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**LEGION HELPS DISABLED** — Four wheelchairs for the city and district disabled will be placed in the city's two shopping malls, as a result of the Royal Canadian Legion's \$1,200 donation to the Grande Prairie Action

Group for the Disabled Friday. Legion bingo committee chairman **Bud Stewart** (left) presents the cheque to group co-ordinator **Pat Danforth**. At right is committee member **Bill Evans**.



**LEGION CHEQUE HELPS HOSPITAL** — Grande Prairie General Hospital treasurer Ray Joberty (left) accepts a cheque from Royal Canadian Legion bingo committee chairmen Bill Evans and Bud Stewart Friday

— a \$600 cheque to be used in purchasing two new wheelchairs for Swan Haven Nursing Home. It is the second presentation by the Legion in as many weeks to provide wheelchairs for the disabled.

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**DISHWASHER FOR PEACE SCHOOL** — Proceeds from the Royal Canadian Legion's regular bingo games have been used to purchase this dishwasher for the Peace School of Hope dormitory. Legion bingo committee chairman Bud Stewart presented the appliance to dorm housewife Alice Warner yesterday.

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## *For new equipment*

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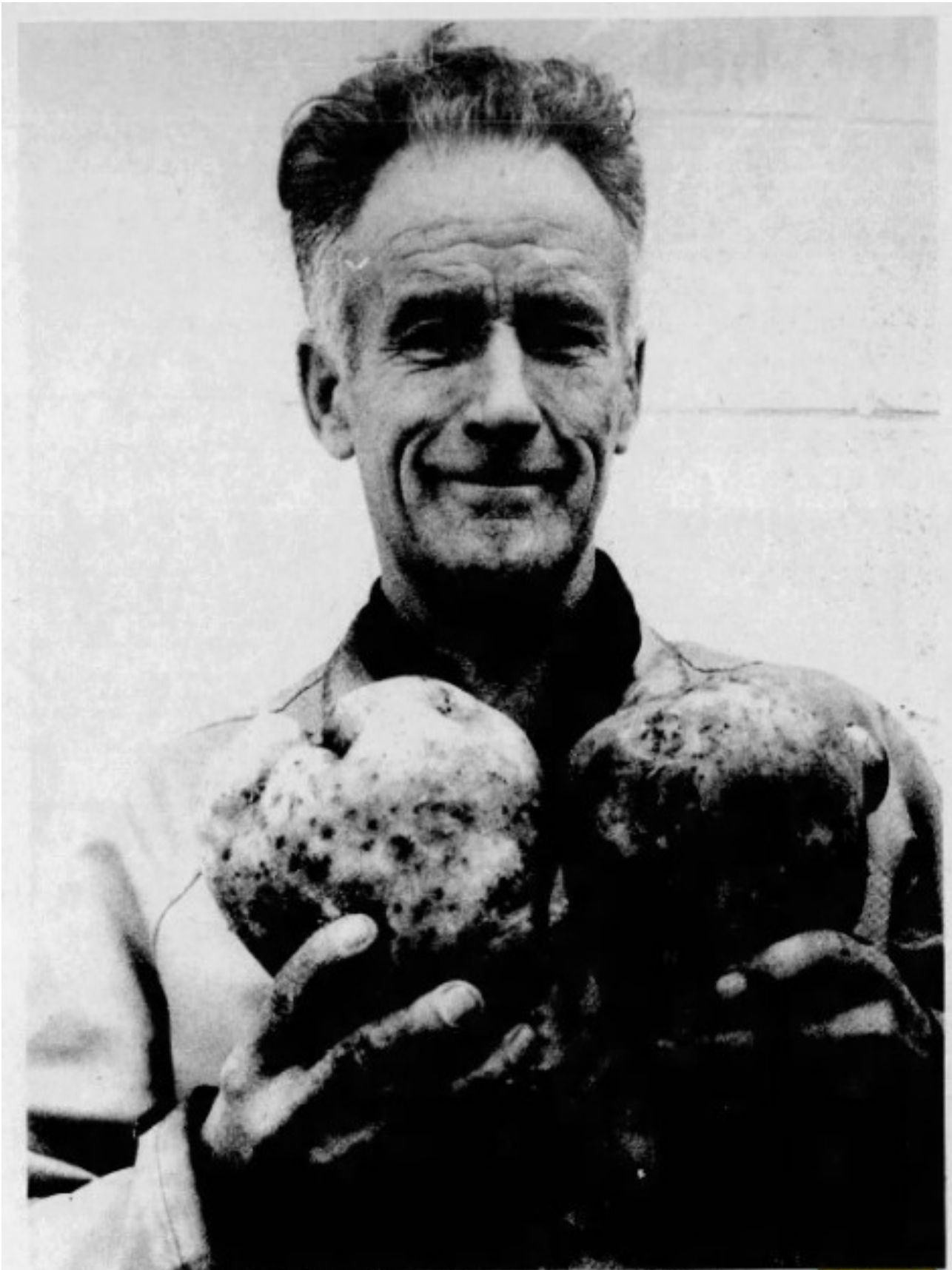
Grande Prairie General Hospital will have a portable cardioscope and defibrillator, courtesy of the local Royal Canadian Legion. Bingo committee chairman **Bud Stewart** (left) and executive member Bill Evans presented a cheque yesterday to hospital administrator Ken Fox. Money for the unit—\$3,500—was raised through the Legion's regular bingo games. The unit, equipped with an electrocardiogram (EEG) recorder, is the first portable unit for the hospital, and is used for quick monitoring of a patient with cardiac (heart) distress.



