

Tekawemake

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A Letter To The Editors.

Dear Editor:

I've read your last couple of newspapers and I think they're great. I'd like to express my feelings about something.

I'm sixteen years of age, and attend high school. A few years ago, I wanted to give up on life but because of people like you, I'm becoming a much better person.

You see, where I live, the minute kids become of age, they either begin swearing, smoking or drinking; some of them simply ride around all hours of the night, creating trouble whenever and wherever they can. For boys, if you're decent, you're pretty well dead: for girls, if you're not easy, you're not "in." I've seen people hurt each other physically and mentally. I've had to stand by and watch kids my own age become alcoholics. And all this time, I wondered where God was, or whether there really is a God.

I once asked a boy why he drank or whether his parents knew, he said "don't kid yourself, our folks don't give a ---- about us, things like that only happen in the movies, why shouldn't I drink, everyone else does." I knew I wouldn't be able to get through to him with words, so I prayed.

Over the years, I've developed a very unusual fear of drunkenness that I know I'll never overcome. Don't get me wrong, I realize alcoholism is an illness, but why must it ever exist?.

I thank God that my parents care enough to teach me right from wrong. They aren't as strict as I'd like them to be, so I've set my own principles. They're not hard to follow.

Lately, Young People's groups, 4-H Clubs and teams have started up. I'm finally meeting kids who share my belief in God, who have self respect. I'm finding out that adults really do care. I can rest assured that my little brothers and sisters will grow up with healthy minds.

I've discussed this with kids all over the reserve and they're with me 100%. In the voice of the young, I'd like to say, "please don't give up on me, even though I don't say thank you in so many words, deep in my heart, I really appreciate what you're doing. A Teen.

Editorial Note Re Above: Thank you. Whoever you are, your letter touched me and the other members of the staff. Our "thank you" may not be as eloquent as your letter but you may be sure that it comes from our hearts. SS and Staff.

Dear Teen:

Thank you for your wonderful letter - a magnificent testimony! Your appreciation has warmed our hearts and spurred us on. Stick to your principles, teenager, whoever you are, and you'll have no regrets. We're mighty proud of you! God bless you and your family. The Reporter Staff.

Six Nations' News (by W.J.)

Events - Credit Union (by B.P.)

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Six Nations' Credit Union Ltd. was held last Thursday in the dining hall of the Community Building, with 22 members present.

The local C.U. consists of over 100 shareholders, the executive need the support of every member; so members, show your interest by attending the meetings. Offer suggestions as to how all facilities of the C.U. can be improved. Show that you care how the part you own is handled.

Reports of all committees showed a definite improvement over last year, but it can be more so.

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