

First visit to Acton

Moderator of United Church "afflicts the comfortable"

What have Christians got to give to a world in which they are rapidly shrinking percentage-wise?

A unique conception of God is the answer.
"We believe God is a God of Love and that's the difference between us and everyone else."

Speaker—Dr. Robert B. McClure, moderator of the United Church of Canada.

Audience? Members and guest of the Tri-Angl Club in Luxton Hall Thursday evening where the well known speaker kept his audience enthralled with his personal experiences and observations about life in the modern world.

First layman ever elected moderator of the United Church, Dr. McClure was introduced by Bill Coats, who described him as one of Canada's most outstanding and wisest speakers. Dr. McClure demonstrated for the next hour why he received the tag.

"There's a revolution of rising expectation" in the world, Dr. McClure told the United and Anglican churchmen, where a man in the farthest corner of the

world says that the earth is his, too, and he wants a piece of it.

He lives in a world where 60 per cent of the people go to bed hungry and where the big problem in Canada is 1.2 billion bushels of wheat which we don't know what to do with.

The thinking processes of a hungry man and others are very different, the moderator, who has spent much time in China and other points in the far East, explained. He illustrated with a story of a banker who grovelled in the gutter for a bad orange only a few days after Shanghai fell to the Japanese.

He warned that the white western world which is a minority — 20 per cent of the population in 1968 — and becoming more of a minority needs to minister to the needs of the disadvantaged of the globe.

"It is not just a job for the church," he said.

He called for a change in Canadian policy with love of everyone as guide lines. Dr. McClure said the scourge of leprosy, a hideous disease, could be wiped off the face of the earth for the price of two Canadian destroyers.

The white man's record in the world is not a happy one, the speaker admitted to the intent audience. On a recent trip to



Eventual union

"We are backing into union with music. We've got the same hymnal," United Church Moderator Dr. Robert McClure replied with a smile to a question about union of the Anglican and United Churches, at the Tri-Angl meeting, Thursday.

"Canadians don't rush into things," the moderator admitted. "We are a nation of conservatives."

South Africa where he spent 24 hours in Johannesburg, his wife said it was the first time she ever felt ashamed of having a white skin.

"An orthodox Hindu taught me more about forgiveness than any Christian ever," the speaker related, asking his audience to accept the fact that as the world shrinks it was going to become more difficult for the 80 per cent who are dispossessed to accept 20 per cent of the goods produced, while the affluent 20 per cent get 80 per cent.

"There'll come a time when the 80 per cent say they want their share," he warned the churchmen.

Big problem in Canada? Affluence, the speaker claimed. We have not adapted to it and adaptation is the real mark of a living thing.

Out of the huge deluge of words that emanate from Marshall McLuhan, Dr. McClure said there was one thing that made real sense in his opinion. That was the moon pictures that more people saw than at any time in history.

"It was the first time in history that one picture gave the

same impressions to everyone who looked at it," he said, contrasting it to the mushroom cloud which meant different things to different peoples, from terror to necessity.

Dr. McClure said Canadians were going to have to face up to the role assigned them and that if the God of Love is going to be put into practice "it is going to be done by fellas like us or it isn't going to be done at all."

An idealist in this day and age could channel his ideals into three areas to be most effective, the moderator said — government, labor unions or the church.

Dr. McClure was thanked by Rev. Harry Dawson who said he gave the united churchmen a profound understanding of the nature of the problems facing us. He was presented with a sheepskin rug as a souvenir of his visit to Acton.

Chairman for the meeting which attracted a large gathering despite competition from televised playoff hockey, was Tri-Angl president Bob Hart.

Earlier in the day Dr. McClure visited the Robert Little school where he spoke and answered questions.

Premier urges restraint

A letter was read from Premier John Roberts to Mayor Les Duby, following the provincial-municipal conference last week, seeking the town's participation in the policy of restraint, as decided upon at the meeting. He urged the town to "exercise the utmost economy" when examining costs and hoped that when feasible, projects would be deferred.

First aid course

"I recommend a copy be sent to the Chamber of Commerce" equipped councillor Bill Coats.

Mayor Duby waved a heavy sheaf of reports from the conference and said they were available for any councillor to read. It was a "sensible" conference, he felt, more valid than meetings of separate groups, and likely the first of many.

Corp. Ray Mason, Cons. Bruce Kressler and Cons. Doug Noseworthy are currently taking a first aid course in Milton.

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What council did

Various items of business were dealt with by Acton council at their regular meeting Tuesday, or in committee meetings.

- A committee will decide on a color for painting the exterior of the water tank. Lettering "Acton" would be included. The price of \$1,900 from Phillips Co. Ltd. will be confirmed. The work could be done in May.

- A meeting will be held May 15 at the site of the pollution control plant, to review any deficiencies or incompleteness in the work there.

- A committee will investigate if the cemetery gates should be relocated, to accommodate the proposed new apartment building on Ransom St. beside the cemetery.

