion Hall was built. This later became the Knights of Columbus Hall and recently a Day Care. Membership declined in the early 1950s, but increased again in the 1960s.

The Ladies Auxiliary purchased the 144th share for the Redvers Community Hall Company Limited on March 29, 1948. The original certificate is still in our possession.

It is unfortunate that there are no minute books prior to 1960. Records of the early years are Roll Call and Treasurer's books. It is apparent from these records that the ladies were busy with catering and other fundraising events, such as Teas and Bake Sales to help the men's Royal Canadian Legion Branch. Conditions were far from adequate with food being prepared on a wood burning stove, and no plumbing. Water was carried by pails from Mr. Burnett's (the town drayman) and heated in wash boilers. Coffee grounds were put in a gauze bag and into the boilers to boil for coffee.

As membership increased, the ladies became more active with fundraising, preparing for the new Legion Hall. They catered to many, many banquets, held Dine and Dances, Sadie Hawkins dances, bake sales and teas.

The ladies also helped fund many community efforts, making donations to school playground equipment, Cur1ing club artificial ice, music festival trophy, swimming pool, and several blankets for hospital patients' beds. They also sponsored a banquet for the Juvenile Hockey team in 1971, when they won the South Saskatchewan Playoffs and competing for the provincial championship. For a few years, the ladies held a fishpond at the fun fair, with proceeds going to the Recreation Centre. They also sponsored an adult physical fitness class for one year.

It is interesting to note that while the ladies were working diligently to raise funds, some of the prices were: in 1970, a cold plate for banquets was $1.75; in 1972, dance admission was $3.00 per couple. In 1946, the dentist paid hall rent of $3.00 per month. In 1950, one head of lettuce, one tomato and one pound of butter cost $1.09. In 1952, postage to send a blanket to Moose Jaw was 34 cents. In 1959, -turkey cost 40 cents per pound. An ad in the Redvers Optomist cost 50 cents. In 1964, doughnuts were 50 cents per dozen. In 1977, a fruit basket cost $3.64.

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REDVERS BRANCH 293 *(...Cont'd)*

The new Legion Hall opened on March 26, 1965. Since this time the ladies have been very busy raising funds to help pay down the mortgage. The ladies provided financial assistance for air conditioning, metal roofing, new flooring, oak cupboards, and smoke eater fan in the bingo room, shelving in the supply room, curtains upstairs and down, a dehumidifier in the lounge, banquet tables and chairs, kitchen furnishings, and a sound system for the bingo room.

The Auxiliary make regular donations to the following Redvers organizations: minor league hockey, figure skating club, minor league ball, Handi van, Haven Auxiliary, swimming pool, cemetery fund, Recreation centre (curling), Activity centre, Arts centre, Redvers and District Community Health Foundation Inc., and the library.

In the past, they have contributed to C.N.I.B., Veterans Comfort Fund, Legion bursary, Air Cadets, Girl Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts, and Up with People (Allison Corbett). The Auxiliary contributes to fundraising benefits held to assist families requiring expensive medical treatment. Also, they contribute to events such as the Relay for Life held in Redvers on June 2-3, 2006.

Life memberships were presented to Auxiliary members meeting set criteria. Recipients were: Olive Kyle, Mary Russill, Ivie Bailey, Glorya Irwin, Rose Kyle, and Mary Mitchell. Some members received years of service pins at a meeting in June 1982, and these members remained active until their passing in recent years. Since records are incomplete, it is possible that some names have been missed. Sincere apologies are extended, should this be the case. In 2001, those members of the Auxiliary who remain active were presented with Life memberships: Brenda Aime, Lorraine Baker, Rose Opper, Adeline Orsted, Maxine Patron, Julie Perreaux, Edith Pierrard, Jeanne Saleski.

The following have held the position of President of Redvers Branch 293: E. Irene Nielsen, 1960-62; Mary Luyten, 1963; Annabelle Robins, 1964-66, 1976-77; Mary Mitchell, 1967, 1988-91; Myra Fowler, 1968-69; Rose Kyle, 1970-73, 1980-81; Joanne Wiszniak, 1974-75, 1984-85; Martha Begin 1978-79; Diana Jorgensen, 1982-83; Rose Opper, 1986-87; Jeanne Saleski, 1992-95; Brenda Aime, 1996-present.

The following have held the position of Secretary of Redvers Branch 293: Jean Lamotte, 1960-63 (also Treasurer); E. Irene Nielsen, 1964-66, 1968; Doreen Canan, 1967; Annabelle Robins, 1969; Thelma Torns, 1970-72. 1976-77; Jean Hoff, 1973; Lorraine Silvius, 1974-75; Donelda Kyle, 1978-79; Glorya Irwin, 1980-873, 1987-93; Emilie Magotiau, 4 months in 1982; Lorraine Silvius, 4 months in 1984; Mary Luyten, 1984-87; Rose Opper (Acting Secretary), 1994; Maxine Patron, 2001-present.

The following have held the position of Treasurer of Redvers Branch 293: Madeline Eichorst, 1964-67; Evie Bailey, 1968; Denise Frecon, 1969; Julie Perreaux, 1970-73; Beth Jorgensen, 1974-75, 1984-87; Lorraine Hardy, 1976-77; Diana Jorgensen, 1978-79; Charlene Mitchell, 1980-81; Jeanne Saleski, 1982-83; and Rose Opper, 1994-present.

In the mid-1980s, several devoted ladies took over operation of the weekly bingos, converting to dabber bingo in 1990. Other regular events are the Annual Mothers' Day, Poppy Day Tea, and bake sales, for which the ladies would like to thank the community for their continued support.

Members are recognized with a gift on milestone anniversaries, and the ladies receive roses for their 75th birthday. As a final tribute to fellow members, the ladies form the Honour Guard at funerals placing them into God's care with the words "Father in thy Gracious keeping, leave we now thy servant sleeping."

KISBEY BRANCH 295

On June 6, 1946, Kisbey Branch 295 of The Royal Canadian Legion was granted a charter. Twenty names appear on it, but it is known that others were among the founding members. The names that appear on the charter are: F.A. Brigden; F.E. Brigden; J. Campbell; W.P. Dumur; C.A. Hookinson; G.W. Hodge; A.G. Hall; D.A. Houston; W.C. Kemp; D.A Lane; C.A. McKellar; F.C. McAlaster; Edith McAlaster; J. Milne, J.D. Partridge; F. Starkell; W.E. Tilley; E.W. Weightman; H.G. Weightman; S. Wright.

In the early years of the Branch, there were over 80 members. Meetings were held in the north end of a warehouse of H.L. Witchers' store. When the store was converted to a community hall, the Legion ran a theatre with movies every Saturday night with admission of 25 cents. When construction began on the new community hall, the Legion was right there. Not only did the members contribute their time, money and efforts to building the new hall, but they spent extra time on building their own hall.

Throughout the years, the members have worked to maintain and improve their hall with new carpets, better chairs, fluorescent lights, and new wall boards.

They sponsored community picnics and ran the sports day until the Elks took over. They held bonspiels and organized hockey and ball tournaments.

Many different forms of fundraising were used, including raffles on a $50.00 bill, on a calf, Christmas cakes and hampers, but one preferred method was Donkey Baseball. Does anyone remember the fun at those games?

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Part of the Legion's purpose is to ensure that proper attention shall be paid to the welfare of all who have served and their dependents. To this end, Kisbey Branch has helped many Veterans and their families when the need arose, not only with financial assistance but by forming work bees. In keeping with this spirit of giving, they have donated generously to the Christmas Cheer funds of the Mental Health patients in Weyburn, the Salvation Army, and the Tuberculosis Veterans Section, to name just a few.

The Legion's commitment to youth and sports has been fulfilled with sponsorship of minor hockey and ball teams, purchases of uniforms and equipment, transporting the players to their games, sponsoring students to participate in the Legion Track and Field camps and later when the students' interest in our area declined, donating directly to the camp.

Comrade Bruce Thompson was responsible for the forming of Cubs and Scouts, and Guides and Brownies in 1968. Donations were made to the yearbook. In 1980, $316.00 was donated to the Parks and Recreation Board for the purchase of playground equipment; in October 1981, $500.00 for 10-and-under hockey sweaters and equipment. In recent years, they have given donations to the Moose Mountain Air Cadets and helped sponsor firearms safety courses.

The Branch's commitment to the community is fulfilled by maintenance of the community hall, Silver Threads Club, contributions to, and participation in, the anniversary celebrations of the town, province and country, and to other organizations in the community.

To commemorate fallen Comrades, the Branch erected a cenotaph in 1975, and also has been fortunate to be able to hold a Remembrance Day Service annually. In 1977, $500.00 was donated to the Brock Union Hospital, $50.00 to the New Hope Pioneer Lodge and Moose Mountain Nursing Home. In 1996, a freezer was purchased for the hospital and $500.00 to the Royal Purple for the operation of the Wellness Clinic.

In 1994, the Silver Threads Hall was re-roofed and this Branch was able to donate $1300.00 toward this project. In 1995 and 1996, the Branch donated a further $250.00 to help replace the east door in their hall.

Although Branch membership is now few in number compared to the beginning, the Branch still strives to take an active part in the community with pride in their past and faith in their future.

PONTEIX BRANCH 297

Around the end of 1945, some of the returned service men began to discuss the forming of a Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion in Ponteix, SK. Seventeen interested people attended an organizational meeting in February of 1946, and on February 22, 1946, the first six Legion members were initiated. The six original members of the Ponteix Legion were: J.E. Coulombe, R.T.G. Lallier, J.W. Dolan, Jack Johnson, Bill Johnson and M. Gauthier. Membership continued to grow over the next few months until there were forty-seven members in 1947.

Arrangements were made with the owner of the Ponteix Deluxe Theatre to hold dances every Friday night to raise funds for Legion activities.

In September of 1946, the Legion members rented Mrs. Norman Kouri (Senior) building for a clubroom. The building was formally The Gideon Cossette Barber Shop, and as of 1990, Mike Dubourt Plumbing.

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in the fall of 1946, with one of their contributions being the annual sale of Poppies for Remembrance Day.

During the 1950's and 1960's, the Branch was not very active. They no longer rented a clubroom, but met in private homes instead. In 1958, they provided funds to furnish a room in the Senior Citizens Home. As well, they supported such community organizations as Minor Hockey, Youth Gun Club, and the Ponteix Union Hospital. Legion members and their families participated in such local and District Legion activities, such as Remembrance Day services, golfing, curling and bowling.

The idea of building a Cenotaph to commemorate soldiers of the Ponteix area who had served in the wars was first discussed by the Ponteix Legion in March of 1970. The Cenotaph was built on land donated by the Girardin Brothers. Comrade Louis Lacoursiere built and donated the 18-pounder that sits on the top of the Cenotaph. This was in commemoration of the boys who joined the 60/17 Artillery Regiment in Aneroid in 1940. The plaque on the Cenotaph, donated by Louis Lacoursiere, reads:

Lest We Forget
1914-1918
World War II
1939-1945
They died that we may Live

Veteran of both wars, Comrade Joe Gillis had the honor of unveiling the new Cenotaph, and his wife Lenzena placed the first wreath.

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In 1982, it was decided to raise funds to purchase the former theatre building for use as a Legion Hall.

In 1985, the Jubilee Year, Ponteix Legion presented a Jubilee Medal to Comrade George Cyrenne for all the contributions he had made to our Legion. The Jubilee year was also marked by the sale of 1800 tulip bulbs from Holland, a Zone Rally and a grasshopper festival with grasshopper races.

Over the years, Ponteix Legion made its presence known by supporting many worthwhile activities, such as suppers and fun days for senior citizens, an annual Christmas Party for children put on in conjunction with the town, bursaries to high school graduates, donations to the CNIB, Telemiracle, Home Care, and Southwest Regional Games in Ponteix.

Many former Legion members no longer living in the area returned for the Mortgage Burning party on November 7th, 1986.

The Branch is sponsored by volunteer workers. We now sponsor students going for further education and several community programs receive help from this Legion Branch, such as the Twinkle Tour at Christmas, DARE Program at the school, Kidney Foundation and our Saskatchewan Telemiracle Foundation.

FILLMORE BRANCH 299



L to R: Gordon Johnston, Trevor Forbes, Willie Carnegie, Cpl. Nick Smyth, Elaine Wightman, Mary Jones, Doreen Carnegie

The first meeting of Fillmore Branch, Canadian Legion of B.E.S.L., was held in the Municipal Council Chamber on April 27, 1946. Present at the meeting were members from the Weyburn Branch. K. Laing, Zone Representative, chaired the meeting.

Officers were elected as follows: R. Kerr, President; Maurice Treble, Vice-President; Ray Pollock, Sergeant-at-Arms; W.S. Seaman, Secretary/Treasurer; and Ben Tollefson, Ken Ogden, and Lockie Scott, Executive members.

K. Laing installed officers. R. Kerr then chaired the meeting. An annual fee of $5.00 per member was to be paid. Meetings were to be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 8:00 p.m.

The following members were then initiated: Len Dodd, D.B. Doney, L.G. Doney, A.H. Hofmeister, Duncan Hunter, Gordon Johnston, Robert Kerr, Peter Mackie, Donald MacLean, Kenzie MacLean, Maurice Treble, Alex Mitchell, Kenneth Ogden, Mel Ogden, Ray Pollock, R.H. Struthers, C.A. Robertson, Lockie Scott, William Seaman, A.B. Stewart, and Frank Tippett.

The Fillmore Branch #299 received their Charter on July 30, 1946.

When the Memorial Hall was built, a Clubroom in the basement was given to the Legion. Presentation was made at the official opening of the hall on February 9, 1949.

Legion projects were as follows: held dances, carnivals, operated the picture shows on Saturday nights; furnished a ward and continued to maintain in the new hospital in 1949; maintain beach and picnic area at Gooseberry Lake for a number of years; assisted in training youth for Track & Field, and sponsored youth to camps; ran a concession booth at the Creelman Fair; the Color Party participated in local events and preceded the Legion float at Creelman Fair; sponsored card parties for seniors, complete with prizes; presented scholarships to local schools; provided assistance to Veterans and families when in need, i.e., Christmas parcels, clothing, blankets; contributed to many charities; fully supported the Poppy Fund by the sale of poppies and donations from businesses where wreaths were displayed; promoted youth awareness of Remembrance Day, through Poems, Posters and Essays contests from Zone to Dominion, with plaques and monetary gifts to winners; take part every year on November 11th alternating between Creelman and Fillmore - wreaths and poppies are laid and Veterans address schools prior to November 11th, plus conduct services at schools and the Health Centre; sponsored students attending Cadets and Encounter Canada; donated to the Hall Board;

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hosted and attended Zone and District Rallies; Creelman invited the Legion to attend the opening of a new hall and official unveiling of their Cenotaph; a Benefit Dance was held for Ken Ogden, when he was badly burned; take part in all Branch activities, such as curling; a Cenotaph was built in front of Memorial Hall in Fillmore in 1957.

There are seventeen Life Members of Fillmore Branch 299: Peter Mackie, Art Nixon, Art Brown, Frank Tippett, Art Meisner, Jim Fowler, Joe Liggs, John MacLean. C.A. Robertson, Norman Meisner, Stan Blaxland, John Nixon, W.T. Hall, A. Brewin, Len Davis, Lorne Halbert, and Jack Jones,

At the present time, Executive Officers are: Willie Carnegie, President; Arnold Cherry and Gordon Johnston, Poppy Committee; Pat Farrell, Secretary/Treasurer; Lieut. Colonel Murray Allan, Commanding Officer of Royal Regina Rifles Regiment, Sergeant-at-Arms.

There are 21 active members, to date.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO FILLMORE BRANCH 299

In November 1949, at the request of Fillmore Branch 299, a meeting was held to consider the organization of a Ladies' Auxiliary.

Eleven ladies eligible for membership were present: Mrs. A. Hofmiester, Mrs. Vernon Hofmeister, Mrs. Ben Tollefson, Mrs. M. Treble, Mrs. John Nixon, Mrs. Arthur Nixon, Mrs. Robert Farrell (Creelman), Mrs. A.K. Broughton (Creelman), Mrs. W.T. Hall, Mrs. Peter Mackie, and Mrs. Arthur Brown.

On April 12, 1950, Mrs. Marian Rickhard, Zone Representative from Balcarres, attended a meeting and formally instituted an official Ladies' Auxiliary. Fifteen members were initiated and the first slate of officers installed for the year 1950: Mrs. Susan Mackie, President; Mrs. Eva Hall, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Phyllis Farrell; 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Gladys Robertson, Secretary; Mrs. Bertha MacLean, Treasurer; Mrs. Elaine Hofmeister, Standard Bearer; Mrs. Grace Brown, Pianist; Mrs. Opal Broughton, Mrs. Irene Fowler, Mrs. Ila Ogden, Executive members; Mrs. Etta Nixon, Mrs. Mary Tollefson, Eva Hofmeister, Maude Nixon and Gladys Treble, Committee members.



The combined names of this slate of officers, executive and committee members, fifteen in all, comprised enough to qualify for an official charter as per the constitution. The Charter, dated April 14, 1950, was applied for and received in June 1950. Membership in December 1950 totaled twenty-six.

Fillmore Hall Board donated space to the Auxiliary adjacent to the Legion.

Money was raised by raffles, lunches, catering, etc., and serving Lions' Suppers ten months a year for thirty-nine years. Veterans' needs, charities and other projects benefited from the proceeds. Mrs. Mary Tollefson's artistic place card design was acknowledged and made available to all Saskatchewan Auxiliaries.

The Auxiliary assisted the Branch in purchasing Bronze name plaques for a "Memory Board" that continually lists all deceased Veterans from Fillmore, Creelman, Tyvan and Osage from the Boer War and World Wars I and II.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Fillmore Branch 299 has the following Life Members: Eva Hall, Emily Gray, Marjory Fowler, Phyllis Farrell, Elaine Hofmeister, Velma Harwood, Hazel Babcock, Dorothy Scott, Mary Jones, Elva Nelson and Elaine Wightman. Officers from 1999-2000 are as follows: Rosella Zyla, President; Doreen Carnegie, 1st Vice-President; Mary Jones, 2nd Vice-President; Terry Boll, Secretary; Nancy Farrell, Treasurer; Rosella Zyla, Pianist; Elaine Wightman, Canadian Flag Bearer; Doreen Carnegie, Union Jack Flag Bearer; Mary Jones, Auxiliary Flag Bearer.

