

# Honor Covenanters' Freedom Stand

Report On Religion  
by  
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ON THE pebbled shore, the sun-sparkled waters of Lake Simcoe ripple lazily back and forth on the gentle days in anger they lash and fume and foam.

But, through it all the Lombardy poplars, first grown in France, stand tall and resolute as the premier of that country. They form a fortress wall for the shore-side cathedral at Glen Mhor Camp at Point Mara, on Lake Simcoe, about five miles north of Beaverton.

Here, Presbyterians numbering more than 3,000 are coming June 19 for the second modern Covenanter Convencicle. Last year, by bus, by train, in cars and on foot, they came. Church heads, political dignitaries, the Queen's provincial representative farmers from nearby and cottagers along the shoreline showed up.

**LINK TO ANCESTORS**  
Nothing in modern history ever been held like this. It was a link with their ancestors—the stout Scottish

folk who stood in Greyfriars churchyard, Edinburgh, that raw March day nearly 300 years ago. They stood in line, drew blood from their veins and with it signed a covenant for free worship. They were not going to have books of church law and worship forced on them by an English archbishop backed by his king.

Within a few years a definition of faith was established for all time. This came out of the famous Long Parliament's church conference in

Westminster Abbey. The Scottish General Assembly accepted the findings of this Assembly of Divines and made them the common inheritance of Presbyterians everywhere. The only thing greater is the Bible.

The disturbances of the time caused the Scots to hold Convencicles (secret worship services) in the glens and forests, arms in one hand, Bible in the other.

Last year on Lake Simcoe was held a commemorative Convencicle. This year the

tradition grows, and on this cornerstone, modern Presbyterianism will build on the memory of their forebears. With the strength of this memory, their free Convencicles will grow and flourish. And to the children goes the heritage. Here, on this beautiful lakeside site, as they come to study, play and worship in summer camp, they will learn of the sacrifices of the past and the new tradition.

**SHIP MAGNATE'S GIFT**  
Shipping magnate James Playfair thought of the children as he provided the land and the buildings for their use, 30 years ago. To the camp he gave the name of his largest vessel, Glen Mhor (the big

meadow), and a ship's bell. There, on the sweeping veranda of the main lodge the bell stands. Forever, it is land-locked and anchored, but never retired.

Of Mr. Playfair, Rev. James Donald, camp convener, said: "You can't hate the world as long as there are people like that."

A plaque in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Playfair is to be dedicated at the Convencicle. This is being provided by the camp Alumni, says Mrs. MacKenzie Matheson, chairman of the Women's House Committee. Last year, and again this, she has worked tirelessly for the convencicle's success.

Also to be dedicated is Playfair House, newest addition to

the camp. It is a house for a caretaker (a Women's Committee project).

There are other things new—the first of 2,500 trees are to be planted on the 27 acres of camp.

**YOUNG PEOPLE HELP**

Young people from various Presbyterian churches in the province plant the trees on week ends. They also clean up, paint up in enthusiastic work parties, from early spring to camp time, and again in the fall. Presbyterian men and women also labor to make the centre a place of beauty, especially for the Convencicle.

At the convencicle, kilts, of course, will be commonplace. There will be pipes and drums

of the 48th. A massed choir will sing. But no music box will play. Just a tuning fork to give the key. The Lieutenant Governor is coming (maybe in a kilt). It wouldn't be a surprise if Premier Frost was there. The new Presbyterian Moderator is to come. Speaker is Prof. David Hay of Knox College. Rover Scouts will usher.

