

EDITOR'S MAIL

The Editor
Stouffville Tribune.
Dear Mr. Editor:
Your editorial, "Just Plain Bored", leaves me with the impression that you must have spent the night on Pierre Berton's "Comfortable Pew"; and with the conviction that, were you a medical man and I a sick man, I wouldn't care to have you as my doctor — at least if your attempts at diagnosis were comparable to your diagnostics in church matters. According to your understanding, 86 per cent of our "practical" youth are remaining away from church because so many preachers are boring. That many preachers are boring, I concede; and I would make little objection if someone should hint at my being boring; but to lay the blame upon this particular class for the fact that 86 per cent of our young people are missing church is an absurdity in the extreme.
Has it occurred to you that many of this 86 per cent have never even been inside a church to endure boredom? Why not lay some of the blame where it rightly belongs! — upon parents who themselves never darken the door of any church; upon some teachers who have an almost sadistic delight in downgrading the Bible and expounding the THEORY of evolution as though it were a scientific fact; upon certain newspaper columnists and radio announcers who, preening themselves in their fancied intellectualism, make hundreds of youthful disciples to their anti-God and anti-Bible cults, while they fill the eye and regale the ear with blasphemies and near-blasphemies.
All these work together to saturate the thinking of our youth with the idea that to believe in God is naive, Christianity is a superstition, church-going is for the old and the "sissy" and the immature.
How long do you suppose our "practical" youth would go to school if the educational institutions were subjected to the contempt and petty persecutions the church undergoes? It is difficult enough even now to keep the young people in school. It comes to me now, that perhaps the boring teachers are better off than the boring preachers; the government backs them up.
You make a rather peculiar comment on preaching; that "Many ministers preach solely from the Bible without application to the day in which we live." I am one minister who hastens to plead guilty to the first half of the charge. Frankly, I wouldn't preach anything

else. This is what I was ordained to do. Actually, some of the most boring preachers I know are among those who have graduated from the Bible and are now lamely trying to conduct a second-rate course on "How To Win Friends and Influence People." We have altogether too many amateur psychologists, sex-theme lecturers and petty politicians in the pulpits. They ought to be turned out with the "money changers." As for the second half of the charge, how can any man preach solely from the Bible and not deal with "the day in which we live"? Any man who seems to do this must have his own special version of the Bible. This is one of the wonders of the Book, it touches every age. Here let me repeat, in substance, what one lecturer in preaching has said: "Preachers deserve more understanding than they get. Loaded with a variety of time-consuming trivialities, carrying on a routine of pastoral calling, they must yet meet a dead-line three times a week with talks that are expected to inspire, convict and challenge." The uninitiated will find this difficult to swallow; but the average politician, news columnist and other producers of writings and speeches have it soft in comparison to the average preacher. Pity us if we are sometimes boring; but remember that even Mr. Churchill was less than inspiring in many of his House of Commons speeches.
I must mention one more thing. You speak of preachers attempting to frighten their congregations with quaking descriptions of the "sinful hereafter." In all my 28 years in the ministry this is the first time I have ever heard of a sinful hereafter; but theology is a deep subject, and I would not pretend to compare my theological training with that of Gordon Sinclair, Pierre Berton, Hugh Garner and other of the noble order of agnostics who have pontificated on the here and the hereafter. As for the matter of frightening the congregations; where a minister believes in an impending judgment he has as much right to raise his voice as one who sees his friend in any other danger. If any preacher does not believe in responsibility and a coming judgment, why on earth is he preaching? He should run off and join a cult of moralists, and leave the Christian Church to its original business of reconciling men to God. Personally, I do not believe in needlessly and senselessly frightening people, but I do wonder if one curse of our day is that young people are too often frightened of nothing and no one, — parents, teachers, police or any authority.
This letter will probably convey the impression that I am earnest to the point of annoyance; but reject the impression, and believe that I have only said this because of a strong feeling that it should be said by someone.
Faithfully,
Arthur Walsh.

On The Farm Front...

Committee Prepares For 1965 Int. Plowing Match

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County.)
There is lots of activity these days planning and organizing for the International Plowing Match for 1965. This huge event comes home to York County this year after rambling around the Province for the last 31 years. The last Match in York was in 1934 on the Maryvale Farm at Wexford. We say it's coming home to York because it originated here in 1913 on the Sunnybrook Farm.
Massey-Ferguson Farms at Milliken will be the location, with tented city taking up about 60 acres of land between the main office at the farm and Steele's Ave. Bill Sutherland, the farm manager, has been busy for the last two years, planning so that there will be sod in the right places and stubble where it's needed too. Dates for the Match are October 13th to 16th inclusive.
A very large local organization is needed to get all the work done. Already over 150 people in York County are working on committees. Win Timbers of Stouffville is General Chairman; Sheldon Walker of Sharon is Vice Chairman; with M. MacCrosbie of Unionville, the Treasurer. I am the Secretary for the Committee and other members of the executive are Ray Jennings, Stan Watson, E. J. Norris and Jesse Bryson.
Chairmen for Sub-Committees are as follows: Land, Fred Timbers; Parking & Traffic, Trevor Watson; Tractors, Lloyd Grove; County Exhibit, Alex Davidson; Special Events, Norman Tyndall; Finance, Wm. Sellers; Public Relations, Robt. Timbers; Billposting, W. L. Clark; Banquet, Floyd Perkins; Tickets, Lawson Mutherson; Tented City, Walter Rate; Parade, Fred Armstrong; Publicity, Gil Shepherd; Horses, Jack Wood; Lunches, Elson Miles; Wagon Tours, York City Junior Farmers; Farmstead Improvement, York County Fed. of Agriculture.
I expect that nearly everyone will have something to do with the Match before it is over. One part of it that some thought could be given to now is the Farmstead Improvement Contest. It's an appropriate year to do some improving on the appearance of farm homes and buildings. And it's all the more interesting when there is a contest with lots of good prizes. There are prizes for each township and judging will be done around August and September.

Editor's Note: The editorial made reference to many and not all ministers. With reference to Pierre Berton's novel, I have not yet had the opportunity to read it, but I fully intend to.

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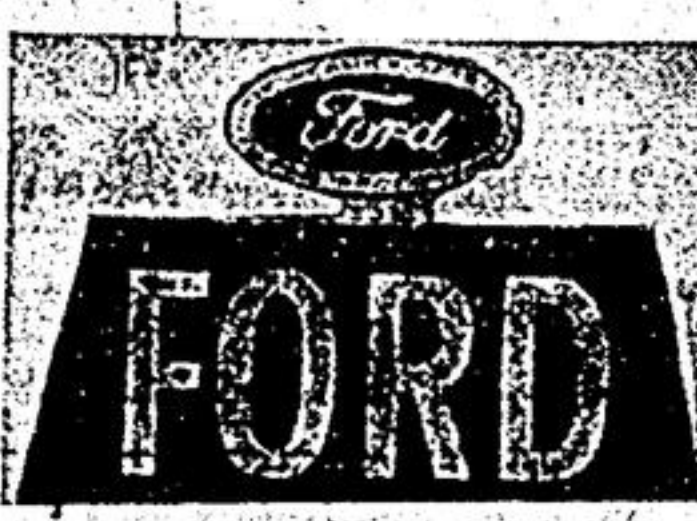
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