# *Engagements*

## **STEWART-WINTER**

Mrs. & Mrs. George (Bud) Stewart are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen to Joe Winter, son of Mr. Joseph Winter and Mrs. Marguerite Winter of Olds, Alberta. Wedding to take place July 30, 1977.



***Massive spuds***

At a combined weight of 5½ pounds these two potatoes Bud Stewart of 9655 - Hillcrest Drive in the city is holding are a meal in themselves. The two giant spuds came out of Mr. Stewart's garden last week.



### *Grande Prairie Legion executives*

The new Grande Prairie Legion executive was installed recently. Members of the executive include (sitting left to right in top photo) W.J.M. Kennedy, Bob Kennedy, Edger Jebb, Colin Campbell (president), Grace Craig, Vi Dryer. Directors are standing (left to right) Rudi Priegert, ~~Rele Hodgson~~, Phil Briard, Monty Smith, **Bud Stewart**, James Walker, and Jim Wood. Missing are Al Hughes and past president Gus Cooper. Also installed

recently was the executive of the Grande Prairie Legion's auxiliary. Officers for 81-82 include (sitting left to right in bottom photo) Jean Dunn, Blanche Forgan, Audrey Cook (past president), Hazel Wood (president), Noella Hillerud, and Vera Kennedy. Standing behind are directors Jackie Rach, Ruth Kennedy, Jean Sasa, Freda Jebb, Bella Hunt, Sylvia Farus, and Sgt.-at-Arms Hilda Ireland.





## Legion leaders ▲

The Grande Prairie Legion's new executive gathered Friday for installation ceremonies. Members of the executive are: (front, l-r) Donna Tate, treasurer; Mac Kennedy, service officer; Colin Campbell, first vice-president; Pete Hodgson, second vice-president; Keith Bennett, president; Jack Savage, past-president; Judy Gillies, secretary, and (back row, l-r) Barney Tangen and Sud Stewart, one-year directors; Harold Anderson, public relations and special events; Joe Sask, entertainment chairman; Jim Wood, cadets; John Perkins, sports, and Doug Stark, sergeant-at-arms.

