

Does the new generation care about patriotism, sacrifice?

I feel quite hurt this year. Nobody has asked me to speak at their Remembrance Day dinner. I would have turned it down, of course, because I think you can flog the old poppy and talk about throwing the torch from our failing hands only so long, before it becomes irrelevant.

However, I've not been ignored entirely. A teacher asked me to send a copy of a Remembrance Day column I wrote either last year, or the year before, to be read by a Grade 8 student, to the whole school, I presume.

Some order. If I kept a decent file of columns, I could put my finger on it, run off a copy and shoot it to him. But my files are something like my mind: scattered all over the place, confused, mixed up.

My wife, in a fit of pique over some little thing, once stuffed about 200 of my columns into a large plastic bag. It's a little difficult to reach into that bag (it's really a garbage bag, as she implied when she did it) and pull out the right column.

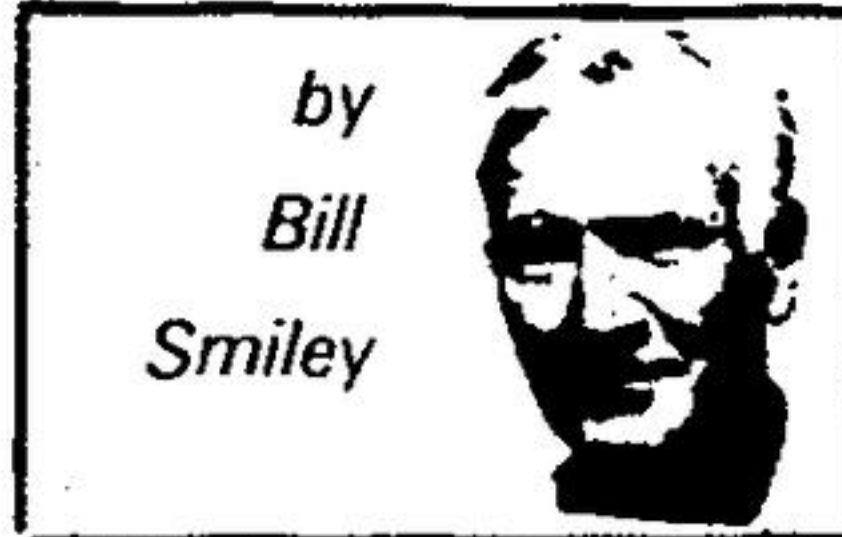
And of course, I haven't been forgotten by the good old administration of our school, which has requested that I write a two-minute thing about Remembrance Day.

My, how that day has shrunk. When I was a kid, the whole school marched to the arena, bedecked with flags, heard speeches about our "fallen" and "our glorious dead." I think we got the afternoon off, to enjoy more immediate pleasures. But before we were dismissed, we heard some haunting hymns, such as "Abide with me," and, Lord help us, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and saw some real tears fall from the eyes of people who had lost a husband or father.

After World War II, but not for several years, I joined the Canadian Legion. Not because I wanted to, particularly, but because I was a weekly editor, and you had to join everything to get the news.

Each year we swaggered, with a certain amount of the old flair, down the main street to the cenotaph, followed by a rag-tag of Scouts and Guides and Brownies, to make up a parade, and led by the town band. The names of the local boys were read, a prayer, a hymn, the Last Post, some sniffs in the meagre audience, and some wet eyes and lumps in throats among the Legionnaires, who really did remember.

Then back to the Legion Hall for beer and b.s. There was a good feeling between



by Bill Smiley

the old-timers of WW I, and us young veterans who had never gone over the top, deloused ourselves, coped with a gas attack, or been under heavy bombardment of artillery, as the old vets frequently reminded us.

The native Indian veterans turned out in force. This was before they were allowed to buy any kind of spirits, and they made a day of it.

Now, the tiny remnant of old vets of that time are rapidly becoming old men.

Then I started teaching school. Remembrance Day was still observed, with the whole school being called for a special assembly, and the old platitudes recalled and regurgitated.

I was asked to speak, at one of them. The head of the students' council preceded me, and pulled out all the cliches and hackneyed references. "Sacrifice," "the fallen," and carrying "the torch" were among them.

