

## The clergy speak out...

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### "THE DRUG SCENE - ACTON STYLE"

I have just had mine! Perhaps you have just had yours too! My "Trip" that is. Mine was south of the border and was in some sense a "Freedom" from the drudgery and ordinariness of life. Yours may have been otherwise, that is the "trip" that young people call a "real trip" and that their parents dread for them - the escape into oblivion.

You know what I'm driving at: the DRUG PROBLEM in all its facets. And this editorial desire to look the issue straight in the eye, no nonsense style.

First, let's be honest, we do have a drug problem in Acton!

Whether it be mammoth or minute is not the question. If there be one case of it, it's a relevant issue. From the parents who "pop their pills to face the world" to the teens who sniff, smoke pot, or ride the amphetamine railroad into nowhere, it's here.

Now this isn't intended as any scare tactic, parents. To be honest the problem is minute in Acton. God help us that it stay that way. Nonetheless there have been "pot parties" when parents have been away and there are kids who are on other kicks.

Some persons say that it is better that we don't talk about it. "Don't speak about it and it will disappear". That's the ostrich stance which get one nowhere and allows the problem to run rampant. A spark that blows into a mighty torrent.

Second, let's be realistic, and admit that something can be done about the problem. As a matter of fact, something is already being done about it. To the immense credit of the Guidance Department and Health Department of the Acton High School a program of education and involvement is well underway. Facts are being given to the teens and they are discussing them in an open and honest way.

Our kids aren't the "acid heads" we might like to think they are. By and large they are a decent and intelligent group who care for a sense of community and decency. And I fully believe they will listen to reason. At least 99% will.

But the parents? That's a different story. Did you notice the number of

parents who "cared" enough to be there to talk about the problem with their teens. It was a pathetic showing to say the least. And yet we stand on the sidelines and criticize our teens.

Two things have come out of the involvements I have had with the drug scene thus far, both from counselling contacts with teens who have discussed it with me and also from participating in the High School program.

The first thing that is evident to me is that the teenagers want the truth, and further they will listen to it when given in an unemotional way.

If we insist on calling it "sin" and "bad" and "immoral" then ACTON forget it! You've lost the battle now.

The second thing - and something that can demand our immediate attention - is that these teens and parents at the meeting were demanding the creation of some sort of "drop in centre" where these teens can be themselves and discuss their "thing" without the censorship of society. You and I demand that right for ourselves - i.e. the hotel, the legion, the club, the Church. But we don't always give it to our children.

They want the right of a place (the more dilapidated the better, I suspect) where they can gather and talk about their lives and have a coke. And they don't want to exclude adults, although they do want some say in whom the adult supervisors should be. Who can blame them for that. I suspect too that among the professional and concerned people of the town there are many who would willingly give their time to such a project.

If Acton doesn't act in the very near future it may well become another Georgetown or Guelph or, God forbid, Yorkville. While we have the chance let us become Acton, the "Action Town".

And if you are looking for the ministerial bit in this, it's very simple: These are children of God and what He demands of us is that we provide for all the opportunity of "fullness of life". And drugs etc. isn't part of it. That's all - a chance to be whole, complete persons in His sight. As Christians I'm not sure that we have done our all for our teens.



THIS SUNDAY evening in the high school auditorium the Churchmen quartette will perform again here. This return engagement is sponsored by the Baptist Hi-Fellowship.

## Minister benched Pinch hitter socks wit

The Hon. William Davis yanked a seasoned pinch hitter off the bench at the Department of Education and he came through with a timely hit to save a delicate situation at the Tri-Angl Men's Club dinner meeting Thursday, where Mr. Davis was billed to speak.

Commitments at Queen's Park where the Department of Education estimates were being debated at an evening session, kept the Minister of Education glued to his desk. In his place came George Leslie Woodruff, of Burlington, a director of the Teacher Education Branch of the Department.