Total active membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary at the time of closure was seventeen members.

SONNINGDALE BRANCH 300

The Sonningdale Branch 300 was started on April 23, 1946, with a meeting in the hall in Sonningdale. Moved by Geo. Ferguson, seconded by R. Mills, that a branch of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. at Sonningdale be formed. The motion was carried, and the following officers were elected: President, Geo Ferguson, nominated by S.A. Murdoff and seconded by N. Price; Vice-President, T. Bailey, nominated by Geo. Atkins and seconded by W. Ferguson; Secretary, J.A. Patterson, nominated by W. Ferguson and seconded by F. Barr; Treasurer, Geo. Atkins, nominated by G. McKee and seconded by F. Barr. The Executive Committee was elected as follows: Nelson Price was nominated by F. Barr and seconded by J. Patterson; R. Mills was nominated by Geo. Ferguson and seconded by -S. Murdoff; Arthur Ferguson was nominated by G. McKee and seconded by N. Price; S.A. Murdoff was nominated by W. Ferguson and seconded by Own Berglund; Owen Berglund was nominated by W. Ferguson and seconded by T. Bailey.

It was moved by A. Ferguson and seconded by B. Donaldson that nominations close. The motion was carried. President Comrade Ferguson then took the chair. He called for nomination for Sergeant-at-Arms. Comrade Mikasky nominated S. Murdoff. The nomination was seconded by F. Casey, and Comrade Mikasky was elected. It was moved by S. Murdoff and seconded by W. Ferguson that annual fees be $3.00. The motion was carried.

It was moved by A. Ferguson and seconded by S. Murdoff that the Branch be called Sonningdale. The motion was carried. It was moved by S. Murdoff and seconded by W. Ferguson that they meet on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 p.m. The motion was carried.

It was moved by J. Patterson and seconded by F. Casey that Comrade Dobie be given a hearty vote of thanks for his work in the organizing of the Branch, and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.50 p.m. on the motion by S. Dnistransky and A. Ferguson, thus concluding the first meeting of the Sonningdale Legion Branch #300. The official date of the charter is July 30, 1946.

The largest membership of the Branch was thirty-four members in 1947. In the early years, their main revenue came from hall rental and sponsoring dances in the hall. There was a weekly movie in the hall. They charged $5.00 rental for the Hall. They had a Poppy Fund from 1946 to the present time. The first Poppy Committee consisted of Arnold Agarand, Gerald Ferguson and Gordon Mills.

The Branch sponsored a dance by the Farmers Fiddlers in 1949. Proceeds were $16.80. The year-end report for 1949 showed revenue of $504.00, expenses of $436.58, and a profit of $67.42. They sponsored the New Year's Eve Dance in the hall for many years, until the price of orchestras became too high for the Branch to function.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Branch functioned from April 20, 1948 to May 2001. They turned their money over to the Legion and many of the ladies joined the Legion. Records detailing activities of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Branch were lost in a house fire.

There were fourteen members in 2006, and they are still working to keep the Legion going. The ladies redid the floors in the hall, had new tables made, and are still having their monthly meetings. There are very few ladies remaining in the Auxiliary, but they are planning to have a November 11th function to honor fallen comrades.

Information supplied to Lois Syhut by Comrade Emil Agarand.

CARON BRANCH 301



The Caron Legion Branch received its charter, No. 2646, on August 20, 1946, with eighteen chartered members.

The Ladies' Auxiliary received its charter on July 13, 1950, with eleven chartered members.

The Legion is located on Railway Street in the Hamlet of Caron, about seventeen miles west of Moose Jaw. The building was the former guardhouse at R.A.F. Station No. 33 E.F.T.S. Caron port during WWII, and was moved to its present location in 1946.

The Branch holds a Remembrance Day Service at the R.A.F. plot every year. The plot is located within the Caron Municipal Cemetery, where ten R.A.F. pilots/students are buried.

The Branch was presented with a commemoration certificate in January 1991, honouring Pte. William Milne, V.C. The Saskatchewan government named "Milne Channel" in his memory. He died at Vimy Ridge, France on April 9, 1917.

Our last WWI Veteran, Roy Charles Killaly, passed on August 28, 1989.

The Ladies' Auxiliary closed in 1996, at which time, many of the Auxiliary members joined the Legion to help boost the membership, which now stands around sixty.

STURGIS BRANCH 302 ~ Closed

A group of Sturgis area Veterans met in Sturgis village hall on January 15, 1946, to discuss the formation of a Branch of the Canadian Legion and to organize a Veterans' Association, until such time that arrangements could be completed to apply for a Legion Charter. Plans to build a Legion hall were discussed and in February, 1946, a contract was awarded for taking out 25,000 feet of lumber. It was reported that the village of Sturgis was prepared to donate Lot 7, Block 3, Plan AA3984, next to the United Church, as a site for a Legion hall. Following correspondence with the Legion Provincial Command, a petition was sent to the Provincial Command requesting that the Veterans' Association be granted a Charter as a branch of the Canadian Legion, with the name of Sturgis Branch, Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L. The petition was signed by the following Veterans: Norman Mattison, Tom Durham, Gordon Boen, Lloyd Brooks, Harold George, George Bartch, Clifford Sells, James Ness, Norma Morken, Mervin Durham, Fred Beatty, Alvar Johnson, David McBride, Jack Medlang, Lloyd Pollock, Kenneth Fraser, Gilbert Johnson, Chester Carlson, Albert Nightingale, Mahlon Pollock.

On October 29th, 1946, Zone Commander H.L. Richardson and the Canora initiation team initiated the Charter members into the Canadian Legion. Dances were held and raffles organized in an effort to raise funds to build the proposed Legion hall. In the fall of 1946, the first Poppy Campaign was arranged and a Remembrance Day service was held on November 11, 1946. During the following years, membership in the Legion Branch fluctuated, due to many Veterans leaving the Sturgis area and others being kept busy establishing themselves in their post-war careers.

In 1948, a trophy was purchased, to be presented by the Sturgis Legion Branch for annual competition in the Sturgis Curling Bonspiel. For many years, the Branch entered a curling team in the Annual Legion Bonspiel. The Branch also continued to hold occasional dances and raffles. In 1949, when it became apparent that for financial reasons that it would not be possible to build a Legion hall, the cement and part of the lumber on hand was sold and the proceeds from the sale, together with the remaining lumber, were donated to the fund for the Memorial Arena, which was being built in Sturgis at that time.

In return for its donation, the Legion Branch was permitted to construct a Clubroom upstairs in the arena. After the Memorial arena burnt down in 1966, the Legion donated the proceeds from the insurance coverage it held on the Clubroom to the fund for the construction of a new arena. For some years after the fire, the Legion Branch held meetings in various locations but continued to support Legion and local events, to hold the Annual Poppy Campaign, and to conduct an annual canvass for the Salvation Army.

With the assistance of their wives, the Legionnaires sponsored queen candidates for the Sturgis ice carnival for several years, with their candidates being crowned carnival queen on each occasion. In 1970-71, the Branch erected a Cenotaph on a site near the Sturgis arena and a dedication ceremony was held at the Cenotaph on June 2, 1971. In the fall of 1970, the town of Sturgis offered to sell the old town hall to the Sturgis Legion Branch for the sum of $1.00. The hall was in a very dilapidated condition and would require renovations running into thousands of dollars. After a long discussion, the Branch passed a motion to accept the town's offer and to purchase the hall. At that time, a very successful membership campaign was held, and in April 1971, a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed to assist the Veterans to raise the necessary funds for the extensive renovations. In the spring of 1971, renovations were started with sewer and water and two gas furnaces being installed in the hall and washrooms, a furnace room, cloakroom and a new kitchen were built. Renovations were made to the main hall, with the old stage being torn out to increase the size of the hall. On the completion of this work, a Grand Opening was held. In May 1972, the lot adjacent to the Legion hall was purchased from the Sturgis School Unit to provide a future site for a dining room to be built on to the main hall. At a meeting held on April 3, 1973, A.C. Palmer, a Legion member, presented information on "New Horizons," a federal government agency set up for aiding senior citizens to organize projects of mutual benefit and recreation. A motion was passed that A.C. Palmer be the one to convene a group of at least ten senior citizens to sign an application for formation of a "New Horizons" group; such group to be sponsored by the Sturgis Legion Branch. The seniors were given use of the Legion hall for a weekly gathering for fourteen months, until they were able to move into their own building.

In the fall of 1973, the Branch started holding weekly bingos, and the bingos continued to be held until April 1992, when they were discontinued due to lack of help. In July 1973, the Branch, along with its Ladies Auxiliary, took over the operation of the hamburger stand at the Sturgis Sports Day and continued to operate the stand each Sports Day until 1978, which was the final year.

Work started on building the new dining room in December 1975, and the work continued throughout the winter, with the shingling of the roof being completed during the summer of 1976. A decision was then made to complete the upstairs clubroom and to lay a floor of plywood as an underlay in the main hall and to then lay battleship linoleum over the plywood. In October 1982, a neon sign was purchased for the front of the Legion hall. The Branch purchased Lot 11, Block 2, Plan AL1412 in Sturgis (known as the Pete Thomas property) in August 1980, and in August 1983, transferred the lot over to the seniors R.E.A.D. Club, for the purpose of building a new Seniors' Activity Centre, for the sum of one dollar. The Legion Branch also contributed $1,500 to the Seniors' Building Fund in 1983. Since receiving its charter in 1946, Sturgis Legion Branch has looked after the welfare of all Veterans and has supported and donated to Legion, provincial and local projects, too numerous to mention. It has sponsored a Pee Wee hockey team, a minor baseball team, and acted as co-sponsor, along with the Sturgis School Unit, of the Sturgis Army Cadets. The Legion was the first to start the process of getting senior housing for Sturgis, a project that was later taken over by the Town of Sturgis. Many Legion members have now passed on or moved to other areas, but in 1997, the Sturgis Legion Branch continues to operate its hall, run an Annual Poppy Campaign and to organize a Remembrance Day Service on November 11th, after which lunch is served by its Ladies' Auxiliary.

Following are the Presidents of the Branch since 1946: 1946, Harold George; 1946, Norman Mattison; 1947, Alan Bull; 1947, Norman Mattison; 1947-48, Harry Cassidy; 1949, Alvar Johnson; 1950-54, Chester Carlson; 1955-56, Lloyd Pollock; 1957-62, Stan Polkosnick; 1963-66, Fred McAlaster; 1967-70, Al Ritchie; 1971, Warren Holmberg; 1972-78, Sam Holmberg; 1979-80, Max Moss; 1981-86, Ben Lande; 1987, Warren Holmberg; 1987-2003, William Cherniawsky.

Sturgis Branch 302 was disbanded on November 18, 2003.

BETHUNE BRANCH 304

The Bethune Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion was first organized and registered under Charter No. 107, on July 19, 1927. Charter members were: R.A. Palmer, A.H.C. Fry, Wm. Burnett, H.W. Bromwich, Rev. B.H.L. Dance, Perry Fall, Wm. Rollo, Walter Beale, J.C. Henry, and S.T. Thompson. The Branch was disbanded in 1936. All records have been lost or destroyed, so no further information on that time period is available.

On August 19,1946, a meeting was held in the Findlater hall to organize a Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion under the guidance of L.J. Chase.

A charter was issued by Dominion Command and registered on September 16, 1946 as Branch No. 304. Charter members were: G. Gibson, Pat Hehir, James Herriott, Harold (Casey) Jones, Allan McDougall, James McDougall, Frank Schneider, James Scott, Jack Scott, John Stewart, Clarence Wray, Harold Young and Thomas Young.

Raffles and dances were held to raise funds. Students were sent to Track & Field Camps, as well as giving bursaries and scholarships to needy students. For quite a number of years, the Branch sponsored a picnic in the summer and an Annual Christmas party with Santa Claus and candy bags for the young people.

In 1958, the Branch purchased a building for their own use and in 1967; they built an addition to the main building.

Since there was no Branch operating in Bethune, an invitation went out to the Veterans from that area to join. Veterans from Bethune and Chamberlain began joining in the 1950s. In 1981, the Branch was moved to Bethune and the name changed to Bethune Branch No. 304, as Dominion Command would not let Bethune use the old original No. 107. The building was sold in Findlater and they purchased one in Bethune.

The Findlater and Bethune Branches have sponsored a Remembrance Day Service every year on November 11th since 1946.

The Bethune Branch also conducted a reverse draw and cabaret, for years, to raise funds, which were donated to charities and local non-profit organizations. The present membership is twenty-two, with twelve being Life members.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO FINDLATER BRANCH 304

This Branch was organized in November 1947, with the following charter members: Belle Ackerman, Renie Avery, Elsie Bachmann, Annette Faulk, Edythe Hehir, Sally Herriott, Elsie McDougall, Vera McDougall, Amy Read, Margaret Scott, Eva Stewart and Kathleen Wray. The Auxiliary was active in many social functions, such as teas, bazaars and picnics, as well as assisting the Legion Branch.

They have sponsored young people to the Legion Track & Field Camp and contributed to various charities, the most important being an annual contribution to the Veterans Comfort Fund.

Due to lack of membership, the Auxiliary disbanded in May 1980.

WISHART BRANCH 305

The Wishart Branch #305 was founded on October 1, 1946 under the British Empire Service League as indicated by the copy of the original charter request. The first President of the Branch was E.C. Watson.

As of September 1, 2006, the Branch still had three World War II Veterans as members. Comrade H. Hall, Comrade T. Bzdel, and Comrade Niedjelsky. The rest of the members consist of peacetime Veterans, wives, sons, daughters and grandchildren of the World War II Veterans.

The first Associate member to become Vice-President and President was Comrade Dolores Zelinski, in 1988. The first Associate member to be Secretary/Treasurer was Comrade Peter Sianchuk, Jr. The Associate members now make up the larger portion of the membership and have assumed the roles of leadership within the Branch and have gone on to being more active within the Zone and District.

The Legion members had always gone to the local school a couple of days before Remembrance Day to speak to the students about the horrors of war and about the fight for all of our freedoms. The present members have carried this tradition forward; with the exception now being the students do the school's Remembrance Day program honoring the Veterans. The Branch has an active Poppy Campaign, with Remembrance Day Services still the highlight of the year. The last few years have seen an increase in attendance. The Poster, Poem and Essay Contest is still a major activity for the local school.

The Ladies' Auxiliary came into being on November 6, 1961, and the first meeting was held in the Wishart skating rink. The charter members at the very first meeting were: Beatrice Hiovind, President; Ella Engstron, Secretary/Treasurer; and executive members Joyce Hall, Muriel Hall, Marge Gotto, Pearl Wilyman, Eileen Cossar, Olga Urbanowski.

As the years progressed, more Veterans' wives joined the Ladies' Auxiliary and it remained viable until it was disbanded on May 22, 1999. At that time, most of the Ladies' Auxiliary joined the Legion Branch as Associate members, bolstering up the Legion numbers.

The Legion is very much a part of the community and the intention is there to remain an integral part of the community bringing forth the message of Remembrance and remembering the Fallen. Lest we forget.

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH 306

The South Saskatchewan Branch 306 of The Legion was formed at a special meeting on July 30, 1946 at Oungre. Ex-servicemen and women, some of who were already members of Weyburn, Estevan and Radville Branches felt that a Branch should be formed in the immediate area to look after the needs of Veterans and their dependants. Veterans from Goodwater, Colgate, Tribune, Maxim, Oungre, Hoffer, Ratcliffe, Beaubier and Lake Alma met and decided that a Legion Branch should be formed.

In late 1946, plans were already underway to erect a Memorial Cairn at Foster's Grove by a special Memorial Park Committee and the Branch wanted to assist in any way. The Bromhead Branch was also asked to help in the undertaking. A plaque for the Cairn, which bears the names of twenty servicemen of the area who had laid down their lives in the Second World War, was ordered. This cairn fashioned from mortar and rock, almost ten feet high on a cement foundation, bearing the memorial plaque and topped with a white marble cross, was officially unveiled at a special ceremony at Memorial Park on Sunday August 1, 1948.

The Branch members have carried on a Poppy Campaign throughout the years and continue to hold Remembrance Day services at the local school, Fifty-and-over Club, and at the community hall. A special Act of Remembrance ceremony takes place annually, where fallen comrades are honoured.

Branch meetings have been held in various communities, using schools, homes, halls, etc. Through the years, there was talk of acquiring a Legion building. Dreams were realized in 1975, when the old Lyndale School at Oungre was purchased. The building is no longer used, but meetings continue to be held in homes.

In 1946, the year the Branch was born, there were sixty-three Ordinary members, but with transfers and lack of interest, the membership rolls have been as low as twelve members in 1961. In 1975, the Branch accepted twenty-three sons and daughters into the Branch as Associate members. Sadly, membership has declined



once more, with five Ordinary members, nineteen Associate members and two Life members. The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in 1976, with ten members, and today, five remain.

One of the largest projects the Branch has been involved in is the care and maintenance of Oungre Memorial Park from 1954 until the park was made into a Regional Park in 1963. During these years, the Legion hired a caretaker for general maintenance of the park.

The South Saskatchewan Legion Branch has sponsored hockey teams, assisted in minor league baseball and assisted in sending students to Ottawa for Encounters with Canada. They have participated in Zone golf, curling, cribbage and many rallies. Throughout the years, the Branch has furnished rooms both in Weyburn and Estevan Nursing homes. The Branch has assisted Veterans when needed, and donations to designated charities continue. Fundraising was done with amateur hours, cabarets, snowmobile derbies, raffles and bake sales. Currently, it is harder to participate in community events with the small membership, but they continue to try to look after the needs of Veterans and their dependants, and keep the mission of The Royal Canadian Legion alive.

PORCUPINE PLAIN BRANCH 308



Due to the large number of returning service men, it was decided to form a Porcupine Plain Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion. Meetings for this purpose were held in the original town hall and the charter was received in October 1946.