## Members honored ▶

Honored with life memberships to Legion Branch 54 for their services and dedication to the Legion and its work were four long-time members — Charles Borgeson (left) and Mac Kennedy flank Legion Ladies Auxiliary member Laurette Gauvreau, who displays the framed document of life membership. Unable to attend the ceremonies was newly-named life member Ernie White.





Long-time volunteers with the Heart Fund campaign received certificates of appreciation recently. Area campaign co-ordinator Vivian Hunik (far left) and Heart Foundation northern regional manager Denise Ryan (right) present the certificates to (l-r): Laura Partlow, Margaret Toews, Sheila Listoe and Joan Campbell. Other recipients not in the photo: Anne Green, Dorothy Mier, Carol Wilson, Elaine Flett, Ruth Black, Neda Michalchuk, Donna Winterburn, Bud Stewart, Vera Klettke and Nelle Chledowski, all of Grande Prairie, plus Hazel Forshaug of LaGlance and Dorothy Martin of Clairmont.

# **Residents like the signs of the time**

## **Herald-Tribune staff**

Several city residents learned you can fight city hall after a small petition stopped no parking signs from coming down on Hillcrest Drive.

At last night's city council meeting, George "Bud" Stewart delivered the petition of seven or eight names to aldermen.

On the agenda were recommendations from the traffic/parking advisory committee to deal with on-street parking near the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital.

Included was a proposal to remove the existing no parking signs on the north side of Hillcrest Drive between 96 and 96 A streets. N

"We request you do not take down the no parking signs on the north side of Hillcrest Dr. under any conditions," said Stewart's petition, signed by area residents.

They felt if parking was allowed on both sides it would be a detriment and restrict access to residences by emergency vehicles such as ambulances.

"They would have quite a job getting through," read Stewart, seeing in that scenario a potential for disaster.

Alderman Helen Rice asked council to table the motion and send it back to the traffic/parking committee for reconsideration in view of the information received.

The proposal would also bring down the no parking signs on the east and west sides of 96 A St. between Hillcrest Dr. and the lane north of the drive; have no parking signs installed in the cul-de-sac north of Hillcrest Dr.; and reduce the no parking area on the west side of 96A St. south of 107 Ave. to allow parking between the lane and cul-de-sac.

# Legion members honored...

**Grande Prairie Legion Branch 54** held awards ceremonies April 29. A story concerning the winners of the two top awards appears in this Lifestyles section, and many other Legion members were also honored. Life memberships were awarded to those members who have given outstanding service and devotion to the Legion: **Vic Wiegel, Hank Winterford, Bill Sask, Jack Savage and Bud Stewart** were awarded the life memberships, as were Ladies Auxiliary members **Cathy Golding, Audrey Cook and Kay Krog**. Awarded 45-year service medals were **Al Cootes, Jack Jones, John Didow and Ron Reid**, while **Ella Demaine, Agnes Lessoway and Julie Haiste** were presented 35-year service medals. The local detachment of the RCMP was presented with a Friendship Award for their past assistance in Legion activities.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY 1989



Helen Parks



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Don Holler  
RCAP



Bud Stewart



Clarence Hardie  
RCAP



Ted Helms



Chris Thomson  
LOR



John Hychlik  
Polish Army



Harry & Mrs. Monkman and child



Gabriel Bary  
French Army



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28th Battalion

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## Bezanson School Reunion

# One-room school remembered

By LEIF SOLLID  
Herald-Tribune staff

BEZANSON — Forty-nine long years had passed since eight-year-old Dorothy Mitchell waved goodbye to her departing Grade 2 school teacher, Miss Martha Knechtel.

Saturday, that huge gap in years was forgotten in an instant when the former student and teacher were reunited at the Old Bezanson School reunion, 32 kilometres east of Grande Prairie.

"I recognized Dorothy right away," teased Miss Knechtel, now Martha Tofer, 70, of Grande Prairie. "She was a cute little kid then, and she still is."

