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A time to remember

Stouffville, as always, offered a fitting tribute last Sunday to those who fell for their countries during the war years.

Local veterans dutifully laid wreaths, poppies were placed on the crosses at Stouffville Cemetery. All in the name of the silent young heroes who went off to war in a foreign place to fight for their democratic nations.

And in similar ceremonies across the country, people paused to honor their war dead.

However, this Remembrance Day carried with it a quiet but powerful reminder of the Canadian men and women currently facing the threat of war in the Middle East.

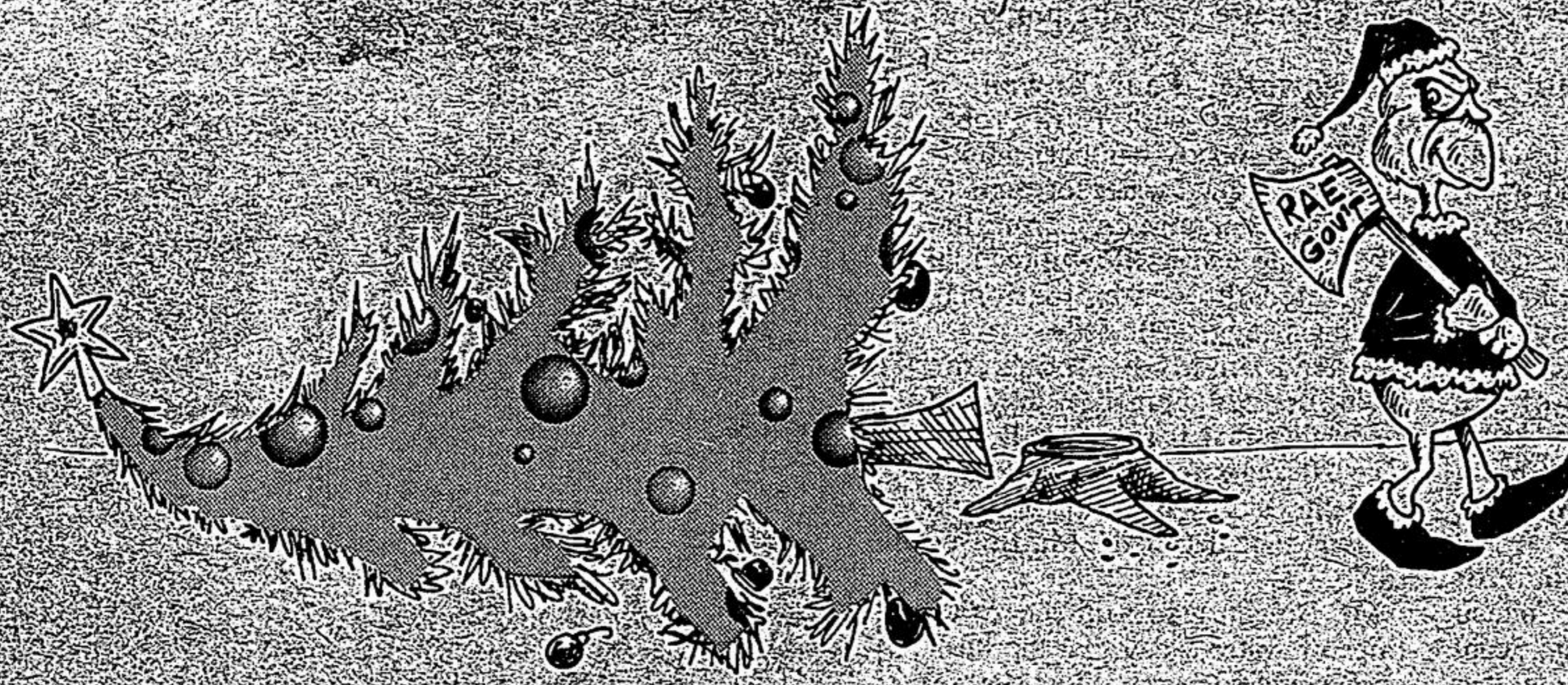
In the face of dwindling hope for a diplomatic solution to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, some of those men and women will one day be honored in similar fashion.