The twenty original charter members were: AH. Chase, F. Chekowey, L.F. Chennells, R.C. Cooper, F.W. Coppell, A.I. Cundall, J.M. Dunlop, H.R. Eeven, E.L. Fannon, G. Hayunga, V.A Hurley, E. James, J.W. Kewley, J.B. Logan, W.E. Plante, G.W. Rhodes, M. Szydlowski, E.J. Walsh, M.J Wassill, M.K. Yakymishen.

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The first elected officers were as follows: George E. Hayunga, President; Harrison M. Fannon, 1st Vice-President; 2nd Vice-President, Metro J. Yakymishen; A. Cundall, Sergeant-at-Arms; Metro Szydlowdki, Secretary/Treasurer.



They continued to meet in the town hall until 1950, when Mr. W. Coppell, a Veteran of the Boer War and the First World War, donated a lot at first Avenue East on which they would build the Legion Hall. Legion members and local volunteers erected the building, which became a center for various Legion and community events.

In December 1955, the Porcupine Plain Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter. They supported the Legion and community with various fundraising activities until they relinquished their charter in 1989.

In the early years, the Inter-Branch "Thunder Mug" Fun-spiel was enjoyed by all. Other activities enjoyed by the Branch included darts, card parties, etc.

Annually, on November 11th, a well attended community Remembrance Day Service is held.

The Branch supports the 745th Porcupine Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, the local health care facilities, and various youth scholarships.

A dream of the members was realized when, in July 1994, with the help of surrounding communities and Legions, a Cenotaph was built beside the Community Hall.

Due to declining membership and lack of funds, it was decided to sell the Legion Hall to Jamie Vaughn in December 1996.

At the present time, there are twenty-three members: six Ordinary members and seventeen Associate members. Branch executive officers are: Gordon Farley, President; Richard Messner, Secretary/Treasurer; Ed Konchakowski, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Meetings are now held in the Clubroom in the public service building.

LEROY BRANCH 309 ~ Closed

The first recorded Branch meeting was February 11, 1946 in the Municipal office. The first President was Bob Davis, and Secretary/Treasurer was Dick Harcourt. Twenty-four attended, and dues were set at $5.00. Comrade C. Thompson was Zone organizer. In October 1946, the Branch applied for a charter, with the first twenty going as charter members.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Leroy Legion was formed on November 28, 1946. Seventeen ladies were initiated as members.
In 1947, half of one wing of an H hut was purchased for $375.00 from #5 B & G for a Clubroom. The Ladies' Auxiliary supplied furnishings for the hall and kitchen. With many alterations, it still serves. After years of planning, the Branch got their Cenotaph finished and dedicated in July 1959.

Among the many worthwhile Legion Auxiliary community projects were the furnishing of a room at the Le Rose Lodge, implementing of the first Donor's Choice Drive and organizing of Girl Guides. Margaret Headrick capably acted as Zone Representative for four years.

In 1963, the Branch recognized the following Life members: Comrades Barclay, Bernard, Burt, Merrit, and Woods. Of these WWI Veterans, the last survivor is Comrade Burt at age 95 years. On July 3, 1976, the Branch held a Charter Members Night to honor its founders. Only eight members were on hand.

Today, there is one Life member, fifteen Ordinary members, one Associate member, and one Honourary member.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has seventeen members, which includes three generations. The Ladies' Auxiliary holds a place of high regard in the community.

"We Will Always Remember"

SMEATON BRANCH 319

Prior to 1946, some Smeaton Veterans belonged to the Snowden Branch. It was about time Smeaton and District Veterans decided to organize a Branch in Smeaton.

Money was short, so a group of Veterans canvassed the town and District asking for donations. Donations of Poultry, which was used for a turkey shoot, money, labour and building materials were provided. Mr. Ben Griffiths had a lot in town. He was going to build a house on it but instead he donated the lot to the Legion.

On March 28, 1947, Branch 319 received its charter. There were 18 charter members. The first President was P. May.

In 1964, a 20-foot extension was built, with a kitchen. In 1975, it was extended again, with washrooms, and in 1978 a new Cenotaph was built.

The Branch has sponsored Scouts, Hockey Teams, Ball Teams, Curling and Track and Field.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO SMEATON BRANCH 319

The Branch has had excellent support from the Ladies' Auxiliary. As for the Ladies' Auxiliary, they were formed on January 2, 1948, with 15 charter members and was officially chartered in March of 1948.

Many activities have taken place in order to raise money for sponsoring projects, such as bingos, fish ponds, bake sales, teas, suppers, auction sales, banquets, raffles and quilt making. They have sponsored Track and Field, bursaries, school bonspiels, Veterans and families, sick or in hospital, and furnished a Ward in the local hospital. We have supported the CNIB, Red Cross, heart and stroke and fire victims.

The Ladies' Auxiliary closed its doors on April 22, 2006. The few ladies who are left support the Branch in all their activities.

MARYFIELD BRANCH 322 ~ Closed

The Maryfield Branch #322 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League received its charter on January 31, 1947.

In 1948, two lots were purchased on Main Street and a hall was erected. In 1961, the Legion, along with other organizations and volunteers, built a playground beside the hall.

The Branch sponsored bantam hockey and baseball for 12-and-under boys. They also sponsored Boy Scouts.

The Branch volunteered to organize the Red Cross canvassing in 1959. The Remembrance Day essay competition was started in school in 1961.

Jack and Inez Enion purchased a Past President Plaque to commemorate the 50th Anniversary, which was also the 30th Anniversary of the Maryfield Branch. The plaque hangs in the hall, to this day, with twenty-seven Presidents' names listed on it.

On June 15, 2002, the Legion erected and dedicated a cairn in the playground. It is to be a lasting memorial to the men and women who fought in the wars for freedom and peace.

On May 1, 2002, the Legion, due to decrease in membership, turned over their assets to the town of Maryfield for the use of future generations.

May they remember and enjoy the peace that these brave men and women have won for us.

Submitted by Helen Au1ie

BEECHY BRANCH 324

Box 416
Beechy, SK S0L 0C0

Secretary: Alfred Saxton
Phone: 306-858-2549

President: Sheldon Carson

Branch Charter Date: 17 February 1947 **Current Membership: 20**

Auxiliary Charter Date: Unknown

HODGEVILLE BRANCH 325

The Branch was chartered on February 21, 1947. The first slate of officers were: President, John Thomas Warrilow; 1st Vice-President, Arthur Eugene Resvick; 2nd Vice-President, Morris Minuk; Secretary, Harold R. Bochek. Certificates of membership were completed in accordance for: H.R. Bochek, D.M. Currie, J.E. Forsyth, J.L. Gibbons, E. Grainger, W.F. Harrow, P.J. Haubrich, B.G. Jones, A. Keyworth, W.K. Lyne; M. Minuk, O.C. Paulson, H.J. Phillips, A.E. Resvick., J.E. Roberts, G.T. Smith, G. Stoppler, J.H. Stubbins, R. Tyson, A.Vickers, J.T. Warrilow, and R.F. Wittrock.

The Branch continues to operate with a membership of twenty-one men and women. Over the years, the Legion membership guidelines have been relaxed to include sons and daughters (and their spouses) of Veterans. Regular civilians may also join if sponsored by two Legion members. After two years of exemplary service, they are awarded voting rights like Regular and Associate members.

The Legion has built a Cenotaph at the south end of Main Street. It was unveiled on July 6, 1980. It has two plaques, which name the local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the two World Wars.

There are still two Veterans with our Hodgeville group: Art Wirsche and Leo Michell. Each year on Remembrance Day, The Royal Canadian Legion holds ceremonies honouring all those who served in the wars… lest we forget.

Submitted by Comrade Marilyn Wirsche

ASQUITH BRANCH 326

Box 316
Asquith, SK S0K 0J0

Secretary: Don Urquhart
Phone: 306-329-4848

President: Ivan Hitchings
Phone: 306-329-4484

Branch Charter Date: 04 March 1947

Current Membership: 13

Auxiliary Charter Date: 11 November 1948

NEVILLE BRANCH 328

Box 92
Neville, SK S0N 1T0

Secretary: Maude Campbell
Phone: 306-627-3472

President: Glen Davis
Phone: 306-627-3460

Branch Charter Date: 08 April 1947

Current Membership: 11

Auxiliary Charter Date: 02 August 1960

LAMPMAN BRANCH 330

In 1923, a group of Veterans formed a Branch of the Great War Veteran's Association. This group carried on successfully until March 22, 1926, when membership was transferred to the new Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League. Thomas Kjer was the first President and carried on until the Great Depression. The last record of the organization was made in January 1930.

By war's end, the Legion was still dormant in Lampman, but several First War Veterans, including Comrades Fred Lavender and Ed Hofley, had joined the active Bienfait Branch. With many new Veterans returning to the area, there was keen interest in forming a Branch in Lampman. In June 1946, an organization meeting was held in the R.M. chambers, with about twenty-five Veterans present. Wilfred Roy was elected President, Dr. Stewart was elected Secretary, and Norman Hofley was elected Treasurer. About two weeks later, Zone Commander, William Burton, attended the first meeting to initiate the new officers.

Even with assistance of the Bienfait Branch, the long tough winters of 1947 and 1948 made it difficult for rural members to attend meetings and the Lampman Branch was effectively "on hold." With the arrival of the jovial and gregarious "Doc" Hallam, things began to turn around with members taking turns hosting the monthly meetings in their homes so that refreshments could be served.

In 1953, the vacant Massey-Harris shop was moved to a site just south of the Grimes Welding Shop. This was the meeting place for the Branch for the next thirteen years. It was also the Grade One classroom for two years, while a new intermediate school was being built.

While fundraising efforts had put a few dollars in the coffers, members and friends of the Legion loaned money and even co-signed the Credit Union mortgage on a new building. Work began on the new two-storey, 40 x 72 foot building in the fall of 1965. It was completed in July 1966 at a cost of $96,000.00. The official opening was held on August 6, 1966 at 11 :00 a.m. The mortgage was officially burned on September 16, 1977.

The Branch would be nothing without our Ladies' Auxiliary. They formed in 1960 for the purpose of organizing Veteran's wives and to help the men raise money. Bingos were held once a week, as they are now. These tireless women have catered countless meals.

The Lampman Branch has always found the means to lend financial assistance and other support to Veterans, their families, the community, the organization, and the country. Unfortunately, in the past few years, it became increasingly difficult to keep the heat on, the roof intact, and support the people who depend on us. Declining membership was only one of the problems, which continues to be a struggle today, although numbers are increasing. In September 2005, the Branch accepted the resignation of their longtime manager, and the executive took over the reigns. This cut down expenses and seemed to revitalize whole outlook of the Branch. They also had to take out a mortgage on the building and look forward to the day when this generation can also have a ceremonial burning of the mortgage. As it did in 1923, the existence of the Branch depends on the tireless efforts of volunteers. History, remembrance, and reverence...lest we forget.

-Excerpts from Poet's Corner - A History of Lampman and District and the RM of Browning

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LEBRET BRANCH 333

Box 55
Lebret, SK S0G 2Y0

Secretary: Lois Blondeau
Phone: 306-332-6566

President: Ralph Blondeau
Phone: 306-332-6566

Branch Charter Date: 14 July 1947

Current Membership: 37

Auxiliary Charter Date: 05 November 1949

PENSE BRANCH 341

Shortly after the end of WWI, the Veterans of the Pense district formed a Veterans organization that had no connection or affiliation with The Royal Canadian Legion or the British Empire Service League. This organization of Veterans annually held a parade and sponsored a Service of Remembrance in the Pense Town Hall on November 11th, or Armistice Day, as it was called at the time. On November 19, 1947, this group met with Veterans of WWII and it was decided to form a Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion. The charter was issued on December 22, 1947. As the newly formed Pense Branch had members from the surrounding communities of Drinkwater, Belle Plaine, and Stoney Beach, for some time meetings alternated between these communities, as well as Pense. For a number of years, Remembrance Day Services alternated between Belle Plaine and Pense.

When a new one-story Masonic Temple was built in 1967, the Pense Branch members, many of whom were Masons as well, finished the basement of the building as a place to hold their Legion meetings and other small functions. Some years later, when the Masons surrendered their charter, the Branch purchased the entire building for a small sum and in turn sold it to the Village of Pense for a much larger sum. These proceeds were then donated to the Rink Committee, which at the time, were raising funds to build a new ice-skating rink for the community of Pense. The Post Office, Village of Pense office and Village Council Chambers, to this day, are located on the main floor of this building. Through an agreement with the Village, the Branch continues to use the basement as its meeting room.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its first meeting on January 7, 1954. During the time that the Auxiliary existed, it supported the Branch by organizing the dinner on Remembrance Day, a banquet and midnight lunch for the annual Legion cabaret and dance, and assisted in numerous other worthwhile projects. Each year, generous donations were given to Veterans comforts, the Bursary Fund and the Pense Scholarship Fund, as well as mental health. For years, the Auxiliary sponsored a Christmas party for Veterans and their families. When the Provincial Command ceased to exist a number of years ago, some wives of Veterans joined the Pense Branch as Associate Members. They still do the bulk of the organization and work for the Remembrance Day Service and the dinner that follows.

Since its formation, the Pense Branch has held Remembrance Day Services every year. The Branch has been very active in supporting community projects over the years. It was the first Branch in Saskatchewan to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop and Wolf Cub Pack. It sponsored a Firearms Safety Course for boys, girls and adults of Pense and surrounding communities, with Comrade Grant Ogilvie providing instruction for almost twenty years. The annual Poster and Literary contest has produced many Zone, District and Provincial winners over the years.

Although the Pense Branch #341 is small in number of members, it continues its obligation, responsibility and duty of honouring those who have given so much for this country in the two World Wars, the conflicts since then, and the peace-keeping missions.

GLENTWORTH BRANCH 342

The Glentworth Branch 342 was formed in Glentworth on January 5, 1948. Several members had belonged to the Woodrow Legion, but to better serve other Veterans in the south it was decided to start a new Branch in Glentworth. Cyril Baldwin, a WWI Veteran and a long-time Legion member was the first President.

The Legion is very appreciative of the many associate members and fraternal members who joined the Branch and have given great help with its operation and its success. Our Legion Branch in Glentworth has worked continuously to better our community. It established the first Boy Scout Branch in the area. Members assisted in little league baseball and formed the Legion Pony League, which started with three teams and included up to twelve teams in its many years of operation. The Legion supplied sports equipment to hockey and baseball over the years, and managed the Legion sports grounds and organized the annual sports day in conjunction with the curling club for many years. Due to an aging membership, the sports day was turned over to the newly formed Sports Day Committee consisting of the men's and ladies' ball clubs in the mid-1980's.

The Legion has also hosted several hockey and baseball clinics over the years, where professional instructors such as Bill Hicke, Lorne Davis, Hugh Huck and Ervin Doerkson came to Glentworth to teach skills to young people. It has also sent several youths to Provincial and Dominion sports training camps over the years. Other events the Legion has sponsored or promoted over the years were 4-H activities and rodeo schools.

Junior sports awards banquets were a popular Legion function for several years. These were usually father-son banquets, catered by the Legion Auxiliary, with a guest speaker and attendance usually averaged over 150. Some of the guest speakers were: Ron Lancaster and Gord Barwell of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Bill Hicke of the Montreal Canadiens, and Ervin Doerksen, a professional baseball player.

The Glentworth Branch has sponsored school Remembrance Day Essay, Poem and Poster contests for many years and has presented students with over $30,000.00 in prizes since the contests began. Legion members often speak at area schools prior

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to Remembrance Day and the schools and local businesses assist the Branch in selling poppies each November. Remembrance Day ceremonies are always very well attended and the Legion thanks the local clergy and choirs that assist in honoring our fallen Comrades.

The Glentworth Branch has given many large donations to all sports buildings in Glentworth, including two outdoor rinks, the Legion sports grounds, the Glentworth curling rink, the Waverley Sports Gardens and the community hall. Many local and national veterans and their dependents have received Legion assistance from Branch 342, and the veteran Gurkhas from WWII requiring nursing care have received an annual donation from our Branch.

In 1959, the Glentworth Legion sponsored an ATC amateur hour that was broadcast over the CHAB Radio station in Moose Jaw. The hall couldn't hold half the audience. Several records were set that night. It was the longest amateur hour yet held, going until 2:30 am. It raised the most money ever, both in the hall and from the broadcast; and it had the most contestants of any amateur hour they had ever held. Our Branch donated the entire proceeds to a project in India to teach their citizens how to preserve foods, saving many lives in that country. The entire Legion membership worked to make this event such a huge success, working with the Travellers' Association and CHAB Radio, which stayed on the air until 2:30 a.m., soliciting donations and broadcasting the contestants.

The Branch has at the present time 36 members.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO GLENTWORTH BRANCH 342

The Ladies' Auxiliary to The Royal Canadian Legion was formed as part of the British Empire Service League on June 22, 1948. The first President was Eva Kuffner and the first Secretary was Lillian Barber. Early meetings were held in the school, the RM office or members' homes, until 1957 when the Legion rooms were built at the north end of the curling rink in Glentworth.

The purpose of the group was to assist the Legion, mostly with food, financial help and good advice. Since 1956, the ladies have been serving a banquet on Remembrance Day, alternating, after 1959, with the Woodrow and Lafleche Branches. In 1984, they began providing a community lunch after the service. They host a Christmas social for their husbands, the Legionnaires and their wives. They have provided visits and parcels to Veterans and seniors.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has contributed to youth sport groups and to area building projects. The local Auxiliary provides its own bursary to Glentworth Central School and sponsors students to attend track and field camps. In 1956, the Auxiliary started canvassing for the Red Cross and in 1972 for the Cancer Society, eventually joining with the church groups in 1984 to form Donor's Choice.

The Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated a Golden Anniversary with a banquet on June 22, 1998. Zone representative Helene Curran presented Eva Kuffner, Phyllis Nelson and Evelyn Nelson, original charter members, with fifty-year service pins.

In 2000, the Provincial Ladies' Auxiliary office dissolved. We remain an Auxiliary to the Glentworth Legion continuing our local activities. Auxiliary members at present stand at 18.

