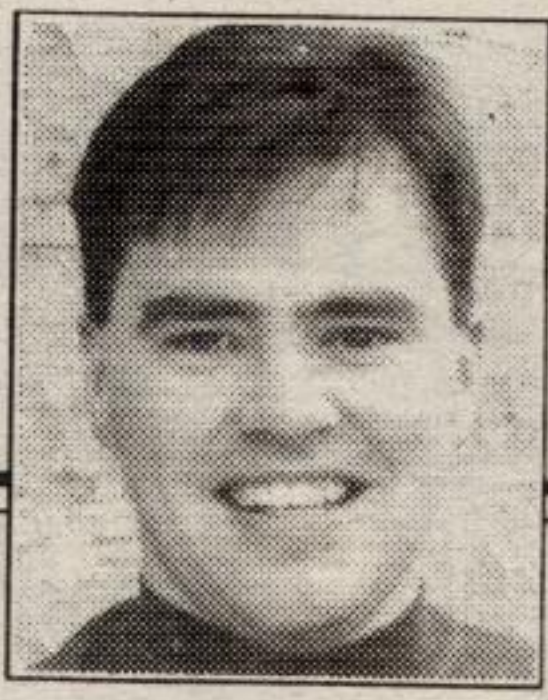


## EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



### Murr Memorial marks 'Year 10' on Monday

Believe it or not, Monday will mark the 10th edition of the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament — how time flies!

The annual tournament will be contested at Acton's Blue Springs for the fourth straight summer (and that course presently is in fantastic shape).

I caught up with tournament chair John Hoare Monday and John was characteristically calm and collected. "It looks like it's going to be another good one; we'll have lots of great prizes once again, we're hoping to have a silent auction, and we're almost full to capacity — we have only about four single spots left."

The event was previously titled the Acton Cancer Society Golf Tournament before it was renamed in honour of Murr, one of the founding committee members. Murr passed away on Nov. 30, 1988 after a battle with cancer.

The event, which raised over \$22,000 last year, kicks off at 7 am and winds up with a first-rate dinner and awards ceremony under the marquee.

If you can't make it out to Blue Springs on Monday but you'd like to offer a donation to the cause, call John Hoare at 853-0901 or Jon Hurst at 853-1850.

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The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society recently received some well-deserved recognition following its award as Acton Citizen(s) of the Year.

Norman Achen, president of the Ontario Division of the Cancer Society, wrote the following message to local president Cathy Gerrow:

"Please convey to the volunteers of the Acton Branch the congratulations of the Ontario Division Board of Directors for being the 1993 recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.

"The list of past recipients indicates that the Acton Branch is among a select group that have received such an honour from the Lions Club. The Canadian Cancer Society is indeed fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers."

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

### A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

**June 8, Wednesday — 6:30 pm:** Hop aboard the last electric cars running on the Toronto Suburban Railway at the Halton Radial Museum. This will be our annual pot luck dinner. Come a little later if you can't arrive in time for dinner.

**June 11, Saturday — 10:30 am to 4 pm:** Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library is holding their Annual Book Sale. For more information call 853-0301.

**June 11, Saturday — 9 am to 3 pm:** St. Joseph's school's Car Wash at the school, located on Mill Street West.

**June 11, Saturday — 9 am to 1 pm:** Weekly Trunk Sale at the Hide House parking lot. Buying or selling — all are welcome at this "giant community garage sale."

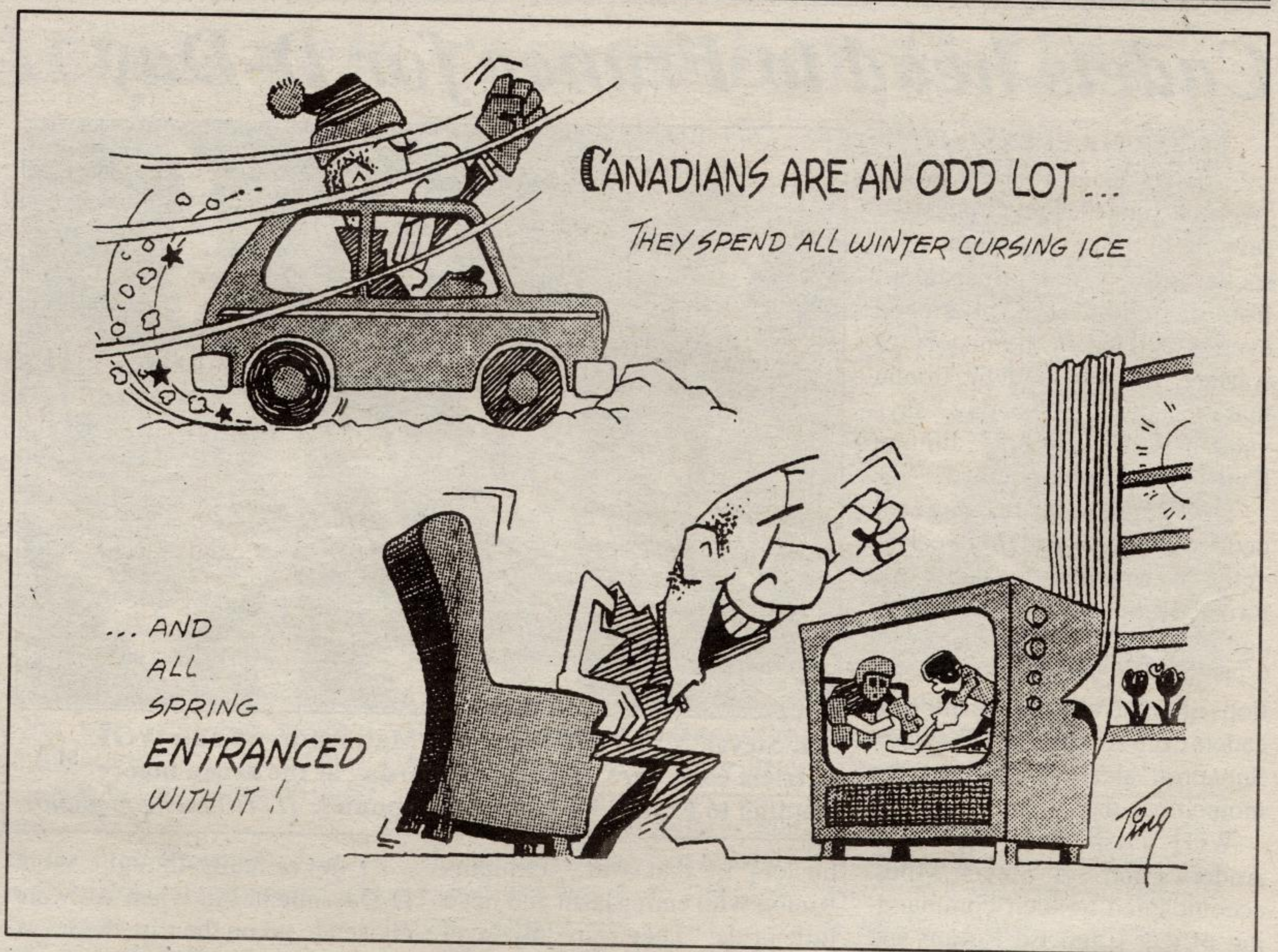
**June 13, Monday:** 10th Annual Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament at Blue Springs Golf Club. Last year over \$22,000 was raised for cancer care and research. For more information call John Hoare at 853-0901.

