

Pastor's Reply

On Prayer Meeting 'Split'

Dear Sir,
 Since you have set the cauldron on the fire, allow me to lift the lid and expose the contents. This is no witch's brew designed to bring evil upon the Stouffville community. The reasons for the ladies of the Christian, United Missionary and Baptist congregations declining to participate in the World Day of Prayer sponsored by the World Council of Churches are quite valid and available. If the reporter had heeded the recommendation given to consult the pastors of the churches involved, I am quite certain that the reasons for the "split", if such it was, would no longer be shrouded in secrecy and mixed with disappointment and confusion.
 You have reduced this to a denominational conflict between the six local

churches. The 'protesting' churches are concerned with something larger than that, namely, the determined purpose of the World Council of Churches to organize a universal church body in union with the Roman Catholic Church. We cannot align ourselves with such a group and remain faithful to the Word of God. We reject as unscriptural such teachings as the pope, the vicar of Christ and the head of the Church, his infallibility, the Immaculate Conception, and the work of Mary as Mediatrix, etc. As soon as an overture is made to the Roman Catholic Church for united worship and prayer by the Protestant Churches, that very term Protestant has lost its meaning, and the church the right to use it.
 Further, the current attitude of certain Protestants toward the Bible,

questioning its inspiration; toward Jesus Christ, suspicious of His deity; toward the supernatural, denying the reality of the new birth, the Holy Spirit's indwelling, miracles, etc.; have erected a barrier which prevents true Christian fellowship and prayer. At the same time, however, it must be stated that I will embrace as a brother in Christ, any person, regardless of the religious affiliation, who affirms the deity of Jesus Christ, loving and trusting Him as Saviour and Lord.
 I regret that the whole issue has exploded into the sensational. Our ladies attempted to introduce the change quietly and without unnecessary publicity. These sincere efforts have been thwarted.
 Yours truly,
 Gordon T. Gooderham,
 Pastor,
 Stouffville Baptist Church.

Editor's Mail

Dear Sir,
 In your article of Feb. 9 under the caption "Prayer Service Splits Churches," you are sincere, but misinformed woman says, "All over the world, the trend is to bring denominations closer together, while here in Stouffville, we are destroying what little has been accomplished." The reference to "Stouffville" evidently referred to the three denominations who could not conscientiously go along with a system whose clergymen and leaders are not using their strength to consolidate historical Christianity in our times. I recognize that the ladies, who meet for the World Day of Prayer in our community, are not fully cognizant of the principles that govern the world organizations that sponsor this particular day. There are organizations which sponsor this day of prayer who do not support historical Christianity and therefore we're not able to support such.
 Faith unites people and faith is belief. But if we do not believe that Jesus Christ is God and that the man Christ Jesus was not raised from the dead, how can you bring denominations closer together? There was a time when the old line denominations, comprised of bodies of Christians, believed something although they differed on minor details. They were splinter groups which came down from the Protestant Reformation and who paid a bitter price for what they believed. Today sponsor groups of the World Day of Prayer will tell you that belief in Christ's divinity and His bodily resurrection is no longer essential. Imme-

diately a denomination declares that, as many denominations have done so, they cut themselves off from the stream of historical Christianity. It ceases to be Christian and the man or woman that belongs to such an organization is forced to withdraw. He is free to do so and if he is honest he will do so. To us, as a denomination, we believe that a World Day of Prayer is a day when Christians pray and when the sponsors assume the name of Jesus Christ. But when the sponsors subtly deny the cardinal doctrines of Christianity, such as God's self disclosure in the Person of Jesus Christ, etc they cease to be capable leaders of Christianity.
 Another serious matter that is forgotten is that the "protest" registered by the Fathers of the Protestant churches still stands. We do not accept the Bible-plus tradition, nor any mediator, on earth or in heaven, between God and man, except Jesus Christ our Lord. The new Testament hasn't the remotest suggestion of another apart from Him.
 Our people are sociable and are void of any animosity towards anybody, but at the same time, how can they enjoy Christian fellowship where faith in the cardinal doctrines of Christianity are gone and in their place human tradition and the opinions of men are substituted? How can you pray where there is no belief?
 There is no doubt that many of the women in Stouffville, who have met for the World Day of Prayer, still believe in historical Christianity, but the majority don't realize that they are subtly being drawn into a totalitarian

