

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR NOVEMBER 09

The leaves are flying off the trees outside my window so fall is definitely here. The month of November is when we remember our war dead and pay tribute to their memory. Texada made a significant contribution to both world wars. Eleven men died in the First World War including Joseph Reynolds, T. B. Raper, Charles Clark, Andrew Frazer, Gavin Hamilton, Charles Evans, Fred Hall, Bert Garner, Andrew Law, A. S. Witchell, and Fred Groves. Four men died in the Second World War including Frank Russ, George Pringle, John Black and J. Albert Tooth.

Our photo today is of one corner of a new exhibit in the Blubber Bay museum. This corner is designed to commemorate Texadans who served their country in war and peace. Uniforms flank a selection of photos draped with the Red Ensign. One lists the names of those who died in the world wars. A second is a list of all those who volunteered for the First World War shown also are Tom Raper who died on Vimy Ridge and Frank Russ who perished in the North Atlantic in the Second World War. Also depicted is Henry Liebich who survived his service in the Canadian Navy. We ask you to take a minute or two to remember these men and all men and women who served their country.

The remainder of the exhibit is designed to commemorate sports and other activities that required the wearing of costumes and uniforms. We need more sports paraphernalia such as old baseball and softball bats, gloves and balls and old tennis racquet and balls. Please scour your basements and attics. Photographs of teams and sports activities are always welcome.

We are grateful that artifacts continue to be donated to the museum. We particularly wish to thank Jack Paddock for his extensive donation and also Bev Blackmore for her donation of tapes, photographs and research material, relating to Texada, gathered by Bev and her late husband Bob. They were both great friends of the museum.

Until next time take care of each other and remember to think and act green.

Norm MacLean