FROBISHER BRANCH 343 ~ Closed

On December 3, 1947, the Frobisher Branch was formed. Some years later the BESL part of the title was dropped and it became The Royal Canadian Legion, Frobisher Branch 343.

The old Standard Church building, which had been made into a community hall during the war, was turned over to the Legion with the only stipulation that they keep as good or a better hall in Frobisher. They built a new hall in the fall of 1963-64, and held their first meeting in the new hall in March 1964. Then in 1973, an expansion to the size of the hall was completed with an addition being added to both the north and south sides. This greatly increased the capacity of the hall for community functions.

The Legion had wonderful support of an outstanding Ladies' Auxiliary who actively and co-operatively supported the Legion, also hosting a great many fundraisers. Right up until 2002, they arranged for the Colour Party from the Estevan Legion and the pipe band, whenever possible, to march in the Threshermen's parade. They also hosted a dance for Threshermen's Days up until 1990.

Over the years, there was always a November 11th service held, followed by a pot-luck meal and a time of singing and fellowship. This continued until 1997, when dwindling numbers in membership made it difficult to organize, so the Legion voted to attend and take part in the services at the school who very ably have been conducting a community service.

The Legion also sponsors the annual Literary and Poster contest at the school and now continues to do this through our neighboring Branch at Alameda.

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In 1987, the Legion undertook a Remembrance project of putting up a photo gallery of all past Veterans and also made Honour Rolls to be placed in certain locations throughout the town. In 1990, a cenotaph was built in front of the hall to recognize the fallen soldiers of the great wars. In 1986, the Branch and Auxiliary held their 60th Anniversary celebration, which included a tulip planting campaign. You can still see these tulips blooming around the town every spring.

The Legion has been a faithful sponsor of the Bow Valley Air Cadets and also has sponsored several students to the Legion Track and Field summer camp.

Due to a decline in membership and numbers and manpower diminishing to do the work of the Legion, a motion was passed that the Branch and Auxiliary close in 2002. The property was turned over to the town and some of the members transferred to the Alameda Branch.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO FROBISHER BRANCH 343

The official charter date for the Ladies' Auxiliary was August 13, 1948, with fifteen charter members: Isabella Wallace, Katherine Klaholtz, Ivy Messham, Leone Poston, Irma Richardson, De Ella Goodwin, Jean Rennie, Barbara Whatmore, Stella Dilts, Alexandria Quinn, Doreen Brandon, Betty Ewan, Mona Gibson, Mary Sabroe and Leah Rennie.

Fundraising activities were many. Some of them were serving field lunches at the dog trials, and a variety of catering projects, including pancake breakfasts for Threshermen's Day weddings, Christmas parties, anniversaries, birthday parties, noon luncheons, teas, annual flea markets, raffles, bingos and variety programs. The Ladies always served a complimentary community dinner after the November 11th service. They sponsored local youth to attend the Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field camp.

They enjoyed helping out in the community by canvassing for the Red Cross and other charitable organizations, plus serving on the local Donor's Choice Board. They provided a trophy for the Bow Valley Cadets and supported the local library and playground. They purchased and made up candy bags for the school Christmas concert each year. They have given monetary funds to the Legion and Auxiliary members in times of great need.

The Auxiliary entered rinks yearly in the Zone Curling over a 20-year period, and have been fortunate to have gone on to the District Curling five or six times. They are proud to have had two of their members serve as Zone Representatives: Jean Smith in the 1960's and Barbara McKnight in the 1990's.



Ladies' Auxiliary December 1960

After the Provincial Command Ladies' Auxiliary dissolved in 2002, Frobisher 343 Ladies' Auxiliary made the decision to remain with the few members to help the Legion keep the hall operating in the community and to continue to work for the veterans.

When the Frobisher Branch decided to dissolve it was the end of an era of fifty-four years for the Auxiliary. In 2002, they had eleven faithful members, six of whom were Life Members. Over the years, they have had a total of 17 Life Members, which is remarkable for such a small organization.

The aim of the Auxiliary was to work willingly with the local Branch and to show all veterans, if only in a small way, the appreciation for the sacrifices they made to make this a better world for all of us.

As of January 1, 2003, the Frobisher Legion Hall is known as the Frobisher Community Hall.

PATHLOW BRANCH 344

Following World War II, the returned service men of Pathlow and District met to form a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. They obtained their charter on February 13, 1948. Charter members were: N. Ambler, A. Bedard, J. Bedard, M. Boulanger, E. Collins, R. Dewar, A. Fagnou, A. Hillier, A. Johnson, G. Kerr, E. Kruger, E. Morton, W. Mckay, A. Olsen. H. Olds, M. Rice, M. Sawchuk, C. Sorenson, J. Storey, and J. Tait. Membership increased to seventy-five members, but now has declined to nineteen.

Monthly meetings were held in the Orange Hall until the Branch took over the administration of the Community Hall, where future meetings were held. During this time, considerable improvements were made in the hall. Another community project at that time was to help build sidewalks in the Village of Pathlow.

Circa 1960, the Branch purchased Pathlow Heights County School for their Legion building, moved it into Pathlow and turned the hall back to the community. A Cenotaph honouring local men killed in action was built nearby and dedicated in 1971 at an outdoor church service.

The Branch has been an active service club in the community, supporting local and minor sports, Air Cadet League and November 11th services, as well as National Appeals, such as Telemiracle, Paraplegic Association, Donor's Choice, Veteran's Comfort Fund, etc.

In May 1949, the Ladies' Auxiliary was formed, obtaining their charter on May 14, 1949. Charter members were: M. Collins, R. Wright, M. Sager, D. Ambler, J. Bedard, P. Dewar, B. Morton, E. Olsen, V. Storey, R. Sawchuk, M. Ambler, A. Bedard, E. Boulanger, M. Graham, M. Murray, and J. Trent

The Ladies' Auxiliary's main projects were Veteran's Comfort and Bursary Funds, "Hand of Friendship," and the local Air Cadets. They took part in Legion Auxiliary functions at Zone and District levels, including curling, cards, horseshoe tournaments, etc., and Zone and District Rallies.

Funds were raised by holding card parties, teas, dances, tournaments, socials, etc. They always commemorated Vimy and Poppy Days with a fund raising tea.

The Ladies' Auxiliary played an important part in all Branch activities.

In 1992, due to the decline of Legion membership, the Ladies' Auxiliary turned in their charter and joined the Legion Branch as Associate members.

November 11th has always been the focal point of Branch activities. Services alternated between Pathlow and St. Brieux Villages, until accommodation was no longer available in Pathlow. They now hold services in St. Brieux, which are always well supported.

The Branch attends Remembrance Day services at Pleasantdale and St. Brieux schools, which, under leadership of their teachers, have very impressive ceremonies.

In October 2004, the Branch invited the Rt. Honourable Dr. Linda Haverstock, Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan, to speak to students of the St. Brieux, Pleasantdale, and Sylvania Schools, and local Air Cadets in the St. Brieux School on the meaning of Remembrance Day. As a result, students have become more involved in the literary contests that are offered Dominion-wide.

In June, the Branch remembers departed Veterans with a Decoration Day service in six local cemeteries: St. Brieux, Kermaria, Little Moose, Lake Ignace, Flett Springs and Beatty. Members place a Canadian Flag in a red, white and blue stand at each gravesite. They also join Melfort at their Decoration Day service, honouring Veterans in the Melfort Cemetery.

Because of declining population and scattered families, the Branch is not growing, but still remains an active Branch.

COLONSAY BRANCH 345

On April 5, 1948, a number of Veterans got together to form a Legion Branch in Colonsay, Sask. On April 23, 1948, they received their charter. The President was E. Bates; Vice President was A. Kirk; Secretary/Treasurer was J. Flavel; Sgt. At Arms was A. Harris; Executive members were Comrades Watts, Leary, Payne, Eley and Specken.

The Legion sponsored the Colonsay Sports Days. Admission was 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students. They organized the drive for the Memorial Rink. A car was raffled and $5000.00 was turned over to the new rink, which was built in the early 1950's.

In 1953, J. Cheasley donated the building, which is still our Legion Hut.

The Legion sells poppies and wreaths every year. The proceeds from this goes to needy veterans. They also hold a service each November 11th. In 1963, Rev. D. Johns dedicated our cenotaph.

Over the years, the Legion has sponsored Scouts and Brownies, and have sent young students to the Track and Field Camp.

In 1971, the Legion built a camp kitchen in the park by the swimming pool. Money and labour has been donated by the Legion to the Swimming pool, the District Sports Centre and to individual participants in charitable and sports events. In addition, they have sent money to other worthy causes.

In September of 1998, the 50th Anniversary of Branch 345 was celebrated with a special cake. A plaque commemorating the Korean War Veterans was installed on our own Cenotaph.

In the year 2000, the Saskatchewan Command Legion Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded. As a result of this, and with declining enrolment, the women of the former Ladies' Auxiliary became full fledged members of the Legion in December of 2003.

Branch 345 had their first official meeting as a combined group in January of 2004.

The past year finds enrolment in the Branch again declining. The Branch is striving to remain as a Legion group, but less active in fundraising events. The main priority will be Remembrance Day and activities connected to this important event.

We Will Remember Them!

MISTATIM BRANCH 346

The Royal Canadian Legion Mistatim Branch 346 Memorial Hall lot was purchased in 1946. The hall was built the same year with volunteer labour. On February 21, 1947, the first President was Charles Duchscherer, the 1st Vice-President was Max McCracken, 2nd Vice-President was John Kovach, the Secretary was R.S. Claypool, and Sergeant-at-Arms was A.G. Vankoughnett.

On July 3, 1947, ten members of the Ladies' Auxiliary were initiated. Over the years, there were forty-one lady members. The Legion Hall held such functions as church, political, calf club meetings, funerals, church services, educational films and movies. The Legion sponsored field days, sports days and other sports events. They sponsored a pageant for Saskatchewan's 50th Anniversary in 1955.

In 1964, the hall was turned over to the village and the Legion leased it. Membership for the Branch from 1946-1982 was thirty-five. Membership numbers have dwindled down to eleven now, due to deaths and members moving away.



Front Row: Ken Holman, Paul Duchscherer; Middle Row: Lily McHugh, Lyla Holman; Back Row: Bill McHugh (President), Lily Duchscherer, Charlie Duchscherer (Secretary)

Present officers are: Bill McHugh, President and C. Duchscherer, Secretary.

The Branch sponsors an Alzheimer's Coffee Break and Poppy Campaign each year. They also enjoy a few social evenings, as well.

CABRI BRANCH 347

Cabri Branch #347 Royal Canadian Legion had their organizational meeting on April 7, 1948. Before this, some were members of Abbey Branch. The first officers of Cabri Branch were: President Sigurd Sorenson; Vice-President, Sigurd Bue; Secretary/Treasurer, Lloyd Larson; Executive Officers Bruce Colter and L.E. (Bud) Larson. The Provincial Secretary in 1948 was Len W. Chase, who presented the Provincial Charter to the Cabri Branch in The "Orange Hall" on July 5, 1948.

Charter members were: C.W. Haydon, S. Cushing, W. Lopeter, Ben Hankins, W.R. Goddard, G. Millard, Elmer Fahselt, K. Gummeson, A. Tengurn, J.R. Young, T. Holloway, A.. Stephenson, Bruce Coulter, H. Rimmer, J. Weedon, J. (Goldie) Jamieson;

A Legion Branch existed in Cabri before 1933, but in the grim 1930s, no one could afford to pay their dues so the Charter was called into the Provincial office. The old charter number, names of charter members and all correspondence relative to this first Branch were lost at the Command Office. When L. Chase took office as Secretary of Provincial Command, a letter sent to the Cabri Branch was unearthed (much later). It was the letter requesting the return of the Cabri Charter.

Cabri Veterans have assumed their share of all the responsibilities of the Legion, and also have taken their share of numerous community projects. Various activities of Cabri Branch include: the placing of a Memorial Bronze Plaque on the cenotaph honoring the fallen in World Wars I & II; Remembrance Day Services; annual sale of poppies and wreaths for Welfare Fund; sponsored a chosen member of the CGIT to attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth; endorsed a motion in May 1955 to establish a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Branch; the Branch sponsors Boys Hockey and Ball teams; an annual Fall Carnival was held, with profits used to pay down the mortgage, which of course is now paid off in full..

The Legion meetings moved from the Orange Hall to the annex of the Rex Theatre and by 1955, the Branch felt that a home for the Branch was needed. Immediately, a funding campaign began. In 1957, the decision was made to erect a new Legion Community Hall. The Branch extended grateful thanks to the citizens of Cabri, who donated time and money and supported projects to advance the building fund. A special "Thank you" went to the Cabri and District Lions Club, and of course, Legion members who worked hard for the Legion Community Hall. Later, due to rising expenses and smaller numbers of Legion members, a Hall Board was established with members of the Legion, the Lions Club, The Ladies' Auxiliary, the Cabri School and community members acting on this board to operate the hall. In recent years, the Prairie Players Drama Club and the Lions Club have assisted the Legion by organizing fundraising campaigns to install a sound system, stage lights, wheel chair accessible bathrooms, and The Drama Club also paid for painting of the hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary paid for having the kitchen repainted. The Hall Board has put in new furnaces and re-insulated and re-roofed the hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary looks after the kitchen and keeps it stocked with dishes and all supplies.

Cabri Branch #347 has had the distinction of having Zone Commanders from its ranks, including C.W. Haydon, Jonas Johnson, Harry Kruse, Charlie Duthie and Raymond Hankins.

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CABRI BRANCH 347 *(Cont'd...)*

0n the anniversary of the storming of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917, a "Vimy Night" was held in Cabri. C.W. Haydon, H. Rimmer and T. Fjeldal received 25-year membership pins for "Active Service" in Peace, and since then, members have received 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 55-year pins.

The Legion's prime aim is to ensure that proper attention be paid to the welfare of all who have served in the forces and for their dependents.

The Cabri Branch did not solely confine their activities to Veterans' affairs. The Branch has been active in promoting sports, locally and provincially. Associated with the Annual Remembrance Day functions, the Legion promotes school essays and poem contests relevant to that day.

In 1955, a Ladies Auxiliary Branch was formed and this Branch was a great asset to Legion activities. Also that year, the Legion spearheaded a campaign to build a new Legion Hall. This Hall is still in use and is owned by the Legion, but is operated by a Hall Board.

Because most Veterans are over age 65, the Branch has not been as active as in years past. The requirements for membership has now been opened to sons and daughters of Veterans, to non-voting Associate and Honorary members. In 2006, the membership is 22; ten of who were in the Active Services and two were in the Reserves. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, excluding July and August.

Through the years, Legion members have been very active in district, zone and provincial curling, golf, and other activities.

From the rebirth of the Cabri Branch #347 in 1948, the following Presidents have occupied the presidential chair: Sigurd Sorenson, 1948-1949; Charlie Duthie, 1950-1951; T.W. Lyster, 1952-1953; Harry Kruse, 1954; L.E. Larson, 1955-1956; Wm. Lopeter, 1957; Jas. Kirkpatrick, 1958-1959; Wm. McLeod, 1960; Rex Bovee, 1961; J. (Goldie) Jamieson, 1962; Robert Armstrong, 1963-1966; Charlie Duthie, 1967 –1968; Wm. Mickelson, 1969-1871; Lloyd Larson, 1972-1973; Jack Weedon, 1974-1975; Sigurd Bue, 1976-1979; Les McLean, 1980-1983; Alex Moffat, 1984-1989; Stan Pederson, 1990-1992; Ingval Berg, 1993-1994; Erwin Telke, 1995- 1996; Bert Culham, 1997 –1999; Stan Pederson, 2000-2003; Ingval Berg, 2004-2005; Erwin Telke, 2005-2006.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO CABRI BRANCH 347

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Cabri Branch 347 received their charter on June 16, 1955. Charter members were: H. Anton, A. Bovee, J. Bue, G. (Trudy) Clarke, M. Duthie, G. Hankins, B. Harris, L. Haw; H. Hunt, H. Irvine, C. Jamieson, S. Kirkpatrick, M. Kruse, E. Larson, Eunice Larson, C. Lopeter, E. McLeod, R. McManus, N. Millard, J. Mundell, J. Olimb, E. Ruthven, E. Rya, M. Rimmer, J. Stephenson, G. Tuffs, H. Widdifield.

Over the years, the Ladies' Auxiliary participated in the following activities: operated a booth at the annual Sports Day and Rodeo (served cold plate meal without power); assisted the Legion's Mortgage Burning celebration with a banquet and dance, held January 28, 1966; sponsored New Year's Eve dances with the Legion for many years, then "Family Nights" also on New Year's Eve; entered a float (along with Legion) in local parade each year; equipped and looked after the kitchen in the Legion Community Hall; organized and ran the Blood Donor clinic for nine years; sponsored St. John's Ambulance courses; canvassed for CNIB, Mental Health, March of Dimes and Cancer Fund; put on Christmas Carol Festival with local talent; delivered plates of Christmas goodies each year to shut-ins in the community; sponsored annual Christmas supper and social for Legion, Auxiliary and families; took part in Legion and Auxiliary Golf, Curling and Cribbage. Cabri Legion Auxiliary curlers enjoyed the curling and fellowship at the zone, district and provincial competitions from 1955-1991 (until they ran out of curlers!). The Auxiliary and the Legion continue to take part in the Legion curling and Golf playdowns. The ladies also take part in Remembrance Day Service and provide lunch following the service.

The ladies have been involved with fundraising over the years, such as catering, bingo, dances, Annual Remembrance Day Tea and program, annual raffle at the Tea, and miscellaneous raffles and Bake Sales. In conjunction with the Legion, the ladies have sponsored programs from other communities, such as Abbey Legion Diamond Jubilee Musical and Dodsland Players production of "Nunsense."

The ladies have made the following special donations: Veterans Comfort Fund; Telemiracle; Legion Track & Field; a donation to the Legion for building the hall and for up-keep (continuing after hall was operated by the Hall Board); purchased stage curtains and carpet for Hall entrance; annual donation to Cabri Brass Band for their participation in Remembrance Day Service; donated money along with the Legion to furnish a room in the Prairie Health Care Centre in Cabri; to Hall Board for a sound system and for wheel chair accessible bathrooms; a $200.00 scholarship to a local student continuing their education.

