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An open letter to all those short of stable room.

Dear Sirs:

May I say in reply to your request for information regarding more stable room that you have a problem that is common to many other farmers—judging by the letters coming to this office this winter. Statistics show that more cattle are being kept and sooner or later we come to the point where we have to consider additional stable room.

I agree with you that building and remodeling costs are high. This means that any new building warrants careful thinking and planning. Carman Piery at Bolton has a problem such as yours. Carman has a dairy herd and his herd gradually outgrew his barn. Actually his biggest problem was in finding room for stable, his yearlings and heifers and up until this year they had been occupying stalls that Carman needed badly for his growing herd of milk cows.

To add more stalls, meant building more on the end of his present barn. When the price of the foundation, barn, cement work and stanchions were estimated it looked like an expense of \$400-\$450 per stall—quite an outlay.

Carman reasoned that if he put up a cheaper building for his dry cows and heifers, he could milk quite a few more cows in the stalls that he already had because none of the stalls would be taken up by dry cows or heifers.

The answer seemed to be to build a pole barn on the end of his present barn. He had a 75 x 45 pole barn built at an approximate cost of \$3000. by a local contractor. Another \$200 - \$300 will have to be spent on a paved yard, indolers and rents, it looks like Carman made a wise move. This barn will hold up to 50 head of dry cows and heifers at a cost of about \$70 per head. The same cattle, if tied up in stalls, would be occupying space costing \$100 - \$150 per head.

Other advantages are greatly reduced labour and healthier stock. Even the more hard to convince purebred breeders are now admitting that they are getting grower heifers when they run loose and that they make better cows.

Carman's barn is very versatile in that it has a straw storage across the back—15 x 75 and 16' high. The rest of the barn is of clear span construction which means that it is easily cleaned out because there are no posts to interfere. The first bent out from the old barn is fenced off for a feeding area and the hay is fed right from the mow of the old barn into a manger. This area is cemented.

When Herb Watson, Ingleswood, was confronted with the same problem of an overcrowded stable three years ago he built a pole barn larger than he actually needed and uses two bents of it to run a 100 pigs. He also stores some machinery in it.

Dr. Patterson of the Economy Branch says that it costs nearly 20¢ a lb. to grain feed beef cattle and that feed only makes up 60% of the cost of raising beef. (Of course much cheaper gains are made on grass.) This certainly points out that a person can not afford too much overhead in buildings and labour in the beef business. Often pole buildings are the answer—as they are low in cost and make for less time spent doing chores.

Some new designs have been developed in pole barns, such as clear span trusses, half trusses as well as the standard pole barn. If you think you can solve your building problem the way Mr. Piery and Mr. Watson did I will be most glad to send you plans and to be of any other help in planning it that I can.

Yours very truly,
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for Halton, Peel and
Dufferin Counties.

P.S. We have some information in this office on standby generators in case of power failure such as was caused by the recent ice storms.

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**\$9300 GIVINGS TO OTHERS
MARK PRESBYTERIAN YEAR**

The annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church was held in the church hall on Monday, January 25th. A most enjoyable dinner was served by the Women's Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary at 7 p.m. and the meeting followed.

Excellent reports were received from the various church organizations, and all indicated progress over the year. Givings to the support of Knox were healthy and the finances in good condition.

The congregation concentrated on giving to others in 1960 with the total being \$9,384.00. A high objective for 1960 has also been set.

Extensive renovations were carried out in the Manse by the Women's Association, a new exhaust fan was installed in the Knox Hall by the Ladies' Auxiliary, and new lighting was installed in the old hall by the Board of Management.

