

Brothers reunited after many years

Three corners of the world were brought together in Acton recently when three brothers had a reunion. Les Pelitis of Les' B.P. was reunited with his two younger brothers after a 12-year separation from one and five years from the other.

Andy Pelitis arrived in Malton airport March 10 from Australia. He had moved there 20 years ago at the age of 19, from his native Greece. Les last saw him 12 years ago when Andy went home for a visit.

Chris Pelitis is still living in Greece, the only one of his family left in home town Langada, Thessaloniki. The last time Les saw him was five years ago, when the popular Acton man moved to Canada. He arrived on March 16.

Own businesses
Cars are a major factor in the brothers' lives, as Andy has a taxi business, and Chris owns a body shop. Les, as most people know, has the local BP station.

Andy had decided to come and visit his long unseparated brother in Canada, and Chris thought it would be a good time to get the three brothers together again.

Both were scouting around, considering filing appli-

cations to become landed immigrants. They had decided if the applications were accepted, they would see if their families would like to move here. Andy has five daughters, one in university, and Chris has one child, three months old.

Trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto, the Guelph area and the Halton Hills area gave both brothers a chance to experience Canadian hospitality. Both were very impressed with the people and thought them to be very congenial. They "fell in love" with the country, Les' wife said.

Les' friends soon became Andy and Chris' friends. A party was held on March 23 for the pair, the night before Andy was to return home to Australia.

Chris is staying in Acton until April 10.

Both brothers hope to be back in six months. Les and another citizen are willing to sponsor them in their move to Canada, a procedure necessary by Canadian Immigration Laws.

From Australia and Greece to Canada they came visiting, travelling and partying. They were good ambassadors from their countries and made many friends in the area.



CHRIS PELITIS, sitting, is flanked by his sister-in-law and brother Les Pelitis in Acton. Chris came from Greece to spend a few weeks with his brother. Andy Pelitis from Australia also visited here with the pair. It was the first time in 12 years the brothers had all been together. Andy left for home last week; Chris leaves soon.

Drug treatment really works

Stonehenge near Elora, reputed to be the best drug addiction treatment centre in the world, was the setting for a film shown at a social evening, Friday, at St. Alban's Church hall.

The film produced by Hobei Leitnerman Productions of New York was introduced by Dr. John Dougan of Acton, a psychiatrist well-known for his work with addicts both at Stonehenge and at Homewood Sanitarium in Guelph.

He told his audience that Stonehenge, which originally started as a treatment centre in the Campbellville area, is not for teenage addicts. The minimum age of the young people treated on the farm is 18 and extends upwards to include those in their mid-thirties. Most, however, are in their mid-twenties like the four young people who were featured in the film.

Each of these was formerly deeply involved in the illicit drug trade either as a pusher or user of hard drugs. Some had criminal records or were physically incapacitated as a result.

Kickhabit
The message each conveyed was a sincere affirmation of the necessity to adopt a new life style in order to 'kick' the drug habit.

Dr. Dougan, in his remarks

noted that hospital treatment for such drug users as amphetamine addicts had been found to be inadequate. Within five or six hours from release from hospital many were back on drugs. Consequently the farm therapy program was established.

This program was funded for three years by the federal Department of Health and Welfare and is now supported by the provincial ministry.

About 150 people pass through the farm each year, the average length of their stay being four months.

Program
The farm program is based on work, recreation and psychotherapy with the concentration being on the introduction of a different way of living for residents. Group therapy sessions which take up most evenings concentrate on life styles and keep right away from the topic of drugs, Dr. Dougan said.

Evidence on the success of the program is found in the 80 percent salvage rate which Stonehenge has had to date.

This, as Dr. Dougan pointed out, is very much higher than the estimated success rate foreseen in the LeDain Commission report.

The film is to be released shortly for showing on educational TV channels.

Bible Society meeting held at St. Alban's

The Acton branch of the Canadian Bible Society held a pot-luck supper in the Parish Hall of St. Alban's church, Acton, on Wednesday, March 24.

Following the supper, a hymn-sing was enjoyed. Mrs. Sewell was at the piano.

