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The Last Word

Heat Wave

by LYNNE BADGER

How can you tell a Schreiber person from a Terrace Bay person? Would you believe, the Schreiber person has a tan. This is no joke. Until two days ago I have been watching children shivering at their swimming lessons.

Then it came... the HEAT WAVE. It was actually hot. There was no fog and very little wind. Someone at my baseball game that night had the nerve to complain about the heat!

It has been a very cool summer here other than the alleged heat wave which only lasted about 24 hours and could be referred to as a "ripple" rather than a "wave".

I felt a little better this week when I learned that points south east, i.e. Parry Sound/Muskoka have been cooler on the average than usual. I think I

could handle a mere 20 degrees C. (which is cool for them).

Often when things are written Friday and published Wednesday, things happen to change the situation and the original complaint has little meaning. I sincerely hope that between now and the time this is published that a real heat wave hits, and stays until September 12. I figure that will be sufficient time for the vegetables and flowers in the garden to produce... something. It is very discouraging to gaze at the multitude of berries in the strawberry patch which are still a lovely shade of green and realize that they may not make it to the pie and jam stage this year. The corn is no where near "as high as an elephant's eye", maybe an elephant's knee but it would still be a short elephant.

I wish Schreiber continued nice weather and Terrace Bay a hot August but I'm not taking any chances. I am going to Parry Sound.

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What's Happening

by REV. B.M. FELLINGER

Though the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is still a fairly young denomination, its vision is as energetic and broad in scope as was that of the disciples on the day of Pentecost; the day from which the denomination derives its name. It is striving to do its part, along with the other great church groups of our day to reach the world with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

For a change of pace in the column I thought I would just share with you some recently released information to give an idea of the various areas that Pentecostal churches

are involved in. At present in Canada there are 999 congregations including French-Canadian churches and preaching points and 107 Native Indian congregations with a total of 163,892 adherents. There are five theological colleges at present with over 1,045 students enrolled. A French Ministries Training Institute and a Canadian Correspondence College, as well as three Native Indian Bible Training Centres are in existence. Five hundred and seventy-seven youth groups are run with 21,000 young people in attendance as well as 11,431 boys and girls in attendance at weekly Crusader programs.

Social programs include a Social Concerns Department, drug rehabilitation programs, homes for troubled youth, homes for unwed mothers, crisis pregnancy centres, homes for the aged, senior citizen apartments, correctional, hospital and university chaplaincies, as well as a general hospital in Hay River, N.W.T.

There are also 265 active missionaries in 26 countries, with 6,148 churches and adherents numbering around 605,042. World Missions Giving for the organization was \$8,322,000 in 1983. This also helped the 18 overseas Bible Colleges of 1,130 students. The

Emergency Relief and Development Overseas arm of the P.A.O.C. was involved in 14 overseas projects last year, including 55 tons in emergency food shipments.

In his opening address to the 36th Biennial General Conference of the P.A.O.C. to be held in St. John, New Brunswick, August 23-28, the General Superintendent, Rev. James MacKnight will outline Canada's problems relating to the laws of God that we, as a nation, have broken. His message will be "Canada's Dilemma, The Responsibility of the Church, and God's Response." The theme of the Conference is,

"IT IS TIME".

Taking a leaf out of the history books, Rev. MacKnight believes we should do today what the Methodists did 100 years ago. "The old-time Methodists planted churches every few miles in urban and rural Canada. That is what made our nation great. Canada has been a God-fearing nation with high moral standards and a sense of spiritual revival. Canada is now in a moral and spiritual crisis. We must have a spiritual awakening."

Abortion-on-demand, pornography, prostitution, lotteries, divorce, the abuse of the Lord's Day, and a wave of social problems indicate that Canada is hurting

and needs a spiritual awakening. The dynamics of church planting is designed to meet that need. Our short term goal is to plant 75 churches in the next two years, and the long term objective is to establish 400 new churches over the next ten years should the Lord tarry."

