

The clergy speak out



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The Power of Christ is a Gulf Stream of Life.

Along with approximately 75,000 Canadians I enjoyed a few days of relaxation at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina recently. And, reading a brochure extolling the relative constancy of the temperature, I was interested to learn that the warming Gulf Stream that flows from England across the ocean to Florida comes within fifty miles of the South Carolina coast, bringing its benefits to the eastern seaboard.

With considerable justification the Christian clergyman can state, as I do here, that the power of Christ is a true gulf stream of life. And the reality of redemption from sin and the power of evil is as strange and subtle and inexplicable as is the Gulf Stream.

No one understands how the latter originates, how it flows through the ocean without losing its warmth or dispersing its current, or how it maintains its definite direction, but I am told that anyone who sails through it can feel the difference in the temperature, and students of climatology assert that the British Isles would be almost ice-bound without it.

Is not that just how the power of Christ works in the world? It flows steadily and silently, through colder and even hostile waters, and all who touch it feel the difference it makes, and "everything shall live whither the river cometh." (Ezekiel 47:9).

Lady Byron told her husband that he never valued anything while he had it, but immediately appreciated its worth when it was his no longer. Most of us are like that. We take health for granted, until we have it no longer. We appreciate the opportunity to work when we become unemployed or are "forced" to retire.

And perhaps, with Cowper, we cry: "Where is the blessedness I knew?" when

we have allowed our faith to become dull through lack of use, and, having neglected the means of grace, have discovered that grace has somehow deserted us. So, if for no other reason than to stir our awareness of our need of God's sustaining help, it is well to be brought up against adversities.

The believer in God, like a warm current in the ocean, is a ridiculous thing in this world, for "his conversation is in heaven" as Paul reminds us, and he insists on looking upward to God for all things that are worth while. This is because he has experienced and knows the warming values of the second touch of Jesus.

The first touch enabled the blind man to see men "as trees walking." The second so opened his eyes that he saw everything plainly. He is like the man who, about a century before Marconi, went about London with a queer box, and said he got music out of the air. No one believed him, of course, but it was quite true, and now we know it.

That is what the Gospel is to those who are in Christ. They proclaim that it gets music out of the air, and that as it enters their souls it brings a peace "that passes understanding." They mean by this that it is a peace which has risen above the need for explanations.

The gulf stream of Christ's mercy and grace flows wherever any Christian man speaks God's truth or acts under the guidance of His Spirit. It is still moving in our churches and in our assemblies for worship, but it is also surging through hearts that turn to Him in prayer in very private places.

And this week, in a space on the Christian calendar known as "Holy Week", when many of us shall pause to "meditate on those mighty acts whereby God has given us life and immortality" the gulf stream of life will be flowing by our shores. We pray that it may bring warmth and the blessing of renewed fruitfulness to a great number.

Councillors dismayed by soaring costs

Soaring costs are causing Esqueging councillors a lot of headaches.

When clerk-treasurer Delmar French opened the three tenders received to supply a new four ton heavy duty truck Monday night, councillors were shocked to find out all three tenders were well above the amount set aside for the truck by council in the roads budget.

Tenders received and prices included Thompson Motors Acton \$21,634.08, Murray Motors Georgetown \$19,287.53 and Halton Truck Sales \$18,639.43. All three

figures included sales tax. Council had set aside \$12,500 for the truck in its budget.

"With prices like that, I think you better rotender," Reeve Tom Hill told roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow, who said he had been told truck prices had increased 7 per cent this year.

Earlier Reeve Hill was dismayed by an advertising bill received from the Daily Commercial News for \$128.70 for tenders.

"And we only got one tender out of it," Mr. Snow commented.

Deputy-reeve accepts boat race challenge

Esqueging deputy-reeve Russell Miller has accepted Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith's challenge to participate in Georgetown Jaycees Crazy Boat Races on the Credit River this weekend.

Miller told the township council Monday night he has made arrangements to rent a canoe and has a friend interested in accompanying him.

"I'll appreciate all the support

I can get," he hinted.

"You'll get some support if somebody dumps you," Reeve Tom Hill smiled. Reeve Hill earlier refused to accept the mayor's invitation.

