Thought, not price, that counts

We now have nine days to Christmas, and the commercial rage has not hit yet.

That, of course, is a good thing for some, and a financial disaster for others. It all depends on where you put your priorities. No, I don't have the answer to the employment situation in Canada and the U.S., yet I am sure the answer lies walting for some percept-

ive person to spring on us. That is the time to watch, to pray for God's guidance, as this could usher in the anti-Christ mentioned in the Scrip-

The word of God describes many things that must come to pass before Christ returns to Earth for His own, and much has been sald and written concerning these things. Suff-Ice it to say, we must be on our

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"We attend each others' major

meetings and there is lots of

co-operation between us now."

Christian District School just

next door, the church empha-

sizes the education of young

people and families, said the

Although the church doesn't

operate the school, which is

run by a separate parental

organization, it supports var-

lous clubs for young people. Clubs like the Calvinettes

and Cadets meet at the church

or in members' homes for the

purpose of Bible study and

WORD OF GOD Young people 13 years or

older prepare to become full members of the church with

weekly Bible instruction class-

es taught by church elders and

the pastor. Rev. DeJong said

As well, there is guidance

and counselling for teenage

girls through the "Sunflower"

organization. Small groups of

about ten girls get together in homes with a volunteer coun-

sellor to talk about their

problems, do Bible study, and

about 160 Christian Reformed

congregations in Canada, with

do social things together.

social activities.

pastor.

Closely connected with the



IN THE **CHURCHES**

By Bob Ollivier

guard, and be faithful in giving out the word of God and the sufficient, 'Nuf-said. way of salvation. That is the essence of the Christian church and the reason for our being, along with the joy of

Crass commercialism must be set aside, and an alternative to the employment situation must be found other than in the purchase and expectation of expensive gifts at Christmas. I

praising our God.

have said it before, and I will say it again here, a token gift is

The opportunity to listen to good music and choirs at this time of year is excellent. Churches interchange their choirs and special performances such as the "Messiah" are a rare pleasure. Everyone has been raving about the quality of the Georgetown

Choral Society's performance, and my only wish is that it had been performed on a Saturday as my own (as well as others) church commitments kept me from it. Possibly Mr. Wood will keep this in mind for next

Once again I feel that I must thank all those who co-operated in the preparatin of the program list for the various churches in the area. The response from the public has been great and the effort worthwhile.

It is hoped that the list was cut out and retained for the season, and please add the following:

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Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, Rev. DeJong, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. candlelight Christmas celebration. Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Christmas day service with Sunday school classes participating.

If your church is holding services or special activities for New Year's Eve, would you please call and leave the itinery with The Herald. Some I have already, and these will be listed in time for arranging to take part.

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Books for Christmas, part of our regular book review series End time news may be better understood by reading "Now You Can Understand the Book of Revelation". This is a long litle for a relatively short book, but packed in its pages is a wealth of information. Jim McKeaver has obviously studied his material and knows the source. "Christians Will Go Through the Tribulation" by the same author will give another point on the book of revelation, and this is possibly a different view than the one you hold. These two books are of the "post trib" theory and must be understood as such, yet it is always good to read other ideas. Thanks to the Christian book room in Georgetown for the opportunity to review these books.

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(Photo submitted)



Dutch church God and has infant baptisms,

although young people must profess their faith in the teachings of the church later, when they are spiritually mature. After a public profession of belief, the young people are considered communicant members and can take the sacrament.

Rev. DeJong said the eucharist is only given about four times a year to the Georgetown congregation. He said it was a matter decided by individual congregations, with some Reformed churches having It every Sunday.

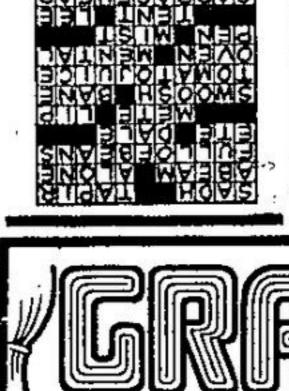
Coming from a pastorship in Fruitland, near Hamilton, Rev. DeJong studied at a liberal arts college in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to get his bachelor of arts degree. He followed that with three years in a theological seminary for his bachelor of divinity deabout 140 young people are currently enrolled in the cate-

His first charge was in a small town called Iron Springs, near Lethbridge.

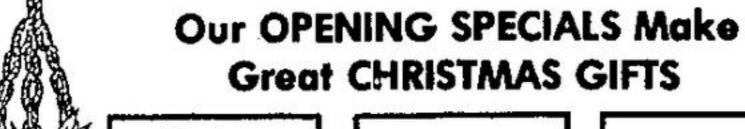
In 1968, Rev. DeJong came to Ontario to work for the Christian Reformed Church in Essex, near Windsor.

Rev. DeJong was born in Holland and came to Vancouver with his parents when he Rev. DeJong said there are was 16. His parents, like many others who left Holland, became dairy farmers in Cana-

about 40 per cent of them in The church supports two missionaries in Nigeria and He sald the Christian Reone in the Dominican Repubformed Church believes the Bible is the inspired Word of



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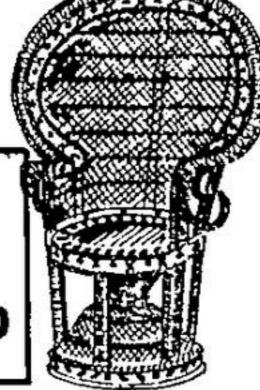


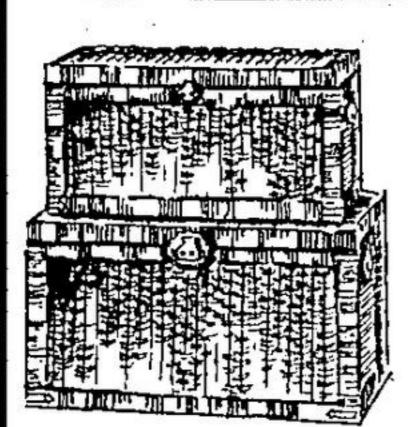


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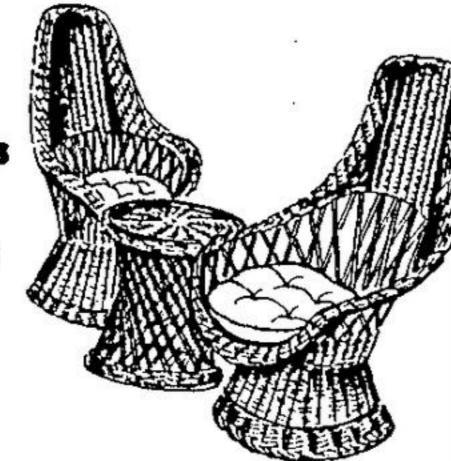
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Holland with his parents when he was 16. Although he hasn't lost his ability to speak Dutch, he said he doesn't have much occasion to do so as pastor of an 850-member congregation made up mostly of first and second generation Dutch. Rev. DeJong said the last Dutch service performed at the church was in 1979. (Herald photo)

Road for four years now, Reverend John BeJong came from

Pastor at the Christian Reformed Church on Trafalgar

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