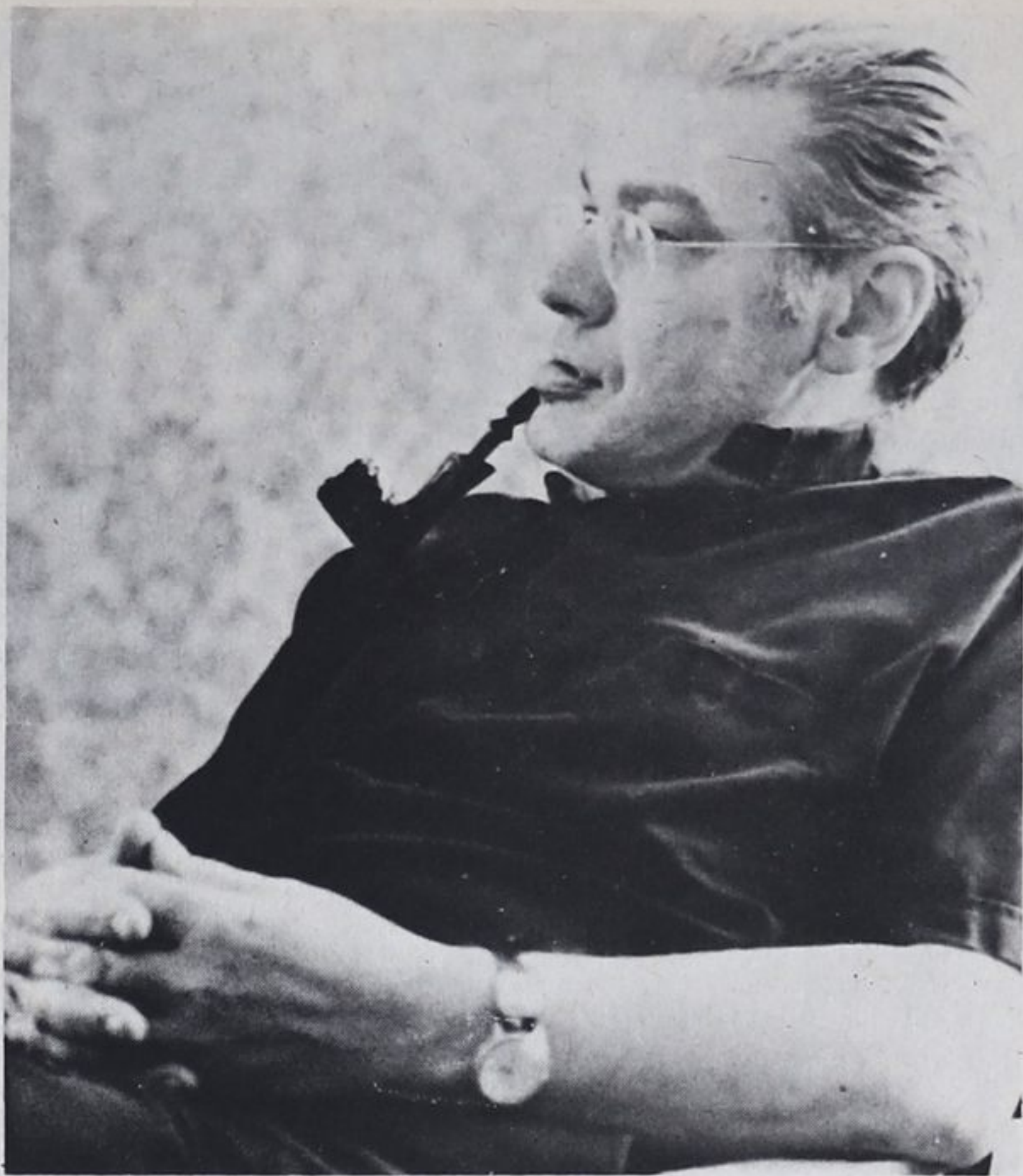


Shut in day is June 6

Many days throughout the year are set aside to pay tribute to those who deserve recognition. One of the lesser known is the first Sunday in June each year, June 6th in 1976, which belongs to the vast army of the handicapped, elderly, in fact all those who are classed as Shut-ins.

Often these courageous people are neglected and forgotten and find themselves lonely as life surges unheedingly around and past them. They have long deserved a day of their own when they may be given the attention they merit, not only on this one day but as often as possible.

