

**PRICKLY TOPIC AT HAND**



With 4,000 cacti at home, Dave Naylor knows a lot about the prickly plant. He was out to share his knowledge with about 20 members of the Horticultural Society Wednesday night. Mr. Naylor said cacti are the best plants for the modern apartment and for people who are away a lot travelling. He recommends putting them in a dormant state from November to the end of February, otherwise they won't flower in the summer. To make them dormant, Mr. Naylor says take the cacti out of the soil and let them dry out. When returned back to soil and water, they'll grow again, he said. Admiring the 'plants for sale' table are (left to right) Pearl Brown of Georgetown, Madge Whitfield of Terra Cotta and Mr. Naylor. (Herald photo)

**Recent books both good and bad**

**IN THE CHURCHES**

By Bob Ollivier



People will persist in attacking the Church, and even God Himself. Now the claim is that Christ survived the Crucifixion and married Mary Magdalene (from the new non-fiction book "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail"). The survivors of the resultant children are alive and well in Europe. I will not disclose the writer or publisher as I do not think they deserve the publicity or even to be known.

It is claimed that the followers of Christ "staged" his crucifixion and resurrection, and He survived to an old age. The Roman method of crucifixion would never leave a survivor, as the legs were broken to speed death or they were sometimes used as hu-

man torches to create light for parties.

Needless to say, this is one more in the rush of attempts to gain fame and fortune for someone, and the book should be ignored by all true Christians, and not purchased to add impetus to the rash of ridiculous writing that is flooding the modern world.

Many of our churches are now using one or more of the modern translations of the Scripture in their services. Others are reading the King James version or other versions and confusions sometimes reigns. A new and major rewrite of the well-known and loved King James version of the Scriptures will soon be

completed. The New Testament was released in 1979, and the Old Testament will now complete this monumental work.

Its acceptance will certainly not replace the modern language versions but could go a long way to better understanding if used as an official church copy. Apparently, the poetic

beauty of the writing remains. Published by Thomas Nelson in Nashville Tennessee, the complete Bible should be available by August of this year.

Last year, the series Focus on the Family by James Dobson was well attended

wherever it was shown and used. It is now incorporated into the RENEW program of Holy Cross Church.

Films are to be shown every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in the parish hall starting Feb. 17 and running until March 31. Everyone is welcome regardless of faith and this advance notice will serve to assist you to prepare the next few Wednesdays for this program.

As each week approaches, I will mention the particular title in this column, and if you can not make them all, choose those that seem most important to you. The series is designed for the family, so why not attend as a family?

Important news for those who intend to attend the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship banquet Feb. 13. The organizers must know by Feb.

just how many are attending in order to prepare the food. Please call now and reserve your tickets for a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Speakers will be Joan and Norman Johnson and the cost is \$8.50 per person. Tickets are available at Col-Craft, John Bougeon Jewellers, and the Georgetown Christian Book Room and by calling 877-4198. Hope to see you there.

How many Christians are deceived by cults? Matthew 24:11 tells "false prophets shall arise and deceive many". Even Christians are deceived, and the cult called Armstrongism is a great deceiver of some Christians. Herbert Armstrong states that there is no Holy Spirit and that Christ is not equal to the Father. Do not be deceived by this cult.

**Mardi gras dance Saturday**

Comrades Roy Wiggins, A. Emmond, Stan Swan and T. Gadd are in Georgetown Hospital. Comrade Dick Fullerton is in Toronto General Hospital.

The car club draw winners are Newt Monk, Ralph Doucet, Jack Norman, John Doherty, Al Bailey and H. Chappell.

Norm Eyres will be entertaining in the Lounge on Saturday night.

The Imperial section will be putting on a mardi-gras dance Jan. 30, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets may be obtained from the bar and they are selling quite well since the last few dances have

all been excellent and very popular.

The usual prizes will be given and special prizes for the best mardi-gras dressed man and lady. There will be a live band by the name "Caravelles". The cost is \$5 per

person.

There will be a dart shoot Feb. 6 starting at 3 p.m. The cost will be 5 games for \$3 for a five-pound roast. See Gib or Bill.

There are still some membership cards belonging to

members who paid their dues before Dec. 20. It would be appreciated if they were picked up as soon as possible. Just trying to save on postage which as you all know is quite an expensive item these days.

Thursday evening will be the first general meeting of the new year, let's have a good turn out. Starting time is 8 p.m.

The Imperial meeting which was to be held Jan. 24 was postponed and will be held Sunday Jan. 31. It is hoped that the postponement did not inconvenience too many section members.

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Three tables of women snipped through cloth and poked pins to hold their design together Saturday afternoon at the Georgetown Public Library on Church Street. The eleven women were learning how to do applique from Joan Alberti (standing) who recently had an exhibition of quilts by students in her class in the Cultural Centre gallery. Among her applique students were (left to right) Pat Ross and Catherine Bishop of Georgetown and Mary Davis of Glen Williams. (Herald photo)

**Ballinafad hall awaits roof repairs report**

**Herald Special**

The Ballinafad Hall board had \$5,400 in the bank at the end of 1981 and is awaiting a report on the state of the hall's roof, Erin Township council learned last week.

Deputy-reeve Jo Schneider presented the board's financial statement to council and said the board finds it must earn about \$400 per month in rental fees in order to keep the building operating.

The financial statement presented to the board's annual meeting Sunday showed the board began 1981 with \$662 in the bank. It received a provincial grant of \$1,473 for hall improvements in 1980 but didn't get the actual money until 1981. Net receipts for the year totalled \$10,197, while heating and maintenance costs amounted to \$5,368.

Mrs. Schneider also urged council to contact Halton Hills council and point out the things being done to support the hall. She pointed out that both the Ballinafad residents and Halton Hills councillors are "cheesed off" at the way

township council failed to contribute to the hall's upkeep in 1980.

As a result Halton Hills failed to make any grants to the hall for 1981. Since the hall sits on the boundary between the two communities and both councils contribute to its upkeep, Mrs. Schneider felt an effort should be made to re-establish the co-operation in funding between the two municipalities.

Mrs. Schneider said the inclusion of the hall's insurance with other policies on municipal structures constitutes financial aid to the hall. Halton Hills should be made aware of the fact council pays this.

She also felt the policy to establish lot levies which will eventually be used for recreation purposes also represents a change in policy which Halton Hills should be made aware of.

Coun. Frank Trotter disagreed.

While the fund resulting from lot levies will eventually be used in some sort of recreation, council has not made any decisions on what form of assistance that would take.

The discussion on township support of recreation is still to be held, he said, and it would be misleading to say the money will benefit Ballinafad just because the fund will be created.



Material laid out on the table, Mary Davis of Glen Williams is ready to cut it according to her pattern. She's going to applique a design cut from several different prints cotton. The art of applique is used for pillows, wallhangings and clothing. (Herald photo)

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