

OUR READERS WRITE:

For world peace . . .

17 January, 1972,
R.R. 1, Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I read with a great deal of interest Rev. Thoman's column entitled "The Peace Sign Mark of the Traitor". Inasmuch as I am a proud wearer of this symbol and in light of my personal commitments which involve the intellectual pursuit of truth and understanding between all men I feel obliged to present the other side of the story.

I do not wish to engage in an argument pertaining to the origin of the symbol because Rev. Thoman has researched his topic carefully and has informed us of the origin quite accurately. I do not feel that the origin is as important as the reasons why some of us proudly wear this symbol. I would take this opportunity to point out that one of the most celebrated Christian celebrations, Easter, derives its name from a Pagan Goddess, "Eostre".

While I cannot presume to speak for all wearing the Peace Symbol with justification I can outline the reasons most of us are not ashamed to proclaim what this sign means to us:

We are not looking for an alternative to the Cross of Christ although a great number of aware individuals are in fact turning away from the Church and organized religion. This action has been motivated because some of us feel that the Leaders of the Church, be they ministers, priests, rabbis or whatever, have become politicians, orators of magnificent abilities who we feel have forgotten to teach, have not confined themselves to interpretation of the Bible for those of us who require this help. But we have not turned away from God, we believe in God, we know that Man is God's greatest creation, we are just not sure any more if God is for Religion as it exists today. Because we cannot accept the rigidity and narrow mindedness being expressed by some religious leaders, or because we choose not to worship in a church, does this label us NON Christian?

Are we traitors because we abhor the concept of war, because we believe that the sixth commandment should be obeyed by all, "thou shalt not kill (murder)"? Are we traitors because some of us speak out against questionable authoritarianism, that the thrall of totalitarianism of both the right and left must be shaken in a universal desire to recapture the authority of truth?

Do you consider us anti-intellectual simply because we can no longer accept knowledge as a manipulation of man and nature as opposite forms, but is a means by which we can liberate mankind from the destructive power of fear? Are we extremists because we believe in the re-birth of faith and confidence in the human person to rediscover dignity, integrity, and self-realization which are the inalienable rights of man who may now guide change by means of conscious purpose in the light of rational experience, or because we wish to explore for ourselves the contradictory meanings and applications which are given today to such terms as democracy, freedom, justice, love, peace, brotherhood and God?

Do you really believe we are radicals because we wish to clear the way for a foundation of genuine world history not in terms of nations or race, or culture, but in terms of man in relation to God, to himself, his fellow man and that part of the universe which reaches beyond self interest?

We wear the Peace Symbol proudly, to proclaim to all mankind our desire for WORLD PEACE: we believe that the domination of man over man can no longer be justified by any appeal to God or nature. We strive for a world society of human beings practicing brotherly love as we deem God intended.

Yours sincerely for World Peace,
Terry Rowe

Symbol signifies peace . . .

Dear Sir:

In a recent article in the Free Press, Rev. S. M. Thoman condemned the peace symbol as being a mark of Communism, Nazi Germany, and the sign of a traitor. He also seems to be very concerned about the take-over of Communism in America.

I think it's about time that people, including Rev. Thoman, realize that unless they start to do something about nuclear disarmament and war there won't be an America for the Communists to take over.

Ministers are supposed to encourage peace, love, and brotherhood but he only seems concerned with slapping down the one peace sign there is.

I think Rev. Thoman should realize that today this symbol signifies peace. Maybe it did mean all those things in the 30's and 40's, but now it means peace.

It's too bad that when the clergy speak out they don't have anything to say.

Yours sincerely,
Mike Leslie
Box 10, Rockwood, Ont.

Pass figure skating tests

Several members of the Acton Figure Skating Club passed figure and dance tests held here Wednesday, January 5.

In the junior bronze dance category Colleen DeBruyn and Susan Schupp passed their ten fox, Gerda Saltz and Susan McPhail were successful in the willow waltz and Gerda Saltz, Diane Baginski and Marilyn DeBruyn passed the fiesta tango. Susan Schupp also passed her first figure and Cindy McGilloway her preliminary figure.