We hope that Shut-in's Day will find our hospitals, nursing homes, Senior Citizens' Homes around the world, filled with "caring" friends. A drive in the spring air, a personal visit, even a gift, letter or card or a phone call will long be remembered by someone who is confined.



Father McTague

St Margaret's Father McTague

Celebrating 25 years in the priesthood

Midland's Reverend Father E.J. McTague celebrates 25 years in the priesthood this year, and his friends in St. Margaret's parish intend to make his silver anniversary one he won't forget.

They have planned a celebration on Sunday, May 30 with a special mass at 2:00. Reverend L.J. Wall of the Chancery Office in Toronto will deliver the homily. After Mass, there will be a joyous reception in the basement of the church and it's hoped that most of Father McTague's classmates from St. Michael's, Class of '51, will be present.

Father McTague is the pastor of St. Margaret's and has served in Midland for eight years.

Before that he served in four Toronto parishes and in Markham Ontario.

"Urban life? They can have it!" says Father McTague. "People care about each other in smaller communities like Midland. This is a wonderful town."

In his quarter century in the priesthood, Father McTague has seen tremendous changes in the church. He thinks the changes are all for the better. "Change is in the history of the church," he says. "Remember the Reformation? The Vatican Council was the same kind of thing. The church has to be relevant to life as it is today."

These days, according to the Reverend Father, there are no more "nominal Catholics." He

says, "You can't sit on the fence like you used to. You have to live it, and that's what scares people. You are, or you aren't."

"If a man doesn't believe in God," continues the Reverend Father, "I tell him it's a free country. But do make up your mind. And don't say you do if you don't. And don't say you don't if you do."

In his deep and comforting voice, he talks about the present state of the church. "They say people are falling away from the church. Well, they always have. The difference today is that young people go to Mass because they want to, not because they are forced to. And they are more likely to do what they see their parents doing, not what their parents tell

them to do."

Young people have always been one of Father McTague's deepest concerns, and since he has come to Midland, he has focussed heavily on the continuing growth and development of St. Theresa's School. (He insists that the people of the parish are responsible for the good things that happen at their secondary school. Ask the people of St. Margaret's, and they'll tell you that Father McTague is the guiding force.)

His theory of education is disarmingly simple. "It's not enough to teach a young person how to make a living. A person is more than just a body, so we must teach him why he's alive and how to live. And that's where it's at."

Although he says St. Theresa's is in better shape than ever, he sees more expansion ahead for the school. But he has no doubts about the ability of the people of St. Margaret's to rise to the challenge. "They are terrific people," he says. "We were gonna paint the church, and do you know 25 guys showed up, and some of them were working on ladders 50 feet up. And they got the job done!"

Father McTague is the only son in a family of six girls of whom only one survives. He says that his decision for the priesthood was probably influenced by one particular priest in his boyhood parish. "I guess you might say I was raised on the wrong end of

the tracks, and I used to get in the mixup of troubles that were around. But one priest got all the boys in our gang to be altar boys, and then he kind of put the boots to us pretty good too, if you know what I mean. He was a big influence on me. I really admired that man."

He says he's a happy man, and he looks content as he sits relaxed in his shirt sleeves, puffing on a pipe that rarely leaves his lips. "To grow in love with Christ and with your fellow man," he muses, "That's why we're here, and that's happiness."

And on May 30, the people of St. Margaret's will return that love, at least twenty five times over.

Hurononia Community Calendar

Organizers are invited to publicize their upcoming events free of charge in the Times Community Calendar. Please call the Community Calendar editor at 526-9369 or drop your message into the Midland Times office, 525 Bay Street.

Wednesday, May 19

Midland District Shrine Club "Sahrine Circus", at Arena Gardens, Midland. Two performances: 4:15 and 8:15 p.m. Proceeds for children's welfare work in Midland-Penetanguishene district.

Thursday, May 20

Nuclear energy is the topic of Face-to-Face women's group meeting. We invite all interested women to come and hear Mr. Hugh Irvin, Manager Nuclear Studies and Safety Management with Ontario Hydro, at Penetanguishene Public Library Hall, at 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 20

The Midland-Penetang Field Naturalists' Club will be holding their monthly meeting at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre. The guest speaker will be Ms. Roberta O'Brien from the Ministry of Natural Resources who will be talking on "The Archaeology of Methodist Point."

Friday, May 21

Ladies' Auxiliary Penetanguishene General Hospital will tag. Proceeds for special equipment for the Hospital.

