

The clergy speak out...

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"THE ABANDONMENT OF OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE"—WHERE? WHY?

The current issue relevant to every Ontario citizen is the "Mackay Report" now being studied and discussed by the "Ad Hoc" committee of our Halton County Board of Education! "SHOULD BIBLE READING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER BE CONTINUED IN OUR SECULAR SCHOOL SYSTEM—OR SHOULD IT BE ABANDONED?"

The report of the committee on religious education in the public schools of the Province of Ontario reports in the summary of major recommendations No. 1: "We recommend THAT THE PRESENT COURSE OF STUDY IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION in the elementary schools of Ontario be DISCONTINUED, AND THAT ITS AIMS AS SET OUT IN RELATED LEGISLATION, programs of studies, regulations and guide books be ABANDONED! The "Mackay Report" in recommendation No. 6—recommends as a substitute in the place of Prayer and Bible reading, a focus on character building, ethics, social attitudes and moral values and principles.

Actually this substitution for elementary grades amounts to nothing progressive or constructive for a truly educated and cultivated person, because these teachings have been included by penetration of various subjects in the school curriculum for many years!

It is NOW that we as law-abiding, tax-paying citizens are needed to voice a PROTEST. Let us give our opinion and take a STAND for our God-given heritage.

"In the Secondary School," the report states, "we recommend THAT A FORMAL COURSE OF STUDY DEALING WITH THE PRINCIPAL RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD BE OFFERED AS ONE OF THE OPTIONAL COURSES in grades 11 and 12. Instruction in these courses should be given by members of the history dept. (Page 93, Rec. No. 8)

This proposal to abandon our Christian heritage and substitute comparative religions foreign to our Christian faith, is both subversive and hypothetical!

In this same "report" we are introduced to the historical background of Religious Education in the schools. It is indeed a thrilling story of bravery and heroism, of battle and victory, of sublime convictions and exquisite declarations.

The great works of Strachan, Ryerson, Ross and others preserved our Godly

heritage through and in our school systems. To these men WE OWE MORE COURAGE THAN TO ABANDON OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE SCHOOLS AND SUBMIT OUR DISENCHANTED YOUTH TO DEGENERACY, SOCIAL PROPAGANDA or MARXISM!!

Under the guise of freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of the press, many subversive INROADS have wrought insidious and irreparable error. Abuse of freedom creates grave dangers in any field, but avowedly so in our elementary and secondary school systems, where socialist, Marxist, yes, and Lenin-thinking men have been allowed to direct the moulding of our youth and bring shipwreck to our Godly heritage and to our democracy! Lenin said, "Religion must be bannd!". If religion will pass out quietly, our attitude will be one of benevolent tolerance, but if it resists, we will hasten its exit by violence proportioned to its resistance!"

Why does this committee propose to suggest that our school curriculum embrace the study of world religions including many other Gods, i.e. Confucius, Buddha, Islam, Mao Tse Tung or others, while in the same report they are prone to abandon "The Faith of our Fathers" and the use of the Holy Scriptures as a canon of revealed Truth, (Pg. 73, Par. 2), and potentially annul the value or use of prayer in the classroom! (Rec. 5, Pg. 93—Mackay Report).

Ex Premier Geo. Drew, Chancellor of the University of Guelph, a member of the University of Toronto Board of Governors and a director of several companies, looks with grave disfavor on the recommendation that religious instruction, as it is now known in Ontario schools be replaced by the teaching of comparative religions and moral standards. "How on earth are children expected to manage this," said Mr. Drew, "without first having a sound knowledge of one religion as a basis for comparison?"

It is acknowledgeable that a gradual decline in the emphasis on religious teaching is apparent in certain schools and at certain levels, but this is not a time to surrender our heritage and faith—because of laxity in morals and a rise in juvenile delinquency or disinterested personnel on social and moral principles.

WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A PSEUDO-CHRISTIANITY—BUT ARE CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS.



AN ARDENT SKIER, Energy and Resources Minister George A. Korr (centre) took to his skis after officially opening the Grand River Conservation Authority's Chicopee chalet-pavilion Sunday, Feb. 1. With him are (left to right) Norman Schneider, 81, of Kitchener, the oldest skiing member of the Chicopee Ski Club; James Bauer, of Waterloo, chairman of the Grand River Conservation Authority; A. Gordon Skinner of Cayuga, chairman of the authority's information and education board; and James Gardiner of Kitchener, president of the ski club.

