

CHURCH



Amen

Rev. K. Schuessler

When I said goodbye to my two sons this morning, they knew I didn't want them to go. I'm sure they sensed my hesitation. Why else would I think of last minute odd jobs for them to do around the house?

They must have known I was trying to buy a little time. Stall for time. To think. To reconsider. Maybe alter plans. To re-arrange the schedule.

To dispel my doubts about their driving the VW to Buffalo, New York for a post-Christmas staff reunion of a summer camp.

When I woke up this morning, my mind was alive with doubts. I had just had a dream about them — a tragic dream. And that dream set the tone of my thoughts. I couldn't shake off its shadow.

But who in his right mind could go up to his boys and say, "Sons, I've had a bad dream about you. Therefore, you can't go to Buffalo."

Who in his real mind, his

awake mind, can play a role like Pilate's wife and say, "Do not have anything to do with this trip."

Or Joseph, betrothed husband of the Virgin Mary. And try to deter a course of action — or history itself — by a strange dream of the night before.

We just don't do things that way nowadays, these days of depth and analytical psychology.

So I looked outside the window to confirm my hesitant mood. And the weather was most accommodating. Fog didn't let my sight wander too far.

I remembered the sight of the road last night. It shone with a thin layer of ice. I walked outside to check the road. The morning warmth and fog had softened the ice to a slush.

Slippery, yes, but not treacherous. I thought that as the day wore on, the fog would lift and the roads would improve. Besides, the conditions could be different only a few miles away. Maybe better. Maybe worse.

You never know for sure. My radio brought me no comfort or alarm. I couldn't find any weather reports.

Should I let them go?

I watched them carry out their bags into the VW. Bags packed since yesterday. I watched the younger boy carry out his guitar and music. All set for a jam session. And a revival of some of last summer's friends and fun.

I saw the sack lunch go out — prepared early in the morning by their mother.

I saw their rubber boots go out — just in case of snow.

How could I say no? To plans laid for months? And finalized within the last week? To the welcomed break away from post-Christmas blues and boredom?

How could I say no? And bring on so much disappointment?

But how could I say yes? To my last night's dream? To driving conditions that were unknown and unforeseeable? To another venture away from home and out of my control? To driving such a small car that records say have three times more accidents than the larger cars? To teenage drivers?

I react so automatically. So defensively. I become protective. Shielding. Preserving. Keeping safe and close.

For I know that life touches us with so many hurts. And as a father I extend my arms to huddle my little flock together. And ward off any threat to my fortress of strength.

In the end I said yes to my boys. Go to Buffalo. With care and caution.

I couldn't say no. Because I must say yes to life. For to live means to trust. To trust my boys with responsibility.

To live means to risk. To make decisions. To choose in freedom and in dignity.

As a human father, I pass on to my children these life qualities that my heavenly Father offers to me — freedom to risk, to trust, to decide.

So I said, "Goodbye, boys. Have a good time."

Protest over airport noise receives no reply . . . yet

Streetsville

Rose Croxon 826-2032

Meadowvale Ratepayers Association is still awaiting some response to its letter protesting excessive noise in the Meadowvale area caused by planes using nearby Toronto International Airport.

The formal letter of protest, accompanied by a petition signed by 75 per cent of the adult populace of the community, was sent to Peel South MP Hyl Chappell in November with copies forwarded to Premier William Davis. There has still been no answer received according to Ratepayers president Mrs. Joan Guerts.

In the following months, the association hopes to campaign for federal and provincial assistance for organizations such as their own which is dedicated to helping preserve the unique and historic qualities of their community.

The association plans to hold a business meeting near the end of this month and also has plans for a February valentine's dance.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Canadian Industry month was observed at the December meeting of the Streetsville Women's Institute held in the United Church Hall.

Nora Griffiths convened the program.

There were 36 members present plus one visitor, Mrs. T. H. Myers, president of the Zurich, Ont. branch of the Women's Institute and also of the South Huron District W.I. Mrs. Meyers is the mother of Mrs. Lloyd Hope of Streetsville.