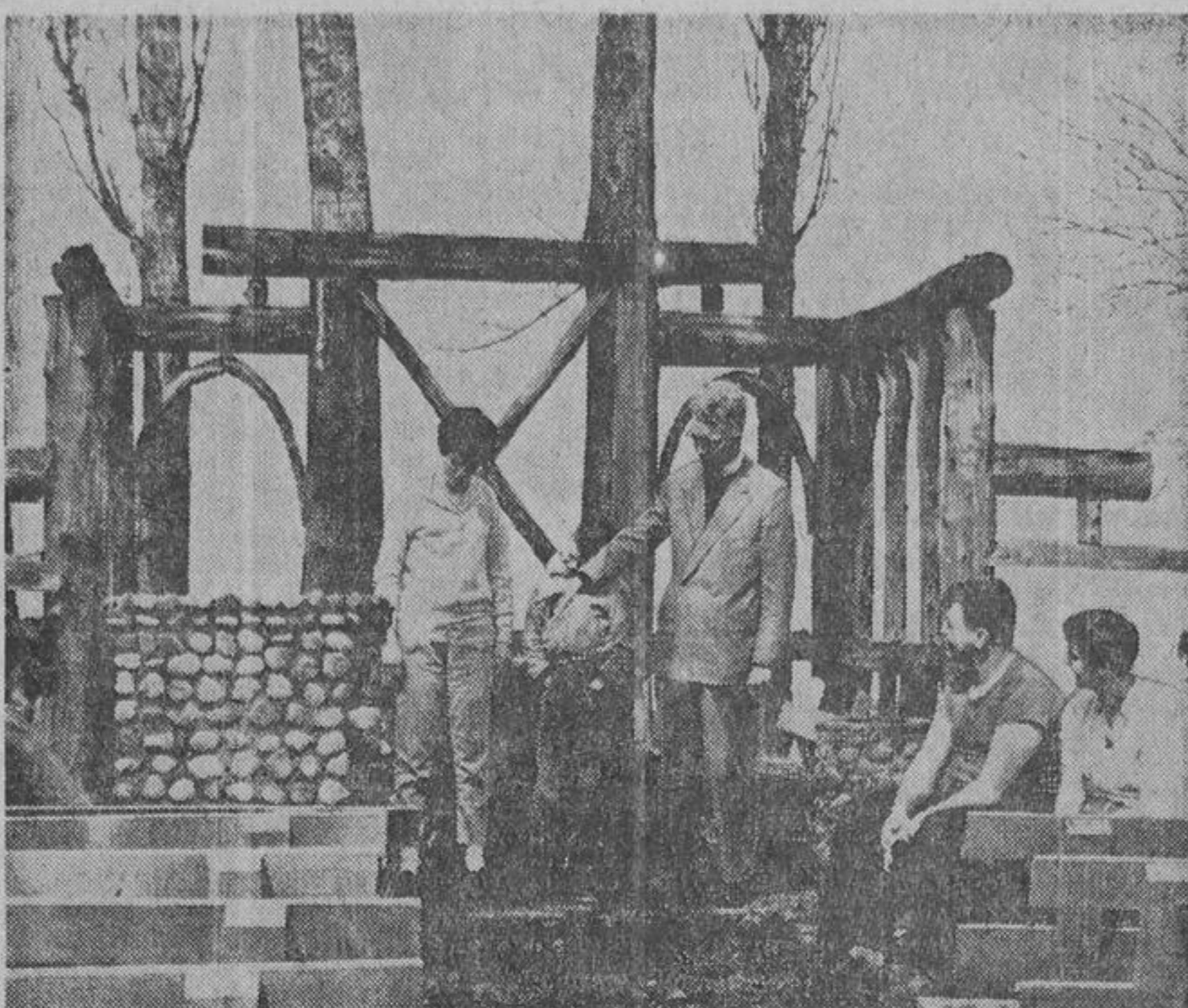
Already car loads are being planned, train tickets bought. Buses, specially chartered

will leave from the main Toronto terminal. Reservations for buses should be made with Miss Mabel Booth, H.U. 8-6539, or write her care of Glenview church, Toronto.

Family day is emphasized. Bring lunch, folding chairs and picnic on the grounds. Coffee will be served. But most important, remember the time, date and place: 4 p.m., June 19 at Glen Mhor Camp. See you there.



Boys and girls are ready to prepare Glen Mhor Camp for the Convencicle. Left to right: Gordon Watt, Barbara Miller, Don Durward, Beth Bodden, Janet Durward, Craigie McQueen, Joyce McErmid, Barrett Greenhow, Keith Barkley and Cathie Williamson.



