

Rev. Barrow notes a social problem

What did you say? Communications gap?

Everyday, every hour and every minute, we communicate. Yet we tend to neglect or ignore these communications. The old saying, 'Goes in one ear and out the other' didn't originate as a compliment but as an insult. Everyone slips into bad habits. Such as standing face to face with a friend, looking directly at the person yet having to resort to something like, 'Pardon, I didn't hear that' or 'Sorry, I wasn't listening.'

These communication gaps were topics covered by Reverend Peter Barrow, minister of Knox Presbyterian Church and Georgetown's Citizen of the Year, in a recent talk with women at the 'Y' day-workshop entitled 'The Art of Communications.'

"When you listen you do not pick up everything by any means. Our concentration span is not very long and we never concentrate at all times. But we do manage to pick up a few things which were said," commented Rev. Barrow.

He explained his observations of 'feedback' from any audience he speaks to. "When people start to fidget and look up at the ceiling, counting the number of bolts in the rafters, then I know I am not getting through."

This feedback is split into two categories: positive and negative. Positive feedback is when someone violently disagrees with what was said and states a direct question or controversial statement. On the other hand negative feedback is more of a sensed

reaction, better known as 'body language.' A speaker realizes by the fidgeting, yawning, whispering, constant coughing and extensive rustling, that his audience is suffering from flickering concentration, thus not absorbing much of what is being said.

Communication threads through a cycle consisting of: the communication itself, the channel used, the receiver and the feedback. It's exactly the same process talking to a crowd of one hundred people as having a quiet chat with your husband in the living room.

However concentration neglect is only of the barriers which prevent people from complete comprehension and attention.

The greatest barrier of communications, he said, is the use of language. The word 'cut' for example has at least six different meanings and interpretations. Because of the numerous translations of words, "our language falls into all kinds of traps," said Rev. Barrow.

To illustrate an example Rev. Barrow related a true story which once happened to him when using a word improperly.

"I was paying a visit to a home and as I was leaving I said, 'This is a very pleasant, homely house you have.' There was a look of shock and horror on the owners' faces. At that time I didn't realize the difference between homely and homely."

Another serious problem he

related, is "people tend to hear only what they want to hear."

Rev. Barrow then talked about a most common and frequent aggravation a mother faces. Mother, 'Come wash the pots.' Child, 'I can't hear you.'

Mother, 'I said, come wash the pots.' Child, 'I'll be there in a minute.'

Fifteen minutes later the mother enters the kitchen and finds that the pots are not done. Mother, 'Why didn't you wash the pots?' Child, 'I didn't hear you tell me to wash the pots.'

Rev. Barrow pointed out that "Kids are great for that, however, the 'old man' often acts the same way."

"Another block in communication is fear and anxiety," stated Rev. Barrow. "If I said that I'll be talking for another two hours, the wheels in your mind would automatically begin to frantically churn. You immediately become anxious. You start to worry about the kids coming home from school, the supper that has to be cooked or the roast that is already in the oven. From there on you don't hear a word I say."

"All you think about is that roast in the oven which is getting browner and browner and browner and that the kids won't smell a thing until the kitchen is full of smoke."

In closing Rev. Barrow explained what he feels is one of the most important "words of wisdom" he shares with newlyweds.

"I explain that they have to learn not only to be lovers but to be friends as well. They look at me as if I'm daft. But eventually they will find that communication is one of the most necessary elements of a marriage. If they start to communicate now, by the time the children are grown up and lead independent lives, they will then know they have a life-long companion beside them."



COMMUNICATIONS was the topic under discussion at the women's 'Y' workshop held last week. Guest speaker for the afternoon was Rev. Peter Barrow, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Today's Day Care Day in Halton. The Association for Early Childhood Education has officially designated today (Wednesday) as a day for all citizens to see what is going on in nursery schools and day care centres in the area. Most centres in Halton will be opening their doors to any interested parents or citizens throughout the day to watch actual classes.

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Parks and Campsites are among our greatest natural attractions.

This is what Ontario is doing to expand and protect them.



Ferris Provincial Park, situated one mile south of Campbellford on County Road 31, has been expanded by adding 87 campsites, comfort stations, and boat launch ramp for access to the Trent River System. Regular fees apply.

