

OUR READERS WRITE:

A mother remembers her sons

Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th.
A mother remembers her sons.
I remember them not as they may have died at sea, on land, or in the air, a human torch, a mangled mass or a sodden frame, but as small babes on my knee.
I recall the wonder of their daily growth, the dreams their father and I had for them. I remember them as sturdy six year olds, remember with amusement my anxiety and pride, when they started off to school, casting off in one short day their baby ways. I remember at the half way age of ten striving to follow their father but still

looking to me for a small boy's share of love and attention. I remember them those last few years at school, their triumphs and failures, their first real date and all that goes with youth, their gay laughter and smiles, the secret tears they shed when they had to leave and marched away to war with their friends.
How can I think of them as dead, when memories live and this day remembrance day is mine alone, as I remember them.

Mrs. A. I. Perryman

Another Acton service eroded

197 Burbank Drive,
Acton, Ontario.

November 1, 1974.

The Editor,
The Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:

Although Acton ceased to exist, officially, with the inception of Regional Government, it appears that it still exists as an underprivileged region, at least in the minds of the majority of our councillors. While I hesitated to object publicly when, one by one, our services have been eroded by the regional system, I find it difficult to accept the jeopardizing of Acton children's lives.

Since school opened in September, the crossing at Mill St. and Willow St. has been unattended by a crossing guard a large part of the time, and I wonder if we have to have a child killed there before anything is done about the situation. We have been informed by Mr. Pritchard that it is really not customary to have a crossing guard at an intersection where there is a crosswalk, but this is an extremely busy corner, on the highway, where motorists are not noted for obeying the law allowing pedestrians to cross.

What do we need to do to get protection for little ones on their way to school? We only need three crossing guards in all of Acton, and all of them are at intersections on the highway.

Every week, we get news of something

we are losing, because Georgetown doesn't have it, therefore we can't either. For years, Acton financed its own business, didn't ask for help from anyone, and had services superior to those in neighboring towns. Now, suddenly, our taxes are going up, and we are losing services, the most important of which is care for our children's lives. Just what is regional government giving us in return?

We have always done things for ourselves—the Band built the Music Centre, the firemen built the firehall, the Scout group committee built the Scout hall, public subscription put the community centre on the arena, the library was our centennial project, built largely by subscription by Acton citizens, who are also helping to build our swimming pool by the same method. Now, we are to be allowed to help the neighboring communities to get the government to do these things for them—thanks a lot!!

We had a good town here—a little smelly sometimes, maybe, but nothing is perfect. Now we feel that we are being trampled on, simply because we don't have much weight in numbers on council.

We are powerless to do anything about the situation, but if a child is killed or injured because of the attitude of our regional administrators, I hope that the people of Acton will finally be aroused enough to raise a real uproar somewhere where it will be heard, and heeded. Garbage collection we can manage without, but not our children!

Yours truly,
Irene Watson.

My inflation's beat

I'm completely de-inflated,
My balloon is on the ground,
They've taken back my goodies pack,
There's nothing to be found.

I've lost my credit rating,
And I lost my good job too,
Now the U.L.C. don't care for me,
I don't know what to do.

The shelves are all piled up with goods,
But, unemployment stopped my glut,
I'm in a stew with what to do,
My inflation has been cut.

I never gained by striking
I should have saved some dough instead,
Then when things got tough, I'd have enough,
To buy a loaf of bread.

The more I got the more I paid,
The taxes took my gain,
To quench their thirst, they got their's first,
And knocked me down again.

I'm not versed in economics,
But, one thing I learned is true,
With inflation beat, I must compete,
To earn a buck or two.

But, now I'm broke beyond repair,
With my credit all run out,
To stop my greed, what I don't need,
I'll have to do without.

Victor Smith,
R. R. 2, Rockwood.

Join protest, Willy urges

Dear Sir:

I hope all the people who signed up in support of G.U.A.R.D. when Indusmin wanted to deposit 400,000 tons of garbage in their excavation near Acton will make every effort to attend the public meeting of the Regional Works Committee in the Regional Council Chambers on Nov. 13, dealing with Halton's garbage. I hope community leaders from Eden Mills,

Acton, Ashgrove, Agerton, Zimmerman, Knatchbull, and the Boyne will be there.