When roads superintendent "Bud" Snow said he heard Reeve Hill was going to be the deputy-reeve's mascot, the reeve responded loudly, "You won't get me in that bloody water this time of year!"

Township employ get boost in pay

Roads department personnel in Esqueging township have been given a 20 cent per hour wage increase. Grader operators will now receive \$3.28 per hour, truck drivers \$3.08 and laborers \$2.83.

Roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow's salary was set at \$8,600 for 1971. He'll also be paid a mileage allowance of 14 cents per mile, have 100 per cent of his health insurance and Ontario Hospital premiums paid by the township and is entitled to eight weeks cumulative sick leave at full salary. If he leaves his position or transfers to another job he'll receive the unused part of the sick benefit.

have 100 per cent of their benefits paid for by the township and will be entitled to 1 1/2 days per month cumulative sick leave and two days per month upon producing a doctor's certificate. After 25 years service, all employees will be entitled to five week holidays with pay.

Salary for the clerk-treasurer was set at \$8,700 deputy-clerk treasurer \$6,000 and clerical staff \$5,000.

Mrs. Cathy Bouskill, a full time township office employee, is being paid \$12 per meeting to take minutes at this year's council meetings. Reeve Tom Hill introduced the system of taking minutes when he took office in January.

100 percent benefit
All township employees will

ESQUEGING
Township Council
HIGHLIGHTS

At their regular meeting Monday night, Esqueging Council:

—Received notice of the township's 1971 Halton Region Conservation Authority levy in the amount of \$9,223.36

—Accepted the tender of Holman Construction to supply the township with 24,000 ton of crushed gravel at a price of 99 cents per ton delivered, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

—Approved for payment, road accounts in the amount of \$22,838.53 as presented by roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow.

Reeve Tom Hill presided for the 90 minute meeting following which council went into committee of the whole to discuss matters listed on the agenda as replacement of the Credit River bridge at Norval, proposed truck route, trailer at McKinlay Transport, garbage dump supervisor and the Golden Horseshoe Dragway.

Reeve upset Quarry given licence

Reeve A. MacArthur told Nassagaweya Council Monday she took "a very dim view" of the council's decision at an earlier meeting to grant a licence to Campbellville Sand and Gravel to operate in the township. The reeve noted the action was taken during a meeting she missed, which was only the second she had missed in her term of office.

Deputy Reeve D. McMillan pointed out the firm had met the township's by-law. "I agree they

haven't been very good tenants but at least now they're licensed. They operated all last year without a licence."

"I wasn't here but I wash myself of the whole thing," the reeve declared. "I feel we've let the people who live adjacent to the operation, down miserably." "Issuing a licence doesn't give them carte blanche to blow their neighbor's property down", Councillor C. McIntyre emphasized.

Expensive winter!

It's been an expensive winter in Nassagaweya too, members of Council learned Monday.

Road Superintendent Grant McMillan told council snow plowing and sanding costs were up nearly \$13,000 for the first three months of this year, compared with last year.

The cost of plowing was up nearly \$11,000 and sanding up over \$2,000 based on figures compiled for January, February and March. Mr. McMillan pointed out that for seven weeks, weekend work was involved on all but one weekend, adding to the costs through overtime.

Issue 24 permits

A total of 24 building permits were issued in Esqueging township during the month of March.

Total estimated value of the buildings to be erected is \$505,700 while total cost of the permits was \$590.

Too good to be true and it was

It was almost too good to be true... and it was.

A letter from Ontario Hydro Monday told Nassagaweya Township a proposed transmission line would touch only a small parcel of land in the north corner of the township, near Eden Mills.

Reeve happy

Reeve A. MacArthur, beleaguered last year by the threat of a major transmission line triangulating a large corner of the township, was jubilant.

The trouble was this was another line, a wood pole sub transmission line and not the one about which debate raged last year. The new line is to be in service Sept. 1, 1972 and the township readily agreed it would not interfere with any township plans.

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Okay route for trucks

Indusmin Quarries will be allowed to use Esqueging's Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad as a truck route for the time being, it was agreed at Esqueging Council Monday night.