In 2006, the Ladies' Auxiliary has sixteen members, and although the ladies are not as active as they once were, they still assist the Legion by catering to Remembrance Day Tea; sponsor a monthly birthday party for residents of the Health Care Centre once a year and keep the kitchen cleaned and supplied; and some members still take part in curling, golf and card tournaments; they donate to the Hall Board for upkeep when they can; and sponsor a scholarship for a grade 12 student; and we assist the Legion with their projects.

Presidents of the Ladies' Auxiliary from 1955-2006 were: Edna Larson, 1955-1956; Clara Jamieson, 1957-1958; Trudy Clark, 1959-1960; Mary Czernick, 1961-1962; Eleanor McLeod, 1963-1964; Marion Widdifield, 1965-1966; Olive Telke, 1967-1968, Vivian Pederson, 1969-1970; Kay Stade, 1971-1972; Yelva Mickelson, 1973-1974; Clara Jamieson, 1975-1976; Helen Hankins, 1978-1981; Kaye McLean, 1982-1983; Jean Bue, 1984-1985; Jean Stephenson, 1986-1988; Olive Telke, 1989 –1990; Helen Hankins, 1991-1993; Cathy Berg, 1994-1995; Yelva Mickelson, 1996; Jean Stephenson, 1997-1998; Helen Hankins, 1999-2001; Evelyn Pederson, 2002-2003; Lorna Thomson, 2004-2006.

Zone Reps throughout the years were: Ruby McManus, Eunice Larson, and Helen Hankins.

Three charter members are still members of our Auxiliary and were presented with 50-year pins.

SPALDING BRANCH 348



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Branch Charter Date: 21 May 1948

Current Membership: 17

Auxiliary Charter Date: No Auxiliary

SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL BRANCH 349, NORTH BATTLEFORD

In the late 1940-1950s, Saskatchewan Hospital was a community unto itself, with over 2,000 patients, plus many supporting staff. Following WWII, more than two hundred Veterans found it necessary to be admitted to Saskatchewan Hospital for treatment.

Many WWII Veterans returned to Saskatchewan Hospital to resume employment with many starting employments after the war. These staff members, being concerned with their less fortunate comrades on the wards, began a Legion Branch strictly for these Veteran patients. The goal then, and now, has always been for the comfort and visitation of these Veterans.

Saskatchewan Hospital (North) Branch #349 received their charter on July 12, 1948, with twenty members who were on staff at the hospital.
Saskatchewan Hospital supplied an office for records, flags, etc. In July 1976, a fire occurred and the office and records there were destroyed. They still have a storage room in the hospital. The Saskatchewan Hospital also designated on area across from the front entrance for the Legion's Cenotaph and planted tress for fallen Veterans in WWI and II.

During all these years, they have set side an area to host November 11th ceremonies. Their generosity and continued help is very much appreciated.

The Veteran patients came from all points in the province, and thus for years, they received monetary support from many Legion Branches. They are truly grateful. Branch #349 raffles and donations kept the funds flowing.

From the onset of this Branch, November 11th services have been and still are held at 2 p.m. at Saskatchewan Hospital to accommodate patients and staff. This is still their main project. Thanks to North Battleford Branch #70 and Battleford Branch #9, Saskatchewan Hospital Branch #349 is still able to carry out their obligation, "Lest we Forget."

Another tradition they have continued is serving a Christmas Dinner, with gifts for all Veterans at Saskatchewan Hospital and Battleford District Care Center (a nursing home where many Veteran patients spend their last years.)

The Branch organized and still sponsors Junior Curling for the Saskatchewan Hospital Curling Club.

Present membership is ten, with one Veteran member and nine Associate members.

LADIES' AUXILARY TO BRANCH 349

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Saskatchewan Hospital Branch 349 received their charter on May 23, 1949, with sixteen members who were spouses of Saskatchewan Hospital Veteran employees. The ladies have supported their Branch with raffles, teas, hospital visits, and these last few years, with Christmas Dinner and gifts.

They have always hosted coffee and pie for guests, patients and staff after November 11th services. Together with the Branch, they have participated in District and Zone rallies and sporting events.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is very proud of two of their members who have gained offices as Provincial Presidents of Saskatchewan Command: Gladys McLean and Emma Carter.

The ladies continue to meet under the Branch as an Auxiliary, and have nine members.

"Lest We Forget"

NORQUAY BRANCH 351

The Norquay Branch 351 of The Royal Canadian Legion is located in east central Saskatchewan, one hour's drive northeast of Yorkton. It is located in the heart of excellent hunting and fishing country.

The Norquay Branch received their charter on May 21, 1949. Charter members were: D.E. Anderson, O.N. Anderson, H.A. Bjerke, A. Currie, A. Haugen, W. Hanson, D.A. Johnson, C.M. Johnson, S. Jorgenson, J.A. Keillor, W.S. Kowch, V. Moore, L. Robinson, G. Stuart and A. Woodall. The first President was Comrade Les Robinson, and Secretary/Treasurer was Comrade Robert Keillor.

The Masonic Hall was purchased for $1,500.00 by the Legion with a former Veteran, H. Bjerke, loaning them the money. At that time, there were sixty-five members, so renovations were made. A kitchen, bathrooms and a lounge were all added over the years. Currently, there are fifty-three members located in Norquay, Pelly, Hyas, Stenen, Mikado, Sturgis, Yorkton, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Calgary, and one member in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Fundraising has always been a challenge for the Branch. Bingo was the original way of raising money, but later on, beer and wing night and potluck suppers have been held.

Over recent years, the Norquay Legion has donated to many fundraisers and projects in the community: $1,000.00 to the Norquay Hospital; $1,500.00 to the Communiplex; $2,000.00 to the Norquay Curling Rink; $1,000.00 to renovate the town campgrounds; and $500.00 to the Norquay Library.

The Norquay Branch also has family picnics at Sandy Beach in June and a family curling bonspiel in March to try to get new members out to join the Legion. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month in August through June.

Remembrance Day is a busy day for the Legion. Members march three blocks from the Legion Hall to the Communiplex to attend a service honouring all men and women who fought and died for their country. After the service is over, members march back to the hall and sit down to enjoy a catered dinner.

May The Royal Canadian Legion stay strong for many years to come.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO NORQUAY BRANCH 351

Norquay Branch was organized on Charter Night, June 26, 1967, with the following Charter Members: Aileen Anderson; Alice Anderson (deceased); Clarice Brass; Vera Decterow (deceased); Olga Kostiuk (deceased); Anne Prokopchuk (deceased); May Stuart (deceased); Pearl Walch (deceased). The aim and purpose of the Ladies' Auxiliary was to assist and promote the welfare of Veterans. They have been active throughout the years, with the most worthy projects. They have also supported many other worthy causes, alone, or in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Legion.

Together with the Royal Canadian Legion, the ladies have given financial and physical assistance to many worthy causes, with the largest financial assistance to the local Communiplex for the Electrical Contract of $16,000.00. This was a one-time donation made by the Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary, although they gave other donations to the Communiplex during the different stages of its construction. They have also donated funds on a regular basis to the local Health Center. They have assisted The Legion with their Track & Field Program by giving assistance to young people to travel to a Saskatchewan city, to be coached and assisted by professionals. If they do very well, they may be good enough to go to the Dominion Meet. The two groups have worked together on many projects.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has had many of their own projects. First and foremost, are visits to, and gifts for, local Veterans. They give to The Veterans Fund - a donation that covers Veterans outside the Norquay area in Veterans' homes or who are alone. There are members who regularly look after these Veterans. Other worthy projects the ladies have helped with, to name a few, are the Health Center, Gateway Lodge, The Yorkton ICU, Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Telemiracle, school bursaries, Paraplegic Fund, assistance to the Boys Scouts and Girl Guides, as well as assistance with other school projects.

The ladies have assisted the Royal Canadian Legion with maintenance, operations of, and furnishings for their Legion Hall. They have looked after the kitchen completely, seeing provisions, dishes, pots, pans, appliances, etc., were always ready for use.

Raising funds for all these projects has not been easy. Luckily, they have had some very dedicated, hard working members who were always ready to do their share. Most of their income came from bingo, but the early, very hard to earn funds came from Raffles, Bake Sales, Catering, Cook Book sales, etc.

Every second year, the ladies meet at a Zone Rally in a central area of the Zone. They have had the honor of having one of their own members elected as Zone Representative, Alice E. Anderson, who held office from 1971-1975. Every second year, they also meet at a central area for Zone, District and Biennial Conventions. These rallies keep the ladies informed about the work being done by the Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

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NORQUAY BRANCH 351 *(Cont'd...)*

November 11th is the most memorable day of their year. It is the day they meet to remember the fallen of all the wars and to pay their respect for those who were able to return home. It is the day the Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary go to the Health Centre to present poppies to the residents and meet to socialize after a memorial service.

The Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary share many family outings: Christmas parties with potluck suppers, games, and even Santa takes time to join in! They share picnics at Sandy Beach, with games for the kids, ball games, and food, family curling with fun, food and socializing.

In March 2000, Saskatchewan Command R.C.L., Ladies' Auxiliary closed its doors due to lack of interest, lack of members and lack of funds. They could no longer keep up.

Locally, they remained an Auxiliary to the local Royal Canadian Legion Branch #351, until March 2003, when they were unable to get anyone to take the executive offices, and general lack of interest generally, so they had to fold.

On March 31, 2003, the Ladies' Auxiliary held their last meeting. They decided to purchase the new bingo machine for the Branch, and then buy supper for the remaining members, which was a final gift from the Ladies' Auxiliary. The ladies gave the remainder of their funds to the Branch. After adjournment, they went to the Whistle Stop Restaurant for our "Last Supper."

After disbanding, a few of the ladies joined the Norquay Branch #351.

At the time of disbanding, members were: Camelia "Milly" Abbott, Aileen Anderson, Clarice Brass, Tricia Challoner, Ida Cherewyk, Nettie Gazdewich, Dorothy Griffith, Delphine Howard, June How, Elsie Jacquemart, Marlene Jacquemart, Ida Kluk, Phyllis Knutson, Lynda Kulasia, Donna Lumley, Elsie McNaughton, Anne Markewich, Beryl Miller, Olga Moroz, Ivy Nystrom, Madeline Nystrom, and Blondie Panagabko.

Initiations since Charter Night are: Camelia "Milly" Abbott, June 21, 1967 (transferred from Lintlaw); Dora Haugen, March 21, 1968 (deceased); Doreen Mutch, March 21, 1968 (deceased); Albina "Blondie" Panagabko, May 9, 1968; Gwen Wood, November 14, 1968 (moved)(deceased); Lorraine Probert, February 13, 1969 (moved)(deceased); Helen Woodall, April 17, 1969 (deceased); Phyllis Knutson, February 12, 1970; Mary Brischuk, April 9, 1970 (moved); Margaret Wood, October 19, 1971 (moved)(deceased); Aggie Hanson, March 13, 1972 (inactive); Beryl Miller, February 14, 1974; Anne Markewich, March 14, 1974; Anne Sliva, March 14, 1974 (deceased); Patricia Ochitwa, March 14, 1974 (deceased); Myrna Plaskan, March 13, 1975 (deceased); Linda Kuliasa, June 10, 1976 (moved); Ida Cherewyk, June 10, 1976; Stella Kush, June 10, 1976 (inactive); Elsie McNaughton, October 14, 1976; Francis (Tower) Mutch, March 10, 1977 (deceased); Glenna Ketcheson, April 14, 1977 (moved)(deceased); Olga Moroz, June 14, 1979; Ida Kluk, June 14, 1979; Huldora "Huddie" Low, September 13, 1979 (moved); Lorraine Knutson, March 13, 1980 (inactive); Elsie Jacquemart, March 13, 1980; Marlene Jacquemart, March 13, 1980; Delphine Howard, March 13, 1980; Pamela Gazdewich, March 2, 1981; Elsie Derkach, December 10, 1981; June How, January 13, 1983; Nettie Gazdewich, February 10, 1983; Joy Hanchar, December 1985 (moved)(transferred from Churchill); Ivy Nystrom, January 15, 1987; Beth Anderson, September 14, 1989 (deceased); Madeline Nystrom, November 7, 1990; Annette Sunduk, November 7, 1990; Joanne Abbott, April 11, 1990 (inactive); Dorothy Griffith, June 11, 1992; Agnes Schafer, May 11, 1995 (deceased); Tricia Challoner, February 12, 1998; Daria Stephanuik, April 10, 1999 (moved); and Donna Lumley, April 10, 1999.

Past Presidents of the Ladies' Auxiliary were: May Stuart, 1967 -68 (deceased); Aileen Anderson, 1969; Pearl Walsh, 1970 (deceased); Vera Dectrow, 1971 (deceased); Alice Anderson, 1972-73 (deceased); Albina Panagabko, 1974-76; Anne Markewich, 1977-79; Elsie McNaughton, 1980-81; Phyllis Knutson, 1982; Olga Moroz, 1983-85; Frances Mutch, 1986-88 (deceased); Pamela Gazdewich, 1989-94; Beryl Miller, 1995-96; Dorothy Griffith, 1997-98; Marlene Jacquemart, 1999-2000; and Dorothy Griffith, 2001-2002.

Past Secretaries of the Ladies' Auxiliary were: Aileen Anderson, 1967-68; Pearl Walsh, 1969-70 (deceased); Gwen Wood, 1971-75 (deceased); Beryl Miller, 1975-78; Anne Sliva, 1978-79 (deceased); Beryl Miller, 1980-91; June How, 1992-96; Pamela Gazdewich, 1997-98; Tricia Challoner, 1999-2001; and Beryl Miller, 2002-03.

Past Treasurers of the Ladies' Auxiliary were: Anderson Alice, 1967-71 (deceased); Dora Haugen, 1971 (deceased); Aileen Anderson, 1972-75; Anne Markewich, 1976; Aileen Anderson, 1977-78; Frances (Mutch) Tower, 1979 (deceased); Alice Anderson, 1980-81 (deceased); Anne Markewich, 1982-85; Nettie Gazdewich, 1986-90; Camelia Abbott, 1990; Marlene Jacquemart, 1991-94; Nettie Gazdewich, 1995-96; and Anne Markewich, 1997-2000.

Alice Evelyn Anderson (deceased) was Zone Representative from 1971-75.

Life Members are: Aileen Anderson, Alice Anderson (deceased), Vera Dectrow (deceased), Camelia Abbott, Phyllis Knutson, and Albina Panagabko.

MARSDEN BRANCH 354 ~ Closed

With the return of the service men to civilian life and camaraderie still prevailing, feelings for a Legion Branch came forward. To promote this, the Veterans called a meeting and asked for help and information in joining the British Empire Service League as the Marsden Legion Branch. On March 14, 1950, an organizational meeting was held. Twenty-four members were present and an Executive was elected.

The first meeting was held in the old Imperial Lumber office. As this building was for sale, the members purchased it for $500.00. They borrowed the money from the bank and the members guaranteed the loan. A lot was purchased for $1.00 and the building was moved onto it in the fall of 1951. Renovations were done during the winter and enthusiasm was high; the new organization was recognized as a going concern.

Through the years, the Branch sponsored many projects – the first drive-in bingo, turkey shoot, dances of all kinds, curling competitions, annual oratory contests in the school with trophies, sponsored young athletes to the Track and Field Camp, gun safety, donkey ball, gymkhanas, parades, ball tournaments, auction sales of white elephant items, variety nights, skits, amateur nights, junior ball sponsorship, and the Marsden Branch of Boy Scouts. Their commitment, of course, also included assistance to needy Veterans.

Some of the highlights were celebrating Saskatchewan's 50th Anniversary in 1955. A cairn was erected at the Manitou Lake picnic grounds, commemorating the pioneers; the centennial year 1967, again, saw the Legion in the forefront organizing the community in a long-remembered Dominion celebration, which involved the young and old of the District; the year 1971 – Homecoming year – proved to be the Legion's biggest community effort. It will long be remembered and appreciated by the many people who came back to reminisce and visit on that occasion. In 1981, the history of the area was recorded and the Marsden Branch was showing its age. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Marsden Branch backed the Legion in all their projects and kept the Legion Hut in ship-shape condition throughout the years. Many thanks go out to them all.

In 1995, the Branch undertook interviewing Veterans regarding their experiences and thoughts of the war years, which has been compiled into books that are permanently stored in the local library. Each story has been made into a book with the Veteran's picture on the front of the book. This project was fostered by the hard work and dedication of Margaret Mitchell. Now, residents of the area can read about area Veterans and their wartime experiences.

Due to dwindling membership, Marsden Branch finally surrendered their charter on December 31, 1998.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MARSDEN BRANCH 354

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Marsden Branch was formed on November 10, 1950. Nine ladies were present at this meeting and officers were elected. Their main objective, of course, was to work closely with the Legion. One main project has been to care for the Legion Hut. New Lino was laid, they purchased a stove, piano and cupboards, later adding chairs and stacking tables. For a number of years they sent parcels to the men and women in the Armed Forces and provided Christmas parcels to Veterans in hospitals.

In 1954, they made a Peace Time Civil Defense Survey visiting all the homes, finding out where displaced people could be housed and where blankets could be obtained. This was shortly after a flood in Winnipeg and the Red River area, and many families were forced to leave and be housed elsewhere.

Their donations covered a number of charities over the years, including the Mental Health Association, Veterans Comfort Fund, books for troops, scholarships, the Salvation Army, the March of Dimes, curling club, Neilburg Hospital, Library, kiddies' gym set for the Manitou Lake Picnic Grounds, hockey clubs, ball clubs, and many other community causes. In 1955, they sponsored a Square Dance series, where old woolen rags were collected and sent to the Fairfields Woolen Mill in Winnipeg, where blankets were given and used for raffles. They held bazaars an bread-making contests and sponsored sewing lessons. They also sponsored Red Cross Swimming lessons. They also always took time to visit Veterans in homes and hospitals, having Christmas parties and presenting gifts.

The Auxiliary has been very active over the years, but also due to declining membership, and the closure of the Legion Branch, the Ladies' Auxiliary finally surrendered their charter in 1999.

