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**BLINKING FROM THE SUNSHINE** a full session of girl campers left for Camp Latona on Friday morning, June 30th. This year looks like the greatest camp season ever for Camp Latona as there are already more than four hundred children enrolled now.

## Bowen Island Church Blessed

On Sunday, June 18th, Archbishop James F. Carney blessed the new Church on Bowen Island, the dream of many vacationers finally became a reality.

Father Gerard Beauregard, who travels to the Island every weekend, and his lay committee chose a prefabricated building that could be easily erected on the site donated by Bowen Estates. The contractor for the building was Mr. Reid Poole of

Poole Construction, Bowen Island.

The Church is truly the work of many hands as support for the project was received from the United Church, the Canadian Legion and members of other denominations. The Catholic Church Extension Society helped in the financing.

The new parish will be named in honor of St. Gerard Majella, whom Pope Leo XIII called "one of those angelic youths given to the world as models for men." St. Gerard died at the age of 29 and

was well known as a wonder worker in the 18th century.

Mr. Sam Dumaresq, a member of the building committee, said, "Our first record of deposit is July 22, 1966, when the collection was \$49.00."

Since then they have held several successful bazaars and now they have a Church for vacationers to the Island.

Landscaping and an accommodation for the priest are projects for the near future.

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### Last Step

## Toward Title of "Blessed"

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The beatification causes of seven persons who may someday be given the title of "blessed" by the Church, including the 19-year-old son of the last emperor of Patagonia (in southern Argentina), have been advanced by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

The congregation, meeting June 22 in the presence of Pope Paul VI, approved the miracles attributed to Italian nursing Sister Agostina Pictrantoni, who won fame for her devotion and efforts in behalf of the sick and dying at Rome's Santo Spirito Hospital and who died in 1894.

The congregation also issued decrees approving proofs of six other "servants of God" for the practice of virtues to a heroic degree.

With the approval of the miracles attributed to Sister Agostina, a Sister of Charity, the last main step toward her beatification has been cleared.

Decrees on the heroic virtue mark a significant step forward in the beatification process but miracles attributed

to the intercession of the six others still have to be examined and approved.

The six are:

—Zerifino Namuncura, a Salesian seminarian who was born at Chimpay, Patagonia, in 1886, the son of the last Indian emperor of Patagonia, Manual the Great. Namuncura came to Rome to study for the priesthood but died in 1905.

—Father Jean Gaillhac, founder of the Institute of the Sacred Heart of the Immaculate Virgin Mary (Marymount), who was born at Beziers, France, and died Jan. 25, 1889.

—Father Jacques Laval, a priest-surgeon who was born Sept. 18, 1803, at Groth, France, and who became a missionary in the Congregation of the Holy Ghost on the Island of Mauritius Sept. 9, 1864.

—Giovanni Battista Jossa, a layman who was born at Naples, Italy, in 1767 and who died in 1828.

—Sister Maria Lopez de Rivas, a Discalced Carmelite who was born in Spain in 1560 and who died in 1640.

—Sister Battista Vernazza, a member of the Canonesses Regular of St. Augustine, who was born at Genoa, Italy, in 1497 and who died in 1587.

## Five-year Record Gains Organization Credibility

(EDMONTON — W.C.R.) — The five-year record of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace has earned the confidence of both the Church and Canadian government, Allan Wachowich said this week.

Mr. Wachowich, an Edmonton lawyer active in many Church and community social programs, was elected president of the CCODP board at the annual meeting.

CCODP raised a record \$5.2 million last year from Share-Lent collections in parish churches, combined appeals with other Christian Churches and government grants.

The money goes to development projects in the Third World and to emergency assistance programs. In the past year, CCODP has sent \$1.2 million to aid Bangladesh refugees in India and for reconstruction projects in Bangladesh.

"Development and Peace in the past five years gained a credibility in the public eye." Mr. Wachowich noted, "because of its low costs and effective work."

When the organization was begun, he added, "it was recognized that there was a role for the Church in international development because government organizations were not able to fund people-to-people projects on a small scale, although they had proven themselves to be capable in large projects. The Church has thus, to some degree, filled this gap and has been able to reach the people in the Third World on small meaningful projects where, in the past, no assistance was available."

