



### SATELLITE LIBRARY INTO 2nd WEEK

Edith Hackett (centre) joined volunteer Norman Elson and librarian Ernie Ball Friday to drop off some books and honor the opening of the Georgetown library's Main Street Satellite branch, located to the rear of the Pennefworth store. The library will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every third Friday of the month, or more if the demand for the service increases. The satellite branch is especially attractive to seniors, who may find it difficult to get to the library's temporary quarters in the Guelphview Square on Guelph Street while the library-theatre centre is under construction.

### Boost council salaries Monday?

## Mayor tells us we 'get what we pay for'

Councillors passed a recommendation at Monday's general committee meeting giving themselves a raise for 1981 and setting up a mechanism to automatically raise their salaries each year.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy receiving \$16,500 in 1981 as up from \$15,000 for the past four years. Councillors' salaries would rise to \$6,530 from \$5,940. As one councillor put it: it represents about \$11 each week before taxes.

The raise, if it's passed at council Monday, would see Mayor Pomeroy said he initiated the motion to raise



### SPREADING THE WORD

The local unit of the Halton Hills Cancer Society was busy manning a non-smoking information booth in both Loblaw's and Zellers last Thursday and Friday nights. The booths featured brochures and posters recognizing last week as non-smoking week in Canada. Pictured are from left to right (Joan Vincent the local cancer units education division, Chris Bridge, chairman of the adult education committee and vice Halton Hills Cancer Society president Claudette Smith.

### Limehouse 'priest' loses appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed an application by Limehouse "priest" Denis Scallen seeking leave to appeal his conviction on fraud charges.

Mr. Scallen has been serving a six-month sentence since the conviction was upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal in October. He was sentenced at the end of a long and sensational trial in July, 1978, during which he claimed to be a Roman Catholic priest.

Three judges of the Supreme Court of Canada heard the application Wednesday for leave to appeal Jan. 27. Had the application been granted, the full nine judges would have heard the appeal. However, the application was dismissed.

Mr. Scallen operated what he called a "convent" known as the Benedictines of Mary Immaculate on the outskirts of the village of Limehouse, where two teenage "nuns" spent 30 months. During his trial, Mr. Scallen was found guilty of defrauding the parents of the two girls of \$4,000, and an Oakville man of \$80 in donations to the retreat.

Mr. Scallen was also charged with one count of rape and two counts of indecent assault. He is alleged to have ordered the two girls to strip before him in penance for sin.

Halton Crown Attorney James Treleaven says he doubts whether the crown will proceed on the other charges, although he is awaiting official notification of the results of the application to appeal before making his decision.

"I think our view is, it is extremely unlikely we would proceed on the other matter," he said. "Our primary concern all along has been the innocent parties."

### IN THE CHURCHES

## A question of religious freedom

By BOB OLLIVIER  
Herald Columnist

A recent news story from Toronto indicates we may have some problems arising from the placing of crucifixes in publicly-funded institutions of various types.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission has been asked to look into the matter, and it seems the use of any religious symbol could be enough to raise the ire of certain citizens who have nothing better to do with their time than look for some new way to get their name in the newspapers.

It comes down to the fact that if you work in a public place, at least one funded by the public through taxes, even

the wearing of a "700 Club" badge or one from "100 Huntley Street" television show would contravene the human rights code.

Many evangelical Christians wear these or other lapel pins, such as the sign of the fish, the oldest symbol known to Christianity. How about the Good Samaritan? Did he have to remove all evidence of his creed before helping the victim of the robbers? Did the victim complain he was being made to look at a mode of dress that made him "somewhat offended"? What of the orthodox Jew with his yarmulka, beard and side curls? Must a person remove the cross from around their neck when working with or for the public? Is this just another sign of the times, evidence of the imminent return of Jesus Christ as predicted in the Scriptures? Yet we must put up with and not complain about the scurrilous language of some of these same people we "offend".

Books: "Fool and Fanatic?" by Jean Walker. A compilation of the letters of the great missionary, C.T. Studd. This book is full of humor and the urgency of its author's mission. It both thrills and entertains, which is no mean task in Christian literature.

Studd's way of writing was an indication of his humble spirit, e.g., on writing of his near death: "I've had two excursions to the river since I last wrote. My hands may run out anytime. Sometimes my heart refuses to go more than 45-50 beats a minute and goes as low as 42. Another time it raced at 160-170 for 24 hours."

His work day was an amazement: "Here is my day - 2 a.m., rise and have my quiet time and translate until 5:30 a.m.; 5:30 a.m.-7 a.m. Bible teaching for elders; 7-9 a.m. work; 9-10 a.m. breakfast; 10-11 p.m. work; 1-3 p.m. lunch,

reading and writing; 3-6:30 p.m. work; 6:30-7:30 p.m. reading and rest; 7:30-8:30 p.m. meeting; 8:30 p.m. supper; 9 p.m. bed if possible. Would we do half as much for the God we claim to love?

