Reader's comments

A letter about peace: contest winner

my life.

I heard my grandfather speak about the horrors of war, I saw his pictures and read of Iwo Jima, but on February 19, 1985, it all became real to me because I went with him back to that battlefield.

where

American general even enemies. read a statement that you An American transport had written for the occathe Japanese and American troduced himself. His alive with bombs, guns,

Dear President Reagan: Japanese/American women, wives and military hat was his gift to flame throwers, and death war and how they had that - but the journalist I want to share a per- "ceremony of peace" took daughters of the veterans, me. My grandfather ap- and hatred. How could so once tried to kill each missed the point - it was sonal experience with you place. Japanese were started embracing and ex- proached and they talked much have changed in on- other. I love my country really my own reactions I because of its impact on seated on one side of a changing mementos -- and seemed glad that I ly 40 years? How many very much and if you ask was recording. I was deterlarge memorial -- scarves, jewelry, anything cared enough to share this times have enemies stood me to defend it, I will go. mined to remember the Americans on the other. to let each other know how experience with them. I together as friends after But I might find it hard to feelings I was having Words were spoken in both they felt. Mem approached don't know what they said murderous attacks on each kill my enemy knowing because I was the youngest languages, Buddhist each other, at first shaking because I was so touched other? I felt as if I knew that my own grandson may on the island that day and priests carried incense, hands hesitantly, then em- by the moment. Thoughts something no one else someday embrace him in I was going to be able to American clergymen bracing and crying. Some raced through my mind, knew. It seemed to me that friendship. spoke, and bands played brought war souvenirs to These two old men were we should allow these men the national anthems. An return to their one-time standing on top of Mt. to show the rest of the Suribachi hugging each world how bitter enemies that day and tried to other. Forty years ago they can become friends and remember faces. I even us-I didn't realize someone had been mortal enemies. plane took us from Tokyo sion. But, President had approached me until I Forty years ago, they had to the tiny volcanic island. Reagan, I really think you felt a hat being placed on tried to kill each other. For-No one spoke as we were should have been there to my head. A Japanese ty years ago the very spot transported to the location see what happened next. veteran smiled and in- where we stood had been'

allies. They could go ed a video camera. An artogether as ambassadors of ticle in the Wall Street Jourpeace, American and nal said, "a young Japanese, to speak to the American boy videotaped people of the world. They his grandfather's reactions could stand arm-in-arm, with a Japanese camera. "I

I took a lot of pictures and speak of the horrors of guess he found irony in

remember the longest.

I feel it is my duty to share what I learned on Iwo Jima with as many people as possible. And, President Reagan, I can't think of anyone more important to start with than

Very respectfully yours, Michael R. Jacoby

School appreciates YMCA

Dear Editor:

students and staff of Wood and Christine Waubaushene/Fesserton Rawlinson

On. Friday Dec. 19, the Frank Godfrey, Cindy prove every year. outdid

Phyllis Hook, John Wadge, fered there seems to im- stories, photos and editorials have been greatly appreciated. We could We would also like to not, for example, have sold Public School were treated themselves! It seemed ap- begin this new year by so-many of our calendars to a wonderful Christmas propriate to begin a new thanking you and your without your support (and gift - a full afternoon at the year with good news. staff for not forgetting that of Books Unlimited Midland YMCA with the We've been going to the about us, even though and Rolfoto). And without use of the pool and the YMCA for swimming Waubaushene and Fesser- the calendar sales it would gym, with treats and lessons for many years ton are at the outer limits have been very difficult for games. Betty Wooley, now and the program of- of your reading area. Your us financially to afford the cost of bringing our students by bus to the Midland Y for swimming lessons.

> As the kids would say, "Three Cheers for all of

> > Sincerely, Paul Delaney

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Canada's help wanted

Dear Editor:

response.

Should I receive enough replies, I will then, through the assistance of the Explorations Program of the Canada Council, put all information in a book and make it available to Canadians.

To illustrate the sort of things I am looking for: on the Canadian Plains many

people believe that In addition, the gradual I am asking the readers precipitation will follow passing of our senior of your newspaper to share ninety days after a fog. citizens, the people most with me any amateur Others believe that the familiar with folk weather weather forecasting length of a hog's "weather lore, will contribute to the methods known or follow- vane" (part of the pan- loss of this important facet ed by your readers. Rural creas?) at butchering time of Canadiana. With the Canadians, in particular, indicates the severity of the help of the people we can still retain that blessed af- approaching winter. To prevent any further loss. finity with nature which forecast the moisture prothe city people may have spects for the next year, lost or forgotten, and I am slice a large onion in two hoping the rural folks will halfs and the twelve inner be most generous in their rings will show the Moose moisture content of the year to come.

> The tremendous advance in modern, scientific weather study are threatening to overwhelm the homespun methods used by generations of Canadians; methods used long before the development of "high tech" weather forecasting.

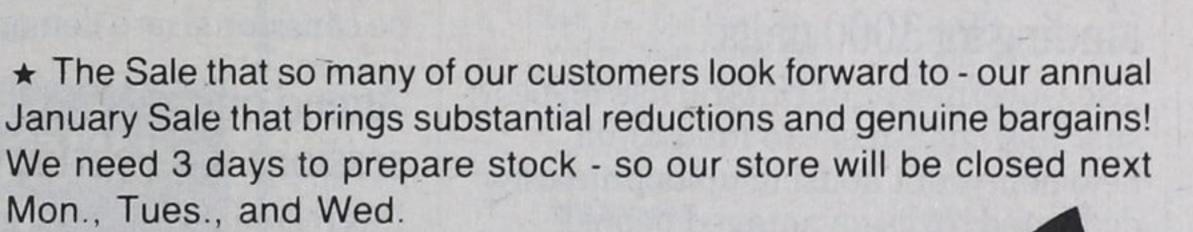
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