Bronte Creek Provincial Park, at the Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway 25, midway between Toronto and Hamilton, will be open without charge this year for day-use and picnicking. Among its special features are a children's farm and nature hikes.

Quimet Canyon Provincial Park, near Dorion on Highway 27 about 35 miles east of Thunder Bay, provides walking trails along the canyon's edge to give visitors a spectacular view of the "Grand Canyon of Ontario." No admission charge.

Additional campsites are under construction at several existing provincial parks—Algonquin, Bon Echo, Killbear, Fairbank, Remi Lake and Ivanhoe.

If you would like more information about Ontario provincial parks or campsites, or a map showing their locations, write to:

Ontario Parks Division,
Ministry of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3
Ministry of Natural Resources
Leo Bernier, Minister

The Ontario Government has a firm policy of establishing and maintaining provincial parks and campsites.

This year, for example, four new provincial parks and over 600 new campsites are being developed for the enjoyment and recreation of Ontario residents—bringing the total number of operating parks to 120 and campsites to 21,000.

The new parks are:
Silent Lake Provincial Park, 1860 acres situated 13 miles north of Apsley on Highway 28.

85 campsites are available, but no motor boats will be allowed. Regular fees apply.



Government of Ontario

William Davis, Premier



THE SCARF LADY Patricia Patterson, demonstrates a turban made from a scarf on Pat Wood.

The old scarf lives again

After frantically searching for that extra touch to complement your outfit, you finally decide to resort to the old reliable accessory, the scarf. However once tied, under the neck, with a knot the size of a golf ball supporting your neck, discomfort and aggravation take over. Before the day is through the scarf has been tugged off the neck and angrily stuffed into a purse, or at pressing moments, the garbage cans.

However, at a recent scarf and pin show held by the Georgetown Hospital Auxiliary at St. Alban's Hall in Glen Williams, the audience discovered the solution to this tiring problem.

Sponsored by Patricia Patterson, originator of 'Love that Style' scarf pins, women learned that, with a bit of imagination and creativity, a scarf can become a most valuable piece of clothing.

Patricia (along with her cousin) designed and patented a pin that, is the substitute of a knot. Not only are these pins—

which come in gold and silver—convenient and handy but decorative as well.

Using her faithful travelling companion and comforting friend Gigi, Patricia illustrated how one scarf can be used in at least five or six different fashions. (By the way Gigi is a gorgeous young lady with hair of dark grey with silver streaks. Before it is forgotten, Gigi is a dummy!) Patricia does about three of these displays a day but only for charitable organizations. Scarves, pins and other pieces of jewelry are sold with a large part of the profits going to the organization holding the show.

Patricia originated the clip ten years ago and has been kept frantically busy since. (Perhaps that is the secret of her youthful appearance.) She proudly admitted to be 69 which shocked everyone.

Otherwise known as the 'scarf lady' Patricia has won three trophies for original creations with scarves.

These models don't just look good

There's more to making plastic models than following the directions in the box. With a small amount of imagination and a little more time you can create a very individual piece

\$61,317

contract for Varian

From The Ottawa Bureau Of The Herald

OTTAWA—Two federal contracts worth \$61,317 have been awarded to Varian Associates Ltd. of Georgetown to provide the transport and defence departments with electron tubes, the department of supply and services announced last Monday.

They were among 353 unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more that were awarded by the department to Canadian companies during the week ended May 2. Total value of the contracts amounted to \$39,871,153.

of work that puts the cover of the box to shame.

Creating these plastic miniatures can be an absorbing hobby and highly rewarding art form when properly done. Jim Montgomery has spent more time than he cares to remember creating models, and beginning June 4 he will start a series of programs in the Junior Library to show other interested would-be model makers how to turn out showpiece specimens.

The programs are designed

Library looking for 12 puppeteers

The Georgetown Junior Library is looking for 12 very special young people between the ages of 12 and 15 for a summer puppet theatre.

Applicants for membership in the troupe should demonstrate some talent for, and interest in, developing theatrical and crafts skills. The group will meet twice a week and, after some initial workshops to demonstrate the

various types of puppets, plays and production techniques, they will create and perform their own plays.

An excursion to Toronto Public Library's Marguerite Bagshaw Puppet Theatre is planned and other related trips may be possible.

Interested summer puppeteers should drop by the Junior Library to fill out an application form.

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