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By 1912, Windsor was quickly becoming the automotive capital of Canada. But several small Ontario towns were hoping to cash in on the rapidly growing popularity of self-propelled vehicles. One such town was Amherstburg.

In late 1911, a group of Detroit promoters had joined with some like-minded people in Windsor to build a large five-passenger touring car that could easily be converted into a pickup truck, and they were looking for a place to build a factory to get their car into production.

On Thursday, March 28, 1912, the Detroit promoters with some Windsor friends arrived in Amherstburg in a "fine new convertible car" and began promoting their idea to business people, politicians and the local paper, the Amherstburg Echo, which immediately embraced the idea in an editorial on March 29:

"It is just the thing for the small merchant, the contractor, the travelling salesman who has a small load of trunks or samples, and best of all for farmers who can-

not afford a truck and touring car both."

Amherstburg decided to take the plunge. Plans for a new factory were drawn up while the first car, with 40 hp, was built with imported parts in a local blacksmith shop.

On Saturday, August 24, the car was completed and welcomed with enthusiasm by the citizens of Amherstburg. Two days later, it was shipped to Toronto and put on display at the CNE. Everyone was filled with optimism for this bold new automotive venture.

Unfortunately, the Detroit promoters were more interested in selling stock than in building automobiles, and they refused to pay up their share of the stock. Two more cars were built, but the company had to declare bankruptcy.

In 1921, another attempt was made to manufacture cars in Amherstburg, and this time just one was built: the Brock Six touring car. Lack of financing doomed the second venture just like

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the first.

The 1912 Amherst 40 had the steering wheel on the right so drivers could keep a close eye on the ditch. With the Model T, Henry Ford put the steering wheel on the left because the oncoming traffic was becoming a bigger hazard than the ditch. The 1921 Brock Six had its steering wheel on the left.

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## Rhine Danube bowling scores

The following are the Rhine Danube bowling league scores for Feb. 17.

**Games Over 180:** Tys Schaafsma 188, Shawn Leclair 181, Jack Valade 270-210, John Paliwoda 201-187, John Fittler 195, Willy Fittler 192-208, Manfred Dickau 184, Aaron Dickau 204-245, Willy Schauer 186, Shaun Garnham 204, Albert Salvati 203, Kelly Bruner 185-180, Bill Mitchell 180-193, Chris Kosempel 187, Ken Luxford 189.

**Series over 520:** Wayne Abbott 525, Jack Valade 642, John Paliwoda 558, Willy Fittler 571, Aaron Dickau 613, Shaun Garnham 533, Albert Salvati 532, Kelly Bruner 544, Bill Mitchell 541, Chris Kosempel 535.

**High Handicap Games:** Jack Valade 314, Ken Luxford 277, Aaron Dickau 274.

**High Handicap Series:** Jack Valade 774, Ken Luxford 762, Chris Brennan

760.

**Standings:** S.W. Property 38, Lutsch Construction 37, Weil's Food 31, Dickau Construction 29, Del Fresco 29, Fittler Farms 25.

## Competition keen at Fun Darts

**WHEATLEY** – Three teams, winning 5 games, led the Fun Darts players on February 21 at Wheatley Legion – Velma Hope, Charlie Wimperis and Tom Hughes – Bonnie Evoy and Richard Howe – Michelle Balkwill and Jim McClellan. Three teams also tied with 4 wins and were Julie Reid and Larry Evoy – Sherry DeCaluwe, Garry Hope and Gord Crook – Jean Teylouni and John Balkwill. Rosemary Duquette and Peter VanZetten won 2 games and the skunk beat Marian Hughes and Matt Reid. Ladies who doubled out were Bonnie, Michelle and Sherry.

Join the Fun Darts players on Fridays. Play starts at 7:30 p.m.

Debbie Tromblay won twice at the Meat Draws that were run by Lori Gouin on February 22. Other winners were Jim McClellan, Joanne Steckly, Ken Drummond, Hilary Gould, Carol Balestrieri, Bob Lamb, Lori Gouin, Lisa Goldhawk and Mary Jo Wright. Julie Reid won the 50/50 draw.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Meat Draws every Saturday starting at 3 p.m. and running until 5 p.m.

If anyone is interested in ordering a Veteran Home-town Heroes banner to

hang in Wheatley applications are available at the Branch and must be returned by the middle of this month. For more information contact Scott Makey at 519-825-9878.

A Bursary Assistance program is available for children/grandchildren of Canadian Forces personnel, Ordinary, Life and Ladies Auxiliary members and Associate members children only. Applications are available at Legion Branches, secondary school Guidance offices or download them from on.legion.ca. Applications must be received by Ontario Command by the last Friday in March.

Coming up... Mar. 14 Turk 'n Beup St. Paddy's Day celebration... Mar. 17 Jody Raffoul will entertain from 5 to 9 p.m... Mar. 19 First Day of Spring!

Once a month throughout 2020, the names of those from the Wheatley and Leamington areas who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the First and Second World Wars will be commemorated in this column.


World War I: Pte Percy Chance, CEF, Mar. 21, 1918; Pte Sam Spargo, CEF, Mar. 23, 1918.

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World War II: P/O Carlisle Smith, RCAF, Mar. 10, 1943; P/O Gordon Craig, RCAF, Mar. 21, 1944; P/O Lloyd Hawkes, RCAF, Mar. 31, 1944; P/O John Wettlaufer, RCAF, Mar. 6, 1945; W/O 2 Edwin Hooker, RCAF, Mar. 31, 1945.




**Congratulations!**

**Dr. Maxwell & Christen & son Josaiiah Antonio Abraham**  
on your newborn baby girl

**MAIELLA MARIE ABRAHAM**

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