He filled his boss's speaking engagement to well the almost capacity crowd at St. Alban's Luxton hall forgot about the thorny issues of education.

Mr. Woodruff, a witty and engaging speaker, spoke on the care and feeding of after dinner speakers. He had the audience eating out of his hand with amusing anecdotes and a collection of stories which "thank you" member Fred New described as "35 Super" after Mr. Woodruff's own description of how many claps a speech should receive.

Although officials of the Tri-Angl Club, a merger of men from St. Alban's Anglican and Trinity United Churches, were disappointed that Mr. Davis could not appear, they held out some hope from the message they received from the Minister that he would try and make the scene some other time.

"I had some questions I would have liked answers to," admitted one member of the audience which was liberally sprinkled with teachers and educators, "but I suppose these things happen." Mr. Davis phoned his regrets at 4 p.m. that afternoon.

Introduced by Wes Beatty, the pinch hitter outlined nine points organizations should remember about an after dinner speaker and gave full marks to his hosts Thursday.

Shying away from any educational issues, which he candidly admitted he probably didn't have answers to, anyway, Mr. Woodruff acknowledged affably that after dinner speakers were often self qualified experts. Qualified, the definition of an expert is an SOB from out of town with a brief case.

"For the benefit of the gentlemen of the cloth here," he nodded at club chaplains Rev. Gordon Turner and Rev. Harry Dawson, "an SOB is a Silly Old Boulder."

Another definition: an expert is like the bottom of a double boiler; often steamed up without knowing what's cooking.

Observations about after dinner speakers? Have your man in the right place and at the right time. Greet him, pick a good spot for him to speak. The better known the speaker, the shorter the introduction.

If the jokes are good - laugh Dirty jokes - don't laugh. Then the speaker reeled off a "dirty" Russian joke he picked up on a tour. It was so clean everyone laughed.

If the speech is no good don't compliment the speaker. He may repeat it somewhere else, the speaker said with a grin.

Final advice - get rid of him. An ex-officer in the army, Mr. Woodruff admitted he makes around 60 speeches a year. A large gift from the club was accepted from club treasurer Vic Bristow.

Meditation period followed conducted by Rev. Harry Dawson who compared the recent Apollo 12 mission and the blackout conglomeration to life. "Sometimes it takes a crisis to shock us," he said.

Space shots draw our attention to the unknown and the quest for the eternal, Mr.

Dawson declared, and the secret of real living, not the boredom and ennui associated with much of life today. He quoted Albert Einstein who observed that the mysterious was the source of all true art and science.

The one year-old club wound up the meeting with decision time conducted by Chairman Bob Hart and Rev. Gordon Turner.

## Put Wells in bear pit

Annual meeting and election for the Halton West Progressive Conservative Association will be held this Friday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. at Lawrie Smith Public School, Burlington.

Main feature of the meeting will be a "bear pit" discussion with the Hon. Tom Wells, Minister of Health for Ontario.

The Association has announced it will be holding a testimonial dinner for local M.P.P. George Kerr, recently named Minister of Energy and Resources Management, in February. The Hon. Robert L. Stanfield, federal leader of the P.C. Party, will be guest speaker and tickets are on sale now at \$15 a person or \$25 a couple. The dinner will be held at the Estaminet restaurant, Burlington, on Feb. 25.

## New morality discussion

The New Morality - a timely topic indeed - is the subject for the fourth Family Life Education meeting at the high school this Thursday evening.

As well as students and their parents, anyone interested is welcome to come to learn and discuss. There will be a special opportunity to discuss a drop-in centre for Acton.

Two films will be shown. The Game and Love is for the Birds. The program begins at 7:30 Thursday evening in the high school.

Past programs have proven most interesting and informative, as students and adults share their views.

