

# Clergy Comment

by Rev. C. Hodgson

Here are some thoughts to think of as we enter 1984 and take inventory of our lives.

1. Have I been pure?
2. Is there anyone I cannot forgive?
3. Am I faithful to the services of my church? Can I be counted on?
4. Can I see another's point of view and make allowances if they lack qualities like courtesy, fairness, kindness.
5. Is there anything in my life I would not be willing to give up?
6. Am I appreciative? Do I show it to my loved ones?
7. Do I argue and insist on my own way?
8. Do I waste time? My own and others?
9. Am I afraid of doing more than necessary... in duties, service, love and going the second mile?
10. Am I doing things I condemn in others?
11. Am I given to faultfinding?
12. Does my life manifest the Love of God as described in 1 Cor 13:4-8.

If I do not line up with God's Word, perhaps it is me that needs to change and not others.



Acton's swans are enjoying their own exclusive pool these days after this area of water was fenced off by Town workers. A compressor is being used part of each day to bubble the water and prevent a freeze over. A permanent compressor to keep the swans water open the rest of this winter and presumably in future winters has been ordered from the U.S.

# Police beat

Police report a car was stolen from the municipal parking lot behind the Sit'n Bull Restaurant New Year's Eve while the owner was inside. The car was recovered by police later on in a snow bank on Main St. South. About \$150 in clothes and a red vinyl suitcase were stolen from the vehicle.

A five foot long pine bench with a roll style back was stolen from the porch at a Willow St. home sometime New Year's Eve. The bench was valued at \$150.

An 18-year-old male of no fixed address was arrested in Georgetown during the early morning of January 2. He has been charged with break, enter and theft and possession of stolen property in connection with break-ins in Halton Hills. He is in custody in the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre awaiting a bail hearing.

Police were called to a domestic disturbance on December 27 at a home on Highway 25, south of Acton. There were no injuries, damages or charges.

Police estimate \$250 damage to a car parked on Main St. December 28. Someone damaged the windshield and the side passenger window sometime between 8.30 and 10 p.m.

A domestic dispute last week on Willow St. was settled quietly after one of the parties agreed to leave, police report. There were no injuries.

Two brothers had to be separated from fighting in front of the Mill St. police station last week. One of the men suffered a cut lip.

# Hit and run

A car owned by Samuel Armstrong of 200 Churchill Rd. South was struck while it was parked in a lot on Churchill Rd. About \$150 damage resulted and the driver of the other vehicle left the scene, say police.

# On the Leavell

With Helen



Acton Citizens' Band members would like to boast they are the oldest continuing community band in Ontario, however, they want more evidence before they make that claim to fame.

While bandmembers believe their early founders formed in 1872, they have no concrete evidence to go by. Now, with Ontario celebrating its Bicentennial in 1984, the members want to toot their own horn a bit.

Anyone with any photos, new tidbits, or memories of the band over the years is asked to call Tracey Tyler at 853-0304. Founding information is valuable, but she also wants anything which might help them trace their history throughout the years.

La Leche League of Acton is beginning its next series of meetings Monday evening at 8 p.m.

The League, a non profit, non-sectarian organization, is an information and discussion group for mothers to share information on breastfeeding. The League offers a series of four monthly meetings, each with a different topic. The first meeting of the series is on "The

Advantages of Breastfeeding." Discussions include the latest medical as well as personal experiences. Access to a lending library of books on childbirth, pregnancy, nutrition, breastfeeding and childcare is available.

The meetings in this current series will be held at Trinity United Church, Mill St., Acton on the second Monday of the month, January 9, February 13, March 12 and April 9 at 8 p.m.

For further information on the meetings or for questions on breastfeeding call Marilyn Cox, 878-4803 or Sharon Duff, 856-9935.

# Train hits car

A Rockwood man escaped injury when his car was struck by a train on Harris St., just outside of that village at 12.05 p.m., December 31.

Guelph OPP say Alfred C. Berry, 59, of RR 1 Rockwood, was alone in his car, and was southbound on Harris St., when he stopped his vehicle at the train tracks, 1.1 km. outside the village.

Police say Berry said the sun was in his eyes and he saw the train coming. He put his car in reverse and was backing up when he was struck by the CNR VIA Rail passenger train.

There was about \$1,200 to Berry's car, and no damage to the train.

