Newspapers carry many stories of different people announcing the end of the world. Herald writer Gordon Green asks local clergy what they think is going to happen to the world, and if the world is indeed in its Last Days. This is what they said.

Could the world come to an abrupt end tomorrow? A world man has strived thousands of years to create, a world where countless wars have been fought in the name of freedom,

annihalated in the spur of a moment. According to many Georgetownians, the answer is yes, and they are preparing for it, and actually anticipate the end happily. The secret, according to the believers, is in one of the oldest and best-selling books the world has ever known-The Bible. Pastor David Phillips, who leads a small congregation in Georgetown, is very emphatic about telling others what he knows, and it shows in his flock.

He does not talk about his personal feelings of the End, but everything he does say is backed up by a scriptural passage from

the Bible he has on memory to 'convert' the non-believer. "Everything happening today was prophecied in the Bible as signs of the End Times," he says flipping through the underlined passages in his obviously well-used book.

"First I want to remind you that in the last days there will come scoffers who will do every wrong they can think of, and laugh at the truth. They will be saying so Jesus promised to come back, did he? Then where is he?"

Pastor Phillips says the world now laughs at the believers of Jesus, and especially those who believe the world will come to an end when He comes back.

"We see more of this today than ever before, like the new morality where people will do anything," he points out to show how the Biblical passage identifies the End Times as being here.



MRS. CHERYL GARRETT (left) and Mrs. Eva Wiltshire, stand on this corner every Tuesday and Friday to let local residents know the world is quickly

coming to an end, and that there is hope for Salvation. Mrs. Wiltshire is a full-time minister for the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

RUMORS OF WAR

Another prophecy, he warns, tells that the world will hear many rumors of wars in the Last Days. "You hear of the possibility of another war every day. Wars all over the world are on the brink of becoming a possibility. Look at the recent Middle East battles. They involved major nations such as the United States, Russia, and China."

Another prophecy which had to be fulfilled before the end arrives is that the Gospel would be preached to every tribe and people in the world, according to Pastor Phillips. "This has now been accomplished. There is not one country it the world who has not seen or heard the Word from the Bible.

"And they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorcerles, nor of their immorality nor of their thefts." (Rev. 9.21)

Another fullfillment, another sign that we are in the Last Days."

One of the words in this passage is important to Pastor Phillips. and this is the word sorceries. It comes from the Greek word pharmakela which is the word from which the English word. pharmacy, is derived. It means a kind of occult worship of black magic associated with the use of drugs.

"Drug addiction today is so great that governments are spending millions of dollars to try and correct and insoluble problem. It was all prophecied in the Bible."

Before the world ends in its present form, Pastor Phillips feels believers will be taken away by Jesus, and those who are nonbelievers will see friends, and relatives disappear before their

"The Bible scriptures tell us there will be a falling away, and I believe this means the Rapture, or a time when Jesus will rescue his followers from the horrors to come in this world before the The End will centre around Israel, he adds, and the rest of the

bombings, and this will be the centre from which Jesus will rule the world for a thousand years. Paul, one of the authors of books in the new testament, says in the End Times man will increase in knowledge greatly. Pastor Phillips points out the great advancements man has made in this century.

world will be left a holocaust. Israel will remain unscathed by the

NEVER LEARNED AS MUCH

"Man has never learned so much so fast as he has in the twentieth century. Communications is unbelievably fast, and we can even send a man to the moon. Another prophecy fulfilled to indicate why we say the world is coming to an end."

Pastor Phillips, who lives on Hewson Crescent, has been rector of Georgetown Alliance Church for the past five years, and says his congregation also believes the End is near, and he preaches it frequently.

He is married, and has two children. He does admit his wife is as good at picking out scriptural passages to indicate the end, but is so excited at having the chance to tell yet another person, he allows her little chance to say anything; not that she minds.

"Go your way Daniel, for the meaning of the words of prophecy is shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall travel about and knowledge shall increase. None of the wicked shall understand these words, but those who are wise in the last days understand." (God to Daniel, literal translation)

This passage sums up the feelings Pastor Phillips houses inside, and with a warning word, he says: "Be ready for the End." Rev. Harold Patzer, who has been preaching every Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Georgetown for three years, says he feels the end is drawing very near, but admits no man can pinpoint the actual date.

