

The clergy speak out . .

By Rev. Harry James Dawson,
Church of St. Alban, the Martyr.



Do you find yourself cringing in horror when you hear of the extensive use of drug abuse in our community today?

Why worry? After all, do you really know what the problem is?

At a recent meeting held in town, while listening to informed persons whose life work brings them into contact with drug abuse, I was overwhelmed with the extent and availability of drugs in our town today.

This wasn't the first time I heard our society described as "chemical oriented" but somehow it made a deeper impression. I dare say all of us are on drugs of one form or another. Properly administered and under supervised control, drugs can prove beneficial and prevent undue suffering and disease.

The problem is not the wide use of drugs, but the wide misuse of drugs by uninformed individuals who want to be "turned on". Perhaps in many cases it is a one shot attempt, but what about the others whose personality dependencies on the drugs lead to an habitual nightmare?

If your reaction is one of disbelief and you feel the whole subject is over-rated, listen to these words written in a national newspaper. "And in a country where 1.44 million doses of amphetamines and 468 million doses of barbiturates were prescribed in 1969, where you can practically taste the grass the minute you set foot in any Canadian high school, we feel it's an epidemic that can't be ignored."

The problem is with us.

We have to learn to face the facts of the

situation and begin to deal with the problem. As I sat with other concerned citizens, teachers, nurses, doctors, business men and police and concerned young people we found ourselves agreeing on the urgency of the situation in town. Perhaps the only concrete action that has been taken in town is by the police. But their only recourse is to arrest and prosecute. They try to apprehend the pushers, hoping to eliminate the source.

But they are too willing to agree that it is impossible to eradicate. And besides this there exists a great discrepancy in the law regarding drugs. The "soft" drugs like marijuana and hashish can give a kid a criminal record; but drugs that can kill, like speed (amphetamines) are legal.

Last year 90 per cent of all RCMP arrests were on charges relating to marijuana.

We've all heard the prohibitionists cry if we don't talk about it, and cut off all information, it will go away. History proves this stand wrong. Quite the opposite.

We need to bring it right out in the open so all will have the benefit of as much information as is available. Only by examining all facets of the use and misuse of drugs can anyone make a deliberate and informed decision as to whether drugs are the in or out thing.

Fear is no antidote. Fear stems from an uninformed emotional reaction.

What we need desperately are the facts.



FOUR VENTURERS were presented with awards at a badge and certificate presentation in the Scout hall Monday night. Leader Kevin Conroy made presentations to Sheldon Barker, John Van der Kooy, Sam Schompp and Bob Tott. Here John Van der Kooy and Sam Schompp show off their

St. John Ambulance certificates to Kevin Conroy, centre, Sheldon Barker, left, and Bob Tott, right. Bob O'Hourke and Bruce Fowler were unable to be present to receive their certificates. (Staff Photo)

Knox figures show steady increases recommended addition being planned

A well-attended pot luck supper preceded the annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian church. The congregational meal before the meeting was tried last year and attendance was even better this year.

Films were shown while the tables were cleared and dishes done, and other films were shown to the children during the business meeting.

Mimeographed reports were circulated, discussed and accepted.

A total budget of \$26,450 was approved, an increase of \$150 over last year.

New managers elected for a three year term are Ross Britton, James McVeigh, Mathys Splinter and Mac Sprowl. Returning for another three year term are Doug Mason, Bob Paul and Bert Rennie. Returning for a one year term, to complete an unexpired term is Calvin McIntyre. Auditors are James R. Inglis, Robert R. Parker and Herbert L. Ritchie.

The Rev. A. H. McKenzie chaired the meeting and Mac

Sprowl acted as secretary.

A 14-year comparison of church figures was presented for the interest of members. Over the years, almost everything has gone up steadily with one notable exception.

The number of households in the congregation stood at 296 in 1956. It topped 300 the next year, and reached 400 in 1967. The past year there were 415 households.

In 1956 membership stood at 502. Although it declined in the middle of the 14-year span it was back to 500 in 1964 and has risen steadily till it's 544 now.

The minister's stipend reflects the steady increase and was \$3,300 in 1956. Expenditures in all departments rise in proportion, although this coming year's budget was topped four times in the past.

The only column which shows a decrease instead of an increase is the "baptisms". There were 34 in 1956, and the figures through the years reach as high as 40 before dropping to 16 in 1969. One of these was an adult. As well as the reports of receipts and expenditures in the general account, the congregation read the detailed reports of the legacy account, renovation fund, building fund and national development fund.

