

OUR READERS WRITE:

Find strength in Bible

The Editor:

Dear Sir:

I was quite interested in the "Opinion Poll" presented in a Toronto newspaper, by students of your town. According to the manner in which they write, these are forthcoming young people well versed in age-old astrology. The Empires of long ago were the first to show an interest in astrology, so you cannot call it a new belief or cult.

One student made a wise and true statement when she said: "Mankind needs a spiritual crutch," while still another says that many people seem to be losing faith in God.

On what crutch did the astronauts aboard the broken spaceship lean when confronted with impending death? Astrology? Horoscope? Ouija board? Oh no! They prayed to God Almighty to help them out of that mess, and He did.

I wish we had the powerful prayer meetings of pioneer days in our homes, with young folk like these thinking students leading, kneeling in prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive", "Seek and ye shall find," says the Bible. Ideas that sound outdated, as one student suggests? Did you hear on Sunday radio this practical thought given by an up-to-date young minister? "Thy Word, O Lord, is a protection against the mistakes of tomorrow". Evidently, he reads it.

At this Victoria Day time, let us remember how the good Queen answered when asked on what the greatness of the British Empire depended. She simply laid her hand on the Bible.

I am,
Yours truly,
Millicent Milroy
Rockwood, Ont.

Art show, floating fashions folk dancing, old costumes to feature Museum Festival

Shades of the past blended with the enthusiasm of youth will be the fare at Halton County Museum, Kelso, when the Friends of Halton Museum in co-operation with the Halton Region Conservation Authority hold their first "Museum Festival". The program will be held on the afternoons of Saturday June 6 and Sunday June 7 between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m.

The artists of Halton will display (and offer for sale) some of their finest paintings. The merchants of Milton are presenting a floating fashion show, under the direction of Susan Copley. Carole Tyrer will be the commentator describing the latest fashions worn by models Paula Jackson, Mirella Mulari, Brenda Burrell, Susan Copley, Sonya Agnew and Beverly Wilton.

Halton County Warden Allan Day and the Lorne Scots Band will officially open the festival at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. Master of Ceremonies will be Reeve Ron Harris Saturday and Robert Martin on Sunday. The two

afternoons will feature folk dancers, musicians, vocalists, western-style square dancers and old-time square dancers. Mrs. La-Verne Major will call the dances. She is the only lady member of the Old Time Dance Callers Association of Canada.

A special feature for the Sunday program will be an old fashioned costume contest at 4 p.m. The judges will be Warden Allan Day, County Clerk-Administrator Garfield Brown and Members of Parliament Rud Whiting, Jim Snow and George Kerr. Also a judge will be Barry Humphreys, chairman of the Halton Region Conservation Authority. Prizes are to be donated by members of Halton County Council.

Following the contest Jack Reynolds and his old time dancers will perform in the centennial costumes.

The Friends of the Museum report that all co-operation to date has been terrific. "The enthusiasm of the young people to help and do their thing has been most gratifying," president Mrs. Gordon Agnew reported.

Call for more communication between school teacher, parents

There is a need for elementary school teachers to communicate more closely with parents regarding both pupil progress and school programs, Halton County Board of Education was told at their regular meeting Thursday in Oakville.

After hearing recommendations in the report from the Reporting to Parents Council, the Board received the report and agreed to bring it back to a future meeting for further consideration.

In their studies the council concluded methods used by schools in the county to report to parents varied from excellent to barely adequate. While the report recommends no one standard form of reporting be adopted, it does indicate certain criteria should be in each report. The format of the record keeping booklet should be left to the individual schools.

The report states accumulative records including tests, comments about individual pupils and honest assessment of the child's growth would be included in the report.

There should be at least one teacher-parent interview in the fall term and the interview should be conducted on a one to one (parent, parents-teacher) relationship and consist of 15 minutes. The interview should be in a comfortable atmosphere, not in the hallway and not on an open house or parents' night, the report says.

The report noted there can be no maximum set to the number of interviews held but suggests

they would be useful if the child's progress indicates repetition of the program if course selection for secondary school seems imminent and interviews should be granted when deemed necessary by the school or home.

The report recommends interviews would be most useful after the parents received a written report.

Examples of various reports are included with the council report. Style and criteria in the report changes from grade to grade. Most reports allow comment on progress in the following categories: listening, speaking, reading and expression through writing. The council encourages schools to choose the form that reflects the best use in their school.

The program council includes 10 teachers from elementary schools in the county, two trustees from the board and superintendent James Morrison providing administrative liaison.

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