

## Union Or Mutual Interests

By Rev. Taylor-Munro

Sunday, March 7 another of the quiet steps was taken in the movement which Church Union between the Anglican, the Church of Christ (Disciples) and the United Church of Canada. A group of people gathered in the lovely parish hall at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Jarvis. The prior purpose of the meeting was to practice "conversation" between people who might be members of a new Church, a melting together of Christians of various denominational backgrounds.

Possibly, if the occasion was being expressed in one sentence, it might go like this: "Well, we have to start somewhere, sometime; now is as good a time as any to find out something of what it would be like."

There will be other occasions for such "Conversations," for just like any other kind of community life it will begin and grow toward reality only as it is practiced. The emphasis on such conversation will be more apparent during 1971 Lenten. Just as people prepare in Lenten to do without certain essentials as a Fast or Self-denial perhaps this is the practical way to

see how the other church does things.

Canon Brooks conducted a brief Compline service in the sanctuary then led the people to the parish hall where Rev. Eric Ramrattan presented a 29-minute colored sound film entitled: Peter Mahadeo's quest. The quest is briefly about a school boy sent out to find his 'Paw' the school's clergy board representative in a government-subsidized administration. One of the teachers has been absent from his job and is reported to be an habitue of the of the local rum shops. The recommendation is that he is to be dismissed. By the time the preacher's son finds his PAW the situation has clarified into something else, with compassion on all sides because the boy has learned something of different kinds of christian.

The text book for these conversations is called "All this and Christian too" prepared under joint auspices of the denominations concerned for resource study on the adult level. Some of the chapter heading are revealing of the questions raised; The quest for a New Humanity; Man's New World; The World within Man; The Crisis of

decision; Being and Becoming; Openness for the Future; Religion: Who needs it?; So Why Be a Christian?; The Stranger of Galilee.

Places for the conversations will vary from week to week. Wesley Church Hall is the schedule for March 14. It is hoped that people will obtain access to the copies of the colorful resource book and will come prepared to take part in the conversation.

Although the conversations are primarily for members of the denominations involved in progressing toward a viable place where some degrees of union may be experienced, other members of the public will certainly not be turned away.

March 21 at St. Paul's Church Parish Hall Prof. Glenville will be resource person from McMaster Department of Anthropology. Dr. Glenville's speciality includes the study of ancient religious practices.

March 28 at Knox Church School Hall will be continued study of the resource book: All this and Christian too.

Copies of the book may be obtained from Rev. Eric Ramrattan.

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## Minimum Damage

EDMONTON (CP) — Minimum damage to the environment is one of the new mottoes of the Alberta Research Council.

For years the council has advised industry about the location and potential value of deposits of raw materials and even advised industry how it could economically extract the material.

But the council's emphasis will be altered in years to come, it was predicted by Dr. Ernest Wiggins, director of the council which celebrated its 50th birthday Jan. 6.

"Although Alberta will continue to depend heavily on extraction industries, there will be a great concern to extracting the raw materials with a minimum damage to the environment," Dr. Wiggins said in an interview.

Dr. Wiggins, who calls it "quality of life" research, said it is "around this

balance that we will be doing a great deal of our research." For instance, an area of land potentially attractive as both parkland and industrial development should be investigated thoroughly before a decision on future is made.

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## A Tip For The Gardener

Think twice before you start growing indoors in a house and say: "I must have that plant out."

It may be aware of what plan to do. The theory that plants grow emotionally to plants around them is based on Cleve Backster, a detector expert from New York. In a speech to the Garden Club of Ontario's spring flower show he told about his experiments he has conducted.

That is a lie detector doing investigating emotional response of plants? He says he got fooled by chance five years ago when he connected one leaf of a plant in the laboratory where he was working.

He thought, I'm going to that leaf. We went to the laboratory to get it. When he returned he found the polygraph had skidded off the

never did light the leaf," he said. "The mere thought that I would burn it was enough to do so — had a violent reaction in the plant. The timing of the response was so precise that it was as if the plant was reading my mind."

He was skeptical may put the thing down to coincidence. Backster insists it is not.

We have tried to fool the plant by making believe we were going to burn

it and got no reaction," he said. "But whenever we formed a firm resolve to burn it, it reacted. We have gone out of the lab and moved several blocks away and thought about burning it and at the precise moment we did, it agitated the polygraph."

Based on his findings, Backster argues that conveying affection for plants is as important as a knowledge of horticulture for successful gardening.

So if you want your flowers to flourish, think well of them. But be sure you mean what you think. Backster says plants can spot a phony as quickly as they can recognize a true plant lover.

Scientists should break out of the restrictions they have placed on themselves, Backster maintains. "When they got rid of metaphysics,

### Lambs' Corners 4-H Club Notes

The fifth meeting of the Lambs' Corners 4-H club was held at the home of Mrs. Hare on March 5, 1971 at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Hare told us our record books are to be handed in on April 5, 1971. Mrs. Hare and Mrs. Sheppard read the notes to us from the leaders pamphlet.

Joyce Sheppard and Irene Schwenner made Lasagna while Joanne Nixon and Martha Banfield made the meat sauce. Each girl tasted the result. We discussed achievement day.

they threw out the baby with the bath water."

He also says there's a man in India who holds the same theory and has taken it a step farther. The Indian, a scientist named Bose, believes that plants and metals both have emotions. "But this metal bit is too much for scientists in this day and age," says Backster. "They have to digest the plant thing first."

We can think of an immediate application to test the metals theory. Try treating your car with extra kindness and see if it responds. It might be the answer to built-in obsolescence.

