

# Renaissance leader takes ministry to Ireland

While federal politicians swing into the last three weeks of the election campaign, another trans-Canada crusade has just concluded in the nation's capital. Milton evangelist Ken Campbell and his team climaxed a coast-to-coast inter-church preaching mission which has included visits to every provincial capital over the past six months, with a Saturday night rally and Sunday services in Ottawa. Designated "Operation Reconciliation," this national evangelistic thrust was proposed, in Campbell's words, "to rouse the church, to lead the nation, to find its soul."

Campbell's long-time friend and colleague, gospel musician Jim Reese, and the St. Catharines-based "Messengers Quartet," through to Victoria, B.C. As well as the provincial capitals, other communities, large and small, in which the Campbell-Reese Team has conducted many of their nearly 400 crusades over the past 13 years of ministry throughout Canada, were also on their schedule.

Following the western swing, the same team toured through many parts of Ontario late in 1973 and early in 1974. The brilliant young piano virtuoso Larry Campbell of Johnson City, Tennessee, accompanied the Campbell-Reese Team

through the third stage of "Operation Reconciliation" in Quebec and the Maritimes, concluding in Ottawa Sunday, June 16. It is estimated that close to 40,000 persons attended the rallies and related services in more than 75 centres visited by the Team in "Operation Reconciliation."

Now to Ireland. It has been nearly 15 years since the late British evangelist, Tom Reese, attempted the last such intensive cross-Canada crusade-rally tour.

The Team is scheduled to cap off "Operation Reconciliation" with a week of ministry in each of the north and the south of Ireland in mid-summer.

Ironically, in the midst of "Operation Reconciliation" Mr. Campbell found himself thrust into the centre of a swirl of controversy in his own home area, Halton Region, in late February, when he protested the visit of "Gay Lib" to a grade 12 health class studying human sexual compatibility in the high school his daughters attend.

In what might be termed "Operation Confrontation," Campbell refused to pay the educational portion of his property taxes to protest what he termed the "totalitarian secularism" which he claims dominates the public educational system of Ontario. The Halton Renaissance Committee, a grass-roots movement of concerned parents and ratepayers "seeking to restore the responsibility of the public educational system to those who pay for it and entrust their children to it," was initiated through

Campbell's protest and now numbers close to 600 members. This "non-sectarian, non-partisan" Committee is presently preparing a brief for the trustees of Halton Board of Education, proposing educational reform in areas ranging from curriculum content and teaching methods to the philosophical pluralism needed to satisfactorily serve our present pluralistic society.

**Window incident**  
Late in March, one night after the Renaissance regional rally had drawn nearly 1,000 people to the Milton District High School to protest many disturbing trends in public education, midnight visitors threw a fist-sized rock through a bedroom window at the Campbells' residence, scattering glass throughout the room where the 10-year-old Kathy and six-year-old Shelly were sleeping. Campbell laughs about the

dangers of going to Ireland for "Operation Reconciliation" when "I have enough trouble living peacefully with everyone in my own home area." He adds that Christ warned that He did not come "to bring peace" but to "create dynamic tensions that shake us out of destructive ruts into constructive renewal."

Recalling the circumstances in which the trip to Ireland was first proposed, Campbell tells of "the little old lady" who approached him at the conclusion of a crusade in the Penticton (B.C.) Peach Bowl Convention Centre, a couple of years ago, and after "giving me a big motherly hug" said: "I've been praying for a spiritual awakening in the Okanagan Valley for years. God has answered our prayers. If He can do it here, He can do it in Ireland. I'm praying that God will send you men to Ireland!"

**Prayer answered**  
Campbell said that in spite of her big hug he wondered "If she really loved us when she made that suggestion. Now it seems that her prayer as far as our going to Ireland is concerned, is being answered."

Campbell noted Duke University's citation upon the conferring of the LL.D. degree on Prime Minister Trudeau, a few weeks ago: "Your aspiration to create a just society gives us confidence that in the global village of the future, Canada will show mankind an example of successful pluralism."

"We are in a position where we could give such moral leadership internationally," says Campbell, "but it is only through the reconciling power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we can find the spiritual resources to love God and our neighbour as we ought. That's what's needed most in Canada and in

Ireland and in our world today."

