

Letters to the Editor

Bible reveals all things under control by God

Dear Sir,
"Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will toward Men"

As we near the end of another year, millions of people in this world have recently repeated these words and have associated them with the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. The questions that must be asked are:

—Why did the birth of Jesus Christ not bring peace?
—When will there be peace on earth and good will toward men?

The answers to these questions are not hard to find, if we are prepared to let the Bible speak. For instance, the answer to the first question can be found in Acts 2:22-23 — "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you...being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain..." The wicked men of Israel in that time convinced the Romans, who were also ungodly, that Jesus Christ had blasphemed God and was worthy of death. Therefore, his birth did not bring peace because the nature of all men leads to jealousy, hatred and strife.

The Bible reveals that all things are under the control of Almighty God. For instance, in Isaiah 45:7 we are told "I form the light, and create darkness; I MAKE PEACE, and create evil; I the LORD do all these things."

Without seeming to diminish the good intentions of some very dedicated people in politics, in the clergy and in lay mission work, peace will not be achieved through the institutions of man. The direct intervention of God in human affairs is what is promised and needed.

Consider these words in Isaiah 57:20,21 "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is NO PEACE, saith my God to the wicked."

World peace is not possible while violence, immorality and injustice go unrestrained. Like the restless sea, the very nature of an ungodly society determines that turmoil, anxiety and war are commonplace. Peace, for the present world, has been replaced by lust and greed.

The Apostle Paul in writing to the believers in Rome (Romans 14:19) said, "Let us therefore follow after the

Excellent coverage

Dear Sir,
Just a note to thank you for the excellent coverage that you gave us for our new In-Home Family Support Program and Family Support Worker Training Program.

The Training Program finished up a few weeks ago and was a tremendous success. Many of the eighteen participants told us they were motivated to take part after reading the article Ani Pedrian wrote from her interview with Mrs. Lacey.

Thank you for all your help and hard work and Merry Christmas to you both and the staff at the Herald.

Sincerely,
David J. Williams,
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In Home Family Support Group Coordinator

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The reign of Jesus

Dear Sir,
Like huge raindrops falling gently on masses of people throughout all the earth, a great new outpouring of God's Holy Spirit is being poured down from heaven on His own beloved "chosen people" around the globe. When rain falls, its gentle moisture gradually permeates the earth; so, too, what began as a small trickle of revival is seeping through the hardened hearts of an unbelieving world until the Kingdom of God is established on the earth.

The Jews waited for a Messiah to come to rule their nation as an earthly king, but what they got was a humble baby born in a manger who became a king, not of the world, but a King of the human heart - a King of Love. After His death, He promised to send a Comforter to His people - this Comforter was the Holy Spirit. So today, King Jesus is providing a fresh outpouring of His Spirit to all who will fall down and worship Him.

He has begun to set up His Kingdom for which He asked Christians to pray when He gave them the words of the Lord's Prayer and which is the climax of the Book of Revelation where every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

God's power is being unleashed around the world, breaking down all walls of church denomination and individual doctrines, replacing them with a great gift of love for one another which is the nuclear weapon these people use to conquer the world around them for their King Jesus.

As subjects of an earthly king must obey him, so too these Christians seek to do only what their King wants them to do, not what they think He would want them to do, but working only under His direct authority. Love is His weapon to conquer a world which does not behold His transcendent glory - a love flowing from Him which is such a flood that it fills those receiving it and overflows to all mankind everywhere.

New life is flowing into sick churches as the Holy Spirit pours out His gifts of healing, prophecy, wisdom, authority over demonic power, and a prayer language whereby the Holy Spirit prays to God the Father. Charismatics raise their hands in worship as they praise their King; they are a people of praise expressing their love to a personal friend who has redeemed them by His blood on Calvary.

In the Old Testament the Israelites burned animals which must be "without blemish" as sacrifices, and in the New Testament Jesus was nailed to the cross as the Lamb of God "without blemish". The church of end-times is spoken of in the Bible as also being "without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish".

In other words, God is purging with the fire of His Holy Spirit those who are willing to receive all He has to offer to them. He is pouring out His Spirit on all flesh as the Bible predicts.

As events of world-wide chaos unfold before our eyes and Biblical prophecy is fulfilled, Christians are assured in the Book of Revelation that in the end Satan will be destroyed and the Kingdom of God will be established on earth. This is the Good News of the Easter message when Jesus said, "It is finished."