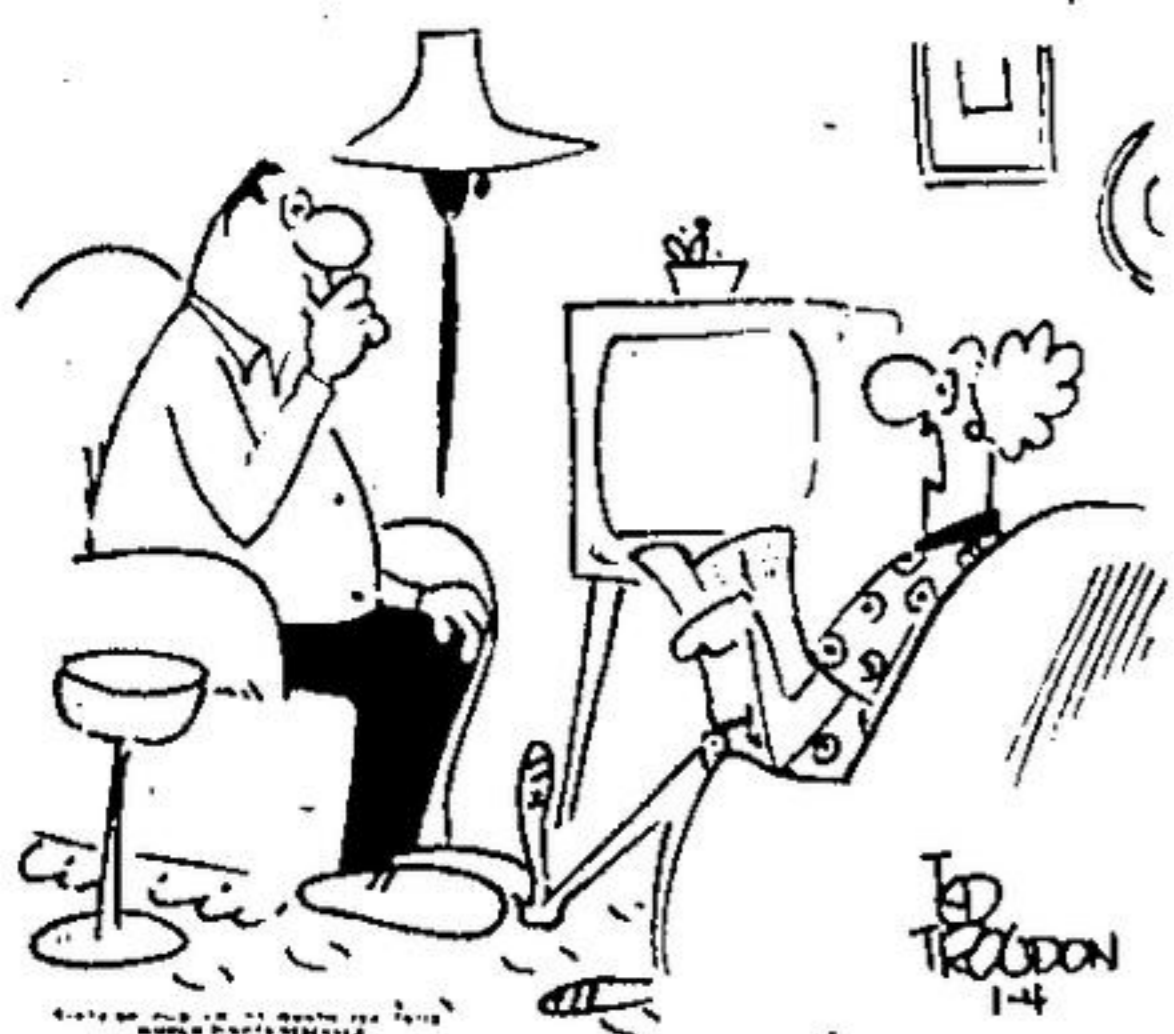
Dance tests Successful in the preliminary dance division were, Julie Townsley, Kim Jackson, Jennifer McAdam, Debbie James, Kim Ottaway, Dawne Streets, Jo Anne Hearn and Bruce McPhail in the Dutch waltz and Kim Jackson, Debbie James, Kim Ottaway, Dawne Streets, Laurie DeBruyn, Cindy McGilloway, Carol McKenzie and Debbie Andres in the canasta tango.

