

New Church column

On the Slate-----

Religious Pains
By Bob Elkin
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Ever had to deal with someone who is religiously obnoxious? You know the kind I mean. Knocks on your door at eight o'clock on a Saturday morning to bring you "the word".

Shoves little booklets at you on street corners with cheerful titles like: "Will You Burn in Hell?" Talks incessantly about being "washed in the blood of the Lamb." Well if you haven't, I have! I must have an especially-sinful look about me because I seem to attract this particular brand of religious zealot.

And I never know what to say to them! I know that the message they are pushing is oversimplified and unrealistic. I know they are off base with much of what they are saying but I still never know what to say to them! At least I didn't until the other day.

I was lounging around on the corner by the Anglican Church last Thursday evening when two guys in a station wagon pulled up and motioned me over. "Say friend," said the one, "can you tell me where we might find a Bible study here in town tonight?"

I was a bit surprised. Sure, I've been asked for directions before. People have wanted to know how to get to the post office, where to find a restaurant, even where to get a bottle but I've never been asked where to find a Bible study before. And I didn't know!

"Well...ah...no", I finally said. "I can't think of anywhere in town having a Bible study tonight." Just then someone went into the church.

"There", he said, pointing. "Is there a Bible study in there tonight?"

"Well, no", I stammered out. "There's a bridge game downstairs there tonight."

"A bridge game!", he shouted, shocked. "Maybe this is the very place to go and preach the word!"

I conjured up an image of someone downstairs being interrupted in the middle of playing out a small slam by this guy waving his Bible. I was tempted to encourage him but decided against it.

The church probably doesn't carry that kind of insurance and besides, I'd have to help clean up the mess. "No", I said. "This isn't the place for you to do that."

He slowly looked me over. I could almost hear him thinking: "Bridge time could be put to better use."

The way I play the game he might be right but that wasn't what he really meant and I knew it. I waited. Finally he spoke: "if Jesus came tonight would half the people in this church be saved?"

"Yes," I answered without hesitation. "I believe they would be."

"Have they been born again?", he demanded. "Have they been washed in the blood?"

I thought of all the self-righteous, overbearing, religious bullies I've ever had to deal with and suddenly I knew exactly what to say.

"Good-bye," I said.



Birth

Bob and Linda Bryson are pleased to announce the arrival of their third child on Aug. 12/87.

Christopher Michael, weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz. Baby brother for Benji and Tracy. Special thanks to Dr. Wilkes and all the nursing staff of the McCausland Hospital.

Bob And Linda Bryson

Thank-you

A thank-you goes out to Irene Borutski and Cathy Lengle for the surprise kitchen shower. Also a big thank-you to the ladies



Winnie's Scribbles

By Winnie Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. Thibeault and
children from Chapleau are visit-

ing the Thibeaults here.
Mr. and Mrs. Pudge Hamilton
from Smith Falls are visiting

friends here.
Flo Whent from Thunder Bay
is visiting relations and friends
here.

Get well to Mr. Tiboni in hospital and Jean Stitt and Diana Katava, Carole Lavoie visited the Edgar LeBlancs last weekend.

Ron and Sandy Larivee and family have returned from Guelph after attending a family wedding and then onto Kenora for a family reunion with Sandy's parents and nine brothers and sisters. This was the first time together for five years. A wonderful time to be together and to reminisce.

The Chimo meeting will be Friday the 18th. Pot lunch and birthdays- also a meeting will be held in Thunder Bay. Anyone wishing to go please put your name on the board at Chimo to be held on Oct. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Corbett from Thunder Bay visited Mrs. Eleanor O'Connor.

Happy Birthday (90 years-young) to Mrs. Irene Henderson, Schreiber, Mrs. Sara Suni of Thunder Bay is visiting her sister-in-law Helen Jartus.

Church Listing

Schreiber

Grace Baptist Church
Pastor: Rev. Jim Johnson. Phone 824-2402.
Sunday School: all ages- 10 a.m. Morning worship service: 11 a.m.
Sunday evening service: 7 p.m.
Bible Study and prayer: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Nursery provided for all services.

Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church
Pastor: Father Jan Rademaker, O.M.I. Phone 824-2010.
Sunday Masses: Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. Rosspport, noon.
Confessions: Saturdays, 4-5 p.m. in Schreiber.
Pays Plat Prayer Group: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew United Church
Minister: Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.
Morning Service and Sunday School are at 11:15 a.m.
Communion Service is the first Sunday of every month.
A nursery for infants is provided.

St. John Anglican Church
Pastor, Bob Elkin. Phone 824-2771.
Morning prayer at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
This Sunday at 7 p.m. Leslie Peterson, Bishop of Algoma, will celebrate a service of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
All welcome.

Terrace Bay

Community Church
Minister, Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.
Worship service is every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.
Church School is also at this time.
Communion service is every first Sunday of every month.
A nursery is provided. A warm welcome awaits all.

Lutheran Church
Pastor, Rev. Mark Moss.
We will be meeting every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the recreation room at Birchwood Terrace.
For more information contact: Rev. Mark Moss, 887-3020 (office), 887-2612 (home), Lloyd or Hilda Hiebert, 825-3897 or Cathy Withers 825-9495

St. Martin of Tours
Pastor, Father Bernard Campbell. Phone 825-3231.
Confessions are on Saturday from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses are on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Birchwood Terrace, 1 p.m.

Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly
Pastor, Rev. Keith Milne. Phone 824-3436 or 825-9368.
Family worship is on Sunday at 11 a.m.
Wednesday night is Action Night from 6:30-8 p.m.
Friday night is YOUTH ALIVE at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to include a message with your listing, contact the News at 825-3747.



Thank-you

Herman Mannila, your Liberal candidate for the Lake Nipigon Riding, wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the voters, campaign workers and to everyone who worked so hard.

Quilting lecture and demonstration by Jan Kortweg at Terrace Bay library.

A quilting lecture and demonstration by Jan Kortweg will be held Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. To register call the library at 825-3819.

The summer reading club members had their "Gobble It Up" party Sept. 3 in the library.

Certificates were presented to Louise Bonnema, Crystal and Tanya McLean, Jennifer and Crystal Luxmore, Jessie Wilkes, Lisamarie Cornect, Nathan Notwell and Shannon Moquin.

These children are to be commended on their reading and library habits.

New Books
Ottawa Unbuttoned by Dave McIntosh, Kurelek- a biography by Patricia Morley, Complete Guide to Bicycling in Canada, 1987 Franchise Annual, It all

began with Daisy by Sonia Jones, Jane Brody's Good Food Book, Weddings by Martha Stewart, Mission Earth Volume 1-7 by L. Ron Hubbard, More Die of Heartbreak by Saul Bellow, 50 by Avery Corman.

We have a good collection of the bestsellers and several new talking books, paperbacks and children's books.

The library will be open on Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. beginning Sept. 19.

Stretch your mind-visit your public library.

PIANO TEACHER

Requires

Students

Call 824-2768
after 5 p.m.