

Letters

Laurier night planned for Aug. 21

Dear Sir:

We trust that by now you have heard rumours of Wilfrid Laurier University's plans to establish its main Simcoe County centre in Barrie.

"Laurier Night", scheduled for Aug. 21 will make it official. Dr. Neale Tayler, president of the university, will make the announcement of the university's permanent base in Barrie.

His Worship, Mayor Ross Archer, will respond with words of welcome. Educational officials in the Barrie area will bring greetings.

Other features of the evening will include a synchronized multi-visual display of Wilfrid Laurier University's resources and of its involvements in Simcoe County. Also, a presentation will be made to the University's most recent honorary alumnus in Simcoe County, Dr. Philip Rynard.

The program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. will be brief so that, over refreshments, those in attendance may mix and mingle with university representatives to discuss our programs and seek answers to inquiries.

The evening will be very informal as well as informative, providing an excellent opportunity to ask questions without feeling obligated.

We hope you can be present for Laurier Night. If prior commitments prevent you from doing so, please pass these invitations along to others in your organization who may be interested in — or who may benefit from — our programs. Tell your friends to come even without an invitation — they'll be welcome.

J. Frederick Little, Ph.D.,
Director: Continuing Education

Church growing by leaps and bounds

Dear Sir:

This information sheet is being sent to you so that accurate, current information on the Church of Scientology is readily available. The recent purchase for 2.1 million dollars of a Yonge Street building in Toronto brings the total new property acquisitions in Canada by the Church of Scientology to five thus far in 1980.

Over four million dollars has gone into purchasing new premises for Canadian churches and missions over the last few months. Two properties were acquired in Toronto, and one each in Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver.

The increasing membership of churches all over the world has forced an unprecedented expansion, both of property purchases and new locations of missions and churches. In the period January 1979 to March 1980, 25 new Scientology missions opened around the world, bringing the figure of active missions to over 175. Five petitions for Mission Charters from American Scientologists were received by the Mother Church during the week of April 14-20th alone.

However, with the swelling membership, many missions are developing full Church status; 12 new organizations have opened since 1979 in the United

States, Mexico, Belgium, Italy and Canada. Another thirty-eight are undergoing the preliminary verification by the Mother Church necessary to full confirmation as a Church.

Escalating inflation and outgrown buildings have necessitated property purchases in many areas. Other than the Canadian ones, Sydney, San Francisco, Sacramento, Philadelphia, Detroit, Las Vegas, Austin, Miami, Denver, Chicago and Buffalo Churches of Scientology are the proud owners of their estates; a total investment of over \$21 million.

The recent purchase for 1.4 million dollars of St. Mary's Convent in Sussex, U.K. has added to the three million dollars residential and administrative facilities acquired earlier this year to prepare for the administering of the increasing network of churches and missions.

The reaction of Scientology parishioners to the current "boom" is naturally that of delight. The Church's many year history of communication and dialogue has brought about a response in new members which has amazed and surprised even its executives.

Yours sincerely,
Earl Smith,
Secretary

Property owners up in arms

Dear Sir:

Over 10 years ago the Ministry of Revenue spent an enormous amount of our tax dollar to create a new Assessment Act.

Since then they have spent more money on studies and reports on the subject to reduce the new Assessment Act to an Act of after thoughts. With Bill 164 dated November 30, 1979, they have enacted Section 86 (3) or better known as the band aid approach.

We know as well as anyone else in Ontario that we desperately need property tax reform. We also agree that the feeble attempt to try to eliminate some inequities by reassessment under Section 86 is turning out to be a miserable failure.

One reason for this failure is that ten years of expensive work by the assessors to try to establish market values for property is turning out to be a waste of money because 90 per cent of the valuations are not even close to actual sales.

Another reason is that our Assessment Commissioner was avoiding the truth when he emphasized in one of his speeches that "there is no difference whatsoever between classes in the way market values have been established."

Due to the drastic taxshift within classes, under Section 86 (3) without tax reform, we find that the tax burden borne by low and moderate income individuals and families are unduly aggravated.