In Stouffville and Uxbridge we have families hoping for the safe return of their children from serving in the Middle East.

And our communities share that hope.

But their cause is as righteous as any during the World Wars.

This year, we remember the living.



NEWS ITEM: Queen's Park to cut down Sunday shopping

A sucker's life and a new contest

Okay, I admit it, I'm a sucker. I'm a pushover, a dupe, an easy mark.

And if P.T. Barnum's fabled phrase holds true, there's one just like me born every minute.

I've always fallen for the old "What's that on your shirt," routine so some funny person can flick me on the nose.

I always look when people say "Over there!" and I'm usually the unwitting straight-man to amateur comics who are trying to make others laugh.

Why, just recently someone told me of a young hockey player who injured a leg during a big game. The player, who showed promise (I was told), left the leg unattended and it eventually developed gangrene, resulting in a diagnosis that said



amputation would be necessary. To add to this promising young player's woes, a surgical team inadvertently amputated the wrong leg. Consequently, the promising young player was left with neither limb, because the gangrenous leg had to be removed as well.

When I snorted in disgust and said the young player should seek substantial legal damages for the surgical team's ineptness, I was promptly told he "Doesn't have a leg to stand on."

Very funny.

The whole story, of course, was a yarn to which I conveniently provided the perfect set-up for the punch-line.

There was no player, no gangrenous leg and no incompetent surgical team. There was just me, left holding the bag, so to speak.

Very funny, indeed. In retrospect, I did chuckle and have since tried the joke on others. I'm happy to report many respond perfectly to the pitch, so I don't feel that silly.

But I'm more than your average sucker. I am routinely hoodwinked by government bodies who promise me "Freedom for a

Wednesday Tribune.

Our photographers are out snapping characteristics of well known buildings in the area, challenging readers to identify them.

A weekly draw of the correct entries will determine the winner, who will receive a \$25 gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant.

If you're a Stouffville reader, the certificates are honored at Kellington's Family Restaurant.

If you're an Uxbridge reader, the certificates are honored at Maxim's.

It's a fun and relatively easy contest, and we encourage you to take part. Where else can you get a meal ticket just for reading the paper?

Let us know what you think. And we're always open to your suggestions for some of the buildings that can be featured.

Put your thinking caps on.

Buck," if I would simply spend money on their lotteries.

Well, I've spent about a thousand times more than that in the past and I'm not financially free. In fact, I've sort of been given a life sentence by my bank branch, VISA centre, insurance man, etc.

Meanwhile, I thought I had about 19.9 million good reasons to win that recent 6/49 jackpot which made millionaires out of 18 lucky souls.

It turns out I have a better chance of being stuck by lightning, twice.

I'm foolish, I know. But it's heartening to know that there is another like me born every minute.

Thank goodness for people like P.T. Barnum, who put it in some sort of perspective.

I hope you've noticed a new contest in the pages of your

at random

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Editor's mail

Welcome Wagon says thanks

Dear Editor, On behalf of the more than 95 brides-to-be who attended the Welcome Wagon Bridal Party at the Maples of Ballantrae Monday, Oct. 15, we would like to thank the sponsors for their cooperation in helping make it such a success.

Many favorable comments were heard about the beautiful displays and door prizes, the program and the enjoyable fashion show.

We are fortunate to have such great sponsors in our community to do business with.

In addition, we want to congratulate the local businesses which were awarded limited edition plates as 10-year sponsors of Welcome Wagon.

The award recipients are McLean's Carpet, Card's Hardware, Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville Sun, Hathaway's Fine Interiors, John Lord's Books and the I.G.A.

Also, we offer a big "thank you" to the following local sponsors:

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Yours truly,
Dianne Darling,
Eleanor Dickens,
Welcome Wagon Hostesses.