

## New minister at Mountainview Baptist

The congregation of Mountainview Baptist Church have welcomed pastor Tom Brelsford as their new minister. Prior to accepting the Georgetown charge he served the communities of Mounstberg and Westover while studying at McMaster Divinity College.

"Today," explained Rev. Brelsford, "so many do not even see the church as a possibility in their lives, but this is eventually because they have never been confronted with Jesus Christ Himself as a real person, concerned for their needs and able to solve their everyday problems."

"These people desperately need the Christian message, and it is our chief work, as a church, to get it to them."

Having given his life to Christ shortly after leaving high school, he decided to enroll in the Toronto Bible College—now Ontario Bible College—and to further his education, later enrolled in the English and Philosophy program at McMaster University where he graduated with honors.

A seven-year career as a high school teacher followed with the most recent position being with the Toronto District Christian High School in Woodbridge where he was introduced to a number of Georgetown students.

"It was at the close of these years that I began to think seriously about full-time service in the ministry and entered upon study at McMaster Divinity College."

On June 17 of this year he was ordained and he and his wife, Joanne, and their 11-month-old daughter, Eve, look forward to not only serving their church but, through the church, to giving fuller service to the Georgetown community.

Mrs. Brelsford holds an M.A. degree in English from McMaster and was a former library assistant and newspaper reporter before becoming a mother.

Rev. Brelsford has written his first edition of Clergy Comments for today's paper and feels that "in a day when many have turned away from the Church in disillusionment, there is still a greater urgency and need for proclaiming the scriptures."

### Clergy Comments

# Oneness

By Rev. Thomas Brelsford  
Mountainview Baptist Church  
"ONE-NESS"

One of the great truths of our human experience is contained in the very first encounter of man with God in the Garden of Eden. Having disobeyed God's commandment, Adam and Eve first "knew that they were naked" and then "hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God." (Gen. 3:8) Here are the two basic results of sin in the lives of all human beings: separation from each other, (symbolized by the protective covering of clothes) and separation from God.

Certainly twentieth century literature is no stranger to the theme of separation or alienation. The heroes of Camus, Sartre, Kafka, Hemingway and Salinger, to name only a few, are frequently unable to communicate with others. Their punishment is to suffer and die in isolation. These characters are not simply literary phenomena. They reflect a growing paralysis, inflicted on most of Western society, which prevents man from relating to neighbors, friends and even family.

Even sadder is our willing acceptance of this impersonal, indifferent, isolationist life-style. How often, for example, do you experience deep communication with family, and friends? How often do you sense a relationship of joy and oneness with your neighbors? How many of your conversations and contacts in life, on the other hand, centre around small talk, insignificant details, things that never lead you into a deeper knowledge of the other person?

Perhaps the high-rise apartment is no accidental symbol of our twentieth century way of life, for it represents a number of separate lives, each divided from the other, each totally anonymous and independent, each able to exist without so much as a word to a neighbor down the hall. This experience of separation from fellow human beings is more intense in the twentieth century than in any of the last fifteen hundred. This is because man has lost the common ground of belief which has held together Christian society for centuries, and has returned to the relativism of the days of the Judges when "each man did what was right in his own eyes". (Jud. 17:6) In other words, each person has developed his own standards of right and wrong, his own attitudes toward life, his own goals.

We have all experienced in our relationships this deep sense of being cut off from others—from wife, husband, children, parents, friends—and it is because we are often all going in a different direction. There is no adhesive, as it were, to hold together our varying lives and experiences. Housewives often feel plagued, for example, by a routine of washing, ironing, shopping, etc., which they feel unable to share with a husband whose life is a continual round of meetings, business deals, and office work. Or the teenager feels his parents are too busy to hear of his problems in math or his latest girlfriend.

For every human being, from Adam to the twentieth century, the plight is the same—every man is caught in a self-centred search for his own personal fulfillment, and it is this very search which separates him from other human beings.

Thank God that there is a way out of the maze. It is to people caught in such a hopeless situation that Jesus Christ came to offer complete liberation, and His liberation, bought by His own death on Calvary's cross, will free the individual from his own self-seeking way of life, his ugly habits, selfishness and anxieties.

By enduring complete separation from His own Father on the cross, Jesus—God in the flesh—gave us the opportunity to return to Him, to undo the separation begun in the Garden of Eden and to experience oneness with other Christians: "That they all may be one, as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may be one in us." (Jn. 17:21) Jesus offers this eternal sense of peace, joy and oneness with Him and with others, to all who come to Him.

## Report on new town hall site expected from committee soon

A report on the need for a new municipal complex for Halton Hills is likely to be presented to council within one month. Councillor Ern Hyde, a member of council's special building committee which is investigating the necessity and possible location of the new municipal complex, reported to council last week that the committee has already held two meetings with

department heads and is waiting for a third before presenting its preliminary findings. The special building committee, which provided the impetus and organization behind the construction of the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, is investigating not only a new town hall but also possible methods of shifting of various town departments from their present locations to others.