In the swing dance, Cindy McGilloway, Kim McCristall and Marilyn DeBruyn were successful.

A second night of tests will be held here Wednesday, February 23.

The club will hold a Valentine's dance at the Legion, Saturday, February 12. Tickets may be obtained from Marie Shadbolt at 853-0964.

TICKLE BOX by Ted Trogdon



"Maybe you'd better start smoking again."



JANETTE Foster and Lynn Marie Elliott are officially enrolled in the Girl Guides by leaders Mrs. John Rowe, left, and Mrs. R. Ginger, captain of the Acton company. Also welcomed to the Canadian Girl Guides the same evening were Michelle and Tammy Duffy, girl scouts from the United States who have just moved to Acton from Pontiac, Michigan. Another sister Dawn was unable to be present. —(Staff Photo)

Predict greater success for Sportsmen's Show

Although disappointed in the daytime attendance at the 1971 Acton Sportsmen's Show in September, chairman Morris Staley said he feels the Sportsmen's Association can learn from mistakes made last year and with the co-operation of Actonians will be able to make this year's show a tremendous success.

Speaking as a guest at the annual meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, Staley said the 1971 show realized a profit of \$2,083, excluding the \$125 cost of the participating service clubs and organizations contributed.

"The input from individuals is the most important part of the show and I want to thank all those who helped, for their efforts," he said. "We made mistakes, but we learned from them."

Staley said organizers found there simply wasn't the manpower in certain service clubs to carry out their projects.

Dances successful Besides the beer gardens and Saturday night dance, which he described as unqualified successes, he said the show probably gained valuable publicity from the Sunday afternoon boomerang throwing contest and the visit of Ontario Premier Bill Davis. He said tickets from helium-filled balloons, launched at the show, were returned from as far away as Northern Ontario. The model airplane competition and the scuba diving exhibition, he said, were also very successful.

He credited the gun show, staged by the Halton Antique Arms Association with attracting a large number of spectators to the show. "It was a huge success," he said.

Among disappointments he listed the horseshoe pitching contest, tug-o-war contest, film show, fishing and casting derbies, and golf demonstration. He blamed lack of proper signing for the disappointing crowd at the horseshoe pitching contest. Only three teams entered the tug-o-war event and the fishing and casting derbies drew only one entrant each.

Weather hurt Unsuitable weather conditions forced the model boat competition to relocate on the Elizabeth Drive side of Fairy Lake on the first day, a situation which Staley feels cost the show a number of admission fees. Weather also forced cancellation of helicopter rides, an event a lot of people were looking forward to.

"I think we should scrub the helicopter rides," he said. "I don't think we should advertise it and build up people's hopes."

Proposed events such as a police dog demonstration and log rolling contest did not materialize.

Staley said he thought the minor soccer and minor baseball games could have been more successful, if they had had larger groups of spectators.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTENNIAL REFLECTIONS
O Canada, home of the brave and the free, What, in the next hundred years, shall we see. — With ugly monstrosities passing for art, And winning high praise in the cultural mart; With grossest vulgarity, labeled the dance, And men dressed in mini-skirts women in pants; With itching-eared phonies bombardng our schools, And religious teaching the babbling of fools; When churches are social halls, reeking of smoke, From vile cigarettes of so-called Christian folk; When society places no stigma on sin, And the standard of living is just to be "in"; When nothing is sacred and dreams torn apart, And youth is betrayed from its earliest start; When the aged are discarded and left all forlorn, And babies are murdered before they are born; When all books and magazines must sexy be, And loud, screaming idiots rate M.B.E.; When youths look like something escaped from the zoo, With long, greasy hair and a facial brush, too; When the devil is rampant and Jesus denied, By blaspheming anti-Christis, on every side? Oh yes, our fair hills may still be dew-pearled, But God's in His heaven, so tremble, ye world. —Isabel Anderson.

