The clergy speak out..

by Rev. Peter Brouwer "Beth-El" Christian Reformed Church

YOUR LIFE, YOUR RELIGION.

In a subsequent article I hope to touch on the problem, religion schools. But before that will make any sense I'll have to say something about life and religion in moeral.

There is a very common and curious notion about separate religion abroad. It is the notion that religion is basically something separate from life. You either have it or you don't have it. It is like joining or not joining a church.

You can meet plenty of people who will tay that they have no "religion", or that they practice no "religion". By this they mean of course that they do not belong to any particular organized "religious" body.

"Religion" in this sense refers to a set of practices, customs, sules, and affiliations of a certain "religious" group. If you belong to such a group you have to practice "religion"; if you don't belong you have no "religion".

"Religion" in this sense is like the icing on a cake or the salt on an egg. Everybody eats the cake of life, but not everybody wants the Iding of "Yeligion".

But is this a fair way of speaking about religion? Can we separate life and

religion in this way? Sure we all recognize the more formal aspect of religion in acts like prayer, church attendance, going to Sunday School, etc. But is that all there is to religion? Is that even the heart of religion? Isn't religion something far deeper, broader, and more pervading that such acts? Don't we expect people to live up to their "religion"? And don't we call those who do not live up to it hypocrites, bigots, pharisecs?

In other words, don't we say that the formal aspect of religion must correspond with the real inner quality of a person's, life, or else he is phony? Of course we say this! We say it in a thousand different ways.

Formal religion without a corresponding life is hyprocritical, sickening, just like the icing without the cake is tickening.

All of which comes down to saying that real religion is not like the icing of a cake; it is the cake itself. Religion is what you do, say, think every day, every moment, everywhere. Whether or not you have "religion" (the formal aspect of real religion) you have religion simply because you live, act, speak, think. That includes all of us, even the most ardent atheist and



to fight: Craig McMullen, Henry Loewen, and THREE OF THE DELEGATES attending the three-day semi-annual assembly of Jehovah's William Paterson: Witness in Burlington last weekend were from left

Acton minister chairman

Assembly of Witnesses in Burlington

established earthwide within this generation. While world leaders see a bleak future, with crime and violence, Christians have confidence in a far better future." So said John MacPherton, principal speaker at

Witnesses in Burlington last weekend. Many Action residents were

among the capacity gathering of According to Mr. MacPherson,

whether people like to believe it or not, lack of law and order in the world affects every one of

H. E. Richard Cardinal Cuthing, Archbishop of Boston.

In a letter to the Genetal Secretary of the American Hible Society Cardinal Cushing ways "I am happy to know that it is being received so well and being distributed so widely."

the circuit assembly of Jehovah's us. It touches us personally, affecting our thinking, and actions. Indications are that pressures on everyone will increase because lawlessness and disorder are increasing.

The speaker assured his audience that total law and order will come only by government from heaven, God's kingdom rule.

Mr. MacPherson's discourse was the highlight of the three-day assembly. Henry Loewen, presiding minister of chairman.

were ordained to the ministry. told how the was able to social committee.

BIRTHDAYS

I'm not much for fortune-telling, I can't write a horoscope. But there's one day in the year I can foretell: It is filled with happy memories, it is pregnant still with hope, And encased in dreams of things I've loved so well.

It is throuded like a Sunday, with a hallowed sense of peace; There's a plamor that enfolds it like a gown; There's a subtle expectation that surprises never cease, And a thrill that never once has let me down.

Almost anything may happen on this very special day, Something really quite delightful, just for me-Medage in a card or letter from a dear one far away, Or a friend dropped in to have a cup of tea.

Oh, the years are passing swiftly and I know I'm growing old, And my golden dreams have never quite come true. Sorrow still and disappointment will confront me, I am told, And the friends I dearly loved are all too few.

Yet tomorrow will be happy and my thoughts will all be gay, For a festive air will gild each parting hour. And a rosy iridescence will enhance the livelong day, As I reign, a queen, within my lvory tower.

ISABEL ANDERSON

Missionary tells woman's point of view of India

Women from Hillsburg and improve the nutrition of the Marion Rudd Mission Circle.

Mrs. Landshorough introduced Servants were a great necessity the guest speaker who was Mrs. as food needed much Paul Antrobus of Kitchener, preparation and all water that returned missionary from India. was used had to be carried. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Antrobus At the close of her talk Norma went to India with Mr. and Mrs. Baillie expressed the thanks of Jim Rudd for a term of five and all those present. Jessie Coles a half years and returned with very ably took charge of the

the Rudds last June.