To begin towards these goals, a giant "Offerama" is to be held Sunday afternoon, August 26 during the Conference where over 1.5 million dollars is expected to be raised from all across Canada. The money will be used to plant churches in these major cities in Canada; Vancouver (Coquitlam), Calgary

(West), Saskatoon (North and Native), Winnipeg (Maples), Toronto (Northeast and West), Montreal (Longueuil), Sussex (New Brunswick), and around the world: Harare, Zimbabwe; Kampala, Uganda; Bangkok, Thailand; and Jerusalem, Israel.

I personally am thankful for the impact the P.A.O.C. is making on our nation and around the world. But I am thankful, not just for the Pentecostal Assemblies, but for every group, denomination, church, whatever label you might wish to use, which the Lord has raised up and is doing it's part to reach the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Arthur Black

Degrading Monstrosity



One of the problems with being a newspaper junkie is problem that all junkies face I guess -- you can't get enough of your passion. There aren't enough hours in the day for me to read all the newspapers worth reading. Quite aside from the hometown papers, there are rags out of Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Minneapolis... the list goes on. You could make it your lifetime career just trying to wade through the Sunday edition of the New York Times each week. Then there's the British press, which runs the gamut from sleazy tabloids to the gaunt, grey Guardian. No one could hope to keep up.

The only way you can come close is to have a clipping service, or -- and this is cheaper -- an international network of friends who are sympathetic to your addiction.

I am so blessed. I've got people across the country who clip weird, whacky and wonderful stories out

of their local papers and pop them in the mail to me. I received just such a treasure from a friend on the West Coast yesterday. She enclosed two clippings from the Vancouver Sun. They were letters to the editor and they were about a subject that strikes a chord for Northern Ontarians -- for all Canadians really. They're about Terry Fox.

More accurately, they are about monuments to Terry Fox. Funny thing about Terry... By and large, Canadians don't remember their heroes very long. Can you recall who scored the winning touchdown in the Grey Cup last year? How about the Stanley Cup winning goal? Probably not. But Terry? The kid's been gone for nearly 4 years now and Canadians still take a deep breath whenever his name comes up.

The reason he's in the news in Vancouver right now is that a monument has just been unveiled in his memory at B.C. Place.

Most of the letter-writers would like to see the monument revealed as quickly as possible.

There are a lot of ways to describe the B.C. Terry Fox monument -- not all of them fit for inclusion in a family newspaper. Let me quote from the letters:

"That monstrosity... bears no resemblance to Terry or his accomplishment..."

"It is a tasteless structure and reminds me of a Wurlitzer juke-box..."

"We feel badly that the Fox family's brave son should be remembered by such an architectural abomination..."

"The monstrosity is degrading to Terry and his lifestyle..."

That's just a random sampling from the letters the editor of the Vancouver Sun received -- and to be fair, they have a point. There's a photograph of the Terry Fox memorial in the paper too. It looks like... well... nothing. It's just kind of a blocky,

brutish-looking arch with fake windows across the top. It looks like the kind of thing a kid might build out of his Lego set, using blocks left over from another, more impressive project.

My own hunch is that the B.C. Place Memorial is a product of the same school of Art that brought us blank canvases in Art Shows entitled "Blank Canvas Number One" -- carrying a price tag of \$5,000. Judging from the depth of feeling in the letters, the architect will be lucky if his... thing... survives the summer without being firebombed.

By coincidence, there was a letter on the same theme this week in the Toronto Globe and Mail. It too, was about a new Terry Fox monument -- but this one is in Ottawa. Downtown Ottawa. The letter writer doesn't complain about the monument. Just its placement. "...Transfixed to his plinth on a

sunken island, completely confined by concrete walls and the swirling traffic... poor Terry has obviously come from nowhere and has nowhere to go.

"I would have thought he would much prefer being set free, alongside some limitless stretch of the Trans-Canada highway..."

Well folks, we hate to brag, but I think we have what the rest of Canada's longing for right here in northern Ontario.

A monument to the lad from Port Coquitlam that stands just outside of Thunder Bay, not far from where he ran his last mile. It overlooks as breathtaking a wilderness vista as Canada has to offer, but more to the point... it works.

The people stop and park and walk around it quietly.

We did him proud and that's only fitting. He deserved it.