The Reverend D. B. Thierry, secretary of the Hamilton District Bible Society, was the speaker of the evening. He was introduced by Harold Swallow, president of the Acton branch.

Mr. Thierry spoke on the work of the Bible Society, and then showed a film of its activities in Africa.

Music
Mrs. John Chapman and Mrs. Harold Swallow sang a duet. Their selections were

Close to Thee and Lift up Mine Eyes. Their accompanist was Mrs. George Harrap.

Mrs. A. J. King thanked the speaker, and the others who had participated in the program.

After the singing of a hymn, the rector of St. Alban's the Reverend L. Ewing, pronounced the Benediction.

Bible weeks
St. Alban's holds two Bible weeks, one now and the other later. The purpose of the weeks is to encourage people to read the Bible daily and to heighten their awareness of the world's problems. The Rev. Andrew McKenzie, the Rev. Das Sydney and the Rev. Len Ewing plus several lay people from other churches were present.

A table in the hall held several religious pamphlets and copies of the Bible free and for sale. Sales money goes to the printing and distribution of biblical literature through out the world.

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Free Press Personals

Rotarians, their wives and guests enjoyed dinner and an evening of races at the Mohawk Raceway Tuesday night.

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Although the Beta Sigma Chi Sorority is based in Georgetown, it has several Acton members.

There were two meetings here in March. Cheryl Beaton was hostess when the subject of the meeting was A Woman Chooses. Marlene Steckley was hostess when Marilyn Ottawa spoke on 'Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman.'

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Friends here were interested to see a photograph of the Rev. Chuck Keegan in the Globe one day last week. He was performing a marriage for two people who live in the muscular dystrophy residence in Markham. He is presently padre there but will be moving to Acton soon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kendz of Hamlin, New York, spent the weekend with Miss Jessie Coles.

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Plan Holy Week services here

Interdenominational Holy Week services have been planned for April 11, 13 and 14 to be held at the Beth-El Christian Reformed Church.

The sponsors, the Acton Clergy Association, have lined up Dr. Murray John Stanley Ford to be the guest speaker and deliver a different theme message each day.

Dr. Ford has many credits to his name. In 1953-54 he was visiting professor of Religious Education at Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania, and has been chairman of the Board of Religious

Education of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, 1959-62.

In July, 1962, Dr. Ford became a member of the Divinity College Faculty, McMaster University. In 1966 he was appointed Director of Field Education of Christian Ministry. In 1970 Dr. Ford became Assistant Director of Field Education for the Toronto School of Theology, and continued this relationship until 1974. Following a 15-month study leave in the late 60's, he was awarded the Doctor of Religion degree (D. Rel.) by Chicago Theological

Seminary.

Evenings will begin at 7.50 with a hymn sing until eight o'clock when formal services will begin. On Palm Sunday, April 11, Dr. Ford will use the theme The Disciples Look at the Cross. Tuesday, April 13, his theme will be The Discerning Look at the Cross and Wednesday April 14, the theme will be Hall, King of the Jews.

Transportation will be provided for those wishing to attend. A bus will leave the United church at 7.30 on the day of the services.

Lenten series

A Lenten series titled "What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake?" will be discussed by the Right Reverend John C. Bothwell, Bishop of Niagara, at St. George's Church hall, 60 Guelph St., Georgetown at four evening sessions on April 4, 5, 6, and 7. On these successive evenings personal identity, credibility of beliefs, community and religion will be the principal topics. The public is invited to participate.

Each session will begin with a sing-along to the accompaniment of accordionist Robert Gracey from Hornby. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as well as to listen. Light refreshments will be served each evening and there will be a book stall on personal and community problems. The hall will be decorated for the occasion with 20 hand-made ecclesiastical banners loaned by the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

The program which begins at 8 p.m. has been planned by a committee composed of Mrs. Lor Bradley (Hornby), Mrs. Lois Turkosz (Acton), Doug Bryant and Gord Graham (Glen Williams), and Mrs. Barb Abrey, Peter Morris and the Rev'd R. Gallagher (Georgetown).

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