I didn't mean to, but pulled the rug right out from under him. I pointed out that the dead didn't fall; they were killed; that the sacrifice made by millions of young men, from many nations, all of them fighting for "the right," achieved absolutely nothing; that if someone threw them a torch to carry, they should throw it right back, and so on. The kids loved it, but the administration thought it was iconoclastic.

These assemblies went on for a few more years, steadily disintegrating as the remembrance ceremony was turned over more and more to the students, to whom both wars were ancient history.

They degenerated into folk songs like "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" juvenile diatribes against war, and maudlin sentiments about peace, far worse than the Legion, which always had a certain dignity, could perpetrate.

Eventually, the assemblies were cut entirely, and yours truly became the goat.

His task: to write a two-minute commercial reminding the students that Remembrance Day is not just a school holiday. Try doing that in 200 words that will stir the students' emotions, uplift their souls, and make them want to rush out and defend their country against something or other.

The wars mean almost nothing to them, and the only things they'd fight to the death for are their transistors, motorcycles, hi-fis, and high allowances. Most of them have only the vaguest idea of the tensions in the world, and small reason. They're sick to death of politicians and are inured to violence by seeing it daily on TV. They don't really care much about abstracts like patriotism, loyalty, sacrifice.

But I get my quiet revenge. There's no teaching, in the usual sense, in my classes on the day before the "holiday."

I show them souvenirs, pictures of "your hero" standing beside his Typhoon, and tell them funny stories about stupid senior officers, and make them realize that if it were 40 years ago, most of them would be in the process of being shot at, or losing a sweetheart. It works.

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1 Births

BIFFIS—Bill and Sandy (nee Wyga) are pleased to announce the healthy arrival of their second child, Jonathan Rudy, a brother for Jeremy. Born October 30, 1984 at 4:58 p.m., weighing 9 lbs., 2 1/2 oz. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Biffis and Mr. and Mrs. D. Wyga, both of R.R. 2, Acton. Many thanks to Dr. D. Zenl and the OB Staff at Georgetown District and Memorial Hospital.

BURROWS—Ted and Sally are pleased to announce the birth of their son Kyle Lyndon, October 17, 1984, weighing 8 lbs., 13 ozs., at Edmonton, Alberta. First grandson for Bob and Marg Burrows of Edmonton and 3rd grandson for Mamie Dick of Acton. A new cousin for Kevin, Caitlin and Rory Dick.

DEARSLEY—Lucy and Graham are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Joel, their new son and a new brother to Leah. The 10 pound, 1 ounce baby boy arrived at 3:49 a.m. on October 30th, 1984. Joel is the first grandson of Arle and Rita Verhey of Georgetown, and second of Sylvia and Leon Dearsley of Kent, England. Special thanks to Dr. Ford and the staff at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

GRASS ROOTS is pleased to announce the germination of a new shoot Jenny-Claire Dickinson, 7 lbs., 10 ozs. on October 31, 1984. A sister for Holly and second grandchild for Dorothy and Harry Brilerley of Astbury, England and Judy and Bryan Dickinson of Lyndsey, Ontario. A third grandchild for Mrs. Polly Retcliffe, Dunsford, England. Special thanks to Dr. Ford, Dr. Zenl, Dr. Ng and all the OB staff of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

MACDONALD—To Cathy and Dean, a son, James Dean, born November 1, 1984, weighing 8 lbs., 9 ozs. Brother for Kristen. Many thanks to the staff at McMaster Medical Centre.

MIERSMA—Lee and Andrea are pleased to announce that Chad Ian has a brother, Aaron Daniel, 8 lbs., 12 1/2 ozs. born October 25, 1984. Sincere thanks to Dr. Trant and the staff at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

SALZSAULER, Colleen and Don and sister Jessie are happy to announce the safe arrival of Samantha Ann, born October 13, 1984 at McMaster Hospital, Hamilton, weighing 8 lbs., 2 ozs. Proud grandparents are Ed and Margaret Salzsauler of Wilkie, Saskatchewan and Bill and Nita Wyllychuk of Hope, B.C.