Golden Age Club presents full account of busy year

For your approval, I respectfully wish to present a concise report of the highlights of this past year, our sixth year of activities.

A sumptuous pot luck supper was enjoyed on March 18 and at this meeting R. L. Davidson was presented with his well-earned and well-deserved past president's pin after four years of untiring work for the club.

The Rhythm Band accepted an invitation and performed for the True Blues Lodge in Rockwood, but were unable to accept the invitation to play at the Halton Manor later.

Several members voluntarily assisted at the Blood Donors Clinic in the Legion Hall on March 10, and also on Sept. 18.

A Resolutions Committee was appointed, and on May 15 it met at Mr. and Mrs. Cossar's home and drafted five resolutions which were sent on to the United Senior Citizens of Ontario Resolution Committee to be further dealt with. All the five resolutions, which dealt with the high cost of necessary drugs, hearing aids, eye glasses, education taxes, etc. were carried, and included in the brief presented to the federal government after passing through the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens' Federation. The representatives sent to the Government were courteously received and listened to, and were promised consideration by the various members of Parliament whose task it is to deal with the different problems of senior citizens.

In November over 50 letters were sent from this Club, to join thousands of letters from other clubs and zones to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and to Mr. Rud Whiting M.P., pressing the need of an increase in the Old Age Pension in accordance with the rapid spiralling in the high cost of living.

On April 29 the Zone Executive met in the Anglican church, Bronte, to plan for the annual zone picnic. It was attended by Acton president, first vice-president and secretary and an invitation was extended for the picnic to be held in Acton park on June 24. In spite of a cool, damp morning it proved a success with over 400 coming from the various clubs by bus or car. The beautiful park was much admired by the visitors and a wonderful report of the picnic was later given by Mrs. May of Streetsville, the zone publicity convener.

The Zone Rally was held in the beautiful Senior Citizens' Centre in Burlington in November and a bus load went from this club. Some of the men gave musical numbers toward the program.

Other bus trips included a trip on June 17 to Stratford, on to Goderich Museum, then to a guided tour through C.K.N.X., Wingham. On Aug. 19 the C.N.E. Association gave Senior Citizens free admission to their grounds and a bus was chartered for the trip. On Nov. 4, a bus trip was taken through Port Perry, Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Keswick to view the glorious autumn colors.

On Dec. 22 the Halton Jr. Farmers treated Senior Citizens to a wonderful bus trip to see the brilliant display of Christmas lights in Milton, Port Credit, Oakville and the surrounding territory, and provided a lovely lunch in the Agricultural Building in Milton afterwards.

The annual convention of United Senior Citizens of Ontario was held in Waterloo Lutheran University Aug. 26-28, with an attendance of 583 delegates and visitors. Mrs. George Fryer and Mrs. Don Reed were appointed delegates and had a busy time there attending all sessions and brought back full reports of a successful and worthwhile convention.

A new venture was a bazaar and bake sale on Oct. 21 and was fairly successful.

The annual Christmas dinner is the highlight of the year and nearly a full membership turned out on Dec. 2 and thoroughly enjoyed a bountiful banquet catered to by the Anglican Church Women. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Browne again donated the ice cream.

The only guest speaker was William Smith from the Department of Health and Welfare who spoke on the Canada Pension Plan and gave much helpful information on pensions, widows' benefits, widowers' benefits, etc.

Celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shultis, and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lindsay. Both couples were given a golden mum plant, along with the congratulations of the other members.

Sadness came with the loss of several esteemed members—quiet, kindly, good neighbor, Mrs. Lasby; Mrs. Fred Wright whose ill-health kept her from being an active member; Roy Brown, always so kind and willing to help with

transportation; Miss Minnie Somerville, the Crokinole champion and dearly loved by all; then Mrs. Mooney who passed away suddenly and quietly last week. They were given a tribute of respect and the sorrowing families were each

OSD class due on television

The kindergarten class from the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, will appear on the Uncle Bobby show on channel 9, CFTO, next Wednesday, February 11.