During the election of officers, Del Land, Bruce Harley, Emmanuel Karn and Elmer Hall were placed on the Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brown resigned as Stewards and Mrs. Jessie Wilcox was elected in their place. Harry Ingram was elected Budget Treasurer and Andrew Murray as envelope secretary. The last two officers were filled for many years by Jim Ritchie, who is leaving town. Auditors re-elected were Sam Mackenzie and Mrs. William Cromar. Ted Fenning was re-elected Church Treasurer.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the 100th anniversary of the congregation which will be celebrated this year. The anniversary speaker will be the Reverend Ross K. Cameron whose father

**St. John's Church W.A.
Elects 1960 Officers**

Mrs. A. M. Nielsen was hostess for the January meeting of Group 3, W.A. of St. John's United Church on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. Kirkwood presided and opened the meeting with a Call to Worship.

Mrs. Stanley Gowland led in the worship period reading the Scripture from Prov. 3:19. The theme of the worship topics this year is "The Spirit of Man is the Candle of the Lord." Surely we will light the Candle of understanding from the Lord, for He has said that if we seek the Truth as silver and search for her as hidden treasures, God will reveal it to us. How important it is that we search for the right "things," stated Mrs. Gowland.

Mrs. V. McDonald, Mrs. Ian Ritchie and Mrs. Nielsen were appointed as the Apron Committee and plan to have material on the 1st to distribute at our next meeting. It is also decided to pass two quilts tops and send these with linings and bats to Fred Kyles on 1st.

Programs for the year's meetings have been planned and were given out. The roll call was an excitingly paying membership fee. The ladies were pleased to welcome two new members, Mrs. J. B. S. Hick of Fifth Street and Mrs. Harry Curtis of 16 Wood.

At the three other homes entered the hirclear utilized, the milk boxes to reach in and unhook the doors from the inside. The homes, owned by Blake Bay, 17 Garry Drive, Kenneth Murphy, 222 Deltex Blvd. and W. L. Hamilton, 224 Deltex Blvd., were all ransacked but nothing was reported missing.

**Burglarize Five Homes
Total Loot \$30, \$10**

Thieves who committed attempted burglaries at least five local homes Friday night made off after only minor successes.

Thirty dollars in 50¢ pieces and a dinner rug value at \$20 was the total loot taken by the thieves who overtook other items of jewellery and valuables, apparently in search of cash.

The 50¢ pieces were when the thieves broke into the home of William Anderson, 7 Charles St., by forcing a side door. They made their exit via a bedroom window, knocking out a screen in the escape. The ring was the property of Mrs. Elizabeth McCrea of 26 Market St. whose home they entered by forcing a rear door. Both houses had been ransacked.

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**Witness Ministers to
Convene in Guelph**

Jehovah's Witnesses are holding their semi-annual circuit assembly at the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute, Paisley Street, Guelph, February 5, 6, 7. Mr. C. Bradford, presiding minister of the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses said ministers from Port Credit to Burlington and north to Orangeville and Guelph, numbering approximately 750 will be attending, including about 60 from the Georgetown area.

This convention, Mr. Bradford explained, is designed to assist the delegates to improve in their evangelistic work by following closely the teaching methods of Jesus and the Apostles.

Sessions begin Friday evening at 7 o'clock and will include a baptismal service Saturday afternoon when new ministers symbolize their self-dedication to do God's will by complete water immersion. Mr. Bradford said. The busy agenda will include Saturday and Sunday house calls to discuss the Bible hope with good will persons, he continued.

Climax of the convention is the public Bible discourse, "Finding Peace in this Troubled World," scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 7th. Mr. Bradford added Mr. V. White representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and district supervisor for the Witnesses will deliver this Bible talk, he said.

**Rector Baptizes
Son, St. George's**

A unique baptism ceremony took place in St. George's Anglican on a recent Sunday when Rev. Kenneth Richardson officiated at the baptism of his son, John David Ken-eth. It was one of the rare

occasions when a rector of the church has officiated at such a ceremony for a member of his own family.

Godparents were Jack Armstrong, Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Sr., and Rudi Meier. Mr. Meier, a member of the church now studying theology at Huron College, London. Mr. Meier later preached the sermon as a feature of divinity students' day which was being observed in most of the churches of the diocese.

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