

CONFIRMED Sunday morning at Knox Presbyterian church were Janet Allen, Marie Fisher, Shirley Jocke, Linda Sayers and Jim Coles. The minister, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie is pictured with members of his teenage confirmation class. Missing from the photo are Mary Watson and Bruce Guthrie. —(Staff Photo).



## The clergy speak out



By Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, Knox Presbyterian Church

### FIGHT THE MANIA FOR EXCLUSION

In the days when many people believed in hell-fire, and most preachers proclaimed it, this torment was always for someone else. Those who held this tenet had - and some still have - wonderful ways of knowing they were among the "elect" and that certain other people were simply outside the pale.

An over-reaction to this judgmental approach is evident today. Many people have ceased apparently to believe in either heaven or hell, and have evolved a simplistic, earth-bound Christianity; and in some places sermons have become Udy little exhortations on nice behaviour, and the people listening to the same have become, in the Apostle Paul's memorable words, "of all men most miserable."

There are those who maintain that heaven and hell are the same state, in which which all are together, but he who has lived "to the flesh" is miserable because he no longer has any, while he who "has lived to the spirit" is in sheer ecstasy because he now has nothing else!

Jesus gave some encouragement to a conception of purgatory when he said: "He shall not come out until he has paid the uttermost farthing," implying that there would be a time when he would come out. His figure of Gehenna, we should remember, is derived from the garbage fires of Jerusalem, which were always burning, which consumed nothing but rubbish, and which give no warrant whatever, in my opinion, for the flagrantly unjust horror of the old notions of hell-fire, infused as they often were with misanthropic attitudes.

Tennyson, who was a good poet and not a bad theologian, believed

"That nothing walks with aimless feet,  
That not one life shall be destroyed,  
Or cast as rubbish to the void,  
When God has made the pile complete."

That may be a bit too generous, but I would rather choose to err on the side of

generosity than on that of severity. Not only do we not know enough to seat ourselves on the judgment throne of God, but we are simply not good enough to do that.

"There's so much good in the worst of us,  
And so much bad in the best of us,  
That it ill becomes the first of us,  
To say anything about the rest of us."

We surely have enough to do with the working out of our own salvation (and this means the demonstrating of the faith that is God's merciful gift!) to make us avoid pronouncements about other people's lack of salvation or faith or "what have you"; and there are perhaps few more unpleasant or more self-righteous sins than a readiness to do so.

The mania for exclusion is one of the blemishes on a good deal of Christianity. There is still far too great a tendency in our organized church-life to forbid, silence, or disown those "who follow not with us", even in spite of the fact that Jesus, Head and Lord of the Church, peremptorily rebuked such behaviour among his disciples.

In my communion, the "fencing of the Lord's Table" is not nearly so blunt and discouraging to the seeker after the Lord as it once was, and I thank God that I have the privilege to invite "all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity" to come and partake "at His Table". I must ever recognize that it is His Table, and I never become more than a guest of His grace and favor.

"He who is not against us is for us," said Jesus on one occasion, thereby rebuking a narrowness from which the first disciples were far from free, and which we, after 2,000 years, have never fully overcome.

That the way of life is narrow, but ennobling and lovely, does not mean that vast multitudes may not take it when they see others radiantly pursuing it. Let us shun then the harsh censoriousness of the past, its passion to exclude all but the like-minded, and let us say "Everyone Most Welcome", and really mean it!

### Walkers urged

Walkers who participated in the recent Mission for the Deaf walkathon are being urged to get their collections from sponsors as soon as possible.

The May 15 walk is expected to bring in over \$8,000 but many of the walkers have been slow in turning in the money from their sponsors.

In Acton, collections are being turned in to Bob Angell at 853-0427.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13th, 1971  
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Sermon subject, "Come Ye Yourselves Apart."  
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81 Maple Ave., Georgetown  
Pastor:  
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9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.  
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10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. Prof. Rudolph will be speaking to the children.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.00 p.m.—Evangelist Service.  
Tuesday, 8.00 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8.00 p.m. — Christ Ambassadors.  
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Friday, 7.00 p.m. — B.H.F.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 13th, 1971  
9.45 a.m.—Morning Worship. Communion.  
11.00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
A Cordial Invitation To All

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Minister:  
Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.  
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th, 1971  
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.

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Trinity I  
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.  
10.30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.  
10.30 a.m.—Mattins.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th, 1971  
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Confirmation.  
10.00 a.m.—Nursery.  
10.00 a.m.—Church School to Grade 4.  
11.00 a.m.—Church School (Grades 5 - 8).  
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**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, JUNE 13th, 1971  
9.45 a.m.—Church School for Kindergarten through Grade 8.  
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship with Mission emphasis. Guest preacher, Rev. Donald W. MacKay, B.A., former member of ecumenical team working in Naples, Italy.  
Everyone Most Welcome

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## AUCTION SALE

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**TRUCKS and CARS** — 1949 GMC 1-ton truck, runs OK, no certificate; 1953 Austin car, as is; 1954 Austin car, as is.