Yours truly,
Paul L. Dodds,
Legal Counsel, Campaign for Life

Doreen Palmer

Doctor's acquittal a mistrial

Dear Sir,
Oct. 1 the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that Morgentaler's acquittal last fall was a mistrial. Since the Court of Appeal's ruling, both the Premier, Mr. Peterson, and the Attorney General, Mr. Ian Scott, continue to claim that the provincial government can do nothing to close the abortion "clinic" because Morgentaler is appealing the case to the Supreme Court of Canada. This claim is not true. Section 457, Subsection 7 of the Criminal Code of Canada provides the remedy. In accordance with this provision, the obvious way for the government to prevent repeated lawbreaking by Morgentaler and associates, while charges are pending before a court, is to apply to a Provincial Court judge for bail conditions which would prevent the abortionists from continuing their illegal operation.

The Attorney General has stated that there is no point in applying for bail conditions because a previous application has been refused. Again, this is a grave misrepresentation. The Ontario Government applied to the Provincial Court for bail conditions in July, 1983, after the abortion "clinic" in Toronto had been closed by the police. At that time, Provincial Court Judge, David Scott, denied bail conditions because he was satisfied that it was unlikely Morgentaler would reopen the "clinic". In fact, Morgentaler did not resume abortions until more than a year later, that is, after he was "acquitted" by a jury that acted so improperly that, to quote the Ontario Court of Appeal: "there has been no trial according to law".

Premier Peterson should be made to know that the citizens of this Province are not so ignorant as to be unaware that he and Attorney General Scott are protecting Morgentaler.

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New board chairman Bruce adapts to busier schedule



Arlene Bruce

Moving up from vice-chairman to chairman will mean more hours and busier days and evenings for Acton's Arlene Bruce who is the new Halton Board of Education chairman.

"I guess I've been getting some first hand training for a year, and really, you need to have gone through that process before becoming chairman for the board," Mrs. Bruce told The Herald.

As the newly elected chairman, Mrs. Bruce becomes an honorary member of all the board committees. She said she'll be closely monitoring the salary and finance committees and keeping track of what's happening in some of the others.

Three times a week, Mrs. Bruce will be attending board executive meetings where she'll be looking at reports in the works, helping structure the agenda for the bimonthly board meetings, and answering parental concerns.

There are public functions the board chairman will be required to

Every Tuesday night, Mrs. Bruce will continue to sit on the North Halton Consolidation Committee which is looking at enrolment and better use of the schools in Halton Hills and Milton.

"Some of the committees take a great deal of homework. Some don't and you can just shoot from the hip," the chairman said.

For Mrs. Bruce, one of the most strenuous demands as board chairman will be getting ready for board meetings, she said.

Although she's been chairing committees of the whole meetings since becoming vice-chairman a year ago, the board meetings are a different ball game. Not only are they much more formal, but they are open to the press and a gallery of interested on-lookers.

"You don't want to come out making too many big gaffes," she chuckled.

attend and bring board "greetings". Although that's often a perfunctory kind of job, Mrs. Bruce hopes to give a flavor of where she's coming from, she said.

"One always hopes it will be before cheering crowds," she laughed.

As vice-chairman of the board last year, Mrs. Bruce was putting in an average 35 hours a week, she said, not anticipating the workload will decrease any with the new position.

Key words: respect, co-operation

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Good will, respect and co-operation must be the spirit guiding the Halton Board of Education when it comes to extension of separate school funding, whichever way the provincial Bill 30 is resolved, the Halton Board of Education chairman said Dec. 5.

Arlene Bruce said that the current attitude of ecumenical acceptance present in the school system and the public at large shouldn't be destroyed by this bill.

"I have a lot of sincere worries about that and where it's going to take us. As a board, we've discussed and disagreed with the direction of Bill 30 very strongly," the chairman said. "That doesn't mean we're going to fight our fellow separate school people."

The board set up a committee last year to study the provincial bill. So far, its work has been minimal, waiting for directions to come out of Bill 30.

For the new board chairman, co-operation is important in more than just dealing with the proposed Bill. It's important in dealing with parents and board administration as well.

"I believe co-operation is the only way to go," Mrs. Bruce said. "When I say co-operation, it doesn't mean we're going to agree with everything that comes down the street - there'll be a lot of negotiating, and not just giving in to everything."

The chairman said she's very upfront about what her expectations are on various matters and doesn't like "playing games", as she put it. "I'm

very direct," Mrs. Bruce said. The old style of leadership of the past which tended to be authoritarian made for a lot of games playing and negativism, the Acton woman said, and a lot of time was spent second guessing.

"I'm not into that and I refuse to get into that," Mrs. Bruce said. "I think we're breaking down that bureaucratic empire."

When the region was originally established back in 1974, Halton Hills felt it was entering an amalgamation it had no control of. Today, it feels differently, according to Mrs. Bruce.

