

The clergy speak out . .

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"Vote for the person of your choice, but vote." It is a good slogan. But only 31 per cent took the advice in the civic elections in Guelph on December 1 and 35 per cent of the electorate headed the same in Toronto.

It is difficult for me to make any sense of the above. When 69 per cent of the electorate fail to exercise their franchise, it calls into question the very principle underlying our democratic system.

Certainly some who failed to cast their vote were simply uninformed. Perhaps their ignorance serves as an excuse. But what about those who were informed or at least should have been informed persons? Surely everyone reading this column belongs to some organization, church or society which suffers from this same problem. The fact is not new and yet the shock value never seems to lessen.

How Canadians who enjoy the privilege of citizenship can be so indifferent to their own future is beyond me. One-third of the electorate decide for the other two-thirds.

Does it take a national or global crisis to arouse these irresponsible parasites. They are voters feeding on the responsible efforts of the concerned and informed minority.

There are so many parallels in our society which reflect this critical fact. Consider the organizations and groups to which you belong. Consider the charitable organizations serving our communities and the limited numbers supporting their work. We take the privilege of citizenship or membership all too often for granted and are ready to criticize any impachment of our rights but are not too anxious to accept the responsibilities involved.

There are organizations and societies actively trying to undermine the dignity and privilege of national allegiance and trust. Indifference feeds their efforts and our apathy is accepted as an endorsement of their subversive activity.

It is a time to stand up and be counted. Democracy relies on the majority, not the minority.



THE NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE of the Golden Age Club posed for a picture at their dinner meeting last Tuesday night. Front row l. to r. 1st vice-president Robert Wana, treasurer Mrs.

Jack Cressay, president, Mrs. George Fryer, Back row l. to r. 2nd vice-president Bert Davidson and secretary Mrs. Donald Reed. (Staff Photo)



RIGHT HON. LESTER B. PEARSON and Rud Whiting, M.P. for Halton at the United Nations when Mr. Pearson presented his report Partners in Development, a study on the underdeveloped

Report from Ottawa

by rud whiting

Two weeks as a Parliamentary Observer representing Canada at the 24th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations has conferred for me what most Canadians should know, namely, that Canada enjoys an excellent reputation at the United Nations.

Having met all the personnel at the Permanent Canadian Mission in New York, I can fully appreciate why we are held in such high regard. We have representing us people of exceptional calibre, who have the respect of the member nations. There were five Members of Parliament and two Senators acting as Parliamentary Observers. The Liberals and Conservatives each had three members and there was one Creditist. Every morning we received a briefing, three out of five mornings we attended the Delegates Meeting of the Canadian Mission where the respective committees reported to the Members of the Canadian Mission as a whole.

We were also given individual briefings by these representatives who sit on these committees. These briefings gave us a short history of the business of the committee prior to the 24th Session and then the business which had been conducted thus far at the 24th Session by this particular committee, following which we received an up-to-date resume of the present business being conducted. These briefings were as educational and as informative as it was possible to make them. There are six permanent committees and a special political committee.

After these briefings we then attended the committee meeting of our choice at the United Nations. We sat with the permanent Canadian representatives or being present in the committee hall. In addition to this, many of us took advantage of the three meetings of the full session of the general assembly to listen in on the assembly's business.

The business in our House of Commons is conducted in two languages, whereas at the U.N. there are five official languages prevalent there. It is interesting to note that there are presently 126 countries represented at the United Nations and one can see the hurdles that must be overcome if business is to be conducted. The United Nations has had many successes and, admittedly,

a few failures. It also has the frustration of not being able to deal with many matters that are not within its purview and I refer specifically to the present Nigerian problem, to quote just one example. Many things, however, are being attempted in the background in the hope of terminating that conflict.

One of the highlights of my visit was to hear former Prime Minister Lester Pearson address the Second Committee in connection with the report of his mission, entitled, "Partners in Development". Mr. Pearson was commended by Mr. McNamara of the World Bank to do this study, along with recognized world experts in banking and development.

His report is receiving considerable attention at the present time. It is a most comprehensive document dealing with the severe economic problems being faced by many of the countries of the world.

After Mr. Pearson made his initial comments to the Second Committee, he then attended our delegates meeting and gave us a more personal background report on the methods used to select his Committee and the problems they faced visiting so many governments and countries. He then gave us a briefing on the highlights of the report.

