

## The clergy speak out . .

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### THE BIBLE IN HOME AND CHURCH

These "speak outs" by the clergy are to be relevant to our day and age. In a day when literature is a prime factor what could be more relevant than a thorough knowledge of the best seller on the publisher's list—The Bible. But with all our knowledge we find ourselves a nation, a community, home and church shamefully ignorant of this Book of Books. There is a television quiz show and if the category Bible comes up, it is usually left until last, the contestants show a knowledge of a thousand things but are ignorant of the Bible.

Most homes have one of these books but the reading of it seems to be sadly lacking. Some even have to look for it if it should be asked for during a pastoral call. Reading and prayer almost seems to embarrass some who call themselves Christians.

There was a day when people carried their Bible to church with them. Knew its contents and were able to discuss truths, and share with a fellow believer. Talk about some portion they had enjoyed at the breakfast table. The family altar, family reading and prayer used to be part of the day's schedule, now in many homes it is conspicuous by its absence.

Maybe this accounts for so much of our delinquency because the Bible still is right when it says, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Are we neglecting this in our day?

I read of a minister in London, Canada, when taking a census of his congregation found these startling results. Only 40 per

cent said a grace at meals, and a mere 5 per cent had any family reading together. Are we guilty here as well?

Our nation was built and founded on precepts from the Word of God, the Bible, and we neglect it to our peril. The Sunday is more a holiday than a holy day. Admittedly the church has failed in many ways, one of the most serious being her departure from preaching the clear word of the Bible. Topics of the day need to be discussed but not at the worship service where we should go to have our souls fed with the bread of life.

Why do so many stay away from their church, because they are fed husks instead of bread? Error instead of truth, man's opinions instead of "thus saith the Lord?"

If we who profess to be Christ's followers knew our Bibles better, we would not be led astray by false teachers at our doors. We could refute error by knowing truth, we would practise Jude 3 "exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints," or is this warning already true of many in our day, 1 Timothy 4:1 "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

Billy Graham made this statement recently. Church attendance in our country was never higher, but the spiritual tone of our people was never lower, or, as the Bible puts it, "having a form of godliness but denying the power." Maybe we need to get back to our fathers' faith and the Bible before it is too late. Jesus said, "If any have ears to hear, let them hear."



DEBBIE DRINKWALTER accept the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E.'s award for progress at the grade eight party, with Mrs. Ann Mowat.—(Staff Photo)



SAM SCHONNOP won the Duke of Devonshire progress award for grade eight students.—(Staff Photo)

**The Bible today**

One of the speakers at this year's Conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of India was Mr. Paul Sudhakar from South India. Before coming to Christ he was a Hindu Brahmin and took a very dim view of Christians. He said he divided Christians into three groups: (1) those who could not think; (2) those who dared not think; and (3) those who would not think. It was not the testimony of any missionary or Christian national which won him, but rather the message of a Bible which he bought from another Hindu Brahmin. He said having that Book in his hands was like dynamite, and having been a student of history he was captured by the genealogy listed in Matthew 1, as it presented the message of Christ as having taken place within history rather than simply a myth or legend. As he read the next few chapters of Matthew he surrendered to the invitation of the Holy Spirit and three days later was baptized.

### Choraliers at Preston

The Choraliers ended the spring season by singing at Preston Legion on June 27, during the "Burning of the Mortgage" ceremonies there. George Musselle directed the singers. Practices are suspended until the fall.

## Graduates, Hulls reunion newcomers, visits in news

By Mrs. R. McEnery  
(Intended for last week)

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and Miss Gillian Haynes to our neighborhood. They come from Toronto and had moved into Mrs. Newman's house. Gillian is a teenager and having completed Grade 13, hopes to enter university in September.

Congratulations are extended to all of our graduates of both public and high school. We hope their future holds bright promise for them.

The Women's Institute catered to the Brisbane Grade eight banquet. About 85 mothers and fathers enjoyed a hot turkey dinner with their sons and

daughters in the church dining area. Speeches and congratulations were extended to the boys and girls. Also several awards were earned.

Following the feast they all went to the Community Centre where a film was enjoyed.

Mrs. Dorothy Scull held her piano recital in the church.

Sympathy goes out from Ballinafad people to the family of the late Cameron McEnery, also to the family of the late Mrs. Joseph Allan whose death occurred last week.

A happy party took place to honor newlyweds in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamilton. Their gift was a large jar of money.

