



It was Clown Day at the Kiddies' Corner at the Y last week. Janice Cox, Melissa McNabb, Blake Lushman and Ryan Rueter enjoyed getting painted up for the occasion, and teacher Judy Bailey had a lot of fun too.

# Clergy Comment

By Pastor John Cooper  
 Sometimes we find ourselves recuperating from festive occasions. We "over do" and our bodies and feelings, our minds and headaches are reporting back to us: you have abused us and now we are letting you know.

How strange to have to recover from Thanksgiving celebrations... or any celebration for that matter. Must be that some aspect of celebrating has gone wrong. We have used a time of rejoicing for an over-indulgence or self-indulgence which results in a misery inconsistent with the joyful event. How can thanksgiving bring misery?

Perhaps some are playing "catch-up" or crowding the giving of thanks into one event or method. Thanksgiving cannot be compressed into a one-day-a-year exercise. This is not to say that we ought not to have a national day for thanksgiving. Those who celebrate well on Thanksgiving are in good shape for giving thanks every day and feel better for doing so. It is not much different performing a skill or running a race. Hence the proverb: practice makes perfect.

Suppose we ate, walked, talked, thought, meditated only once a year. Or suppose we did a minimal of all that it is to be human and could not or would not do the remaining functions. Would we be normal? Would we mesh with others living normal lives? We are what we do and say. Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them." To do is to affirm our existence, worth, competence, purpose, happiness. To say is to confirm with words to another what we are and do. We use words as substitutes and signs of unique events or irrepeatable happenings. Words give vent to feelings, hidden

Thankfulness is to be responsive to the Lord, the Creator and Sustainer of all that exists? Thankfulness cannot be limited to one day, one occurrence per year. And thankfulness certainly cannot be confined to the abundance and prosperity of things.

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## Legion happenings

By Harry Norton  
 By now all members should have received their October bulletin with the raffle tickets for the Beef Draw enclosed. As mentioned this is one of the ways the Legion raises money to support Minor Hockey in Acton.

I was talked into going to the Arena at 5:30 a.m. last Saturday to see one of my granddaughters play. There were not too many grandparents out, but a lot of parents with their youngsters. I came home and sold my five raffle tickets and if you are as lazy as me you will gladly get rid of your five tickets and maybe even ask for more. Sure is a lot easier than getting out there every Saturday like the members that look after this project for the Branch have to do.

for reservations will be November 16.

by Marge McNabb  
 There were 41 present at our last meeting on October 14. Our bazaar is on October 23 from 12 to 3 p.m. All members are asked to donate towards the tables. Plans are being made for the Remembrance Day parade and dinner. The parade starts at 10:15 a.m. from the post office and dinner is at 1 p.m. at the Legion. Irene Lazenby won our monthly draw.

The Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank all who helped make the September 24 social night such a success, including Branch 197 for the use of their baseball uniforms; the models for the fashion show; Stewart Henderson,

Rod Leech and Jim Hagget for the music; Liz Chalmers for her help, dance instruction and her spectacular dance; Bev from Glenlea Beauty Salon for supplies and helping with wardrobe and makeup; Alice Leitch for helping and standing in; Terry Martin for helping; and May Wilds, Jane Watson, Mrs. Peacock and Monica Cantwell for items borrowed.

**Barbecue is stolen**

A gas barbecue was stolen from the deck of a Rockwood home last Wednesday. Guelph OPP report the barbecue was worth \$350.

They are still looking for Table Tennis players for 8 p.m. every Monday night. If you are interested come on out or at least get your name on the list posted on the Bulletin board at the Branch.

The always popular Kent Tocher is providing the music in the lounge on Friday October 22 so come on out and join the crowd.

Ticket sales for the Costume Ball on October 30 are going fast. Gerry Arpa and the Flashbacks are providing the music. Tickets are available at the bar for \$10 per couple.

Comrade Ed Footitt says he has things pretty well organized for Remembrance day and advises that the Ladies Auxiliary have tickets for the lunch following the parade and church service on sale at the bar now. The meal will be served at 1:15 p.m. and at the bargain price of \$3.00.

Senior Citizens of Acton are cordially invited by the Rotary Club and Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion of Acton to a dinner to be held in the Legion auditorium Tuesday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Those wishing to attend please call one of the following phone numbers: 853-0735; 853-0239; 853-2055. Deadline

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