

## The clergy speak out



By Rev. A. Walter Fosbury  
Churchill Community Church

The decision made by farmers' organizations to withhold payment of taxes made against farm property as a whole because of excessive assessments, is to be commended. It appears to the writer of this article that this could be one effective way of making the Government of Ontario realize that, while the paper which is used in the making of currency does grow on trees, the actual economic equivalent does not.

It takes, on the part of the average farmer, a great deal of labor, sweat and planning to earn the dollars necessary to keep his business solvent.

There is good ground for taking exception to the fact that a large portion of the tax dollar is spent on education. More than half of the municipal tax dollar is so spent. The recent change from government by local school boards to county government has certainly added to the local school tax, while the setting up of area supervisors has further led one to feel that this is akin to elevation to the Senate in political matters. A plum for those who work hand-in-hand with the Establishment.

One teacher of some years of devoted service passed this remark some time ago, "And what do they do?" The question is well taken. Perhaps their major contribution is the filing of statistics which are safely pigeon-holed in department files.

Surely, supervision of our school system by school inspectors was, in the main, well taken care of in the past. Why these over-paid area supervisors now?

The Free Press, in an issue of a few weeks ago, carried a press report stating that area supervisors of the Halton Board of Education readily agreed to let the 6.3 per cent salary increase guide-line set by the federal authorities be the figure acceptable

to them. The statement would have been amusing, if it had not been so tragic.

There are married pensioners in this province whose combined pensions are no greater than, and in some cases not as great as such an increase in pay would be. One feels sick at heart, when he stops to consider the tremendous economic imbalance which exists so often between the incomes of senior citizens as a whole and some sections of the active labor force.

Moreover, the dictatorial attitude frequently taken by those who sit in authority in the Department of Education is something else again. Some of their pronouncements go beyond being guide lines; they are rulings which may not be departed from.

A few years back, an area school was being considered to serve a portion of Grey County. The land for such a school could have been bought for less than \$3,000. Department officials "directed" no less than \$10,000 be paid for this site. Government departments often act as though money were going out of style.

Is it any wonder that taxes are steadily increasing and the standing debt of our government is doing the same?

There is one thing about which I never cease to wonder, and that is as to how long-suffering the general public can be over governmental malpractice with that public's own money. For that is what taxes are.

We need to follow the lead suggested by farm organizations, in withholding taxes and do a little more protesting re matters of which we do not approve. Even our prime minister has so advocated!



THE MYSTERY on the front page is cleared up by a Churchill Rd. resident. It's a puffball, an appetizing member of the mushroom family which Bill Stuckey stumbled on as he walked with his camera.—(Photos by W. Stuckey)

## Few familiar faces for former Actonian

There were just a few familiar faces when Dr. James Talman, with his wife, came back to Acton

Dr. Talman is a former chief librarian of the University of Western Ontario and is now in the history department. In June, in the Queen's honors list, his name appeared as a recipient of the Order of the British Empire.

Although he isn't precisely sure why he has received the high award, Dr. Talman suspects it is because of his promotion of British books in Canada at different times.

When Dr. Talman went to school in Acton over 50 years ago, he walked five miles each way from his family farm at Speyside. When he went to grade 13 in Guelph, he made the same long trek to catch the train at Acton station. He got his education

through his feet as much as his head, Dr. Talman laughs. The family had come from South Africa and his father was farming during the period the Talmans lived near here.

Researching He maintains a keen interest in the area. He is currently researching the subject of communications in Ontario, which includes trains, newspapers, telegraph, etc. He was instrumental in arranging for microfilming in Ottawa of the Milton and Acton newspapers, and he spends about an hour a day reading from files on microfilm.

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## All involved in politics controller tells at dinner

Ladies' night for the Tri-Angl men's club brought a vivacious woman speaker to the group meeting in the parish hall last Thursday evening. Controller Ann Jones of Hamilton made the time fly as she transferred her enthusiasm for politics to her 70 listeners. With fact, humor, accounts of actual happenings and even Biblical quotations she persuaded the audience that everyone is involved in politics, like it or not.

"Politics is as close to you as the air you breathe," she claimed. It's the art of government; the decision making by a few for the many. Therefore the many must be concerned, informed and involved.

Effectual Mail, pollution, education, the poor, drugs — all are aspects of today's life that affect everyone — yet are controlled by decisions made by politicians.

She commended the club, which brings together people from both the United and Anglican churches, but went on to say many church people think they should stay away from politics. Her late husband was a minister. They seem to feel it has a taint. She challenged her listeners that church people should take even more responsibility than others in becoming involved in politics.

Need moderates She cited instances of minority groups receiving coverage from the news media. She said she can't blame newspapers and television for featuring such things as a student protest at McMaster, which she learned later from her student son amounted to very little. Yet, she pointed out, politicians must also hear from normal, reasonable people with perfectly average ideas.

All can act Delegations, she said, often come to Hamilton council with an antagonistic attitude — and have even been surprised to be listened to and agreed with. You CAN fight city hall, she stressed.

Write letters, talk about what you believe, support candidates with enthusiasm, call those "open mouth" radio programs so they won't just air the views of crackpots!

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say men will never vote for women: I'm living proof they do! Times have changed; with outside influences, our children develop faster and women must also grow faster.

Back to the subject of church, she said it should be like a floating crap game: Christians should each day find out where the action is. And involvement in politics is unavoidable.

