

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

Remembrance Day 1982's real message

AT THE 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month (Nov. 11) in the year 1918 World War 1 came to an abrupt end.

The armistice was to have ended the war to end all wars. It didn't.

Sadly there have been other wars and other so-called police actions with their carnage and mass destruction.

War has become man's most supreme catastrophe, man's most supreme blasphemy.

War is vile, and it will continue to be, until all of our swords are beaten into plowshares.

At present there are enough nuclear bombs poised around our globe to smash our tiny planet into pieces 100 times over.

Instead of war we must work together for social justice. Instead of war we must work towards peaceful cooperative living.

Instead of war, with all of its hideous trappings-misery, destruction, suffering, cruelty and madness-we must call upon the potential goodness that is in all human beings so that we will never drift towards a third and final global conflict.

Bombs must be replaced by love, missiles by mercy, blitzkriegs by humility and bullets by tenderness.

That's the message of Remembrance Day-1982.

We have manpower to do the job here!

OLD MAN WINTER'S first wintry blast of the season last Friday brought slush, ice and snow to this part of Ontario turning many area roads into skating rinks.

A total of three centimetres of snow fell on North Simcoe but it appeared more like 30 centimetres.

There were times during Friday's snowstorm that visibility was cut to zero.

Police and public works personnel were out in full force directing traffic, investigating accidents and sanding and salting our highways.

Before the winter of 1981-82 is over well over 200 centimetres of snow will have covered our town and the immediate area.

We are fortunate this area has the professional manpower to deal with such conditions at any time of the day or night.

Voters here take a big bow please

VOTERS IN Penetanguishene who went to the polls on Monday should take a bow.

A total of 58.12 per cent of the eligible voters cast their ballots.

In Midland, 49.5 per cent of the electorate turned out. The story was sadly different in Tay where only 26 per cent went to the polls and in Tiny where 18 per cent showed up.

In any event, no matter how you cut it, Election-1982 was an interesting event for those who ran for office and for those who took time out to exercise their franchise.

Pity not more people voted in the townships.

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Letters

Still confused? Hope not

Dear Editor:

Recently local businesses and organizations have received requests for donations from "The Cancer Research Society Inc." which is a Quebec based organization and is not affiliated with or connected to the Canadian Cancer Society.

This is very confusing to the concerned public and the following facts should clear up misunderstandings.

Prior to 1981, their campaign efforts were confined to the province of Quebec. But since that time they have solicited funds outside Quebec. They use a logo similar to the one used by the Canadian Cancer Society which adds to the confusion.

The main concentration of cancer research in Canada is done through the National Cancer Institute with about 98 per cent of their funding provided by the Canadian Cancer Society. As far as we have been able to ascertain, the N.C.I. have

never received any funding from the Cancer Research Society Inc.

The Canadian Cancer Society is the organization which provides assistance to cancer sufferers, including those in this area by means of drugs, dressings, and transportation to treatment centres.

We of the Canadian Cancer Society Midland and District Unit of Ontario Division wish to place this information before the local public to clear up any confusion between the two organizations. We also wish to express our sincere appreciation for the very generous support of previous Canadian Cancer Society April campaigns and hope that like support will be forthcoming for our April 1983 campaign.

Arlen Eason
Publicity Chairperson,
Midland District,
Canadian Cancer Society

Not a recipe for peace

Dear Editor:

In the heated controversy raging around the decision by over 80 Ontario Municipalities to propose the Nuclear Disarmament question on the Nov. 8 ballot there are two related but quite distinct issues of fundamental importance to the Canadian people. The first issue has received a great deal of publicity, the second has been virtually ignored.

The issue of the very possibility of balanced and verifiable nuclear disarmament has been the subject of a great deal of expert testimony and

public scrutiny. This is still very much an open question.

What is often ignored amid the controversy over possibility is the more fundamental question of desirability. Nuclear weapons were first introduced into the European theatre by NATO to counter an overwhelming superiority of Soviet conventional forces.

The Soviets currently deploy over 55,000 tanks against 11,000 American tanks, 20,000 artillery pieces against 5,000 American and over 180 infantry divisions, of which 113 are mechanized and 47 armoured, against 16 American divisions, only 4 of which are mechanized and 4 armoured.

The implication here is quite clear. For the disarmament advocates to concentrate upon nuclear forces only and to ignore the overall military situation in Europe is not a recipe for peace, it is simply an invitation to disaster.

Yours sincerely,
Harry F. Barrett

Thanks for a job well done

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Quota Club of Huronia, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people that helped make our "Wine and Cheese Fashion Show" a success.

The owners and staff of the Highland Motel and Tavern provided, as usual, a beautiful setting and lovely atmosphere.

Special thanks to Charlotte Innes, Helen DeCarli, Joell and Bob Voorzanger Jr. from Here's Look'n Atcha and Maggie Walker, Chelly and Bob Voorzanger Sr. from Voorzangers Ladies Wear and Fine Furs for the spectacular fashions and for their diligence.

Last but not least I would like to thank Rotarians Marg Douglas, Mary Thompson, Jeannette Leroux and Eileen Goodbourne, our beautiful models, and all our guests for making the evening possible.

Elda Robillard,
President
Quota Club of Huronia

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