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### Deputy Reeve, Wife Garden Party Hosts

Deputy Reeve Walter Gray and Mrs. Gray were hosts last Tuesday at a garden party for fellow-members of the Lions Club. The guests also included members of the town council and a few other friends of the deputy reeve.

Guests enjoyed a buffet supper in the garden, and heard Rev. G. L. Royal of Norval speak on the subject, "What Do I Owe My Community?" Mr. Royal summed up his speech topic with one word "Me", explaining that a man's talent and material possessions are given him to pass on to others in the form of service.

"One owes to the community an absolute, complete and challenging participation," he said, summing up his inspiring talk. Mayor Jack Armstrong, also a Lions Club member, introduced Mr. Royal and county warden Jack Milne, who is reeve of Nassagaweya, and who also spoke briefly. Later, Alf Sutton of Brampton, took over the entertainment chore, with a program of music and fun. Three Brampton-Lions appeared in minstrel dress and entertained with songs and minstrel jokes. Also on the program was local singer Thomas Warnes and Brampton vocalist Karen Steed.

The new Lion Chief Ernie Alcott expressed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gray for their hospitality and the evening concluded when winners of a lucky draw were picked. Don Wingrove and Warden Milne were prizewinners and town clerk C. G. Benham won a special prize, a turkey donated by the hosts.

### Car Parader's Father Once Bandmaster Here

There was a local louch when the B-A caravan of old time cars passed through Georgetown recently.

Among them was a 1915 McLaughlin driven by Mrs. Ross Elliott, Port Hope, and a 1928 Ford touring driven by Mr. Elliott. Mrs. Elliott is the former Joan Brooks, whose father was bandmaster in Georgetown some years ago.

Mrs. Elliott was accompanied by her 5-year-old daughter and by Mrs. Frederick of Port Hope, mother of Mrs. James Reaves, 27 McIntyre Crescent. Mr. Elliott had their 8 year old son with him. The condition of these cars is remarkable, Mr. Elliott having been a first grade motor mechanic before taking over his father's real estate and insurance business in Port Hope.

### D. C. MAPLEDEN RECEIVES PH.D.

Dr. Douglas C. Maplesden, a former resident of Georgetown and son of Mr and Mrs. Cecil W. Maplesden of Acton, was recently granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Employed in town at Provincial Paper Ltd. before the war, he studied for his DVM degree after serving in the RCAF.

Dr. Maplesden, after receiving his DVM spent two years as herd veterinarian on Flat Top Ranch, Walnut Springs, Texas. He later returned to Guelph to the faculty of the OAC and directed the Ambulatory Clinic, which gives students at the college practical experience in treating farm animals. Before he left for Cornell in 1957 Dr. Maplesden received his Master's degree in Agriculture from the University of Toronto.

He and his wife and their four children are now residing in Guelph.

## Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass.

### LET US NOT ABOUTH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

When a criminal convicted of murder is sentenced to death, there follows a loud public outcry against capital punishment. It seems that even when a particularly brutal or coldblooded murder is involved, there is still plenty of public feeling against the death sentence. The movement to abolish capital punishment has been active for some time and has been completely successful in some countries. That the abolitionists are having considerable success in Canada is obvious from the number of death sentences which have been commuted to life imprisonment by the present government.

The arguments put forward against the death sentence are many and varied; life is inviolate and no judicial system has the right to take a life; it is contrary to the Christian belief; it fails to reduce the crime it punishes; an innocent man may be executed and so on. There can be no doubt that capital punishment, if applied to every person convicted of murder, would be a grim travesty of justice. At the same time, the energetic attempts made to find extenuating circumstances for every homicide are difficult to support.

I do not believe in the abolition of capital punishment — not under existing judicial and penal systems at least. I believe that murder, when committed for gain or to satisfy lust; murder as a result of personal enmity or uncontrolled violence or because of sadistic inhumanity should be punished by death — provided that there is no doubt regarding the guilt of a person so punished. This opinion is unshaken by pitiful stories of mental stress, drunkenness, insanity or loss of memory. The world is full of misguided do-gooders who are prepared to tolerate every crime in the book and who grasp eagerly at any extenuating circumstances, real or imaginary.

I do not believe in the death sentence when the accused is convicted on circumstantial evidence alone, nor where the guilt has not been proved beyond doubt. Neither do I believe in the death sentence where there was established provocation or where self-defence was proven. It is clear that each case must be decided individually, and reprieves granted in some instances.

It seems to me that too many cold blooded, vicious murderers are escaping the death penalty now.

The maudlin stories regarding the possible innocence of some of these monsters, the tear-jerking interviews with his relatives and friends no doubt make it much easier for him to escape his just desserts. It is strange that there are usually fewer tears available for the innocent victim and his family. Many people appear to be most concerned that the murderer should not be executed but there seems to be a shortage of concern regarding the welfare of the victim or of any possible future victims.

Let us weep a bit more for the

### NORVAL Presbyterian Church

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Summer Service - 10 a.m.  
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Rev. R. Freel, B.A., B.D.  
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10.00 a.m.: Sunday School  
11.15 a.m.: Morning Worship

### St. George's CHURCH (ANGLICAN)

JULY 19th  
TRINITY VIII  
8.00 a.m.—No Celebration (Rector at St. Alban's, Glen Williams)  
9.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Family Service and Church School  
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

innocent bystander, the abolitionists of capital punishment will not be moved one jot from their stand. The people who have any say in the matter will sadly observe "the poor boy is sick, we must get him back to hospital." There will be no big public fund-raising for the dependants of the dead. We live in a society which will tolerate thousands killed on the roads, thousands killed by fire through inadequate housing, but will stand on its hind legs and wildly paw the air at the thought of the painless extermination of some of its worst enemies.

**SULPHUR SMOUDGE MISTAKEN FOR FIRE**  
Sulphur dioxide smudge, a fumigating gas used to kill flies was mistaken for smoke Thursday night when firemen were summoned to Barber's Jewellers on Mill St. The gray smoky mist created by the smudge was spotted through the store window by a concerned passer-by who notified the brigade. The firemen realized the error the moment they jimmied open the door and smelled the sulphurous odour. The call was turned in at about 9.30 p.m. and the total damage amounted to the price of a new lock.

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