

OUR READERS WRITE:



Share what God has done

SHARING
with Nancy Gordon

Dear God:
Do you remember that sunny Saturday afternoon, Labor Day weekend, 1968, when Mom and I were going shopping? That terrible accident left me unconscious for three days. I don't think I thanked You for taking control of the events that day and giving me my life and the use of both legs. I thank You now with all my heart.

Mom told me that after stopping at the intersection, then making a left hand turn our car was struck on the driver's side and pushed one hundred fifty feet down the street. Which left me with various cuts and bruises and a shattered left femur and this necessitated being put in traction.

Because my body chemistry is such that it rejects foreign objects, the doctors couldn't place a pin in my femur. If the leg didn't heal in traction it would have to be either shortened or amputated. At the time I was in such pain and was so weak that I couldn't grasp the severity of my condition.

The fourth day of my stay in the Guelph General Hospital, Reverend Gordon Turner, our minister, was doing his visitations and stopped by to see me, bearing with a gift, greater than even he realized. It was a book by Richard Gehman, entitled Let My Heart Be Broken. This book not only opened my mind and my heart but my soul and allowed You to work in me.

Your spirit through this book made me realize I was one of the most fortunate people on earth. It told of the people of India, who were starving, had almost nothing to wear, no homes and death was their constant companion including tiny babies. I had loving parents, relatives, and friends who I never dreamed cared. I had the best doctors, a clean bed, good food and the luxury of a window beside my bed. The

most import thing I realized even then is that You had granted me the greatest gift of all—LIFE. Why? I didn't know. But my life changed. That love is really the strength upon which we build our lives, the love of family, friends, and most of all our love for You.

During my four month stay in hospital, I made many friends and was able to give and receive much joy and love. As the months quickly passed, my shattered femur became whole again. You healed my leg, Thank You.

During these four months I never worried about whether or not it would heal. Somehow I was filled with joy, laughter, love and the peace of mind to relax, and let You and the doctors take care of it.

Now I am able to run, walk, dance, skate and swim like others. I never take these simple things for granted. I always remember how close I came to spending my life either on crutches or in a wheelchair.

Please forgive me for taking so long a time to let You know how grateful I am that You did take control of that day's events, that sunny Saturday afternoon. With all my heart I once again thank You for my LIFE and my healthy legs. Though this letter of thanks I hope to let others know of Your greatness and miracles that You lovingly grant us each day.

Love,
Nancy.

I share with you this letter of thanksgiving to God, for there are so many who don't know that God's help is an everyday experience. Please share with us what God has done for you by writing to: SHARING, Nancy Gordon, P.O. Box 57, ACTON, Ontario L7J 2M2.

Bucks Big Brother

"Chlorine-Fluoride-Sodium Silicate." What else will Big Brother down south sitting in his big green Box (just north of QEW on 25 Hwy) will want to shovel into our water. Oh Yes, and make us pay for it.

We have already been told, that our children are below the "norm" because we have a lower socio-economic level (Acton Free Press Oct 4/78) Maybe, just maybe, if we were asked whether Acton citizens—Tax payers—would like to have fluoride and Sodium Silicate shoveled into our water which we all must use and consume everyday (Oh Yes, and pay for it) then I for one might just tax my poor (below norm) brain and find out if it is of benefit, or at least, if the majority of people in town believe it is. "Democracy"; you remem-

ber, rule by the people or was it Big Brother knows best?

"Well, nuts!" I for one am through being a mushroom person (Kept in the dark and fed horse manure). Come on, Acton, let's show Big Brother we are still alive up here and at least have a plebiscite on this very disturbing matter. Milton people have shown they can fight Big Brother—so can we, on this and several other matters, before it's too late. Finally, where do our budding new and used politicians for local government stand on this issue and others concerning Acton? Let's hear from them, before they ask us to support them with our votes.

Brian Cargill
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Acton.

Volunteer co-ordinators

A general meeting to discuss the possibility of the formation of a Halton Region Association of Volunteer Co-ordinators was held on Thursday, Sept. 28 at Oaklands Regional Centre, Oakville.

Volunteer co-ordinators and staff who work with volunteer programs in social agencies and community organizations attended from Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills. They were asked to suggest possible benefits of such an association, its format and to indicate their priorities and program choices.

A planning committee of 10

members representing agencies and organizations from Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills is meeting on Oct. 11. At this time the suggestions and ideas brought forward at the Sept. 28 general meeting will be discussed.

Condemns editorial

"Our Readers Write"
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Dear Sir:
I must take issue with, and indeed condemn your editorial of September 27th titled "News from Neepawa".
Your editorial began, "So another Union is holding the public to ransom, with the strike of the postal carriers."
I can see no tie in whatsoever between your opening statement, and the body of your editorial which criticizes postal delivery during "normal" times, i.e. when there is no strike.
It appears that you blame postal carriers for a generally poor postal service. Do you really believe that the postal carriers manage the Post Office, and indeed are able to make decisions and policies regarding postal service?
I suggest that your opening line was a conclusion of "guilt by association". Furthermore your views were designed to pander only to the reactionary elements within our society.

I would refer you to the editorial in The Herald which also appeared on September 27th, with regards to the postal strike. In this same editorial it is suggested that The Letter Carriers Union of Canada bargained in good faith and made every effort to head off a strike.
The Union offered to meet with Treasurer Board to continue negotiations three weeks before the strike occurred and stated that the Union's position was flexible. If the Treasurer Board negotiators had one ounce of Labour Relations sense, they would have taken that message as a cue that the Union was not only willing to meet—but was prepared to reduce its demands.

Instead, the Treasurer Board stonewalled, and didn't even return to the bargaining table until one day before the strike deadline. At that time Treasurer Board negotiators presented a no change proposal, which had been previously rejected by the posties.

I am convinced that the government (through Treasurer Board), provoked this strike. Trudeau told the country that the posties would be legislated back to work, should they exercise their legal right to strike. One could almost imagine the Prime Minister drooling with anticipation at the thought of the reactionary votes he would reap from his proposed harvest.

I must refer to your editorial as a cheap attempt at the popular media (some) pastime of Union bashing.

Had you researched your editorial in a responsible manner, I'm sure that at least some of the points I've enumerated with regards to this strike, would have surfaced. Instead, you chose to lead off with the worn out "So another Union is holding the country to ransom" routine.

Yours truly,
Allan R. Foster,
Acton

Area woman writes Sun column

A Ballinfad area woman has started writing a column on education in the Sunday Sun and is hoping Halton Hills residents will write to express their feelings about education.

Joyce Nesker Simmons, who lives on the Seventh Line of Erin Township south of Highway 24, began writing the column with her business partner Sylvia Santin this month. The two women run a firm in Toronto called Special Education Services.

They started thinking about reaching more parents, teachers, students, educators, doctors and nurses through a question and answer column a year ago but couldn't get it launched until this fall.

Both women are former school teachers who are

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