Cow rated

A Holstein owned by Jeff Nurse, R. R. 2 Georgetown recently received an "Excellent" rating, the only Holstein in Halton County to be raised to this elite status in the recent nationwide grading.

Thames Crest Romeo Bertha was purchased as a bred heifer from Hooper Bros., St. Mary's. She won the two year old class in 1968 at the Halton Black and White Show at Milton Fair, then was first four-year-old and reserve grand champion in 1970. In 1971 she was second in the aged cow class and reserve grand champion for the second year.

APPOINTMENT



PAT CONDREN
Jack Richardson Chev-Olds Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of PAT CONDREN to the sales staff. Pat, who has been a prominent citizen in the area for many years, lives at Moffat with his wife and six children. Pat invites his many friends and acquaintances to come in and talk over their automotive requirements, at

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COLES' SLAW

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warm Atlantic on Fort Lauderdale's beautiful beach.

The Gold Coast Railroad? It's a mecca for steam buffs from all over the continent. Charlie is a railroad man so it was imperative we take a trip on the old steamer that runs only on Sunday afternoons.

Monday we headed for Miami down the coast and the docks where the ship Sunward was waiting to load, minus the services of the dock workers who carry your luggage off and on the craft.

Yes, we ended up struggling up the gang-plank loaded down with luggage, cameras and clothes after a pleasant interlude in the waiting room where we four travel-stained veterans contrasted sharply with impeccably dressed Americans boarding in high fashion.

To pass the time Charlie and I staged an interview on his tape recorder in an effort to give the impression we were merely there to run off a radio show. It worked. Everyone

ignored us, including the crew who carried everyone else's luggage on board while we struggled with ours.

Down below decks we went where a helpful steward grabbed some of our bags and showed us to our cabins.

He opened the door and my wife and I stumbled into a four by six enclosure with a bath. I figured at first we had got into a clothes closet by mistake but it turned out to be the cabin, with a bathroom almost as big alongside.

Not quite certain, I enquired of the helpful steward who assured me I was in the cabin, not the anteroom. He patted the upper and lower bunk to reassure me.

Later on I wondered how he could be so pleasant and helpful when I found out the hours and time he worked. Most of the fellows on the ship looking after passenger comforts were from Jamaica, Haiti or some other island in the Caribbean, and I developed a rapport with them, especially the fellow members of the Commonwealth.

More next week.

Free Press News Briefs

COLDS and flu are common.
TOWN men are cutting trees this week.

SOMETIMES a person has to put things off until tomorrow to get done today what has been put off from yesterday.

ONE weekly newspaper arrived with "1971" atop all its pages this week, instead of 1972. An easy mistake to make!

WELL-KNOWN CBC weatherman Percy Saltzman will be featured in a new course at Sheridan College Brampton campus—"Everything You Always Wanted To Know About the Weather and Were Afraid to Ask—Your Children." The nine lectures of two hours each will run from 8 - 10 p.m. Monday nights, beginning Jan. 24.

DAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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Beginning the Second Semester

