

### Horrifying holiday . . .

(Continued from Page 1) days in the sun, and it turned cold.

Still not deterred, they enjoyed themselves as best they could. On the ride back, the four were sitting in the back of a pick-up truck when suddenly the truck swerved, almost sending them into an oncoming car. They looked ahead to see a large rock on the road, which had been thrown from the cliffs on either side of the road. A man stood at the top and laughed, enjoying his joke.

Raymond says he will never go back to Jamaica. He regrets not listening to the people who told him not to go to Kingston, but to stick to the tourist area. However, the only way he and his friends could afford it was to stay at the cousin's, so it was either Kingston or nothing.

He also says next time he will listen to his instincts. He had told his mother and girlfriend before going that something was going to happen, but he forced himself to stick with his plans. However, after his two week nightmare, he was sure the plane was going to crash before he landed in Toronto.

The police have not notified him whether the boy who allegedly shot him has been charged. Raymond said he has been told the boy's father has been charged with negligence because the son was too young to have a rifle in his possession.

The boy who shot him, Raymond said, thought the travellers were prowlers, and was defending his property. Both Raymond and his mother are sceptical, however. "You don't shoot a prowler with a scope on your rifle," Mrs. Marshall said. Raymond says they were standing on the road, far away from the boy's property.

Raymond is also very disappointed in the action taken by the Jamaican Consul in Toronto, the Ontario Ombudsman's office, and various other organizations he has contacted since returning home. He explained that he feels he should not have to pay for

his medical bills while in Jamaica, nor doctor bills since returning home. He is going into the hospital next week to have the bullet removed, on the insistence of his doctor, and a surgeon. OHIP pays 80 per cent of the medical costs and Raymond feels someone should be paying the rest. His wallet contained a lot of money as well as important papers, all of which will have to be re-acquired, at cost.

The Ombudsman said the only way to gain restitution is to travel back to Jamaica and hire a native lawyer, at a beginning cost of \$500. The costs of this alone are more than what he could possibly receive in a law suit, so Raymond turned up the loser. International laws make it too difficult for him to get back his possessions.

In the meantime, during the rioting, several Toronto and area residents holidaying in Montego Bay and other resort areas, telephoned their travel agent and Toronto radio stations to let them know they were alright and the rioting did not affect the tourist area. They asked these people to spread the word not to be discouraged to visit the island.

Raymond's shooting was not the result of over-zealous rioters, he stressed. Even being in the middle of all the stress, it did not affect him much. It heightened his fears perhaps, he says, but his group did not see any actual violence.

The scenery was beautiful, and the weather nice, but in addition to a tan, Raymond brought back one lead souvenir he would rather not have acquired. He won't go back, he says, but thinks his friends probably will.

Tourism is Jamaica's top industry, and now that the rioting is over and the country back at peace with itself, trade is getting back to normal. Most of those returning from the sunny south have nothing to report other than sunshine and a tan. Raymond on the other hand, has a lot more to tell.

## Farewell service for Rev. McKenzie

by Kay Dills  
A "friend and chaplain to the whole town," Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie bid farewell to his congregation at Knox Sunday morning. The minister for over 22 years, he is moving to the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in Perth.

Presentations and speeches followed the morning service, and then well over 300 gathered at the Legion hall for dinner together. The church was filled for Mr. McKenzie's farewell service. His address consisted of "remembrances, observations, insights and encouragements gained from a ministry of 22 years and five months" and Mr. McKenzie entitled it "Now it can be told!"

Mac Sprowl was chairman for the presentations. He presented a gift of money in a wallet, with matching key case, while Margaret Toth and Helen Otterbein unveiled a painting of the church. Choir member Nancy Allan presented a corsage to Mrs. McKenzie, who is a choir member, and Helen Otterbein presented her with a large bouquet of flowers. Other church groups had previously given her gifts.

Rev. Chuck Beaton made presentations on behalf of Trinity United Church and the Acton Ministerial Association.



Rev. Andrew McKenzie

He termed Mr. McKenzie the dean of the town clergy, a friend and chaplain to the whole town. He looked after the large group of fringe Christians, and gave his support to the whole Christian community. "He was also the shepherd of our congregation from time to time. . . Trinity considers him a friend and unofficial minister."

Mrs. McKenzie spoke to the congregation, recalling amusingly their arrival and the growth of the family. "Thanks for lovingly accepting all the family," she concluded.

At the Legion hall, after dinner, almost all spoke a few words of appreciation and best wishes for the future to the departing couple.