### FIRST MEMBER

GREENWOOD, N.S. (CP) — Col. G. A. MacKenzie, commander of the Canadian Forces air base here, has been installed as the first member of a new club known as VP International.

The term VP is a military designation applied to long-range, land-based anti-submarine or reconnaissance aircraft.

Membership in the club is limited to persons in the service or retired who have completed 3,000 flying hours in VP aircraft.

The president, Maj. C. W. Potter, hopes to have wings in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Japan and France. Before that, however, wings will be formed in Ottawa, Halifax and Summerside, PEI.

## Federation News

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by Roy Hagan

The Ontario Government should introduce a special education tax on income to replace the taxing of property.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has taken this stand for a number of years.

Last year OFA led a protest to have this cost removed from property.

The provincial government apparently agreed that taxing farm property to pay for schools was unfair. Proof of this is shown when the government refunded to farmers 25 percent of their property tax.

In proposing a change as a result of a study of the tax structure of Ontario, the OFA in an effort to be responsible as possible, suggested a way that education could be paid for on a more equitable basis.

OFA has suggested a special Ontario education tax on income. The federation has recommended it be based on 3.27 percent of personal income and 11.61 percent on corporate income, projected from 1969-70 figures.

The Haldimand Federation executive has strongly supported this approach. This would enable the province to raise \$735 million which is necessary to pay the cost of education in the province. Our argument is that the people who benefit the most are those with higher incomes. So these would be

contributing the most under the proposed system.

The Haldimand executive hope this special tax would be deductible from regular income tax.

Thus the province would

not lose a possible \$122 million now paid to the Federal Government. Our federation also supports a move to get this tax reform proposal considered by the Ontario Government.

## On The Farm Front

Livestock rations in recent years might have changed more than is recognized. Earlier cutting of hay would increase the protein level, so would the addition of urea to corn silage. Feeding more corn and corn silage would reduce the protein level.

Urea in the protein supplement may increase the protein level but what about the energy level. Soybeans added to the ration provide a high level of both protein and energy.

A full discussion of rations for dairy, beef and swine will be held on Wed., March 17, at the Corn and Forage Show, Kohler. In addition to the ration class that is a regular part of the show, this year's feature will be "demonstration" rations that have been analysed at the Guelph lab and will be prepared for display and discussion.

During the afternoon program on the 17th, livestock specialists will discuss rations for dairy and beef cattle and for swine. Everyone is invited to come along and to take part.

Other features at the Corn and Forage Show will include discussion on Wednesday morning of crop production costs by Lyall MacLachlan. During the afternoon Martin Wrubleski will deal with practical pollution prevention — the no-cost things that can be done to keep out of trouble.

The afternoon of Thurs., March 18, will be given over mostly to the subject "Chemical — What to Use? What's New?" Topics will include controlling the alfalfa weevil, increased

### UNICEF Reports

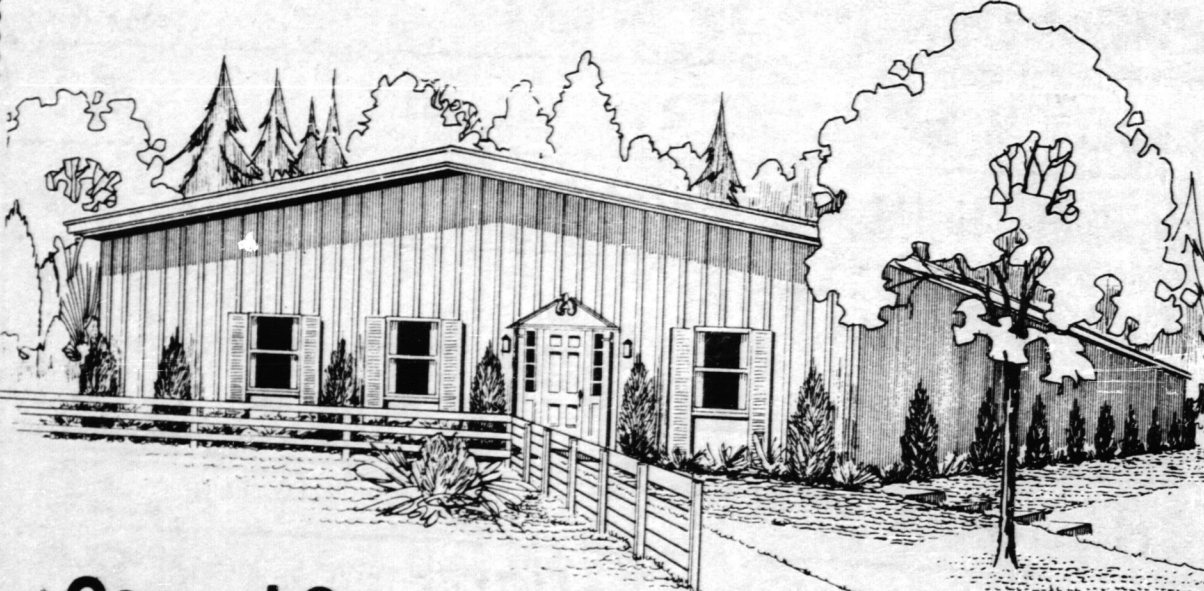
Haldimand County UNICEF Committee reports for 1970 that our County made the excellent contribution of \$2,620.31 to help needy children of the world.

These funds were raised by the February Campaign and the Christmas Campaign to which the general public contributed. Donations were also received from the Kneetees Club, Cayuga, and the Martha and Mary Unit and the Jewel Unit of Bethany United Church, Attercliffe. The schools did their usual wonderful Hallowe'en Campaign, raising \$1,732.69. Thirteen public schools, three separate schools, one secondary school, the Canadian Christian School and the Opportunity Centre participated.

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