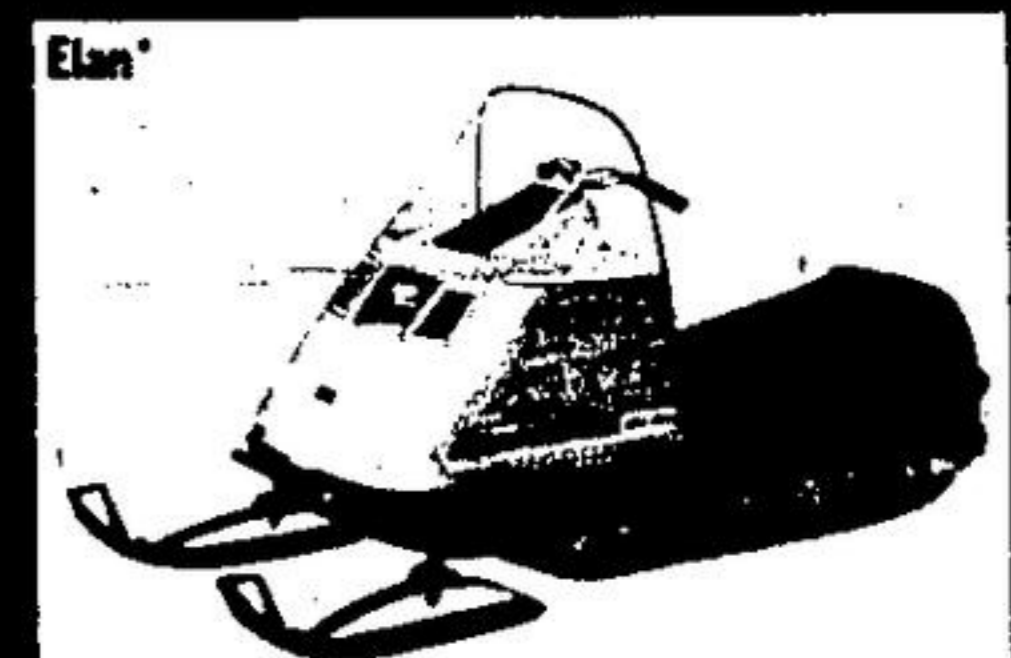
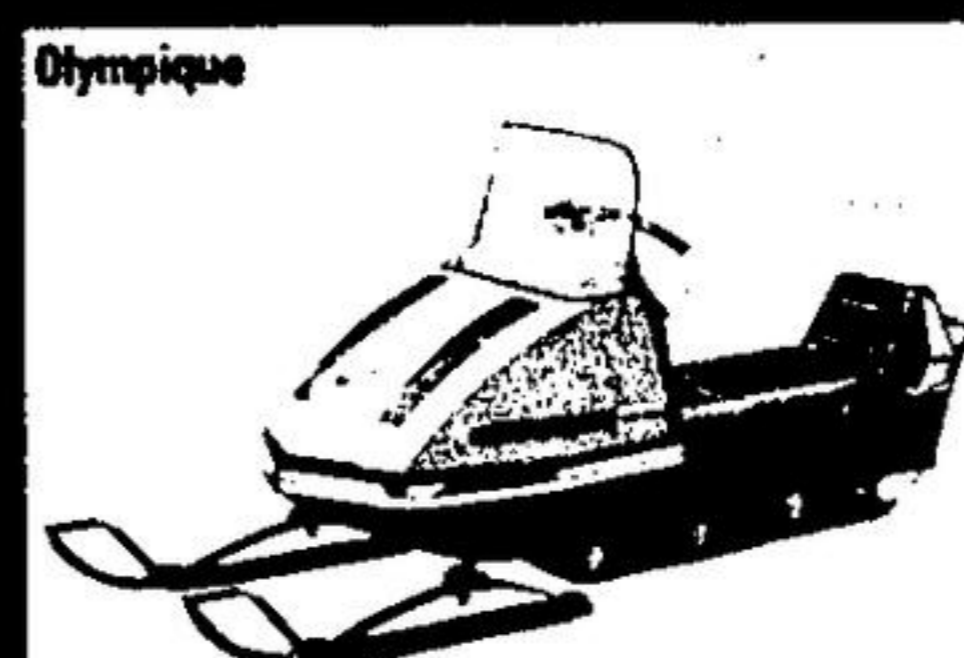
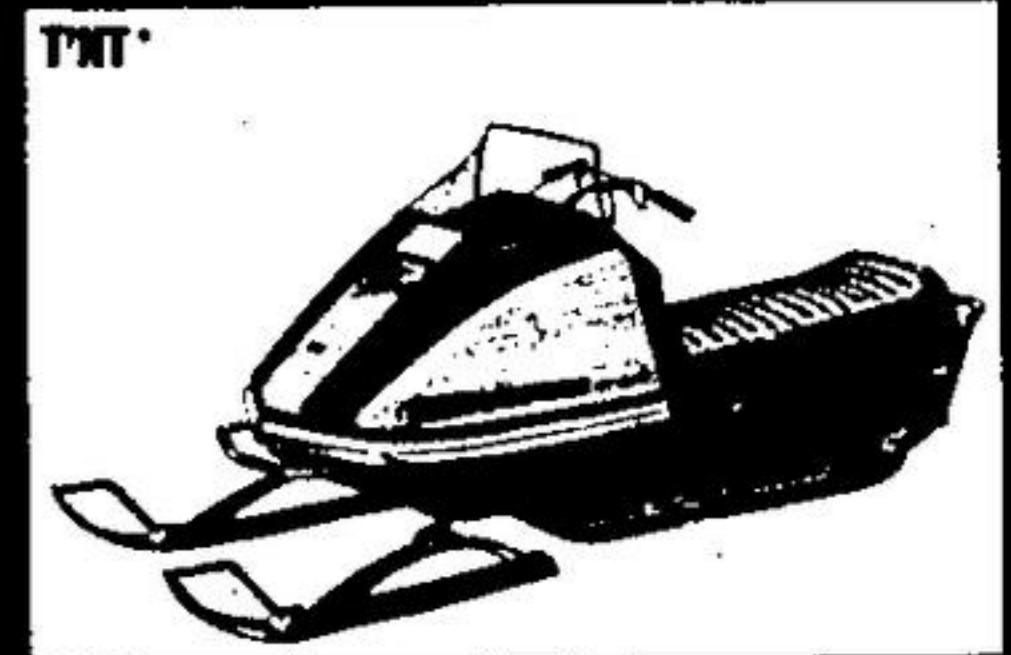
