

# Boys prefer animals to people - Major

A house, a bed and a little religion is not enough to treat the boys who pass through Concord House, the halfway hostel operated by the Salvation

Army in Toronto, a mixed United-Anglican audience was told Thursday evening by Sally Ann Major Archie MacCorquodale.

We find certain types of boys relate to animals better than people, the major explained, and for young people who are rejected, beaten and bewildered by treatment from people, animals are good therapy.

"We raise lambs at Concord," the major said, "and the way the boys and the lambs react there is more healing there than they would get from preaching and therapy."

Addressing the Tri-Angl club's first ladies' night dinner meeting, the major didn't mince any words in an eloquent, witty address which struck home to the club which meets four times yearly to hear headline speakers. Composed of Anglican and United churchmen, the club has previously had the late Robert Winters and the Hon. Robert Welch as speakers.

The major related the story of the great fire at Concord when the staff and boys returned from a friend's funeral to see almost the entire place in flames, and beyond saving.

The boys crawled under dense smoke billowing out of the huge barns and rescued the animals, although there was great danger. The Humane Society presented awards to those who saved the animals.

Maybe the boys wouldn't have bothered to save anyone if it had been people, instead of animals trapped in the barns, the major commented.

He credits much of the success of the program at the House of Concord to Dr. Robert Buckner, a former Acton physician, who introduced him to the attentive audience. Dr. Buckner first gave assistance to the program while he was practicing in Acton, but he was enlisted full time last year, coming out of retirement. His valuable information and insight in the program has turned the project into a success when it was feared it would fail. Mrs. Buckner also assists at Concord.

Fifty boys who would have been cast into prison were certified mentally ill through the doctor's efforts and taken to hospital for treatment.

"Casting a boy in prison is not the answer," Major MacCorquodale declared. "A

boy is an adult at 16 for the purposes of law... and if you knew the boys at Concord you would have some sense of the tragedy it sometimes brings. We try to let the boy see there is no punishment at Concord and we are there to help and send him home a useful citizen. Any religious jazz will come from you not from me," the major tells the boys.

Recalling his own boyhood when he threw stones at the Salvation Army band drum and tried to trip the flag bearer, he said the first time he had been treated kindly was by an Army man who tapped him on the shoulder and invited him into the citadel. The effect on him was tremendous and he hoped to be able to transmit some of it to the 100 boys under his care.

Drug problems? The major said there were plenty and some of the boys were in a sorry state with chemicals.

"Marijuana is not in the picture. It satisfies the young people for a short time and then they go to something stronger," he ruefully declared, "which is causing very serious problems." He related incidents where boys were brought to him with brain and liver damage caused by sniffing glue, and attempts made to change their thinking.

The House of Concord started out in 1959 with a scant \$10,000 budget but the work has expanded to the point where it cost half a million dollars to operate in 1969. The program described by the major does not try to change the boys but turn them into useful, self-supporting citizens. It is usually unorthodox.

Proof it has rubbed off came with a story he told of an unknown who phoned the office. Picking up the receiver, the major was just in time to hear a young voice on the extension: "House of Lords, Jesus speaking."

The caller never phoned back, the speaker grinned. He wound up his address with a plea that listeners be part of the problem, cutting it short with the observation that the "mind can only contain what the seat can endure."

Chairman for the meeting was Tri-Angl president Bob Hart. The speaker was introduced by Dr. Buckner and thanked by Frank Scott.

Rev. Peter Tucker took the spiritual time in the meeting for the Rev. Gordon Turner, who was ill.

# New proposal for apartments reviewed by planning board

After receiving recommendations from Project Planning Associates concerning their proposed apartment buildings on the Orr property, representatives of Thrush Construction appeared at Acton planning board meeting again last Thursday. They presented new plans for the project, back of Bower Ave., incorporating changes.

A letter was also read, signed by neighbors, opposing the project.

After discussion planning board members asked that more detailed drawings be provided for the board and their consultants and the opinion of the town engineer will be sought.

Architect Pellegrin and Mr. Petrick showed their new sketches to board members.

They had changed the parking so it no longer abutted neighbors' property and the entrance was changed from a mall-type to a regular drive. A green belt of two or three rows of trees to deaden sound was planned.

Some units were lost in the new design but the two buildings were changed to four storeys from three. An elevator would be installed. There would be a recreation area at the back.

Neighboring residents laid their complaints by letter. They felt the roadway (as proposed where Mrs. Hazel Orr's house would be torn down) would be dangerous as it would be an extension of Frederick St. They stated there were more favorable locations in town not yet built upon.

