

OUR WAR WORK

At the beginning of the First World War, the South Yarmouth Patriotic Society was organized, with Mrs. George H. Jackson our very capable leader, who continued in this capacity for the duration, our members ^{were} being engaged in war work of all kinds, it being a very active society. Details of our splendid war memorial are contained in 'The History of South Yarmouth Womens' Institute' which was prepared for the 25th anniversary of it's founding.

The Honour Roll for the first World War, is as follows:-

IN MEMORIAM

Pte. Earl Colley
Lieut. Thos. A. Davidson
Pte. Kenneth Davidson
Capt. Clarence Gliddon, M.D.
Pte. Ed. Hartzell
Pte. Fred Jackson

Pte. Rev. Fred Kingham
Pte. Ted Marlatt
Capt. Albert Micks
Pte. Davidson Micks
Pte. Arthur Porter
Spr. Thomas Trick

Pte. Clyde Bond
Pte. George Button
Pte. Thomas Cass
Pte. Earl Clark
Spr. S. S. Chapman
Pte. F. E. Chapman
Lieut. Gordon Davidson
Pte. Sidney Davey
Pte. Douglas Dufton
Pte. Robert Edwards
Sgt. Edwin Foster
Spr. Hugh Fulton
Pte. Roy Gamble
Cpl. Thos Gallivar
Pte. Wm. Gumbleton
Gr. Russell Gliddon
Pte. George Hamilton
Pte. John Hartzell
Pte. Fred Hooper
Pte. Roy Ingram
Pte. Francis King
Spr. Chas. Lovegrove
Pte. John Marlatt
Pte. John Marriott

Pte. Arthur Mc. Leod
Spr. John Mills
Spr. Ross Mills
Pte. Harry Nunn
Gr. Bert Nunn
Pte. Charles Parker
Pte. Bert Pearce
Pte. Will Pearce
Pte. John Pearce
Sgt. Alfred Petherick
Cpl. Harvey Pettit
Pte. Wallace Porritt
Pte. James Ray
Pte. Archie Sandison
Spr. Douglas Sandison
Pte. Rex Solomonvitch
Ft. Lieut. N. B. Scott
Pte. Delbert Smith
Nurse Grace Steele
Nurse Effie Swayze
Gr. Harold Westlake
Pte. Frank Whale
Pte. Oscar Williams
Pte. Griffith Walker
Pte. Ernest Hepburn



Georgina Jackson, the winsome daughter of Dr. Geo. H. and Mrs. Jackson, waving to The 91st Battalion as they march past her home, on their way to Port Stanley.



Georgina and her friend Margaret Pearce, taking bales down to the Traction Line Station at Union, packed for shipment overseas, during the first World War.

The Yarmouth Red Cross, with headquarters at the Yarmouth Centre Municipal Hall, was organized for war work when hostilities began in the year 1939. In Jan. 1940, our South Yarmouth Womens' Institute, under the convenorship of Mrs. M. G. Mc.Laws, worked in co-operation with the Yarmouth Red Cross and in Jan. 1943 became organized as a separate Red Cross Unit with Mrs. L. S. Johnson as President, Miss. Helen Shipley, Vice Pres., Miss. Zella Whyte, Secretary and Mrs. S. Heidt, Treasurer. Classes of instruction in knitting and sewing were held at the Yarmouth Centre Hall and attended by members of our Red Cross Unit, who made regular trips to Yarmouth Centre till the close of the war, to assist with the cutting of articles and other work.

Our Womens' Institute Hall at Union, where we held weekly meetings, was a very busy place, with the whir of several sewing machines, cutting of garments and the energetic quilting committee always busily engaged. Materials and yarn were brought from Yarmouth Centre, our members also distributing yarn and garments to be made by the Southdale and Dexter groups. We are indebted to the late James Todd for the gift of a large cupboard in which to keep our materials.

We entered a contest sponsored by 'The Canadian Countryman' winning the sum of \$10.00 which was donated to the Blood Clinic. Money was raised in various ways to provide funds for our work-pot-luck dinners were held, plant and food sales, teas, tickets sold on quilts and mats, bingo and dancing parties were popular, while salvage drives and auction sales brought splendid results. The school children also contributed a worthwhile sum of money which they earned by collecting fats, salvage and papers and also donated quilt tops, wash cloths and afghans. Under the sponsorship of the Yarmouth Red Cross Society, two huge carnivals were held on the farm of Mr. and

Mrs. M. G. Mc.Laws, the members of our Red Cross Unit helping materially in the success of these events.

Through the years, generous amounts were contributed to the Navy League, Blood Clinic, Yarmouth Red Cross, the 'Corvette' Fund, Mobile Kitchen, a large shipment of canned vegetables for childrens' Orphanages in Britain, and many more donations made to worthy causes. Bales of clothing, quilts and blankets were supplied for Greek and Russian relief. Used wool garments were collected under the convenorship of Mrs. Wm. Dufty, Sr. and sent to a mill where they were made into blankets, some of which were donated for overseas relief. Our members provided lunches to be served at the Fingal Bombing and Gunnery School and also at the Blood Clinic at St.Thomas. A large number of men and women of this district whose health would permit and were within the age limit, were regular blood donors for the duration.

