

Ashgrove

Don't miss new sign

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Now it is May, a lovely exciting month of sunshine, the birds arriving back, New life leaps up on every hand, and lifts our spirits too. And one forgets the winter's cold, And stormy winds that blew. When there's a lovely tinge of green, On every shrub and tree, The nicest color in the world, Is there for all to see.

I hope you are all noticing the nice new Ashgrove sign as you drive through our village, made possible by the Women's Institute and our President Mrs. John Bird's persistent efforts.

We all say congratulations and the best of good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Hunter who will be celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary on May 8. They lived here before they moved to Glen Williams.

Don't forget Mother on her day, May 8. Let her know that she's still dear. Those are the words she wants to hear. Your MOM.

We had an interesting ending for the month of April, when on the 23rd we held the fourteenth anniversary of Hillcrest United Church with Rev. Lynne Curtin, the present minister of Lyndwood United Church in Missis-sauga.

She was minister here ten years ago and we enjoyed having her back again.

On the 28th the Daffodil luncheon was held and 180 ladies came and enjoyed the lovely musical numbers and special speaker, the Honorable Pauline McGibbon, who gave a very thought provoking message on the importance of Volunteer Work and told of her own wide experience as a volunteer worker in many fields.

Her name became a household word while she served as Lieutenant Governor and everyone enjoyed the warmth of her personality.

Music pupils attain awards

A number of local pianists and vocal students of instructor Deborah Eyre Tison did exceptionally well at the fifth annual Peel Music Festival April 4-29.

Joanne Fraser, competing in the grade 1 list B category for piano, came first while Lauren Aldridge was second in the grade 1 open division.

Lorelei Smith was second in the grade 6 list A category while Rebecca Lovelace was third in the grade 6 list C division.

In the vocal section of the festival, Tara Hamilton collected two first place certificates: one for girls under 7 years singing A Cookie for Snip, the other for the song, 'The Laughing Brook.'

Emma Lewzey was first in the grade 2 list A vocal category and third in the grade 2 list B category. Melissa King was second in grade 1 list B competition while Lisa Kim managed second in the girls under 10 years division for singing Lullabye Ship.

Christina Cater was third for girls under 10 years singing Lullabye Ship and third for singing April's A Lovely Lady.

Lori Kentner was third in the Women's voices category, singing She sang the Lovely Goat-herd.

The competition was held in Cooksville.



CLERGY COMMENT

By LEN BATTEHINK
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In one of Mark Twain's most memorable stories, Tom Sawyer outwits an entire neighborhood of boys by having them whitewash Aunt Polly's

wooden fence for him. Whitewashing is a dreary job, and Tom loathes with his whole being the assignment his aunt has given him.

Yet, when the neighborhood boys come to jeer him in his captivity, Tom gaily works as if his is the most gratifying job one could have. One after another the boys are taken in, and offer, beg, and finally surrender treasured possessions from their pockets for a chance to whitewash.

Therefore, these young men are fooled, the fence is thoroughly whitewashed, and Tom discovers a great secret of human affairs—namely, that in order to make a man or a boy covet a thing, it is only

necessary to make the thing difficult to attain. By creating a sense of dissatisfaction in his comrades, Tom is able to make them do the work he despises so thoroughly.

Contemporary business seems to have borrowed from Mark Twain. It seems intent upon keeping us in a continual state of dissatisfaction. For example, our automobiles rust away before the payments on them have been completed; we no sooner own them outright than we must begin thinking of a new one.

Fashions change constantly; again and again we are forced to discard the old and replace it with newer, trendier articles. Advertising seems to be designed to create dissatisfaction with our own

appearances, with our standards of living, with our levels of financial security. Therefore, we are forced to continually borrow and buy.

The Christian religion offers an interesting contrast to all of this. The key term for the Christian is "contentment". The Apostle Paul pleaded with God for the removal of a "thorn in the flesh"; instead, he heard God say, "My grace is all you need" (II Cor. 12:7). Christians can live contentedly, knowing that God has provided for the real needs of life. It is particularly our culture, infatuated with things while so much of the world is still hungry, that needs to be content. Only when we are satisfied with what God has given us, will we reach out in love to those who really have too little.

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