Corner lots created would be devaluated. They had felt certain of conservation zoning behind their homes and older residents should be considered. They suggested an entrance could be considered along an already town-owned lane from Bower Ave. alongside the Ryder home. They felt soil tests would prove the land unsuitable as it was under water for years, then covered with ashes and cinders.

In reply, the developers present said the entrance would not be a public street but a double drive on private property. (About 60 cars would be expected to go in and out each day.) Small hills in the drive could be built to slow traffic.

Board members wondered how they could be sure the developers would proceed with this particular apartment building, once the land was rezoned for them. The secretary, Grant Usher, said he would check if specifications could be laid down when the hearing was held to rezone the land. They recalled other instances when property had changed hands before building began, delaying the construction of other apartments.

Members ruefully read a letter from Project Planning Associates critical of the location of the Senior Citizens and geared-to-income housing on Cobblehill Rd.

The planners felt the horizontal scale was not compatible with the surroundings, that older people should overlook activities or open space and be nearer shopping. They suggested integration in a larger complex, for a "multi-activity environment."

Planning board recalled the

two-year effort to provide these units and the many attempts to locate them elsewhere. No hearing date for rezoning has yet been set although the application to the Department of Municipal Affairs was made in September.

"Ridiculous!" commented Mr. Drinkwater. "It seems to me they're trying to delay development in every way they can."

Since his proposal for a neighborhood plaza on Main St. N. at the railroad tracks had been turned down by planning board, Mr. Babij of Lake Manor Holdings, Brampton, returned to the board to ask what they would suggest for his lot.

Mr. Saitz reminded him the town's planner was not satisfied and the board felt it didn't fit into the overall plan. Also, an underpass is anticipated at this location some time in the future.

The empty lot, fronting on Main St., is of irregular size, 290 feet by 70 feet. Mr. Babij suggested two semi-detached houses, which would not require a zoning change (as the plaza would have).

One house would be only 18 feet from the railroad track. The budget to be submitted to council was drawn up, including fees to consultants Project Planners of \$2,000, secretary-treasurer's pay of \$400 and members' honorariums of \$500. Total amount to be requested is \$2,898.09.

Signing authority was approved for Mr. Saitz, Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Usher.

Mr. Saitz and Mr. Usher were named delegates to the meetings of the Halton county planning association, which meets once a month. Any members are welcome.

Letters were received from the Committee of Adjustment informing the board of applications approved for Monex Construction, Knox church, W. R. Turrall, Mrs. Pauline Ollen and the Bank of Montreal.

Taking over as chairman, Sid Saitz spoke briefly at the beginning of the meeting saying it would be difficult to emulate the past chairman, Bob Drinkwater and asking for assistance and co-operation. Present with Mr. Saitz and Mr. Drinkwater (now vice chairman) were members Earl Masades, Paul Martindale and Meb Blow and secretary treasurer Grant Usher with Vic Bristol late after the Tri-Angl dinner.

# New chiropractor starts Saturday



R. M. TELFORD, D.C.

Acton will again have the services of a chiropractor.

R. M. Telford of Oakville will have his first office hours this Saturday in the office formerly occupied by Dr. R. D. Buckner at 39 Wellington St. He will be in the office here every Saturday and perhaps Wednesdays if he is busy enough.

Mr. Telford graduated in 1967 from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, Toronto. He practised for one and a half years in Chapeau where he belonged to the Anglican church, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary club. He has now returned to Oakville where he was born and raised.

The last chiropractor here Brian McPherson is now working full-time with the Children's Aid. He closed his office late in 1969.

# Break-in

A break-in at the United Church was reported Sunday morning by the Rev. Gordon Turner, and O.P.P. Cons. Bruce McArthur investigated. Apparently entry had been gained through the unlocked front door and then the minister's study had been broken into. File drawers were disturbed and the desk forced, but nothing was discovered missing.

Police are mystified about the reasons for anyone breaking into a church, since there is never money there.



MAJOR ARCHIE MACCORQUODALE of the Salvation Army and Mrs. (Dr.) Robt. Buckner were among guests at the Tri-Angl dinner Thursday, where the major's address impressed 150 diners from the Anglican and United Churches. (Staff Photo)

# Great time to be alive seize it-make His time

Rev. Peter Tucker urged those who thought the day of the church was done and becoming increasingly unpopular, to think back to the early Christians in the New Testament who knew persecution and stoning at the hands of the populace and the establishment.

Speaking in the spiritual time allotted at the Tri-Angl club dinner meeting Thursday, Mr. Tucker said Christians then met in secret in the catacombs below Rome. Following the persecution there came a period when the church saw the greatest zeal it has ever seen.

"Christ didn't go over big, either," he reminded his listeners. The church was under constant bombardment from people like Gordon Sinclair, Pierre Berton and Charles Templeton and it had become so repetitive many people believed it, thinking the day of the church was done.

