

The Clergy speak out

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"Except the Lord build the house..." The responsibilities of life cannot be avoided by those born into this physical existence. Life on earth may be terminated untimely by accident, calamity or self-destruction; but while we are living, the general scheme of life must be faced. It must be faced squarely by every one, first as an individual, and second, as a vital indispensable part of the whole human family.

There is of necessity, a philosophy of life—i.e., certain fundamental and governing principles, or laws, by which the best, or the worst may be realized in living. The normal, sane, right-thinking person does not desire the evil, because it works hardship. "The way of the transgressor is hard." It causes suffering.

All of the crime, disease and suffering against the moral, physical and mental wellbeing of man may be summed up in the one word, "Sin". "If thou doest not well then sin lieth at the door". It was in Eden, the cradle of the race, that Satan struck the blow that laid man's glory in the dust. It was in Eden that the first cloud darkened the beauty of that earthly paradise. It was in Eden that Satan uncoiled the volcano of selfishness to belch its death and destruction on mortals ever since. It was in Eden that sin began the hellish work that has marred the pages of all history.

It is "sin" that robs virtue of its charms, invades happiness, murders sanctity, ruins piety and destroys hope. Sin is debauching, debasing and defiling. It is vicious, vile and villainous. It is false, foul and filthy. It is the cause of cruelty, crime and corruption. It is the cause of riot, revelry and ruin. It degrades reason, degrades morals, diseases bodies, damages reputations and damns souls! Sin makes wives widows—fathers fiends and children criminals. Sin deprives men of manhood, women of womanhood, boys of brains, girls of goodness, homes of happiness and lives of love.

It leads to inevitable disaster: "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." "The wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

Man really desires the "best", because: (a) "It leads to prosperity." "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace." (Psalms 37:37).

"(b) It leads to prosperity." "The generation of the upright shall be blessed; Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth forever" (Ps. 112:2-3). In Romans 3:10 we read, "There is none righteous, no not one". Jesus said in (John 15:5) "Without Me ye can do nothing." This leads us to conclude that despite our good intentions and efforts and even honest endeavor to build our house wisely—except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1). "For every house is builded by some man; but he that buildeth all things is God." (1 Cor. 3:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9).

When the great plants of our cities have turned out their last finished work; When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk, And dismissed the last tired clerk; When our banks have raked their last dollar, And paved the last dividend; When the Judge of the earth says, "Close for the night" And asks for a balance, what then? When the actors have played

their last drama, And the mimic has made his last fun, When the film has flashed its last picture, And the billboard displayed its last run; When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished, And gone out in the darkness again, When the trumpet of ages has sounded, And we stand up before Him—what then?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence, And the long marching columns stand still, When the captain repeats his last orders, And they've captured the last fort and hill, And the flag has been hauled from the mast head, And the wounded afield checked in, And a world that rejected its Saviour, Is asked for a reason—what then?

One in four rights box

It was pick-up day last Thursday and clerks in Acton Pharmacy on Mill Street were amazed at the number of immaculate Acton residents who cared enough to stop and pick up the newspaper rack outside the store.

Sporadic blasts of wind continually toppled the metal stand. Although some passers-by skirted the gaily-colored orange obstruction, approximately one out of every four would stop, pick it up, and make it steady before moving on.

Each person setting up the stand would only nicely have completed the task and disappeared from view when another gust of wind and another courteous individual would repeat the performance which continued throughout most of the day.

Will move his office

District chief Mick Holmes will soon be taking over the room in the town offices that was Hugh Patterson's. It will be redecorated before he moves from the fire hall over to the Mill St. location.



SPORADIC BLASTS of wind last Thursday continually toppled a metal newspaper stand outside Acton Pharmacy. Approximately one out of every four pedestrians reportedly would stop and set it up again. Seen picking it up during a noon-hour fall is Don Dakin of R.R. 2, Acton.

Robin Bourne security head

A district man received recognition recently when the Canadian Magazine of Jan. 12 ran a story on the assistant deputy minister, Ministry of the Solicitor-General, Ottawa.

The article referred to a man who is head of the top security organization in Canada, namely one entitled Police and Security Planning and Analysis Group, (PSPAG).

The group is headed up by Robert Porter Bourne who Limehouse residents remember as the son of Col. and Mrs. K. Bourne, one-time residents of that village until shortly after his father's death approximately five years ago.

Reportedly the PSPAG performs the functions of a security service in Canada superseding the efficiency of the RCMP's security and intelligence directorate. It is, according to the magazine, the funnel through which security intelligence reaches the government and the man known locally as Robin Bourne is the sieve in the centre of that funnel.

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The article refers to Robert Bourne as a graduate of Shanghai Cathedral School, Ridley College, Royal Military College, with BA from University of Western Ontario; qualifies him as a parachutist who served in the Korean War with later service in New Brunswick, West Germany, Manitoba, Ottawa, Cyprus with UN Force; records he was seconded to External Affairs and Defence Secretariat, Privy Council office, 1968, and then to Ministry of Solicitor-General as head, Security Planning and Research group, 1971.

In July of '72 Robert Bourne resigned from the Canadian Armed forces to join Public Service and now enjoys the rank of colonel. Reportedly the colonel's business card reads simply, "Robin Bourne" and it was with that name he left the village of Limehouse in the year 1969.

