

Twelve Hundred Witnesses Rally At 3-Day Georgetown Convention

"Rejection of Bible principles has been a chief cause of today's moral breakdown." With these striking words, Joseph Scaglione, District Supervisor of the 150 Southern Ontario congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses, set the theme for the public discourse entitled, "The Moral Breakdown - What can be Done About It?" delivered to an appreciative audience of 1,226 in the Georgetown and District High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Scaglione was speaking to the large gathering, representing 16 congregations from Brantford to Oakville at the principal session of the three-day semi-annual witness convention held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 4-6.

Fine spring weather and the beautiful new school had provided a pleasant background for the assembly.

Fifty local witnesses had accepted invitations to attend for advanced training in the ministry.

The entire three-day program revolved around the theme, "Willingly Fulfill Your Ministry," and highlighted the urgency of keeping the ministry productive, pure and chaste.

FRIDAY

Friday's program, built around the convention theme, included the regular witness Ministry School, normally conducted weekly in each local congregation, and the Service Meeting, a ministry development class which directs and demonstrates their public preaching work.

Robert C. Koch of Guelph disclosed to the first-night audience of 760 that "At least 7 out of 10 in every congregation could benefit from the Assistance Arrangement."

The Ministry School, conducted by Jehovah's Witnesses for more than 30 years trains men, women and children to be effective speakers, to best proclaim the message of the Kingdom to the public.

Five student ministers were asked to speak to the audience on selected themes of their own preparation.

A unique feature of the school was Mr. Scaglione, a graduate of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead at Brooklyn, New York, counselling each student on his preparation, delivery and teaching methods.

SATURDAY

On Saturday afternoon the crowded auditorium heard a stirring Ordination address by Mr. Scaglione to 19 baptismal candidates.

"For Jehovah's witnesses," Mr. Scaglione said, "the act of water baptism constitutes their ceremony of ordination as ministers. No age limit is set for baptism, but the candidate must have a prior dedication to God in his own heart, and by the act of baptism he merely gives an outward testimony before witnesses of the fact."

Parents and teenagers among the 1,014 attending the Saturday evening program were boldly warned to "Beware of Toying With Sexual Immorality."

"First of all it violates God's commands, and secondly, it might injure others mentally, physically and spiritually."

Conventioners displayed enthusiasm for a demonstration enacting a Christian father and mother frankly explaining scriptural commands to their teenage son and daughter to beware of toying with sexual immorality.

Utilizing a series of five skits, the 80-minute program demonstrated the importance of applying Bible principles in every aspect of life.

In addition to counsel for parents and teenagers, congregation elders were shown how to build up the appreciation of spiritually immature members. Methods were also recommended for improved development of congregation overseers and ministerial assistants.

SUNDAY

The Circuit Supervisor of the 16 Congregations, Douglas E. Held, spoke to the assembly on Sunday afternoon. Speaking of "A People With A Purpose," Mr. Held said: "Millions today in the East and West are living without a purpose. However, we must let people know we have a purpose in life."

In his keynote speech, the convention chairman, Mr. Scaglione, also stated, "Applying Bible principles" has been a tried and proven method of eliminating the moral breakdown in business dealing, juvenile delinquency and in marital affairs. True Christians follow the Biblical examples and have abandoned the practices and conduct of this world."

The convention was operated entirely by 150 volunteer workers absorbed into 20 administrative departments. 40 volunteers aided in serving 1,500 full-course meals to the delegates while sessions recessed.

Convention officials expressed appreciation to business firms and individuals throughout the area whose efforts contributed to the success of the assembly.

Sends Churchill Portrait to Prime Minister Pearson

Mrs. Dorothy Pullen who operates the Dorothy Pullen School of Art in Brampton received a letter from Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson thanking her for the print of the portrait she had painted of Sir Winston Churchill, and which had been presented to the Prime Minister by Red Kelly, Member of Parliament.

Mrs. Pullen painted the portrait of Sir Winston Churchill, and later sold it to a Gallery in Weston. It was later resold and lithographed and the prints are now available across Canada through a number of chain outlets.

