

Goes ga-ga over men in uniform

To the editor,
 Since about 1939, I've loved to see men in uniform. Now did it all begin when "the three movie stars" in our humble log palace, all march off to war?
 Was it the shiny boats, jaunty tam-o'-shanters, neatly wrapped putees, or just the lilting war songs we heard them humming - "The White Cliffs of Dover" and "The Queen Is Still In London, in London....." How they could march, too!!
 You remember the rest and

we sisters, wives and mothers were left behind to pray for their safe return, when the terrible task was accomplished.
 Ours came back (too many did not) with medals and scars - dysentery from bad water, bad nerves, and lingering nightmares and sounds that would go "BANG IN THE NIGHT." The dreams never really faded away and prayers remained.
 The women paid too!
 "Never again, Lord!" But it has! Policemen always made me swoon, as a young girl. They are so handsome, clever and could always get me out of a jam. (Was it the trim ankle I showed?) "I've always wanted to hug a policeman!" I

joked, at a family gathering. Someone blabbed to a nephew and he squeezed me so hard, I left a puddle right there on the lawn. But him, I'm disappointed in - he promised me a case of bubbly if I'd just stop wailing when his dear Mom was 'promoted to glory.' (I never drink, wouldn't even know the taste.)
 He's still my pride and joy! Forget that promise, David! Now let me tell you of the guy with the blueberry eyes - you know, the dude I chased and caught. He was simply dashing in his Salvation Army uniform! Everybody knows David!
 One lady (a 'brazen hussy', I called her) had the audacity to tell him, "You look handsome in your uniform!" I wanted to throttle her but searched in vain, in three towns.
 Anyhow, he's gone to his Heavenly Home now. He'll be wearing a robe of white, a crown of gold and I'll meet him again, just beyond Sunset Mountain!

Jessie Munro,
 RR#1 Campbellville.



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LETTERS

Children growing up ignorant of wild creatures' importance

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 To the editor,
 I would like to commend Charmaine Ingles and Pat Jones for their efforts to stop the torturing and killing of toads by school children, as reported in the last issue of the Tanner.
 Perhaps it is time to introduce nature study classes into the community. With most of our population now urbanized, children seem to grow up with very little knowledge of nature and the importance of wild creatures to our ecology.
 Almost every day we read

about the torturing, maiming and killing of animals. A dog is thrown from a moving vehicle. A family of kittens is found sealed into a box and left to starve to death. An art student videos himself torturing a cat to death in the most cruel ways and is allowed to get away with it by a judge who obviously has no compassion himself for living creatures. Now we find our local youths slaughtering toads as a means of amusement!
 Parents should be asking themselves what kind of people their children will turn out to be if they are allowed to consider the torture and killing of

nature's living creatures an acceptable pastime. Such disrespect for any form of life can lead to serious societal problems. Note the increase in 'schoolyard bullying' which has come to our attention lately. Are children not learning early in life that it is wrong to inflict pain and suffering on any living being or creature?
 It is to be hoped that parents will take note and spend some time instructing their children on the importance of a kinder, gentler attitude toward nature, wildlife and all living beings.
 Eileen Hutcheson,
 Acton

Must have been desperate to rob Acton pharmacist

re. Recent Acton drug store robberies.

Dear Editor,
 Recently the rash of drug store robberies in Acton saddened me. More saddening is the fact that a person could be so desperate that they would commit such an offence.

As I was writing a report about the industrial conversion of raw opium to morphine and its clinical uses I ran into something much more startling.

There is a pain crisis in Canada. Some patients describe the amount of pain that they are in as a "pain induced state of semi consciousness" from accidents or cancer or other chronic problems and refused adequate pain medication in this country.

Doctors fear giving these life saving medicines for fear of the College of Physicians and Surgeons that pressure doctors not to use these medications even in the severest of circumstances. These doc-

tors could lose their licence for being humane and helping patients, in other words for being doctors.

Our government and the College of Physicians and Surgeons are not fighting a war on drugs but more importantly a war on doctors, patients and its own citizens. The result of this is untreated pain patients who become mentally and/or physically disabled and are furious that they would be left to suffer.

This could lead to robbery and the trauma suffered by all of those involved.

So if this is such a problem then why don't we hear about it more often?

Many pain patients suffer quietly. Others try to function in society and still others can't even get out of bed. When is this government sponsored torture of its own citizens going to end?

Martin MacLean,
 Limehouse.

Estimate 10,000 help with schools

Dear editor:
 Through your newspaper, please allow me to recognize some very important and valued members of our school communities.

April 21 to 27 marked National Volunteer Week, and I would like to sincerely

thank all volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents to support the schools, staff, students and programs of the Halton District School Board.

It is estimated that we have 10,000 volunteers serving in numerous ways in support of our schools. This translates into an incredible number of hours our volunteers provide to enhance the learning opportunities for our students.

It is becoming increasingly clear to our education community that the Halton District School Board, along with other boards in Ontario, is struggling to cope with the impacts of provincial funding as we strive to provide continued quality programs and services to our students. The exceptional support of volunteers during these difficult times has been vital, and their work and expertise highly valued.

On behalf of the Leadership Team of the Halton District School Board, our staff and our students, I salute our volunteers for their time, commitment and dedication.

Thank you for caring deeply about our schools and our students. I especially thank you for your continued support of public education.

Sincerely
 Ethel Gardiner, Chair
 Halton District School Board

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