Rev. B. L. M. Embree, of Beaverton Presbyterian Church, points out some unusual features of the stone altar and font in the open-air chapel. Left to right: Bob Mitchell, Sharon Mitchell, Maynard Embree, Rev. Mr. Embree, Carl Watson and Donna Westcott.

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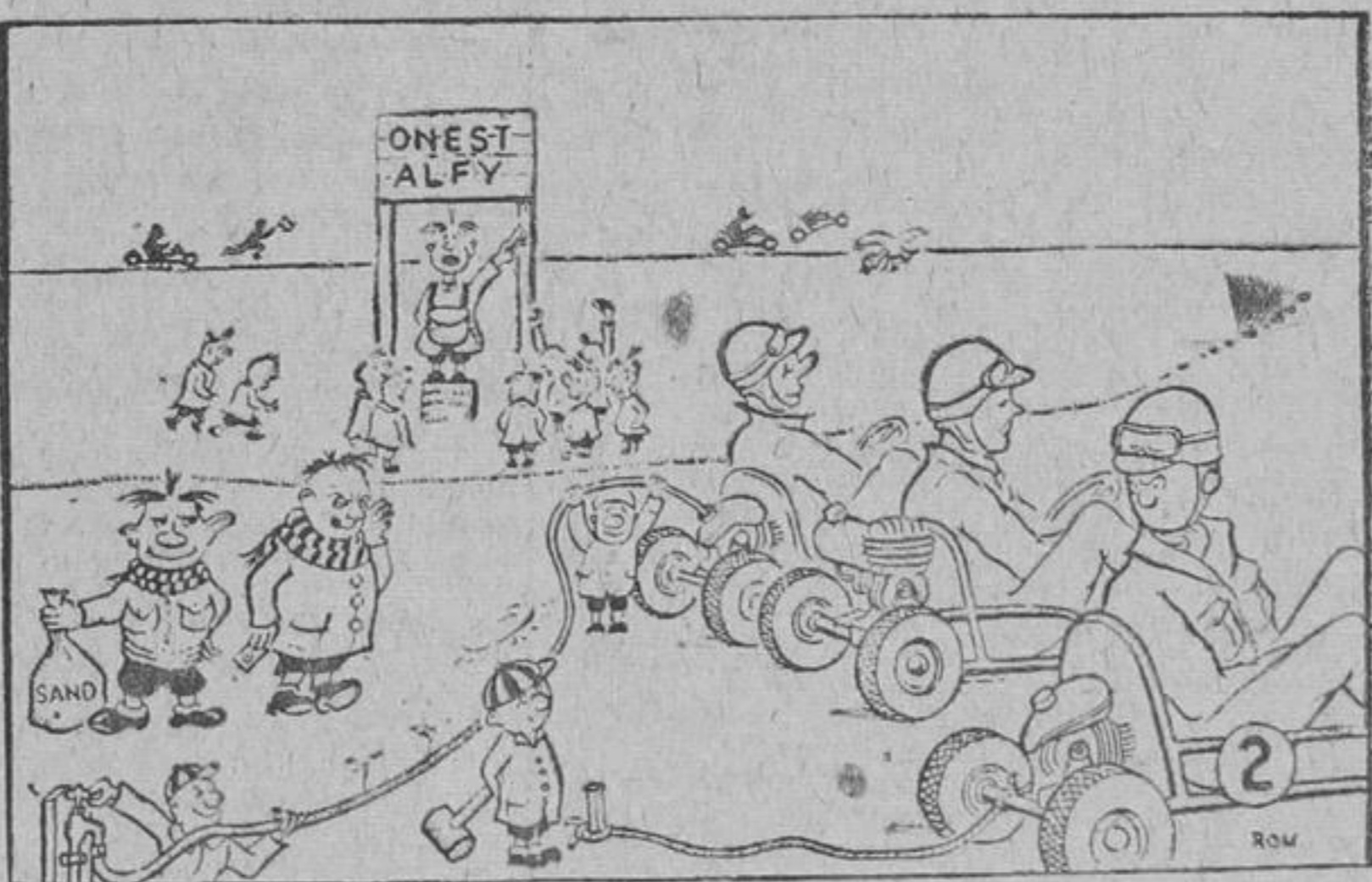
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## Karting—New Family Sport

Will It Come To This District?



