

## CLERGY COMMENT

## Speaking out on abortion

By Dr. JOHN M. DRICKAMER

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January is a month to think about abortion. Last month, we celebrated the human birth in history of God the Son, born of the Virgin Mary. Late this month, we must remember the grisly anniversary - January 22 - of the United States Supreme Court ruling that laws then prohibiting abortion were unconstitutional in that country. That is truly an important anniversary in the whole tragic history of this atrocity in modern society.

Since that decision, over nine million babies have been murdered in the United States. That number exceeds the population of Ontario, and it is at least 50 per cent more than the number of Jews killed by Hitler. Abortion is still somewhat harder to obtain in Ontario than in the United States, but it is still readily available.

Abortion is a moral and religious issue. Therefore, it is the responsibility of a clergyman to speak on it. Simply put, abortion is always the taking of a human life. That is very clear in Scripture, for in many passages the unborn baby is considered a human being. Perhaps the best example is John the Baptist.

He was already a prophet, filled with the Holy Ghost, while he was still in his mother's womb (see Luke 1:15,44). Psalm 139 shows how thorough and tender is God's concern for the unborn baby. To cause the death of a fetus carried the same penalty under Old Testament law as to kill an adult (Exodus 21:22-25).

For those who do not accept the Bible as God's Word, there are a host of scientific arguments that the unborn baby is a human being in his own right, not simply a part of his mother's body. Not all medical doctors accept those arguments, but a large number do. Citizens have a responsibility to be informed about these arguments.

Is an abortion ever permissible? That is like asking if it is ever permissible to kill anyone. It is inconceivable that a fetus should deserve capital punishment or should deserve to die like an enemy soldier in war. There may be cases where it is not possible to save both mother and child, just as there may be cases where it is not possible to save both people if two persons were drowning at the same time. But every effort should be made in every case to save all the lives involved.

Some people who hear that abortion is murder will refuse to believe it. But some who have had some involvement with this atrocity will repent - that is, acknowledge their sin. Those who repent need to be told about the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake.

Jesus Christ, the God-Man, died on the cross for all the sins of the whole human race. He even died for murder. To those who have been involved in abortion but repent, this sweet comfort is given in God's Word.

Murder is a great crime against God's Law - but the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake is greater yet.

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Community

## Limehouse scouting news

## Auxiliary makes plans for spring bottle drive

By BARB HADDON

Herald Special

The December meeting of the Limehouse Ladies' Auxiliary was held at the home of Barb Haddon.

Thirteen brownie and guide mothers were present, and annual fund-raising events were discussed. It was decided that we would go ahead with the bottle drive in the spring to raise funds for the June district camp at Wyoka.

First Limehouse Guides enjoyed a hike down the Bruce Trail in November and were busy over Christmas making crafts and gingerbread houses. Their carol-singing in the village of Limehouse was a big

success again this year. Many thanks to Barb Case for having the girls over for hot chocolate afterwards.

Cathy Pouw and Helga Denny are doing a terrific job of leading the girls this year, and a special thank-you goes to Marj Thomson for her contributions and support.

First Limehouse Brownies enjoyed a Christmas party Dec. 17. Their leaders, Pat Bonozew and Pearl Bordeniuk, are planning a "Fly-up" ceremony for some of last year's brownies, and the date will be decided in the near future. The mother and daughter banquet will possibly be held in February. This date

will be confirmed at the next meeting, which will be held at Marsha Batchelor's next Monday.

## Plans proceed for widening Guelph Street

Phase Two of the town's Guelph Street (Highway 7) widening program could get underway this summer.

The town's general committee Monday night decided to hire R.E. Cliphem Ltd. to draft plans for the project, as well as other road improvement proposals in other areas of Georgetown. Tenders for the highway project could be called in May.

Approximately one kilometre of Guelph Street will be widened east and west of Sinc

## Norval news

## WI remembers past member

By KAY WILSON

Herald Special

Norval Community Euchre had seven tables in play. Winners were Muriel Miller, Garfield McGillivray, Kay McMillan and John Hunter. Jamie Cunningham had most lone hands.

The Norval W.I. met at the home of Marie Murray Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. with 14 members present.

After repeating the Institute Ode, and Collect, correspondence included: Thank you from Mrs. Mac Shaw; A letter from Home Economist on Part Making; Workshop on Institute Procedure at Arkel Jan.

26; A letter from Halton Hills requesting financial help for a Van for Trial Transit Service for the physically disabled; A donation to the leukemia fund for a former member the late Marion Reed; Also a letter for the New Year from Doris Lindsay, District President.

Program was under Family and Consumer Affairs Convenors Gisella Malchin and Lilo Dahmert.

