

# Baptists face Bible challenge from pastor

By MARJORIE WOODLAND  
**FOURTH LINE** — Those attending Goodwood Baptist Church on Sunday morning were challenged to improve bible reading and prayer habits. The pastor used Daniel and Job as examples of maintaining a consistent prayer life. He advised participants would be rewarded with: an excellent spirit within, an improved testimony and the courage to challenge evil. A special service next Sunday will feature gospel music and testimonies by the "crossovers" of Stouffville. All are invited to a Fellowship Luncheon afterward. The Sunday School has entered the contest for attendance and memory work. The adult class is invited to take part.

Sorry to report that Bruce Taylor has been quite ill in Oshawa hospital since December. Our thoughts and good wishes are with Dorothy and Bruce at this time. Dick Taylor has been in Lindsay hospital for diabetes treatment and Howard Thaxter of Beaverton is not responding well to his therapy, also in Lindsay. Your former Goodwood friends and neighbors send wishes for a speedy recovery.

Two families are home this week after enjoying a holiday in Florida. Tony and Wilma Mezenberg of Goodwood and Percy and Jean Pugh, Uxbridge, enjoyed a trek to sunnier climes.

Thankfully, no loss of life occurred in Saturday's disastrous house fire on Durham Region Road 21, just east of Goodwood. The blaze, in a multi-dwelling structure owned by Armand Robitaille, left a total of 13 people homeless. Dense morning fog was a factor in at least one motor accident near the fire scene. The road was later closed between the Fourth Line and Goodwood village.

I'd like to share a little story I read the other day:

At the end of an inspiring address, the minister told the young reporter who had been eagerly recording everything that had been said: "When you write this up, I would appreciate your not mentioning the several anecdotes I related — you see I may want to use them again in other speeches."

The reporter duly obliged, for he wrote: "The minister told several stories which I cannot repeat here."

# Bingo tonight at Goodwood village hall

By ELSIE BOLAND  
**GOODWOOD** — Tonight (Jan. 22) is bingo time at Goodwood Community Centre with games beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Couples Club will shift into high gear Saturday, Jan. 25 for a dance in the community centre. Be sure to get your tickets right away because they're selling fast. Members of the Goodwood and District senior citizen club met yesterday for an enjoyable session at the centre.

On Sunday, Jan. 26, a potluck dinner will be served at the United Church. There will be a service as usual, dinner, then the annual meeting. The congregation is hoping for a large turnout.

Last Thursday, two area women hosted a delightful dinner for several ladies residing in

Stouffville. A beautiful cake was also provided to mark one of the participant's birthday. For entertainment, there was hair-washing and cutting. It would be a great thing if more people would help their fellow citizens in this way. It would show how far their religion goes.

**Recovering**  
 Pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Art Parratt back at church. Art is getting along pretty well these days, but he's still aided by crutches.

Trevor Harris is improving following a recent heart attack. The Harris family has sold its Goodwood home, and moved to Markham. We hope to see Trevor back soon at one of the community's bingo nights.

Fire left several families homeless in the Goodwood-area over the weekend. There are four families requiring care and a place to stay.

## Editor's Mail

# Toll-free concerns

Dear Editor:  
 I see that the issue of "toll-free" telephone calls to greater Toronto from the Claremont exchange has been raised again in your paper (Jan. 15 Tribune). I think only one perspective of the issue is being presented.

I attended a public meeting on the issue over a year ago and was disturbed by a few things. This meeting was organized by and attended by mostly people with short-term tenure in the Claremont area. In fact I identified many as being tenants of Airport designated lands, a transient population at best.

