

CLERGY COMMENT

The missing lamps

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The story is told of a certain nobleman who decided to build a church to leave to his townspeople as a legacy. No one saw the complete plans until the church was finished. When the people gathered, they marvelled at its beauty and completeness. But then someone noticed "You have provided no lights. How will this church be lighted?" The nobleman pointed to some brackets on the walls. Then he gave to each person a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship. "Each time you are seated will be lighted," the nobleman said. "Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

denial of what the Church is all about. Granted, for those who are shut-in, the TV Church is a blessing. But Church is meant to be a communal affair, where we can gain and give support to one another and where we can bear each other's burdens and love each other. Think of the devastating effects of isolating a child from all contact with human society with not teaching and no discipline. Scientists have done that with monkeys, and the results are mental and social retardation. Apply the same principle to Christians and the implications are devastating.

Paul calls the Christian a member of the household of God (Eph. 2:19) as well as part of the body of Christ, the temple of God, and the bride of Christ. As part of the household, God is our Father, and our fellow believers are our brothers and sisters in Christ (II Cor. 6:18). That means that the Church should be a place where we can feel the warmth and security of an intimate

family grouping, that the congregation is a place where we are cared for and where we can care for others. We should be able to relax and feel comfortable. A family meets to feast and have fun, to open their hearts to each other. But a family is never complete when some members never come for meals. Then, it's just a "meeting place" not a home of love.

Only when the family is doing things together is its ties as a family strengthened. Coming into contact, as a family, with the one who has made us a family, with Jesus Christ, remembering the events that culminated in His Family being formed (His death and resurrection), we can be strengthened to do the things as a family that the Church ought to be doing.

The best indication that we understand the heart of the Christian message is in our regular participation in worship with the rest of God's family.
See you in Church.

Youths plead guilty on drug charges

Two Georgetown youths were remanded to March 8 for sentencing after pleading guilty to a charge of conspiracy to traffic in PCP (Phencyclidine) in Georgetown provincial court last week.

Michael Frank Battram, 17, and Brian Daniel Boyle, 18, both of Georgetown, were remanded to allow time for the preparation of a pre-sentence report.

A charge of conspiracy to import the drug was withdrawn by the crown.

Ernest Panbiano, 23, of Buffalo, also charged with conspiracy to traffic, failed to appear in court, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

After the youths had entered guilty pleas, OPP Constable Ronald Kirkpatrick described

a telephone conversation with Boyle in early August, in which Boyle said he would like to sell some drugs to raise money for a court appearance. He asked the Constable, who was acting as an undercover agent, if he was interested.

Constable Kirkpatrick agreed to meet with Boyle in front of the McGibbon Hotel on Main Street in Georgetown. Mr. Battram was with Mr. Boyle when they met. The three drove together to a camp on the Fifth Line, where the transaction was completed.

Boyle said if they continued to "deal" he would prefer to use American money, because he was importing the drugs from the United States, and his supplier wanted American money.

Two days after the original transaction, Constable Kirkpatrick again called Boyle, who said at that time he would like to sell the policeman an ounce. Boyle also offered a chance to buy out his (Boyle's) "connection" for \$1,000 and some of the Constable's "connection". Boyle said he was garage and called regional hashish oil.

Boyle suggested that he and the officer should meet with Boyle's "connection" in Buffalo took place in a parking lot in Fort Erie. The man appeared in his car. Constable Kirkpatrick went to the man's car and got in. A man showed him the drug, which had been concealed in his pants. The man said getting the drug into Canada had been simple, but if he had to cross back into the United States it would be "tricky".

Seek exemption

Halton Region will be asked by Halton Hills council to exempt The Old Glen Mill in Glen Williams from the retail Business Holiday Act which would allow the company to serve the tourist trade on holidays.

Halton Hills council decided Monday it would be better to apply to the region for each shop that is eligible rather than asking for "carte blanche."



WINTER SURVIVAL

Bill Garrard and son George, of Georgetown, stoke an outdoor fire at the Terra Colla Conservation Area Sunday during a demonstration on winter survival. Among the uses of the fire, apart from keeping warm, is its ability to cook food and game. Mr. Garrard took part in a winter roast by members of a Streetsville 4-H club which visited the park.

Banker explains comment

A bank official who questioned the accuracy of statements made by a credit agency manager in The Herald's recent feature on bankruptcy refutes the idea that paying off a bank loan ahead of schedule raises the interest rate on that loan.

Comparing a \$3,000 bank loan at 13.5 per cent over 36 months with a \$3,000 finance company loan at 21 per cent over 12 months is "like comparing apples and oranges," says the official who asked not to be identified.

To begin with, borrowers should realize that all loans are "top loaded" by the very fact that the amount of interest paid is determined by the amount of balance on which interest is owed. Thus the highest amount of interest will be paid while the highest amount of principal is owed, at the beginning of the term.

A \$3,000 loan to be paid off in one year would show an average balance of \$1,675 owing over the entire year while a similar loan spread over three years would show an average balance of \$2,611

owing in the first year. "The borrower has the use of almost \$1,000 more for that year," he says.

He does agree that there is often no advantage to paying off a loan early because the extra money spent on reducing the loan could be socked into an investment and gain interest itself which would help to pay off the interest charged on the loan.

"People tend to think that interest over a three year period will be divided into three equal amounts so they will save two-thirds of the interest by paying off a three year loan in one year," he says. "This isn't so but it is a natural sort of assumption

until you realize that interest is paid on the amount of outstanding balance."



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Reject solicitor fencing project

Halton Hills council has turned down a request that the solicitor investigate the legal implications of fencing developer Bruce McLaughlin's fencing project in Silver Creek ravine south of Georgetown.

Mayor Tom Hill said Money that Ernie Bodnar, vice-president for Ontario of Focal Properties Ltd. had called him to say the company is going to fence all their property.

The town is in a dispute with the developer over the development of 1,840 homes in the area.

Coun. Roy Booth said the developer's action surprised him in light of the goodwill Mr. McLaughlin is seeking in Georgetown from citizens. The fences will destroy the esthetic values in the ravine and has

caused a hardship for residents of Noble Court.

Coun. Booth who as chairman of planning board once threw Mr. McLaughlin out of a meeting, urged that the police should charge the developer if they set foot on town owned land while the fence is being built.

The town should find out the developer's intent and asked the lawyer to investigate the legal implications of the fence.

But councillors could not be argued into spending the money for a report from the solicitor.

"We have fence viewers to look at it," Mayor Hill said. "We don't need lawyers." Besides, the mayor added, "there's nothing better to make good neighbors than a good fence."

Contract awarded

OTTAWA - Varian Associates Ltd. in Georgetown has won more than \$53,000 in federal government supply contracts, the department of supply and services has announced.

The company has agreed to provide the communications department with \$41,533 worth of electronic measuring and testing equipment and the defence department with \$11,861 worth of electron tubes.

Firm changes owners

Barber Industries, a Georgetown silk screen printing firm has a new owner.

Three months ago Andy Malenfant, took over the business which Bob Barber began in the spring of 1947 and will operate it under the name of The Sign Shoppe. Although he will continue to work from the business address which Mr. Barber used, he will also operate from home, he says.

Mr. Barber says most of his customers were real estate brokers from all over Ontario but Mr. Malenfant will also be doing custom sign lettering and all types of art work including designing business cards and lay outs.

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