

# IN THE MAIL BAG

# "World War II Teenager" Shoots Holes In Letter Rapping Teens

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## What If Einstein, Newton Had Been Discouraged?

Dear Sir:

As a letter to the editor from Mrs. Goldup in last week's Herald, there's an old saying "if youth could and adults would."

I am a typical seventeen year old student who would like to get something off his chest.

In your letter you referred to Jim Egerton as a child and whined! You also wanted him to stop clamouring for us to listen to your ideas. I just thank God that the Cedarvale Board didn't heed your advice. Because of Jim's "kiss" we now have a coffee house for ourselves in Cedarvale.

You asked what we could do there, that we couldn't do in the high school, church, library, arena or pool.

In the high school, we are told what classes to attend, where to sit, and what to do. We may not talk, smoke, chew gum, or look outside the window. During spares we must sit in columns, three feet apart from each other, and maintain complete silence, while concentrating on our studies. In the school library, we may not talk to one another or make any noise, whatsoever. Is this the place for us to relate our ideas to our friends?

The arena surely isn't the place for one to sit down with a friend to play cards, discuss things, or to have a game of chess, and how often do parents invite us to their homes so that the two generations can find out something about each other - not often enough.

## 19th Century Advice For Today's Problem

In the coffee house, we can sit down and communicate with old, and newly made friends. Instead of sitting in front of the boob-tube at home, we can discuss life and the world around us, as you probably used to do before television was invented. Perhaps this sort of "understanding" of human values will aid us in the future.

I agree that we are often too idealistic or impractical, but to say that our ideas aren't worth a damn is utter nonsense. You pointed out some famous teens in your article, now let me do the same. What, I wonder, would have happened if Albert Einstein or Sir Isaac Newton had been discouraged when they were young; or if their teachers had referred to their ideas as childish or immature? Surely you see my point.

You also implied that we never read the newspaper. If I could take a poll and collect fifty adults and fifty teens at random, and asked them to identify "Pueblo, Hanoi, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Mao-Tse Tung and Joey Smallwood", would you care to guess which side would win?

Some people are distrustful of our coffee house. May I suggest that they drop by, any time that it's open, so that they can see what the youth of Georgetown is doing to better themselves.

Alex Goudskelling,  
191 Main St. South,  
Georgetown, Ont.

## Is High Park For the Birds?

Dear Sir:

Regarding the letter from Mrs. Goldup, it is nice to hear advice from an adult who is out of it. As for your seven year old, you must be so proud. Don't forget that in a few years he will become one of us irresponsible teens whether you like it or not, but I am sure he will not complain.

Brian Bailey

P.S.: Toronto I suppose has no recreational centre. I guess High Park is for the birds.

## Thanks Press Help In Employment Office

I suppose it is an indication of the power of the press as there is now in town every week a man from the Brampton employment office.

Although I have had no occasion to visit this office several acquaintances have mentioned their satisfaction with this, and the time and money saved in this way. Even if there is no work available there is a certain satisfaction in the feeling that someone is interested in your problems.

Yours truly,  
T. Wanless

## Queen Victoria's Dead Says This Teen Writer

Dear Editor:

Regarding the letter of a Mrs. Goldup I would first like to say that Queen Victoria is dead.

Your disregard for today's teenagers seem so very childish. Adults like yourself should be seen and not heard. You say you are sick of our teenage complaints, but little do you realize that today's teenager will be paying for your old age pension tomorrow.

The world doesn't owe us a life of ease as you say, but it does owe us life, and that is all we ask.

It is nice to see that you have an above average seven year old son at your disposal. He must be a real "whiz".

Youth-In is far from your "hangout". It was organized by our youth, to help us out of our present rut. We are trying, despite numerous local hypocrites to help ourselves in finding some form of recreation and thus conquering boredom.

With support like yours we are obviously doomed to failure. Helping ourselves does not seem so childish to me, but then I am not supposed to know better. Some have nerve.

## Ball Club Dance at Hornby Golf Club

The Hornby ball club held their annual dance recently at the Hornby Tower Golf Course with 200 attending. Music was supplied by Merv Rusk's orchestra of Perkas.

Related wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Les Rutledge, who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on Friday, February 16th.

Best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ella (nee Wilma Mason) who were married on Saturday, February 17, at Eden United Church.

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. John Bussell, who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Feb. 27th.

