

CLERGY COMMENT

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**Accentuate
The
Positive**



There was a popular song in the latter part of the 1940's which urged us to "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative and don't mess with Mister In-Between." This song came out at a time in which we were still suffering the shock of the second world war. It was a time in which we, if we were to survive, needed to turn our thoughts from destruction to reconstruction. Twenty-five years later we live in possession of great affluence and technological know-how but, at the same time, are seeing in our society a negative attitude which, though disguised in many instances as "concern for justice, is in actuality, a force ultimately far more destructive than war. There is a difference between constructive criticism which carries with it an alternate plan which could be implemented in place of that which is criticized and destructive negativism which is bent on tearing down with no thought of putting anything better in the place of that which is destroyed. Compare a destructively negative black power movement with a move toward racial equality such as that demonstrated in the efforts of the late Martin Luther King; a radical student group on a University campus bent on overthrowing the establishment resulting in confusion and destruction of property with members of a student group, who, desirous of seeing change, move in to sit down and to talk constructively with those in authority; a group of workers striking with thought for no one but themselves or management holding tight the reins, seeking to squeeze out every ounce of activity without thought for persons involved with groups sitting down at the negotiating table seeing each other as persons and working out an agreement. At the individual level consider malicious gossip and half truths as contrasted with the attitude which would build up another rather than destroy. Consider also many army personnel whom we met in Korea who made no effort to understand Korea or her people. They closed themselves in their compounds and then described the Korean people as people not worth knowing and the country as a dirty hole. Contrast them with those who did tour the country and who were able to discover the treasures both in people and in things in that ancient oriental civilization. The former attitude was a destructive force at an international level while the latter was an attitude which was at least an attempt to see people as people and would lead hopefully to happy relationships between persons of a different race. Negativism is the direct result of a person being turned in upon himself, his group, or his ideology to the point at which he is unable to see, or to hear, the inner struggle of those outside of his little world. There is a growing danger of this kind of attitude increasing as we move more and more into big business and into the fast paced mode of living which results in our being numbers and not individuals. What then shall we do? The affirmative message of the gospel of Jesus Christ has much to say to us in the midst of our dilemma and the content of that message is not new. Jesus said in effect to Nicodemus: "If you want to really have life then you must have a change of heart. In other words you must allow the spirit of the living God to be at work in you." He said to a Pharisee one day "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment and the second is like it you shall love your neighbour as yourself." Problems will be met in our society when individuals are willing to accentuate this kind of positive and to latch on to this kind of affirmation. The Lord Jesus Christ has an amazing ability to lift us out of our negativism.



**Terra Cotta Man
Sees Royal Show**

The Royal Show is the big. The National Agricultural fest farming event in the world. Centre is open throughout the Occupying some 450 acres, it is year for working demonstration held at the National Agricultural Centre in the groups of livestock sales and other farming Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, events. Warwickshire.

Doug McDonald, of Terra place during the first week in Cotta, was one of the visitors July, is part of the centre, and to the International Pavilion visitors can see some of the where he met fellow Canadians demonstration units in action—and visitors from many other including pig, poultry and calf-rearing units.

**Rule Farmer Didn't
Cause Animal Pain**

A Georgetown farmer did not willfully cause pain and suffering to an old pony who could hardly walk because of a neglected condition of overgrown hooves, court ruled this week.

The pony has since been destroyed.

The farmer pleaded not guilty to a charge of willfully causing unnecessary pain and suffering to a domestic animal.

Inspector James Cosgrove, of the Ontario Humane Society, told Judge James R. Black that when he examined the pony in May it was suffering from an overgrowth of hooves on all four feet and had great difficulty in walking.

The pony was taken to Cooksville animal hospital where veterinarian Dr. Barry Burtis examined it.

Trimming Needed

Dr. Burtis told the court the hooves should have been trimmed.

He said it depends on the particular horse how often their hooves must be trimmed but it can be as often as every three weeks.

The accused told the court the hooves of this pony had not been trimmed for about three months.

He said he could not handle the job himself due to a bad leg and had not gotten around to getting someone to do the job.

A witness, Leslie King, who trimmed the pony's hooves for the last time three months ago, said that the animal "had foundered" — that is, contracted a condition, probably from an overdose of feed, which caused swelling all down its chest building up at the feet.

Although trimming would help the condition the pony would never again walk properly, he said.

The farmer told court he had talked earlier about having the pony destroyed because of this condition and because it was getting close to 20 years old, but his three boys did not like the idea. The pony was their pet, court was told.

After it was taken to the animal hospital, he did order it to be destroyed.

Judge Black told him "you should have been very careful to provide all the necessary treatment to alleviate the pony's condition as much as possible, but the court cannot find that you willfully caused pain and suffering to the animal."

The charge was dismissed.

**Walks for Health
Helped Oxfam Too**

If you see a gentleman strutting along the shoulder of Hwy 7, between Georgetown and Brampton, don't worry about offering him a ride. He wouldn't accept.

Eighty-one-year-old Charles Burns, 25 Mackenzie Dr., Georgetown takes the 22-mile hike from Georgetown to Highway 10 and back a couple of times a week to get into the country and for his health.

Mr. Burns has participated in two Oxfam walks, completing the course each time, and raising a total of \$160.

"Today there aren't many young people willing to walk two miles," he said.

In Essex, England, where he spent his boyhood, Mr. Burns did a great deal of hiking. He has kept it up all his life and he extended his excursions after his retirement 20 years ago.

Mr. Burns lived in North Bay, until three years ago, when he came to live with his son and his family. He used to be bothered a bit by arthritis, but that cleared up.

"My feet are in good shape. I don't bother to take my shoes off when I get home," he says.

He takes his stroll on the shoulder of the highway. Sometimes he goes the other way to Acton, or maybe to one of the surrounding villages.

"I stop a couple of times to have a drink and a rest. Twenty miles doesn't bother me, but after that it may," he said.

Winter weather cuts his routine mileage, but he goes out if it's possible.

Come to Church

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LIMEHOUSE
Friday from Heimer, Germany, children Mike, Roy and Sonya and family had a large number where they have lived during his two years of active duty there. in British Columbia.

Returns Home After Month's Tour of Europe
Mrs. John Glynn returned on Wednesday from a month's tour of European countries including Germany where she visited Capt. week. The A. W. Benton's who and Mrs. Peter Glynn and we have lived there a little more daughter, and visited relatives than two years, have moved to and friends in the British Isles. the home they have purchased the weekend. Captain and Mrs. Peter Glynn from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sekoran and little Jennifer returned on ja in Limehouse. They with their

Rev. Robert Duncanson of Norval conducted services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning.

Mr. A. Marshall and Miss Eileen of Toronto visited Mrs. Fred Gisby, Michael Noble, and Norman McDonald motored to Manitoulin Island for a few days a week ago.