

# Meditorial

By Rev. J. Paul

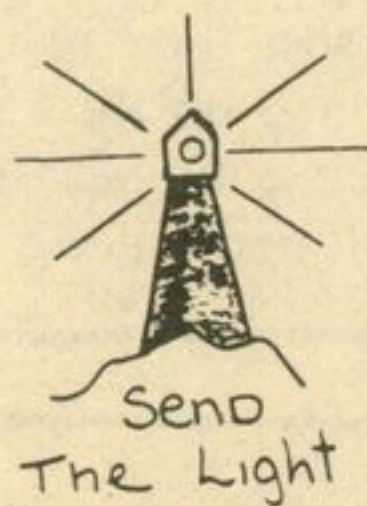
September has come and not one moment too soon. Two months of summer holidays with demanding children tests mother's love, not to mention father's patience. Where would we be without the school system and their investment in our children's lives.

There was a laughable article reported in the January 13 edition of The Calgary Herald, which described how one school principal invests her life in the pursuit of discipline. Norma Taylor, principal of John Adams Junior High School in Charleston, W. Va., keeps her eye on misbehaving students in a unique manner—a camera's blinking eye. She strolls among the students at dances, athletic events, and class breaks, photographing them smoking, petting, or loitering in off-limits places. Later, when the film has been processed, she calls the guilty parties to her office and confronts them with the evidence. The article goes on to say that students have begged to purchase their pictures, but Principal Taylor won't sell. One might call this the Candid Camera method of discipline.

Did you know that God also keeps an exact record of every sin ungodly sinners commit. Hebrews 4:13 states that "He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we must explain all that we have done" (Living Bible). If we could grasp this truth that the ever present God not only is watching our actions, but is also recording them for the day of judgment, we would live radically different lives. How we fool ourselves into thinking that God is an absent landlord who cannot see us, nor hear us, nor judge us.

Along with this truth that God is an All-Seeing God, one must affirm the truth that God is also a Merciful God. Psalms 103:12 declares concerning those who have submitted their lives to the Creator that "as far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." As soon as we lay our broken lives at Jesus' feet the record of our dirty past is destroyed. One moment of confession and our relationship with God turns from one of guilt to one of grace. Did you know that the Great Creator is taking candid photographs of you every moment. I wonder what the pictures reveal?

## Castor Valley Baptist Church



Minister—Rev. James Paul, ph. 821-2144  
Meeting in the Russell Public School  
9:30 a.m.—Family Worship Service  
Nursery and Children's church provided  
10:30 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation  
11:00 a.m.—Family Bible School

Evening Services will be held in the homes of those in our congregation.  
September 30 at 7:30 p.m. Film Night in the Kenmore Church with the film "So Long Joey"

## 60 years in Bloom

The Russell Horticultural Society marked its 60th anniversary Aug. 18 with its annual show at the Anglican Church parish hall.

There were 26 exhibitors in the senior division with 187 entries, judged by Linda Hinck, of Ottawa, who remarked on the high quality of exhibits.

Highest points in cut flowers went to Ann James: in arrangements to Ada Latour; in potted plants to Baukje Bakker. Mrs. James also won the William John Pelot Trophy; Helen Morrow, the Grove Springs Trophy.

In the junior and teenage divisions there were 17 exhibitors with

a record number of 97 entries. Here, Annette Bekkers took the home garden competition; Nancy Bekkers, most points among juniors; Patricia Nyenkamp, most points among teenagers.

Society president Betty Hay crowned Nancy Bekkers as horticultural queen.

Tea was served to a large number of members and guests and greetings were delivered by Mr. Gordon Winter of Maxville, assistant director of horticultural societies, in the absence of director Gordon Thom who is recovering from illness.

## God Goes Back To School

Castor Valley Baptist Church, a new church formed by the amalgamation of the Kenmore Baptist Church and Russell Baptist Church, has begun worship services in the Russell Public School. During Ontario's pioneer days it was not unusual to see a congregation holding divine services in a school building.

In the case of the Castor Valley Baptist Church history has repeated itself and on September 2 the congregation converted the school's auditorium into a place of worship.

Actually the Russell Public School will be used quite extensively each Sunday morning. Following the Family Worship Service which runs from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., there is a half hour of fellowship Family Bible School from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00. Evening services will be held in various homes of those in the congregation and in the Kenmore church.

Renting a welcomed opportunity for the Castor Valley Baptist Church in that a large percentage of the congregation live in the Russell, Forest Park, Vars, Limoges, Casselman area. As of the end of August, the old Russell Church building was sold and a building fund was established, with a view to buying land and erecting a new building. An aspiration of this new church is that it would be a friendly and warm church where people of the community could come and worship God.

## Library News

From Ina Kincaid

Library Hours—Mon., Fri. and Sat., 2:30-5:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:00-1:00; Tues. and Thurs. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Telephone 445-5331

### New Books

The First Canadians  
Canada Moves Westward  
The Crazy Twenties  
Signals, What Your Child is Really Telling You by Paul Ackerman, Ph.D

Handbook of Home Remodelling and Improvement by LeRoy O. Anderson

### Children's Books

Tale of a One Way Street by Joan Aiken

Daddy by Jeanne Caines

The Town Cats and Other Tales by Lloyd Alexander

### Paper Backs

Wild Goose Jack-Jack Miner's autobiography

The Battle for Salt Bucket Beach  
As For Me and My House—Sinclair Ross

Story Time will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 10:00 a.m. for children age 3-5. It will continue every other Wednesday.

## Church Auction

Russell Baptist Church  
Castor Street, Russell

OCT. 20

Sale of contents only—antique pews, chairs, fixtures, etc. Also pulpit, brass railing. Stewart James and Carson Hill, Auctioneers.



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