

## Acton Witnesses plan to attend assembly

"Peace on earth has come," stated Henry Loewen, presiding minister of the Acton congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He said this in announcing that delegates from the congregation will be attending the "Peace on Earth" International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses scheduled to be held July 6-13 in Buffalo, New York.

"In spite of the protests, campus rebellions, brush-fire wars and incidents which threaten war that are continually in the news, peace is already an established reality in the lives of Jehovah's Witnesses and will become even more solidly based in the near future," Mr. Loewen said.

"We are preparing for the largest total attendance at any series of our assemblies ever," he continued. "Families from the Acton Congregation are making plans to go into Buffalo to demonstrate, not by a street march, but by living, working and worshipping together for eight days, that there do not have to be confrontations because people have different political, ethnic or social backgrounds."

Lectures, discussion groups and costume dramas of life in Bible times will be features of the program at each convention.

## Distinguished organist, choir at Trinity Sunday

The choir from Deer Park United Church, Toronto, is presenting a choral concert with organ solo at Trinity United Church, Acton, on Sunday evening, May 25 at 8 p.m.

This is one of the most distinguished choirs from Toronto, and the organist is William Wright, B.A.B.O., FRCCO, considered one of the top organists in Toronto, and one of the truly great in the country.

Mr. Wright will also be accompanied on the organ by his wife who is a trained organist of German descent, once a concert organist in a German cathedral.

Trinity United choir is sponsoring the concert.

## Service of gospel music Baptist church Sunday

A special evening service of vocal gospel music will be held in Acton Baptist Church on Sunday, May 25 at 7 p.m., featuring the Churchmen quartet and accompanist of Toronto.

There will be 50 minutes of sacred music presented in modern style and rhythm by the quartet which is composed of angle young men. They have been heard world wide on radio and seen on Toronto TV and have also made a number of records.

There are two Canadians in the quartet, one from the Argentine and another from Sweden.

### Variations

The session of Trinity church has decided in favor of "variations in the form of worship for Trinity congregation." This means there will be experiments with the forms of church worship used.

WELFARE INSTITUTIONS Did you know that the Canada Assistance Plan supports a wide variety of welfare institutions for needy persons? The Plan provides for federal sharing in the cost of such institutions as homes for the aged, nursing homes, homes for unmarried mothers, hostels for transients and child care institutions.

## The clergy speak out . . .

by Rev. Harry J. Dawson  
St. Alban's Church



The Reverend Harry J. Dawson It wasn't too many years ago that to be a citizen in our community in good standing was to be a faithful member of a particular denomination or church. Not so today.

It was Mr. Turner, in last week's Free Press, who spoke about change. Change is inevitable. It is constant. The old adage, "As it was, (is now; and ever shall be)", is as outmoded as yesterday's styles. We live in a new and radically changing age.

Our age has often been called a post-Christian era. People are saying they have lost their religion. Such a statement would have been frowned upon not too long ago, but not today. There is a new freedom in our land, especially when it comes to religion. People make up their own rules when it comes to belief or non-belief in God. Everyone is his own expert. "No longer is it necessary to go to church", claim the unchurched.

The social stigma of the unchurched is fast disappearing. Such public figures as Pierre Berton and Gordon Sinclair, outspoken critics of the church, have unleashed a new freedom. They attract followers. Many claim to share the same doubts. The apparent honesty of such people appeals to me at times, but I often wonder whether their doubts are personal or parroted from headlines.

We do live, however, in an age where honesty is more accepted. Surely this fact must be safeguarded. Religion is no longer protected by social attitudes. Most of us do make friends of unbelievers. There is little or no social stigma attached to unbelievers in our day. This fact cannot but be of benefit both to the individual and to the church. Surely in the matter of religious belief we should have unlimited freedom.

In light of this honesty, however, comes even greater demands on the faithful. It means that the old buttresses of the past have been wiped away. No longer is it a social advantage to attend church. No longer is it necessary to attend church to get ahead in business. The reason for church attendance now, more than ever before, is left to the conscience and conviction of the individual.

The old pressures of fear and social stigma are no longer forcing people into the realm of the church. This cannot but strengthen the church in the long run. Our members may be dropping statistically, but the remnant that remains will be better convicted and more able to witness to the truth than ever before.

With honesty and freedom comes a greater responsibility which cannot but benefit everyone.

### Civil engineer church speaker

John Reoch will be the guest speaker at the service of Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 25.

