

The clergy speak out ..

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RELIGION IS NOT A THING APART

The question of how large a part religion plays in the life of the ordinary man or woman (and we all place ourselves in that category, don't we?) is debatable. In the lives of a few persons it is evident that religious imperatives are the great motivating forces in their daily lives. But it must be admitted that in the great current of modern life, religion plays a very inconspicuous part. It seems to be regarded as a side-issue, an option or a hobby for "squares."

Whether we realize it or not, we are living in a world which is dominated by a materialistic outlook, and the vast affairs of humanity move as though a religion of the spirit does not exist, and should not exist. True, many of us think we are still loyal to the traditions of our fathers, and we turn now and then to religion to add some tone or grace or respectability to our baptisms, weddings and funerals. But, in the actual conduct of our daily affairs, religion has no basic part.

We have shoved religion into a private corner of our lives, and built a fence around it. However, we reserve that corner with some prudence, because we never know the day when we are going to need it. But we take some care to see that our religion stays in its corner.

It is largely the fault of Christians that this situation has come about. They have given unnecessary support to the idea that religion is something to be done or acted out behind the closed door of the church, and something very irrelevant to modern business, education and entertainment.

But is this idea true? I think it is false, and damnable! Christianity was never meant to be a thing apart from life. Indeed, we insist that religion and life are inseparable. Show me how a man lives and I'll tell you what his religion is. What a man does indicates what he most profoundly believes.

For too long, I insist, we have drawn a strict line between what we call "sacred" and what we call "secular." Most of life is secular, we think, and it is embarrassing to think of Christ in it. But the Christian sees Christ in everything he does - in all his working and in all his playing, in his public life and in his private life. For him life in its totality is sacred.

Surely we need to remember that Jesus was a carpenter, and not a priest of religion. He dealt with ordinary life, and ordinary people. He was interested in sinners, and that took in literally everyone.

In the world of today, He wants to meet with real people in the real world of work, and striving and achievement. He is not at home in dusty cathedrals. He does not dwell in houses made with hands. But he enters human hearts and human activities. He wants to be where the action is, where real life goes on - in the fields, streets, factories, offices and stores - as well as in the places set apart for His worship.

If the world needs Christ, it is certain that Christ needs the world. He died, not to save a fenced-off corner of your life and mine, but to redeem the world of mankind from greed, and selfishness, and sin. And we who call ourselves Christian are stifling Christ by locking him up in a prisonhouse of piety or ecclesiasticism!

Have you heard of what happened when Handel's "Messiah" was first performed in London over 200 years ago? When the Hallelujah Chorus was sung the whole audience, led by the King, rose spontaneously to its feet.

We do it yet, not merely because of the majesty of the music and its power to move us, but because, even in this materialistic age, we intuitively perceive the truth of its theme. "The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. Hallelujah! King of kings, Lord of lords."

Residents for 50 years Lindsays mark anniversary

A couple who have lived in the same house in Acton for half a century, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lindsay quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday.

They were married at the Presbyterian manse in Norval, and after a short honeymoon came to their home on Park Ave. Mr. Lindsay took over the mill in 1918 from Bob Lashby and it's been Lindsay's mill - and a busy place - since. Mr. Lindsay added the flour mill to the existing chopping mill.

On Saturday evening there was a happy family dinner party at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hattie Price, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price on the Guelph Road. Present were all their closest relatives, including his two sisters, hostess Mrs. Price and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill; their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price, Mrs. Betty Cunningham and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Linstead; her brother Col. G. O. Brown of Stewarttown and her sister-in-law Mrs. Hazel Brown of Norval; niece Mr. and Mrs. Ernie

Arnold, Toronto; cousins Mr. and Mrs. Anderson May, Streetsville; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence May, Norval; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller and Jack, Guelph; and Mrs. Nettie Drummond, Barrie. Despite the fact the Lindsays thought very few of their friends knew of the date, they were surprised by flowers and cards. The U.C.W. sent a plant with congratulations, and the town delivered the usual golden tea service. There was also a surprise telegram from Premier Robarts.

Former area residents mark 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. van Goozen, 7 Glasgow St., Guelph, were guests of honor on Saturday when members of their family held Open House to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk van Goozen.