The February meeting of the North Trafalgar Community Club was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Leslie on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14th. Mrs. Dave Dowling, the president, welcomed the ladies to the meeting which was opened with singing of the Club Ode in unison. The roll call was answered by 16 members and one visitor. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Jean Hannah, the secretary. Several got well cards were sent out to those who were ill. Final preparations were made for the club's exclusive party which will be held in the Trinity Anglican Church Hall, in Streetsville, on Thursday evening, Feb. 29th at 8:15 p.m. The program was in charge of Mrs. Fred Near and Mrs. Jack Williamson. A very humorous reading was given by Mrs. Near. Mrs. Jack Williamson conducted two contests, with Mrs. Alfred Hall, being the winner of a Heart contest. The exchange of Valentines was held. Lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Cordingley on March 13th.

Black, Grand Valley, Girls Group; Mrs. V. Morris, Campbellville; children's groups - Mrs. L. V. Heston, Norwich; Glad Tidings; Mrs. C. W. McDonald, Streetsville; Friendship and Service; Mrs. S. McNelly, Orangeville; Home Helpers - Mrs. J. H. Veylls, Grand Valley; Supply; Mrs. L. Adair, Erindale; Literature; Mrs. Wm. Sandals, Brampton; Life Membership; Mrs. C. Anderson, Terra Cotta; Historian; Mrs. F. L. Thompson, Brampton; press; Mrs. A. T. Percy, Orangeville; Regional secretary; Miss Lois Powrie, Toronto.

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enough to talk about juvenile delinquency. You don't give a damn, why should we?

I'm not trying to be disrespectful to my intelligent elders but just how did you and your doctor and lawyer friends amuse yourselves in bygone days? If you think we do not have worries and doors are not slammed in our faces now, I suggest that you closely re-read your letter. As far as putting up or shutting up, the youth of today will definitely put up.

You claim that the older generation is trying to make it a better place for us to live in and in the same breath, you condemn us for trying to do the same for ourselves.

Thank you very much for creating for us a new problem of love. I do not think it was previously mentioned.

I'm sorry, I can't get lost in Caledon Hills because I went to Scouts and I know how to read a compass, besides I do not have a bicycle. It is nice to see that you have so many olympic gold medal winners for friends and that you will not be alone in your old age.

Disgustedly yours,  
Date Carleton  
(AGE 18)

## Missionary in India is Speaker to Presbyterial

Brampton Presbyterial WMS held its third annual meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Port Credit. Mrs. V. Norris, the retiring president, chaired both the morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. S. McNelly of Orangeville had charge of the devotions for the morning and two ladies from Milton for the afternoon. During the morning session Miss Lois Powrie, regional secretary for the Synod and Synodical of Toronto and Kingston led in the discussion of the various reports most of which showed an increase over 1968.

Mrs. F. Black, the Synodical President, installed the officers for 1968.

At the close of a luncheon served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church greetings were extended to the WMS from Presbytery by the Moderator, Rev. McGowan of Milton, from St. Andrew's Port Credit by Rev. Jackson and from Synodical by the first vice president Mrs. J. McFarland.

During the afternoon session the ladies heard the report of Presbytery on Missions as given by Rev. L. D. La Greet of Dixie.

Miss Powrie favoured with a solo: "Let there be peace on earth."

Mrs. John McClure of Norval introduced the speaker, Miss Margaret Leask, of the Helen McDonald School of India. Miss

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Because of changes in the government of India missionaries are having trouble securing visas to return to their work there. Miss Leask feels fortunate in having been granted a visa for at least one year. In her address Miss Leask told of her work among the girls in her school. She asked especially for prayers not just for the girls in the Helen McDonald School but also those in the Government School where it is hard indeed to be a Christian.

... Miss Leask stressed the importance of praying for those at home and trying to win them for Christ for it is they who one day will be going back to their native land and take this message with them.

Mrs. Coxhead, of Clarkson, presided over the new business and Mrs. Norris closed the meeting with prayer.

OFFICERS FOR 1969 ARE:

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Secretaries - Afternoon Groups: Mrs. F. Gamble, Walde; evening groups: Mrs. A.