Their teacher, Mrs. Joan Speaker of Acton, took the six youngsters to the television show to watch the taping, when Uncle Bobby decided to include them. Although they could not understand him, they clustered around to wave good-bye at the end of the show.

Driver unhurt car hits pump

Nineteen-year-old Leslie Carnochan of John St., Acton escaped serious injury Thursday evening after the car which he was driving collided with a gas pump.

According to the Milton detachment of the OPP, the car struck the pump on property, owned by Martin Petroleum on Highway 7, doing \$400 damage to the pump. Carnochan's car was not damaged.

Speedway promotes offer residents one year option

Promoters of the proposed \$2 million dollar Indianapolis-type speedway between the Third and Fourth Lines of Esquering near Milton, have met with the nine or 10 ratepayers who live close to the site with an offer to purchase their property.

Lawyer E. A. Goodman told Esquering Council at their regular meeting Monday night that his clients have offered the nearby landowners an option to purchase their property for a period of one year. If the residents find that they have been adversely affected by the speedway, one year after racing begins, Mr. Goodman's group will purchase the property at a figure he himself described as "10 to 15 per cent above the market price".

Mr. Goodman told Council he expects to know within the next few days how many of the ratepayers he approached will enter into the agreement.

Mr. Goodman also requested that council pass a resolution exempting his group from the provisions of the township's agricultural holding by-law. The

by-law prevents the use of land, buildings and structures for any other purpose than the one existing. The site of the proposed speedway has been used for agricultural purposes in the past.

Council agreed to allow Mr. Goodman to appear again at their February 16 meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, clerk-treasurer Delmar French read council a letter from Dr. Ivor Dent, mayor of Edmonton, saying there have been no complaints about Edmonton International Speedway Park, although it is located close to the city. The mayor admitted that traffic to and from the speedway is heavy at times, but that most times it does not create a problem.

Mayor Dent promised to have the city's planning director and traffic engineer send along their comments to council as well.

Trustees favor untaxed pay

A resolution proposed by Carleton School Board suggesting School Board Trustees be allowed to deduct one third of their honorarium as non-taxable won the support of the Halton Board Thursday when it was put to a vote.

Politicians on the federal and provincial levels are granted this now. Speaking in favor of the resolution, trustee Bill Lawson of Esquering pointed out those in business for themselves have had to hire help to make up for time spent on school board business. He said the cost incurred was greater in most cases than the sum in question.

Several members spent time in hospital, including Mr. Creasey whose painful accident cost him the loss of three fingers and kept him off work eight months. Mrs. Creasey and Robert Winton with heart trouble, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fuller following a serious car collision, Mr. C. K. Browne with pneumonia and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. Hassard and Mrs. Shultis with eye surgery.

Miss Annie Akins continued to do a most excellent job of sending out sympathy cards, get well cards and cards to sick and shut-ins.

The afternoon card and crokinole games were much enjoyed, as well as the evening program when many gave freely and generously of their time and talents to entertain us. The Club has got more people interested in the needs and problems of senior citizens and more willing and anxious to do something about them, which is what senior citizens' clubs are all about.

I wish to thank all who have helped me during the year, especially those who helped with transportation. And a note of thanks to the Acton Free Press for donations of envelopes and membership cards, and for printing the reports of our various activities. Thank you. May we have a busy, successful and happy year in 1970.

—Mrs. Elsie Reed



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11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
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Minister—Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1970
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.
11.10 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.

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11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
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10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Evangelist Edward Martin will speak at both services.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.

THURSDAY, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders
Prov. 3 and Verses 5 and 6 — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding."
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Churchill Road North
Minister:
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124 Tildy Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1970
11.00 a.m.—Worship and Church School. Sermon subject, "Can You Take It?"
Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

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Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1970
Quinquagesima
9.00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m. — Church School and Nursery
10.30 a.m.—Mattins.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th
10.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m.—Sung Eucharist.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1970
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10.00 a.m.—Nursery.
Sunday School (to Grade 4).
11.00 a.m.—Sunday School (Grade 5-8).
11.15 a.m.—Session Meeting.
7.00 p.m.—Hi C. and Hi 9ers (Youth Groups for Teens — alternating Sunday evenings).

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