Mr. and Mrs. van Goozen were married in St. George's Anglican church, Georgetown, on November 25, 1919. The couple farmed in Georgetown area until 1921 and then they settled on Holland farm, "the old MacGregor homestead", Blue Springs Line.

Eighteen years ago they moved to Albert St., Guelph,

and Mr. van Goozen worked at the college. A few years later they moved to the cottage at 36 College Ave., and now they reside at 7 Glasgow St., Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. van Goozen have three sons, John of Richmond Hill, Dirk of Guelph and Donald of Sarnia, as well as 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Congratulations, notes and telegrams were received from Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Robert Stanfield, Harry Worton M.P.P., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hales and a framed scroll from the province of Ontario.

Hydro notes

At the regular meeting Thursday night, Acton Hydro Commission:

* Received a request from Acton Council that the Commission negotiate directly with the Reisman group for capital costs of the total hydro installation in the proposed subdivision including street lighting and that hydro installation costs be covered under a separate agreement with the developer.

* Authorized the secretary to contact Mr. Wilson, solicitor, requesting that he draw up an agreement covering hydro installation costs. The agreement will include - price per lot \$870, \$550 per lot to be paid in advance for 118 lots. Balance to be paid on the lots completed at three month intervals. The developer will pay actual costs only.

* Secretary Audrey Urquhart reported a bank balance of \$24,763 as of October 31.

* Mayor Les Duby advised the commission that a developer interested in the Cobblehill Road development has asked if a single light could be installed on every property in lieu of street lighting. The developer had completed a development in another municipality in the same way. Commissioners indicated interest in the matter but said they would like to see this installation before making a decision.

* Mayor Duby also informed the Commission that the town is discussing purchasing equipment so that water meters may be read from outside.

Suggests do homework

Recommendations for cutting education costs were "entirely impractical and very much detrimental to education in Halton County," and the whole affair grew out of "a lack of understanding of our operations and our budget," Halton Board of Education chairman Fred Armitage told fellow trustees at the Board's regular meeting Thursday.

The board always welcomes constructive criticism, "but I suggest these people do a little homework first, so when they come to us they will have some constructive comments," he added.

He said he was very disturbed by Esqueuing Councillor Ken Marshall's motion which called for halving education trustees' pay, reducing salaries of all employees receiving over \$12,000 a year, freezing teachers' salaries, reducing the number of consultants on staff, using existing buildings for temporary classrooms, working more closely with municipal councils at budget times, and publishing board estimates for the public to see before they are finalized.

Councillor Marshall was present in the audience during the brief discussion at Thursday's meeting. He did not speak, explaining to a reporter from this newspaper he was just there as an observer to see how the board operates.

Trustee Douglas Wood, vice-chairman of the board, congratulated chairman Armitage on the press release he issued in answer to the Marshall motion. "Once you examine the facts, you realize the Halton County Board is doing an excellent job," he said.

Man uninjured in total wreck

A Georgetown man walked away uninjured from a single car accident on Highway 7, east of Acton, after the car he was driving left the road and rolled over into a ditch.

The car, a late model import owned and driven by 21-year-old Wayne Casey of Georgetown, was totally wrecked in the mishap.

Representatives attend Society's annual meet

Mr. and Mrs. William Coats and Mrs. Velma West attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society held in the Westbury Hotel in Toronto on Friday, November 14.

Two guest speakers were the highlights of an impressive evening. Ontario's Lieutenant Governor was ushered to the head table by a calypso band playing our National Anthem.

The Honourable Ross Macdonald delighted everyone with his humorous remarks but ended

with a sincere note of thanks to all volunteers who at all levels of service helped the Control of Cancer program by their work of love and kindness because they cared.

This year's "Miss Hope", Miss Ruth Ann Campbell, delighted the audience with a resume of her experiences of this past year and her sincere congratulations to all the "Doers" (Volunteers) of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Reports were brief but spoke of a very successful year and hopes for the future were discussed.

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SUNDAY NOV. 30TH

7-9 P.M.

Acton High School Auditorium

REFRESHMENTS AFTER AT ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
"SILVER COLLECTION"

The Halton County Board of Education

Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Education

invites interested parties to submit briefs and to appear before the Committee in support of same. All such briefs must deal directly with the Mackay Report and its major recommendations as these are seen to apply to Halton County.