Georgetown as well as local native children by showing the churches gathered in the Baptist different foods her own children church Monday evening for the could eat, all three of her spring Thankoffering of the children having been born in

song service and devotions and In her talk Mrs. Antrobus Marg Baillie acted as pianist. showed the women's point of Mrs. Helwig and Mrs. Lott were view of living in India. She ushers. Mrs. W. Feltham sang a the Acton congregation, acted as explained the language barrier as lovely solo Nearer Still Nearer. India has at least 18 different After the meeting all gathered dialects although English is basic in the church basement for a On Saturday, 17 new ministers in all provinces. Mrs. Antrobus delicious lunch served by the

Easter Thankoffering at Afternoon W.M.S.

Members of the Afternoon had spent 17 years working in Auxiliary, W.M.S. of Knox Church, and guests met in the Church half on April 10 for their annual Easter Thankoffering meeting. Miss Isabel Anderson presided and the service of worship was conducted by Mrs. Wm. McIntryre and Mrs. A. J.

Buchanan. Mrs. Bell of Speyside, a newcomer to the district, delighted her audience with two inspiring solos, Take My Hand, Gracious Lord and Bless This Church.

Mrs. Murray of Caledon East was the speaker, and by word and picture gave her hearers a very clear idea of every day life . as it is lived by Missionaries in India. Mrs. Murray and her husband Rev. John M. Murray did it have to happen was read

the Bhil field of India, carrying on the work, begun by Dr. John of the Presbyterian Church.

staff is required. Mrs. Alf Long is Buchanan, a pioneer missionary

charge of Mrs. H. Denham. Mrs. L. Johnston led in prayer and Mrs. R. Young, prepared an Easter messengers.

An Easter nieditation, Why

The Easter Thankoffering by several members. The roll call meeting of Rockwood Presbyterian Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. W. Fisher with the president, Miss E. Pearen, presiding.

The devotional period was in

Thankoffering at Rockwood

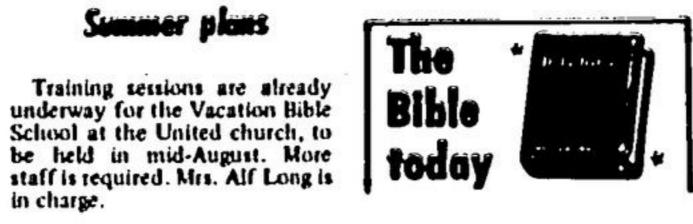
The Easter Thankoffering was received by Mrs. D. McNabb. Mrs. L. Johnston, vice-president, had charge of the WA meeting. She opened with a

was answered by a Scripture

verse containing the word cross.

Summer plans

reading Palm Sunday. Easter topic concerning the first . . A . short business session followed after which the hostess, assisted by Mrs. G. Swanston. served refreshments.



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Gal. 6: 7 — "Be not deceived; God

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soweth, that shall he also reap."

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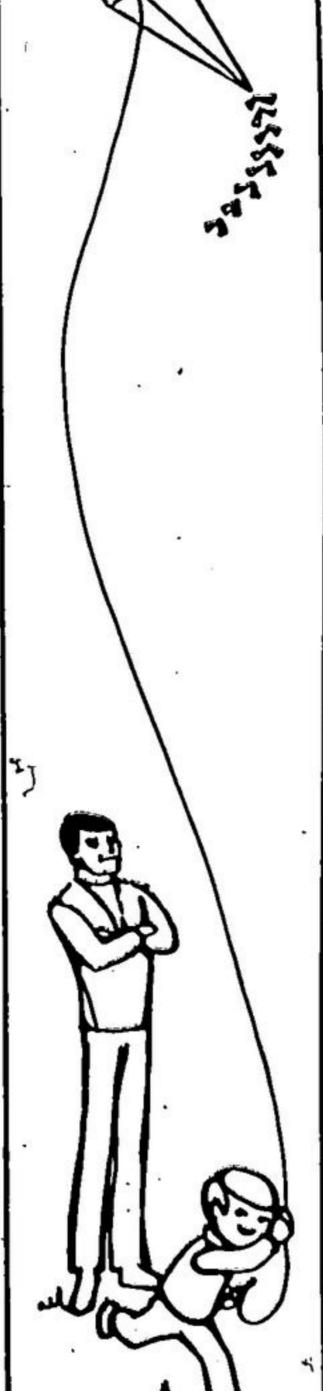
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