"I am so happy to see her," responded Mitchell, now Dorothy Baker, 57, of Edmonton. "I never thought I would see her again."

For Baker and Tofer, and dozens of other Old Bezanson School alumni, the weekend celebration marked the first time in almost half a century that many had seen each other. For some it was even longer.

"I haven't seen her since she left here in 1929," marvelled Bud Stewart, 71, of former teacher Martha Gudlaugson, 83. "But I knew her as soon as I saw her."

"I recognized her when they brought her in the door here," he added of Gudlaugson, who is confined to a wheelchair. "She hasn't changed that much. She is a little stouter, but her face is pretty much the same."

More than 110 people from across Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan — including one woman from California — came for the reunion, said organizer Polly Patterson, herself a student from 1929-1937.

The participants came back to remember their old one-room wooden school and the friendships they shared. The school, which operated from 1915 to 1951, no longer stands today.

After being replaced by a larger, more modern facility, it was hauled from its site not far from the banks of the Smoky River and turned into a farmhouse. It was later destroyed by fire, Patterson said.

While the school has long since disappeared, its importance to the community and the values it embodied have never been forgotten. Values like hard work, obedience,



Staff Photo by Leif Sollid

Six of the 35 original teachers that taught at the Old Bezanson School were reunited at the school's first reunion since it closed in 1951. The include Marie Ames (back row, left) Vera Rollings, Martha Tofer, Phyllis Stewart, Jean Kimble and Martha Callister (front).

discipline, co-operation and sharing.

Martha Tofer taught at the school only one year, 1940-41. The following year she married Ed Tofer and settled on a farm north-west of Grande Prairie.

It was quite a challenge for the 20-year-old teacher. Armed with only one year of teacher training, she was suddenly responsible for educating 19 children from Grades 1 to 9.

"I guess it was tough, but I had also went to a one-room school so it was a familiar situation," she recalled during an interview at the Bezanson Hall prior to dinner Saturday night.

Baker, a retired dental nurse and mother of three, had high praise for her former teacher, whom she still glowingly refers to as "Miss Knechtel."

"She was very good and very kind," she said, blushing faintly as Tofer, a kindly woman with a gentle smile, looked on from across the table. "What she said was law. When I grew up you respected your teacher."

"I can remember her as a little girl," added Tofer of her former student. "She was one of my favorites. She was a very good little girl. She always did exactly what she was told."

Martha Callister, who taught at the old Bezanson School from 1928-1929 and is now retired in Port Alberni, B.C., said teaching in a one-room school was an enormous amount of work.

Each day lessons had to be prepared for all age groups, classes taught, and assignments corrected. The heavy workload meant that teachers were "never ever finished

with their work. You could work and all night and you would still never be done."

The pay was not great, even in those days. Callister earned \$750 a year.

"It wasn't good money. You paid \$25 a month for room and board," she said, noting board expenses amounted to nearly half her annual income. "You sure didn't save anything."

Patterson said this was the first reunion ever held for alumni of the old school. She said organizers were anxious to hold a reunion before it became too late for the more senior alumni to attend.

"I guess we were just so busy raising our family that we never thought about it," organizer Ann Bullford explained of the 49-year wait.

## **SASS, Dorothy (Stewart-Braund)**

On Thursday, December 9, 1993, our beloved mother, Dorothy Sass, passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 79 years.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Stephen; son, Eric (Darlyne) Stewart of Tsawwassen, B.C. and children, Sarah and Keith; along with daughter, Gwen (Joe) Winter of Edmonton and children, Lindsay and Carla. Also surviving are sisters, Margaret (Paul) Nielson of Edmonton and Alice (Steve) Kowalchuk of Quadra Island, B.C. Predeceased by her brother, Wilf Braund and her sister, Anne Bradley.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, December 13, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at Gateway Christian Church, 7625 89 Street, Edmonton. Pastor John Howard will officiate and interment will take place in the Westlawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 10985 124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 0H9. **Foster and McGarvey Limited. Funeral Directors and Licensed Crematorium. 428-6666.**





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#### VOLUNTEERS

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# Last Nov. 11 of the 1900s

## Large crowd turns out for Remembrance Day ceremonies

BILL LAYE

Herald-Tribune staff

Grande Prairie's war veterans say they're pleased with the number of people who turned out to remember Thursday.