- L. Livesay and Alec Johnson attended a committee meeting to discuss lot levies and cash in lieu of payments for the Heritage Homes development on Churchhill Rd. S.

- The tender of Cleanway Construction was accepted for the construction of sanitary sewers and water main extension on Main St. N., to the Micro Plastics plant. Cleanway had the low bid of \$10,812.50. It's expected the work will proceed at once.

- The V.O.N. made 38 visits in Acton in January and February, and since have been visiting on a daily basis, council learned. Dr. Oakes' suggestion the town's payment for 1970 should be recovered, since the county has since made an agreement with the V.O.N., was returned to committee. In their budget council allowed \$479 for Acton V.O.N. services.

- Mayor Duby commented favorably on the numerous costly renovations he has noticed around town improving the appearance of many homes.

- The usual supplemental by-law to provide for 1970 road expenditures, in the amount of \$100,000 was passed.

- Councillors will discuss with the O.P.P. the appointment of a lottery licensing officer, under the authority of new legislation.

- Under the new county setup for social and family services, the police, clerk and deputy-clerk can call night numbers for assistance. deputy-reeve Ted Tyler explained. Mr. Hurst recalled a transient had been in town one recent evening, seeking a place to stay as he continued his search for work. A call by the deputy-clerk to the night welfare number had promptly provided him with bed and breakfast. The local welfare officer is Fred Harrison in Georgetown.

- Deputy-reeve Tyler explained county council had agreed to investigate the setting up of a county industrial committee office, and Acton council is asked to endorse the decision. The matter went back to committee.

- On their annual tour of the town on April 13, the works committee of council found the roads in Lakeview "deplorable" and a letter will be written to the engineer. They felt the \$1,000 holdback would not be enough to complete the job.

- A municipal dinner is being considered for September, when all boards and committees who work for the town would meet together.

- The auditor's report was accepted and 100 copies of the report will be ordered. "We'll need that many in election year," commented the clerk.

All members of council were present.



HALTON FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU and the Oakville and Milton Fire Departments were honored at the Mutual Aid dinner in Milton Saturday, for winning prizes in the 1969 National Fire Protection Association fire prevention contest. Acton Fire Chief M. Holmes, left, holds

the Fire Bureau's certificate of special recognition while Oakville Fire Chief Douglas Wilson accepts Oakville's award from George Alexander of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office. Looking on at right is Milton's Deputy Chief George Bundy who holds the Milton Brigade's certificate.—(Staff Photo).

Used car lot may open

A used car lot may be opened in the near future on the southwest corner of the intersection of Highway 25 and 25 Sideroad, just south of Acton.

Douglas Jackson appeared at Monday night's meeting of Esquesing council to request permission to open the car lot. A building on the property is presently being used partially as a residence and partially as a garage.

Since Mr. Jackson intends to have the entrance to the lot on 25 Sideroad, a county road, council referred him to the county engineer.

Quarry blasts increasing?

Esquesing Council has decided to have clerk-treasurer Delmar French write the Department of Mines to ask if they are thinking about putting inspectors on quarries.

Township resident Wilf Fortowski complained at Monday night's meeting that quarry blasts are increasing.

The largest national park is Wood Buffalo Park in northwestern Canada. It has an area of 17,300 square miles.

Bureau, brigades honored for fire prevention work

Three awards for outstanding fire prevention programs in Oakville, Milton and Halton County were presented Saturday night at the annual dinner-dance of Halton Mutual Aid in Milton.

George Alexander, Chief of the Fire Services Division, Ontario Fire Marshal's office presented a certificate of special recognition for "an outstanding county-wide campaign" to the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, on behalf of National Fire Protection Association which sponsored the competition. The Bureau includes firefighters from all five Halton fire departments—Acton, Georgetown, Burlington, Milton and Oakville. Halton Warden Reeve Alan Day of Oakville and Fire Chief M. Holmes of Acton, 1970 Bureau chairman, accepted the award.

Oakville Fire Department received both a certificate and shield for its high standing in the 1969 contest—first in Ontario in the 25,000 to 100,000 population group, second in Canada in the same population division, and sixth ranking Canadian municipality regardless of population. Oakville Councillor Don Gordon and Fire Chief J. D. Wilson accepted the awards.

The Milton Fire Department stood third in all Canada in the 5,000 to 10,000 population category, and second in Ontario in the same population group. Mayor Brian Best and Deputy Fire Chief George Bundy received the award. Mr.

Alexander praised all three groups for a "tremendous effort" in fire prevention activities last year. There were 236 Canadian communities in the 1969 competition.

About 95 firefighters and their ladies enjoyed the roast beef dinner served by the Milton Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary. Among the guests were Reeves George Currie of Esquesing and Mrs. A. MacArthur of Nassagaweya and the new Fire

Marshal's Office representative in this area, Norm Atkins. Burlington firefighter George Honey, chairman of Halton Mutual Aid, chaired the dinner and program.

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