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Lest we forget

With each passing year, the memories of war become a bit more blurred. It has been 51 years since the last world war was fought, and we hope that, as we prepare to enter a new century, the world will never again see the horrors the 20th century brought.

Two "wars to end all wars", Korea, Vietnam, and, most recently, the Gulf War; country against country, population against population.

While movies may offer today's generation a glorified image of war, there is nothing glamorous about it all. People die. Lives are destroyed. Families are thrown into chaos. Nations crumble.

That is why it is important that on Remembrance Day each one of us takes a moment to reflect on the sacrifice made by those who fought for our freedom. We must remember the courage, determination and selflessness exhibited by those who returned... and especially those who didn't.

By buying a poppy from a veteran or attending one of the five local Remembrance Day services to be held Sunday and Monday, you will be acknowledging the efforts of those men and women who put their lives on the line to make this world a better and safer place for future generations.

It is sad to think that in a few years there will be very few surviving world war veterans. That's why it is important to offer them our thanks now, while we can still see the pride and courage in their eyes.

Acton accident was a tragedy

Dear editor,

The so-called bizarre accident on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 19 was a tragedy.

The accident that night was one of five in the same area just over the last few months, not to mention the countless other accidents in this area over the last few years that have involved my family and neighbors—it's a real challenge to get in or out of our driveway safely.

How many more accidents and tragedies do we need before action is taken to correct the obvious problem? It's about time, and long overdue, but I hope Councillor Rick Bonnette's notice of motion to the Ministry of Transportation is implemented and takes on a higher priority than Councillor Norm Elliott's minor inconvenience in traffic congestion on Hwy. 25 a few weeks ago.

I live across the highway from the accident scene, where cars often pass my house and other cars at 100 km-h—this problem has existed for years and it's getting out of hand right down to the crosswalk at Robert Little School. Action is needed now to prevent another tragedy.

David A. Williams, Acton

Letter of the day

Injured tot's family says, 'thanks'

Dear editor,

Brendon Prevost, and his family, would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who acted so quickly and professionally after his accident on Halloween night.

Aside from two broken legs and a few bruises, Brendon is doing very well and was happy to come home Nov. 3.

A special thank you to Const. Thomas Poster and the officers from Halton Regional Police who were on the scene and offered their support; the two guards from Harp Security who were first on the scene and so quick to help out; Mr. and Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. Bailey, and the Sixth Line neighbors who looked after and supported Carrie at the accident scene; the ambulance attendants; Dr. Norman who took Brendon to the hospital and then to the Hospital for Sick Children; Dr. Chiu and the Georgetown Hospital emergency room staff for their treatment; to Nurse Anita, Dr. Alman, Dr. Bunsic and the staff of 5C at Sick Kids for their excellent care; and lastly to our family and friends for their support and best wishes.

It took all of you, and a Guardian Angel, to ensure that Brendon was safe and to make this accident easier on all of us.

Brendon, Carrie, Mark and Chantal Prevost, Georgetown

Ticket leaves reader cool on core

Dear editor,

On the rainy Monday of Oct. 21, I volunteered my help to remove the Here and Now art exhibit at the cultural centre.

After leaving my vehicle out front while I struggled with large paintings and fragile ceramics through the doors and down concrete steps, I was rewarded for

my trouble with a \$20 parking ticket.

This is one more reason why people are reluctant to frequent the downtown core.

However, a happy ending is in sight as I have been assured that a loading/unloading zone will be implemented in the future.

Larry Schertzl, Norval

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