Toronto visited the Shortills. Mr. and Mrs. Reg. French and family visited with the Smiths at Credyville Park.

Others from our area enjoyed their cottages at Belwood on the holiday weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shortill and family, Dr. and Mrs. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Percy White.

The Hull's reunion was held in the hall on Sunday when about 60 of the Hull's family attended. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and family received many relatives from Leamington, London, St. Catharines, Weyfield, Stewarttown and this surrounding area. Mrs. Smith's cousins from Ipswich, England, enjoyed the "get-together" of their relatives.

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### Anniversary at Churchill

On Sunday, July 13, the Churchill Community Church will celebrate its 131st anniversary as a place of worship.

With this record of many fine years of service behind it, the church will have as its guest speaker the Rev. Murray A. McBride M.P. A former minister of the Churchill and Ballinafad churches, he is a graduate of the O.A.C., Guelph, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto and the Yale University Divinity School. After serving congregations in Chapleau and Arnprior, Mr. McBride was elected to the House of Commons in 1968 as the representative of the Lanark and Renfrew constituency. Accompanying Mr. McBride for services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. will be his wife and family.

### OSPRINGE

## Object to closing Ospringe kindergarten

A delegation of parents attended a recent meeting of Wallington county board of education requesting that the board reconsider the closing of kindergarten at Ospringe.

Earlier this year the board had approved closing the kindergarten classes at Ospringe and bussing the pupils to either Brisbane or Hillsburg, using the 17 sidroad as a boundary line. Board chairman Taylor Evans said that, in his many years as a trustee he had never heard of a board that could guarantee parents what school their children would attend, and added that this year was the worst yet for relocation of students.

He did, however, promise the parents that the board will reconsider the matter further and will take all possibilities into consideration.

Other delegations have also approached the board with local problems. On May 20, parents of students in Eden Mills showed up to protest closing their school, after the board had approved Mr. Whitfield's recommendation that the students be transferred to Rockwood. On June 9, parents of kindergarten pupils protested the transfer of their children from King George School to St. George School.

### CHURCHILL

## Vacation school this week attracts 75 to church

A vacation school is being held at Churchill Church this week with an attendance of 75 pupils. The theme is The Church in To-Day's World. There are four classes studying different phases of the theme, Kindergarten Our Church; Primary, The Church and the People of God; You and Your Church, Senior and Junior, The Church at Work and Worship.

A trip to visit other church is being planned for Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Somerville of Hillsburg were guests on Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson at their Belwood cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. John Near and Mr. Glen Near accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred West of Acton and Mrs. Ethel Ferguson of Georgetown attended the funeral of their cousin the late Mr. Charles Near of Newmarket last week.

Mr. Lois Cameron of Fergus spent part of the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shephard of Toronto were Sunday visitors at the same home.

Master David Anderson spent last week holidaying at Fenelon Falls returning home to attend Bible School this week at Churchill Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Morden and family and Miss Janice Swackhamer of this district, also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plouffe Sr., Miss Linda Plouffe and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plouffe Jr. of Ballinafad and Mr. and Mrs. Jane McElhinney of Milton attended the Naylor Reunion held at Spring Bank park in London on Sunday, July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer and Mrs. C. B. Swackhamer visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mal Barden in Hillsburg.

### Calf Club meets at testing station

The monthly meeting of the Acton 4-H Calf Club was held on June 30 at the Arkell Beef Bull Testing Station. President Keith Aitken opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The roll call "The Breed of Cattle you raise at home" was answered by all.

Mr. Braids introduced Lorne Page, the superintendent of the Station. Mr. Page explained that the Station started in 1950 where four steers from one sire were put on test for 196 days. This system was used up until 1958 when it was decided that the system was too slow to qualify the sire.

At present the sires are being tested. The sire must gain 2.3 pounds per day to qualify for the Government Premium. The Provincial Government will pay a percentage of the purchase

price for a tested bull. At present the Station accommodates 80 sires. The purpose of the Arkell Beef Bull Testing Station is to improve the beef industry and to test the gaining ability of the sires.

Mr. Page and Mr. Taylor conducted a tour of the Station and answered several questions posed by the members and leaders.

Keith Aitken thanked Mr. Page and Mr. Taylor on behalf of the members and leaders.

Carol Somerville gave a very interesting talk on the Hays Converters. This breed was originated by Harry Hays. It is claimed that this breed is the highest gaining breed in Canada.

Bill Lasby led a discussion on the cost on Feeding Beef and Dairy Calves in summer and winter.

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