Any of these areas could become the recipient of Oakville's or Burlington's garbage. The only way to be informed is to be there.

William A. Johnson,
Chairman, G.U.A.R.D.,
R. R. 2, Rockwood.

Wedding at Ottawa

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, was the scene of the marriage of Gladys Tompkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins of Stittville, and Keith Massey of Ottawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Massey of Vancouver.

The double ring ceremony took place on Sat. Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. with the Reverend Arthur Currie officiating. The bride wore a dress of ivory faille and carried a Bible and red and white roses. She was accompanied by her matron of honor and her niece as flowergirl, both in blue gowns and carrying red and white roses. The groom was accompanied by two cousins of the bride. The bride was given away by her father.

An evening reception was held at H.M.C.S. Carleton at Dow's Lake, Ottawa.

Friends from out-of-town were from Quebec and towns near Ottawa; also the groom's paternal grandfather, Mr. Burness Coulson of Lowell, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. L. Eaton of Acton and her brother Horace McArthur of Kilbride.

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Priestner replies to Renaissance

Mr. Ken Campbell,
Chairman,
The Halton Renaissance Committee,
Box 100,
Milton, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I am writing in response to your letter of September 24, 1974 in which you indicated your concern regarding a policy of allowing students to leave the classroom when certain topics are discussed.

Your statement that it is a "cop-out" on the part of the teacher is not true. If anyone is to blame for the policy, it must be the school or the total system and not the individual teacher. We certainly agree that the teacher has a responsibility to respect the feelings of all students and act with propriety.

The Schools Administration Act states that a teacher must teach respect for Judeo-Christian morality and let us hope this is always so. But is this really the problem to which you refer?

My children may well be offended if chemical means of birth control are advocated as a socially acceptable approach to a real problem. Many Christians would not be upset I am sure. Many Christians also believe in abortion as being an acceptable act in twentieth century Canada. This also is a question on which many Christians violently disagree.

What then should the school teacher do? Avoid the issues where all Christians and

Jews are not in total accord? That would be a cop-out. These social problems are real and to-day's student more than any in the past must come to a solution in his own mind concerning them. The question of how to deal with the possible answers to these problems is the dilemma faced by the teacher and ourselves. It is hoped that each solution can be discussed with propriety but if some students feel they would rather avoid the topic, then I support their right to do so.

Another question comes to mind. Respect for Judeo-Christian morality and religion must not be limited to only those of our society who hold these beliefs. There are increasing numbers of non Judeo-Christian believers in Canada. Surely a Hindu or Buddhist should be given equal respect by a public school system. Hence, if certain Judeo-Christian beliefs are being taught which may be against the religious tenets of others, they must be allowed to either present their views or to opt out of the class. The Canadian Bill of Rights precludes discrimination because of religious belief and hence the option has to exist.

It is the duty and not merely the right of the school to teach those moral values upon which the laws of the land are based. While most of these values originate in the many books of the Bible, they are not necessarily the domain of religion in Canada to-day. We must teach our youth the values associated with living in harmony with one's neighbour.

If we fail in this, academic achievement becomes a hollow victory.

In conclusion let me say that it is our hope that Renaissance in the teaching of values is taking place in Ontario. Too long have we avoided many basic issues because of possible controversy. A truly educated person can surely have a point of view different than ours without being offended when we speak in his presence.

Thank you for your continued interest in

the schools of Halton.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. Priestner,
Chairman,
Halton Board of Education

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Trustees
Principals
The Honourable Thomas Well,
James Snow, George Kerr, and
William Davis
The Regional Press

Trapper retires

"Well, I did it. I pulled up all my traps Saturday morning and said that's it," is how Roy Arnott of 332 Peel St., a veteran trapper for 25 years, described his final decision to give up his special hobby of trapping because of poor health.

Mr. Arnott has been a resident of Acton for 30 years. Describing his interest in trapping, Mr. Arnott says he never was in it for the money but more for exercise and pleasure "Sort of a hobby," he explains. Trapping is not an easy job, requires a lot of work he said.

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