



FOLK SINGING FAVOURITES—A musical group which brought down the house at Georgetown high school's Showcase 69, held recently in the school auditorium with this foursome. From left are Brent Barkhouse, Karen and Phil Sykes and Tom Brotherton. Showcase 69 enlisted talent from all departments of the high school and featuring singing, dancing, drama, instrumental music, athletic displays, and a fashion parade.

LETTER FROM ZAMBIA . . .

Mission Church is Gradually Becoming Zambia Oriented

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Kirkwood, missionaries in Zambia, send regular letters to members of the United Church, under whose mission department they work and this is their latest. Jim, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood, 4 Pauline St., graduated from high school here when he lived at Ballinafad and took his theological training in Toronto.

Box 85, Kalulushi, Zambia.
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Dear Friends: Hello from Zambia. There is so much happening in this young country (5 years old) and in this young church (4 years) that it is hard to select what to tell you. We, ourselves, are beginning to feel like old timers; it is more than 7 years since we first came, and there is a big turn over in expatriate personnel in the mines and the government. There is plenty of turn over in the church, too, though most of it is people leaving. There has not been a United Church of Canada minister come and stay with the U.C.Z. here since the Gilchrist's, the Frazers and ourselves came in 1961-62. Two couples have come and returned because of illness and of course there has been abundance of teachers as well as builders, administrators, nurses, and a doctor who were, no doubt, more needed than clergymen.

There are elements in the situation here that encourage and some that discourage; some that we would think are helping God build His Kingdom here and others that hold it back. One of the encouraging features is the steps being taken by the United Church of Zambia to be a more responsible church, accepting bigger responsibility for Christ's mission to Zambia. Though they're sometimes painful steps, and though sometimes two are taken backwards for every one forward, at least they are taken largely in Zambian initiative. Christians are more and more realizing that this is in fact THEIR church and that it no longer belongs to the mission and the missionary from overseas. Some are greatly increasing their church giving which is a sure sign of increased involvement and responsibility. In our congregation here some are giving 3 per cent of their income according to a new scheme adopted, and they are making weekly or monthly pledges. (It was felt that ten per cent was too high for people in low income brackets). For some this giving amounts to over \$50 per year, but because many have not caught a vision of Christ's church for Zambia, the average giving is still more like \$5 a year.

On the other hand it has not been easy for Africans to take over a highly subsidized mission church organized on the western patterns and to make it a local Zambian expression of the Christian Church. Their first reaction is often to be more western than the missionaries, and they are labouring hard to develop the skills of organization and finance that are needed to keep the 'mission' running as it is. A hopeful sign however is a new plan which may become effective for a kind of tent-making ministry — people who have already emerged in local congregations as natural leaders with pastoral ability. Such people when selected by their fellow Christians in that place will be given training by correspondence and short courses to prepare for ordination they would remain in their jobs and would not draw any salary from the church. This would free money to pay well-trained supervisors, and for outreach into Zambia's many unserved areas where it is expensive to operate.

We are having to accept also that this concern, amounting to a preoccupation, with establishing a Zambian church is taking all our energies and it is disappointing how little time and manpower we have left to look outward to be of service to our country, and to our communities.

Since coming to Kalulushi, much of Jim's time has been taken up leading two groups of prospective lay preachers through an organized course of Bible study — one year on Old Testament one year on New. This has meant summarizing and translating the text books into CiBemba. These are survey courses and very comprehensive really — no book of the Bible is missed out. There are exams at the end of each year and then two trial services and sermons must be given and evaluated. If a person passes all of these requirements he is given a certificate as a lay preacher, and can conduct services anywhere in the U.C.Z. (This is a church wide scheme). The point of all this is that most of our preaching is done by laymen on a voluntary basis. I have also had my students leading discussion groups and I hope that some of them will become Sunday School teachers as well. Out of 20 students 6 are women. One of them is Mrs. Anna Japau, mother of 5, who works for the Community Development Dept. of Chibuluma Township Council.

She teaches homecraft and child care to groups of mothers. At 4.30 she gets off work, and every Friday comes to our class until six o'clock when she hurries off to night school to improve on her Grade 5 education.

Her only complaint? 'Not enough time to read and study!' While she is not a fluent reader she has a good sensitivity for the main points of bible passages, and she asks good questions. She has conducted her first service and preached her first sermon, which was on bearing fruit, and did a creditable job. She is a pretty good illustration of her own sermon.

Besides housework and Kenneth, Marion is involved in many activities, mostly in the small English-speaking congregation we are connected with, and in the (mostly European) side of town where we live. She is teaching Religious Instruction 2 periods a week in the local primary school where Jane and Joy attend. (Jim minds Kenneth and does the breakfast dishes while she is away!) She has a class of 12

meeting once a week for an evening's instruction in the Bemba language. Would that more Europeans were as interested in their fellow human beings! (some still deny that Africans are human.)

Marion is also teaching piano to 6 girls and to 2 Zambian teenagers. She is playing the organ for church, superintending the Sunday School etc. She also attends the local YWCA and will be on our Synod Women's Work committee. United Church Training School deaconess training is never wasted they say!

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Products Sell Well At ARC Third Party

Over one hundred guests helped celebrate the third birthday of the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Hornby, last Wednesday afternoon. Formerly known as H.O.P.E. workshop, meaning Halton Opportunity Products Enterprises, the name was changed to conform with the rehabilitation centres throughout Ontario.

In addition to being a warm social gathering with cookies, cakes and coffee for all, the Centre benefited to the extent of \$100 worth of products sold. Their handwork includes, ceramic tile teapot stands, chip dip holders, rewebbing of lawn chairs, and many other small items.

However, they serve many industries, having contracts awarded competitively. Some of the companies served by the

Hydro Warns Danger From Flying Kites

Youngsters flying kites in the vicinity of Hydro high voltage lines are literally flirting with serious injury or death.

I.A. Vern Coles, Ontario Hydro's Central Region Operations Engineer, said there have been cases observed of kites becoming tangled in these high tension lines in the Boroughs of Etobicoke, Scarborough and North York also in towns of Mississauga and Richmond Hill. He pointed out that just two years ago three students were injured in the Metro area when a balloon cable contacted a 28,000 volt line. They suffered serious burns and required hospitalization.

Mr. Coles said that young people should never fly a kite or model airplane in the vicinity of Hydro wires. These wires carry many times the voltages found at home and a sudden gust of wind could lift the kite or plane onto the Hydro wires.

Ontario Hydro takes great precautions to insulate power lines from ground. A metal line or a metal reinforced line or damp string acts as a conductor. When it contacts the power line it bridges out the insulation and large amounts of electricity flow to ground, resulting in a huge flash and serious hazards to anyone near the kite string.

He appealed to parents and teachers to warn young people of the serious dangers and hazards of flying kites or model planes anywhere near Hydro lines.

DID YOU KNOW?
Larch trees are the only native conifers in Canada which lose their leaves in winter.

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Centre are General Fireproofing, P.L. Robertson, Canadian Metre Co., Northern Electric, and Building Products of Canada. They also run off bulletins for service clubs. This revenue-producing work is necessary to keep the Centre in operation, since they are not subsidized, but sponsored by their own work, voluntary contributions, and the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded. The schools for retarded children are now taken over by the Department of Education, but the Rehabilitation Centres for adults are not.

The guests at the birthday party watched the trainees perform their normal chores, including woodworking in a shed at the back of the building.

Members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, helped out with the party as they do all the time, not just on special occasions.

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