Spending two weeks as a Parliamentary Observer at the United Nations hardly makes one an expert on that august body but it gave me a better understanding of the complex problems that exist in international affairs.

Still cool

The post office hasn't particularly yet a wearying Christmas rush yet, and no extra staff has joined the regulars. But they expect the picture to change soon.

Dinner, music, presentations highlight Golden Age club

By Mrs. Elsie Reed
The highlight of the Golden Age Club's year is the annual Christmas turkey dinner which is held early in December, and last Tuesday evening saw one of the most delightful gatherings held by this active group.

The Anglican Church Women catered for the bountiful and delicious meal in their Parish Hall, in their pleasant efficient manner and were later thanked by the president.

Almost the full membership of the Club turned out to really enjoy themselves. Those absent were either ailing, kept away by poor weather conditions for driving or were off to Florida for a winter holiday.

On entering the hall the beauty of the tables, decorated in the Christmas theme, was very striking. A small tree with blinking lights, several decorated candles on each table and a beautiful Christmas centerpiece on the head table and Christmas garlands truly welcomed the members and they certainly appreciated the efforts put forth by the A.C.W.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Browne, though unable to attend, had most generously donated the ice-cream for the dessert. This is an annual kind gesture on their part.

Christmas is traditionally a time of surprises and nobody could have been more surprised that the secretary and the treasurer who were each presented with an honorarium in the form of a cheque. R. L. Davidson, past president, and presently second vice-president, spoke words of appreciation for faithful service as he made the presentation to Mrs. Reed, and Robert Wana thanked Mrs. Cressay for her efficient work as she made the presentation to her. Though completely taken by surprise each thanked the club for so kindly thinking of them in this way at this time.

Mrs. Bradshaw played the piano for several Christmas carols.

A group consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon DeVries and Mrs. Moore, all with guitars sang and played many selections beginning with My adobe Hacienda and through many old-time Christmas favorites as I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, etc. and some sacred carols and hymns. Mrs. DeVries was the soloist for A Closer Walk with Thee and several others. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Agnes Rose also played and sang several duets. The group were thoroughly enjoyed.

Miss Jean McLean gave some wonderful instrumental on the piano in her usual pleasing manner. Mr. Allen with violin and Mr. Miller on guitar and mouth organ supplied merry toe-tapping music to the enjoyment of all. The "Group" then came back for more music and song, concluding with all present standing to sing Bless be the Tie that Binds and O Canada.

Mrs. Fryer had provided hors d'oeuvres and Christmas cake, with hot coffee to wind up the wonderful happy evening which had really brought the Christmas spirit to all. Everyone left for home in smiles, glad to have been part of the good time and more ready to look forward to "A Merry Christmas".

At the regular meeting of Acton Golden Age Club on Dec. 16 it is planned to have a speaker from the Dept. of National Health and Welfare to advise on the Canada Pension Plan as regards widow pension, widower's benefits, children's benefits and all pension plans. This should be of great interest to all the members and it is hoped there will be a good turnout to hear him and to ask any questions they may have.

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Church Notices

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 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 Evange.
Georgetown 877-6665

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.
11:30 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, DECEMBER 14th, 1969
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
"White Gift" presentation.
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teenagers.
11:00 a.m.—Advent Worship. Sermon 2 on series, "The Lord of All Life, His Hands."
Everyone Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
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Mr. Howard Jacobson (Interim Supply)

Wednesday, December 10, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.—B.H.F.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1969
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Followed by Communion.
All Welcome

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Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

Friday, December 12, 8 p.m.—Christmas "Sunday School Family Night" featuring Rev. Wm. Moody in a unique children's presentation.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 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 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6:45 p.m.—Crusaders.
Psalm 116: 11 — "In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister: The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D. 124 Tidy Ave. Phone 853-2186

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1969
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School. Sermon, "The Heart of Mary."
Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

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, DECEMBER 14, 1969
Advent III
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10:30 a.m.—Mattins.
The church will be presenting a Nativity Play on Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