## Says Teens are Young Adults, Not Children

Dear Sir:

To the adults of Georgetown:

Re: Liz Goldup's letter headed "seen and not heard" her advice to teens. I believe that saying is quoted as "children should be seen etc." not teens. Perhaps it's such a translation that has caused the rebellion of teens. I find it very trying to be treated like a silly child not credited with the intelligence to think for myself. We are NOT children but young adults. We are NOT asking you to accept our policies but perhaps to help you to understand us. But what do you want to meet us half way with your experience and conventional ways or discuss our new thoughts or do you wish to dictate terms of life to us. If it is the latter, then I shall simply say that I pity your children, for they will know what it is like to live under a dictator, without thoughts or reason behind each order.

Liz Goldup says we don't need a youth centre. We also don't need the second highest crime rate in Ontario but we have it. Instead of taking a negative approach of defeat, I urge you to help us try and reduce this by means of Liz Goldup's "hangout" but a better one with more facilities than the coffee house could ever hope to attain.

You may not have had such a centre in your day but the world is changing every day, week and month. Because you did not have or perhaps need a youth centre does not mean that we shouldn't. Fifteen or twenty years ago education was not so easily attainable and

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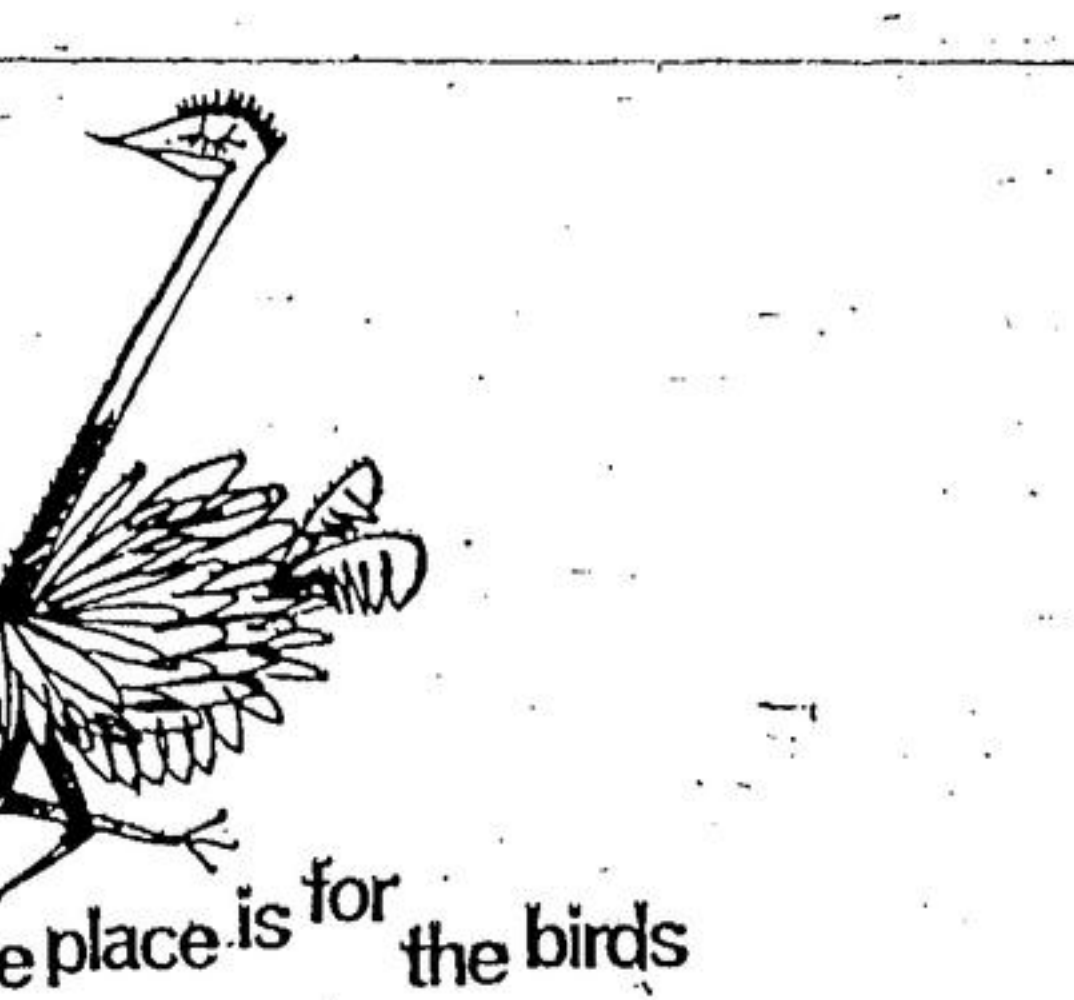


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