Romeo Maione, executive director of the CCODP, predicted that the organization would continue to grow because of the confidence it has established that it can reach people. With this growth, he said, will come more matching grants from the Canadian government.

Mr. Wachowich succeeds Judge Alfred Monnin of St. Boniface, president since the organization started. Other members of the new executive are: Lucien Fontaine, Val D'Or, Que., vice-president; Mme. Helene Jobin, Montreal, secretary; Paul Robinson, Toronto, treasurer.



# Counterbalance Whose Damage?

In the Vancouver Province editorial of Monday, July 3rd, the B.C. government was encouraged to "do nothing to encourage its (the independent schools') growth." Quotations from this editorial follow.

"The argument that independent schools are entitled to public financial assistance if they meet department of education standards is plausibly misleading . . .

"It misses the point to suggest, as Sacred candidate James Poyner in North Vancouver does, that 'the people of B.C. want an orderly program of provincial education and as long as the standards are met by all schools, all schools should be eligible for financial aid.'"

"A proliferation of subsidized private schools could lead to the establishment of institutions based on ethnic, religious or other grounds that would tend to preserve cultural differences, as they have done in other countries. There's no saying where it would end.

"A parallel private system doesn't offer enough advantages to counterbalance the damage that might be done to the public system on which the vast majority of people would still have to depend. The government therefore should do nothing that might encourage its growth."

At last we have achieved fame. We have merited a whole section of the Province newspaper's editorial.

In Monday's editorial we read again one more argument against our school system. This time the argument says, if we continue to allow people to express themselves and bring up children within their own particular philosophy, then the damage which we shall encourage to the public system and the "majority which it represents" offsets most of the advantages which we offer in our system.

This boils down to what? Go along with the crowd and, at all costs, do not rock the boat.

Do we hear a sigh for the far distant cry of democracy? **Yes**, you may send your children wherever you wish for education, if you can afford it; but, **No** you cannot expect a small share of your tax dollar to contribute to your system.

Is this freedom?

That is one of the many reasons why we have organized our political action groups over the last two months to inform people so that they can counter the foregoing arguments and the many others equally fatuous.

- ★ Through their policies the law makers control our lives.
- ★ Their decisions in the field of education directly influence our children.
- ★ To keep our schools for our children we must influence the laws.
- ★ To influence the laws we must instal the right kind of politician.
- ★ To do this we must all get out, join and be active in a political party.
- ★ We must get out and vote.
- ★ We must get others to join and be active and vote.

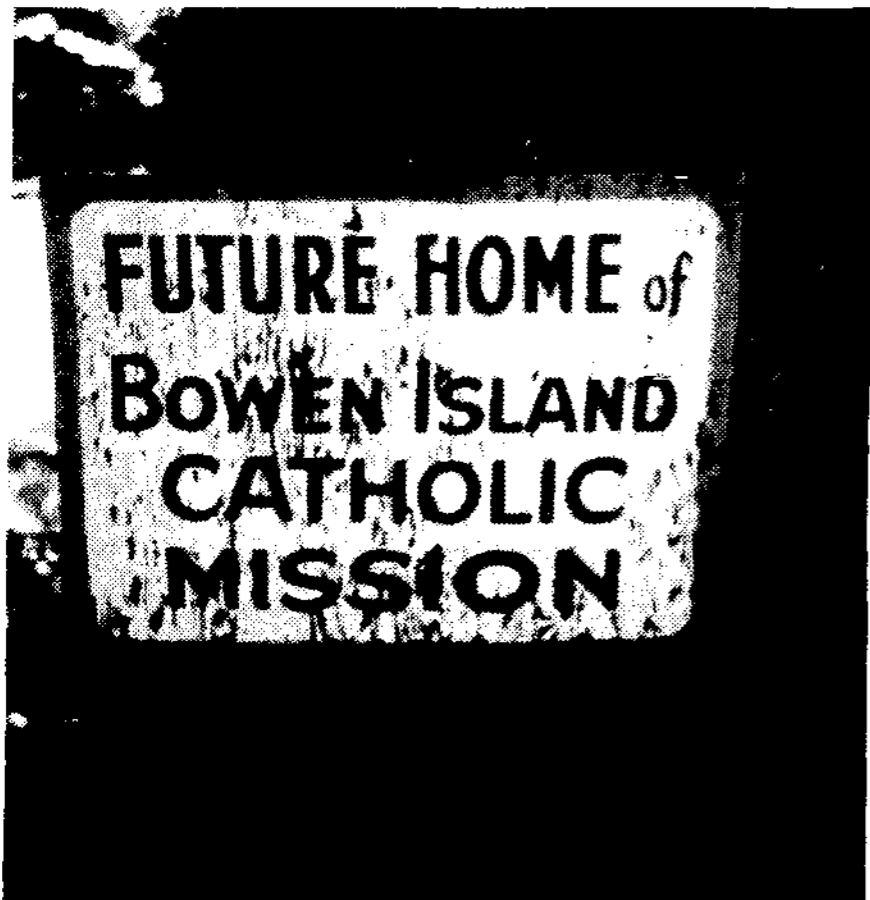
This, in brief, is the message that was brought home time and again to some 1250 enthusiastic independent school supporters who took the opportunity to hear and question twenty MLAs and candidates for the next provincial election, at eight regional meetings.

