

Clergy Comment

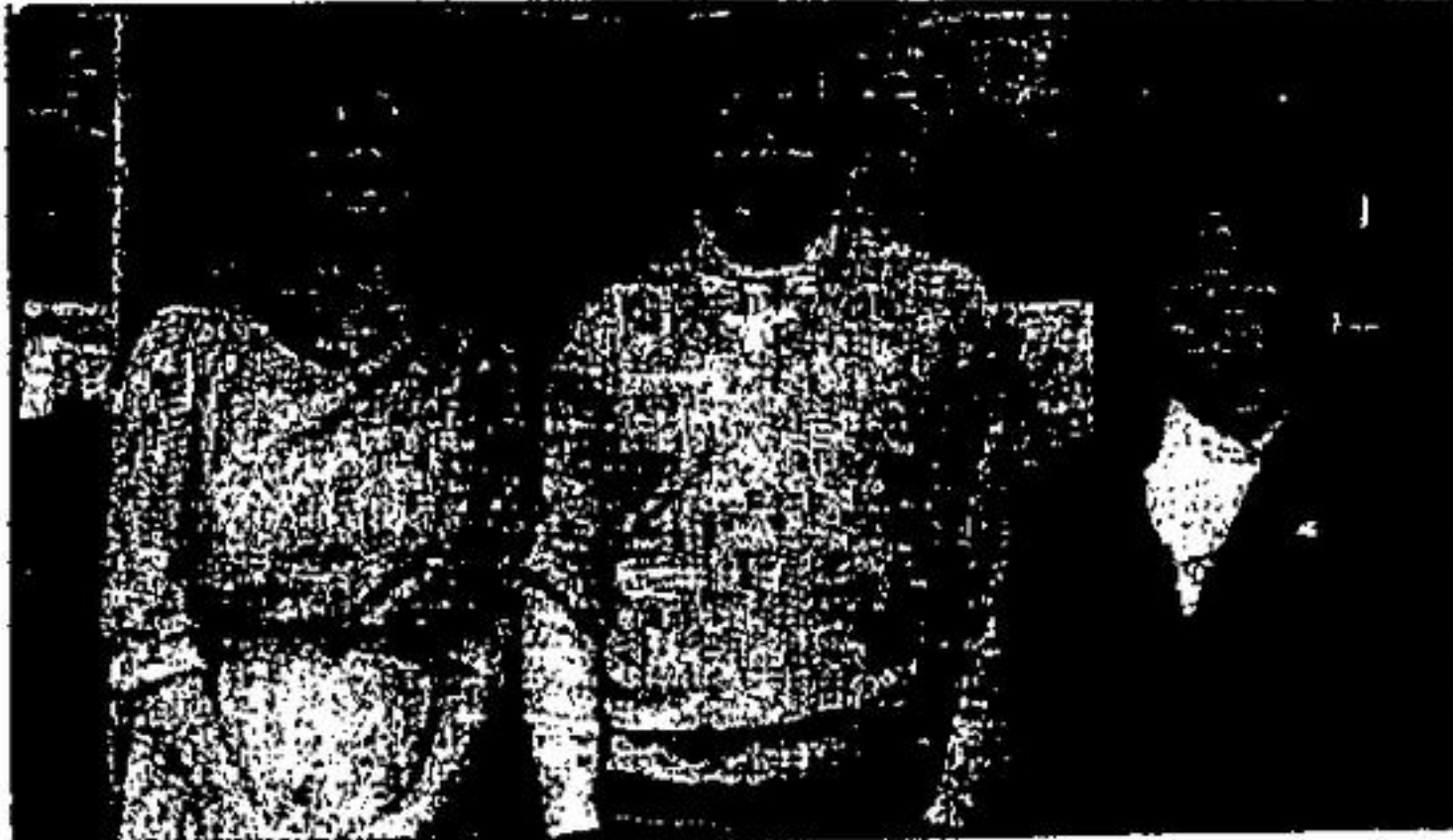
by Pastor John Cooper

The new church year begins this week, each church year begins with celebration. Christians celebrate Christ's coming. Christ came "in the fullness of time," that means when the time was right. After 400 years of quiet, God broke the silence. In former centuries God had spoken through His servants, the prophets. The word prophet implies to speak on behalf of one, before or in front of others. Prophets addressed God's people for Him. Some interpret "before" to mean prior in time, so prophets spoke exclusively about the future. Actually, they were God's mouth pieces addressing His people of His dealing with them in the past, present, and future. The message was and is essentially the same. I, the Lord, do not change. That is, I re-

main faithful to you even though you are not faithful to me. So now that you have left me for another, I want you to know that when you admit your sin and guilt, I will forgive your sin, and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. How earnestly the Lord pleads with the wayward through the prophet Isaiah: Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. In this year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty two, we celebrate the love of God, our Father, to us in Jesus Christ. Again Christians the world over rejoice in the birth of Jesus who is and whose name means the Lord saves. "You shall call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins."

And this Jesus who died in our place and rose again the victor over sin and death, having ascended into heaven, will come again. Yes, again the reference to come or coming. Our Saviour is with us, His body, the Church, through all these many generations in the Holy Spirit who lives in us. He is busy adding to the church daily those who are being saved. When the full number is gathered in He "will come again to receive us unto Himself." He will make "a new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells."

In the original creation it was possible to be separated from God. Since man's rebellion against God it is impossible for man to make himself good, establish a sinless society, make a world of peace. In the new earth it is not possible for sin and death to corrupt us and our eternal life of joy and peace with our Father through Jesus Christ, and by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Here follows a prayer from The Book of Common Prayer for the first week of Advent referring to Christ's first and second coming: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armor of light, new in the time of this mortal life, in which you Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, new and forever more. Amen.



Standing outside H-H Video at 20 Mill Street are Dayna George, sales lady, Randy Humenicki owner and Connie Youmans sales lady.

Have night out at home thanks to video store

H and H Video at 20 Mill Street in Acton offers over 1700 movies and owner Randy Humenicki feels that renting movies is a cheaper and more enjoyable form of entertainment. Randy also operates a store in Georgetown.

Randy felt that since there were people from Acton driving to Georgetown to pick up movies it would be a good time to open a store here in Acton.

The VCR (Video Cassette Recorder) comes in two types of systems, the VHS and Beta, which can be bought or rented. H and H Video sells Sanyo and Akai machines and they also rent RCA and Quasar. Intellivision

and Atari games can also be rented. Machines can be rented by the week for \$20 and play top movies like Star Wars, Tron, Annie, Victor Victoria and Fire Fox. The movies come in different categories, drama, science fiction, children's comedy, musicals, and adult.

Connie Youmans and Dayna George from Acton are the salesladies



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WHEREAS, the annual observance of this historical event, which we call Christmas, has been and is adhered to by many peoples of virtually all walks of life and without regard to race, creed or colour, and

WHEREAS, in 1949 a movement originated in this country to encourage people everywhere to return to the observance of Christmas the solemn, spiritual significance it was meant to portray - the Birthday of Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, that seed which was planted has continued to grow and has spread throughout Canada and to other parts of the world

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim the period beginning with December 1 and extending through December 25, as a special period of preparation for the observance of CHRISTMAS AS CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY. I further ask all men of good will to join in observing Christmas as a special time of rejoicing and to include in their prayers a special petition that Peace on Earth may find its full realization.

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