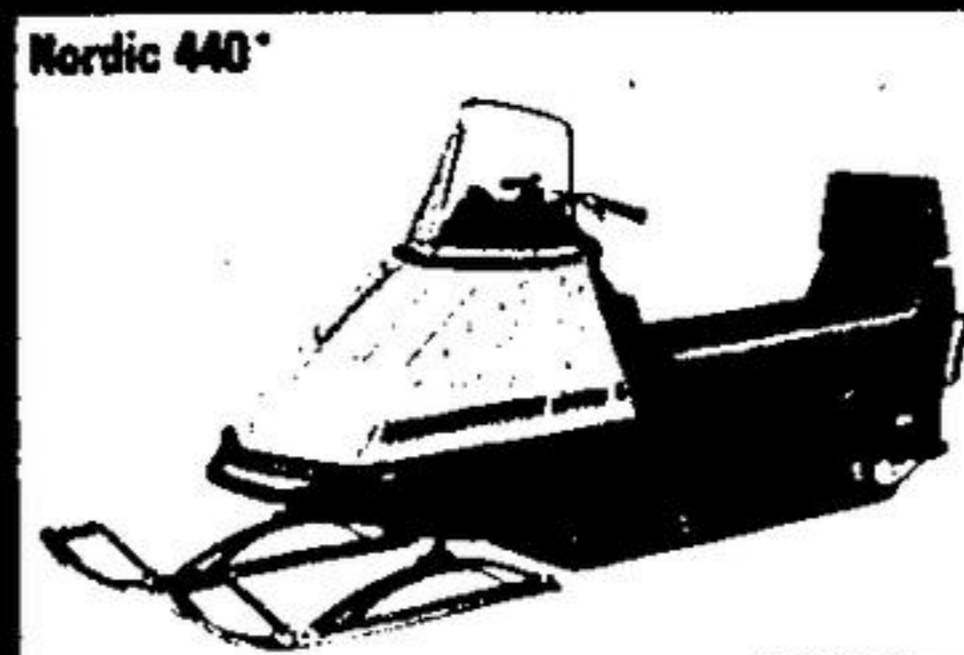
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