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NOMINATIONS

FOR THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED TILL DEC. 31, 1977.

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You can't win them all

By Rev. PETER RALPH
Georgetown Alliance Church

I'm just recovering from an overdose of turkey and mince pie, and while I'm at it, I'd like to purge my system of a little false guilt. For some time now, a mini-Serouge has been telling me that I really shouldn't enjoy Christmas for three reasons.

One: He says I shouldn't enjoy Christmas because it's originally a pagan ritual. It comes from the Egyptian and Roman celebration of the "Unconquered Sun." Early Christians merely changed "Sun" to "Son" so that it refers to Christ.

Too bad Serouge. History is full of examples of Christ transforming pagan culture. The pagan origin of Christmas, now Christianized, only adds to my delight in December 25. Jesus came to transform.

Two: He says I shouldn't enjoy Christmas because it's exploited for commercial gain. Serouge seems to think that prosperity, expressed in buying or selling or giving is the worst of sins. Actually what the world needs is not less prosperity, but much more responsible use of it. That too is Christmas, and if Serouge would take time to look, he'd see a lot more people giving broadly in the spirit of God, the Christ-giver, of whom it was said "He has filled the hungry with good things" (Luke 1:53).

Three: Serouge says I shouldn't really enjoy Christmas because it's a "three-day gone-tomorrow" sentimental sham. Serouge almost says on this one. Sad but true, a lot of kisses under mistletoe are for appearances, expressed between strangers, married by paper, who had long before ceased to love. Many expensive gifts were given to

buy another year of secrecy, of the kind of privacy that mutes a person into one's life, then keeps him always close to the door, and never shows him through the chambers of the soul.

But Christmas is God coming to be with men in precisely that kind of intimacy. "Emmanuel" means "God with us", finally, once and for all. God is no longer hidden. "The tabernacle (holy abode) of God is with men," not just in terms of time and space but of the heart. Christ's death and resurrection remove the barriers from before me towards God

Himself. When I repent and believe in Christ, my heart is changed, renewed.

Yes Christmas is one day a year. So is my wedding anniversary. But I love my wife all year long so that anniversary means something. And I CAN love because the God of love has come to me in Christ to enable me to love beyond myself. And I'm glad to celebrate another year-long reality in a one-day festivity, Christmas!

Sorry Serouge!
Peter Ralph
Georgetown Alliance Church
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Witnesses assemble

Jehovah's Witnesses in the Georgetown-Erin area will begin their new year attending the semi-annual circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Norval.

John Tezak, presiding minister of the Witnesses in Georgetown-Erin expects up to 1,500 delegates from surrounding communities to attend the two-day meeting.

Bible discourses and skits based on the assembly theme, "Endure Through Close Association" will provide

practical instruction on matters of community and family life.

Mr. Tezak comments, "At this time of the year we hear expressions of peace, goodwill and love. Our assemblies help to demonstrate these qualities throughout the year."

The convention will climax with the public talk on Jan. 1, "Maintain Your Confidence Firm to the End".

The meetings are open to the public. No collections are taken.

Actonians seek reply for review study

The Actonians for Action Committee which last month received an unfavorable reply to its petition to the province calling for a review of regional government's effect on their community has asked Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough to reconsider his decision.

They claim that Mr. McKeough's decision "disregards entirely the wishes of 'The Acton People'", and note that if the review is not undertaken before 1979 "the system, coupled with any intrinsic defects and short comings, may become irreversibly entrenched."

They say it is imperative that "viable alternatives be considered before their implementation is either impractical or impossible."

Reject mill increase

Regional council has rejected as premature a proposal for a one mill tax levy to raise funds for implementing the operation of a resource recovery plant by 1980.

The levy would generate about \$600,000 if applied to the area municipalities. Burlington Coun. Tom Sutherland said such a move would be too early since final costs of the plant not yet calculated, no market now exists for a refuse derived fuel it would produce, and the level of provincial subsidy for the plant-total cost somewhere around \$50 million-has yet to be negotiated.

TV Popular
Based on current statistics, there are about 364 million television sets in the world, compared with 360 million telephones and 300 million automobiles and trucks.