· Now is the time to do something about being prepared for the end, is the main point of his message, and he feels the signs present in today's world indicate the world is now in its last days. "The prophesies of the Bible show the conditions present today are the warning signals of the return of Christ," says Rev. Patzer

who feels everyone should ask themselves if they are ready to go to heaven if they die today. "We don't dwell on this as much as we possibly should in Church, but the purpose of the Church actually is to tell the world

about Jesus and warn them there will be an end to this world." Though there have been 'end of the world' predictions for centuries by different groups, Rev. Patzer believes this is the real thing. "Look at the people living in Noah's day," he asserts. "They laughed and continued with their drinking and merriment when told the world would be hit by a great flood.

"They all received their due punishment when the flood did come, and this is what will happen in the Second Coming. People won't be ready, and they will be punished."

You'd Better Be Ready Perhaps some would disagree with this interpretation, but personally, I think this is what the Bible means."



END IS NEAR-Pastor David Phillips, rector of Georgetown Alliance Church, points out passage

after passage to indicate the world is now in its Last Days.

Bible, Pastor Phillips says he can show anyone that the End is indeed near.

Using his favorite book, The

CONDITIONS NOW DIFFERENT

What will happen before the End does arrive? Plenty, says Pastor Friesen. "The Bible prophecies famines, earthquakes and many wars. But we in our Church believe all Christians will be removed from earth by Jesus before the End does come."

He said the way his Church interprets the scriptures indicates that Jesus will come in the clouds calling all Christians, dead or alive, to his side. Then, the rest of the world will be left for the worst period in the history of mankind. As pessimistic as it may sound, Pastor Friesen said Christians

anticipate the end of time with great joy, and are actually working towards being ready for it. "Unfortunately," he ponders, "most of the world will not be ready for the End, and they will be the ones who suffer. It will be

just like it was in Noah's day, except the world is quite a bit different now."

One prophesy he reasons could show we are in the Last Days, is a Bible statement that in the end times man would wander in the

"This could be interpreted as our space travellers of today.

In spite of the many scoffers, Pastor Friesen says he can rest

easy, assured of being ready when the 'end does arrive.' Probably the most frequently seen and heard believers of an end to the world are the Jehovah's Witnesses. Most Georgetown residents at one time or another have probably run into such

persons in the downtown area. Mrs. Cheryl Garrett, RR 1, Georgetown, and Mrs. Eva Wiltshire, of Erin, spend their Tuesday and Friday mornings on the corner of Mill and Main Streets warning everyone the end is near. and that they too can be saved.

FAMINES TO COME

Rev. Patzer added the conditions of the world now are different than they have ever been in the history of all mankind. "The disciples believed Jesus would come back in their lifetime. Others have thought the same, but the way the world is now is new, and different than ever before."

Rev. Patzer feels no man will know that the end has arrived until it actually does, and says this is stated in the Bible. "God does not tell us too much, but he has given us things to watch for so we will know when the last days have arrived,

Nobody, not even Jesus Christ himself, knows the exact time or hour that the end will come." Because the end times are near does not mean one should sell all possessions, "God does not want us to stop. This means we

must work harder to tell the world so that Salvation can be complete before Jesus does come back to earth." Be prepared, warns Rev. Patzer, for all those who are not will

he punished. Pastor E. J. Friesen, who has been at Georgetown Pentecostal Church since September, says he feels the End could come at any

time, and the key is to be ready for it when it happens. "The signs of the End Times are mentioned some 380 times in the Bible," explained Pastor Friesen who says most of his congregation think along the same lines.

"From what has been happening in the world recently, the stage has been set for the Return of Jesus Christ, and I think it could happen at any time, although no man can actually state exactly when it will occur."

PREACH ON THE STREET

Mrs. Wiltshire is in the full time ministry, but Mrs. Garrett does spend a great deal of time 'spreading the good news' even though she is only considered a part time worker. They say the main purpose of standing on the corner is to distribute their magazines 'Awake' so everyone can have a chance to read one. "The Biblical prophecies of the Last Times are like reading your daily newspaper today," says Mrs. Wiltshire. "It is obvious we are now in the last times of this system of world."

The Jehovah congregation believe the Last Times officially got off to a start in 1914 at which time there was a war in the heavens between the angels and satan.

Now it is just a matter of time until the final war is held and the wicked of the world are destroyed, says Mrs. Garrett. "God will remove the source of the world's wickedness, leaving His Kingdom which will bring peace forever."

