



CAPSIZED CAT

— Peter Jones, Georgetown

WORK ON WIDENING No. 7 Highway at Norval ground to a temporary halt last Wednesday when one of the Caterpillar dozers did a nose dive down a steep embankment while clearing the new route on the east side of the village. The Cat maintained its precarious perch for some time before being rescued.

Points Importance Of Religion In Industry

On Sunday evening, April 30th, the Rev. Stephan Hopkinson, MA, of London, England, Director of Industrial Christian Fellowship who is currently concluding a tour of the United States and Hamilton delivered a discourse and entertained questions at an informal conference held in the Parlour of St. George's Anglican Church. His informative address coupled with his scholarship and keen sense of English humour won many friends and drew a spontaneous and hearty discussion, the group poured many questions at the guest and he responded with the experience of his work and its nature.

Mr. Hopkinson was in Hamilton the week previous, Sunday he spent the day in Toronto and continued to the city of Oshawa last week. The speaker was introduced by Dr. Graham Cotter, PhD, Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Council of Social Service of the Diocese of Toronto. A welcome and an appreciation for the visit to the guest to the Parish and the Community was expressed by the Rector of St. George's. Members of the Chi Rho Fellowship, young adults and married couples group served refreshments.

In his remarks the speaker outlined the share the Christian must exercise in his daily life and work day world. The Industrial Christian Fellowship came into being in 1920 in England which was a union of two groups concerned with the industrial life of the nation: The Christian Social Union and the Navy Mission.

Ever since its foundation in 1920, the ICF has been closely associated with the Church in London. Its first Missioner was Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy (Woodbine Willie) of World War I fame.

The first director was Prebendary P.T.R. Kirk of Christ Church, Westminster. The present work is developing nowadays in four directions — more accurately along four parallel lines. First, its hope and purpose is to unite in fellowship all those, clergy and laity alike, who seek for the halloving of all human work (whether in industry, commerce, agriculture or any other part of life) as part of God's purpose in His Kingdom.

Secondly, it supplies its members — and anyone else who comes to ask — with regular information service on current matters of concern, monthly news bulletins and a Christian Industrial Newspaper.

Thirdly at St. George's House, Wolverhampton, it trains four groups of men side-by-side. There are ordinands getting practical experience of everyday work in factories; there are full time lay missionaries who will cooperate with the Church, under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop, wherever they may be, in making contact with men and women in and through their place of work, together with the various training schemes, unions and associations connected with it; there are lay brothers who will do an ordinary job of work, whilst living together under a simple rule and in fellowship; and there are the casualties of industry, physical, mental, and moral, who come for 'rehabilitation'.

Fourthly, continual new demands come from overseas — specially for the supply of printed matter and for the training

of industrial leaders. This is desperately important, if the new nations are to learn from the 'experience' which industrialization involved for the Western World. The fellowship believes that today, more than for generations, the Church is becoming aware of its world-wide family and of the special responsibility of the laity within it. The Industrial Christian Fellowship exists to serve and rejoices to be asked for assistance and rejoices to be offered help.

Prior to the Industrial Revolution most people lived as part of a village group or community with whose members they also worked and played. On Sunday, the common life they shared was turned Godwards, in the worship of the Parish Church.

Today life is very different with urbanization and people living in one place and being employed miles away. It is in many cases only a fragment of life spent in the Parish, but a very important fragment, which of course includes home life. But it does not usually include anything of our working life. So that the customs of today present a complex problem of community life and development.

It is felt that the Church must try to identify herself with the working life of her people. The Church must no longer stay on the outside looking in. The Church must get alongside the men and women in the industrial world, labour and management, so that she understands the problems and shares their difficulties from first-hand knowledge. A concern must be shown for the daily plants in which so many people meet for their work. It is so easy for the Church to be aware only of the individual who likes to dig in his garden and takes an interest in the local ratepayers association. That is good, but it is only a small part of the life of the individual. The Church must make contact with the individual in his efforts or shoptoal as he tends his task from Monday to Saturday or Friday as the case may be.

People are people, men and women created in the image of God, of eternal value to God, not mere 'cogs in a wheel' or means to an end. A great many problems in industry today are not technical but human. It is based on the level of human relationships that the Church hopes to make a real contact with men and women in industry, recognizing that they are not primarily technicians, or maintenance men, engineers, managers, foremen or shop stewards, but people, persons who belong to God and must be treated as His individuals and a vital part of His Family, the Christian Society.

A series of questions that could be studied and asked by every Churchman and every Parish Council member are the following:

1. How many factories offices are there in your parish?
2. Which Trades Unions are concerned with them?
3. What wage-scales operate?
4. Have they had a strike or a slump in recent years?
5. What apprenticeship training schemes are in force?
6. What proportion of women work in them?
7. Do most people go to work outside their home area?

8. Is housing in very short supply?
9. Have you numbers of 'new citizens' — workers from other parts of the Dominion or other parts and countries of the world?
10. What is the biggest social need in your neighbourhood?

Such is a summary of the Rev. Stephan Hopkinson's visit to Georgetown and one is also indebted to the Diocese of London, England's publication, 'The London Churchman', edited by Mr. Hopkinson. He is also advisor to Associated Television, and a member of the Industrial Committee of the Church Assembly. Also for information penned by the Rev. W. E. Beveridge, an Industrial chaplain, in London, England.

ASHGROVE

Young People Compete Oakville Drama Festival

We were very proud of our Young People who presented their play "Seventeen Year Old Woman" at the Drama Festival in St. Paul's Church, Oakville on Saturday evening, May 6th. They didn't win but they all did splendidly and it was their first time on stage. Rev. John Hill directed them.

The W.A. held a meeting on Monday evening, May 1st, at the home of Mrs. Frank Ruddle with the president, Mrs. Bob Cunningham opening with a hymn and prayer. Scripture was read by Mrs. Clayton Wilson. Several items of business were discussed. Thank you cards from sick ones remembered were read by Mrs. Arthur Ruddle. Meeting closed with a hymn and a social hour.

Mrs. Cecil Wilson visited a few days last week with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Collier at Waterloo.

We are sorry to have to report some sick folks among us. Mrs. Ernie Tindale had an operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, in Guelph and Donald McClure has been a very sick little boy with pneumonia in the same hospital. Also Doreen Fisher is very sick with measles. Here's hoping they have a quick recovery and are able to enjoy the warm days that are coming.

The Bright Star Mission Band met on Sunday afternoon at the home of Janice Cox with Tommy Ruddle in charge. All sang the hymn Birds are Singing. John Nurse read the Scripture, missionary prayer by Mrs. J. M. Bird. Mrs. Fred Nurse told the story from their Study Book. Offering was taken up by Keith and Kenny Austin and dedicated by Edward Bird. The children made an interesting little booklet for one of their members Donald McClure, who is sick in hospital. Closing prayer by Murray Brownridge. Lois McNabb thanked Mrs. Len Cox for having the meeting.

The Young People held their Citizenship and Community Service meeting on Sunday evening at the home of Allan Brownridge. Mrs. Cliff Wrigglesworth of Burnby was guest speaker.

Our public school children did very well at the Music Festival in Acton the last week in April. The Junior Choir Grades 1 to 4 won second prize, Senior Choir Grades 5 to 8 won second, triple trio won fourth prize. Congratulations to these fine singers.



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