Glenn Findlay was chairman for the informal program. Wilma Coles spoke on behalf of the women of the church and William Near on behalf of the men. Rev. Peter Barrow of Limehouse Presbyterian church, whose ladies were catering, also added amusing remarks.

Mr. McKenzie pointed out to his congregation that Sunday's sermon was his 2,900th sermon. His first sermon in Acton in September 1956 was number 1,338. He started into the pastoral ministry in 1947.

He recalled milestones of the years including the roof repairs, The Dr. A.C. Stewart hall and the Mary Ellen Anderson room, and the addition in 1971.

Women elders and ministers were approved in 1966; Knox already has seen Donna Riseborough enter the ministry and Janet Allan is within two years of her goal. Former members Lloyd Clifton Sr. and Lloyd Clifton Jr. are clergymen now.

Term eldership was a boon to the church as well.

### Booth barred from meeting

Councillor Roy Booth told Halton Hills council he had been prevented from sitting in on a meeting where town staff were discussing an agreement with developers, and contended in the past any member of council had been allowed to listen. He demanded to know if the policy had changed,

and said he would like to know what department heads are saying that cannot be heard by councillors.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said the staff was trying to work out an agreement that would be brought to council anyway. He said the Clerk Administrator had no right to tell Booth he could not sit in.

Pomeroy asked why he brought up the subject at this time when he could have called him and settled the matter internally. Booth said he did call the mayor and stated, "Do you want to hear the tape, I tape all my conversations now."

Councillor Mike Armstrong commented, "Let's finish with this children's hour," and no more was said.



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### Hazen Allen . . .

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"From Now On" which is a Senior Citizens' program on Channel 5 at 9 a.m. Monday to Friday.

Transportation convenor R. L. Davidson announced a concert at Kitchener auditorium on March 24th. This was received with enthusiasm.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of a faithful member, Mrs. M. Spear.

Guest Charles Perry showed slides of Japan,

where he visited in 1970. These were very interesting and showed many Japanese life styles. The commentary was delightful.

It was voted to send affiliation fee of \$15. Birthday greetings were sung to Mrs. Van Fleet.

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### '78 permits up \$6 million over '77

The value of Halton Hills building permits issued in 1978 topped the '77 total by nearly \$6 million, but the number of permits dropped from 475 to 452, in '78. The total value last year was \$16,086,877 compared to \$10,339,464 in 1977.

The number of single family homes built last year was down to 75, 10 less than the previous year. This drop reflects a four year trend, with 320 homes built in 1974, 230 in 1975, 92 in 1976 and 85 in 1977.

Inspector Doug Sargent, in his report, attributes the decline to a dwindling supply of lots and changing economic conditions.

In contrast, apartment and townhouse permits, boosted by the last minute permit for 209 units in the McNally apartments, Georgetown, and the senior citizens apartments in Acton, reached 377 units last year, as opposed to 95 in 1977. However, 89 of the 377 units represent the River Run, development in Georgetown where work is at a standstill.

With a possibly unintended pun, the report said the drop of 25 swimming pool permits this year, may reflect a

saturation point in swimming pools in town.

While only one more new commercial permit was issued in 1978 than in 1977, the value jumped dramatically due to the new shopping plaza by Gordon Alcott arena, Georgetown, valued at \$1,200,000. Other substantial permits were Frank Vetere's, at \$130,000 and Mr. Donut at \$58,000, both in Georgetown. The total value of new commercial permits last year was \$1,399,000, compared to only \$137,000 the previous year.

Commercial alterations also went up in '78, with some of the larger permits being an \$125,000 addition to Georgetown Racquet Club, the \$110,000 reconstruction of the Dills building, now Acton Mews, and an \$80,000 permit for renovation to the Dominion Hotel, Acton.

Only one new industrial permit was issued last year, and that was for a storage building in Acton, while the previous year, 1977, eight new industrial

permits totalled \$1,385,000.

Industrial additions jumped from a value of \$78,256 in 1977, to \$988,300 in 1978, with the addition to Varian Associates, the Pro Masonry industrial mall on Sinclair, the rebuilding of the burned out Bookdale plant, additions to H. and H. Furniture and Caledon Laboratories, accounting for the Georgetown permits.

In Acton an addition to Superior Glove Works at \$60,000 and Vacform Plastics at \$40,000 made up the industrial additions.

### The Mug re-opens

The Mug re-opened on Saturday evening in the Y to the sounds of disco. Mug organizers have announced their new image for 1979. They are planning to feature a variety of music nights, in an effort to please different types of audiences.

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