Although the two ladies aren't sure when the end will come, they are certain it will occur soon. "Jesus tells us in the Bible that the generation who sees his second presence, which was in 1914, will see the end of time.

"Because of this, we know it will come soon."

While most faiths are saying the end is near, they won't venture a prediction as to when it will occur. However, the Children of God, a faith based in London, England, say the end will occur most likely Jan. 21, 1974: They believe the comet, Kahoutek, now visible in the sky as a bright dot, will wreak destruction on all mankind unless he

repents his sins, at which time God will relent the destruction. Moses David, leader of the group, says the world has 40 days notice, or else. It all began, he adds, on Nov. 11 when the world cried for peace which signaled the beginning of destruction.

When the comet passes, warns David, men shall gnaw their tongues for pain for the travail that shall come upon them when

the Lord shall arise to shake terribly the earth. He also warns Americans they only have until January to get

out of the country to avoid some kind of major catastrophy scheduled to destroy the entire land area. In spite of his pessimistic claims of destruction to claim earth before February, he continues to ask for donations.

"You have 40 days," he warns: "It's later than you think."

So it seems there are a lot of people waiting for the end to come, and a lot more who are laughing it up. Who is right? Time will

Snow Brings The Tire Rush

Last week saw the first major they were stuck snowfall of the season in this try to get out." area, and the annual snowtire

Local tire dealers reported motorists were frantic to get snowtires put on their cars shortly after the snow started falling and it became evident it was going to stay.

Jim Hancock, manager at Canadian Tire on Guelph Street, said the crowds started arriving about noon. The snow started about 10.30 a.m. "By 1 p.m. we were booked solid for the whole day, and we even had to stay open late to get everyone done. "The same thing happens

every year. Nobody thinks of buying their tires until there is snow all over the place." Mr. Hancock said the rest of

his store was swamped by shoppers trying to get snow boots, ice scrapers, and suits for snowmobiling.

GREAT RUSH

Peter Gingras, manager at Georgetown Tire Supply, said he experienced a great rush from about 1 p.m. on, and said it lasted for about three days. "Many motorists had to wait until Friday, for their pay cheques, so our rush on

came a little late for us, but at least it came. "I don't understand why, but most motorists seem to wait until there is snow up to their hubcaps before they think of buying the proper tires for their

Mr. Gingras also recommended that persons needing summer tires should buy them now rather than waiting for next spring. "The price of tires may jump as much as 30 per

cent by next spring," he stated. "There is a great shortage of them because they are made with oil. It takes almost 70 pounds of oil to make one tire, so I would think the prices will really jump, and tires for some cars won't even be available."

Later in the evening on Thursday, the first calls for help started coming into local towing service stations.

"It wasn't too bad until supportime." said Dave Sharpe, manager of Rexway Service, on Guelph Street. "But then we had a lot of calls from motorists stuck on county. backroads wanting to get towed

"Even the day after the snowfall we had quite a few calls from those who hadn't driven Thursday, and found

they were stuck when they did Bouwman, Dell

Road, said he had to tow in seven or eight large transport trailer trucks.