More than 400 people crowded the Jubilee Park cenotaph site and later jammed into the Royal Canadian Legion hall to mark the last Remembrance Day of the century.

"We had a nice crowd today," John Kennedy, 80, who served with the 3rd Anti-tank Regiment in Europe, said after the service, adding he appreciated seeing everyone.

"I'm glad to see so many people out for this today," agreed Don Marlock, 77.

"It shows that they're thinking of the comrades that didn't come back," said the Mediterranean theatre mechanical engineers (RCEME) veteran.

Also encouraged was 77-year-old tank driver Fred Dobblyn.

"Now the younger people seem to have a feeling for remembrance," he said, adding he understands people these days have a hard time remembering a war that happened more than half a century ago.

"When you get 50 years since you were discharged, that's a long time," he said.

But the bagpipe for the day, who was born about four years after the war ended, says he never fails to be moved when he plays for the veterans on Nov. 11.

"You've got to remember all those guys who died," said Dave Curtis, 50, as he warmed up his pipes before the service.

"It's a very moving time. Deep down inside I feel sorrow."

After the ceremonial wreath-laying ceremony at the cenotaph, the otherwise quiet crowd applauded as the Legion colour guard marched back for the memorial service.

In his sermon, Pastor Paul Juss of Grande Prairie's Victory Church on the Rock thanked and lauded the veterans for their service.

But the battle isn't over, he said.

He urged people to pray for those in Canadian governments, because a spiritual war is still raging in our community.

"(But) God is not done with Canada yet," he said.

A Legion veteran was taken to hospital with chest pains during the memorial service, but as of Thursday night was reported resting comfortably.

### Kloster honoured

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Grande Prairie's city manager has received international recognition for his work in municipal government.

The International City/County Management Association has honoured Deryl Kloster for his 21-year involvement in municipal government work.

Kloster received a congratulatory handshake in city council chambers this week from Mayor Gord Graydon after surprising him with the news.

"It was a total shock to me," said Kloster later. In an Oct. 8 letter from Washington, D.C., association executive-director Bill Hansell writes of Kloster's years of dedication to public service as "truly a credit to our profession."

Kloster has been the city manager for 3 1/2 years. Prior to that, he had served with the City of Airdrie for 18 years at the senior management level.

"It's been very rewarding," Kloster says, adding he has no plans to retire yet.



KLOSTER

BILL LAYE

Herald-Tribune staff

Second World War veteran Margaret Toews remembers the day she was processing the day's casualty lists as part of her job and her brother's name came up.

"I saw the casualty list come through for the missing and my brother was missing," she said.

Toews, now in her 70s, was working in Ottawa at the time and it is still taken aback when asked about that dark day.

day.

"It was a very sad day. He was my only brother," she said.

Her brother Bob's body was eventually found and buried in a Canadian war cemetery Holland.

"It's just something you always remember," she said quietly.

The third infantry veteran Frank Kishi remembers most is being a scared kid.

"I was too damn young," said Kishi, 74, who joined

the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at 16 and was marching through Italy by the time he was 18.

"I guess I probably didn't like the farm," he said of why he joined.

But the adventure soon turned to horror and he says seeing all that death haunts him "just about every night."

"You never forget."

Fellow infantryman Lewis Johnston, 75, remembers his hometown friend Ken.

"I was alongside of him when he was killed," he said.

Bud Stewart, 80, who drove "anything they'd give me" in the Service Corps during the war remembers his close friend Hector from St. Albert.