SPITERI—Mike and Carol are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Michael Thomas Paul, arrived on Sunday, October 21, 1984 at 5:42 a.m. weighing 8 lbs., 5 1/2 ozs. First grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harlow. Special thanks to Drs. Ford and Thompson and the nursing staff. Thank you all for the care you gave Michael and I during our stay in the hospital.

WALINGA—I have known my Mom for a long time and on Thursday, November 1, 1984 at 4:44 p.m. I met my Dad. My parents, Brenda and Jack Walinga, call me Daniel Jeffrey. I weigh 4670 grams and am beautiful. My brothers Michael and Matthew and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Walinga and Mrs. and Mrs. J. Sherry Few were all happy to see me.

3 Engagements

BRITTON-BAYNTON, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Britton of Acton and Mr. and Mrs. James Baynton of Campbellville are proud to announce the engagement of their children Janet and Mike. Wedding is planned for June 1985.

6 Deaths

HILLIER, Edith Mary—Suddenly on Thursday, November 1st, 1984 at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Edith Alcott, beloved wife of William Hillier and dear mother of June (Mrs. Ken Davidson), William Jr., Jack, Bob and Ross Hillier. Also, lovingly remembered by her grandchildren and great grandchildren: Dear sister of Florrie Alcott, Lilian Marchmont, Ethel King, Ernie Alcott and the late Gordon Alcott and Dorothy Wright. Rested at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home where funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. In memory contributions to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

THOMPSON, Edith on Thursday, November 1, 1984 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Edith came in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Ross Thompson and dear mother of June (Mrs. Lou Dryer) of RR 3, Georgetown, Lois (Mrs. Tom Dube) of Holland Landing, Gail (Mrs. Gord Smith) of Brudenorth, James and Paul of Georgetown. Loving grandmother of Stephen, Bill, Julie, Andy, Jean, Ruth-Anne, Ron, Julie, Lori and Leanne. Dear sister of James Cave of Florida and the late Lorne Cave. Rested at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 34 Edith St., Georgetown where a private funeral and committal was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4. Cremation followed.

6 Deaths

COOK, Arthur (Veteran WW I) passed away quietly at Fairview Mennonite Home, Cambridge (Preston) on Monday, November 5, 1984. Arthur Cook in his 88th year, husband of the late Margaret J. D'Orsay. Dear father of Clara (Mrs. Robert Krogman) of Kitchener and Whitney Cook of Deep River. Also survived by four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Brother of Rev. Kenneth Cook of California, Miss Dulcie Cook of Burnaby, B.C. and Mrs. Erica Sproute of Pugwash, N.S. Rested at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton. Funeral service will be held at Forest View Pentecostal Assembly, Kitchener on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Breslau.

FLYNN, Michael Joseph on Wednesday, October 31, 1984 at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Mike Flynn of Georgetown, beloved husband of Eileen Kavanaugh and dear father of Patricia (Mrs. J. Clark) of Georgetown, Gloria (Mrs. L. Vanleswick) of Brampton, Michael, Cathy (Mrs. C. Peacock), Ken, Jim and Terry, all of Georgetown. Also lovingly remembered by his 10 grandchildren and his three sisters and one brother. Rested at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 34 Edith St., Georgetown from Thursday evening, Christian burial mass was held Saturday morning, November 3 at 10:30 at Holy Cross Church, November 3 at 10:30 at Holy Cross Church, interment Greenwood Cemetery. In memory contributions to the Intensive Care Unit at St. Michael's Hospital would be appreciated.

GAMSBY, Margaret (Daisy Buchanan) suddenly Wednesday, October 31, 1984 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Dearly loved mother of Peggy and Francis of Saskatoon, Gary of Stratton, Ontario and Heather of Barwick, Ontario. Funeral service was held in Saskatoon on Friday, November 2 at 3:30.

HALEY, Roy (Former Chief of Police, Town of Georgetown) on Friday, November 2, 1984 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Roy Haley, beloved husband of Abbie and dear father of Betty Piater of Collingwood, Edna Edge of Milton, Beverly Hancock of Glen Williams and Robert Haley of Midland. Also lovingly remembered by 21 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Miss Edna Haley of Toronto. Rested at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 34 Edith St., Georgetown. Funeral service was held Monday, November 5 from St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glen Williams. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. In memory contributions to The Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

7 Cards of Thanks

I WISH to thank my friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness during my illness and the loss of my mother. Pat Kitchener.