## Report from Ottawa

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From the phone calls and letters received since Mr. Benson, the Minister of Finance, released his White Paper on Tax Reform, many people in my opinion believe that the contents of this document are to become law. The White Paper contains proposals only and while the proposals represent the thinking of the Government, nevertheless none of them can become law until they are incorporated into legislation, presented to Parliament and approved by that body.

The purpose of a White Paper on the part of the public and it is from such discussion the Government gets the feelings of the country to guide them in planning legislation they wish to introduce.

The Benson White Paper as a document did not contain many surprises as such. Almost every proposal had its origin in the Carter Report published in 1967 which received wide publicity and discussion at that time and since.

The Carter Report has been acclaimed throughout the world as the most comprehensive study of taxation ever attempted. It was the first serious effort to study methods of taxation used by governments as sources of revenue. The purpose was also to seek ways and means of spreading the tax burden more evenly than at present and to plug the many loopholes that have been unearthed over the years by astute students of taxation or as some call themselves, tax experts.

The Carter Report was found to be too severe in many of its recommendations. Its basic premise was "A buck is a buck is a buck" no matter its source and should be subject to taxation. This basis for equitable taxation is fine in theory but it lacks practical realism in many areas. However, the Carter Report contained a wealth of information and was written with a great depth of thought. It was from this Report that the

Benson White Paper had its origin and while the Carter Report was the result of five years of extensive work, the White Paper added nine months of study to the task.

Now the Minister of Finance is asking Canadians to give it further thought before preparing legislation. If you have any thought, or opinion, whether approving or disapproving, he is asking you to write to him and make him aware of them. I will be pleased to receive your letters and will see that they are forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Mr. Benson.

I have been appointed a Parliamentary Observer with the Delegation of Canada to the 24th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York. I will be in New York for the period 17th November to 29th November. I am looking forward to this experience and I will be reporting on the events and issues which come before the United Nations during this period in a future column.

A good optimist will: Be brief - politely; be aggressive - tactfully; be information - pleasantly; be positive - diplomatically; be right - graciously.

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11:10 a.m. - Sunday School.  
4:00 pm. - Afternoon Worship Service.  
7:30 p.m. - Teen Meet at the church.  
Tuesday evening, 7:30-10:30 - Catechism Classes.  
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1969  
9:45 a.m. - Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.  
9:45 a.m. - Minister's Church Membership Class for Teenagers.  
11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship. Sermon on theme, "The Lord of All Life - His Clothes."  
7:30 p.m. - Church School staff meeting.  
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**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
Minister: The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.  
Director of Music: Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1969  
10:00 a.m. - Corporate Worship.  
10:00 a.m. - Nursery.  
Sunday School (to Grade 4).  
11:00 a.m. - Sunday School (Grade 5-8).  
11:15 a.m. - "Talk Back" (adult program of dialogue with the Minister).  
7:00 p.m. - Hi C. and Hi 9ers (Youth Groups for Teens - alternating Sunday evenings).  
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## Church Notices

**EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1969  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m. - Evangelistic Service.  
Mrs. Lorne F. Fox, World Missionary traveller and contralto soloist, will be with us Dec. 1, Monday at 8 p.m. and will also be showing the outstanding film "They Have Overcome". We invite you to hear this beautiful contralto voice and see this outstanding film.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer Service and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassadors.  
Friday, 6:45 p.m. - Crusaders.  
Psalm 116: 11 - "In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

**ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Founded 1842  
Wednesday, November 26 - 8 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harrap.  
Friday, November 14 - 7 p.m., B.H.F.  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1969  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.  
Dr. G. S. Barber, Brantford, Ont., President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, a medical doctor with experience in India.  
Sunday, 7 p.m. - The Churchmen's Quartette at Acton High School auditorium. Offering.  
All Welcome

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN**  
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive  
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1969  
Advent I  
9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m. - Church School and Nursery.  
10:30 a.m. - Advent Carol Service.

**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Churchill Road North  
Minister: The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.  
124 Tildey Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 1969  
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Church School. Sermon theme, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them."  
Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

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