

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**Stand up and be counted**

What is Canada? Have you ever stopped and taken a few minutes just to consider what Canada is for you? Try it sometime. After a little thought you begin to realize how lucky you are to be a Canadian, and what a wonderful country it is that we live in.

What prompted me to think about my country and what it means to me? My students did. I am a secondary school teacher with a home room of thirty students, and each morning when our national anthem is played my students stand quietly. Quietly! They do not sing.

One morning I was curious to know how many students in my home room remembered the words to our national anthem. Unfortunately I must report that there were some who did not know the words. Do you?

Why should we stand for the national anthem of our country and why should we sing the words? We usually say that it is a sign of respect for our country, but personally, I like to think that I am standing up and being counted. I am a Canadian and I

am proud of it.

Everyone who thinks of themselves as a Canadian should stand up and be counted sometime, and that time has arrived. It has never been more important at any time in our history than it is today. With the threat of our country being torn asunder by separatism, we as individual Canadians must remember our heritage and decide that our country is worth the effort to keep it together.

What can you do? Begin by discovering why you love your country. Maybe it's the blue skies, the fresh water and beautiful landscape. Perhaps it's Canada defeating the Soviet Union in international hockey, or maybe it's the right to disagree with Pierre Trudeau. For me it's crossing our border coming home.

When you know in your heart what your country means to you tell anyone who will listen that what we have is good and is worth keeping together. Please, stand up and be counted.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Andrews

**The way of life**

By David Cohen

Be of good faith, for only through belief in Him can even the lowliest tasks be accomplished. Live in hope, for never has it been known that his promises have been broken, and without hope, there is nothing.

Love Him with all your strength of body, will and spirit, and save some of this great healing power that is love, to offer to each one you know.

Be contrite, without imposing heavy penance on yourself, for He accepts the feelings of your spirit and in His gentle and kind manner, forgives and admonishes us too.

Be forthright in your dealings with your fellow man and be sure you play the game of life with honesty, truthfulness and inte-

grity, regardless of the unkind acts performed against you by others.

Accept the adversities of life and all times find in your heart the wonderful and relieving act of forgiveness.

Do not look for the faults in others but rather analyze yourself first, for only one can judge, and you are not He.

Present yourself firmly and carefully to your world taking into account your own strength and failures and have no fear of any opponent, for the chink in His armour is always the reinforcement of your power.

Dispel your fears and your misapprehensions for these have no place of value in a successful career.

Strive for genius, but be satisfied with mediocrity.

**Thanks for coverage**

The Executive Council of the Halton Lung Association would like to express appreciation to your publication for the excellent newspaper coverage given to our Association's programs during the year.

We feel that this coverage is to a large

extent responsible for the outstanding results of the Christmas Seal Campaign just concluded.

Gratefully,  
Jessie R. Lunau  
Executive Secretary.

**Obituary**

**Elsie Stewart school teacher**

A public school teacher for 44 years, Elsie Kathleen Stewart died Friday, February 18 at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Toronto.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart; he was principal of Acton schools years ago and later superintendent of the Gordon Home in Milton, a forerunner of the Children's Aid Society.

Miss Stewart attended schools in both Acton and Milton before going to Hamilton Normal School. Her first teaching position was in a rural school near Milton when she was 19 years old. She also taught several years in Milton before joining the Toronto staff in 1930.

She taught at Jesse Ketchum school in downtown Toronto for 35 years. She derived great satisfaction from

teaching grade one all those years and introducing the children to the skill of reading.

As a young girl she was involved in Young People's activities of the church, singing in the choir of St. Paul's in Milton and later High Park-Alhambra United church for many years. She was enthusiastic about bowling, bridge, stamp and coin collecting and travelling. During the war she was particularly active in volunteer work including a stint with the Metropolitan Toronto police force as well as working with the Salvation Army and Red Cross.

Although a resident of Toronto for many years she always enjoyed visits back to Acton and Milton and her association with friends here. Rev. James Telford conducted the funeral service at the Turner and Porter, Yorke chapel, Toronto, on Sunday, February 20. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Milton, on Monday afternoon, February 21.

She is survived by sister Marguerite (Mrs. Roy Brown), brothers William R., Robert S. and George M. Stewart, nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was pre-

deceased by one sister Mary Louise (Mrs. William Sinclair).

