

EDITOR'S MAIL

RR 4, Stouffville, February 27, 1965.

Dear Editor: I have before me the article entitled "Just Plain Bored" which you wrote in the Tribune on February 4th. I failed to notice it at the time as I was busy trying to reach my objective for a certain number of times of my Bible reading by a set date. However, I did read the very fine articles by Rev. Walsh and Rev. Gooderham, and later the fine one by Mrs. Batt. I wish to publicly congratulate everyone.

Other than the first paragraph referring to the Sunday School Convention, I believe the rest of your editorial is your surmise. Do you think you were fair in condemning all preachers as you did? I go to a church where the congregation is never bored with the preacher or the sermon. Our preacher preaches Christ and his blood as the only means of Salvation, and the Holy Spirit as the power which can awaken sinners on the road to Hell. He believes the whole Bible.

Our young people are not leaving the church. Our average attendance during the month of January was as follows: Morning Sunday School: 130; Church: 151; Evening: 68 and Prayer meeting: 44. Some of our elders cannot get out at night, however we have a fine number of Christian young people aged 15-20 who attend every week night prayer service.

Any preacher who is not called of God and preaches tumbril and doesn't believe all the Scripture should be drummed out of his pulpit and get Salvation before he returns. If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. No, it is not God's preachers who are boring our young people. It is the so-called evolutionists and professed atheists who are doing this. But the main cause of the empty churches is the HELLEVISION.

Let me quote from a periodical which I received from Denver, Colorado, called "Christian Victory": "After a survey of a week's programming by four commercial channels in a major U.S. city, Stanford University published its findings. The picture of the adult world presented on the Children's Hour is heavy in physical violence and light in intellectual interchange, and deeply concerned with crime."

"In a five day period, Monday through Friday, programs showed the following: a stabbing in the back; two cars rolling over

cliffs; four attempted suicides (three successful); four people falling or pushed over cliffs; 2 attempts to run cars over persons on the sidewalk; a raving psychotic loose in a flying airplane; two mob scenes (in one of which the mob hangs the wrong man); a horse grinding a man under its hoofs; 12 murders; 16 major gunfights; 21 persons shot (apparently not fatal); 21 other violent incidents with guns (ranging from near-misses to shooting up a town); 37 hand-to-hand fights; an attempted murder with a pitchfork; two stranglings; a fight in the water; a woman gagged and tied to a bed; and a great deal of miscellaneous violence, including a hired killer stalking his prey; two robberies; a pick-pocket on the job; a woman falling from a train; a tidal wave; and a gull-lotting."

Now, do you think I called the "Devil's instrument" a wrong name? Christians, get rid of them or you'll regret it, when your young folk get in deep trouble.

Now, Mr. Editor, I grant you some churches and preachers are so dry and dead that it reminds me of a story I heard years ago:

A certain church was on fire and among the crowd watching it burn was a noted professed infidel. A church member said to him, "why I never saw you at church before." He replied, "there's never been a fire in the church before."

Why so much excitement at a fire, baseball or hockey match, and so little enthusiasm or emotion in so many churches? Regarding your statement of the sinful hereafter: I suppose you mean old-time hellfire preaching. Well, sir, if I am going past a house which is on fire, and I don't do all in my power to awaken and try to rescue the people in it, I would be a fool and responsible to the law of the land. This is the quietest world you will ever be in. In Hell, the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth goes on forever and ever; and in Heaven, the shouting and praising of God, is like Mighty waters, rolling thunders and the noise of a great multitude.

The very fact that some people try to make themselves and others believe there is no Hell is proof to me they do believe in it or why concern themselves about something they claim does not exist.

I have seen Hell as it really is. I saw people with my natural eyes; God gave me a vision of hell a number of years ago; and God's Word says the wicked shall be turned into Hell and all the nations that forget God. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Yours for precious neverdying souls,

Leslie Grove.

Editor's Note: If you wish to check the editorial comment more closely you will discover that we said many, not all ministers.

GLEN MAJOR

Friends from Uxbridge, Pine Grove, Claremont and Glen Major called on Mr. J. A. Hingston on Sunday to wish him a Happy Birthday.

Mrs. Ralph Faulkner spent Saturday with Mrs. Claire McGuckin, Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee, Martin and friend of Islington spent the weekend with Mr. J. A. Hingston, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hingston and family of Toronto were visitors on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Forsyth and Donna and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pickett spent Sunday in Toronto.

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Seek Police Village

Status for Oak Ridges

The proposed formation of police village at Oak Ridges, a township community of 1,100 residents, is under way with a petition signed by 431. The petition has been presented to whichurch township council, Feb. 15.

To verify the signatures, Clerk H. G. Rose was authorized by council to return the list to R. J. Woolley, president of the ratepayers association, to insert the lot numbers of signers. The application to change the status of inhabitants must be dealt with by York County Council.

On Friday, Feb. 19, a public meeting was held by the association to discuss pros and cons of police village status with a representative of the provincial department of municipal affairs. Trustees of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg police villages were invited to attend.

The township council has asked Oak Ridges association to name the particular streets the ratepayers want reconstructed this year. Street improvement program is a project urged by ratepayers.

As a police village, Oak Ridges would be served by the municipal water system in King township.

Ontario Water Resources engineer, Andrew Clark reported to King township council the cost of refurbishing Oak Ridges deep well will not exceed \$4,000. Consumers in King and in Whitchurch water area served by the well will be charged for the expenditure on the third and fourth 1965 billing.



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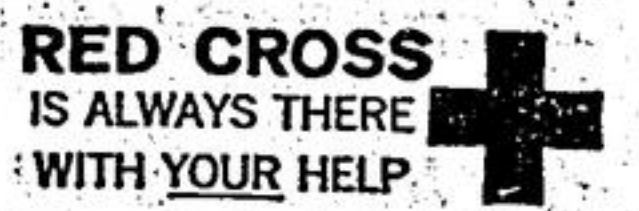
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