"We were together all the time until D-Day, then (Hector) was wounded on D-Day and I lost track of him," he said.

He also remembers one testy time on the German border when artillery flew over his unit all night.

"We heard the shells going over and you'd wonder if it was your turn next," he said.

"It was scary, but you were hardened into it."

Don Marlock recalls the danger and his comrades who faced it daily recovering equipment from the, often still-active, battlefield.

"They'd go out when it was pretty rough going and think nothing of it - just something that had to be done," said the 77-year-old Mediterranean theatre veteran, who served with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) on a recovery crew.

Armoured Corps veteran Fred Dobblyn, also 77, remembers living up to his unit's nickname.

He was never even wounded, although, on a reconnaissance (Recco) troop with the Eighth New Brunswick Hussars - also known as the Lucky Eights - he had the dangerous job of going out and finding the enemy for everyone else.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the unit was as lucky.

"I remember a lot of those young guys, 18 and 19, that didn't make it - a pretty short life for those fellows," he said.

One day, the driver of his tank was killed by a one-in-a-million shot into the turret.

"It was a freak thing ... it came right down through (the tank's view port) and killed him," he shrugged.

His brother Lloyd, a Lancaster bomber pilot who won the Distinguished Flying Cross, didn't make it either. He was shot down and killed with his aircraft over Europe.

"I'm just glad to be alive," Dobblyn says.

And the veterans say the years they sacrificed and the danger they faced was worth it.

"We didn't go for nothing - we accomplished what we set out to do, and that means a lot," said Marlock.

And what they did means a lot to the next generation of Canada's military veterans, too.

Joe Walsh and Casey Mountain, have high praise for their older comrades.

Both men served peacekeeping tours in Cyprus and Croatia with the PPCLI and can remember many tense moments during their tours - especially in Croatia.

Particularly frustrating was seeing peacekeeping efforts in Croatia undone in only a few months after you pulled out, said Mountain, 34.

But they quickly said their time overseas was easy by comparison.

"These guys are gods - all of them," said Walsh, 35, pointing to the veterans seated in the room. "How can you not honour them?"

"There can never be any comparison to what they did," added Mountain.



STEWART



Sgt. at Arms Fred Dobblyn (left) accompanied by Phil Briand (right) salutes as a trumpeter plays the Last Post in remembrance of Canadian soldiers who gave their lives for their country. More than 400 were on hand to honour those men and women. Flagbearer, Riley Hancher, a local cadet, stands at attention during services. Photos by Bob Cornewald

# GO FISH



## A new angle on collecting

A bad day of fishing is better than a good day of work. That is the motto of fishermen across the country. For thousands of angling enthusiasts whose days with a rod in hand are limited, turning to their collections of fishing memorabilia is the next best thing to a day on the water.

"One of the most popular fishing mementos is the lure," said Lisa Jacobsen, associate editor of *Worman's Today's Collector* magazine. "They are colorful, their size makes them easy to display, and they are relatively plentiful."

At a recent Lang's Sporting Collectables auction, a whopping \$3,850 was paid for a 19th-century five-hook Shaffer Expert Minnow.

But Stewart's hand-carved lures are some of the most sought after. The bold colors and wild paint jobs have earned them status as folk art.

"If thousands of dollars is too much for the wallet, there are plenty of lower-priced lures to catch the collector's eye," said Jacobsen. "Most can be found for under \$25."

"The most valuable lures may be wood, but recently, collectors have been paying attention to early lures made of

plastic. They are typically priced in the \$5 to \$15 range."

The beauty of a well-tied fly is not lost on collectors either. Gut-eyed flies, those wound on blackened hooks and often framed, have become popular collectibles.

Flies by such renowned anglers as Syd Glass, Preston Jennings, Harry Durbee and Carrie Stevens can command several hundred dollars.

A well-outfitted collection also includes early rods and reels.

Vintage bamboo, hickory and ash rods are highly collectible. An 1892 7-foot cane rod brought \$6,875 at the Lang's sale.