system which will dictate to them what they are to believe and not believe. Many in these three denominations have withdrawn to continue to pray under another sponsoring group because they see what is coming. They do not wish to be associated with an institution which arbitrarily legislates what a Christian is to believe. Anybody who cannot see this coming is simply hiding his or her head in the sand.
 The judgment of God is already falling upon the apostate church in the very fact that the Holy Spirit will have nothing to do with her. In the book of the Revelation it clearly says of the harlot church, "And strong is the Lord God that judgeth her." Only such a strong God could judge such a highly organized seat of Antichrist which has usurped the seat of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Those who have discernment of the times can see God preparing instruments in the earth which He will use to judge her as He judged the Jewish church in the days of the prophet Habakkuk. God told the prophet that the Chaldeans, whom the Jews feared, were being "established for correction" and God used this heathen nation to correct His ancient people who had departed from the living God. The message of the prophets contain the philosophy of history. God does not change. In 70 A.D. God judged the Jewish Church and the same God is preparing to judge the Gentile church. The last word of Christ in the Revelation to His children in the apostate church was "Come out of her my people lest you become a partaker of her plagues."



Daniel Boone Comes Alive At Centennial Dance

Out of the pages of history and onto the dance floor strode a veritable Daniel Boone, on Friday night at the centennial dance in the Legion Hall, sponsored by the Stouffville Kinette Club. In real life, the story-book character is Mickey Hunt, Elm Road. The coon-skin cap was made by his wife, Kay, shown here, giving it a final finishing touch.

For Sale!

By BETTY ROSS
 Would you like to buy a pair of lady's balbriggan hose, fashioned legs and French feet (whatever they are!) at 25 cents a pair? Or, if you prefer, seamless brown balbriggan hose sell for three pairs for 95 cents.