Council rejects inquiries for dog kills

Halton Hills council has rejected the notion of hauling before a court of inquiry suspected owners of dogs which kill livestock.

The decision was made on a 6-5 vote.

Council has the authority to subpoena persons before it and obtain an oath to determine the owner of a dog which has attacked livestock for which the town reimburses the farmer and a livestock evaluator.

But a letter from the town solicitors Monday points out that council's decision has no binding effect on a Court. The point of the procedure, however, is to allow the town to recover some of the monies paid to reimburse the farmer.

Councillor C.F. (Pat) Patterson and George Malby were in favor on a tough line on

the issue to show farmers the town's support.

Coun. Patterson said Wilton Newman, provincial minister of agriculture, has charged councils to be more active on controlling predators.

If a dog gets into a purebred sheep pen and kills about 15 sheep, it could cost the taxpayer \$15,000, Coun. Patterson said.

The killing by dogs of livestock has been treated too lightly by council, Mr. Malby said.

"But going to court will show the farmer we are willing to stand up and show our concern," he said. Doing so would encourage council to pursue better methods of dog licensing and prevent farmers from going out armed and start shooting at something, "maybe a dog, maybe something else."

Coun. Malby added that farmers can be compensated only for "market value" of the livestock killed and not "nuisance value". If farmers were compensated for the latter, costs could double in a year, he indicated.

Coun. Mike Armstrong is not in favor of the court of inquiry by council. "We are just wasting our time because it would end up in a court of law (where the town findings are not binding)," he said. And, "we can't set ourselves up as judges and jury."

Coun. Peter Pomroy foresees a time when there will be subsequent hearings and civil actions if the town approves of having courts of inquiry as a means of recovering money. "But the lawyer says it doesn't hold water in court," he said.

"It's foolish to have an inquiry," said Coun. Walter Bieha. Voting opposed to the motion were: Councillors Les Duby, Roy Booth, Peter Morris, Peter Pomroy, Mike Armstrong and Marilyn Serjanian. In favor were councillors: C.F. (Pat) Patterson, G. (Pat) McKenzie, Walter Bieha, George Malby and Mayor Tom Hill.

Later that evening, council approved payments totalling \$430 for livestock killed by dogs.

Judge sought for appeal

The Halton Police Commission will ask the Chief Judge of Ontario to assign an outside county court judge to hear the appeal of Sergeant Jason Field against a conviction of using excessive force.

Sgt. Field's lawyer, John Greenwood, sought the appeal on the grounds that Police Chief Ken Skerrett, who heard the case, was biased.

Chief Skerrett found Sgt. Field guilty of using unnecessary force during the arrest of Gary Sparling, 20, of Acton, on May 27 and sentenced him to be demoted from sergeant to first-class constable.

Mr. Greenwood urged the commission to obtain a transcript of the evidence presented at the hearing and the comments made by the chief, and following that, he asked that the commission refuse to approve the conviction on the grounds that the chief "was not unbiased."

Commission chairman William Hourigan informed Mr. Greenwood that because some members of the commission had prior knowledge of the incident before the hearing of the chief, "in all probability the board will be seeking to have the case heard by a county court judge."

Judge William Warrender appeared visibly disturbed by Mr. Greenwood's charges of

bias on the part of Chief Skerrett, and said repeatedly, "I resent that."

He told Mr. Greenwood he didn't think his opinion was "worth a hell of a lot". Mr. Greenwood responded "I don't think your opinion is worth a damn."

Judge Warrender is a former Ontario labor minister. He retired in 1962 and was later appointed a judge.

Sgt. Field's statement of appeal says the conviction was "against the evidence and against the weight of the evidence." The statement also says that the chief was anxious about the complaints by lawyers to the commission regarding police brutality.

The statement accuses Chief Skerrett of failing to provide for a fair hearing. Chief Skerrett is alleged to have admitted bias in his admission that "the complainant and his witness were lying with regard to relevant facts" and in his conclusion that he would convict "as they could not be lying all the time."

"The hearing proceeded on the apparent position that the onus was on the appellant to prove his innocence and not on the prosecution to prove guilt," the statement says. "By reason of the biased attitude of the chief, he should have disqualified himself from taking any part in the proceedings."