One such shift that has been mentioned in earlier meetings would move the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service from its James Street building to the fire department's Chapel Street building. The fire department, in turn, would be moved to the works department's Maple Avenue facilities and the works department to expanded facilities adjacent to the new municipal

complex. The GVAS is presently seeking much needed enlarged facilities. Mayor Tom Hill suggested that a member of the GVAS executive sit on the special building committee in order to add their input, to which committee chairman, Mike Armstrong, noted that they have already been in touch with the ambulance service regarding the new building.

## Committee set for town arms

A special committee to consider Halton Hills Municipal Arms has been set up by town council. The three members of the committee are Mayor Tom Hill, Councillor Ern Hyde (who has been instrumental in the development of our coat of arms) and Dorothy Stone, a well known, local heraldic expert.

Council's decision to set up the committee followed an in camera meeting two weeks ago with Miss Stone at which she presented a report titled "Consideration of the Municipal Arms."

## Wolves kill two sheep

For the second time in as many months a wolf—or wolves—has attacked and killed sheep in Halton Hills. Claire Wilson, livestock valuator for the town, has reported that it has been conclusively proven that two sheep owned by Russell Perry, RR4 Acton, were killed by wolves recently.

The town will pay Mr. Perry \$90 as compensation for the loss of the sheep.

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NOT REALLY THE TYPICAL HOUSEWIFE Melton and Christine Fudge entertained the but anything to raise some money for MD visitors. Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Cowl and Paul Cowl won prizes at the carnival held at the Melton's 105 Moore Park Crescent. Laura

## Georgetown fills second truck

# On their way to help Vietnamese

Determined to give as much aid as possible, Pastor Peter Ralph of the Georgetown Alliance Church, his wife, Sharon, and four young people left for Montreal early Monday morning, all in aid of the Viet Nam Heartbeat project.

Linda Neave of RR1 Cheltenham, Lori Lacklin and her brother Lionel of RR3 Milton, members of the Georgetown Alliance Church and Keith Robson of 56 Rexway Dr., a member of the Mountainview Baptist Church, were the four young people who accompanied the Pastor and his wife on the trip.

The six volunteers will be staying in an unused church in Montreal where all the donations for the project are being stored. The volunteers will be sorting and distributing the articles to the over 4,000 Vietnamese refugees who are presently located in Montreal.

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that he will be working with many of the refugees in Montreal giving information and extending any help possible in trying to establish a new life for them.

Shortly after the first truckload of donation was sent to Montreal the Georgetown Alliance Church was ready to

send another truckload. Wes Palmer drove their second load of donations to Montreal this past week.

So, the volunteers will not only be sorting donations from all across Ontario but will also be sorting and packaging the donations from Georgetown and the surrounding area.

Pastor Ralph is amazed with the co-operation the community has given. He explained that many of the donations were sent from people outside of the Georgetown Alliance congregation.

Pastor Ralph, with much delight related a sincere and

heart-warming experience which resulted from the Heartbeat project.

A woman in his congregation contacted her sister in Guelph, explaining their project.

Within a matter of days some women in Guelph had collected 30 cartons of clothing and toys.

Pastor Ralph, in his enthusiasm stated, "when I say boxes I mean that these were about three feet high. It's hard to say in words how thankful I am to everyone who has helped."

Pastor Ralph, Sharon, Linda, Lori, Lionel and Keith will be in Montreal for about one week.

## Town water into Peel

The Georgetown watermain system may be extended into Peel in order to service five Norval homeowners who live on the Peel side of the regional dividing line.

The region of Peel's public works committee last week decided to request Halton to extend its Norval water scheme a further 1,100 feet into Peel to service abutting property owners.

If approved the consumers in Peel would then be billed and serviced by Halton.

The extension, according to Peel's public works commissioner, William Anderson, would effect five property owners in Peel all of whom have endorsed the watermain extension project.

Peel will also request the ministry of the environment to approve and fund the work in Peel on the same basis as the proposed work in Halton.

## Carnegie course completed

Congratulations. Dale Carnegie Course graduates have just completed the first course of its kind ever held in Halton Hills. Sponsored by the Herald the course has been running throughout the summer under the direction of class instructor John Crosby.

Next date on the graduates' calendar, is of course, commencement night next month.

Those members who made the first Dale Carnegie course in the Georgetown area so successful include: Allan Warbeck, Betty Wagstaffe, Russ Robertson, Wendy Reid, Ronald Reid Ken Reid, Craig Reid, Ernest Pearce, Allison Murton.

David Murray, Howard Murphy, Steinar Moy, Sergia Zappas, Frank Veterichek,

William Trimble, John Middebro, R. McPherson, Denise McCann, David Martin, David Livingston, George Kipp, Gerald Jones, Maria Hegedus, Wila Gray, Maurice Granger, M. L. Taylor, Ken Sidebottom,

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