



Geranium Tea At St. Paul's

A large crowd was on hand for the annual Geranium Tea held Saturday in St. Paul's Church. Shown from left are Anne Marie McGowan, Florence Hall, and...



Lots Of Fun At Percy Merry

Percy Merry School Fun Fair was held Saturday. Rachel Henry, 6, in the photo upper left tried the satchel toss, while Dawn Perrier, 5, who came with her grandmother, Vera French of Milton had luck in the fish pond.

Use of school strap under review

The use of corporal punishment in Halton's separate schools is now under review, says special services superintendent Dennis Nolan.

Mr. Nolan said the use of the strap is one of the three issues to be discussed at the police development sessions of the board later this month. The other two issues tabled are schoolyard safety and the availability

of commercial enterprises to schools.

The issue of corporal punishment will also be on the agenda for the principals' meeting later this month, he said.

Although the separate board has no specific policy on the strap, Mr. Nolan explained the Education Act states principals may use methods of discipline or punishment which are kind and judicious.

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He said, "the board has interpreted this to mean the strap. But the strap is in rare use now.

"In the old days, straps were sold by companies which also sold education supplies.

"We don't supply straps to our news schools."

Amnesty working to change our world

A small group of local people say they are changing the course of events throughout the world.

The group is the Lowville chapter of Amnesty International. There are 11 members, from all walks of life, who use a steady letter-writing campaign to politely convince governments of other countries to stop torturing and murdering people.

The members of Amnesty International - there are 25,000 across Canada - fight for prisoners of conscience, people who have been arrested because of their race, religion or ethnic beliefs, who have never used violence. They oppose the use of torture and especially the death penalty.

Peggy Parchem, past chairman of the Lowville group, says approximately five prisoners of conscience are released daily. She says Amnesty International cannot take all the credit for the releases, but that they are largely responsible.

"People who are released tell us that our letter-writing campaigns have an impact," said Ms. Parchem. "They say that with the arrival of the first 200 letters they (the prisoners) may have their clothes returned to them. With the second 200 the warden comes for a visit, and with several thousand letters the president of the country releases the prisoner."

Amnesty International is a world wide human rights movement, which transcends all political boundaries. Members never campaign for prisoners in their own countries.

The main target of the Lowville group now is South Africa. The group plans to send 600,000 letters to businesses, government, labour groups and professionals in that country, urging them to take a second look at their human rights policy.

Their strategy is to get Canadians to send letters to their African counterparts. Service-club members here will correspond with service-club members in South Africa. Members don't even have to write the letters, or address the envelopes, they come from the organization ready to be signed and sent.

Amnesty International keeps track of the number of executions around the world. But their totals are likely shy of the true numbers because many governments fail to announce or hide the executions of prisoners.

The organization says more than 1,000 people were executed around the world in 1985. Executions were reported from 44 countries. In the United States 18 people were put to death and the number awaiting execution on death row grew to more than 1,600 by the end of the year.



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THE BIBLE

The time will come when the Bible itself will be called into question and many who have faith in it will be haled before the courts upon some pretext or other.

The God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament also - Jehovah. The Old Testament had prophesied that a Messiah would come and at the first advent of Christ there was great expectation that he would come then. And he did. "He (Andrew) first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.... Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, we have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1:41, 45).

After Jesus' resurrection from the dead He fell into conversation with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus "Whose eyes were hidden that they should not know him." "And he said unto them, what manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass in these days? And he said unto them, what things? And they said unto him, concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.... Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." (Luke 24:16-20; 25-27).

Christ also said: "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you because they have not known the Father, nor me" (John 16:1-3).

Most of the religious organizations are apostate today as evidenced by their disbelief in the inspiration of the Bible, the Scriptures. They may agree that some parts of the Bible uphold high ethical standards but they do not believe that the Bible is inspired by God. But the Bible says: "Knowing this first, that prophecy of the scripture came not by private incitation, for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2nd Peter 1:20, 21).

The religious organizations today teach doctrines that are more in harmony with the "tradition of the elders" than they are with the commandments of God. "Then came to Jesus scribes and pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?... Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition" (Matt. 15:1-6). "And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:9).

Christ said: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:31). "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). And the Apostle Paul, without question a faithful follower of Christ, said: "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come" (Acts 26:22).

There will be no relief for this world's troubles until Christ establishes the Kingdom of God upon this earth, and the Bible affirms that just prior to this event: "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:26-30).

No one can deny that these evil conditions are prevalent today. The people rejected Noah's testimony and today the people reject the Bible testimony that the time for God's judgment upon all nations has come.

"The gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Rom. 11:29) and God will fulfill His promise to Abraham, "In thy seed shall ALL the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 22:18). That promise was confirmed to Isaac (Gen. 26:3-5), and to Jacob (Gen. 28:13, 14). "That seed is the twelve tribes of Israel—the two tribes of Judah and the ten tribes of Ephraim (The Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people). There is no blessing without life and "As in Adam ALL die, even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). It is the same ALL.

Ezekiel, chapter 37, shows that God will cleanse all twelve tribes of Israel of the evil they have committed and of their present state of corruption and will write His law into their hearts, and ultimately into the heart of every man of all nations, both the living and the resurrected dead. As the Bible has prophesied: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain (kingdom); for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Is. 11:9).

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