

Letters to the Editor

Her customers are impressed with Catherine's dedication

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is an exchange of correspondence between Toronto Star carrier Catherine Shields and one of her grateful customers on Normandy Boulevard. Both letters were forwarded to The Herald by the latter.

should be presented in order for all of your readers to appreciate the concern shown by this paper-carrier.

Dear customer,
For many months now I have been delivering the Toronto Star to your home. I hope that my service to you has been respectable and proper. Of course, the papers haven't always been on time; but in the future I hope to repay you all

for such times and thank you for all your patience in helping me to become a full-pledged Star Carrier. I haven't been having any trouble delivering, but it has been quite difficult finding someone to substitute me when I have been away. Many times, most times; as a matter of fact, when the paper has arrived late or you did not get one at all it was because the girl-boy I had asked had done an insufficient job. My parents and I have, therefore, decided that when we would go away, we would do the papers, then leave.

I have worked out a new schedule for my collecting routes. If you do not choose to follow the section I have placed you in, please tell me so as we can work things out. I have divided the collecting into groups - according to the days you receive the paper. This does not include those of you that pay a few weeks at a time. I have changed my collecting

day to Saturday because it gets dark too soon these days. It will go back to normal in the spring. The schedule works as follows:
7 day customers, (Mon.-Sun.) - Saturdays
6 day customers, (Mon.-Sat.) - Saturdays
5 day customers, (Mon.-Fri.) - Saturdays
Sat.-Sun. customers - Every 4th Saturday
Sat. only customers - Every 4th Saturday

Although I have been delivering for so long, I have been too shy to ask you your names. I really do need this information badly for my collection cards, and it would be nice to know your names. I also need to know your phone numbers and your postal codes if you know it. (Why, I don't know, but on my collection cards it has a spot where I'm supposed to write it down) I have made a sort of form for you to write out so that I will know. Then,

I could bring it home and fill out my collecting cards properly.

Catherine Shields

REPLY:

Dear Catherine,
Thank you for taking the time and patience to explain to your customers the trials and tribulations of being a newspaper carrier and by expressing your concern over the plight of all of us.

It is very reassuring to know how much you care about your job. You have expressed a genuine desire to serve and fulfill your obligations in a very sincere fashion; in a manner which should be expressed by more of us involved in the day to day world of business.

I sincerely hope you retain this attitude of honesty and fair play throughout any future endeavor you deem worthy.

A humble client,
J. Russell Bradley,
35 Normandy Blvd.,
Georgetown, Ont.

To the editor of The Herald:
Although the letters below are self-explanatory, I feel the original request and reply

Clark needs fair chance, supporter says

To the editor of The Herald:
On February 18, it is to be hoped the voters remember that a vote for either the Liberals or the NDP is a vote for a Coalition and a vote for Socialism.

During the past few months, Trudeau, Broadbent had under the table understandings just as Trudeau and David Lewis did in the 1972-74. Both parties being socialists, will gladly cooperate whenever it suits their purpose. The Liberal Party has been socialistic for well over 30 years. Socialism, on its simplest terms, simply means "State Dictatorship," where a few politicians and bureaucrats make the decisions and run the lives of the general public.

Already in this election campaign, Pierre Trudeau has shown himself to be as arrogant as ever. Only his arrogance brought him out of his retirement to run in this election. Only his arrogance has forced the retirement of Turner, Macdonald and all the other former Liberal Cabinet Ministers. The ruination of the Liberal Party is the result! As for flip-flops remember

Mr. Trudeau's deceitful 1974 campaign when he said Wage and Price Controls would not be implemented and were not

needed knowing full-well they would be in 1975. Also remember his 11 years of other flip-flops, examples: Anti Nato then Pro Nato, Anti American and then Pro American.

As for energy, remember the Trudeau Governments had 11 years to make Canada self-sufficient in oil and gas and how they wasted those previous years. Prime Minister Clark has faced reality in a few short months in office and has admitted his mistakes and rectified them. When did Pierre Trudeau ever admit making a mistake? When did he ever show the humility of Mr. Clark? Mr. Clark needs a fair chance to govern Canada. Only the arrogance of Pierre Trudeau has made the February 18 election necessary. Only a majority P.C. Government can save Canadians from the slavery of Socialism and another period of Trudeau dictatorship and a divided Canada.

C. Hillmer,
Oakville

Pension policy disappointing, senior says

To the editor of The Herald:
I am writing on behalf of the people of Canada, between the ages of 60 and 65, who are single: widows, widowers and others, and therefore, have not been eligible for an old age Spouse's Allowance since 1975, because they were not married to an Old Age Pensioner, or have not married one since.

I am sorry the Liberals have given a married person over 60, who has an Old Age Pensioner spouse, a Spouse's Allowance until the death of the Pensioner, and last year extended this to six months after the death of the Pensioner, but have given nothing to single widows, widowers, etc., over 60. This has been a great discriminatory injustice of the Canadian government, and a violation of Human Rights legislation, by making marital status a criterion in a social program.

I had hoped that when the Conservatives came into power, they would rectify this injustice and respect of persons, but was very disappointed, and amazed to hear that discrimination and injustice will be even greater, because they have passed Bill C-6 to continue old age Spouse's Allowance after the spouse has died, even beyond the six month period, until the person is 65.

This is adding insult to injury because the person whose spouse has died is single, and in the very same category as the other single unmarried widowers, widows, and others, who receive nothing. God warns, "Have no respect of persons" to treat one person better than another.

Very sincerely,
Herta Mattern,
Winnipeg

Naturalist asks club for petition

Following is a copy of a letter addressed to town council:
Dear Halton Hills:

Some years ago I was invited to see the 20 purple martin houses operated by Fred Hoskin at Norval. Every box was occupied by a breeding pair, there was no disease, no pest birds, but one family was being bothered by a female without a mate. She insisted on helping to feed a brood of six babes even though the parents kept pushing her out.

I caught a death notice in The Star last August... Fred Hoskin, formerly with Easton's... Norval.

Could you request that a committee be formed in order to carry on the work of this naturalist?

Sparrows and starlings are adversely affecting the numbers of our beneficial native birds that nest in cavities but federal law prevents us from using traps to kill foreign killers. It might be a good idea for the Georgetown Naturalists' Club to start a petition to

have the Statute of 1921 altered to allow the trapping of pest birds by licensed operators.

If an Ontario trapper sets three traps, only one torture device will catch a mammal suitable for use in fur coats. One trap will kill a native bird and the other will catch a mammal useless for trade or the pet of a child. Vanity trapping is vandalism, legal though it might be.

I call upon all citizens of Halton Hills to work for the protection of native birds and the humane killing of imported, pushy, aggressive, noisy birds, the starling and the Weaver finches, or English sparrows.

Please, lady, no rude letters to me saying: "Adolph Hitler did things like that..."

I am motivated by kindness, not greed. My career in natural history goes back to October of 1940 - when my family bought a house in Radnorshire, in Wales, to avoid the bombs of from Nazi war planes.

Respectfully yours,
Mr. L.A. Smith.

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