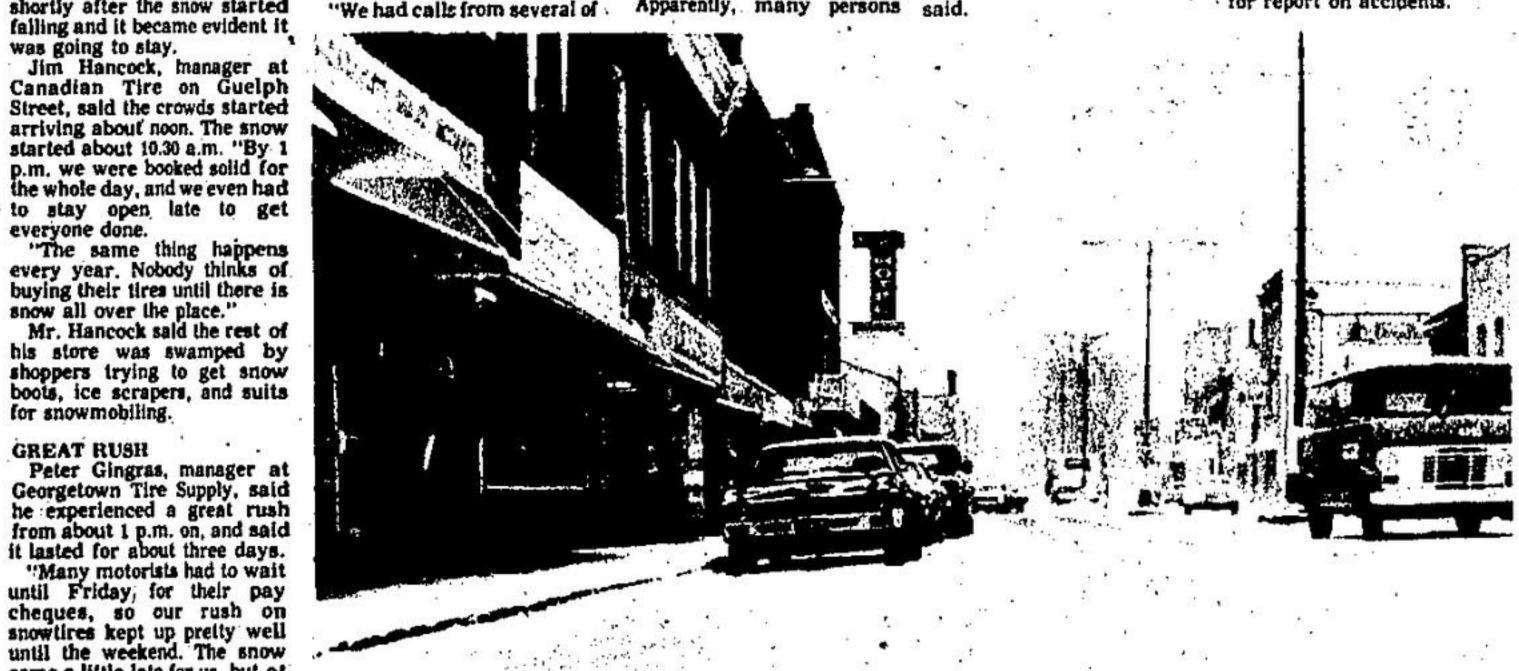
these truckdrivers who had lost control on the icy roads and jackknifed into a ditch or Bouwman's Service on Todd something. But we didn't get any calls from car owners.

COLD FEET Apparently, many persons

noticed the snow was a little cold on feet, reported Ben sold about twice as many winter boots as we normally would after the snowfall," he

"We usually expect a run on winter stock as soon as we get Poverelli, manager of Kinney the first big snowfall, but this Shoes, on Guelph Street. "We was a little better than I had

See "Police Blotter" inside family joins in. for report on accidents.



LAST WEEK saw the first snowfall in Georgetown and area this winter. Above, Main Street

was quickly covered with the white stuff causing cards to skid sideways, and securing

many in their parking spots for lack of snowtires. Many local tire dealers reported a

great influx of motorists seeking proper tires to fight

Pool Ready To Plunge, Water's Fine

The Lions Club Centennial figure is subject to change. The and according to a club past tenders are all open. president, the water's fine.

said that tenders have been according to Mr. Gordon. called and will be announced. probably later this week. The money at this time of the year," actual work on the pool to be he explained. the year.

A final boost for the project project. The money is in adpledged by the town.

The council grants still leave memberships to the pool. the club with \$174,000 to raise through public subscription.

swimming pool is almost ready Lion's won't know for sure until to plunge off the drawing board sometime this week when

The large scale public drive Art. Gordon, an original the Llons are planning will not proponent of the Lions project get underway until February, "People just don't have the

As well, he said the club District High school should get wants to have something to underway at the beginning of show the public before it seeks

out their donations. When the organization does was provided last week by the begin looking for public funds it Acton council who authoized a hopes to do so in a big way. Mr. \$40,000 grant to go towards the Gordon said not yet finalized plans call for a downtown office campaign to sell first year arena.

the planning of the pool may be The estimated cost of the obtained under provincial project is \$239,000 but that community centers act. The Acton high school.