The statement questioned the legality of Chief Skerrett's hearing of the case, since the charge laid on Oct. 18 "purported to be a charge on a criminal offence and the chief has no jurisdiction" over criminal actions.

The charge was amended on Dec. 6 and the statement alleges that the changes constituted a new charge. If this is so, the charge falls outside the six-month limitation for the laying of such charges.

Gary Sparling testified at the hearing before Chief Skerrett that he was the driver in a high-speed car chase through Georgetown, during which he ran several red lights and stop signs. He and his companion abandoned the car and fled on foot. They were apprehended by Constable Gordon Turner and returned to the car.

Sparling testified at the hearing that Field ordered him out of the car, cursed at him and struck him twice in the head. Sparling's companion said his view of what was happening was obstructed and that although he was certain he had seen the assault, he did not know how he had seen it.

There have been a number of allegations of police brutality brought to the attention of the

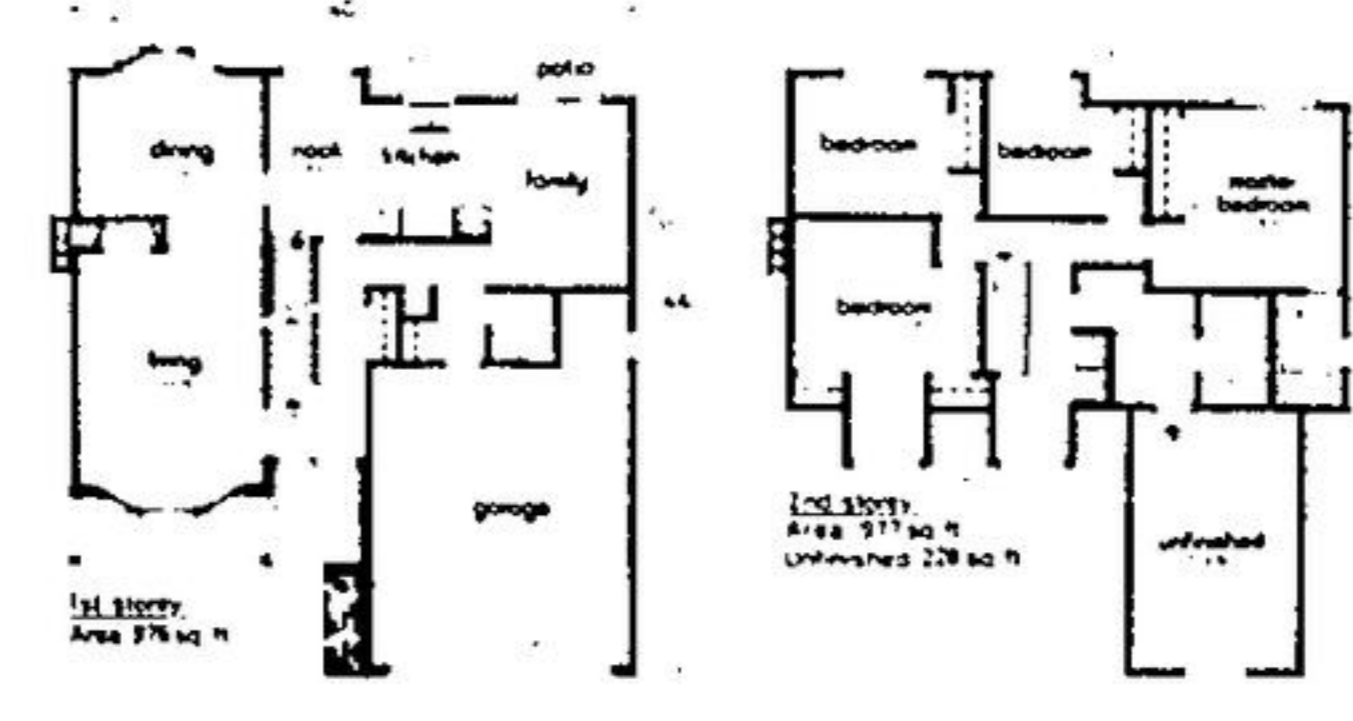
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