

# Learning the Law of Love

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"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love." (Gal. 5:6) "Since God is love and His plan is that in Jesus Christ His love be shared calling men to mutual love, it follows that to respond freely and perfectly to God and His plan is nothing other than to enter a life which, in the observance of commandments, is ruled by love.

In other words, it is the same as embracing and translating into one's life as a new commandment, the law of love. Man is therefore called to embrace in faith a life of love toward God and other men. In this is his greatest responsibility and highest moral dignity. Learning the specific requirements of love in daily life is not a simple matter. One can, under the guise of love, rationalize almost every form of wrong-doing. Many have in past times as well as in today's "Age of Aquarius" used the name "love" to describe their own selfishness, greed, or laziness. "Love, and do as you will," is not a formula for license. It is, as it was meant to be, a formula for personal responsibility, with all the courage, creativity, compassion, generosity, realism, imagination and discipline that responsibility requires. There is actually no more

challenging task in life than learning to love genuinely. Love's demands are not learned chiefly from textbooks — old or new. Love is learned by living with people who are struggling to love. Love is learned by actually working at loving, by responding to people, needs, values and opportunities. Love can only be learned by loving. In the process a person may make mistakes, but there is no other way to learn to love than by trying it.

Within a Christian group of people trying to live responsibly, loving lives, individuals can help each other learn from experience and from the tradition of Christian moral teaching. This is the role of religious education, to enable Christians to assist one another in interpreting their experiences, discovering their mistakes, sharing personal experiences and insights, exploiting together the imperatives of legitimate laws and authorities, the life and teaching of Jesus and His followers, the tradition of the Church.

St. Paul assures us that only the loving man or woman is able to "judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect" (Rom. 12:2). God's will — what is really important in human life — can be deeply appreciated and responded to only by a person who struggles to keep his mind and heart open to God and others. "My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding

and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct, you may learn to value the things that really matter." (Phil. 1:9-10).

## Union Church 142 years old

142ND ANNIVERSARY. Reverend Alex Calder, once minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, was the guest speaker at the 142nd anniversary of Union Presbyterian Church in Glen Williams. Rev. Calder is now at the St. Paul's Church in Peterborough.

GOING TO CHURCH IN STYLE. Keith Leslie and his family travelled in his Model T Ford to church last Sunday to help mark the occasion of the 142nd anniversary of the Union Presbyterian Church in Glen Williams.



## Mayor the first one in the Terra Cotta pool?

Over 4,000 people showed up at Terra Cotta Conservation Area over the long weekend to find there was no place to swim. The large pool that had served the conservation area since its beginning is in the process of being replaced by a new, asphalt-based, swimming pool.

The new facility will be about the same size as the former pool, according to Credit Valley Conservation Authority information officer, Joan Rollings. "With the asphalt bottom and slides there will be little turbidity and the pool can be kept perfectly clean." Cost for the project will

exceed \$180,000 for the pool and the associated filtering system necessary to process and chlorinate the 700,000 gallons of water the new structure will hold.

July has been set for the opening of the new pool, with construction progressing right on schedule.

"We hope Mayor Hill will be the first one in, since he is the chairman for the parks committee of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority," added Mrs. Rollings.

## Silver Creek studied by students

Seven students will be carrying out an ecological study of the Silver Creek Conservation Area this summer as part of Program 26, formerly called Project

SWEEP (students Working on Environmental Enhancement Projects). While the name may be new the purpose of Project 26 is still the same as SWEEP's: undertaking work projects that do not fall under the responsibilities of the full-time staff of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Twenty-eight high school and university students will be employed by Program 26 for 10 to 18 weeks to carry out a number of projects. They will be divided into four work crews one of which will be a technical crew carrying out the Silver Creek study.

The other crews will tackle other projects such as a general clean-up of the Silver Creek area, and the Library Creek in Acton as well as roadside clean-ups in all municipalities within the Credit Valley watershed.

## Dogs attack stock

Packs of wild dogs have been taking their toll of livestock in the RR4 area of Acton. Two residents of that area will be reimbursed by the town for the loss of six goats and lambs killed this spring by roaming packs of dogs.

to compensate for four goats killed recently by wild dogs. Two lambs, valued at \$70 owned by Mrs. Russell Perry, have also fallen victims to the dogs.

Commenting upon the losses Councillor Dick Howitt noted that the number of claims filed this spring has dropped considerably over the past year.

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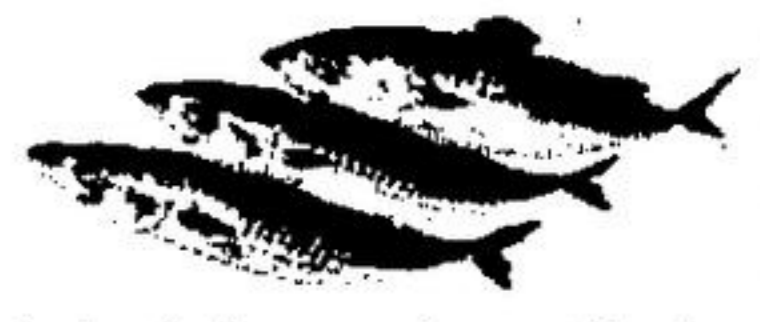
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