

## Girl Guide Leader Sought

Due to lack of leadership, the Hagersville Girl Guide Company has been unable to open this fall.

Without a Guide Company, there is no place for the Brownies to go when they become 10 years old. The local association and other leaders in Hagersville are very concerned about the lack of leadership for the Guide Company and hope to keep it together until a leader is found.

A leader in the Girl Guide Movement needs to enjoy working with girls, in this case the girls are 10 to 14 years.

Help is available from books, as well as training programs and from other Girl Guide leaders who meet once a month for a District meeting.

The adult volunteer in the Girl Guide Movement helps the girl to become a happy useful citizen. The Girl Guide Laws form the structure of the program and provide a code for life

ie. loyalty, love of nature, empathy, usefulness.

Lord Baden - Powell devised the patrol system whereby the girls work and play as a patrol.

The program is aimed to challenge the whole girl, and through interest badges the girl can discover new worlds, in whatever field appeals to her. International understanding is the natural outcome of the world wide character of the sisterhood of Guiding to which each member, be it child or adult, joins.

It would be unfortunate for the Company to close when the girls are keen on being Girl Guides and are awaiting anxiously for the company to begin.

Anyone interested in learning more about this please phone 768-3142 or 768-3150. Also, if anyone has a craft or an interest to share with Brownies, Guides or Rangers, please call above phone numbers.

## Erie Personals

Mrs. Wilfred Bailey of Port Rowan is spending some time with her sister Mrs. Sidney Best.

Cathy Featherstone of Jarvis spent the weekend with her friend Karen Best.

Mrs. Maggie McBurney attended Knox church anniversary on Sunday morning and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker.

Joanne Lint and Judy Best spent the weekend in Hamilton with Sandra Lint.

Mrs. Mullen has returned from the West Haldimand Hospital where she was a patient for some time.

Mrs. Wilfred Forsythe has returned after a months visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hewitt of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Forsythe of Ancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell visited relatives at Grandview Lodge, Dunnville on

Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell of Guelph and Fred Fearman of Aberdeen spent Sunday at the Keen home.

The Hallowe'en party held at the Stone Church Hall on Saturday night was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Laidlaw and family of Bramalea spent Saturday with Mrs. William Laidlaw.

Mrs. Jim McCarthy has returned from a trip to Europe where she visited relatives.

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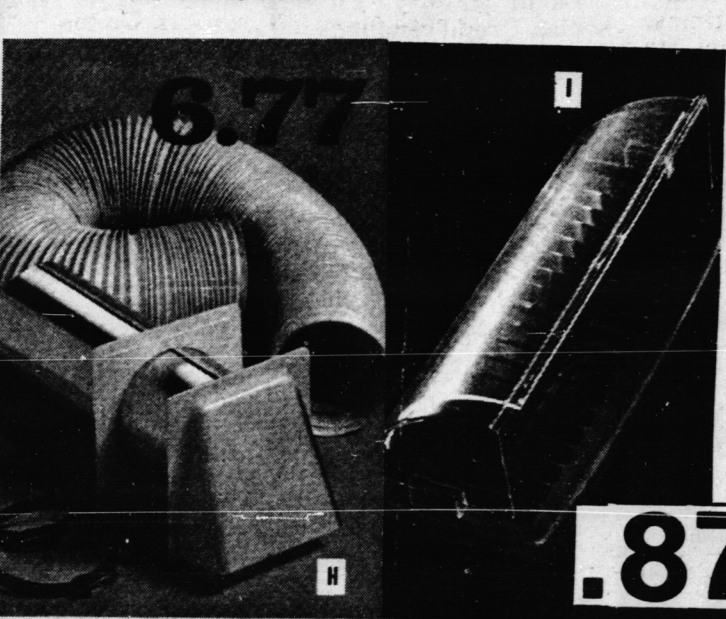
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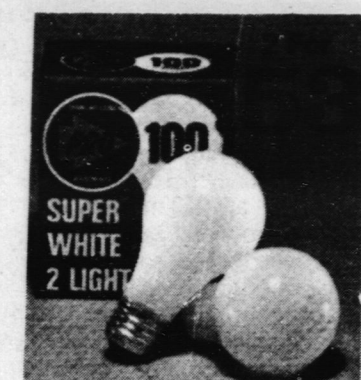
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## Rev. Ramrattan Urges Youth To Think Straight, Plan Well

In a recent address given to the youth at Wesley United by Rev. Eric Ramrattan, minister of that church, several points of general interest were brought out.

His comments were based on the text from the Wisdom of Solomon which urges young people to enjoy their youth but to also remember their creator.

No one dare doubt that the most coveted, the most valuable possession of any nation, group or Church is its youth. They represent the strength and well-being of the group to which they belong. They are anxious and eager to get things done, and often end in frustration because adults are so slow and careful in movements and change, Mr. Ramrattan said.

Many adults cannot understand the youth and never will, for they are not only separated by time, but ideologically they share very little in common. Adults appear to be staid in their ways and do not welcome change which appear to be threatening and frightening.

On the other hand, youth is the time of adventure, the crossing of seemingly impossible barriers. Young people, more than ever before, are called in the historic present to answer the challenge which destiny has appointed, and quite a few are responding ably, he said.

Adults must not think for one moment that youth is not conscientious. There are always exceptions to the rule, and many young people

have made fools of themselves and cast a dark shadow on parents and family if not on church and state.

But think for a minute, not because a few young people have flouted the rules or have been misguided and do not follow the conventional understanding of his cultural heritage, must adults say or think that all young people or most of them are not conscientious members of society.

I am sure if the Church and state is willing to give more responsibility to youth, and be equally responsible for their training, we will be pleasantly surprised with potentials that can be harnessed for good.

The resultant factor is, however, that many adults fear, they will not feel wanted or needed any more. In comparison, adults make many mistakes, and set bad examples in many quarters, despite the fact that they have years of experience, Mr. Ramrattan said.

Young people are anxious for change. They have what is known as "an honest desire" to live life to its fullest, and to drink the nectar from the cup of life. They are probing to know the true meaning of existence. They need guidance, acceptance and example.

They need a leader they can trust, someone they can hold in absolute confidence. They need friendship despite their moodiness, and unfriendly attitudes at times. They do not want to be bossed around, but would accept leadership and guidance as equals.

The Church and state have high hopes and expectations much from our youth. Sometimes we forget that parents and society are pleased when a son of the soil

risers to an occasion, and distinguishes himself as one equal for the task before God and man, he said.

The Church and state, the home and school, the family and society are looking with anxious eyes to the youth of our day for the true meaning of life and living.

Wesley and Garnet United Churches though one link in the great chain, have faith and hope the youth of today will do some hard thinking and meaningful living. Would they let us down? I doubt. But if you do - God will call you to account, he said.

## HSS Band Practice

The Hagersville Secondary School Band had only one practice last week, on Tuesday, Oct. 24. After having a talk with senior members, Mr. Shippey, music director, had us practise Heritage West which is our competition piece. We play at this competition in Toronto on Nov. 17 and 18.

It is a difficult piece to play, but the band will not let anyone beat us.

Some dates which are coming up are Nov. 5, Remembrance Day, Jarvis, Nov. 17, 18, Band Competition, Toronto; Nov. 22, Band Concert, Hagersville Secondary School; Nov. 25, Commencement, Hagersville Secondary School.

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