We have heard from one municipality so far who has considered Section 505 of the Municipal Act to phase in the tax increases and decreases in order to

give some protection to their citizens.

In our town we are experiencing tax increases of over 300 per cent and at the same time we have properties which sold for over \$100,000 and are only paying about \$70 in taxes. This means that the inequities will exist and that they were only shifted around.

Tax reform can not happen with a market value system which is based on opinion rather than fact as is demonstrated by the reassessment in Niagara-on-the-Lake and many other communities. Under market value assessment the province will be forced to create a "Property Owner Welfare Class" besides all other relief schemes, grants and hand-outs.

To have fair taxation province wide, inequities between municipalities, between wards and between property classes will have to be eliminated first and not as it is done under Section 86 where the tail is wagging the dog.

A real tax reform would institute an accurate method of assessment, plain and simple for everyone to understand and would eliminate school taxes from property and make all the welfare and relief programs unnecessary.

To achieve this goal we of course need a common sense approach rather than a purely academic one.

Property Owners Association
of Niagara-on-the-Lake
(For Tax Reform)

Wants Korean conflict dead remembered here

Midland Legion will be approached by town council in an effort to determine the names of those fighting men from Midland who lost their lives during the Korean conflict which broke out exactly 30 years ago.

Wally Wilson of Midland, in a letter to council, has requested the town consider adding the names of those Midlanders who lost their lives in Korea on the King Street cenotaph.

Once council determines how many names and the cost of purchasing a plaque it will make a final decision on the matter.

Wilson, a director of the Korean Veterans Association of Canada, will be visiting Korea

later this year to mark the 30th anniversary of that "police action."

Although unable to be present Monday night, Wilson arranged for Mel Moreau (president of Midland District Labour Council), a Korean War vet to be on hand to address council concerning Wilson's proposal.

At the same time Moreau presented council through Mayor Moreland Lynn a key-tag-plaque which commemorates the Korean war which saw 26,791 Canadians serve in Korea of whom 516 were killed, 1,211 were wounded in action and 33 taken prisoner of war.

Saturday night accidents

The car of a Perkinsfield man received \$1,500 damage in an accident on Midland's Heritage Drive Saturday evening, Midland police report.

Earnest Sowerbutts, 54, of Scarborough, and Edgar Fournier, 30, of Perkinsfield, were both eastbound around 10:30 p.m. when, police say, Sowerbutts apparently attempted to U-turn. Sowerbutts has been charged with careless driving. Damage to his car was set at \$900. No injuries resulted.

Earlier Saturday evening, \$1,000 damage occurred to each of two cars involved in a collision at the intersection of Montreal Street and Fourth Street.

Clifford Lye, 28, of Port McNicoll, southbound on Fourth Street, started a left turn onto Montreal Street. The other driver, David

Desroches, 28, of Willowdale, was northbound on Fourth Street.

Lye has been charged with driving while impaired and with having an excess of alcohol in his body.

Two William Street residents were taken to Huronia District Hospital by ambulance following a collision early Friday afternoon.

Hans Serafin, 50, and Michael Serafin, 12,

both of William Street, were westbound on Dominion Avenue.

Dean Cartier, 21, of Birchwood Drive, was northbound on George Street.

Both cars ended up on the property of 234 George Street where a hedge, two trees and the driveway were damaged.

Cartier has been charged with failing to yield. Damage to each car has been set at \$3,000.

Only alarm reported

It was all but a quiet weekend for members of Midland Fire Department.

Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge noted this week that his brigade was called out only once and that was Sunday at 7:26 a.m. to RCA.

Turned out the call was a false alarm and probably stemmed from a water surge in a

sprinkler system that set off a direct alarm to the fire hall.

The fire chief noted, on another subject, that his investigation is continuing into the person or persons responsible for setting a fire earlier this summer that partially destroyed the famed Georgian Lodge mansion just East of Fuller Avenue in Sunnyside.

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