

# Court decision just a setback to Ken Campbell

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The issue behind funding for religious schools is one of parental choice, according to Milton's Reverend Ken Campbell, the outspoken evangelist.

The recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling that provincial governments are not required to extend funding to those religious schools currently not receiving financing does not mean that they cannot, according to Rev. Campbell. Thus, financing for such schools in western Canada will not be pulled as a result of this decision and the quest for it in Ontario can continue.

"There is nothing wrong with public schools that a level playing field can't correct," said Rev. Campbell. "Funding (to religious schools) would fracture the public school monopoly. It would be broken up and that is nothing but good."

Rev. Campbell suggested that society would not be satisfied if the government decreed there would be only one legal auto manufacturer. The creation of such a monopoly provides that the quality of automobiles would go down while the price would go up, Rev. Campbell said.

"The most important commodity in Ontario is the schooling of our youth," he continued. "The monopoly in education provides that the quality goes down while the price goes up and the arrogance of the bureaucracy becomes insufferable. It's the natural inclination of any monopoly."

Rev. Campbell said there is substantial moral support for the position that one religious group should not receive funding denied to others. He called it "a most distressing violation of basic human rights." In addition, he suggested that Ontario's business conscious Tory government could help break the monopoly of the present school boards by helping to fund schools outside



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large bureaucracy that the public school system has.

If public schools instituted prayer, allowed Biblical creation theory to be taught in both scientific and religious terms and paid attention to moral values the need for religious schools would not exist, Rev. Campbell said. He agreed with a Catholic school premise that religion permeates the entire curriculum of religious schools.

Because of that position he said an ethics class, in which students receive religious instruction or ethical teachings according to the wishes of their parents, is not as satisfactory a solution as specific religious schools.

Rev. Campbell said wherever and whenever education occurs there is some form of religion or moral value being taught, even if it is the atheistic, anti-religious position of current school boards.

the boards' jurisdiction.

In Manitoba, small religious schools can receive funding at 65 per cent of the public school rate after they operate for a short period. Rev. Campbell said they are able to provide a full curriculum because they do not have the

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**CHILDREN'S WEEKEND, SAT., DEC. 14** — Burlington's Jr. Teen Tour Band will play from the steps of the bank building. Starting at 1:30 pm. Cocoa and cookies after at Lions Hall.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 15** — Tree Decorating by Brookville School children + at 1:30 pm, a musical presentation from the steps of the bank building. Coco and cookies after at the Lions Hall.

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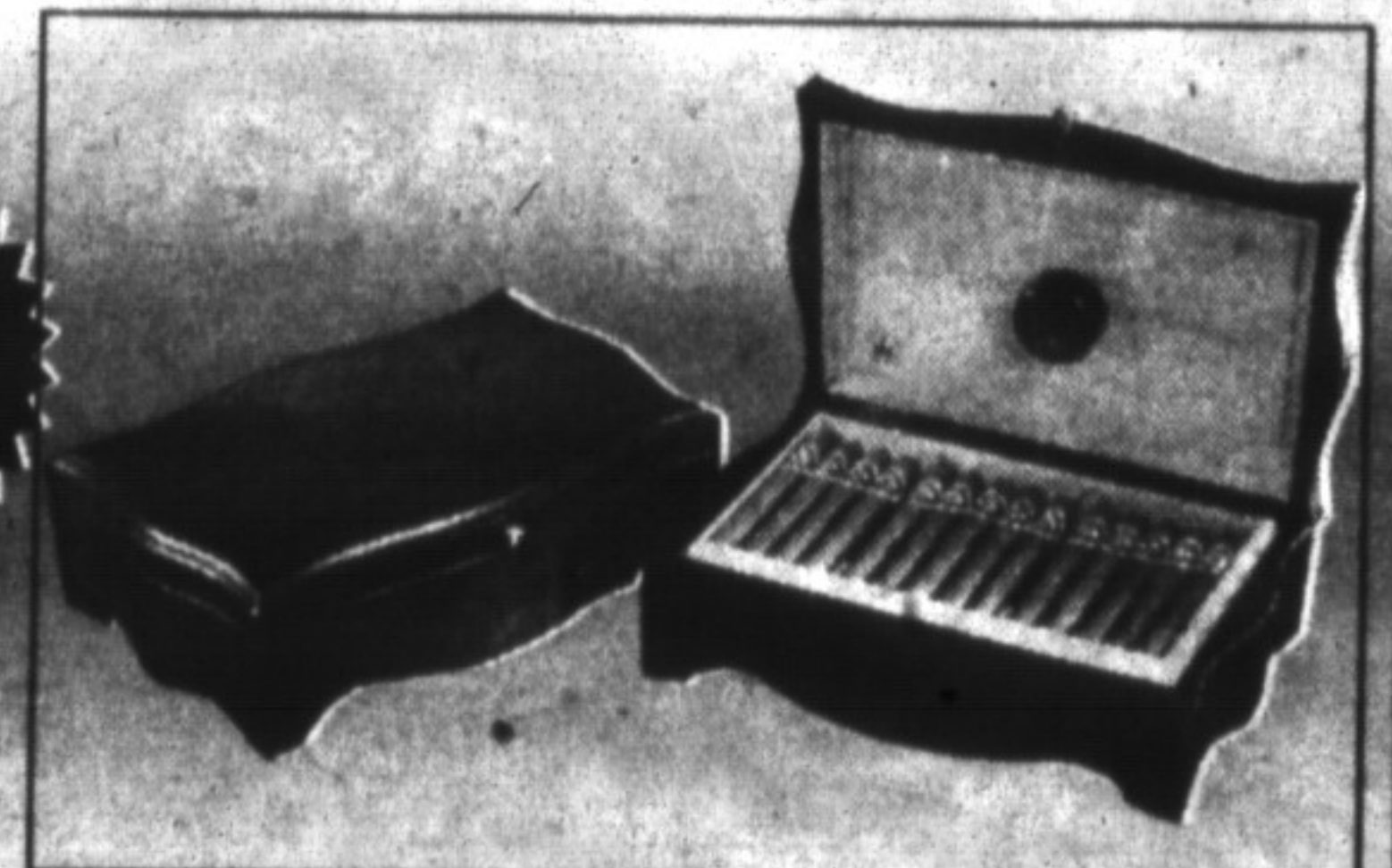
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