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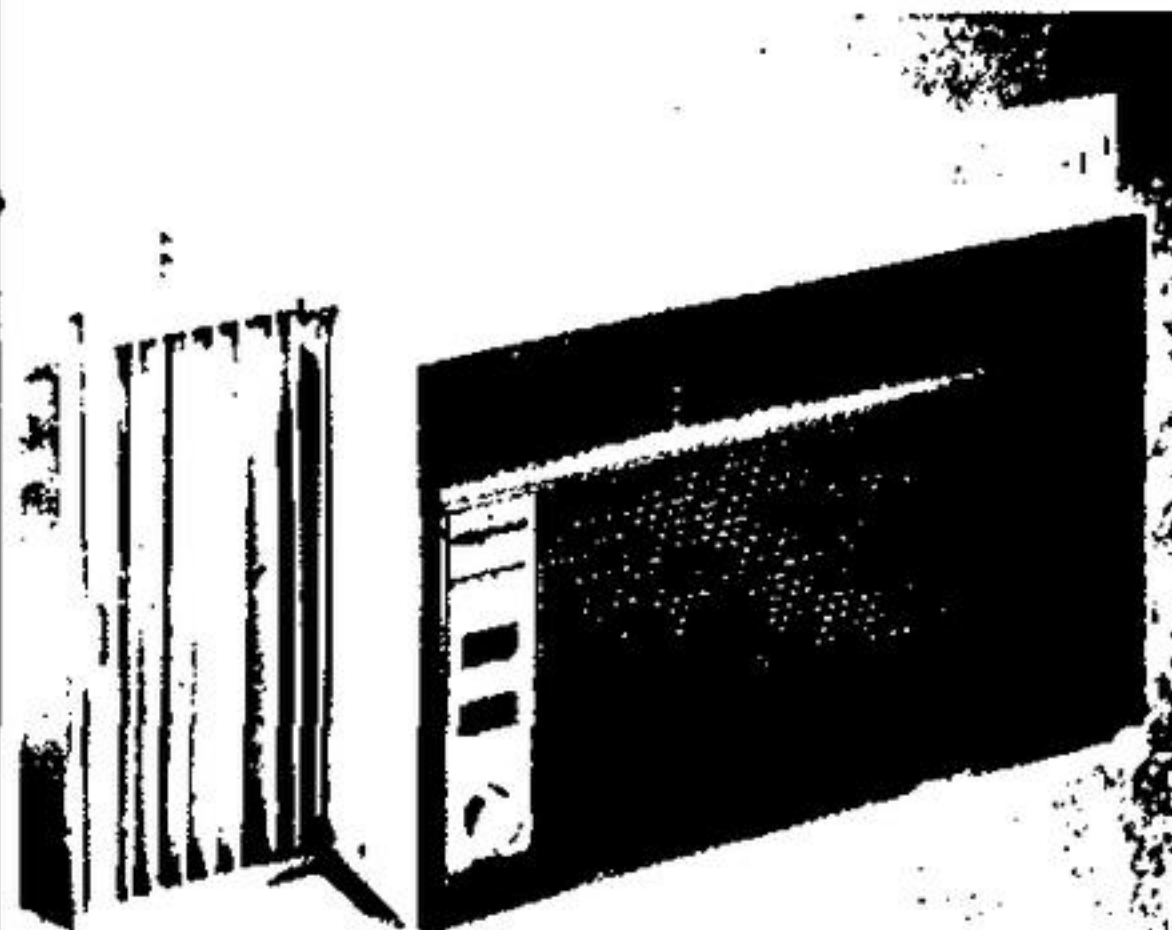
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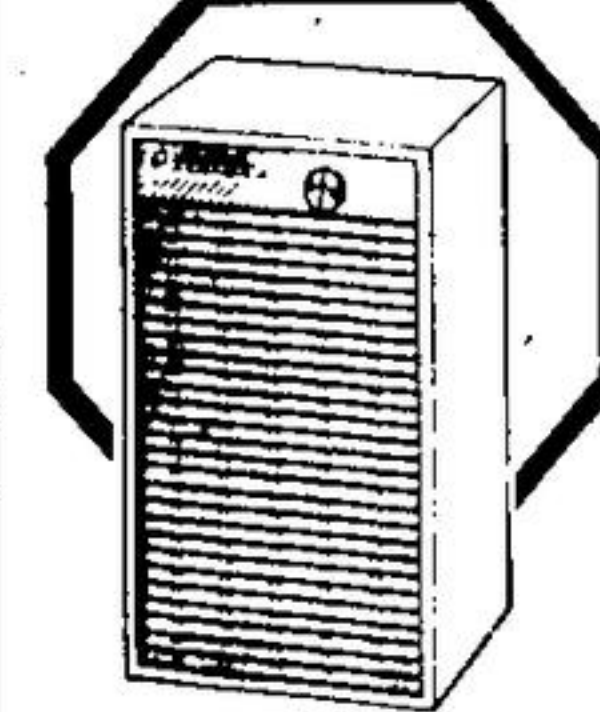
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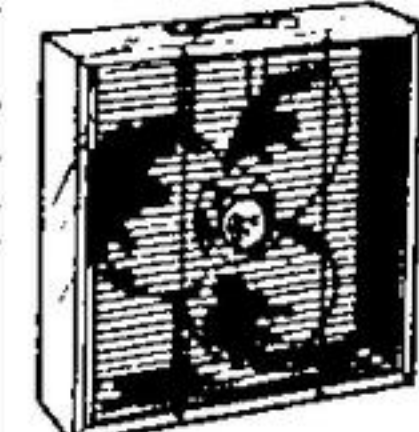
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