

## Our readers write

### Straighten out post office

To Dr. Frank Philbrook M.P.  
Dear Dr. Philbrook:

We read with interest your letter to the local newspapers stating your stand on the recent postal strike and I wish to add my own personal postscript.  
Like most people I was appalled at the audacity of the handful of inconsiderate workers and even more concerned by reports of vandalism and theft following the settlement of the strike—vandalism of the postal depot in Toronto, and theft of mail.  
It was brought home to me even more when we received two items of mail on December 29, mailed from the Toronto area on December 2 and December 5. Enclosed is one of the envelopes, originally holding a cheque for a small amount won by my young daughter at the Royal Winter Fair. As you can see the letter has obviously been slit open to examine the size of cheque. It had been taped shut by the post office and the stamp reading "Received damaged at depot and repaired" applied.  
The other sticker, saying virtually the same thing, was applied to a parcel of books ordered as Christmas presents and arriving so badly damaged some of the books were

unusable as gifts. The end had been ripped out—a considerable feat as the professional packaging was excellent. The books were bent and dirty, and the whole package looked as if it had been run over by a ten-ton truck.  
Is this the way the Royal Mail treats parcels or were we victims of the wild-cat vandalism?  
Reports from friends indicate they also have received parcels very late and smashed to smithereens.  
If the perpetrators of this violence are punished will we then be subjected to another strike in protest?  
What do we do if we can't trust the mail system in a country where all major services are controlled by monopoly.  
Isn't there some way to get this agitator element out of the system? Or are we going to have to go the route Britain has suffered the past decade?  
Thank you for letting me add my bit and I trust you will do all you can at Ottawa to straighten this situation out.

Yours truly,  
Jennifer Barr  
Copy to the Acton Free Press.

### Appreciation to our priests

Dear Editor:  
In looking over some of my old memories, I came across a Christmas card from the late V. J. Morgan that said, "God bless you on this Christmas day And keep you in his care. Then grant you peace and happiness, And answer every prayer."  
Which I thought was typical of his life as a priest in the parish of Acton for 30-odd years, to care for its needs and answer the problems of the people as they arose from day to day. Always on the job he never failed to give you his best advice. He always liked to have a chat or discuss whatever subject you had in mind.  
He left behind him the memories of long service to this parish that will live in the history of the church.  
The life of a priest calls for great patience and understanding.  
When I came to Acton first the late Father McCreavey was parish priest—a fine man also. On holidays of obligation we would attend mass at 6 o'clock in the morning, go home and have breakfast and be on the job at 7, ready to start our day's work at the tannery.  
These were the days when self-sacrifice was part of our life. This practice dwindled and died out in the 30's. Church authority lessened, home and family life suffered a

setback and gradually we reached the goal of women's lib. Modesty and obedience were no longer the order of the day, undermining the virtues of a sound marriage. Today the sacrament of marriage is no longer looked upon as a bond between man and wife, for want of patience and understanding to bear with one another and remain a unit of respect and love, as the good Lord intended it to be.  
So to conclude I will have to finish this comment with the late Father McBride, who also served in this parish, a jolly and humorous priest, always in a good mood, with an object to visit most of his parishioners and keep them in touch with church affairs and to show his interest in their spiritual welfare. He was well-liked to all in the parish.  
As Rev. Father Smye is the fourth in my day I believe he will please the parishioners

### Focus concern Alberta Reunion

The Editor,  
Acton Free Press.  
Dear Madam:  
Two columns in the Free Press of January 4 attracted my attention because they were of independent origin but shared the same timely concerns. One was Bill Smiley's regular column and the other Frank Philbrook's letter titled "World Population Crisis".

I liked Smiley's general plea for straightforward and positive responses to political, economic and racial problems and his specific stance for racial understanding. I could also relate to Philbrook's concerns about Third World responsibilities with respect to population control.  
However, our Halton M.P. left unsaid some politically unpopular facts about equally important responsibilities of the developed countries to be less prodigal consumers of food and energy.  
Before Canadians can pose as credible critics of birthrates in the poorer countries, we must significantly reduce our per capita consumption rates. India may have a birthrate that is twice that of a western country, but rich countries with quarter of the world's population eat more than half of the world's food. What's more, we use much of the grain in inefficient ways (370 million tons—enough food for all the people in India and China) to fatten farm animals.

February 10th to 20th is set aside as "TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT" and the theme this year is FOOD. There will be events in Acton during this period to focus on concerns related to the disparities of food distribution in our diminishing planet.  
TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT is a joint educational program of the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Churches of Canada. It seeks to bring about Canadian public policy which will broaden the opportunities for human growth, especially by the people of developing countries.

Yours sincerely,  
Eldon Comfort.

of Acton for many years as a priest of good understanding with a social and humble manner.

A priest's life is not an easy one, so let's give them our utmost encouragement to carry on in the service of God for his parishioners' spiritual welfare in this new year of 1978.

Yours sincerely,  
George Graham

Dear Editor:  
A reunion to celebrate the Lousana Consolidated School's 60th Anniversary 1918-1978 is being planned for July 1st and 2nd 1978 at Lousana, Alberta. All former students, teachers, janitors and any interested persons are invited to attend. For further information contact: Mrs. Mona Knights - Lousana, Alberta or Mrs. Jean Johnson - Delburne, Alberta.

### Collision

A triple vehicle collision on Main Street South Friday morning resulted in \$600 in damages.  
A pick-up truck driven by Otto Wyga of R.R. 2, Acton escaped with the least damage, \$100, according to Halton Regional Police.  
Most of the damage was taken on the vehicle driven by Nancy MacDonald of 143 Mill St. W. According to police it has about \$300 in damages. The balance was taken on by the vehicle driven by Kimberly Gosselin of 24 Ransom St., police say.

### Crossing guards ask 150%

Crossing guards, at least four of them, want an increase in pay from \$8 a day to \$20 a day.  
In a letter to Halton Hills finance-administration committee Mrs. S. Beecham, crossing guard at George Kennedy School, claiming she

was speaking for three other guards, termed the present \$8 a day "a token, and in no way pays for the inconvenience of the job."  
She asked council to consider the hazards of the job, and invited they visit her crossing. She also asked them to think about inclement weather and the time spent going to and from the crossing.  
The committee referred the letter to the treasurer for a report and comparative amounts paid in other municipalities.

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**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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