Mr. Reoch is a young civil engineer, who hopes to erect the first Christian church in Afghanistan this coming summer.

He is the son of Rev. Allan Reoch, a veteran missionary of the Presbyterian church in Manchuria, China and British Guiana.

At the close of the service, there will be an opportunity to meet and talk with Mr. Reoch, while enjoying a cup of coffee. Everyone is welcome.

### CHURCHILL

## Albert Smith's garden has all vegetables up

By Mrs. F. MacArthur A special Folk Service will be held on Sunday evening, May 25, in Churchill Community Church at 8 p.m. Young and old alike are invited to this unique expression of Christian faith.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Winter of Toronto on the arrival of a wee baby girl, Donna Lea, on Wednesday May 14, at South Peel Memorial Hospital. Another little granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winter.

Congratulations and best wishes to Paul Hamilton and his bride Miss Sheila Sinclair of Guelph who were married in Trinity United Church on Saturday, May 17.

Ray Swackhamer spent the weekend in New York with the students from the Acton District High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Down and family of Sunderland visited on Tuesday with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin and Smith R. Griffin attended

the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamilton in Trinity United church and reception afterward at the Royal Hotel in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawson of Chatham were Dominion Day visitors at their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur's home. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Leroy MacArthur and family.

Mr. Albert Smith, a local home gardener, is hoping for no hard frost. He has all garden vegetables up even potatoes and it sure looks lovely.

Mr. Wesley Johnston of Brampton was a Sunday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie.

Mr. Barry McNicol, a nephew, also a niece, Miss Anne Hamilton, both of Toronto, stayed after the wedding on Saturday with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr, Miss Erica Stroker and Master Donald Anderson spent the weekend at Fenelon Falls with the Vanaters.

## Brampton boy wins Hinton ring in graduation at Sheridan

A Brampton boy, 22-year-old Michael Barber, was awarded the Mary E. Hinton Ring for highest standing at Sheridan College during the first graduation exercises last Friday night.

Mike is a graduate of the two-year program in electronic data processing with a Grade Point average of 4.0, the highest possible at Sheridan.

As a high school drop-out after grade 11, Mike travelled back and forth across the continent several times, spent a year in California as a job placement officer for a girl's

fashion school, spent two years in the Bahamas, worked a year in Europe in a series of hotels, and finally came back to Brampton to enroll at Sheridan.

During the past two years he has been a member of the Student Senate, on the student-faculty liaison committee, a leader in the student committee to build residences for the college and an "involved type" in most school functions.

He plans to go on to the University of Western Ontario this fall.

## Financial campaign for St. Alban's church

Last evening (Tuesday) Luxton Memorial Hall was the scene of a parish dinner for St. Alban's Anglican church, and the dinner had a twofold purpose—to have all Anglicans sit down as one family in Christian fellowship, and to have all understand the current needs of the church and the plans to overcome them.

A financial campaign was chosen; every member and user of the church will be visited within the next 10 days and asked to signify how they intend

to support their church for the next two years. A number of the men of the parish have volunteered to make these calls and will begin tonight (Wednesday).

Bill Denny was presiding chairman for the dinner.

Harold Denny outlined financial needs. George Lee spoke on campaign objectives. Joe Bray spoke on the campaign plans. Les Doby talked on responsibility and Ted Tratt spoke on "what your pledge should mean to you."

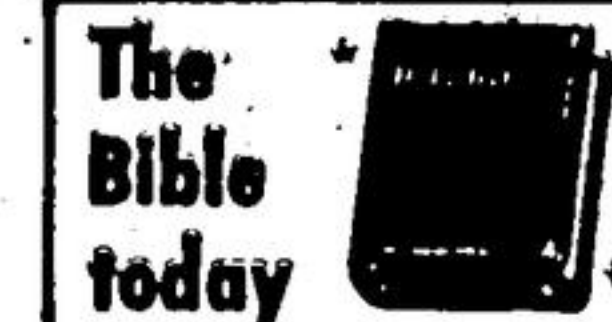
The rector, the Rev. H. J. Dawson, added a few closing remarks.

It was pointed out clearly that

in order to meet the church's needs, each person should reassess present church giving in light of present day costs, their own income and to what extent they could support their church over the next two years. The objective is to have each strive to give a definite amount each week, whether they are at church or not, as many of the costs are standard and re-occur regularly.

The people of the parish should consider equal generosity, not equal gifts, they learned.