Most fiberglass, post-World War II models have little collector value except for poles by Russ Penk, Winston Orris (the Golden Eagle series), and Harry Wilson at Scott-Pow-B-Fly.

Collectors are willing to fish deep into their pockets for some vintage reels. An early Mook & Milam bait casting reel recently brought nearly \$3,500.

Vintage crooks, considered works of art by serious collectors, can carry price tags in the thousands of dollars, though many can be found for under \$100.

Other items of interest to collectors are bait boxes, tackle catalogs and manufacturers' promotional calendars.





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Left, Jim Watson, RCAF, 91, (left) and Bud Stewart, Army, 90, the two oldest serving veterans living in Grande Prairie were front and centre at the ceremonies held at the Canada Games Arena. Above, the RCMP in red serge march in the Remembrance Day parade from the provincial building down 100 Street to the cenotaph in Jubilee Park. Below, left, Darice Rach and her son, Daylin, and niece, Alexis, hold cross-shaped wreaths during the ceremony at the cenotaph. Below, Sgt. Jason Gariqoy of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets holds his rifle and reflects during the Remembrance Days celebrations.

# Grande Prairie remembers

CRYSTAL RHYNO and CONOR BEAGAN  
Herald-Tribune staff

On any given Wednesday, three WW2 veterans and long-time friends meet for lunch and some good-natured ribbing.

Jim Watson, 91, George "Bud" Stewart, 90, and Bill Gorrie, 88, reunited an hour or so earlier yesterday, and in more formal dress, their Royal Canadian Legion blazers festooned with service medals.

Surrounded by family and friends, they sat together at the crowded Legion in the wake of Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Canada Games Arena.

The trio - Watson and Stewart are the two oldest members of the city Legion branch - listened as their families urged them to tell the stories they once lived. They were reticent.

"They don't like to make a big deal out of it," said Watson's son, Dave. "I think for a lot of them it was just a job they did."

Watson served in the RCAF; Stewart and Gorrie were in the army.

At 11 a.m. yesterday, in ceremonies around the world, people gathered and remembered the "jobs" fighting for our rights and freedoms.

Thousands packed the arena and scores gathered around the cenotaph in Jubilee Park, there the Ansoves organized an outdoor service.



At the CGA, Phil Briard, one of the Legion organizers, surveyed the crowd and estimated close to 3,000 people.

"Definitely more than last year," he said.

Briard said the Legion is reaching out to the schools more and that's making a difference in the numbers coming out to the services.

"We're getting some help from the teachers," he said. "They are sending the message out about what this day is all about. Eventually, they will take an interest."

There was the singing of "O Canada," the melancholy Last Post by Gerald Cooke, and wreaths laid. At 11 a.m. sharp, two minutes of solemn silence paid tribute to the nation's fallen.

Grande Prairie-Wapiti MLA

Wayne Drysdale only has to think of his grandfather, Wilfred Eady, who was wounded in the First World War, to remember the sacrifices.

"Ever since I remembered, he walked with a leg pin and one leg was shorter," said Drysdale. "He had lots of medals. He had different jobs. He had a team of horses and the big gun."

Drysdale said his grandfather would share the light-colored war stories but nothing too graphic or heroic.

"They didn't like to use to talk about the really bad stuff," said Drysdale. "But some nights when he got older, I would sit with him and he used to tell me the stories. He was proud to be a soldier."

Sitting a few seats down from Drysdale was Mayor Dwight Logan. Logan spoke of Canada, and how lucky Canadians are to live in such a wonderful country.

"I've lived and worked overseas," said Logan. "We sort of take some of what we have for granted. When you are actually working in a Third World country, it really brings home what a great society we have. We've got that great society for a reason. It's because of the sacrifices."

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**More photos:** For more Remembrance Day pictures, see Pages 2, 4 and 9, plus see the photo gallery on our website