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 The other day as I passed Eaton's store, I looked up to the second story windows and thought how interesting and effective it would be to see hung out of the windows, as they did in the 1880's, yards of Kidderminster carpet, and Nottingham and Glasgow lace curtains. In the year 1966 the traffic, not horse drawn, whizzes by Eaton's. The embryo catalogue, began as a handbill in 1874, had grown by 1884 to a 32 page booklet, six inches by nine inches which was passed out to visitors at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. Now the 600 page volume is distributed twice yearly to about twelve million Canadian homes. The preparation of each edition requires the effort of over 700 employees, more than 2500 tons of paper, 60,000 pounds of ink.
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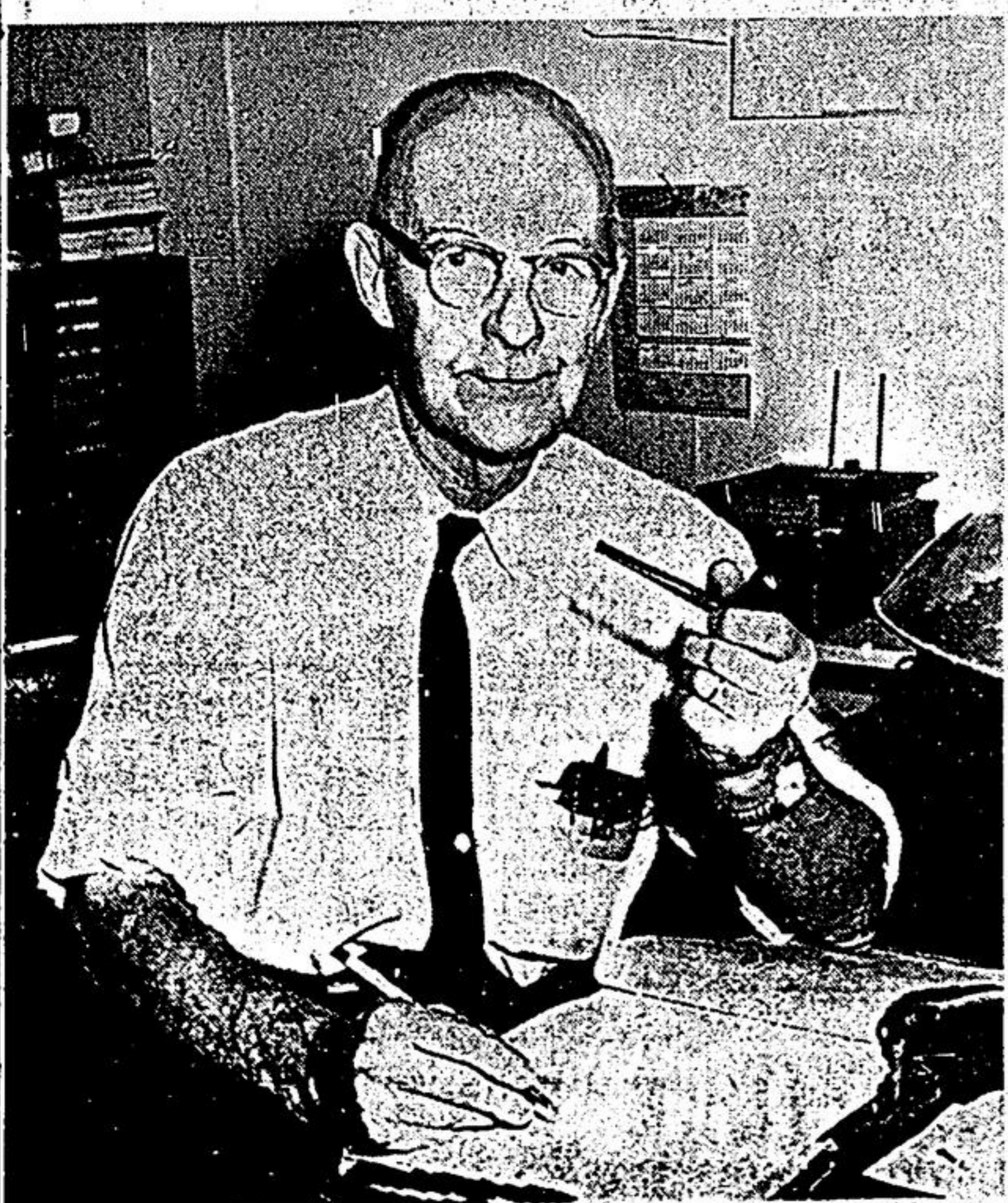
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a market place for mail and telephone buyers, it is an accurate history of the tastes and needs of Canadians. How many small, and big, people spend uncountable hours dreaming over the glossy pictures in the catalogue? How many husbands and wives have yearned, planned, argued, known frustration, anticipation, recreation over its pages?