Do we want support from our provincial government for our independent schools?

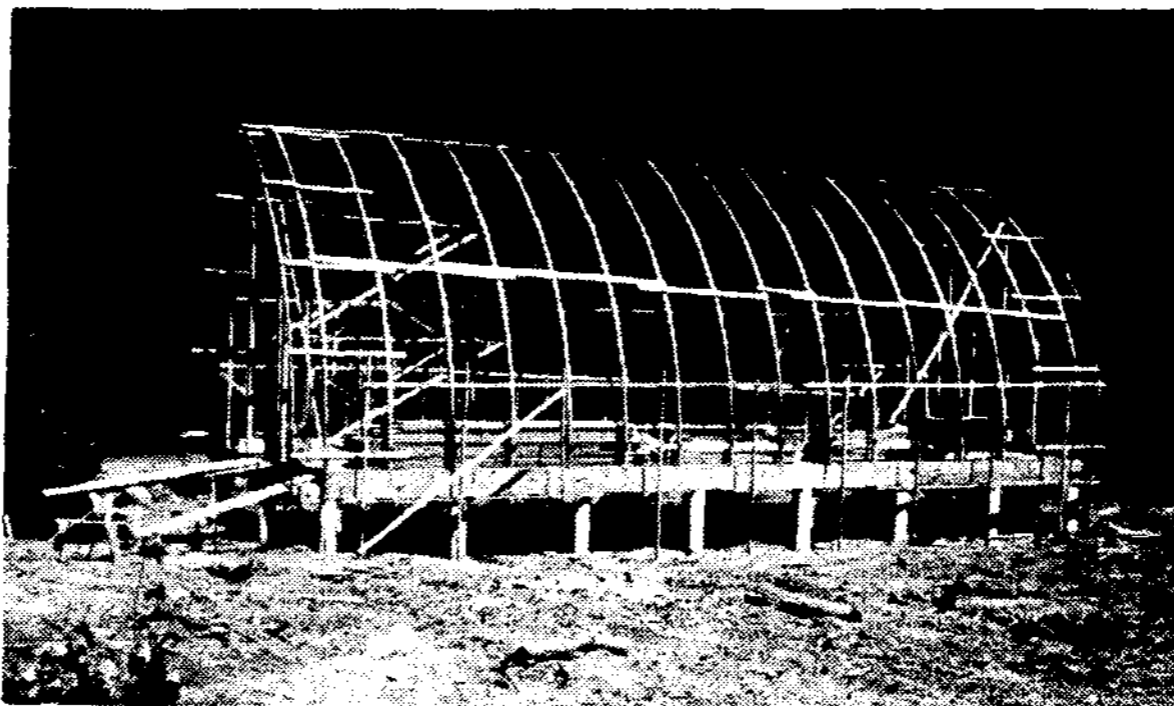
The ostrich is well known for his attitude toward any problem. He buries his head hoping it will go away.