Ratepayers in the area had complained about the trucks using the route. At a county roads committee meeting Friday afternoon the committee agreed to ask Esqueging to allow the firm to use the truck route until 22 Sideroad, which is a county road, is repaired to A-1 condition.

County Engineer D. J. Corbett said the firm would be in an intolerable situation and would not be able to get their product out economically if they had to use another route and add miles to their trips.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS extinguished a fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Cutting, Eastern Ave., last Wednesday. Damage was confined to the roof. —(Staff Photo)

The Acton Free Press, Wednesday, April 7, 1971

Extinguish roof fire

Sparks from a nearby bonfire were blamed for starting a fire on the roof at the residence of Mel Cutting, 196 Eastern Ave., last Wednesday about 1.30 p.m.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze which was confined to the rear portion of the house.

Flames consumed shingles but never worked into the attic of the stucco home at the corner of Eastern Ave. and Hillcrest St.

STILL BY HAND

The director of an art museum, told that his office needed a new machine, had spent the morning in a salesroom watching demonstrations of equipment. Afterward, in the crowded elevator, a woman screamed as a young man pinched her.

"Thank goodness," said the director, "some things are still done by hand."

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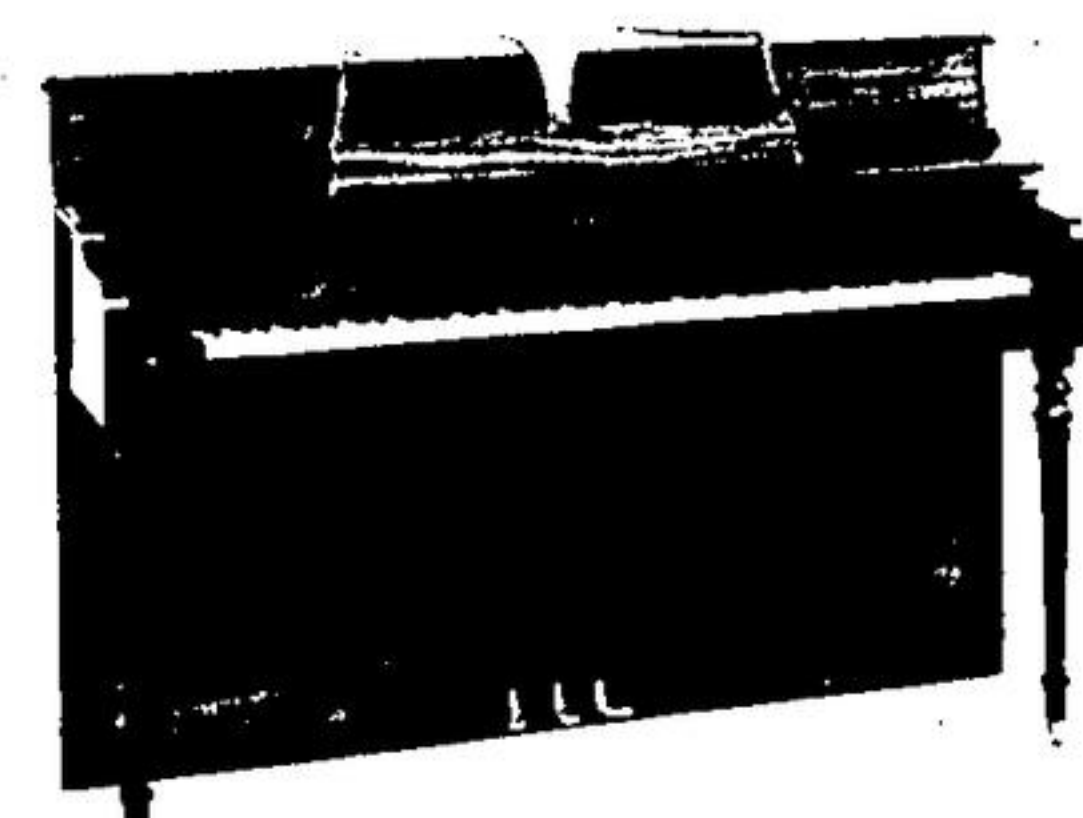
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