

Editorial

# Remember

This Saturday, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, local veterans in Acton and Georgetown will assemble at the town's cenotaphs to march in honour of fallen comrades, to reflect on the horrors of war... and to remember.



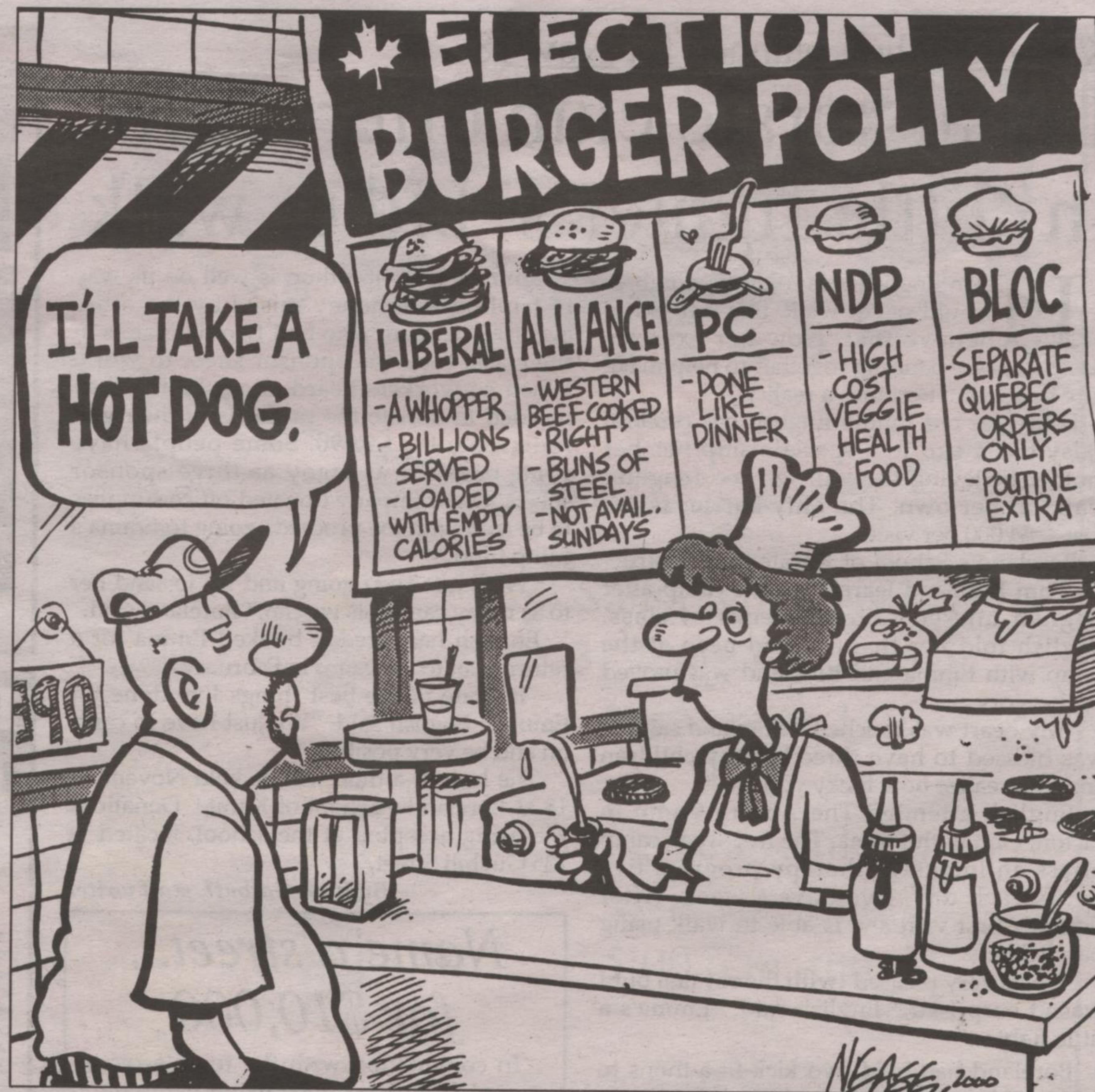
With each passing year more valiant veterans fall from the ranks and war, thankfully, becomes something younger generations only read about in their history books.

However, it is important that all of us— and not just the veterans— take the time to remember the sacrifices others made so that we may live in freedom. The municipal and federal election campaigns now under way are a testament to those sacrifices— that we are able to freely choose who we want to lead us.

This year, the Remembrance Day service in Georgetown will be extra special as it will be held in the newly refurbished Remembrance Park. Many volunteers contributed countless hours to this \$300,000 project to make it the eye-catching sight it is.

Many local veterans had a hand in this project. They saw something that needed to be done and put their minds and energy towards achieving their goal.

Much the same way they did in years past.



## Letters to the editor....

### Trucker offers 'apology' to whining residents

Dear editor,

I would like to apologize to the complaining residents of the Sixth Line and other rural roads north of Highway 7 between Trafalgar Road and Highway 25.

I am sorry my employees and I must use your roads to earn a living. You are the people who must have forgot who delivers your furnace oil, propane, water, cleans

and maintains your road, removes snow and delivers bread and milk to our country store.

We, as truck operators, pay three times the amount of road tax, yet we cannot travel on them. The police are out on the rural roads doing the job of pulling trucks over that you, the taxpayer, have asked them to do. I am sure the police have better things to do, such as fighting crime and protecting your community from REAL criminals.

What would have been a simple delivery to your home is no longer. Truckers now have to go through a half-hour interrogation and a possible fine. Sooner or later, the price of the fine and extra time will reflect on your invoice. When you require oil or propane to heat your house or water delivered for your needs, maybe you will think then. Have a look around your house and try to locate items that have not required a truck for transporting one way or another.

Trucks are not a threat on a rural road. I consider a car travelling in

excess of 100 km-h more of a threat and more dangerous, but you do not hear me whining.

Welcome to country living.

Wayne Bentley, Acton

### Protect our water

Dear editor,

Now that Ontario has the highest rate of cancer in North America and the second highest rate of breast cancer in the world, is it not time to check the quality of the water we drink? Adding chlorine makes the water look clean but chlorine is a known cancer-causing chemical.

Only 10 per cent of Ontario forests remain. Trees clean the air and, more importantly, purify the water, yet the destruction of mature trees continues.

Poison from our buried garbage and the toxic waste from the U.S. (too dangerous to bury in their own country) has now reached our underground streams, our last source of clean water.

L. Emslie, Georgetown

### Hospital staff praised

Dear editor,

We are very lucky to have a hospital in our community and the caring and dedicated staff who are the backbone of the hospital.

On Sept. 27 my three-year-old son had routine day surgery. He experienced some very scary complications and I wanted to let all the people in this community know what excellent care he received. Thank you to the day surgery nurses who tracked down a sandwich for me after cafeteria hours. Dr. D. Zeni for coming to the hospital so quickly and Marlie for keeping me calm.

Joan and Leona, you will never know how much the gift of your time was appreciated. You could very easily have left at 3:30 p.m. when your shift ended but you stayed with us for an extra four hours. Your hugs and reassurance really helped.

Special thanks to Helen, a pediatric nurse who came in on short notice to care for our son. All of the nursing staff was excellent, and they not only took care of my son but also made sure I was comfortable through our stay. I credit Jennifer with getting us home sooner by convincing my son that he could "wash the pain away" with popsicles.

The next time someone slams our hospital take it with a grain of salt and remember that when the chips are down Georgetown Hospital and its staff deliver.

Beth Wingfield, Georgetown

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