The Motto - Homes are Greenhouses where citizens are started. A paper - How to keep your heart healthy - your main meal is best eaten at noon rather than the evening; two tablespoons of peanut butter per day helps to counteract the cholesterol problem in our body.

An old English prayer concluded the program. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Anne Wil-

son and Aileen Nixon.

Pinegrove Community Club met at the home of Fred and Mary Gillard Monday. Com-

mittee for the next euchre was arranged and members are asked to the Croatian Farm Home for the next meeting. Chester Early chaired the

meeting, and called on Gertrude McGee who gave a detailed account of her trip to the Passion Play in Germany last summer.

Lunch committee of Jean Brander and Eunice Wilson assisted the hostess with lunch and a social hour enjoyed.

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## Ballinafad news

## WI plans lucky draw for quilt at dance

By WINNIFRED SMITH

Herald Correspondent

The first W.I. meeting for 1981 was held at the home of Mrs. Leo Jamieson Jan. 7. Members met at the home at 1:30 p.m. for a dessert luncheon. Grace McEnery and Betty Koperdraad, assisted by the hostess, served a delicious dessert with a cup of tea.

The refreshments over, the meeting got under way shortly after 2 p.m. President, Reggie Slessoraitis was unable to attend so 1st vice president Lillie Given presided. She opened with a thought provoking poem, then all repeated the Mary Stewart Collect and sang the opening ode.

The roll call was answered by each one bringing their favorite recipe. During the business session, it was decided to hold a dance some time in March. The W.I. Quilt was on display which will be drawn for that night.

Eileen McEnery gave a report for the welfare committee and said that a dozen or so gifts of fruit and other treats had been given to the sick and shut-ins at Christmas time.

During the reading of the correspondence, thank you cards were read and also an interesting letter from the President of Halton District W.I. This was the family and consumer affairs meeting. Lillie Given being the convener kept the chair to conduct the program. The current events were given by Grace McEnery.

A few two-minute reports were given by convenors relating to their specified roles. A splendid motto given by Eileen Burt, was "Feed Your Family What They Require, Not What They Desire".

Winnie Smith had the Woman of the Month and told a short story about an Ontario woman who at 84 started to write hymns. Now, at 86 she loves singing those hymns and

is still a member of the Church Choir.

Lillie Given gave a humorous reading including the Hopescope of those present.

To end the program, and an item which caused a lot of fun was the exchange of homemade articles wrapped in newspaper and worth 25 cents or more each. The president suggested we pay 10 cents for each recipe handed in, as a result of the roll call. So, with the parcels and recipes a considerable amount was added to the W.I. funds.

Meeting closed with the

singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Stiles, in his sermon Sunday, brought to the attention of the congregation that 1981 is the year of the disabled. He said "Let us think for a moment how we would act if we were deprived of our sight, our hearing and the use of our limbs".

He told the story of Helen Keller, who although she was handicapped as a small girl, grew up to do many things and was an example to us. We can all learn from those less fortunate than ourselves.

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## New employment protection for domestic employees.

Effective January 1, 1981.

A new regulation has been issued expanding employment protection for domestic employees (cooks, housekeepers, nannies), who work more than 24 hours a week. It does not apply to baby sitters or companions.

## Wages

Domestic employees are entitled to  
\$24 per day  
\$132 per week  
\$568 per month or  
\$3 per hour

## Room and Board

Householders may deduct up to \$50 per week from a domestic employee's wages for room and board.

## Time Off

Domestic employees are entitled to at least 36 consecutive hours of free time per week without deduction from wages. If work is performed during this free time, the equivalent amount of time off or payment at not less than \$3 an hour must be given.

## Annual Vacations

Domestic employees are entitled to at least 2 weeks of vacation per year and to at least 4 per cent of annual wages as vacation pay.

## Public Holidays

Domestic employees are entitled to seven paid statutory holidays per year. If work is performed on the holiday, another day off with regular pay must be given before the next annual vacation.

All domestic employees, including those working less than 24 hours a week and baby sitters and companions continue to be covered by standards for termination of employment, pregnancy leave, equal pay for equal work and collection of wages.

Additional information may be obtained from the Employment Standards Branch, Ontario Ministry of Labour in the following cities:

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<b>Kitchener</b> 242 King Street West N2G 1G1 Tel.: (519) 744-8101	<b>London</b> 205 Oxford Street East N6A 5G6 Tel.: (519) 439-3231	<b>Ottawa</b> 2197 Riverside Drive K1H 7X3 Tel.: (613) 523-7530	<b>St. Catharines</b> 205 King Street L2R 3J5 Tel.: (416) 682-7261
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