While "realistically not expecting our two weeks of ministry in Ireland to make much difference in the present climate there," Campbell does believe that their trip "could rouse many Christians, in Canada especially, to pray for the healing of Ireland's wounds, and that could contribute significantly to a turning of the tide in that troubled, beautiful land."

It's to be hoped that the Canadian "Prince of Peace Corps" will be successful in

some measure as they take "Operation Reconciliation" to Ireland this summer.

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MILTON KINSMEN installed the 1974-75 executive Saturday evening. Members in front are secretary Don Scanlon, past president Lester Wood, new president Bill MacLennan and treasurer Gene McLeod. Standing with them are vice-president Paul Lonergan, director Bliss Flower and registrar Al Hanley.



MILTON KINETITE CLUB, formed by the local Kinsmen's wives, installed Linda MacLennan as president at a year-end banquet and dance Saturday. She is pictured at front left, accepting the gavel from retiring Deputy Governor Irwin Scott, who was made an honorary member of the club on the same evening. Also in the front is vice-president Carol Watson. In the second row are bulletin editor Pat Lonergan, registrar Evelyn Speck and secretary Carol Scanlon.

## Install executive

# Honor "Kinsman of Year"

Installation and awards night for the Kinsmen Club of Milton and District, held Saturday at the UAW Centre on Martin St., concluded the new service club's first full year of service. Retiring (and charter) president Lester Wood was master of ceremonies for the brief after-dinner ceremonies when the year's awards and prizes were distributed and new officers were installed.

Guests included Deputy Governor-elect Bob Holmes, Deputy Governor 1973-74 Irwin Scott, past Deputy Governor George Currie and visiting Zone E Deputy Governor John Smith.

Bill MacLennan was installed as president of the club for 1974-75 while his wife Linda was installed as Kinetite Club (Kinsmen's wives) president.

**Name executive**  
Other Kinsmen on the executive include vice-president Paul Lonergan, secretary Don Scanlon, treasurer Gene McLeod, registrar Al Hanley, directors Bliss Flower and Frank McKeown, and bulletin editor Paul Martin.

Kinetite executive includes vice-president Carol Watson, secretary Carol Scanlon, treasurer Marie Martin, registrar Evelyn Speck and bulletin editor Pat Lonergan. The Lester Wood trophy for Kinsman of the Year went to Bill Speck of Hornby. Bill was a member of Streetsville Kinsmen when the idea of forming a new club in Milton came up, and he worked

many hours to get the Milton club going. He also chaired the club's corn-selling booth at the Farmers' Market last year and brought in more new members (3) than any other Kinsman in the past year. He also received a pin for a year of perfect attendance, and was one of the top four in the Maple Leaf award competition, which is based on participation and effort.

President Les Wood and his wife Barbara each received an attendance pin for five years of perfect attendance. One year pins went to Bill Speck, Bill MacLennan, Al McIver, Bliss Flower, Brian Robertson, Paul Lonergan, Bill Cooley, Joe Oursin, Ray MacArthur and Neil Preston.

**New Kin**  
Sponsor tabs for sponsoring new Kinsmen were awarded to: Bill Speck 3, Bill MacLennan 2, Paul Lonergan 2, Rod Lewis 2, and Les Wood, Gene McLeod, Mark Grenier, Bliss Flower, Ray MacArthur and Al McIver one each.

Ray MacArthur was also awarded the club's public speaking trophy.

Maple Leaf awards for accumulating over 100 points for participation and attendance were awarded to Kinsmen MacLennan, Speck, McIver, Lonergan, Cooley, Lewis, MacArthur, McKeown, Flower, Martin, McLeod, Preston, Scanlon, Doug Florence, Al Hobbs, Barney Henderson, Ian Muir and Doug Watson.

**Honary member**  
Both Kinsmen and Kinetite Clubs made Deputy Governor

Irwin Scott an honorary member of their club, in appreciation for the work he has done in their formative year. The Kinsmen also presented an honorary membership to past Deputy Governor George Currie.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to The Champion for its assistance in publicizing club activities. Editor Roy Downs accepted

the award. A "doodler" award went to Deputy Governor-elect Bob Holmes, who has a habit of doodling on the tablecloth whenever he visits a service club meeting. The local Kinsmen had preserved and framed his last doodle and presented it to him.

