Anniversary dancers

The Pine Valley Square Dancers celebrated their 10th anniversary Saturday night at the Acton High School, Denny and Julie Hare and Carson and Norma Rae of Stewarttown celebrated the anniversary with square dancers from across the province. The Bae's have been with the club since it began, (Heraid photo)

CUPW gears up for strike call on 3 hrs. notice

Halton Hills inside postal workers are preparing for a national rotating strike against the Conada Post Corporation, in an effort to gain job

"This strike has nothing to do with wage demands," said local CUPW Vice President Joe Paonessa. The local division governs 33 postal workers in Acton, Bolton and Georgetown. If the group is called to strike, all three offices will be affected, Mr. Paonessa said.

The local will not know the time to strike until about three hours before the working day begins, the union member said. "The element of surprise is one of our best weapons," he

CUPW members are concerned about sub-contracts to outside workers. Mail that involves personal contact with the customer, such as registered mail, special delivery or Priority Post, is being sent to local stores and offices which do not employ CUPW members.

If the customer is not home when the post office first delivers the mail, it is sent to the stores for customer pick-up.

"That's our work that they've (Canada Post) taken away from us," Mr. Paonessa sald.

A case is currently before the Canadian Labour Congress to include Willowdale store clerks and other workers who handle the mail into the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. If the case settles in favor

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"As far as we're concerned, they

are doing themselves more harm than good," he said, "If they want to work for \$5.50 per hour, that's their

Howorth said the postal corporation is recruiting replacement workers in anticipation of the strike. The corporation is basing its actions on two surveys -- ont conducted before the Letter Carriers' strike in June and another conducted very recently -which indicated the public wants the mail service to continue during the

thousands and thousands of applications," Ed Roworth said. "We were caught by surprise by the magnitude of the turnout.

Mr. Roworth said applicants have told him they like the pay rate --Canada Post is offering the union entry rate of \$13.50 per hour - and the remote possibility the job may become permanent. .

CUPW executive members and Canada Post officials have been involved in negotiations throughout the weekend. The union is in a legal strike position today.

In 1946, two of three adult Cana-**Book review** dians attended a Sunday worship

service. Forty years later, only one

in three make their way to the na-

According to the uniquely cana-dian research of a University of

Lethbridge sociologist, Reginald W.

Bibby, Canada's religious groups

are largely responsible for the coun-

try's drop-off religion as a consumer

item to be added to life's shopping list. Rather than saying to people, "This is what religion is," they have

been much more inclined to say to

the public: "What do you want religion to be for you?" Religious

consumption has replaced religious

Bibby, nurtured in the Nazarene

On the basis of that discovery, he chooses to include maintenance of religious affiliation as potential for

Canadian church growth. On the

other hand, the book's "poverty" reference describes the public's

preference for religious fragments

rather than the "full meal deal."

Toronto Anglicans, Quebec

Catholics, Alberta Lutherans, Atlan-

tic Presbyterians or B.C. Baptists have not left their church but select

only fragments of their faith such as the services for rites of passage baptism, weddings, funerals. For

Bibby, the selective practise of religion produces a poverty of faith and reduces religion's ability to in-

In assessing Bibby's view of culture and religion, some familiari-

ty with Biblical and theological

terms is necessary. It would help if

the reader understood the meaning of religion that is "against" culture

"transformer" of culture. Each

view the world in a slightly different

Bibby favours a religion that is

above culture. For him the word

"transcend" describes the proper

religious response to culture. He

writes: "If religion is to interact

with culture, then it has to be able to

transcend culture, so that it has

something to bring, and be respon-

sive to culture, so that it knows how

With that transcendent view in

mind, his call for religion to address

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church and trained as a Baptist minister, contends in his 271-page book, Fragmented Gods - The Poverty and Potential of Religion in Canada (Irwin Publishing Inc., \$12.95), that Canadians are really church "drop-ins" rather than

tion's places of worship.

commitment.

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as the nostalgic tonging for the return of Christendom -- Christian schools, hospitals, businesses. He even has difficulty with the Biblical images of the church as "salt" or "leaven" seasoning and shaping the cultural world. He doesn't believe those approaches can "stand up to

Consumption replaces commitment

for transcendency, Bibby finds it writes, "some recent developments "sociologically interesting" that the in the United and Anglican courches Catholic church remains firm on that many leaders have heralded as limiting the priesthood to males and progressive advances. The willin opposing divorce.

What Bibby regards as cultural women and homosexuals, along with corruptions of the church are women the movement towards more inclergy, inclusive religious language, clusive theological language, hardly and homosexual clergy. They are had their beginnings in revelation or cultural intrusions that have no scriptural authority."

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Canada Post spokesman Ed

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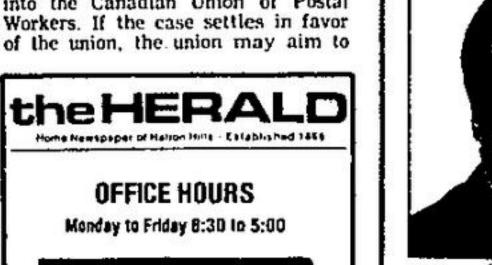
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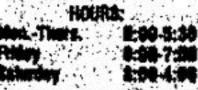
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