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Branch Charter Date: 03 May 1950

Auxiliary Charter Date: 05 November 1949

Current Membership: 18
Closed: 1986

SHEHO BRANCH 356

The Sheho Branch #356 was formed as a sub-branch of the Foam Lake Branch #16 on May 26, 1950. A meeting was held in the Sheho Town Hall and applications for new members were taken, with a President and Secretary elected and initiated.

At the September 15, 1950 meeting, a motion was made that the sub-branch apply for a certificate to become a certificated Branch. The motion was carried.

On December 15, 1950, Provincial Secretary Comrade MacDonald presented the Branch with a certificate showing it was officially a certified Branch.

Regular monthly meetings were held in the Sheho Town Hall for a while. For many years, they alternated having meetings at members' homes as far as Ituna and Stornoway. The Comrades' spouses prepared a lunch or a supper at these meetings.



Sheho Cenotaph

In April 1958, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 7 in Sheho were donated by C.H. Enduct and Co. for a Cenotaph and Children's Playground. In May, grass was seeded and the park fenced.

In 1961, A Granite Cross was erected at the Cenotaph, on which names of local veterans who died in action were inscribed.

In June 1962, Lesenko School (country school) was purchased and moved to the present location to be used as a hall. The first meeting was held on April 9, 1963.

In 1995, the Branch celebrated its 45th Anniversary and published a history book.

On July 29,2000, the Branch celebrated its 50th Anniversary with Provincial President, Pat Varga, in attendance.

Before November 11th, Branch members would have a Remembrance Day Service at the local school and make presentations to the students.

They hold a yearly door-to-door Poppy Campaign. On November 11th, they have a Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph and the Sheho and District Community Centre. After the Service, they have a catered Smorg for anyone who wishes to partake. This is one of their annual fundraisers, as well as weekly bingos.



This photo of Sheho and District Veterans of World War II was taken in 1992.
(Left to right) Front row: Peter Moroz, Morris Pawliuk, Pauline Paley, Oliver Hudyma, Nick Hawreliuk. Middle row: Steve Pawliuk, Nick Hnatiuk, Nick Semeniuk, John Babichuk, Peter Karmazniuk, Andrew Sebulski, Clifford Wunder. Back row: Mike Dwernichuk, Nick Stacberuk, Harry Bazuik, George Moroz, Metro Daciw, Joe Hoffman, Metro Nekorak, Mike Denesik, Bill Kucheran.

In July 2005, the Branch honoured its Veterans with a Tea. The year 2006, being "Year of the Veteran," Branch members asked local Veterans to share their war experiences. It was open to everyone.

During the past fifty-five years, there have been 118 members. At present, there are forty-three members. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month with a 50% attendance.

The Branch is a vital part of the small community of Sheho. They have supported local clubs, and bought uniforms and equipment for minor sports. The Branch donated $5,000.00 towards the Skating Rink, and they purchased hockey nets and a time clock.
During the Sheho Sports Day, members worked the Beer Gardens and bingo, and all proceeds were donated towards the community.

Senior Citizens meet weekly at the hall.

The Branch has always supported the youth by giving bursaries, scholarships and by sponsoring Track & Field.

For more information on this Branch or History Book write to Sheho Royal Canadian Legion, Box 149, Sheho, Saskatchewan, SOA 3TO.

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SHEHO BRANCH 356 *(Cont'd...)*



Sheho Branch 356 Ladies' Auxiliary.
Left to right, front row: Mary Denesik, Judy Zastrizny, Alice Nekorak, Donna Zastrizny, Helen Wunder. Middle row: Clara Holmes, Bella Hudyma, Helen Pawliuk, Esther Hawreliuk, Bernice Hoffman, Paulette Pawliuk, Alice Moroz. Back row: Mary Sebulski, Vickie Kucheran, Iris Moroz, Dorothy Hudjack, Lena Stacheruk, Faye Sebulsky.

LADIES' AUXILARY TO SHEHO BRANCH 356

On October 7, 1985, twelve ladies met with the Sheho Royal Canadian Legion Branch #356 for permission to form a Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Permission was granted with the Sheho Branch #356 paying their Charter fees.

On November 28, 1985, with Mrs. Marion Tilletson, District Representative, acting as chairman, and Mrs. Nancy Turnnicliffe, District Representative/Zone Representative, acting as Secretary, there were nineteen members present, and signed the Charter. Those members were: Alice Moroz, Alice Nekorak, Bella Hudyma, Bernice Hoffman, Clara Holmes, Donna Zastrizny, Dorothy Hudjack, Esther Hawreluik, Faye Sebulsky, Helen Pawluik, Helen Wunder, Iris Moroz, Judy Zastrizny, Lena Stacheruk, Mary Denesik, Mary Sebulski, Paulette Pawluik, Victoria Kucheran

For fund raising, the ladies held Bingo every other Friday, hockey and football pools, had whist drives, sold cookbooks, had raffles, bake and plant sales, craft sales and did catering. All the money raised went back to the community.



Sheho Cenotaph

The ladies made donations to: the Branch, Ukrainian Dance, Figure Skating, Student Council, Recreation Board, School Band, Play School, Sheho Minor Ball and 4-H Clubs. They donated to the Veterans Comfort Fund, Bursary Fund, R.C.L. Track and Field, local Scholarships, Paraplegic Fund, Last Post Fund, the local hospital for an x-ray machine, and to the Nursing Home for a van. They gave books and plaques to outstanding students in Sheho and Foam Lake schools.

Meetings were held in the Legion Hall once a month, except for July and August. The Ladies' Auxiliary disbanded in 2002, and most of members joined the Sheho Legion Branch #356.

YOUNG-ZELMA BRANCH 358

The organizational meeting to form a Legion Branch in Young was held on July 27, 1950, with fifteen prospective members in attendance. Since there were many members from Zelma, as well as Young, it was decided to name the Branch "Young-Zelma Legion Branch # 358." It became a Chartered Branch on October 16, 1950. Throughout the years, the Branch has been active in the community with fundraising, and making donations to various local organizations, as well as Legion Track & Field, Telemiracle and Camp Easter Seal. They have a Scholarship Fund set up for students who go on to further their education. Our three major fundraisers are a Mother's Day Tea and Bake Sale, Easter Ham Bingo and Christmas Turkey Bingo. They also organize the November 11th Remembrance Service in the community every year, and get local schools to participate in the Poster, Poem and Essay contests. Branch members are very proud of the fact that one student from their area has won at the National Level.

The Young-Zelma Legion Ladies Auxiliary #358 was organized on June 10, 1969, they became a chartered Branch on August 25, 1969. The Ladies' Auxiliary was also very active in the community. However, due to declining membership, it folded in 2001. Some of the ladies then joined The Legion.

At present, membership stands at twenty-five, and the Branch is always seeking new memberships to help keep The Legion an active part of the Young-Zelma community.

HARRIS BRANCH 361

In the fall of 1953, a meeting was held to survey the possibility of forming a Legion in Harris, since there were several who held memberships in other Branches. On May 10, 1954, in the Orange Hall, the Harris Legion received its charter with twenty-two members in attendance. After a few years of holding meetings in the old curling rink and in the Orange Hall, it was decided to build a meeting place in the basement of the Orange Hall in the spring of 1958. Since then, the Harris New Horizon's have taken over the hall and meetings are now held upstairs.

In 1995, the Branch held a Canada Remembers Celebration, where every Veteran from the Harris and Tessier area, who had served in WWII, were invited. Many of the returning Veterans hadn't seen each other for fifty years. It was a wonderful celebration.

The Branch continues to support the Veteran's Comfort Fund. They have a Remembrance Day Service and help with the service at the school and also promote the literacy, poster and colouring contests. To raise monies, they hold bingos, cater for funeral lunches and help with Sports Days, reunions and homecomings. They also help out in the community in any way possible.

Branch members are very proud of the Memorial Wall located in the local Museum, which displays photos of local Veterans killed in WWII, along with a photo of the lake that has been named in their honor. A former resident, Bill Pringle, who had a brother killed in action, donated the funds for this project.

To date, the Branch operates successfully and has a total of thirty-three members, including five Veterans.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO HARRIS BRANCH 361

The Harris Legion Ladies' Auxiliary received its charter on September 9, 1954, with eighteen members. Due to declining membership in both the Harris Legion and Auxiliary, on December 13, 2000, it was decided to disband the Auxiliary. Most of the members joined The Legion at that time.

NUTANA BRANCH 362

Nutana Branch 362 received its charter on June 3, 1954, with seventy-three charter members.

The Branch started at 1141-5th Street East in the Clarence Street Mission. In 1959, they built on to the hall. In 1962-1964, members started looking for a new site. In 1969, the new Branch was built on what is now the Market Mall property. In 1970, an addition was added, and again in 1972. In 1981, they retired the mortgage on this property. In 1987, they sold the property and moved to 3021 Louise Street, and are happily still here.

Nutana Legion celebrates every Branch milestone and any Dominion anniversary.

The Branch has been a financial supporter of the #107 Air Cadets, Track & Field, and many other local non-profit groups. The Branch is very active in fundraising. To do this, they rely on many volunteers. They keep track of some of the volunteer hours, and in 2005, they recorded over 5,100 hours! Great job by members!

The Branch has a full lounge operation open 7 days a week. On Friday and Saturday nights, they have live band music for members and guests. On Sundays, the band plays from 5-7 p.m., and they sell food and meat tickets, again, all this is done by volunteers. They rent out their Memorial hall for functions, and this revenue certainly helps out the Branch.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch 362 volunteer for all the banquets and are generous with their funds. Every year, they donate $15,000.00 - $20,000.00 to the Branch. The Branch thanks the Ladies' Auxiliary for their support.

Executive and members from the Branch are very active in the Poppy Campaign, Remembrance Day service, Decoration Day Service, Poppy Trust Committee, Canada Remembers Air show, and Church Parade.

The Branch has held some special events in current years. In November 2005, they held a 'Year of the Veteran' celebration, which was attended by many Veterans - during the ceremony, guests went around and shook the hands of the Veterans and thanked them for our life today. It was a touching ceremony. In 2003, members started the pinning of the first Poppy on the Lt. Governor, with a ceremony in the Hall. This was a well-attended event.

Nutana Branch has a museum of war history, located on the lower floor. It is steadily outgrowing its space. Thanks again to volunteers, they have excelled in setting up a museum, which has received recognition from the National War Museum.

Nutana Branch 362 hosts many Legion sports at all the levels and participates in Provincial and Dominion conventions. They also attend to all Zone rallies and District meetings. They are very interested in the great work of The Royal Canadian Legion and try to keep up with all that they do locally, nationally and internationally.

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Members of The Royal Canadian Legion Nutana Branch #362 always remember their solemn oath and obligation to remember those who fought and died for Canada.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO NUTANA BRANCH 362

The Ladies' Auxiliary received their charter in 1957. Wives of the Branch members gathered together in their homes for meetings and to organize an Auxiliary. The men had purchased the small Bethel Church on 5th Street, and were in great need of money. Meetings were then held in the basement of the church. It wasn't long before they had a slate of officers with Doris Taylor as 1st President. It wasn't long until they had a number of women with young families all eager to help in the fun and for the worthy cause - The Branch.

The ladies started with absolutely nothing, so had to work hard and often by having teas, bake sales, selling lunch for dances, and selling Watkins Vanilla. They purchased their first coffee urn, which was a real treat, after making coffee in boilers. The ladies managed to put the first Auxiliary Cook Book together in 1961, and sold many copies. As work went on, they were then able to buy two flags - The Auxiliary flag and the Union Jack. They had a tea and a dedication service with Reverend Don Brown officiating.

The members donated dishes and cutlery and whatever else they were not using. The kitchen began to take shape. A member's father built cupboards, and then it didn't take long to purchase a set of dishes and cutlery. By this time, the ladies felt they were in line to do some catering.

Many happy times were had by all, as the ladies prepared dinners on November 11th, celebrated Christmas, Valentine's Day, and parties for the children.

With all the ladies' activities, the men decided that the hall was too small to accommodate functions, so they sold it. They were then left with finding a new home base. The meetings began in members' homes, St. James Hall or J. S. Wood Library. They worked once a week at the Red Cross making thousands and thousands of wipes and swabs for the blood donor clinic. They usually held the executive meetings at the same time.

The ladies really had to work hard now, as the Branch was having a new hall built on McEown and Louise. To raise money, they catered for the Horticultural Show. They sold homemade pies and coffee. They helped the men with the concessions at the stock car races on 8th Street. They had a tent and trailer at Pioneer on 11th Street West, selling pancakes, sausages and coffee. They sold tickets on a boat and trailer. They had a hamburger stand at the Exhibition, and they catered to a number of weddings and parties, etc. They also worked at the Citizens' Court, serving lunch and welcoming new citizens to Canada.

The ladies assisted the Branch with selling poppies, attending services at the old Cenotaph downtown, located at 2nd Avenue and 21st Street. Things were much easier after they moved into the Tacquet Ball Court building on Louise Street.

Gert Devlin, Eleanor Macleod, and Viola Cairns have compiled some highlights of some of the unique activities that the Ladies' Auxiliary have done over the years: in 1978, the ladies formed an honor guard for Queen Elizabeth II; they served evening lunches to Veterans at the Veterans' Home; they hosted bingo; do the March birthday parties every year; assist in the craft room; assist with outings for the Veterans; deliver birthday cards to shut-in members both at Easter and Christmas.

Some of the fun things that the ladies have done over the years are curling at the Sutherland Rink every Sunday during the winter months; put on skits for the Veterans, Auxiliary, Branch, Zone and Dominion; held cribbage tournaments, zone dart tournaments, and retirement parties for Zone and District Reps.; celebrated their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, and now their 50th Anniversaries.

Over the years, they have donated money to the Branch, the Veterans Comfort Fund, bursaries, Last Post Fund, Friendship Inn, Salvation Army, Crisis Center, Ronald McDonald House, St. Paul's, City Hospital, and Royal University Hospital. Toys are donated to Secret Santa each year, as well as food donations to the Food Bank.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had twenty-two charter members in 1957. Today, there are one hundred and twenty members in the Ladies' Auxiliary and more keep joining.

The ladies are still going strong with their banquets, which enable them to make donations to some of the above charities, as well as others over the years. They are proud to be the Ladies' Auxiliary to Nutana Branch 362 of The Royal Canadian Legion.

COLEVILLE BRANCH 365

Coleville Branch received its charter on October 13, 1955. That year saw the commencement of many traditions, which are carried on to this day, including the Annual Poppy Campaign, the School Remembrance Service, and the community service and parade on November 11th.

That year, the Branch, in conjunction with the Coleville Kinsmen, sponsored Santa Day at the school. Although the Kinsmen no longer exist in the community, the Legion still has Santa Day. Over the years, the Branch has sponsored many youth activities, including Scouts and Cubs, Track & Field Camp, assistance to the Recreation Committee to support children's activities, and most recently, sponsorship of the Sparky Ament Air Cadet Squadron #365, located in Kindersley.

In November 1955, the Branch purchased the Eureka School and subsequently moved it to land provided by the Village of Coleville. The Hall still stands today, although it has been added to and renovated many times, most recently after a devastating flood in 1996. Since 1995, the Cenotaph for the





Village sits outside the hall. That year also saw the development of the Memorial Garden at the cemetery. The garden and its monuments to the sacrifice of the Veterans and the dedication of the Pioneers is second-to-none. The Branch maintains the garden and ensures that all Veterans and Legion members' graves are marked with a Maple Leaf and Canadian Flag.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Branch 365 received its Charter in August 1957. They were a hard-working crew that assisted the Branch for thirty-seven years. As well, they supported the Veterans and the youth of the area. The Auxiliary started an annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner, which the Branch maintains. Unfortunately, due to low numbers and the passing of time, the Auxiliary ceased operating in December 1994. Most members then joined the Branch and continued to carry on their good work. It must be said that the contribution of the Ladies' Auxiliary was of great importance to the success of this Branch. The Branch remains active in sporting events at all levels, as well as attending Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion conventions. The Branch is very proud of the fact that over the years many Zone, District, Provincial and Dominion leaders have come from Coleville.

LOCKWOOD BRANCH 368 ~ Closed

A general meeting of ex -servicemen of Lockwood was called on December 5th, 1956 for the purpose of forming a Branch of the Canadian Legion. Due to severe cold weather, only thirteen men were present. Speaker Mr. Cameron, Zone Commander from Raymore, could not be present for the same reason. The provincial slate of officers elected were: President, Norb Joa; and Secretary, Evan Garry.

On January 30th, 1958, officers were elected as follows: President, N.A. Joa; 1st Vice-President, Don Lynch; 2nd Vice-President, J.L. Ritz; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe Birtles; and Secretary/Treasurer, E. Garry

A Social and Entertainment Committee was formed: O. Pederson, E. Garry, G. Birtles, and H. Coleman. The Welfare and Sick Committee consisted of L. Ritz, D. Lynch, and B. Forner.

Charter members were: J.L. Ritz, N. Joa, G.A. Forner, R.A. Coleman, H. Coleman, R. Shearer, G. Ewen, H. Hurley, E. Turner, E. Kabernick, D. Williams, C. Buckmaster, J. Blackport, W. Coleman, M. Wood, L. Magnes, Garry Wood, W.J. Ritz, O. Pederson, D. Lynch, J.A. Birtles, and E. Garry.

Honorary Members were: Leonard Funk, Art Joa, M. Ruedig, and M. Ritz of Armstrong, Ontario.

Work of canvassing for the Rheumatism and Arthritic Society was carried out annually.

Generous donations were given to the skating and curling rinks and to minor ball. Prizes were given for the Remembrance Day Essays, and Wreaths for Remembrance Day services were

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provided. Entertainment for the community included dances, card parties and bonspiels. Zone curling was entered into and a Zone Rally was held in 1959. A fine clubroom was built. Later, the old school was purchased and used until the Legion disbanded on April 25, 1991. In the fall of 1991, members John Blackport, Ed Meisner, and Abe Friesen joined Nokomis Branch. Don Lynch joined later, and still belongs to Nokomis Branch, but resides in the Lanigan Lodge.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO LOCKWOOD BRANCH 368

On November 6, 1957, the Lockwood Legion invited all ladies interested in forming an Auxiliary to their Branch for a meeting, with Zone Commander Cameron as guest speaker. This meeting resulted in the formation of a Ladies' Auxiliary.