"They accept a trash pile as though it were the genuine article," he said.

But this is no time to lose courage—it is a time for real joy. "Christ and His church don't need popularity. The church needs men and women walking out bravely confessing Christ in the face of the storm."

"It is a great time to be alive," the Rockwood minister emphasized, "Seize the now time—and make it His time."

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## Church Notices

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown  
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1970  
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.  
Georgetown 877-6665

**EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thomon, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1970  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.  
Friday, 6:45 p.m.—Crusaders  
John 1: 12, "But as many as rec'd Him (Jesus) to them gave He power (authority) to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."

**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Churchill Road North  
Minister:  
The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.  
124 Tidey Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1970  
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School. Sermon subject, "Walking in His Steps."  
Sunday March 8th — Y.P. Choral and Guitar Group assisting in Service.  
Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.  
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 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.  
Come, worship and study with us to be better equipped to serve God and men.  
Everyone Welcome

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON**  
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.  
Minister  
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.  
Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1970  
9:45 a.m. — Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.  
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teenagers.  
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. Sermon theme, "How Broad Should a Christian Be?"  
8:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study and Prayer Group.  
Friday, March 6th — Women's World Day of Prayer.  
Everyone Most Welcome

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN**  
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive  
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1970  
Lent III  
9:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m. — Church School and Nursery  
10:30 a.m.—Sung Eucharist.

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.  
Friday, 7 p.m.—B.H.F.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 1970  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Communion.  
Monday, March 2nd — Mission Circle at home of Mrs. C. Landsborough, 8:00 p.m.  
A Cordial Invitation To All

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 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).  
7:00 p.m.—Hi C. and Hi 9ers (Youth Groups for Teens — alternating Sunday evenings).  
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity

# Guelph Sally Ann mark anniversary

The Salvation Army, Guelph Citadel Corps, will celebrate its 86th anniversary the weekend of March 7 and 8. The Territorial Commander for Canada and Bermuda, Commissioner Clarence Wiseman, supported by Mrs. Wiseman will be the guest leader. Commissioner Wiseman is the first Canadian to hold this position; he is a former resident of Guelph and became a Cadet from the local Corps.

During World War II, the commissioner served overseas as a chaplain with the Canadian Forces for three years. In the last two years of the war, he directed all Salvation Army welfare services in the various fighting fronts.

The Divisional Commander and Mrs. Lieut-Colonel W. Ratcliffe will assist with the week-end's meetings and one of the highlights will be the visit of the Canadian staff band under the leadership of the secretary for bands and songsters, Major Norman Bearcroft. The Deputy Bandmaster Major William Brown is a former commanding

officer of the Guelph Corps. The Canadian Staff Band of The Salvation Army was inaugurated in 1969 under the leadership of Major Norman Bearcroft. The bandmen are members of various bands of the Salvation Army, not only in Toronto but also in centres within a radius of approximately 150 miles. The members of the staff band have been playing musical instruments since they were youngsters—many of them began their training in the Army junior bands.

The first LP recording of the staff band prompted Mr. Jack Feeney, RCA Executive producer, to state, "This is a top notch front room group, 32 musicians blending old fashioned melody with feeling, and modern brilliance..."

The staff band will present a program Saturday night, 7:30 p.m. at the Christian Reformed Church, Water St., and will be featured at the Citadel, 80 Waterloo Avenue, on Sunday at 11 a.m., 2:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.

# Presentation made to Orwell Johnston

Clerk of session of Trinity United church for the past 15 years, Orwell Johnston ceremoniously turned over the keys of his office Sunday to Harvey Kirkwood.

Mr. Johnston first became an usher in the Methodist church at the age of 14 under the late A. T. Brown and he has held office ever since then. He has been an elder about 24 years, was on the board of stewards and its chairman. He is still a trustee of the church.

When Mr. Johnston's service to the church reached 50 years, during the Rev. Dwight Engel's ministry, a scholarship fund was set up in his name.

His fellow members of session presented Mr. Johnston with an onyx desk stand and pen which will be engraved, Mr. Johnston,

taken by surprise, expressed his thanks and Mr. Kirkwood also spoke.

The address was read by the new clerk and the presentation made by Robert Warne.

As the new clerk of session, Harvey Kirkwood presented to the Rev. Gordon Turner the elders, those elected for a further term, Mrs. Jack Dowling, Henry Bittorf and Clarence Gamble, and those for a first term, Mrs. Fawcett Eaton, Bill Diamond, Gordon Leslie, Nigel Scott and Larry Slingerland. All serve for a five year term.

During the service Mr. Turner expressed thanks for co-operation during his illness; he is now home from hospital.



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