**Blame weather**

There was dense fog, heavy rain and ice when an accident occurred on the seventh line Feb. 21. Driver Clifford Boughner, Terra Cotta, in a pickup truck skidded into a snowbank. Kenneth Budd, Guelph, driving a school bus, hit a hydro pole causing \$1,000 damage to the bus and \$200 to the pole.



**WELCOME SERVICE**

If you are new in town or know someone who is

PHONE  
**853-3902**

**Red Cross campaign blitz on March 8**

"Give blood" is about all most of us know of Red Cross, but:

Last year some 815,000 Canadians, both able and disabled, learned to enjoy water sports safely because of courses offered by Red Cross Water Safety instructors last year.

Red Cross Volunteers clocked 42,000 hours of time transporting people to and from hospital and clinic appointments - people who are physically or mentally handicapped or who are veterans, shut-ins or senior citizens.

The Red Cross loaned over 14,000 wheelchairs, pairs of

crutches and other sickroom equipment aids to people who needed them.

56,000 Canadians received help from Red Cross outpost hospitals and nursing stations last year.

What does the Red Cross provide for our community?

Think of blood donor clinics, emergency aid at time of flood, fire, storm, sick room supplies, seniors' services, home nursing courses, water safety instruction, first aid courses and, of course, the Homemaker service.

March is set aside as Red Cross campaign for funds!

blitz night is being held Tuesday, March 8. The Red Cross is asking the people of Halton

Hills to be generous so services do not have to be curtailed.

**Sincere Thanks**

Katherine Roszell (The Kaye Shoppe) wishes to thank her many friends and customers for their patronage over the years. It was a pleasure to serve you. Special thanks to those who remembered me with flowers, cards and Best Wishes upon my retirement.

**SKATE-A-THON  
THIS SUNDAY,**

**March 6th - 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**DONNING THE BLADES TO AID  
COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK**

**WILL BE STUDENTS FROM ACTON  
AND DISTRICT AS WELL AS**

**A FEW WELL KNOWN CELEBRITIES . . .**

**ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPONSOR A  
CELEBRITY SHOULD BE AT THE ARENA  
BETWEEN 1:00 and 2:30 p.m.  
AS THEY HIT THE ICE AT 2:30 p.m.**

• Skaters will be notified of their skating times by their teachers.

**PROCEEDS FOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK**

Come out and enjoy the fun . . . sponsor a student or celebrity.

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**'Community Living' presents a new future for the developmentally handicapped.**

**This is what Ontario is doing about it.**

Mentally retarded people are often capable of much greater development than had previously been thought possible. Although they learn at a slower rate than others, the developmentally handicapped can frequently develop skills and abilities that enable them to be integrated into the community as a whole.

The plan to achieve this goal, known as "Community Living," is administered by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and is conducted in partnership with local Associations for the Mentally Retarded and other concerned community agencies. Basically, it calls for:

- creation and funding of group homes and other kinds of community accommodation
- increased numbers of workshops and life skills programs
- early infant stimulation programs, parent relief and development projects
- access for developmentally handicapped people to a full range of community services.

All of these activities aim at achieving a better quality of life for Ontario's developmentally handicapped, and at making their experiences as normal as possible.

The approach is a new one. A good one. A healthy one. Your support and understanding can help it succeed.

For more information, or to receive the free booklet "Serving the Mentally Retarded," contact your local Ministry of Community and Social Services office, or write to:

Mental Retardation Community Services  
Development Branch  
3rd Floor, Hepburn Block,  
Queen's Park,  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1E9

Keith Norton,  
Minister of  
Community and  
Social Services

William Davis,  
Premier

Province of Ontario

**Snowmo  
licence**

Yesterday (Tuesday) was the day when it became compulsory for all persons operating a snowmobile to hold either a Snow Vehicle Operator Licence or a Driver's Licence.

For the past several weeks, about 1000 students per week have been taking instruction in snowmobiling, preparatory to writing an examination that qualifies them for a Snow Vehicle Operator Licence. Anyone may take the course who is 12 years of age or older and many families, who have been snowmobiling for a year or two, are taking the course together. Parents, as well as young people, find the course interesting and informative in bringing them up-to-date on such things as legislation, techniques in handling their machines and regular maintenance schedules.

The Ontario Safety League states that an analysis of snowmobile accidents during recent years reveals that 70 per cent of them occurred after dark, that the majority of them happened on roadways, that too much speed was an attendant factor in most of them and that a large number of snowmobilers who experienced off-the-road accidents were not familiar with the terrain.

The registered instructors for the licensing course received their training from members of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and have regular classes for students throughout the province.