Several of our local churches are very active with "fellowship" groups, often meeting for special activities. Last weekend saw good use of the favorable weather by Maple Avenue Baptist Families. Some 72 persons turned up for a wide variety of winter activities including skating, hiking and even hockey at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Loveless of Limehouse. Activities of this nature can only draw families closer.

The Georgetown Missionary Alliance Church also had a program last Saturday night with skits and various indoor activities. More on this next week.

A correction to last week's column: Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell are not staying in the mission field as it seemed to read; they are just visiting Quito, Ecuador.

St. George's Anglican Church Women held their monthly meeting and election of officers for 1981 Jan. 20.

The outgoing president, Betty Johnston, thanked all for their co-operation during her term of office and was presented with a very nice hanging plate in appreciation.

The newly elected slate of officers consists of: President - Edith Collier, Vice-President - Lil Bell, Secretary - Joanna Aichin, Treasurer - Jan Wickens, Programme Convenor - June Dean, Lunch Convenor - Madeline Pries, Card Convenor - Lil Bell, Phoning committee - Mildred Herbert, Val Caruso, Betty Sandifer. St. George's A.C.W. raise money by catering for weddings and banquets. Their main missionary work is helping the sisters of the Solomon Islands, but they're also sponsoring a novice at Homeira, which takes three years, although the group is not committed for the full time.

### CLERGY COMMENT

## Imagine yourself disabled

By JOHN R. VINCENT  
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This is the year of the disabled. How do you view these people? What is your attitude towards them? I invite you this week to join me in self discovery by means of this short exercise:

1. Find an undisturbed place and set aside a few minutes, sit back and relax. Take a few moments to loosen your muscles, becoming progressively aware of your sense of well being.
2. Close your eyes now and imagine yourself alone in a room. Over in a corner is a large door. Examine its size, construction, color and hinges. Notice the sign over the door which reads "The Disabled".
3. Open the door and now notice the disabled in the adjoining room. Move about and notice what you see and hear. Don't interrupt. Just observe, noticing anything that seems particularly to draw your interest.
4. Pick out an individual most interesting to you and see if you can begin to relate in some way. Don't rush.
5. Get a clear picture of this disabled person in your mind. Begin to ask some questions. Listen attentively for the answers. Ask what the disabled person wants. Ask why. Make a mental note. Ask what the person needs. Again ask why. Again, make a mental note.
6. Imagine yourself becoming this disabled person. Be the disabled person. Identify with your image. What does the world look like now? How do you experience your environment? What would your life be like if you remained this disabled person?

7. Now, become yourself again. How do you feel about this disabled person?

8. Say goodbye to this person and note again your feelings.

9. Allow yourself to come back into the here and now. Why not describe or write about the most important aspects of this experience?

If you have joined me in a serious fashion in this exercise, you will have discovered attitudes that reside deep within you. They may be expressed in feelings of compassion, anger, regret or sympathy, to name a few. These feelings and attitudes reflect your understanding of humanity and the value you place on life.

We often think of the disabled person as weak or impoverished, not being normal. Yet, in II Corinthians 12, Paul writes of his own experience: "God's grace is sufficient for me, God's power is made perfect in my weakness". Paul was not able to live, physically, from a position of strength. He asked for a miracle to relieve him of his weakness, but his infirmity was not dispelled. Instead, he discovered within his weakness an underlying strength and power that caused him to be a very unique and influential Christian in the early church.

We, along with the disabled have weaknesses. This does not mean that God, by his grace, cannot be within each of our lives and living - that we are helplessly impoverished and powerless. Rather, God and his strength and life are discovered in exceedingly new and rich ways through our weaknesses. How is it for you? Can you begin to discover the grace and power of God in the seemingly wounded and weak of this world?

### Decision due on kindergarten entry

## Waiting for Bette

The Halton board of education won't rescind its policy on early admission to kindergarten until the minister of education has had another chance to let the board phase out the policy gradually.

It has been the policy of the board, and of the boards of the area municipalities before the Halton board was formed, to admit children to kindergarten provided they were five years old by Feb. 28 of the school

year in which they were admitted.

However, the policy of the ministry of education has always been to have a cut-off date of Dec. 31. The ministry informed the Halton board recently that as of the 1981-82 school year, the ministry would no longer provide per diem grants to those kindergarten students admitted early.

The board contacted the

ministry to request an extension of one year to allow the board to phase out its policy, or alternatively, a meeting with the minister, Dr. Bette Stephenson. Both requests were refused.

"Being a never-say-die type, I want to defer this until we have one last chance to argue our case," trustee Noel Cooper said. The board approved the decision to defer rescinding the early admission policy.

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