# Icy road causes crash

Maurice Staley, 50, of Lot 31, Concession 1, Esquesing Township, was driving along Highway 7 last Wednesday when his car slid on an icy patch and hit a guard rail, report regional police. About \$1,600 damage was done to the car, but there were no injuries.

# Dominion hotel trial

# Still awaiting appeals of their convictions

Two Acton men, found guilty in April 1982 of murder and manslaughter will have to wait until at least the new year before their appeals can be heard in the Ontario Supreme Court.

Cosimo Mercuri was found guilty of second degree murder last year in the fiery death of Howard Gibbons in the spectacular blaze which levelled the century old Dominion Hotel in August, 1979. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with no possibility of parole for 10 years. He has been awaiting his appeal at the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre.

Co-accused Mike McCristall was found guilty of manslaughter in the same trial and sentenced to two years less a day at the Ontario Correctional Institute in Brampton. He has been out on bail since his application for an appeal shortly after the sensational six week trial.

A third accused in the case, Leonard Cripps, was acquitted by the jury halfway through the trial.

A tentative date of December 20 had been set for the appeal to be heard at Osgoode

Hall, Toronto. Arthur Maloney's office is handling the Mercuri case and Greenspan / Arnup the McCristall appeal.

Rory Cornale of Maloney's office explained it will now be January at the earliest before the appeal is heard, which was confirmed by Greenspan's office.

The Ontario Court of Appeal can either order a new trial, confirm the convictions or enter acquittals on behalf of the accused.

During the original trial, the Crown brought in a professional arsonist who testified Mercuri had once attempted to hire him to burn the Main St. Hotel down. Accountants were also called who revealed the hotel was in financial difficulty in the months leading up to the fire. A former girlfriend of Mercuri's was also put on the stand and told the court Mercuri mentioned the safety of the hotel's inhabitants should it catch on fire.

Firefighters' testimony showed there was more than one fire burning at one time, and the Ontario Fire Marshal's office said one of the fires started in McCristall's room.

# Sales are up

# Winter catches us off-guard

For the first time in two years, old man winter has finally hit, catching Actonians, for the most part, unprepared.

Last year's mild winter spoiled everyone, and helped a lot of people put off purchases of items such as winter coats, snowblowers, etc. This year, people are just trying to get caught up on their wardrobes and car necessities.

Larry Greaves, of Stedman's says he has done a bumper crop business in hats, toques, scarves and winter boots.

Canadian Tire manager Eric Sellers says last year he hardly sold any shovels, but this year he has had to reorder more already. He can't keep enough salt on the shelves, but he didn't sell any at all last year. Car heaters and block heaters have also been popular in the past few weeks and windshield washer fluid and anti-freeze "are really doing well." As usual, "people waited until the snow came" to prepare for winter.

Snowblower sales have been slow, however, Sellers has noticed. Last year, quite a few were sold, but hardly used. This year he feels people are waiting to see how bad a winter it is going to be before they invest the money.

Sheepskin coats, about the warmest you can buy, are selling rapidly at the Hide House, says manager Steve Dawkins. People have been spoiled the last few winters, but have realized they will need the warmer apparel this year, he says.

Acton Home Hardware is having a difficult time keeping up with the demand for shovels and salt. While snowblowers are not selling, the small electric shovels are popular, says staffer Wally Ella.

Nielsen's Clothing keeps selling out of long

underwear, says owner Paul Nielsen. Already he has sold five times more than last year.

And of course, the weather has created a run on cold remedies at at least one local pharmacy.

Bill Yundt of Acton Pharmacy says this is the season of the cold, while at the same time last year it was the flu. He has noticed a marked increase in the sale of anti-bodies, and symptom relieving medications. There are a lot of colds and runny noses in town right now, he has noticed.

Gary Barton of Glenlea Drug Mart has noticed while the cold is going around, it is not as bad as it could be considering the weather. Overall prescription sales are down, he said.

Most people feel after last winter, Mother nature is going to deal one heck of a blow this year. The Boy Scout motto seems to be the best—"Be Prepared."



Helen Jocke pulled the winning Acton tickets Saturday. Olive and Allan Eilerby won the grand prize, London Show trip, or a week in Puerto Rico (\$1,000 cash may also be taken). Al Watts of Georgetown won \$200, Dave and Sue Sale, Acton, took home \$100 and Sandy McKenzie, Georgetown won \$50.

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