

**First Mass**

A native of Hagersville will be ordained to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles next Saturday in St. Vibiana's Cathedral, Los Angeles.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre will conduct the service of ordination for Lawrence James Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Baird of Covina, California.

Father Baird will celebrate his first mass 3,000 miles from his ordination when he officiates at a solemnly celebrated mass in St. Stephen's Church, Cayuga May 4. The Rev. J. A. Mattice will deliver the homily.

Father Baird attended St. Ann's School, Ancaster, and later graduated from the Cathedral High School, Hamilton. He is an alumnus of St. John's College and St. John's Major Seminary, Camarillo, California.

**Wesley United Afternoon Unit**

The afternoon unit of Wesley United held their April meeting in the church parlour with an attendance of 15. Mrs. S. Muck Vice-President presided.

Mrs. Deller was in charge of the worship service bringing to the members thoughts on China as found in the study kit and Mrs. Church read from the study book. Mrs. Wells operated the projector for a film on China which was most enlightening and enjoyed by all.

The offering was dedicated by singing a hymn.

Final arrangements were made for the C.G.I.T. banquet and a committee formed to plan a June wedding.

The Mizpah Benediction closed the meeting after which a dainty lunch was served by the committee and a social half hour enjoyed.

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**Mechanical Vegetable Harvest**

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Vegetable processing crops in Ontario are facing stiff competition from other countries. It is apparent that unless Ontario farmers can harvest their vegetable crops mechanically, they may be faced with loss of both export and domestic markets.

A typical example is the tomato, Ontario's most valuable processing crop. Its value is \$15 million annually. Our tomatoes face competition from California, Mexico, and Europe. California is becoming a major threat to Ontario growers because of rapid development of mechanical harvesting. Mechanization of tomatoes in California has greatly solved their labor problem and placed them in the forefront in production of processing tomatoes.

Modern cultural practices in Mexico's favorable climate, coupled with low labor costs and a high quality product, have given Mexico an advantage over Ontario producers. European tomato products can now be found

on supermarket shelves in Ontario. Ontario vegetable growers are faced with an unreliable, diminishing labor force whose hourly wage has increased rapidly in recent years. The threat of unionization of farm workers will intensify this problem. Because of the labor problem, Ontario growers would accept machine harvesting even if there were no saving in cost.

There are many problems at present with mechanical harvesting. Most growers do not have enough acreages to justify the large, costly machines. A solution to this may be joint ownership by farmers or processor-owned machines. Most pea and corn harvesters are now owned by the processors.

Many machines developed at present are not entirely satisfactory. Damage to the product and field wastage are two of the most important problems. Much work is needed to develop varieties that lend themselves to machine harvesting.

At present a great deal of research is being conducted on all phases of switching from hand to machine harvest. Agricultural Universities, research stations, processors, machinery companies, and growers are all contributing in rapidly bringing the vegetable processing industry into the machine age. As this transition becomes more complete, our growers will be able to meet competition from other countries.

**Potato Herbicide**

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Modern herbicides have been used for weed control in potatoes for the past three years. In 1966 several key growers made trail applications of Linuron, Prometryne, or Eptam on land producing potatoes. The use of herbicides increased, and by 1968 more than 16,000 acres of potatoes had been sprayed for weed control. This is approximately one-third of Ontario's total production.

Growers using herbicides in potato production have obtained higher yields by limiting or removing competition from weeds. More efficient use is made of water and soil nutrients by the potato plant. Heavy weed growth often caused damage to the chains and other parts of the harvester. With herbicides this has been reduced. Growers now using herbicides can make more efficient use of their time during the crucial harvest period.

Control of lamb's-quarters, red-rooted pigweed, and lady's thumb is necessary if Verticillium Wilt, the potato industry's major disease, is to be controlled. As an added benefit modern potato herbicides which control these weeds assist in controlling this dreaded soil-borne disease.

Herbicides also reduce the number of cultivations required to produce a good crop of potatoes. This has resulted in improved soil management and better use of the producer's time.

More widespread use of recommended herbicides in potato production will carry these benefits to all parts of the industry. In a competitive agriculture, this technology is progress.

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**Set Balanced Haldimand Norfolk Separate School Budget**

Following is the Haldimand-Norfolk Separate School system 1969 budget:

1. - The budget is totally \$5,332,000.

2. - Forecasts a balanced budget for 1969. The total estimated expenditures are \$5,362,000, and the total requisition is \$5,332,000.

3. - This budget reflects the higher cost of living, as compared by the federal bureau of statistics; also the local general cost of living.

4. - It reflects the new larger units of administration, under a 2-County system.

5. - The budget reflects the effort of the board to carry out the aims of the Hall-Dennis Report, emphasizing equality of education for all pupils, regardless of education urban or rural residence.

6. - It reflects increased administrative costs for the larger county units, much of which were formerly borne by the department of education.

7. - This budget reflects less Provincial Assistance than would normally have been the case due to a clause in the

grant regulation restricting the minimum and maximum legislative grant for 1969 to between 104 110% of the 1968 cost per pupil of average daily enrollment multiplied by the estimated 1969 average daily enrollment. This does not guarantee even an increase of 10% of last year's legislative grant, while at the same time instruction, supplies and library which account for more than half of the board's total expenditures have increased by over 15%.

8. - The principle behind the budget is fundamentally sound and basically fair in that each municipality bears the same proportion of the total load that its assessment of all municipalities supporting the Board.

Hence, for example, the mill rate for Delhi results from the following computation: Separate School assessment in town of Delhi, \$2,541,775, which represents approximately 13% of the total assessment of the 2-county system. Thus Delhi will be required to raise this percentage of the total requisition, or approximately \$69,868. To raise this

requisition will require a commercial mill rate of approximately 29.95 and a residential rate of 26.95.

The rate for all municipalities is computed in exactly the same manner.

9. - Estimated expenditures have been pared to a bare minimum. However, additional outlays are required this year to cover the expansion of the kindergarten and oral French programs, as well as equip the board's Delhi office. The latter will be a non-recurring expenditure.

10. - While every effort has been made to forecast the revenue and expenditure as actually as possible, the desired balance in the budget

may not be totally realized because the exact boundaries between Norfolk and Elgin, assessment and tuition fees Brant and Oxford counties are quite uncertain at this time.

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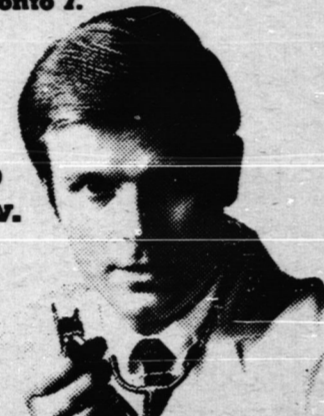
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