Favourite Recipes

AULD LANG SYNE CASSEROLE

- 1 tbs. minced onion
- 2 c. cooked macaroni
- 1 c. cooked peas
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 4 tbs. cracker crumbs
- 1 tbs. minced green pepper
- 1 c. shredded cold turkey
- 1 tbs. minced pimento
- 1 tbs. grated cheese

Put onion and green pepper in small pan. Cover with water and simmer gently for five minutes. Add to macaroni, turkey, peas and pimento. Toss together lightly and place in well-greased casserole. Pour mushroom soup over, adding a little milk if it seems too dry. Combine cracker crumbs and grated cheese and spread on top. Bake until done.



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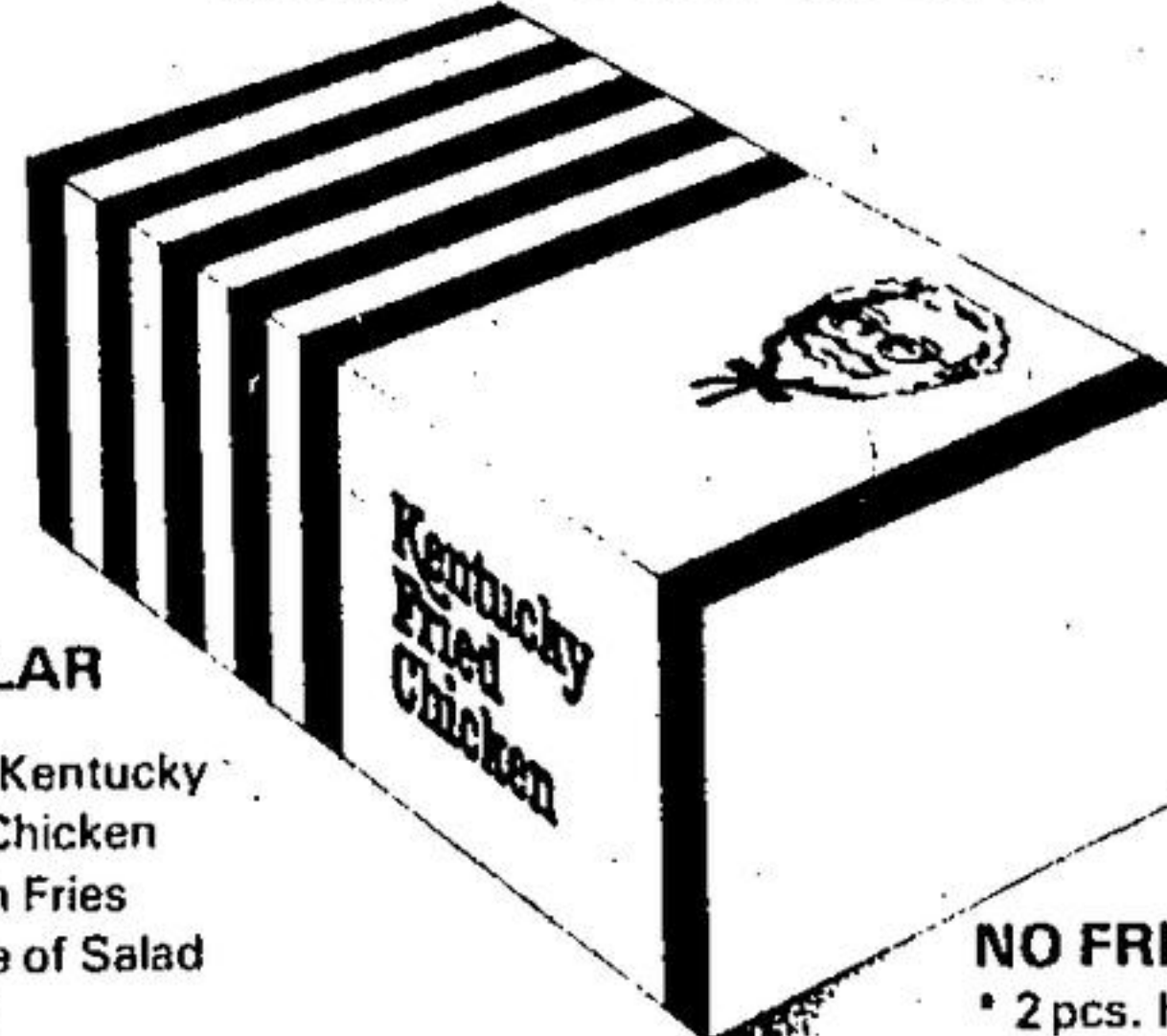
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