

'En route' discipline part of the job

The front seat may be yours

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The children Mary Ann Martin used to drive to kindergarten are now married adults.

Thirteen years on the same school bus route, driver Mrs. Martin picks up children for Pineview and Stewarttown public schools on Third, Fourth, and Fifth Lines.

"The bus drive itself isn't tough, it's trying to handle all those children that's tough," Mrs. Martin said.

She knows all the children on her bus although there are occasionally new faces as families move away and new ones move in.

"The ones you don't get to know very well are the good ones. You only get to know the naughty ones," she laughed.

"This year I've had no problems at all, though there have been years I've had five naughty ones at a time. If you let five get

away with it, then you have ten, 15 naughty ones on your hands."

She saves the front seats for children who misbehave and they may sit there for a week or longer. If this method of discipline isn't successful, Mrs. Martin enlists the help of the school principal; but that's something she hasn't done for three years, she said.

"For a few years, at Christmas time, I'd have small gifts for the kids I thought had improved the most or behaved the nicest. Some do," Mrs. Martin said.

Chattering with her charges isn't Mrs. Martin's style.

"First thing you know you'll be talking and not concentrating on driving," she said.

It's alright for the students to talk to each other, but Mrs. Martin doesn't want them packing to one side as someone shows off a new gadget. Her rule is

that everybody stays in the same seat until they get to school.

Born on a farm and currently managing a horse farm, Mrs. Martin was used to the standard shift of farm tractors, and found it easy to learn to use the five-gear stick shift of the yellow buses.

Both of her sisters in St. Catharines now drive school buses, too.

"Whenever they were visiting me, I'd say come on along, I have to do my bus run now," she said, and they liked it.

Actually, I get to sit down three hours a day, thanks to this job," Mrs. Martin said. "I look forward to that after standing up all day."

She has ten horses boarding on her Sixth Line farm and she trains standard bred race horses when she isn't driving the bus.

This job leaves her time during the day to do her chores around the farm, she said.



Over 80 of the 85 drivers Travelways manager Murray Inglis employs are women. The job requires patience and women seem to be more tolerant of the noisy children they deliver daily to school, he indicated. (Herald photo)

Safety stressed to drivers Majority are women behind steering wheel

Every morning a fleet of yellow buses rumbles along the sideroads and lines of

Halton Hills, picking up sleepy-eyed school children, books under their arm, hats askew.

This silent army of bus drivers rumbles along the same routes come afternoon, delivering now fully awake and energetic youngsters back to their homes.

In Halton Hills, Travelways transports the most children to and from school. It has 35 buses travelling 3,678 kilometres a day.

Of the 85 drivers Travel-

ways' Murray Inglis employs, 80 are women.

"It didn't used to be that way. It used to be a farmer or someone with a mail route who would drive the school buses," he said.

Today, every bus driver holds a Class B licence and is required to take nine hours of defensive driving courses. They must write a provincial ministry of transportation and communication test and have 20 hours of training operating the high seated buses. Every three years, they

must have their eyes tested and pass a medical examination.

Rules are strictly enforced by the province and bus companies stress safety with their drivers, sending them each year to safety seminars and workshops.

In a three-part series beginning this issue, Herald reporter Ani Pederman talked to some of the town's women school bus drivers entrusted with ferrying hundreds of youngsters to and from school.

Parting gifts for town

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than the word."

"I wrote better than I talked," he joked. "I think I hold the record for being on more losing votes than any other councillor."

Later, he said, "I don't think you'll find as many nice people anywhere as you will right here."

Coun. Terry Grubbe, through Coun. Knechtel, presented the town with two plaques, woodburned by Artisan's Village, Acton craftsman Roy Yeung. One represents the coat of arms of Halton Hills and will hang in the town's council chambers. The other marks the building of the cultural centre and is expected to be hung in the centre.

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DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN

Sabbath debate

The news media has made a great to-do of the co-operation and rapid building of the new Kingdom Hall in Brampton. This is all well and good; however no one seems to consider that even their Bible states you shall not work on the Sabbath, and they worked Saturday and most of Sunday to complete it for a Sunday night meeting.

A true Christian would never work on Sunday especially on the Lord's House. The Jehovah Witnesses are always ready to set me straight and will this time I am sure, but the Word of God is sure and can not be altered. We are told to bring such infractions of God's Law to light and condemn it. This type of building program was started in the USA and has spread here.

It goes far back to a planning stage, a preparation stage and a gathering of pre-fabricated materials. Then the whole hall is put up with great hoop-la and publicity. The news media lap it up, and the publicity is great for the sect.

The last of the Marriage Enrichment seminars at Knox Church in Georgetown will be this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. "Renewing Romance in Marriage" is one that we all should take in, even if we have only been married for a short time.

My marriage has lasted a quarter century and my wife and I are going to attend this one; not that we need it, but new ideas are always good, and we will seek to take others with us.

We can thus share when our friends and acquaintances are seeking help.

Did you ever think about our native peoples? They are often in the northern areas of Canada, and now are boxed in with winter. These times are rough.

Please remember to pray for them and those who minister to them in this wild and desolate part of Canada. The original Canadians should not be neglected and need our prayers. Won't you make this a matter of daily prayer?