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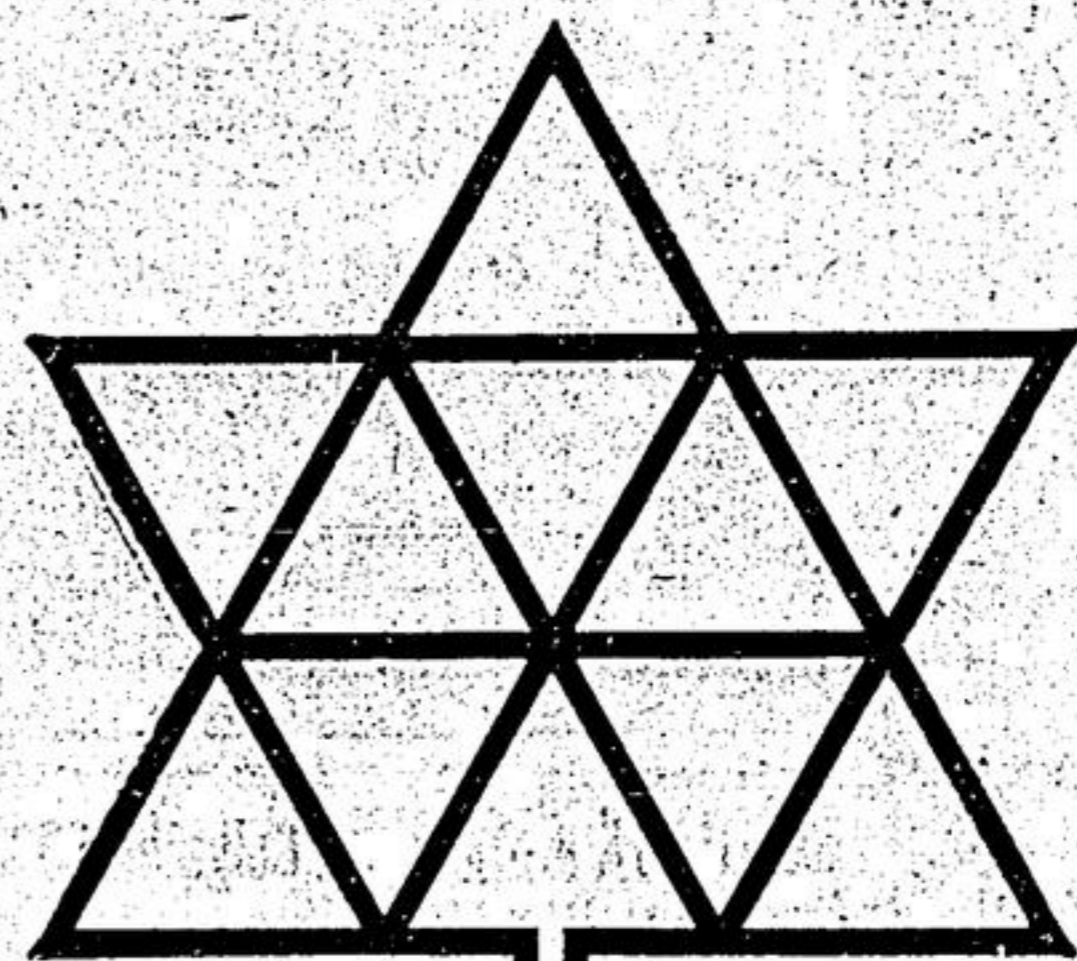
Late Richard 'Dick' Ward of Markham. —Staff Photo.

MARKHAM — The residents of Markham Village were shocked last week to learn of the sudden passing of Richard 'Dick' Ward, one of the town's best known and most highly respected residents. Mr. Ward died Feb. 7 at the home of his daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Norman Brown) in Scarborough. He was 77.
 Mr. Ward was a long-time employee of Reesor's Marmill Limited and his work with that firm covered a period of 37 years. Even following his official retirement from the company staff in 1963, he would go every Saturday morning to complete the books, a practice he continued up to a month before his death.
 Mr. Ward was a charter member of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club and a Past President of the organization.
 In recent years, Mr. Ward served as the book-keeper at the Markham Arena, several days a week.
 In the Fall, Mr. Ward fulfilled an ambition and travelled by plane to the site of an R.C.M.P. post at Fort Simpson on the McKenzie River where his son, Corporal Robert Ward

Heart Fund Blitz

STOUFFVILLE — Representatives of 7 Stouffville churches in addition to the Kinette, Kinsmen, Lions and Legion, will participate in Stouffville's first Heart Fund Blitz on Saturday, Feb. 18. A Heart Fund Chapter has been organized here.
 Ladies who will take part include Mrs. Audrey Good, Mrs. Jenny Cuthbertson, Mrs. Ernie Caruthers, Mrs. Joan Kamps, Mrs. Grace Norton, Mrs. A. G. Thompson and Mrs. Neil Smith. Kinette President, Mrs. Maris Anderson will represent that organization.
 Residents are asked to receive these canvassers on Saturday and be as generous as possible.
 Help your Heart Fund fight heart disease — your Number One Health Enemy. Send a contribution now to the Canadian Heart Fund, 247 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ontario.
 is stationed. He remained there one month. Mrs. Ward, the former Lottie Gidman passed away in 1965.
 Service was conducted on Friday afternoon from the Dixon Funeral Home, Markham with interment in Grace Anglican Church Cemetery.

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