

CULTURAL MOMENT

Arthur Village Gives Sons, Money, to Aid War *Toronto Daily Star, Monday, November 2, 1942*

This is a copy of the Monday, November 2, 1942 publication of the Toronto Daily Star featuring the article “Arthur Village Gives Sons, Money, to Aid War” and tells the story of how the Village of Arthur had a population of 890 with 100 of them enrolled in World War II, with many others rejected.

70 years later, Arthur is now known as “Canada’s Most Patriotic Village”. They received the recognition in 2002, when David Tilson the M.P.P for Dufferin–Peel–Wellington–Grey stated in the Ontario Legislature that because of Arthur’s extraordinary effort in World War II the community was being recognized as such.

Other achievements that have garnered Arthur this title include that during World War II the government ran War Bond and Victory Bond campaigns to raise money to carry on the war effort. In the first campaign in 1940, Arthur Village led all communities in Canada in reaching its objective. In every following campaign (6 in all) the Village led all communities in the county in reaching its objective. As well, during the war, a Navy League was formed in most Canadian communities, to raise funds for Canadian Sailors at sea. In September, 1944, Arthur Council received an award for having raised the most per capita of any community in Ontario.

In recognition of Remembrance Day, lest we forget, the sacrifices of the people in all armed conflicts. Let us also celebrate Arthur’s contributions, not only during World War II, but also today, as they continue their education efforts, including a recently created mural depicting the history, that is located on the north side of the Sussman’s of Arthur building.