The clergy speak out

READERS

By Reverend Harry J. Dawson Church of St. Alban, the Martyr.

Union talk between the Anglican and United Churches received some guidelines from the leaders of both churches at Niagara Falls.

The United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada recently held their official national meetings at the same time and place in Niagara Falls. The national bodies of both churches met in joint council over the question of union of both churches. Mr. Turner from the United Church in town and myself were fortunate in attending the meetings of that day.

We were with history in the making.

We attended sessions together and heard the new Moderator of the United Church, Dr. Moore, and the new Primate of the Anglican Church, Archbishop Scott, state some principles of guidelines directed to both churches. These guidelines, I feel, can be applied here in Acton.

Dr. Moore spoke from his background as co-chairman of the joint Union Committee. His concern reflected the necessity of both churches to demonstrate the kind of faith and trust in each other that comes from Christian commitment to Jesus Christ. We must be willing to commit ourselves in trust to each other and grow out of the suspicion and mistrust that has tended to characterize the past. We must come of age in light of our new understanding and knowledge of each other and offer ourselves to each other in

Expressway our gift

The Ontario Municipal Board today, on a

split decision, decided to approve the

Spadina Expressway for Metro Toronto at an estimated cost of \$237,000,000. You, as a

I would like to put into proper perspec-

tive some remarks attributed to me from a

planning board meeting on February 4, which I believe were taken out of context

and misconstrued to paint the board in a

very bad light. Specifically, Sir, I refer to your report and later your editorial which stated that I and the planning board were against sidewalks and paved roads in our new subdivisions.

On the night in question the board was attempting to find a solution to a problem that a proposed builder has in a newly-

This gentleman was concerned by the rising costs to him of a lot in this new

development, which he would have to translate ultimately into a higher down payment, and thus make sales of these new homes more difficult. Since the hydro

commission, rightly, insisted on underground wiring and would not relent on that item, he felt that the cost of the lot was

becoming prohibitive for the types of community he had envisaged. It was, then, in this light that planning board was trying to solve his lot cost problem to bring in this

new project to our community.

This town has a "tight" subdivider's

agreement for the one reason that the leaders of this community believe that any

new area to the town should be properly and completely laid out from the beginning at no expense to the citizens already established

Remarks out of context

200 Elmore Drive,

February 23, 1970.

Acton, Ontario.

OUR

An Open Letter to

co The Editor,

Acton, Ontario.

The Editor.

Dear Sir:

Acton; Ontario.

The Acton Free Press.

proposed subdivision.

here.

Were you asked?

The Citizens of Acton,

The Acton Free Press,

faith and trust, with both strengths and

weaknesses. Archbishop Scott spoke from the standpoint of integrity. It was is if the two men collaborated to balance each other, (reflecting perhaps something that a now embodiment of the churches united might accomplish for each other). The primate pleaded that we not sacrifice our own integrity by compromise. That we needed to stand up for our convictions but surely in a way that does not jeopardize or compromise the integrity of our brother.

He spoke of it in terms of a joint communion service to which people from both churches were invited. He said that if the participation in receiving communion would tend to offend or compromise the conviction of the person then he hoped he would be free to act out his conviction. But in so doing he hoped that no judgments would be cast either on the person or by the person on the rest.

To my mind it was a sound principle of Christian trust in each other's freedom and responsible decision making.

Both leaders reflected the kind of faith in people that we are all striving for and committed to as Christians. To my mind union talk must proceed on these kinds of principles: to have faith and trust in each other that will allow us the kind of freedom so necessary to preserve our individual and corporate integrity in such a way that we may be able to grow with each other in open relationships that avoid the suspicion and intrigue that inevitably results from lack of trust and acceptance.

citizen of Ontario, will pay 50 per cent of this amount — i.e. \$118,500,000. Will it benefit

Meanwhile, thank you for your gift (even

Who do you ask? Your Member in the

dropped temporarily it could be the

sidewalk requirement, as this is easily

installed later on a special improvements

tax (and thus a cost only to those who are

receiving the benefits and not to the

Let me emphasize, however, that I feel

strongly about sidewalks being placed as ' quickly as possible in certain critical areas;

for example the south side of Elizabeth Dr.

from Jeffrey to Main. I feel, nevertheless,

that sidewalks across my front lawn where I

live are not only unnecessary but would detract from the appearance as well as

being a large costly item on my tax bill.
It is estimated that a sidewalk would cost

\$8.00 per foot or for an average Lakeview lot

\$480.00 to lay down. I really do not desire this item on my tax bill, however, if the majority of taxpayers in Lakeview, Glenlea and this new subdivision really want sidewalks, they can by petition through a special improvements tax have them installed

The paved roads item which was mentioned merely as an aside concerned the

building of 66 foot wide paved strips in the subdivision at considerable expense, and it

was my own opinion that the taxpayers would be more satisfied with improving the present roads than paying for these expensive "dragstrips".

In conclusion, Sir, I would hope that in future any remarks made at these meetings not be taken out of context to paint a picture which was never intended. Also, I would be

very interested if some organization (i.e. the Chamber of Commerce) could take a poll of

present subdivision residents on these

matters to aid those in office who must plan for any improvements and new projects.

though some of us are looking the gift-horse

you? You have every right to ask.

in the mouth).

Provincial house.

Yours truly,

community at large).

E. M. Gruetzner.

Nassagawoya will have their chance to discuss possible changes and improvements to the road. The issue became a controversial one in January when petitions for and against plans for improving the road were sent to county council.

