

## The clergy speak out

Will shortages bring The good life  
 Reverend Leonard Ewing  
 St. Alban the Martyr,  
 Anglican Church

Since the Arab oil producing countries increased the price of oil, a whole new dimension has awakened people. Conservation is the watchword now. For awhile, our society had been growing into a pattern that "waste is wise"; "built-in early obsolescence creates early turnover and greater production"; "don't use one when two will do"; and "let the taps run", etc. Now with a sudden, rule, but obviously needed awareness, "conserve" becomes the order of the day. Our Creator has given a beautiful and bountiful land. With wise, prudent and responsible usage, its goodness provides enough for all. But as day follows night, some order in the natural course of events takes place. So, too, must be man's destiny on earth. The blessings of man's endeavors and responsibilities should be richly rewarded. But, counterwise, the lack of responsibility and

endeavor should not be rewarded. Now the caution light is telling us to slow down, use less and do more. May it be a beacon that will yet shine through and light the way out of the miasma in this so-called enlightened society. Our quickened sources of technology, communication and transportation have for a certainty not brought people closer. If anything, we have to shout louder to be heard. If heard at all, while most of all it seems, the great silent majority is least considered.

Does the world owe us a living? A lot seem to think so, but if no one tilled the soil, built the houses, worked in the factories and shops or made the clothes, could we be any better off than primitive man? If others didn't pioneer or speculate, could we have come further than a wilderness?

The state through its central agencies and treasury should provide for—with dignity—the needs of the helpless, the maimed and aged. But otherwise able people should be encouraged with every incentive to be most

productive. To do a good job better and responsibly should be the first criteria of our schooling systems.

Perhaps the vicissitudes produced by shortage of energy may become the cornerstone that will propel man from squandering to splendor.

Thus it is that the horrendous appetite and the climate created for doing less and getting more may be righted. Should this be the result of our apparent dependence upon a somewhat depleted source of available energy, rather than stooping in dread, man may learn with pride the accomplishment of enjoying life through the wise use of the gifts God has given him.

## Lost found

Two children, ages five and three, were found lost at Glenlea pharmacy Friday. They were returned to their home on Poplar Ave.

On Sunday a lost boy was reported, and located on Highway 7. He was walking home from Georgetown.

## Better use of time - Morrow

Members of the Halton Region Planning Department should make better use of their time, Halton Hills Councillor Ric Morrow told the Region's Planning Committee as he opposed a move to hire a senior planner in the policy division.

Morrow noted there were three planners at the committee meeting in addition to the director. He noted that during meetings of Administration and Finance Committee only those department heads or employees directly affiliated with the matter of discussion attended the meetings.

"It's nothing personal, but if you have three people who can afford to be here, I can't understand why you need more staff," Morrow said.

"I just think they should make better use of their time."

Morrow won support from some members of the committee but the motion to hire the additional person passed by a slim margin.

Planning Director Ed Cum-

ming had explained the post of senior planner in the policy division had to be filled if work on the official plan was to be completed on time.

Deadline  
 He noted that work on the plan was behind schedule in several areas and indicated the department was hard pressed to meet the December 1976 deadline.

Cumming noted that regional council had indicated a willingness to participate in the Ontario Housing Action Program, one of the programs considered by the committee. He noted council had made known the difficulties in setting targets in view of the lack of capacity in pollution control plants within the region.

Councillor Jim Watson of Milton wondered if the region was really ready to assume that responsibility. "In view of what has happened in public works, I'm not sure. Will it be more or less cumbersome?" he wondered.

## Pet of the week



Somebody loves a fish!  
 Blake Norton, 9, and brother Heath Norton, 7, caught this chub in a pool by the band hall last August and have had it for a pet ever since.

However, it seemed lonely late and their mother bought a couple of goldfish to keep it company. (They are in the bottom right hand side of the fish tank in the picture.)

The chub is really happier since it has the goldfish for friends, the family found.

The fish all eat goldfish food.

The special chub doesn't have a name, but it comes when they call "fish", the boys say.

They go to the M. Z. Bennett school and are happy to have their catch as the first fish in the P of the Week series.

## Clothes missing

Theft of \$300 worth of clothing from the Main St. laundromat was reported to police. A woman had put her washing in the machines and gone away, returning to find it under investigation.

Damage to a vacant house on Elmore Dr. was reported to police Feb. 4. Entry was apparently made through a basement window. The rec-

room ceiling and kitchen phone were damaged, and TV rotor taken. Estimated damage is \$100 with \$100 loss in the machines and gone away, returning to find it under investigation.

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