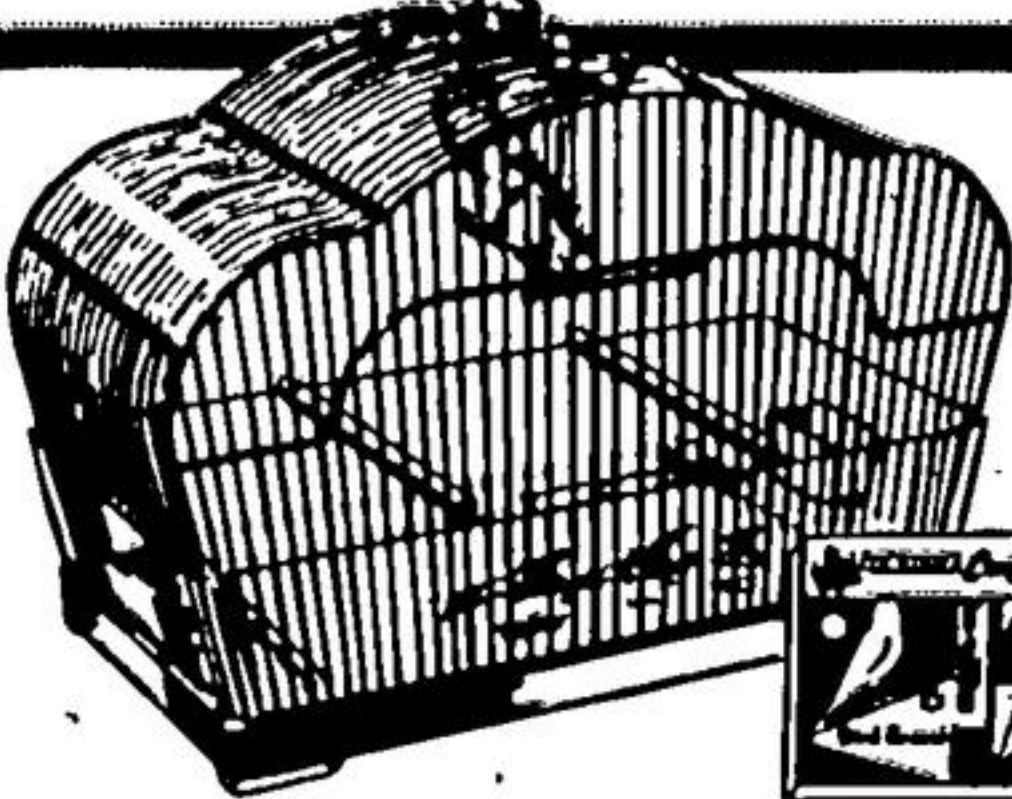
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister: The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D. Director of Music: Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Corporate Worship. White Gift Service.
10:00 a.m.—Nursery.
Sunday School (to Grade 4).
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School (Grade 5-8).
7:00 p.m.—C.G.I.T. Candlelight Service.
7:00 p.m.—Hi C. and Hi 9ers (Youth Groups for Teens — alternating Sunday evenings).
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity

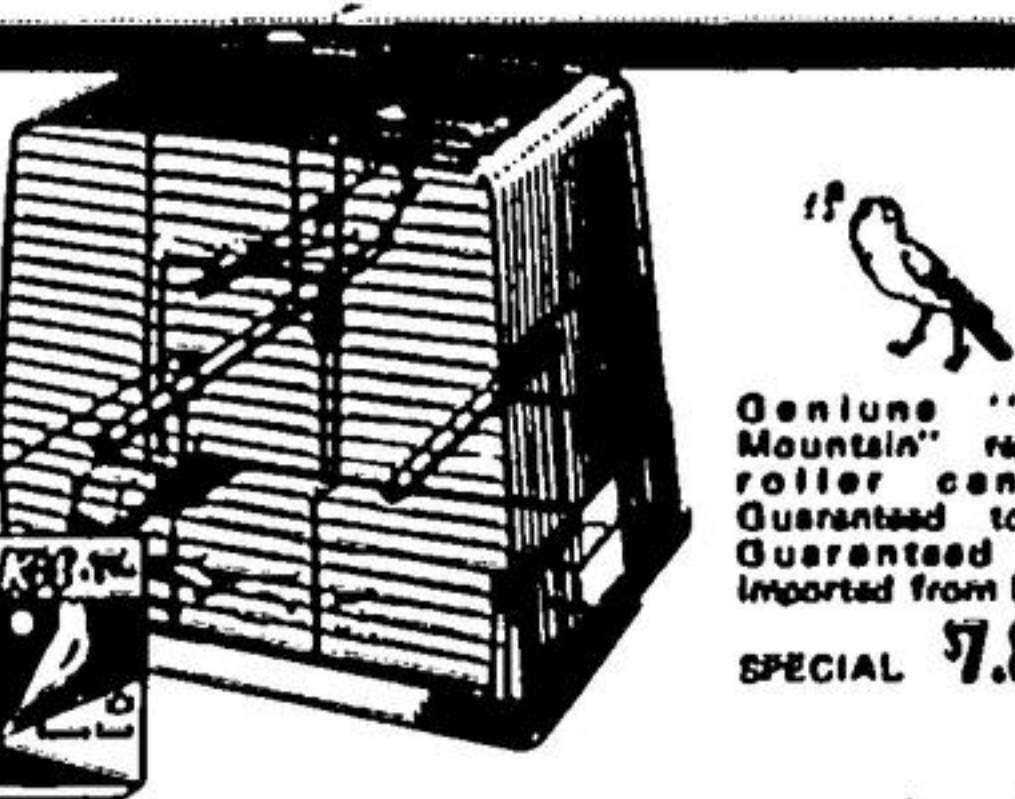


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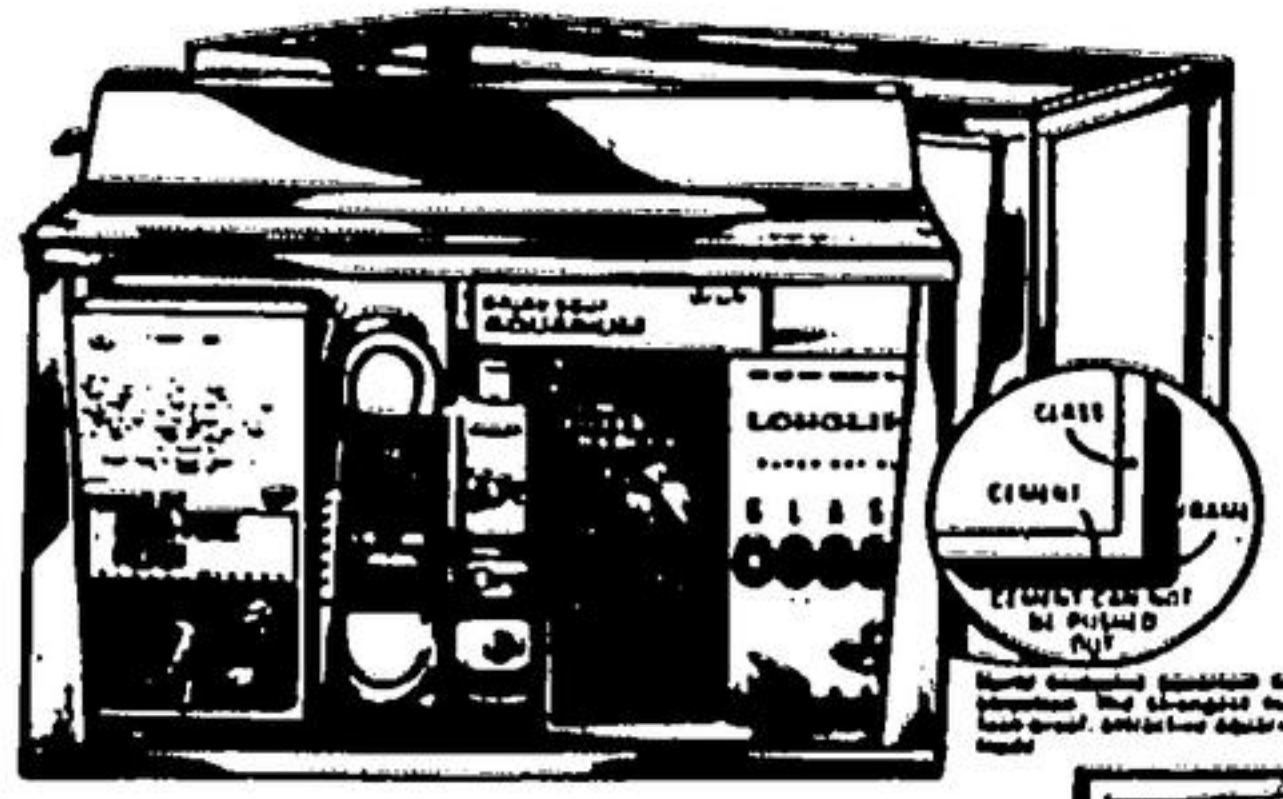
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