Some property owners feel the road is dangerous and want it fixed to insure safety, while others suspect-the road will be used as a major route for trucks and cars.

meeting with the Halton County Roads Committee March 4 at 7.30

Service before profit

Public service should be put before profit, Halton's Member of Parliament advocates. He strongly supported this view in Parliament a week ago.

"This is what I have been advocating since I got into parliament," said Whiting. "The CNR should provide passenger service to people and communities. They could make a profit on it if they would tailor the service to the needs. They are not doing it.

service in a community, the community should be informed of the changes, and if they want to, they should be allowed to have a hearing before the board of transport commissioners."

"This is right up my alley. I belive the CNR has got tracks and is not using them for community service. They should sit down with the province and work out a plan for a feasibility study for GO trains. We are spending millions of dollars on super highways, and all the money is coming out of the pockets of the taxpayers."

Will take part

the day the matter was being debated. He said, however, that he would be taking part in the debate on the CNR-Air Canada financing bill when it comes up in the House for third reading.

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After the morning service at Trinity United church Sunday, a vote was taken on a possible change in the time of church. After discussion, the majority voted to retain the present hour of

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Both sides will be notified of the p.m. at the county buildings.

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Whiting was not in the House

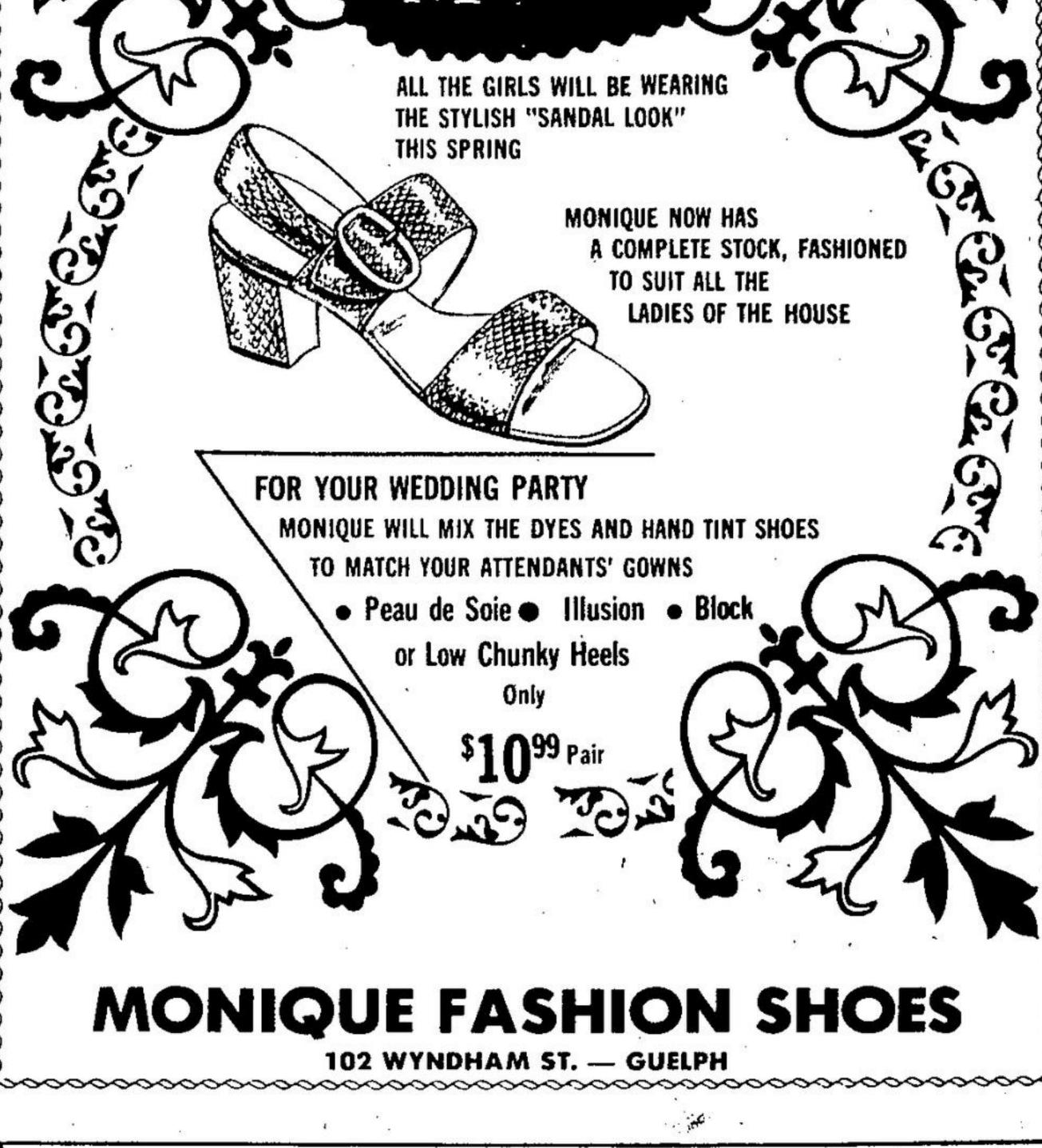
In debate on the CNR-Air Canada financing bill, MP's from all parts said the Crown owned railway should provide transportation first, then worry about profits.

The bill, which was sent to committee after second reading, would provide CNR up to \$229 million for 1970 expenses such as equipment, property, branchlines, communications and hotels.

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