Joan Pratt introduced the speaker listing her many accomplishments, and Penny

Bristow thanked her, presenting her with a sheepskin rug.

After food for the body and food for the mind, Rev. Harry Dawson provided "food for the spirit" in a brief message.

Bob Hart welcomed everyone to the second Tri-Angl ladies' night. Roast beef dinner was served by Watson's restaurant.

At the November meeting of men of the two churches, Chief Constable Harold Adamson will speak on law enforcement.

Hey, folks. Watch for Mustang Fall Bargain Nights. Dates will appear in our Local Paper

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., Oct. 1-3-4  
Richard Burton (As Henry VIII) Genevieve Build (As Anne Boleyn)

"Anne of the Thousand Days"  
Adult Entertainment  
James Drury, Doug McClure, Ronde Fleming

"Back Track"

Mon., Tues., Wed., Oct. 5-6-7  
Elli Kazan's

"The Arrangement"  
Starring Kirk Douglas, Faye Dunaway, Deborah Kerr, Richard Boone  
Plus Zero Mostel, Kim Novak, Clint Walker

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## Georgetown church closes

The doors of First Baptist church in Georgetown were officially closed following a special service. A crew of movers removed the contents of the church to St. Paul's Baptist church, Mountainview Rd., Georgetown, where a service of consolidation was held last Sunday.

Rev. William Cairns has served both churches since the end of last year.

Plans for the future of the century-old chapel with the towering spire are not definite but it's likely it will be sold.

First Baptist church was constructed at a cost of \$5,000 101 years ago. Among those who went back for the last service in the church was Rev. Gordon Holmes, formerly pastor of Acton Baptist church, who was ordained in Georgetown in 1914.

## Memorial plaque

Last Sunday afternoon the members of Georgetown Agricultural Society unveiled a plaque on the pylon at the Georgetown park in memory of a faithful director, the late Harding Price.

The short service was in charge of Rev. Norman Young of Knox church. Fair president Stuart Hall presided over the unveiling.

## Free Press

## Church News

### 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, OCTOBER 4th, 1970  
Trinity XVIII

9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Sung Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.

### BETH-EL

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.  
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1970

10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.  
Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.  
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
2:30 p.m.—Afternoon Worship Service.  
7:30 p.m.—Teen Meet at the church.  
Tuesday evening, 7:10 p.m. — 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, OCTOBER 4th, 1970

9:45 a.m.—Church School for Grades 1-8.  
10:40 a.m.—Session meets.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Holy Communion. Meditation on "A Table in the Wilderness."  
Friday, October 2, 8 p.m. — Preparatory Service.  
Everyone Most Welcome

### TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1970

10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Sacrament of Holy Communion.  
10:00 a.m.—Nursery.  
10:00 a.m.—Church School (to Grade 4).  
11:00 a.m.—Church School (Grades 5-8).  
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity

### ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

80 Mill St. W.  
Founded 1842  
Pastor  
Rev. Frank M. Byrne, B.A., B.Th.  
Parsonage, Cheltenham 416-838-2068  
Church Office 853-0860

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1970

9:45 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
"The Gospel According to Christ's Enemies." Communion.  
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Study at Felthams' apartment.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Choir rehearsal.  
Friday, 7 p.m. — B.H.F.  
Monday, October 5 — Baptist Men Fall Rally at Preston Baptist Church, 8 p.m.  
October 18 — Sunday Evening Missionary Thankoffering.  
A Cordial Invitation To All

### EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 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.  
John II, 1: 9 — Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and Son.

### MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

81 Maple Ave., Georgetown  
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 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

### CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Churchill Road North  
Minister:  
The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.  
124 Tildy Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1970

11:00 a.m.—Worship Service and Church School.  
Service in charge of the Rev. G. H. Dunlop. The Sacrament of Holy Communion.  
Visitors are Welcome at all Church Gatherings at the Church on the Hill

## O.P.P. report Check vehicles

The Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police reports an average week of activities from September 28 to September 27.

Investigations conducted were, a case of malicious damage that is still under investigation and a minor theft, a total of three disturbances in which warnings were given and a reported case of "indecent assault on a female". A local youth is in custody charged with this offence. A local man who wanted to drive his car after having that last drink for the road was charged with "impaired driving."

On the traffic scene a total of two property damage accidents were investigated with total damages of \$350. Three charges were laid as a result of the police investigation into the cause of the accidents. One of the charges was for failing the breath test. A total of 14 charges were issued under the Highway Traffic Act, and 17 drivers warned in regards to their bad driving habits.

Drivers! Now is the time to check your vehicle's exhaust system, as winter is approaching rapidly and car windows will not be open as often, a leaky exhaust system could prove fatal. It is always wise to check your vehicle's lights and make sure that they all function properly. The wise motorist will make sure that his windshield wipers and defrost system are in good working order so as to ensure clear visibility in any weather. The thought of winter should remind drivers of the advantage of good tires when driving in slippery roads. Avoid trouble by making sure that your auto is safe for winter driving.

## Renovations

Renovations to the south wall of the arena are complete and parks and recreation committee members are now considering installing a fire exit.

At Thursday night's regular meeting, arena manager Harold Townsley was instructed to get estimates on both single and double crash bar doors.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC Night School Course ADULT PROGRAMME

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As part of its service to the Community, the Acton Citizens' Band is prepared to offer a Night School Course in Instrumental Music for interested adults.

For further information contact George Elliott at 853-0365 between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m. any evening before October 9th.

## ROXY THEATRE MILTON

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