money has been applied for by the town but clerk treasurer Grant Usher has warned the grant may not be made. "We won't necessarily get

is given on a first come, first serve basis." The \$40,000 already offered by the town will come from the sale of eight town owned lots

it," he explained. "The money

adjoining the cemetery. local developer, is to be planned to accompany the pool. I couldn't stand working in an finalized Dec. 27, just in time As well the extras added as office, and what else can a for the town to handle the planning progressed have woman do today unless she money and turn it over to the expanded the pool size to full Lions. The total sale is for olympic scale. That demands a \$55,000. The remaining \$15,000 length of 25 metres. will be directed towards indition to \$25,000 already to promote the project and a sulation of the roof of the Acton

> Mr. Gordon said some work property under an agreement An additional \$15,000 to cover has already begun on the by which students enjoy full project in the form of soil tests acess during school hours, 'At conducted last week at the other times however, the pool

When work does begin in earnest on the project it will be considerably more ambitious than even the Lions originally anticipated.

The project will be constructed on school board

"Right before Christmas it is unbelievable with orders will be open to the public.

Family Joins Pat's Thing

When Pat Clemons of Acton does something, her whole Last year, she opened a small

craft shop in town, and her family helps supply her with the unusual, and original, Items she sells. "They all love doing things with their hands, and they bring their stuff to me," says Pat, who moved to Acton last October with a craft shop in

"My father does beautiful decoupage, my aunt does paintings, and my brother collects old and unusual bottles for me to sell. My mother used to make preserves for my shop, but I cover that end of it now." And the man who will be Pat's father-in-law in less than two weeks also does paintings for her, which will round off her

flance's side of the family. The name of her shop, The Anonymous Benefactor, is probably as unusual, and original as the merchandise she has displayed. "I get more. comments about that name. People always remember it because it is so different."

There were many reasons for

Pat's coming to Acton to open business, and they weren't

because the market is found here. She likes the small town quiet she finds in Acton. "It is such a nice town, not like big cities where traffic and smog are unbearable, yet it is close enough to Toronto to go there once in a while, just to get

away from the country," she The goods in her shop are mainly local products, and she has found many artistic persons living in Acton and surrounding areas who keep her supplied with candles. brooches, and other crafts.

"When we first started crafts about four years ago talking about it, it just wasn't when I began experimenting the same project," said Mr. with candles," she says. " Gordon." It was shallower, it liked it and gradually worked was shorter, and it didn't have into other areas such as

"I first became interested in

"Having a shop in my home The deal, being made with a Two sauna baths have been like this is the best thing for me. goes to university." This time of the year is the

> coming in all the time. But actually, I couldn't survive if it wasn't for the Christmas rush." There is, however, one area in the field of crafts, that

busiest, and she says after

Christmas is like a vacation,



PAT CLEMONS, of Acton. explains candle-making to a Dutch visitor, Mieke Douma, of The Hague, in the

Netherlands. Pat's shop, The Anonymous Benefactor on Wilbur Street, is a family

disgusts Pat. These are the craft kits, which many toy companies are releasing onto the market in a flood this

(Herald Photos) affair with many members having their work displayed

on the shelves of her store.

preciates the original.

"What possible creativity is terrible! I wish people would there in following a one, two, just buy supplies from a store three approach, to making and do their own thing." candles that anyone else can This is why Pat carries a lot make with the same kit. It's of 'one only' items. She ap-

Zellers Report Sales Up

Zeller's Limited reports a period of 1972. sales increase for the nine The 1973 expansion program,

Net income for the nine total gross store area. months to October, 1973 was. The company's nine-month \$4,762,248 which was equal after results reflect the weaker sales

18.8 per cent and net income up 11 suburban department stores and enlargement of two Sales were \$192,597,045 to the existing successful large strong response from the end of the Company's third stores, was completed on fiscal quarter which schedule at the end of October. represented an increase in The 1974 new store program is volume of \$27,702,249 over the expected to add approximately comparable period last year. 12 per cent to the company's

of preferred trend experienced during the dividends, to 37 cents per third quarter in the family common share compared to apparel and accessory \$4,583,995 or 35 cents a share departments, partially caused earned in the corresponding by unseasonable weather and

merchandise delivery problems arising out of stopmonths ending October 1973 of which included the opening of page in railway service. As an offset the company's home and hard lines continue to find a consumer. Net income has not increased in line with sales gain because of the rising costs of doing business, particularly the higher interest rates on the company's increased shortterm borrowings, as well as an increase in the corporate income tax rate.

> "Boz" was the nickname of the author Charles Dickens. . .