Fridays, until June 18

Georgian Bay Lung Association sponsors conditioning program for asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, at Parkview Public School, Midland, Seventh Street entrance, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 22

Garage Sale in Waubaushene, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the home of Bob and Leta Thifault, Coldwater Road. In support of the United Church, Waubaushene. There will be a lunch bar.

Saturday, May 22

Mothers' Auxiliary of Penetanguishene Little NHL Spring Dance at Hunters and Anglers Hall, Midland, 8:30 p.m. Dance music-Rick Lemieux. Tickets available at St. Amant's, Robert St. W., Penetanguishene.

Saturday, May 22

Midland Civinettes are holding a Flea Market at 10 a.m. at Parkside Inn on Yonge Street. Proceeds will go to community projects and to the new Huronia District Hospital. Anyone wishing to donate, please phone 526-9814, 526-7269, 526-9136 and we will pick up.

Saturday, May 22

The Mothers' Club of St. Marks, are sponsoring a Rummage Sale, at the Parish House, Third Street, Midland, at 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 22

Coldwater Canadiana opens near Coldwater. There will be a sale of gift shop articles and a bake sale.

Saturday, May 22

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors tea and bake sale at 12 p.m. at The Surf, Balm Beach.

Saturday, May 22

A Rummage, Bake and Book Sale will be held at Cawaja, Balm and Ossossane Beaches (CBO) Parks and Recreation Association Club House, Ossossane Beach, from 2 until 5 p.m. Raffle tickets are available from most CBO members. If you have anything to donate to this sale, please call 526-8309 or 533-2063.

Notice

Say did you miss out on getting one of those handy and interesting cookbooks the nurses Alumnae published? "Recipes from a Nurses Scrapbook" — if so you'd better hurry — they've just received their final printing. Cost \$2.00 each. All proceeds to the New Huronia District Hospital. Call Rena Bell 526-5362.

Monday, May 24

Free hearing tests by the Canadian Hearing Society. Monday, at the Government Dock, Midland, and Tuesday at the High Point Plaza, Penetanguishene, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Quota Clubs of Huronia, Orillia and Barrie.

Wednesday, May 26

Hurononia Social Planning Council annual meeting at The Arch, Yonge Street. Guest speaker Karen Hill, Ontario Welfare Council Cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at the Commodore Hotel and The Arch.

Wednesday, May 26

Hurononia District Branch of the Canadian Diabetic Association will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the 3C Conference Room, Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie. For further information, write Box 992, Barrie, or phone 728-3820.

Wednesday, May 26

Ladies' Guild of All Saints Anglican Church, Penetanguishene, will hold its annual Spring Buffet Supper. Tickets available from Guild members or call 549-8856, 549-7295. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday, May 27

Hurononia Chapter, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario dinner meeting at Holcomb's Restaurant, 77 Colborne Street West, Orillia. Social hour at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Dr. D.L. Vanderburg.

Friday, May 28

Euchre party at the Waubaushene Legion, 8 p.m. Cash prizes, refreshments and must be over 18.

Saturday, May 29

Rummage Sale, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland, at 10 a.m. Auspices Dorothy Lukes Auxiliary. For pickup call 526-2907, 526-6215.

Saturday, May 29

Auction, Rummage and Bake Sale at 1 p.m. Ray Stanley's barn, Old Fort Road. To support Old Fort Community playground. For pickup call 526-8311.

Sunday, May 30

Ebenezer United Church Anniversary at 11 a.m. Guest speaker, Rev. Robert Lindsay. Special music by the Junior Choir and Minesing Quartet.

Monday, May 31

Penetanguishene ladies' softball league at 6:30 p.m. the far diamond, John McGuire Park. Registration forms available at Town Office, Penetanguishene. Clearing date May 20.

Saturday, June 2

Vasey Church Auction, Vasey Community Park, County Rd. 23. Antiques, farm equipment, quilts, baked goods, household articles. Starts 12:00 p.m. Proceeds for Vasey United Church renovation program.

Sunday, June 3

An overnight bus tour is being planned to Marineland, Niagara Falls, Ont. to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Youngstown, N.Y. and to Our Lady of Victory Shrine, Buffalo, N.Y. For information phone 549-8819.

Saturday, June 9

Old fashioned Band Concert, Little Lake Park, Midland, sponsored by the Simcoe County Recreation Association for the Institutionalized Senior Citizens. Proceeds will be used to carry on a creative activity program during summer months for shut-ins of this area. For information phone 526-9732.



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