Elected officers were: President, Ethel Forner; 1st Vice-President, Emma Turner; Secretary/Treasurer, Wilda (Billy) Garry; Standard Bearer, Florence Birtles.

A Christmas Dinner Hamper was raffled, which gave a fine financial boost.

An initiation meeting was held at the Doug William's home on March 30, 1958, with Mrs. Pickrell, Zone Representative as guest.
Charter members were: Ethel Forner, Wilda Garry, Helen Williams, Bessie Coleman, Emma Turner, Marion Lynch, Ruby Ritz, Dorothy Pomfret, Eleanor Kabernick, Marion Marcotte, Florence Birtles, Grace Ewen, and Aline Ritz.

Projects undertaken were Armistice Day Teas and Bake Sales, with the sale of Veterans' Handicrafts from the Geriatric Centre in Regina, Fowl Suppers, Donations to Veterans' Comfort Fund and Bursary Fund, Scholarships to local Grade VIII students for general proficiency, furnishing and care of the Legion Clubroom, canvass for C.N.I.B., serving for Legion Rally banquets, catering for Golden Wedding Anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Joa, handling booths at Lockwood's Centennial Sports Day. Generous donations were made to the Community's Centennial Project, the Skating Rink, and to the Lockwood Sports Association.

A Ladies' Zone Bonspiel was held in Lockwood in 1966.

In 1967 elected officers were: President, Ethel Forner; 1st Vice-President, Marion Lynch; 2nd Vice-President, Emma Turner; Secretary, Jean Eichorst; Treasurer, Aline Ritz; Standard Bearer, Florence Birtles. There were ten members.

In April 25, 1991, the Ladies' Auxiliary gave up their charter.

Excerpt from Lockwood 1967 History Book; submitted by M. Doreen Riach; Secretary/Treasurer Nokomis Legion #290

LA RONGE BRANCH 371

The first meeting of the La Ronge Branch 371 was held on December 5, 1961 in the Department of Natural Resources building. On March 1, 1962, it was agreed to have a Charter Night on April 10th. The Branch had its charter officially passed on February 27, 1962. The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed on October 24, 1962, and Branch 371 was well underway.

The building has been upgraded from a Smoke Jumpers building to present-day with a capacity of one hundred and twenty people. The building is situated on the bank of Lac La Ronge, which gives a very scenic view of the lake. This makes the building a very popular place to hold conferences and meetings.

Over the years, Branch 371 has supported many community groups. The Branch fully supports the Air Cadet Squadron #889. Members volunteer for all fundraisers, and there is no paid staff. In the past, the Branch sponsored Air Shows for eleven years with great success. The Ladies' Auxiliary has also been very active in fundraising, holding Christmas parties, Bingos, etc.

There are approximately sixty-three members, to date. The Ladies' Auxiliary membership is approximately ten. The Branch is still very active in local fundraising events and in supporting the community.

"We Will Always Remember"

SIMPSON BRANCH 375

Simpson Branch 375 was formed in December 1966. The Charter began in January 1967. There were sixteen charter members. In November 1968, the village leased the town hall for $1.00 for 25 years. The building was renamed Simpson Legion Hall No. 375. In 1971, the Hotel closed. The Legion opened sixty-six Saturdays as a bar for the community. Proceeds went toward renovations.

The building was moved in 1978 across the street onto a new foundation. The total cost from 1969-1980 was approximately $30,000.00.

In 1983, picnic tables, horseshoe pits and barbeques were acquired. Also, a doctor came once per week to our hall with a total of 409 patients seen.

In 1986, the Cenotaph was dedicated on Remembrance Day. The Cenotaph is built from the native stone of the District. Three of our WWI headstones have been incorporated into the wall of the Cenotaph. A time capsule was also added and is to be opened on November 11th, 2036.

The Branch also has a pictorial gallery of over two hundred photographs of Veterans and service personnel from our area who served their country.

The Branch was very active in the Literary and Poster contest in the school. They helped support cadets from 553 Sherlock Squadron. Their participation in our Remembrance Day Services made the Veterans proud. They supported many groups with donations, such as the Veterans Affairs Hospital X-ray machine combined appeal, etc.

The Branch did many things to raise funds, from turkey shoots to bingos, barbeques, reverse draws, and old-time music nights. They held Santa Day for the children, and also had a Seniors drop-in centre.

On June 5th, 1987, Legion members participated at the Arrival of Prince Phillip for the dedication of a plaque to Canada Wildlife.

The community has enjoyed attending the Branch's pool and shuffleboard tournaments.

Veterans buried in Simpson are remembered with Maple Leaf Grave Markers. The Branch also takes care of the Veterans' grave markers.



In September of 2000, we bought a brick in memory of Juno Beach, France.

In July of 2001, Comrade President Fred McElree had the honor of presenting Comrade George Easton with the Peace Keeper's Medal in recognition of service in the U.N. Peace Core in Egypt on the Gaza Strip. The United Nations flag was also installed in 1995 in his honor.

The Simpson community has been a great support to the Branch in keeping the Legion going. The Branch members held many community events.

The school has closed and the community has lost many of its people. The Legion Hall was closed as of October 2006. Remembrance Day Service will be held at the community hall and Imperial Hospital. Once again, Lilly Ellams will place the Silver Cross Mother's Wreath. This will be her 40th year in doing so. We will close

At the end of 2006, Simpson Branch 375 turned in its charter, after hosting a Christmas Party for members and friends. At that time, they had 30 members: 2 Life members, 3 Ordinary members, 20 Associate members, 3 Affiliate voting members and 2 affiliate non-voting members.

All the Branch's archives are on display at the community hall. "Lest we Forget."

SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS IN 2006

INVERMAY BR. # 094 District 4 Zone 3
Chartered: 12 February 1927
Membership: 37
LA Opened: 08 Oct 52 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 05 April 2006

MILESTONE BR. # 289 District 1 Zone 2
Chartered: 29 May 1946
Membership: 21
LA Opened: 3 Mar 54 Closed: 12 Apr 2006
Closed: 12 April 2006

RENO BR. # 162 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 22 June 1931
Membership: 33
LA Opened: 29 Aug 31 Closed: 31 Jan 2001
Closed: 04 April 2006

SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS

ATWATER BR. # 003 District 4 Zone 1
Chartered: 16 October 1926
Membership: 15
Closed: 1935

BJORKDALE BR. # 008 District 5 Zone 1
Chartered: 8 February 1927
Membership: Unknown
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: 1966
Closed: 21 June 1976

CODERRE BR. # 022 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 23 October 1926
Membership: 7
LA Opened: 24 Apr 31 Closed: Jun 1980
Closed: 18 November 1992

KELFIELD BR. # 027 District 3 Zone 4
Chartered: 26 November 1926
Membership: Unknown
LA Opened: 1 Nov 27 Closed: 4 Jul 1967
Closed: January 1969

SALTCOATS BR. # 032 District 4 Zone 3
Chartered: 15 April 1927
Membership: 9
LA Opened: 12 Nov 29 Closed: 22 May 95
Closed: 2 June 1997

SENLAC BR. # 005 District 3 Zone 4
Chartered: 20 December 1926
Membership: 10
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: 2 Dec 1987
Closed: 30 November 1994

WASECA BR. # 014 District 6 Zone 2
Chartered: 5 November 1926
Membership: 8
LA Opened: 4 May 1928 Closed: Dec 1993
Closed: 14 March 1995

HAZENMORE BR. # 025 District 2 Zone 3
Chartered: 16 October 1926
Membership: Unknown
Closed: Unknown Records Lost

WESTASTA VALLEY BR. # 029 D 5 Zone 2
Chartered: 19 November 1926
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1933

SPRINGWATER BR. # 038 District 3 Zone 4
Chartered: 19 Oct 1926
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1926

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

PAYNTON BR. # 041 District 6 Zone 1
Chartered: 19 June 1926
Membership: 8
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: Dec 93
Closed: 01 January 2004

CEYLON-MINTON BR. # 046 D1 Z2
Chartered: 2 November 1926
Membership: 6
LA Opened: 27 Jun 47 Closed: Sep 96
Closed: 11 September 1996

BENGOUGH BR. # 053 D1 Zone 3
Chartered:15 December 1926
Membership: 9
LA Opened: 15 Dec 26 Closed: Dec 95
Closed: 7 May 1996

BULYEA BR. # 064 District 4 Zone 6
Chartered: 08 June 1948
Membership: 4
Closed: 1959

ENDEAVOUR BR. # 072 D5 Z1
Chartered: 29 November 1926
Membership: 4
LA Opened: 1 June 59 Closed: 1969
Closed: 29 December 1992

RIDGEDALE BR. # 080 D5 Z4
Chartered: 11 January 1927
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1927

READLYN BR. # 089 D 2 Zone 1
Chartered: 6 June 1927
Membership: 6
LA Opened: 17 Nov 55 Closed: 4 Jul 76
Closed: 1976

JUBILEE BR. # 095 (STRONGFIELD)
Chartered: 21 March 1927
Membership: 1
LA Opened: 24 Oct 40 Closed: 1972
Closed: April 1987

WAPELLA BR. # 043 District 1 Zone 3
Chartered: 9 October 1926
Membership: 7
LA Opened: 5 Nov 47 Closed: 1 Jan 2000
Closed: 01 May 2001

EASTEND BR. # 048 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 29 June 1928
Membership: 17
LA Opened: 2 Jun 44 Closed: 18 Dec 1991
Closed: 1 May 2001

MEOTA BR. # 058 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 20 December 1926
Membership: 4
LA Opened: 4 May 49 Closed: 1985
Closed: 18 Dec 1975

BANGOR BR. # 068 District 4 Zone 1
Chartered: 16 January 1927
Membership: 6
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: 19 June 1952
Closed: 16 August 1968

T.V.S. FORT SAN BR. # 074 D4 Z6
Chartered: 11 December 1926
Membership: 32
LA Opened: 4 Nov 53 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 30 September 1996

WOODROW BR. # 082 District 2 Zone 1
Chartered: 11 January 1927
Membership: Unknown
LA Opened: 27 Apr 44 Closed: 1972
Closed: 1974

LIMERICK BR. # 093 District 2 Zone 1
Chartered: 31 July 1946
Membership: 13
LA Opened: 30 Sep 54 Closed: 4 Jul 1974
Closed: 28 October 1974

ZEHNER BR. # 096 (PIAPOT RESERVE)
Chartered: 1930
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1930

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

CORNING BR. # 097 District 1 Zone 5
Chartered: 29 February 1928
Membership: 26
LA Opened: 16 Jan 52 Closed: Mar 1993
Closed: 31 December 1999

KENNEDY BR. # 102 District 1 Zone 3
Chartered: 2 May 1927
Membership: 18
LA Opened: 2 Jan 33 Closed: 1 Jan 2000
Closed: 30 November 2004

MARGO BR. # 104 District 4 Zone 4
Chartered: 18 May 1927
Membership: 9
LA Opened: 16 Feb 66 Closed: Oct 90
Closed: 10 January 1992

GEN. McNAUGHTON (BETHUNE) BR. # 107
District 7 Zone 1
Chartered: 19 July 1927
Membership: 9
Closed: 1944

CLIMAX BR. # 118 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 24 November 1928
Membership: 10
LA Opened: 20 Aug 46 Closed: 1969
Closed: 30 November 2001

MEYRONNE BR. # 123 D2 Zone 1
Chartered: 18 June 1929
Membership: Unknown
Closed: Unknown

FORT SAN BR. # 127 District 4 Z6
Chartered: 2 October 1929
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1934

GLIDDEN BR. # 134 District 3 Zone 3
Chartered: 21 March 1930
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1930

STRASBOUG BR. # 100 District 4 Zone 2
Chartered: 17 July 1953
Membership: 27
LA Opened: 14 May 40 Closed: 4 Jul 2000
Closed: 25 May 2001

FAIRHOLME BR. # 103 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 29 February 1928
Membership: 9
Closed: 5 January 1993

EYEBROW BR. # 105 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 19 June 1928
Membership: 7
Closed: 1976

GLASLYN BR. # 110 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 4 January 1928
Membership: 3
Closed: 1972

MERVIN BR. # 121 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 19 January 1929
Membership: 9
LA Opened: 21 Mar 30 Closed: Feb 1981
Closed: 4 January 1990

BRIGHT SAND BR. # 125 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 5 September 1929
Membership: 13
Closed: 1932

NETHERHILL BR. # 131 District 3 Zone 3
Chartered: 16 December 1930
Membership: 9
Closed: 1934

CABRI BR. # 141 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 19 June 1930
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1935

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

RUDDELL & DIST. BR. # 144 D6 Z1
Chartered: 20 August 1930
Membership: 3
Closed: August 1935

IMPERIAL VETERANS BR. # 147
(PRINCE ALBERT) District 5 Zone 5
Chartered: 15 October 1930
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1933

McCORD BR. # 150 District 2 Zone 1
Chartered: 23 February 1931
Membership: 4
Closed: 1949

ERNFOLD BR. # 153 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 10 March 1931
Membership: 12
Closed: 1968

CARROT RIVER VALLEY BR. # 156
(ARMLEY) District 5
Chartered: 8 April 1931
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1934

SOMME BR. # 160
Chartered: 1 June 1931
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1931

BATEMAN BR. # 163 District 2 Zone 1
Chartered: 14 August 1931
Membership: 5
LA Opened: 21 May 63 Closed: 22 May 99
Closed: 15 May 2002

COPEAU BR. # 166
Chartered: 17 October 1931
Membership: 19
Closed: 1948

MEGAN BR. # 163
Chartered: 20 November 1931
Membership: Unknown
LA Opened: 23 Jan 33 Closed: Unknown
Closed: Unknown

CRANE VALLEY BR. # 145 District 2 Zone1
Chartered: 24 September 1930
Membership: 22
Closed: 1933

DEBDEN BR. # 149 District 6 Zone 4
Chartered: 23 February 1931
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1934

SPRUCE LAKE BR. # 152 District 6 Zone3
Chartered: 10 March 1931
Membership: 10
Closed: 24 May 1996

FAIRLIGHT BR. # 154 District 1 Zone 4
Chartered: 10 March 1931
Membership: 19
LA Opened: 25 Aug 47 Closed: Jan 1992
Closed: 25 May 2001

LESTOCK BR. # 158 District 4 Zone 2
Chartered: 8 April 1931
Membership: 9
Closed: 02 December 1981

FIR MOUNTAIN BR. # 161 District 2 Zone 1
Chartered: 30 May 1033
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1933

REMOUNT BR. # 164 (PARKPEG) D 2 Z 4
Chartered: 17 August 1931
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1934

QU' APPELLE BR. # 167 District 4 Zone 6
Chartered: 19 October 1931
Membership: 1
Closed: January 1973

GAINSBOROUGH BR. # 170 District 1 Zone 1
17 December 1931
Membership: 13
LA Opened: 12 Sep 34 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 31 January 2002

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

RAYMORE BR. # 171 District 4 Zone 2
Chartered: 17 December 1931
Membership: 32
LA Opened: 15 Nov 32 Closed: 31 Dec 78
Closed: 11 February 1997

GRAVELBOURG BR. # 173 D2 Z1
Chartered: 22 December 1931
Membership: 16
LA Opened: 18 Jan 32 Closed: 1 Sep 2005
Closed: 1 September 2005

MAYMONT BR. # 176 District 6 Zone 1
Chartered: 25 April 1932
Membership: 14
LA Opened: 6 Feb 34 Closed: 31 Dec 2002
Closed: 31 December 2002

CHOICELAND BR. # 181 District 5 Z4
Chartered: 24 October 1932
Membership: 36

Closed: 26 June 1951

VANGUARD BR. # 189 District 2 Zone 3
Chartered: 28 July 1933
Membership: 16
LA Opened: 19 Sep 47 Closed: 1994
Closed: 4 July 1995

AYLSHAM BR. # 191 District 5 Zone 4
Chartered: 7 December 1933
Membership: 17
LA Opened: 16 May 34 Closed: May 76
Closed: 25 February 1980

THREE TOWNS BR. # 194 D1 Z1
(NOTTINGHAM)
Chartered: 17 July 1934
Changed to: STORTHOAKS
25 August 1952 Membership: 25
Closed: 10 January 1997

LANDIS BR. # 198 District 3 Zone 4
Chartered: 20 March 1935
Membership: 13
LA Opened: 13 Feb 45 Closed: Mar 2000
Closed: 25 May 2001

LESLIE BR. # 172 District 4 Zone 5
Chartered: 28 December 1931
Membership: 16
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: 31 Dec 2002
Closed: 31 December 2002

RABBIT LAKE BR. # 175 District 6 Zone 4
Chartered: 15 February 1932
Membership: 1
LA Opened: 15 Oct 41 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 7 May 1984

MEDSTEAD BR. # 179 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 25 July 1932
Membership: 4
Closed: 1979

RIDGEDALE BR. # 185 District 5 Zone 4
Chartered: 23 March 1933
Membership: 8
LA Opened: 23 Mar 33 Closed: Dec 72
Closed:21 April 1976

MILDRED BR. # 190 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 7 December 1933
Membership: 10
Closed: 1961

HILLMOND BR. # 193 District 6 Zone 2
Chartered: 16 May 1934
Membership: 5
Closed: 2 November 1953

BORDEN BR. # 197 District 3 Zone 5
Chartered: 4 March 1935
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1967

LUELLA-DENTON (GARRICK) BR. # 199 D5 Z3
Chartered: 10 December 1935
Membership: 27
LA Opened: 7 Jul 39 Closed: 22 May 1999
Closed: 17 February 2003

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

NORTH OF THE TORCH BR. # 207
(RIVERS END) District 5 Zone 3
Chartered: 2 November 1936
Membership: 10
Closed: 7 August 1950

GOLDFIELDS BR. # 211
Chartered: 19 February 1937
Membership: Unknown
Closed: Unknown

GLENAVON BR. # 215 District 1 Z5
Chartered: 10 February 1938
Membership: 10
Closed: 1958