MY sincere thanks to everyone for their cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and gifts while I was in hospital and since getting home. Special thanks to Dr. Thompson, Dr. Hobart and the nurses on Ward B. Ada Sinclair

THE family of the late Michael Flynn would like to thank their friends, neighbors and relatives for the flowers, cards, charitable donations and thoughtfulness at the time of his passing, no words can ever express our gratitude to everyone who helped us out in our hour of need. Special thanks to Father Dave, Father Conn, the staff of the I.C.U. at St. Michael's Hospital, Georgetown Hospital and the Georgetown Ambulance Association for their kindness, comfort and support. Also thanks to J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home for their kindness.

THE family of the late Edith Mary Hillier wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who was so kind and thoughtful during the sudden loss of our dearly beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. Special thanks to Dr. Ashenbush and staff of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Volunteer ambulance and Police department for their prompt assistance and kindness shown. Jim Jones Funeral Home for their care and helpful assistance, the Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary for the excellent luncheon, and to those who contributed flowers, and donations to charities and an especially warm thank-you to Rev. Peter Barrow for his comforting, and consoling words and service. We are truly grateful.

WE WISH to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their floral tributes, memorial funds and their kindness during our recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. Penabaker, Dr. McIntosh, Dr. Browning, Staff on Ward A of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Rev. P. Barrow for his comforting words. J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home for their excellent assistance. Ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church for serving refreshments. Ruth Howes and family.

WE WISH to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Also many thanks to our family for organizing a party for us at Rockmore Community Centre, where we especially enjoyed the reunion of our relatives and friends.

Ivan and Anne Richardson
We would like to thank our friends and relatives for flowers, Mass cards, and donations to the Cancer Society and Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Many thanks to "Beiles and Beaus Senior Club," J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, in the loss of a dear husband, father and grandfather. Margaret Tucker and family.

8 In Memoriams

BULMER, Harold—In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away Nov. 8, 1980. Sweet memories will linger, forever. Time cannot change them. Its true. Years that may come cannot sever My loving memories of you. Lovingly remembered by wife, Alice.

GAWLEY, Lorne—In loving memory of a dear father and father-in-law who passed away November 9, 1983. Slowly, the leaves turn and fall to the ground. While the cool winter air enters its first stage of life. Time is the clock of life which never stops ticking.

When there is a loss of a loved one Time is the healer But that loss will never be totally healed by time. One year has past, and sometimes it feels like yesterday Even though we are older We still think back in confusion, Wondering why, We miss you very much, But we will never lose the wonderful memories we've shared with you Dad. We will be together—Someday. Lovingly remembered by your daughter Lorna and son-in-law Frank.

GAWLEY, Lorne—In loving memory of my husband who passed away November 9, 1983. A page in the book of memory Silently turns today. We remember you in silence And make no outward show. And what it meant to lose you No one will ever know. Sadly missed by wife Joyce and family.

HANCOCK, Anne—In loving memory of our mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who passed away suddenly on November 5, 1983. God has her in his keep We have her in our hearts. Ever loved and remembered by her children and grandchildren.

HILL—In loving memory of our dear son and brother Murray who passed away Nov. 7, 1979. May the winds of Heaven blow gently On a quiet peaceful spot, Where the one we love lies sleeping, and will never be forgot. Nothing could be more beautiful than the memory we have of you. To us you were so special and God must have thought so too. Sadly missed by Mom, Dad, Brant and Greg.

LEE, Robin Ann—In loving memory of our precious daughter (Bobbie) who should not have died, November 9, 1973, aged 2 1/2 years. We no longer weep and say (if only) We no longer call your name, But in our hearts your eyes still shine, We love you just the same. Always and forever. Daddy, Mommy, Shannon and Yvonne.

LEE, Robin—In loving memory of my beautiful baby niece "Bugs" from her Aunt Julie.

LEE, Robin—In loving memory of our darling baby granddaughter Bobbi, from her sorrowing Grandad and Nana Roberts.