The session reported that during the past year Knox lost 15 members by death, John Dennis, Edith Wright, Minnie Somerville, Ellen Waldie, Jean McIsaac, Carl Hansen, Catherine Brown, Dorothy Stapleton, Elsie Johnson, Mary Young, Gerald Robinson, Bertha Lantz, Albert Robinson, Duncan Waldie and George Withers. "The death of so many stalwart members (2 1/2 per cent of our membership) gave a sad tone to the whole year," the report stated. During Mr. McKenzie's ministry of over 13 years, 104 members have passed away.

During the year 26 new members were received, 27 funerals and 17 weddings conducted.

The session's oldest member, Duncan Waldie, died just 10 days short of his 90th birthday.

Establish editorial board for Halton Education News

Halton County Board of Education passed a resolution Thursday establishing an editorial board to publish the Halton Education News. The four page newsletter has been published periodically in the past.

The board will consist of representatives from the Board, administration, principals, teachers, students, and parents. The Editorial Board will be responsible for publishing material they feel of interest. The terms of reference allow for freedom enjoyed by commercial papers within broad guidelines of the board.

Trustee R. F. Goodin outlined the board to limit the number of publications sent into the home. "People don't like a lot of propaganda being sent into their home and if we send too much, it will not be read or effective."

Vice chairman Bill Prater

Annual report

The Venturers' annual report will appear in next week's Free Press.

Baptisms Sunday at Knox church

Baptized at Knox Church last Sunday during divine worship by the Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie were the following children:

Douglas Scott son of Mr and Mrs. A. Douglas Foster Apt. 3 333 Queen Street East, Lynn, Ontario daughter of Mr and Mrs. Richard C. Gould R. P. 2, Rockwood, Gordon Lawrence Donald Lathber son of Mr and Mrs. Gary J. E. Lathber Apt. 104, 196 Churchill Road 5.

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Baha'is endorse Mackay report in brief to education board

"Upon us rests a particular responsibility to educate our children to be good citizens, not only of Canada, but of the world... to prepare them to enter a global society."

These remarks form part of a brief recently submitted on behalf of the Baha'is of Halton County to the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Education of the Halton County Board of Education. The Committee has requested submissions from the residents of the County on the Mackay

Report and its application to this area in particular.

The Baha'i Community endorses the view expressed in the Mackay Report that since religious faith is a vital part of life, and since all the world's religions have contributed greatly to history, art, literature and music, a form of religious education, rather than indoctrination, should be provided in the schools. The Baha'is further suggest that opening exercises should include daily readings from the

recognized scriptures of the world and that a course in comparative religion should be incorporated in the history course in Grade 11 in the Five year program.

They fully support the moral development program suggested in the report as well as the recommendation that religious education in the public schools be carried out without the setting up of a formal syllabus.

The Mackay Report, Baha'is feel, mirrors an awareness of the need to educate our children to take their place in modern society as informed, unprejudiced and understanding individuals.

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Church Notices

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6665

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service. Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.
4:00 p.m.—Afternoon Worship Service.
7:30 p.m.—Teen Meet at the church.
Tuesday evening, 7:30-10:30 — Catechism Classes.

Come, worship and study with us to be better equipped to serve God and men.
Everyone Welcome

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
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 theme, "The Christian Life is a Balanced Life."
8:00 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship.
Everyone Most Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Mr. Howard Jacobson, M.A. Interim Supply

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal.
Friday, 7 p.m.—B.H.F.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

A Cordial Invitation To All

Attend the Church of Your Choice on Sunday

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

Special: Thursday, February 12, 8 p.m.—Halton Christian Educational Meeting in Evangel Tabernacle. (See Free Press ad.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6:45 p.m.—Crusaders
Prov. 3 and Verses 5 and 6 — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding."
John 1: 12, "But as many as rec'd Him (Jesus) to them gave He power (authority) to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School. Sermon subject, "The Way of the Cross."

Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

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, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
Lent I
9:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m. — Church School and Nursery
10:30 a.m.—Sung Eucharist.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister:
The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D. Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1970
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:00 a.m.—Nursery.
Sunday School (to Grade 4).
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School (Grade 5-8).
7:00 p.m.—Hi C. and Hi 9's (Youth Groups for Teens — alternating Sunday evenings).

We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity

The Bible today

The sound of exploding firecrackers mingled with the singing of hymns at the recent dedication of the first Christian Church to be built on the island of Matsu just off the coast of Mainland China.

The story of the church begins in a Christian hospital where a Chinese woman who lives in Matsu was given a Bible. Reading this copy of Scripture resulted in the woman's becoming a Christian. Later she formed a Bible Class in her home. The rapid growth of the class led to the organizing of a church.

The new building was put up with the help of the United Methodist Board of Missions. Matsu island is controlled from Taiwan.

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