Theft Charged, Acton Liquor Store Entry

Three youths have been remanded in their own recognizance until June 21 after appearing in county court last week charged with break and entry and theft at the Acton liquor store where George Sargent of Glen Williams is manager.

Mr. Sargent was called to the store Sunday May 30 by OPP after they discovered the front plate glass door smashed in and broken bottle lying inside while making a routine check at 12:30 a.m.

A check of stock by Mr. Sargent revealed that a case of vodka, a case of rye and 14 individual bottles of rye had been taken. Two had been broken inside the store and one outside.

Police followed footprints in the frost to the rear of the LCHO building and found one full bottle of liquor which had been dropped.

The OPP took three youths, two of them high school students, into custody 63 hours after the break-in. One, who had recently dropped out of high school, was charged with possessing stolen goods.

Their case was remanded until June 21 court.

Geologist's Wife Lived in Rhodesia, Northern Ontario

Peard W. Bishop, wife of Dr. E. G. Bishop, 52 Main St. S. died in Georgetown Hospital on May 26, after an illness of two and a half years.

Mrs. Bishop was interested in church, and particularly in choir work, and was a member of St. John's United Church here for 21 years. She was born in Montreal. In her youth she sang in the Douglas Methodist Church in that city, and was a member of the Elgar choir - a choir of recognized competence, under the leadership of skilled conductors.

Her family had a record of service in the British Army. Grandfather Robert Boyd fought through the Crimean War and possessed the Crimean War medal with bars covering the battles of Sebastopol, Inkerman, Balaklava and Alma. Her father William Boyd served in India for twenty years, moving to Canada on discharge.

After her marriage, Mrs. Bishop spent two years at Nohanga, in Northern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) where her husband was

resident geologist at the Nohanga copper mine. The best two years were spent at Fort Victoria in Southern Rhodesia, a village near the famous Zimbabwe ruins.

A return to Canada brought periods of residence at various mining and prospecting centres, including five years at the Paymaster Mine in the Timmins area. Her husband's change to a consulting geologist status resulted eventually in a move to a Toronto place of business and the purchase of a home here at 28 Market Street.

She was intensely fond of fishing and in the bush areas it was her main recreation, and she became quite adept at fishing from a canoe. She had many friends and the capacity of being fiercely loyal to them. Her Georgetown friend of longest standing was Mrs. Charles Willson. The friendship developed when the families lived in adjoining staff houses at the Uchi Mine north of Sioux Lookout, at a period when the children of both families were of an age to play together.

She leaves her husband Eric and daughters Mrs. W. A. Coats (Audrey) and Mrs. Donald Gregory (Joan). Her firstborn, a son Allan, died at the age of eleven months and was buried at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Rev. Ian Fleming conducted the funeral service on May 28 at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were James F. Evans, Graham Farnell, Charles Willson, Douglas Latimer, Ernest Porgrave and Joseph Johnston.

AMBULANCE OUT THREE TIMES IN SAME DAY

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service made three runs during the week of May 30 to June 5 - and they were all on the same day.

Sunday May 30, 1.00 A.M. An emergency run from Glen Williams to Georgetown Hospital taken by Jim Zimmerman and Ken McCosh.

Sunday May 30, 1.35 A.M. A local call. Ambulance not required. Taken by Jim Zimmerman and Ken McCosh.

Sunday May 30, 2.50 P.M. An emergency run from Georgetown to Georgetown hospital, taken by Harry Allan and Norm Guthrie.

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MR. AND MRS. MEL TAYLOR and Phillip, and Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent, Giselle and Keenan chat with Mr. Joseph Scaglione, District Supervisor of the 150 Southern Ontario congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.



PART OF THE CROWD OF 1,226 that jammed the Georgetown high school auditorium during the week-end Jehovah's Witnesses convention here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. King Celebrate Twentieth

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick King, 18 Temple Road, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on May 28th. All their family were present for a buffet supper. Mrs. King had made and decorated a beautiful cake for the occasion. The oldest of their six children, Sharon, is engaged to Gary Code of West Hill. Their wedding will take place in St. John's United Church, Georgetown, on July 17th, 1965.

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