A dance followed the dinner and awards presentation.

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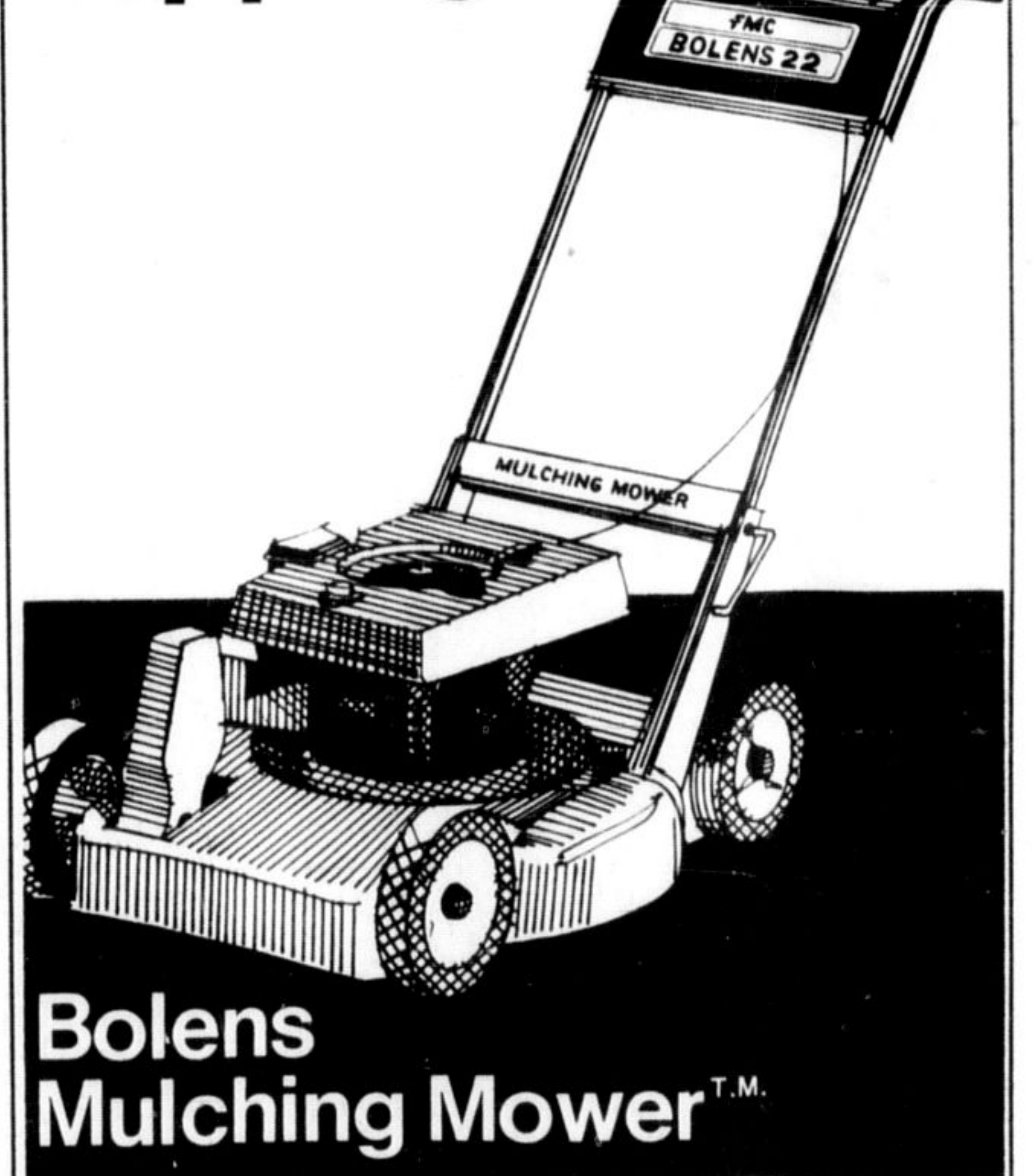
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