Briefs will be reviewed up to and including January 31, 1970.

Those who intend to submit briefs should write for further information to

The Secretary,
Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Education
c/o The Halton County Board of Education,
166 South Service Road East,
Oakville, Ontario.

U.C.W. sale

A successful sale of baking and some bazaar items was held last Thursday in Simpsons-Sears by the United Church Women. They sold out early.

Several from Acton will attend the Hamilton Road Safety workshop at Hamilton's Holiday Inn Jan. 8, 9 and 10. Participation was requested by the Minister of Transport in a letter received by council.

Members of No. 2 committee, the town superintendent, the town clerk and police safety officer will receive invitations later and those who can arrange to go will be authorized to do so.

Free Press

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Churchill Road North
Minister:
The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.
124 Tidy Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1969
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Church School.
Sermon theme, "What shall We Do with Our Gifts?"

Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

MITHIL

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister - Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1969
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service.
Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.
11:10 a.m. - Sunday School.
4:00 p.m. - Afternoon Worship Service.
7:30 p.m. - Teen Meet at the church.
Tuesday evening, 7:30-10:30 - Catechism Classes.

Come, worship and study with us to be better equipped to serve God and men.
Everyone Welcome

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, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1969
9:45 a.m. - Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
9:45 a.m. - Minister's Church Membership Class for Teenagers.

11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship.
Sermon theme, "The Conditions of Kinship." (Mark 3.)
Everyone Most Welcome

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Minister:
The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1969
10:00 a.m. - Corporate Worship.
10:00 a.m. - Nursery.
Sunday School (to Grade 4).
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School (Grade 5-8).
11:15 a.m. - "Talk Back" (adult program of dialogue with the Minister).
7:00 p.m. - H.C. and H.P. (Youth Groups for Teens - alternating Sunday evenings).
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity

Church Notices

EVANGEL. PENTECOSTAL YARBENACLI
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchhill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1969
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m. - Rev. Alvin Lewis of Winnipeg, representing "Youth with a Mission" will be guest speaker.

Mrs. Lorne F. Fox, World Missionary traveller and contralto soloist, will be with us Dec. 1, Monday at 8 p.m. and will also be showing the outstanding film "They Have Overcome". We invite you to hear this beautiful contralto voice and see this outstanding film.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer Service and Bible Study.

Thursday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassadors.

Friday, 6:45 p.m. - Crusaders.
Psalm 119, verse 165 - "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them."

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Founded 1842
Wednesday, November 19 - 8 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Feltham.

Friday, November 14 - 7 p.m. B.H.F.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1969
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Bible Class.

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
Mr. Charlie Baxter, Ancaster, Ont.
Sunday, November 30 - The Churchmen's Quartette at Acton High School auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
All Welcome

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

ANGELICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1969
Laymen's Sunday
Speaker, Mr. Leslie Duby.
9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m. - Church School and Nursery.

10:30 a.m. - Matins.
Wed., Nov. 26, 10 a.m. - Holy Communion, followed by coffee hour.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 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 877-6465



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Holding The Line!

That is just what your Acton Hydro Electric Commission is trying to do.

The Hydro rates to Acton consumers will not be raised at the present time.

Notice has been received from Ontario Hydro that the rates to the Acton Commission will be raised as of January 1st, 1970, by 6%. But the local Commission feel that at the present time, they can hold the line.

It is just 15 years ago (1954) since the general rates for electrical energy were raised to the Acton consumers. In 1959, the 4-Block system of billing went into effect. This resulted in a lowering of rates to some, while others paid a slight increase. Also that year, the flat rate water heater rate was lowered.

The power rate charge to the Acton Commission has been raised five times since 1951. The rates went up in 1952, 1955, 1967, 1968 and 1970.

Your local Commission feel that rates should not be raised except when necessary and they feel that with all other sources of energy higher than in 1954, they are doing all in their power to hold the line at the present rates.

Since 1960, the cost of living index has risen by 25%, yet Hydro energy to the local consumer has not risen since 1954.

Your local hydro

Acton Hydro Electric Commission