There is an indication the financial target will be met if each one does his share.



The Bible Society in Thailand and Laos presses on steadily with its task in spite of many distractions in that part of the world. And with much to encourage them.

For example, a Thai girl became ill and needed to attend the Manomom Christian Hospital as an out-patient. But she had been prepared for the new experience, with its inevitable worry, by watching the change in the life of her own father.

He had picked up a book which the brother had brought home one day, and had become so absorbed that he took it out regularly from the thatched roof of their cottage and read it regularly. Slowly his whole life changed.

The book was a New Testament.

Feeling puzzled as well as depressed he began to read the book for herself, and later told one of the hospital staff: "As I read St. John's Gospel I knew in my heart that these words came only from God..." Later she left the hospital with "a new heart, a new joy, and a New Testament."

### Halton Women's Institutes

#### Publish "Hi-Lites" paper

"Hi-Lites 1968-69", a newsletter reporting on junior and senior branch activities of Halton District Women's Institute, came off the presses this week.

The newsy eight-page bulletin will be mailed to W. I. officials across Canada and distributed to members attending this week's district annual meeting at Boston Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. John Bird of Ashgrove, President of Halton W. I. was editor of the publication, with assistance by Home Economist Mrs. K. Williams, Mrs. M. Nellis and Mrs. Frank Wilson, and 400 copies were printed by The Milton Clampton. Copies are selling at 60 cents each.

Sprinkled with pictures of branch anniversaries and activities, the "Hi-Lites" contains reports on the progress of all 17 branches in Halton, plus Junior Institute and 4-H Club news and features. Greetings are included from the District President, Provincial Board Director Mrs. R. C. Moffatt and the Home Economist.

"It is a fact—the lives of over

500 women and girls in rural Halton have been enriched by the W. I. activities reported in this publication; and a score of communities have been able to retain their identity and are benefiting from the friendship generated by those W. I. groups," says Editor Mrs. Bird. It is hoped to publish "Hi-Lites" regularly, perhaps annually she said.

### Cubs rained out

Weekend rain forced eleven local cubs to pack up tents and head for home after only one night.

The camp at Wilcox Conservation Area, near Orangeville, was set-up by the Georgetown District organization for area Cubs who would be moving up into Scouts next year.

Attending from Acton were Ricky Van Fleet, Fred Allen, Kevin Broustad, Jim Pink, Robin Incoe, Michael Mitchell, Steven Conroy, Steven Banks, Ronnie Grant, Brian Larsen and Steve Daigle.



COMING TO ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969

## Free Press Church Notices

**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Churchill Road North  
Minister:  
Mr. Robert G. W. Hyde, B.A.  
Phone 853-2399

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School.  
8:00 p.m.—Special Folk Service.  
All are Welcome at the Church on the Hill

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Founded 1842  
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon  
Res. 144 Tidy Ave., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Paul the Prisoner."  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Churchmen's Quartette.  
Wednesday — 6:30, Explorers; 8:00 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study.  
Thursday — Choir at 8:00.  
Friday — 7:00 p.m., B.H.F.  
"Feed the flock of God which is among you." 1 Peter 3: 2.  
All Welcome

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
Minister:  
The Rev. Gordon E. Turner, B.A., B.D.  
Director of Music:  
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Canadian Bible Society. Preacher, Rev. W. H. Moore, District Secretary of C.B.S. Subject, "A Valid Priority."  
8:00 p.m.—Choral Concert by Deer Park United Church Choir, Toronto.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
10:00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 4.  
11:00 a.m.—Grades 5 to 8.  
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity!

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN**  
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive  
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
Day of Pentecost  
Whit Sunday  
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.  
10:30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.  
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays  
Mattins  
2nd and 4th Sundays  
May 26, 10 a.m.—Midweek Holy Communion. Nursery provided.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.  
Minister  
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.  
Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.  
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teen-agers.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.  
Guest speaker, Mr. John Reoch, P. Eng., missionary - designate with Afghanistan International Mission.  
12:00 noon — Coffee Hour for everyone. A chance to meet and question Mr. Reoch and his family.  
Everyone Welcome

**EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8:00 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.  
Friday, 6:45 p.m. — Crusaders.  
1 John 1: 9 — If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown  
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.  
Georgetown 877-6665

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.  
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, 1969  
10:00 a.m.—English Service.  
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
4:00 p.m.—English Service.  
Everyone Welcome

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