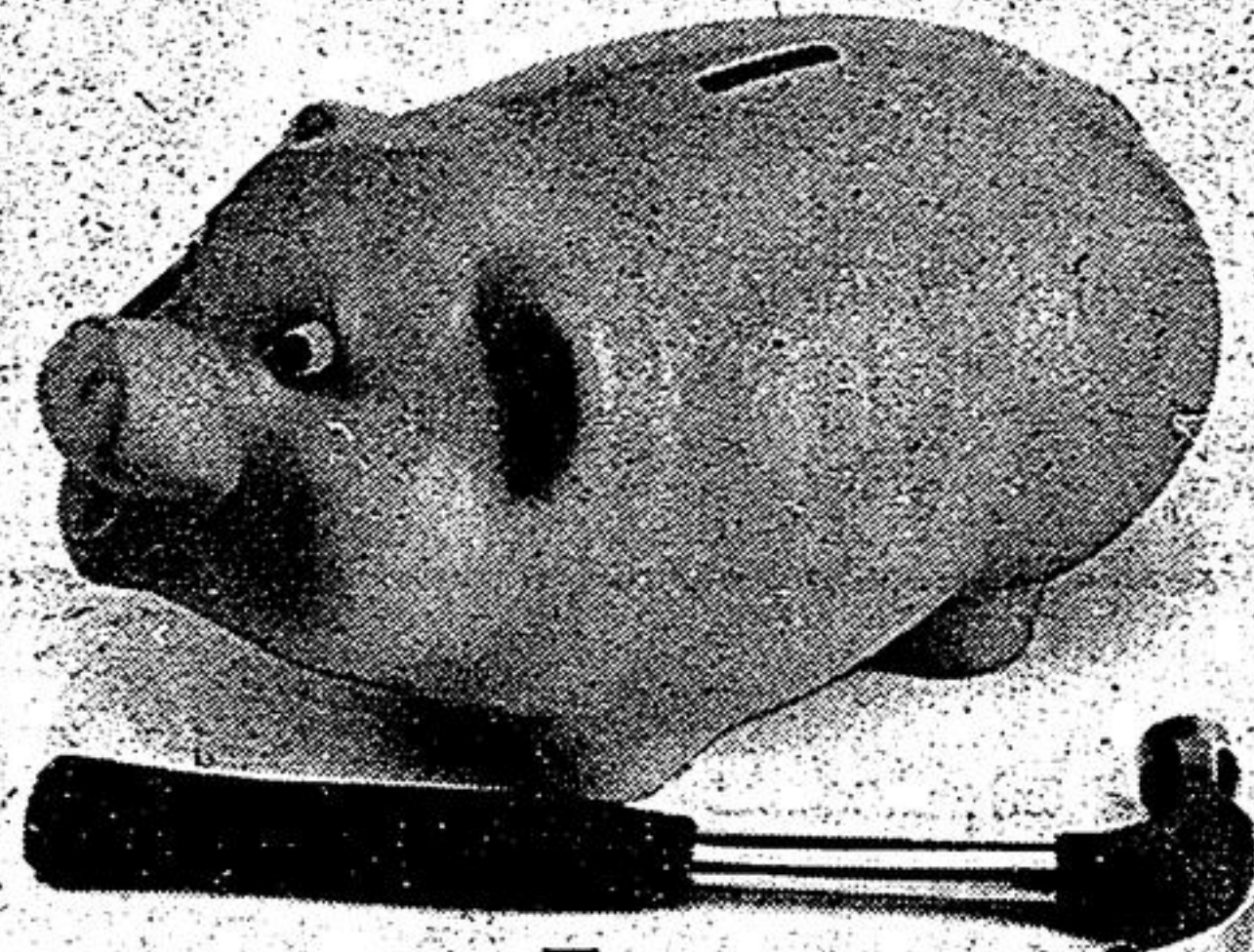
The meeting, promoted as a means of discussing the issue, was more an effort to organize a "lynch-mob." With a provincial election campaign going on at the time, the candidates or a representative were pulled on side like lambs to slaughter by the rhetoric and hyperbole of the leaders of the gang, though the Province has absolutely no jurisdiction over Bell Telephone. The public in attendance was whipped into a frenzy by the moderator and told to stuff every politician's mail boxes and barnstorm the press to create the illusion of hundreds of people in favor of "free" calls.

The increased cost to everyone in the area were dealt with quickly so as not to let the facts screw up a good meeting.

From a personal standpoint, I would be very much in favor of toll-free calls to Toronto. I do a great deal of business there and I have family there that results in large monthly Bell bills. However, most of my friends do not and I will not ask them to subsidize my personal and business calls by having them pay more than triple their current basic phone bill.

I am but one of the majority of residents in the Claremont area who do not support "toll-free" calls when the burden of increased basic rates will be dumped on pensioners and other on fixed incomes, and on those who will not benefit from extended area service.

Sincerely,  
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