MACCOLL—In loving memory of a dear brother Kenneth who passed away November 12, 1978. Those we love we never lose For always they will be Loved, remembered, treasured Always in our memory. Always remembered by Colin and family and William and Melinda.

MCHUGH, Elsie A.—In loving memory of our dear grandmother who passed away November 13, 1981.

The depths of sorrow we cannot tell Of the loss of one we loved so well And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep Her memory we shall always keep. Sadly missed but never forgotten by your grandchildren, David, Jeff, Kim, Michelle, Michael, Jason, Christopher, Sabrina, Lisa, Krystal and Melinda.

MCHUGH, Elsie A.—In loving memory of our dear mother who passed away November 13, 1981. In tears we saw you sinking We watched you fade away Our hearts were almost broken. You fought so hard to stay But when we saw you sleeping, So peacefully free from pain We could not wish you back. To suffer that again. Sadly missed and never forgotten by your children Patricia, Kathleen, Michael, Robert, Keith, Susan and by your sons and daughters-in-law Grant, Paul, Blake, Elizabeth, Diane and Annette.

10 Coming Events

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THE Graham family invites you to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on the 18th of November in Holy Cross auditorium, Georgetown from 1:30-4 p.m. Best wishes only. THE Georgetown District High School Theatre Club presents Camelot at the John Elliott Theatre, November 23, 24, 25, 30 and Dec. 1. Tickets: 877-4078.

10 Coming Events



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BRITISH Club are holding their monthly meeting and fun night Friday Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. Glen Williams Town Hall.

CHRISTMAS fare, bazaar and bake sale, Saturday, November 17, 11:30 to 2:30, Knox Church, Georgetown. Lunch available.

COME to our Old Fashioned Bazaar featuring: The Country Store Cabbage Clothes, knitting, sewing & crafts. Also home baking & of course our super tea. Sponsored by T.A.G. at Trinity United Church, Acton, Saturday, November 10th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

DON'T follow the trend, set the trend! Nov. 10 is the date of St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar at Acton Legion. It runs from noon until 3 p.m. Don't miss the goodies at our bake table. Buy your Christmas gifts early. Have your picture taken with wands. Visit at the tea table. Lots of fun for the kids. See you there!

HILLCREST United Church, Craft Sale and Cookie Walk, Saturday, November 24, 1984, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cookie Walk starts at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Lunch available.

HOLY Cross Parish Christmas Bazaar, Maple Ave., Georgetown. Sponsored by Catholic Women's League, Nov. 10th, 1984 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Christmas crafts, bake table and much more. Lunch available.

LEGION Ladies' Annual Bazaar and Penny Sale, Saturday, November 17, 1984, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Santa will visit from 1:30-3 p.m. Bake tables, Christmas tables, raffles, something for everyone! Legion Hall, 127 Mill St. Georgetown.

SALVATION Army Thrift Store, 12 Mill St. W., Acton, bag sale, 83. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 8, 9, 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ST. ANDREWS United Church Annual Bazaar Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mountainview Rd. S., Georgetown.

ST. JOHN'S United Church Annual Bazaar will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the church hall on Guelph St. Georgetown.

THE ACTON CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL presents its annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and TEA ROOM, Saturday November 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 19 St. Alban's Drive, Acton. Crafts, baking, white elephant, children's fish pond and more.

THE GENERAL Meeting of the Acton Agricultural Society will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13th, 1984 at the Knox Presbyterian Church. Time 8:30 p.m.

THE students of Centennial School are asking for community support for their 24 hour Rocking Chair-a-thon on November 23 and 24. Students will be visiting your homes from November 15-22. Please give generously.

TOM and Ruth Gibson would like to invite you to their show at The Gallery in the Georgetown Library and Cultural Centre. The show will run from November 7 to December 1st and will feature oil paintings by Ruth and Gibson and photography by Tom Gibson. The official opening will be Sunday, November 11, 1-5 p.m.

UNION Presbyterian Church Bazaar, November 17th from 2-4 p.m. Pinecone wreaths, home baking, candy, crafts, knitting and sewing, plus tea room. 22 Sideroad between Glen Williams and Terra Cotta.

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12 Auction Sales

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