**June 23, Thursday — 4 to 7 pm:** Celebrate with Robert Little staff and students at a retirement ceremony for music teacher Lenora Vickery.

**June 25, 26, Saturday, Sunday — 9 am to 4 pm (Saturday), 1 to 4 pm (Sunday):** C.P.R. Course at St. John's Anglican Church, Stewarttown. For info call Yvon at 853-4889.

**June 26, Sunday — 9 am through lunch:** Strawberry Social and Pot-Luck Luncheon, sponsored by the Halton Vegetarian Association. Location: Scott's Composting Farm in Milton (southwest corner of Britannia Road and Trafalgar). Free admission; all are welcome. For info call Kari at 876-0563.

**July 4-8, Monday to Friday — 9 am to noon:** Beth-el Christian Reformed Church will hold their annual Vacation Bible School program. For more information, contact Diane Leferink at 853-4493 or Barb Van Giessen at 853-1675.



## LETTERS

### Where does Branch 197 stand on this?

To the Editor,

The executive of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) has recently made a formal decision to enable its branches to continue to deny entry to those who, for religious reasons, are unwilling to remove their head-dress. This decision has created a major setback for religious and racial tolerance in this country. In making it, the executive has demonstrated a lack of sensitivity, hypocrisy and cowardice.

They were insensitive because they did not make the effort to understand the deeply-felt motivation of many Sikhs and Jews against removing their turbans and yarmulkes. If they had, they would have understood that it is not nearly as trivial an issue as a Christian taking off his baseball cap.

They were hypocritical because, by prefixing the word "Royal" to their name, they are automatically affirming their servitude to the Queen. Her Majesty, as we all know, is honoured to receive distinguished subjects of Sikh, Jewish and other religious persuasions in their religious head-gear. She does this out of respect for their beliefs and customs and would not dream of dishonouring or humiliating them by asking them to remove them. It is too bad that the RCL executive has not displayed the same good judgment.

They were cowardly because they hid behind the rigid concept that removing one's head-dress is a mark of respect for their fallen comrades. Certainly the RCL is correct in demanding such respect.

No true Canadian, be they Christian, Sikh, Jew, or otherwise would want anything but the highest level of respect to be offered to those who gave their lives to protect our freedom, peace and way of life.

However, it is obvious that asking a Sikh to remove his turban, or a Jew to remove his yarmulke, does not achieve this objective. Instead, it creates great offense to them and to their beliefs. In fact, this is a thinly-disguised expression of racial and religious bias, which is unbecoming to the RCL.

Unfortunately, we cannot simply write this off as an act of bad judgment. The RCL has always been looked up to by the people of Canada as an elite group, representing those who know what it is like to face death in the defense of their country. They are regarded as being the ultimate patriots. When they make a decision so offensive to a segment of our population, including some of their own comrades, the whole concept of patriotism and respect for our country's ideals is dealt a heavy blow.

However, all is not lost! The RCL executive has left it up to the discretion of the local branches to decide whether or not they would impose this regulation of religious intolerance.

As a citizen of Acton, I would like to know where the Acton branch of the RCL stands with respect to this latest decision of their executive. Are you going to follow in their footsteps, or are you going to do what is right for your fellow citizens and comrades? Are you going to fight for freedom and democracy on one hand and dish out intolerance and insensitivity on the other?

I hope the Acton branch of the RCL responds. I would like to know with whom I am sharing my community.

*Richard H. Crane  
Church Street*

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