

Letters to the Editor

Reader questions policy of naming accused

To the editor of the Herald:
Over the past few years I have noticed that you do not publish the names of local people arrested for local crimes. The Herald does usually identify the victims. This policy is shown on page 2 in the 3 October article titled "Thieves rob local homes".

front page under the heading "Constable Faces Assault Charges", the accused is named and the victim is not. I'm not saying the officer should not be named but he should have the same consideration your paper gives other people.

the accused if we think the crime warrants additional coverage, including that of the trial. Readers may recall our extensive coverage of the Doris Jones trial earlier this year. If we do print an accused person's name, we are committed to giving their acquittal or conviction at least the same prominence in the newspaper as we did their being charged.

Kit Wood
EDITOR'S NOTE - The Herald does give the names of

Need names

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor but we cannot print letters that have no signature. However, names will be withheld on request.

Fitness thanks

To the editor of the Herald:

On behalf of the staff of Operation ACTION I would like to thank you for the excellent coverage of events during the past year.

Your lead-up articles and follow-up pictures-stories made our job of promoting fitness much easier. As of October 5, 1979, Operation ACTION will officially end. Please extend our thanks to

the various persons involved with such coverage. Thank you again.

Yours truly,
Heather Leslie (Miss),
Project Manager,
Operation ACTION

VIEWPOINT

We're doing well compared to world

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH
Herald columnist

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone. Thanksgiving is the one day out of the year when we are supposed to count our blessings and be thankful. Today so many people become caught up in the negative aspects of their lives that giving thanks almost becomes "thanks for what". The everyday problems of living - the financial pressures; sickness; personal crisis; becomes so heavy in our minds that we lose sight of all the truly wonderful things that are ours.

I often think of the true story of the woman who had only partial sight in one eye and none in the other. To see anything she would have to hold the object so close, and then she could only see part, never the whole item. After more than 35 years of blindness an operation she had when she was past 50 years of age, restored more than 70 per cent of her vision.

She wrote "I could see the soap suds in the sink - I could hold them up to the light and see a rainbow of colour in each bubble - I could pop them with my fingers and then delight in the glistening shine on each plate as I pulled it forth from the bubbling suds." Imagine having such a great time while doing something so mundane as the dinner dishes.

The lines - "I sang the blues because I had no shoes, until upon the street I met a man who had no feet" may appeal to our intellect but when down and out most people become centered in on their problem alone and lose track of what could always be a far more

critical situation. One of the many things we have to be thankful for and rarely stop to consider is the array of foods that are available to us at our local food market. You can set a table (and probably did for Thanksgiving) with foods from every corner of the world. Fresh fruit available in the midst of the winter blizzard - caviar (if you're fancy) from Russia, cornbeef in a tin from South America - dates from Arabia, we have at our fingertips foods that the richest of kings or sultans could never have placed on their tables less than 100 years ago. We get so hung up on the cost of food that we forget what a bountiful choice we have spread before us.

MEDICAL MIRACLES

Another area to give thanks for are the medical miracles that now occur almost every day. Gadgets and surgery to make the deaf hear, machines to make a weak heart beat, to replace a lost limb, all such wonders giving meaning and life to those who otherwise would have been left to despair. Medical miracles that happen each day, that we never even think about unless it happens to one of our own.

Each of us here in Canada enjoys a "freedom of thought" that has been fought and died for in many other lands. We have freedom to pursue a dream - to build a fortune on determination and ambition alone. We can visit our nearest library and read whatever the heart or mind can choose.

Freedom to listen to what music we please or to turn on a box in our living room and be entertained with a program

again of "our" own choosing. The beauty of this great nation is free for all to enjoy - remember people travel from around the world to see sights that are on our door step. We become so caught up in the material world that we rush to our destinations with eyes blind to the regal splendor of fall colours all around us.

Another true story that has always lingered in my mind is that of the man who threw his new bride a handful of peanuts and said "I wish they were emeralds". Years passed and that man became extremely wealthy but he was also fortunate to learn one of life's truest wisdoms along the way. One day he threw his wife a handful of emeralds and said "I wish they were peanuts". He had discovered that success is not in attaining your goals but in the struggle on the way up.

Helen Keller said "Turn your face to the sunshine and you'll never see the shadows." Simple isn't it, yet the simplest things are always the hardest.

The true meaning of Thanksgiving is to be found in all that is simple in life.

The greatest gift is peace of mind and money can't buy that one. If we learn to give thanks for all the positive things we enjoy then the negative can't stand out in front and our troubles will never appear as large as we sometimes tend to make them.

I believe that we can never give enough "thanks" in one day alone to count all our blessings...

"Thanksgiving should be held at least every 365 days a year.

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