Third World panel at Knox

Acton churches will take part in Ten Days for World Development, an educational and consciousness-raising program, with a panel discussion this Sunday, Feb. 1 to 10 is set aside as a week to consider our responsibilities toward the Third World—the emerging and developing nations.

Four Acton churches, Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United, are jointly sponsoring an evening program at Knox Presbyterian church Sunday at 8 p.m. to promote the study of Third World Development.

Three panelists will be Dr. Craig Hutchison of Africa; Audrey McKim, Milton, a former United church missionary in Kenya who's now in the field of education in Hamilton conference; and J. Saloojee, a South African national living in Toronto.

Eldon Comfort will be moderator for the panel and will field the questions from the audience.

M.P. Terry O'Connor is also expected to be here for the program.

A powerful film will be shown, *Feel No Shame*, the story of two young people in Botswana. Its 15-minute story of contrasting situations will form a basis for discussion.

The Daughters of Knox will be serving refreshments after. Organizers are hoping for a good attendance of concerned people of any (or no) denomination.

Canada-wide Churches all across Canada are participating in the program. In a joint declaration the churches say "Justice in the world is a basic human issue". They have committed themselves to reducing excessive production and consumption by Canadians and researching the impact of private corporations and agencies in international investment, trade and aid.

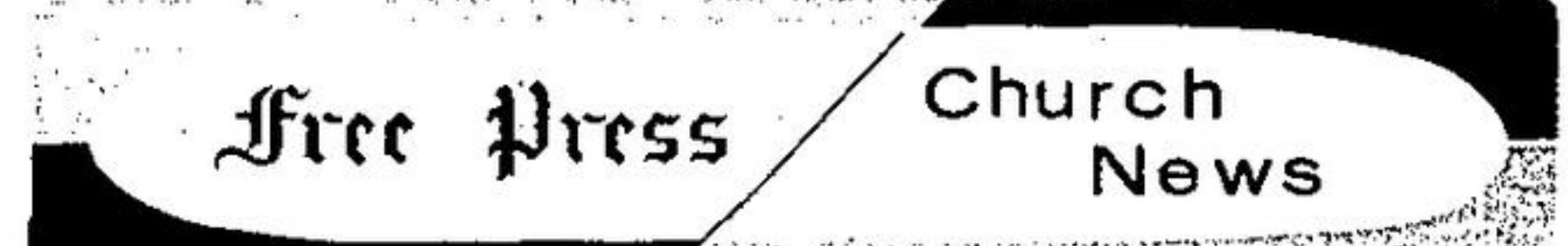
"Needs in Canada and overseas are inseparable" say the church leaders, "we are more concerned that poverty is rather than where it is."

toured the country and presented a brief to parliament calling for tariff preferences for developing nations. They demanded removal of non-tariff barriers to their exports, as well as Canadian adherence to international commodity agreements to help stabilize prices for foreign producers.

The churches are now preparing a brief in co-operation with the Canadian Jewish Congress with a major emphasis on quality of life, to be presented to the federal Government in May.

The Ten Days campaign aims at increasing understanding among church members and the Canadian public generally and suggests appropriate action for concerned Canadians.

Most Rev. E. W. Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, is now visiting five African countries to learn, firsthand, some of the problems of developing nations.



Church officers named for St. Alban's church

The annual Vestry Meeting of St. Alban's Anglican Church was held in the parish hall on Sunday evening, Jan. 27 with 30 parishioners in attendance.

Under the chairmanship of the new rector, the Rev. L. J. Ewing, the meeting opened with prayer and the singing of a hymn, followed by rector's, wardens', treasurer's and organizational reports.

Elections Officers elected were: Rector's Warden Harold Denny; Peoples' Warden Grant Puchon; Deputy Warden George Strongtharm; Envelope Secretary Mrs. Audrey Denny; Treasurer Mrs. Pat Frizell; Lay Delegates to Synod Bert Gould, Mrs. Pearl Rol; Alternates Mrs. Penny Bristow, Mrs. Laura Dilttrich.

Church School Supt. John Last; A.C.W. president Mrs. June Hunter.

Parish Council Vic Bristow, Secretary: Grant Schultz; Jim Frizell, Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham, Miss Cynthia Blades, Don Lindsay, George Strongtharm, Mrs. Lorna Clarke, Dr. J. Dougan, William Denny, Mrs. Lois Turkoz.

Plans were made for the coming year at St. Alban's which included parish work, the mission target, a Saturday evening Eucharist and the centennial of the Diocese of Niagara in 1975.

Start service on Saturdays

An additional service will be added weekly at St. Alban's, beginning Feb. 10. The service will be Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Starting this weekend, services will be Saturdays at 6:30; Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday at 10 a.m. Rev. Ewing comments,

"Today, with working hours compelling many to work on Sunday and with young families caught up in both parents working, it is becoming increasingly difficult for many to make their Communion on Sundays. It is our hope and prayer that this additional service will fill a need in our community."

Valentines on the Grand

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, the Grand River Conservation Authority is getting into the mood of the occasion by holding a moonlit walk at the Laurel Creek Conservation Area, Waterloo, on Saturday, February 9.

If the weather co-operates, snowshoeing will be an added attraction at the moonlit walk. The GRCA will provide snowshoes, free of charge, to anyone who does not own a pair.

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