## Bowen Island Church

# The Work of Many Hands



*First the land . . .*



*then the frame . . .*



*add parishioners . . .*



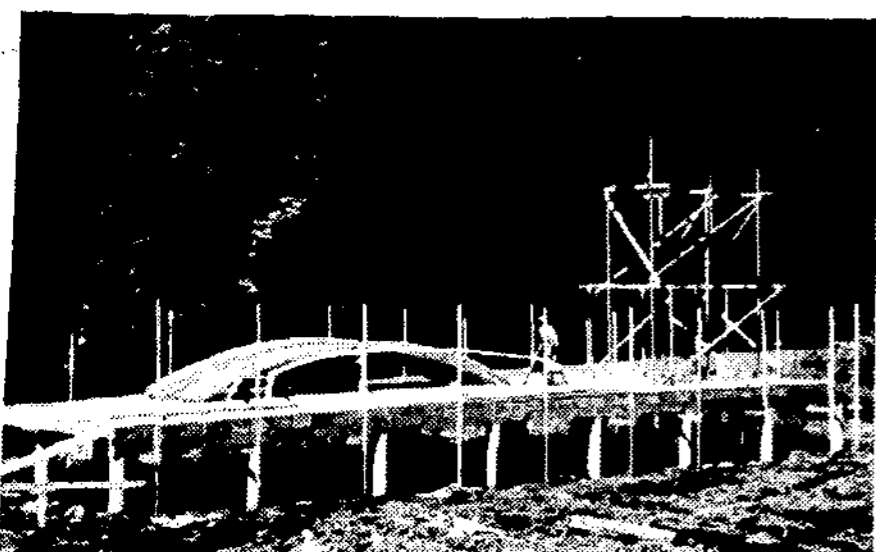
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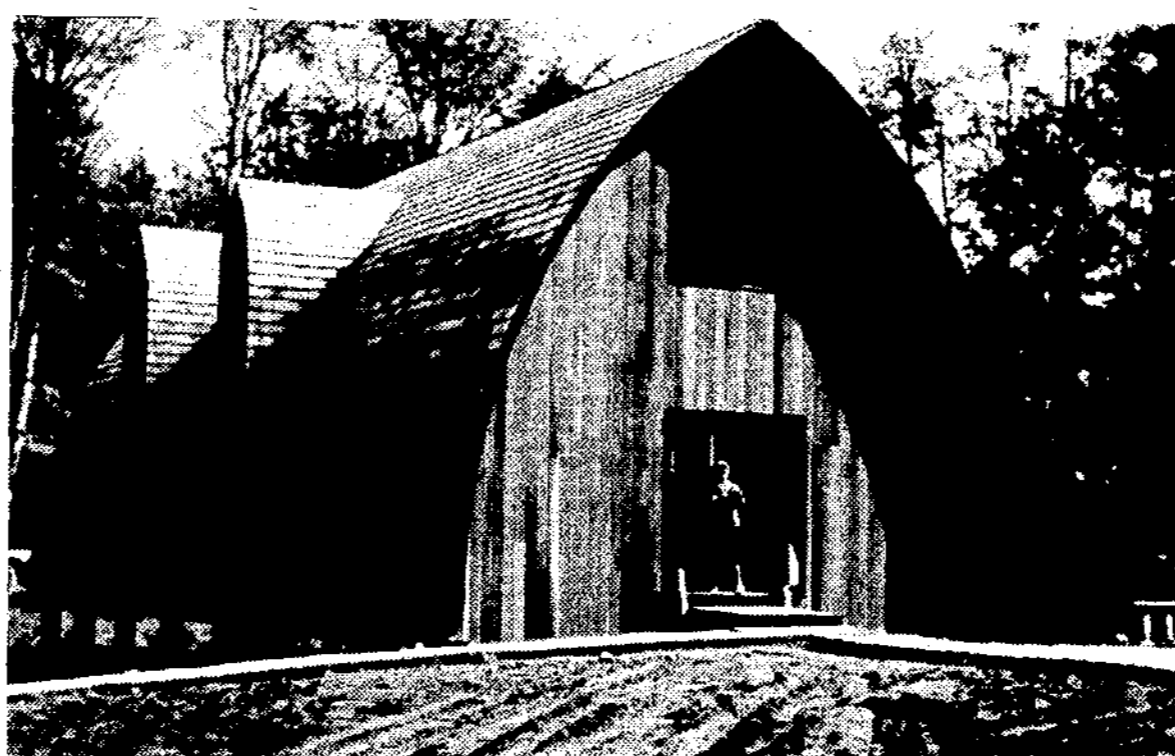
*and a roof . . .*



*and Fr. G. Beauregard*



*and a foundation . . .*



*and we have a Church . . .*