Remember two teaspoons in each tank with the exception of number five.  
(by Paul Delmar)  
**WHAT IS KARTING?** You probably only heard about this new sport the other day when you read the story in the columns of "The Liberal" about the application before Vaughan Township Council to establish an arena in this area. Perhaps you are already wondering whether this is a sport for you? Perhaps you are trying to decide whether or not to join the many who are already enjoying the thrills that Karting has to offer.

If you are undecided, the chances are that you will soon be taking the plunge—particularly if a track is set up so close and convenient as is Vaughan Township—and it won't be long after that before you will have decided that it is the most fascinating and exciting sport that you have ever tried.

Probably you will decide that for fun and enjoyment, Karting, provides the opportunity for all the family a chance to let their hair down.

**Started in U.S.A.**  
Starting in the U.S.A., the sport has arrived in Britain and other countries to quickly establish as a leading family sport. It was sponsored in Britain by The Royal Automobile Club. The result has been that there are great possibilities for the private individual to go kart racing, and, contrary to the killjoys, where the spirit has been kept through-out the country and many a disused gravel pit or airfield has come into its own again. It is incredible but the sport in a short six months has grown from a local affair into a national sport recognized by the national press and by television.

**Amateurs Protected**  
With the original introduction of Karting in the United States, one or two wise Americans foresaw that this sport would soon go the way of others and become professionalized unless it was properly protected.

So they banded together to protect karting so that it should remain a sport for the family—a sport in which all could be interested as participants, and not just as spectators.

If you look at any of the American journals today, you will find the "hot rods" and the "quarter midgets" as they call them, are all built to the formula which allows of home building and home racing and no professionalism has been allowed to creep in. Thus, Karting in the States is national and is enjoyed by thousands at not too great a cost per year.

**Protection Needed**  
It is to be hoped that with its growth in Canada, the public will look after its own interests by insisting that the sport is kept open for all amateurs with the right spirit of sportsmanship for sport's sake.

Cost of a Kart is around the \$200 mark. For this small outlay everyone who has ever dreamed of circling a race track, enjoying the thrill of clever cornering, racing up the straight to the next, all the excitement of pit work as karts are serviced, can have his dreams come true.

Whether it will come to this area via the proposed track near No. 7 Highway in Vaughan Township is for the township council to decide.

**WILLOWDALE**—The legal department of North York Township, which has been working six months on a case involving a Willowdale businessman who for several years has been using township property for the so-called illegal use of storage of trucks and grading equipment. Township solicitor W. R. Rogers, Q.C., says he hopes to resolve the problem soon.

### Petition Stymies Proposed Car Lot

A one-man delegation wanting permission to establish a used-car lot at the corner of Carrville Road and Yonge Street was told by Vaughan Township Council Tuesday night that he might have a difficult time securing Municipal Board approval because of the objections to the proposed used-car lot from citizens in the area.

Reeve John Perry told the applicant, a Mr. Rush, that since his appearance before council a week earlier, nine property owners who originally had signed a petition favoring the car lot had changed their minds and had formally so notified Council.

Reeve Perry explained that as matters stood, Mr. Rush had one legal out, the securing of a car lot by-pass council. He was suggesting this, he said, because he knew time was of the essence. Ordinarily, by the time hearings had been held and the matter cleared with the Municipal Board, if it was cleared at all, the season's peak business period would be at an end.

Mr. Rush, obviously discouraged, said that he sensed unjustified animosity behind the now unfavorable reaction to the proposed lot by the nine citizens.

"I thought I could make a definite commercial contribution to the area," he said. "But rather than arouse and having to cope with unfriendliness in the future I guess I'll just forget about the lot."

Individual council members expressed their sympathy but felt that Mr. Rush would understand that under the circumstances, as a governing body, their hands were tied.

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