The boys and girls in the services, were remembered at Christmas time each year, with boxes contributed by the members of the Union United Church Womens' Association, the Womens' Institute and the Red Cross Unit, the boxes for the boys each containing a pair of hand-knitted socks, Christmas ditty bags being made and sent to the Navy League.

Each summer throughout the war years, large quantities of jam were made under the convenorship of Mrs. H. G. Malloy and Mrs. L. S. Johnson, nearly three thousand pounds of jam being made and sent to Britain, the ladies of the Union United Church and the Womens' Institute working to-gether on this worthy project, the work being done in the church basement or in the homes of our members. The jam was taken to the St.Thomas Fire Hall, the Firemen packing it for shipment overseas.

We are indebted to the fruit growers of this district for their many generous gifts of fruit which made possible our splendid contribution to the 'Jam for Britain' project.

Throughout the years of the 2nd World War, our Red Cross Unit provided 816 knitted articles, 180 quilts and 5,046 sewn articles. We would like to especially mention the unfailing efforts put forth by one of our faithful workers, Mrs. Ada Bell, who pieced so many beautiful quilt tops for our work.

When our Red Cross Unit disbanded, Yarmouth Red Cross allowed the South Yarmouth Womens' Institute to retain the funds we had on hand and also provided us with the money to build a loan cupboard in which to keep articles which are loaned in times of illness, to any-one in need of them, throughout the district. The committee in charge of this project consists of Mrs. John Ryckman, Convenor, Mrs. A. Fishleigh, Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Dufty, Sr., Mrs. B. Mc.Intyre, Mrs. Israel Axford, Mrs. S. Heidt, and Mrs. Isaac Wilson.

HONOUR ROLL FOR THE SECOND WORLD WAR

IN MEMORIAM

H. L. Cassidy
Hilton W. Fish
D. W. Owen
A. D. Windsor

Axford, W. A.
Beattie, E. E.
Luxton, R. T.
Malloy, N. R.
Malloy, G. A.
Malloy, K. D.
Cross, R. L.
Mc. Candless, A. R.
Mc. Candless, W. R.
Cassidy, Kay
Parker, E. R.
Gillard, F. B.
Mc. Phail, D. T.
Perry, G.
Heidt, Olive
Heidt, F. T.
Jennings, F. A.
Jennings, M. D.
Sweedland, C. H.
Welch, A. E.
Johnson, L. N.
Johnson, A. M.
Mc. Dougall, T. T.
Matthews, T. W.
Beattie, L.
McCaw, R. A.

Johnson, F. D.
Satchell, G. E.
Heally, L.
Harris, R. T.
Schneckenburger, H. F.
Waite, F. R.
Shelly, R. E.
Williams, J. B.
Gowanlock, G.
Greenfield, F. G.
Faulkner, C. E.
Mc. Intyre, K. M.
Marlatt, C. E.
Garrod, E. L.
Windsor, D. E.
Mc. Caw, W. J.
Olde, R. A.
Mills, R.
Beattie, R. E.
Cassidy, W.
Bisbee, W. H.
Axford, R. A.
Esseltine, C. A.
McCaw, J. A.
Yeo, F. L.
Booker, O. W.



Picture of crowd gathering at Community Auction sale being held at the Memorial Recreation Park, April 19, 1946.

THE UNION MEMORIAL RECREATION PARK

South Yarmouth has a Union Memorial Recreation Park, a living memorial to the men and women who served in two world wars. The community is indebted to the Union Sports Club, organized in 1945, under the leadership of Mr. Ross Hepburn, as president and Mr. Charles Ferguson, secretary, for this splendid achievement.

The park consists of five acres of land situated on the north-east corner of Lot 3, Con. 3, purchased from the farm of Kenneth Russ. immediately west of the village of Union. The property has been tilled, graded and seeded and accommodates 3 ball diamonds, it also has a small attractive club-house. (The old school and grounds, which adjoin the park, was acquired later and a community hall is planned.)

This splendid project was financed by means of Bingo games, Box Socials, Ball Tournaments, Social Evenings, Food Sales but the most outstanding event was the Community Auction Sale held at the park on April 19th, 1946, with Mr. Jas. Hindley as the popular auctioneer of machinery, furniture and miscellaneous items and Mr. Duncan Brown of Shedden assisting with the livestock. Everything was sold from Steam Engines, Farm Machinery, Furniture, Canary Bird, Poultry, Pure Bred Heifer Calves, Fat Steer, Pigs, Goats, Home-cooking including a beautiful layer-cake which brought \$21.25. Tickets were sold on a steer which brought \$91.00, later the winner of the steer sold it to a butcher for \$160.00 and donated half of sale price to the park. Many people from all parts of the country were attracted to this event, due to the general interest in this popular project and the proceeds of the sale amounted to the sum of \$1,500.00.

On the long summer evenings when the crowds of people are gathered together cheering the competing ball teams, and after