PENNANT BR. # 223 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 9 February 1940
Membership: 4
LA Opened: 19 Nov 48 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 25 May 2001

LEADER BR. # 228 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 12 August 1940
Membership: 30
Closed: 4 June 1951

DAFOE BR. # 230 District 4 Zone 2
Chartered: 3 June 1942
Membership: 19
Closed: 7 May 1984

ORKNEY BR. # 232 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 27 June 1944
Membership: 4
LA Opened: 7 Jul 45 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 1955

MIDALE BR. # 238 District 1 Zone 2
Chartered: 13 June 1945
Membership: 9
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: 1 Jan 2000
Closed: 31 December 2000

HEARNE BR. # 208 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 03 November 1936
Membership: 7
Closed: 1948

LEOVILLE BR. # 212 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 8 June 1937
Membership: 2
LA Opened: 8 Jan 58 Closed: 22 May 95
Closed: 5 May 2000

MESKANAW BR. # 220 District 5 Zone 3
Chartered: 25 November 1939
Membership: 5
LA Opened: 22 May 50 Closed: 1968
Closed: December 1987

MEATH PARK BR. # 225 District 5 Zone 5
Changed to WEIRDALE 21 October 1968
Chartered: 30 April 1940
Membership: 7
Closed: 7 May 1996

MATHEWSON BR. # 229 District 1 Zone 1
Chartered: 27 December 1940
Membership: 10
Closed: 7 May 1959

VICEROY BR. # 231 District 2 Zone 1
Chartered: 17 May 1944
Membership: 3
LA Opened: 7 Jul 45 Closed: Oct 1983
Closed: November 1994

WILCOX BR. # 235 District 1 Zone 3
Chartered: 26 January 1945
Membership: 1
Closed: 16 January 1987

MacDOWALL BR. # 241 District 5 Zone 4
Chartered: 3 August 1945
Membership: 31
Closed: 31 December 2003

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

SUTTON BR. # 242 (MAZENOD) D2Z1
Chartered: 20 August 1945
Membership: 7
Closed: 13 November 1948

KEATLEY BR. # 243 District 6 Zone 1
Chartered: 20 August 1945
Membership: 13
Closed: 1974

WHITE FOX BR. # 244 District 5 Z3
Chartered: 11 September 1945
Membership: 13
LA Opened: 1945 Closed: Dec 1995
Closed: 3 September 2003

ST. BRIEUX BR. # 245 District 5 Zone 3
Chartered: 26 September 1945
Membership: 9
Closed: 1953

LANGHAM BR. # 247 District 3 Z6
Chartered: 13 July 1946
Membership: 23
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: Dec 95
Closed: 16 June 1997

MACKLIN BR. # 252 District 3 Zone 4
Chartered: 31 December 1945
Membership: 14
LA Opened: 12 Sep 47 Closed: Jan 1990
Closed: 31 December 2002

BIRSAY BR. # 253 District 3 Zone 2
Chartered: 7 February 1946
Membership: 8
Closed: 1 December 1992

DILKIE BR. # 254 District 3 Zone 1
Chartered: 7 February 1946
Membership: 3
LA Opened: 29 Jan 47 Closed: 1968
Closed: 26 November 1968

FIELDING BR. # 256 District 3 Z5
Chartered: 8 February 1946
Membership: 2
Closed: 1964

GOVAN BR. # 257 District 4 Zone 2
Chartered: 8 February 1946
Membership: 30
LA Opened: 14 Feb 51 Closed: 9 Nov 2000
Closed: 25 May 2001

HERBERT BR. # 259 District 2 Z4
Chartered: 14 January 1946
Membership: 18
Closed: June 1952

IMPERIAL BR. # 260 District 3 Zone 1
Chartered: 8 February 1946
Membership: 34
LA Opened: 18 Aug 48 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 31 December 1999

LIBERTY BR. # 261 District 3 Zone 1
Chartered: 8 February 1946
Membership: 12
LA Opened: Dec 83 Closed: 18 Dec 91
Closed: 8 February 1994

SPY HILL BR. # 263 District 4 Zone 1
Chartered: 8 February 1946
Membership: 10
LA Opened: 6 Jun 46 Closed: 18 Jul 89
Closed: 18 July 1989

MILDEN BR. # 269 District 3 Zone 2
Chartered: 25 February 1946
Membership: 15
LA Opened: 5 Apr 55 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 31 December 1998

NEUDORF BR. # 270 District 4 Zone 1
Chartered: 26 February 1946
Membership: 4
LA Opened: 16 Mar 53 Closed: 29 Nov 65
Closed: 29 August 1983

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

ARCHERWILL BR. # 273 D 5 Z 2
Chartered: 4 April 1946
Membership: 12
Closed: 31 October 1995

BRIERCREST BR. # 274 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 4 April 1946
Membership: 7
Closed: 1953

CODETTE BR. # 275 District 5 Zone 3
Chartered: 4 April 1946
Membership: 21
LA Opened: 28 May 46 Closed: 29 Mar 00
Closed: 1 July 2003

DUBUC BR. # 277 District 4 Zone 1
Chartered: 4 April 1946
Membership: 9
LA Opened: 25 Jan 66 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 17 March 1995

McLEAN BR. # 278 District 7 Zone 1
Chartered: 4 April 1946
Membership: 5
Closed: June 1990

STENEN BR. # 280 District 4 Zone 4
Chartered: 4 April 1946
Membership: 12
Closed: December 1951

TVS BR. # 281 (P.A.) District 5 Z 5
Chartered: 20 May 1946
Membership: 5
Closed: 21 December 1995

STALWART BR. # 282 District 3 Zone 1
Chartered: 20 May 1946
Membership: 14
Closed: 1951

AVONHURST BR. # 283 D 7 Z 1
Chartered: 29 May 1946
Membership: 1
Closed: November 1966

ABERDEEN BR. # 284 District 3 Zone 6
Chartered: 29 May 1946
Membership: 19
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: Nov 84
Closed: 29 May 1992

CARIEVALE BR. # 285 D 1 Z 1
Chartered: 29 May 1946
Membership: 25
LA Opened: 25 Jun 54 Closed: 22 May 99
Closed: 31 December 2000

TYVAN BR. # 286 District 1 Zone 3
Chartered: 29 May 1946
Membership: 7
Closed: 7 May 1959

FOREST GATE BR. # 288 D 5 Z 5
Chartered: 29 May 1946
Membership: 3
LA Opened: 19 Jun 46 Closed: Unknown
Closed: October 1966

CLAYDON BR. # 294 District 2 Zone 2
Chartered: 6 June 1946
Membership: 8
Closed: May 1949

CADILLAC BR. # 296 District 2 Z 3
Chartered: 18 June 1946
Membership: 1
LA Opened: 13 Mar 77 Closed: 22 May 99
Closed: 16 August 2001

BREDENBURY BR. # 298 District 4 Zone 3
Chartered: 30 July 1946
Membership: 9
LA Opened: 16 Feb 48 Closed: Jan 96
Closed: 9 December 1996

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

STURGIS BR. # 302 District 5 Zone 1
Chartered: 20 Aug 1946
Membership: 27
Closed: 4 November 2003

RADISSON BR. # 307 District 6 Zone 1
Chartered: 15 October 1946
Membership: 3
Closed: February 1975

CHAPLIN BR. # 310 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 30 October 1946
Membership: 12
LA Opened: 9 Apr 51 Closed: 21 May 01
Closed: 21 May 2001

MULLINGER BR. # 312 District 6 Z 1
Chartered: 8 November 1946
Membership: 19
Closed: 1948

CHAMBERLAIN BR. # 314 D 3 Z 1
Chartered: 25 November 1946
Membership: 10
Closed: 17 April 1957

CUMBERLAND HOUSE BR. # 316
District 5 Zone 4
Chartered: 3 December 1946
Membership: 1
LA Opened: 20 Mar 67 Closed: 1982
Closed: June 1984

WOOD MOUNTAIN BR. # 318 D2 Z1
Chartered: 12 December 1946
Membership:12
Closed: October 1949

TANTALLON BR. # 321 District 1 Z4
Chartered: 20 January 1947
Membership: 3
LA Opened: 20 Jan 47 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 4 June 1990

JANSEN BR. # 303 District 4 Zone 5
Chartered: 6 September 1946
Membership: 5
Closed: 31 July 1959

LEROY BR. # 309 District 4 Zone 5
Chartered: 25 October 1946
Membership: 10
LA Opened: 17 Feb 47 Closed: 30 Nov 2001
Closed: 30 November 2001

BADGERVILLE BR. # 311 District 4 Zone 4
(PELLY INDIAN RESERVE)
Chartered: 30 October 1946
Membership: 15
Closed: 1973

BLADWORTH BR. # 313 District 3 Zone 1
Chartered: 14 November 1946
Membership: 1
LA Opened: 1948 Closed: 1964
Closed: July 1969

LONE ROCK BR. # 315 District 6 Zone 2
Chartered: 2 December 1946
Membership: 7
LA Opened: 8 Nov 48 Closed: 18 Dec 91
Closed: March 1993

LORLIE BR. # 317 District 4 Zone 1
Changed to FILE HILLS 21 May 1963
Chartered: 9 December 1946
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1966

MORSE BR. # 320 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 20 January 1947
Membership: 3
Closed: 1956

MARYFIELD BR. # 322 District 1 Zone 3
Chartered: 31 January 1947
Membership: 11
LA Opened: 31 Jan 47 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 31 December 2002

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

TOGO BR. # 323 District 4 Zone 4
Chartered: 22 May 1950
Membership: 12
LA Opened: 28 Jun 51 Closed: Dec 95
Closed: 1 December 1995

TRUAX BR. # 329 District 1 Zone 3
Chartered: 11 April 1947
Membership: 7
Closed: 1955

MADDISON BR. # 332 District 3 Z 3
Chartered: 14 July 1947
Membership: 12
LA Opened: 5 Jul 48 Closed: 1 Nov 89
Closed: November 1989

RIVERHURST BR. # 335 D 2 Z 4
Chartered:6 August 1947
Membership: 11
LA Opened: 1 Oct 69 Closed: Oct 84
Closed: 15 February 1994

MAKAW BR. # 337 District 6 Zone 3
Chartered: 16 September 1947
Membership: 4
Closed: 1955

PARKSIDE BR. # 339 D 6 Z 4
Chartered: 5 November 1947
Membership: 10
Closed: 28 November 1951

FROBISHER BR. # 343 D 1 Z 1
Chartered: 12 January 1948
Membership: 19
LA Opened: Unknown Closed: 31 Dec 02
Closed: 31 December 2002

SMOKY BURN BR. # 352 D 5 Z 4
(CARROT RIVER)
Chartered: 30 May 1949
Membership: 6
Closed: 10 February 1984

BROMHEAD BR. # 327 District 1 Zone 2
Chartered: 18 March 1947
Membership: 11
Closed: January 1990

MIDDLE LAKE BR. # 331 District 5 Zone 2
Chartered: 23 June 1947
Membership: 4
Closed: May 1953

MINTON BR. # 334 District 1 Zone 2
Chartered: 25 July 1947
Membership: 5
Closed: September 1982

WAUCHOPE BR. # 336 District 1 Zone 1
Chartered: 19 August 1947
Membership: Unknown
Closed: 1951

FREEMONT BR. # 338
Chartered: 6 October 1947
Membership: Unknown
LA Opened: 15 Apr 50 Closed: 30 Aug 52
Closed: 12 March 1953

NEW OSGOODE BR. # 340 District 5 Zone 4
Chartered: 10 December 1947
Membership: 9
LA Opened: 16 Mar 49 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 1955

SOUTHEY BR. # 350 District 4 Zone 4
Chartered: 19 November 1948
Membership: 5
LA Opened: 8 Jul 49 Closed: 1 Jan 2000
Closed: 31 December 2002

TUGASKE BR. # 353 District 2 Zone 4
Chartered: 18 June 1949
Membership: 4
Closed: 12 May 1992

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SASKATCHEWAN COMMAND BRANCHES THAT HAVE SURRENDERED THEIR CHARTERS *(Cont'd...)*

MARSDEN BR. # 354 District 6 Z 2
Chartered: 28 March 1950
Membership: 20
LA Opened: 7 Oct 53 Closed: 22 May 99
Closed: 31 December 1998

ROCKGLEN BR. # 359 D2 Z 1
Chartered: 9 January 1953
Membership: 2
Closed: December 1985

KANDAHAR BR. # 363 D 4 Z 5
Chartered: 30 April 1955
Membership: 14
Closed: 20 April 1987

HUNTDALE BR. # 366 District 5 Z 4
Chartered: 1 January 1956
Membership: 12
Closed: 1960

LOCKWOOD BR. # 368 District 4 Z 2
Chartered: 22 January 1957
Membership: 12
LA Opened: 4 Feb 58 Closed: 25 Apr 91
Closed: 25 April 1991

LACADENA BR. # 370 District 3 Z 3
Chartered: 21 May 1958
Membership: 6
Closed: May 1996

SIMMIE BR. # 373 District 2 Zone 3
Chartered: 4 July 1962
Membership: 3
LA Opened: 21 Mar 63 Closed: Unknown
Closed: 7 May 1984

LAST OAK BR. # 376 District 1 Zone 5
(BROADVIEW)
Chartered: 8 June 1968
Membership: 21
Closed: 1970

GOODEVE BR. # 357 District 4 Zone 1
Chartered: 16 January 1952
Membership: 8
Closed: 17 April 1957

BRACEPATH BR. # 360 District 5 Zone 5
Chartered: 10 April 1953
Membership: 21
Closed: April 1992

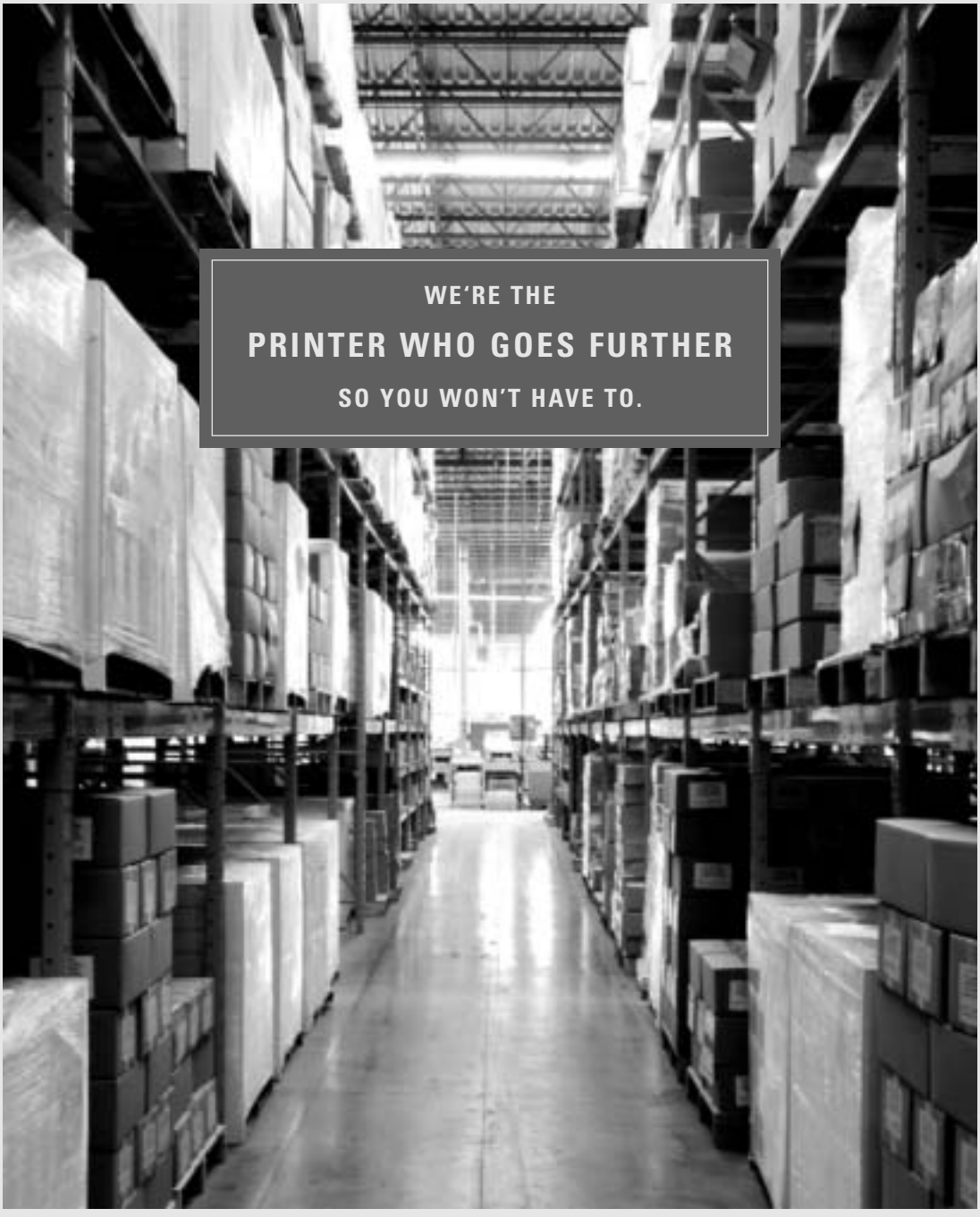
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Chartered: 4 August 1955
Membership: 7
Closed: 1957

URANIUM CITY & DIST. BR. # 367 D 6 Z 3
Chartered: 9 July 1956
Membership: 283
LA Opened: 17 Apr 57 Closed: Unknown
Closed: July 1983

ADMIRAL BR. # 369 District 2 Zone 3
Chartered: 20 March 1958
Membership: 23
Closed: 15 August 1985

ALSASK BR. # 372 District 3 Zone 3
Chartered: 29 March 1962
Membership: 2
Closed: 13 November 1967

ST. LOUIS BR. # 374 District 5 Zone 5
Chartered: 21 May 1963
Membership: 17
Closed: 1968



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It is the veteran, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the veteran, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the veteran, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the veteran, not the politician,
who has given us the right to vote.

It is the veteran, who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag,
Whose coffin is draped by the Flag.

We will remember them.