It was announced that the W.I. had purchased a picture of the old town hall and had presented it to the town for hanging in the municipal chambers. The presentation is to commemorate the W.I.'s upcoming 75th anniversary and a suitably inscribed plaque will be mounted with the picture.

A tribute was paid and silent prayer made in memory of former member Mrs. Ida Galway, of Streetsville, who died recently.

Reports from the area convention were given by Mrs. William Finlay and Mrs. R. Dadd.

A competition for the making and wearing of Christmas hats was conducted with Elsie Welland as judge and Mrs. Norm Cook, the winner. There were also several honorable mentions. Members joined in singing carols, lunch was served by the committee and the meeting concluded with O Canada.

The W.I. will sponsor a training school teaching about Ontario fruits to be conducted by Mrs. Norm Cook and Mrs. Frank

Dowling Jan. 20. The ladies prepared for this event by attending a special course on the subject conducted at Snelgrove recently.

During the training school here, which begins at 10 a.m. at the United Church, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Dowling will prepare foods using fruits which will be served at a luncheon following the morning session.

At 1 p.m. the same day, the W.I. will hold its regular monthly meeting also in the church. It will be the resolutions meeting and members will be required to discuss What I Like or Dislike About My Community.

PARTIES

Many festive parties were planned in local homes and halls to welcome 1972. Among the latter were New Year's Eve parties at Streetsville Legion Hall and the Arrowhead Squares party which took place in Meadowvale.

VISITING

Recent guests with relatives on Mississauga Road were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Banting and sons Rickey and month-old Frederick Grant, all of Simcoe. Former Brampton residents, they were en route home to Simcoe after a holiday weekend with Mrs. Banting's parents and family in Clarksburg.

MISSISSAUGA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of St. Mark

LUTHERAN

130 Mineola Rd. E. Mississauga

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP — 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Neville Mirschin, Pastor
278-2122

Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church

Clarkson Road North, Clarkson

REV. ELBERT F. DUTCHER, B.A., Minister

11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship
Church School

11:00 a.m. — Babies to Grade 3

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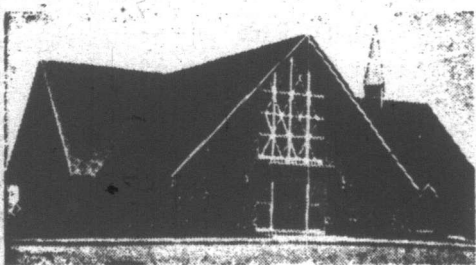
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1972

9:30 a.m. — Communion Service

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School and
Adult Bible Classes

SPEAKER

Rev. D. McLennan
Hamilton

7:00 p.m. — Church Service

Mondays 6:45 p.m. Pioneer Girls and Christian
Service Brigade

Tuesdays — 8 o'clock — Bible Study Course through
the Bible using visual and audio aids.

Catholic Churches in South Peel

CLARKSON

St. Christopher's, 1171 Clarkson Rd. North, 822-1171
Sunday Mass: 7:45, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 4:30 p.m.

Also Saturday 6:30 p.m.

MISSISSAUGA

St. Martin's — McBride Ave. at Credit Woodlands
279-5742

SUNDAY MASS — 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
SATURDAY — 4:45 p.m.

PORT CREDIT

St. Dominic's (Lakeview): Cawthra Rd. at Atwater
Avenue — 278-7762

Mass Saturday Evening — 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass — 8:30; 10:30 and 12:30

St. Mary's, Lakeshore Rd. and Peter St., 278-2058
Sunday Mass: 8:00, 9:00, 10:30, 11:45

STREETSVILLE

St. Joseph's Church, Main St.
MASSES: SATURDAY 6:30 p.m.
(8:00 p.m. in Portuguese)

SUNDAY: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.
(1 p.m. in Portuguese)



St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Statebank Road at High St. East
Minister: Rev. D. S. Jackson, B.A.

9:30 a.m. — Church School (Primary, Junior
and Junior High, Sr. High and Bible Class)

11:00 a.m. — Nursery, Kindergarten and
Extended Primary

11 a.m. — Morning Worship

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