The number of Baptist Pastors in prison in Russia rose in the first six months of this year. There are now 160 pastors imprisoned and they face increasing harassment and even death. Pray for them daily.



IN THE CHURCHES

By Bob Ollivier

My Hebrew calendar tells me that Hanukkah is approaching. Consider your Jewish friends at this time of year as we remember the most important Jew that ever lived.

Maple Avenue Baptist Church is holding a youth banquet Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. This seems like the first of the Christmas activities and is followed by their Sunday School Christmas Program Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. All welcome.

The Georgetown Ten Days for World Development organization will hold its first meeting Wednesday tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. in St. George's Anglican Church. Members of all churches, especially people serving on Outreach Committees, are cordially invited to attend. Our purpose is to plan an educational and action program in support of our sisters and brothers in Central America.

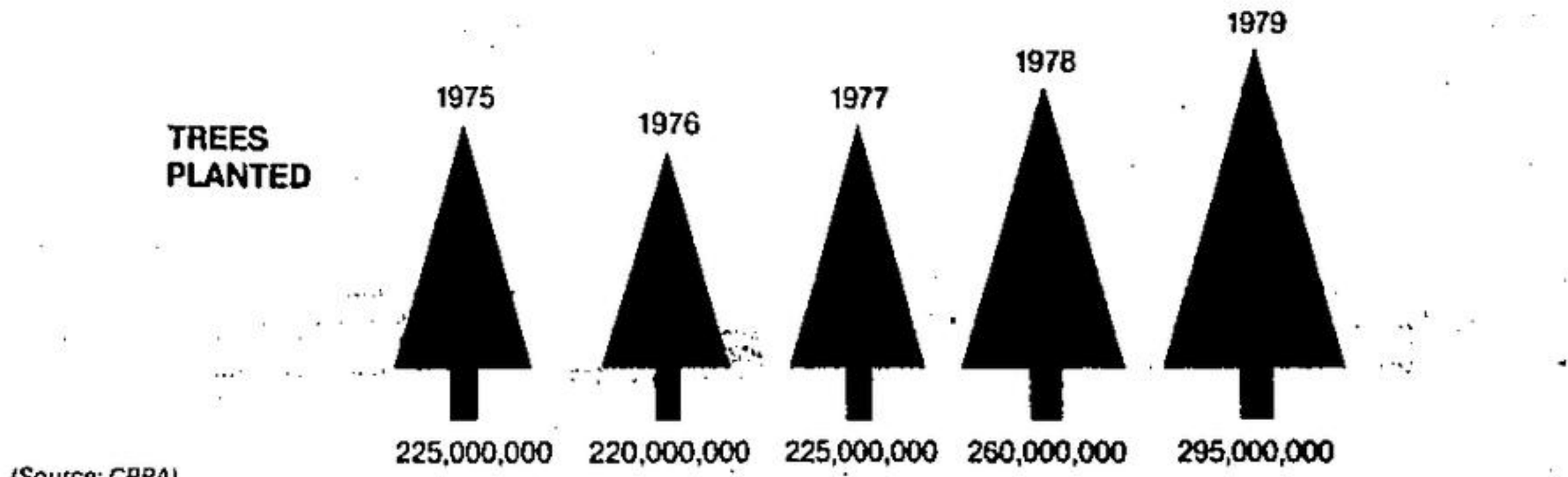
NOTICE to all my Church correspondents: please call or write with a complete list of all your churches' Christmas programs as soon as possible. We will run them as soon as received and hope to miss nothing. Remember we should share the "good news" and this is one more way. Call now!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Asked to respond to Mr. Ollivier's comments, Watchtower spokesman Walter Graham told The Herald that Jehovah's Witnesses don't keep the Sabbath, pointing out that law of the Sabbath in the Bible is given only to Jews. "I challenge any one to find in the Bible where it says Christians must keep the Sabbath," he said. "The Bible gives to Christians the law of love: love to the Creator and to one's neighbors. "The building (in Brampton) on the weekend was done by many people showing love to the Creator and the community by providing a centre for Bible study."

The views expressed by Mr. Ollivier in his column are his own and not necessarily those of The Herald.

Pulp and Paper Reports:

Expanding Forest Renewal



(Source: CPPA)

Forestry experts are certain that Canada's forests can be much more productive. Genetically superior trees can be developed and raised in nurseries. Silvicultural techniques can speed growth and increase timber yields. But new costs are involved.

Steps to accelerate forest renewal must be taken now, because it takes a long time to grow a tree in Canada. The most urgent need is reforestation of lands that have been harvested or destroyed by fire; plant-

ing of trees on productive land that is not suitable for farming; and better protection against fire, insects and diseases.

Provincial governments own 90% of the nation's forests. They act as landlords to the pulp and paper companies. Government and industry must continue efforts to accelerate reforestation and other steps to increase the forest harvest. A plentiful supply of low-cost fibre is needed to maintain Canada's competitive position in world

pulp and paper markets.

For more information about the challenges facing Canada's leading industry, send for "Pulp and Paper Reports: Cost Competitiveness", a free booklet from Public Information Services, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, Sun Life Building, Suite 2300, 1155 Metcalfe Street, Montreal, Quebec, H3B 2X9. Dept. B

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