

# Mennonite Conference Opposes Alcohol and Tobacco

The Mennonite General Conference, in biennial session at Kalona, Iowa, August 20-23, adopted a resolution condemning the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco. The resolution pointed out that the use of alcohol and tobacco are out of harmony with Christian conduct in our time. Alcohol in particular was singled out as a hazard in our modern technolo-

gical age. The greatest driving hazard is not the drunken driver whose manifest loss of control of a motor vehicle is obvious, but the drinking driver whose minor indulgence is sufficient to impair his judgement and to inhibit his capacity for attention.

**Lung Cancer**  
In condemning the use of tobacco the resolution pointed out the strong correlation between the use of tobacco and the incidence of lung cancer. In 1960 lung cancer, rare a half a century ago, caused about 39,000 deaths in the United States alone. The likelihood of death by lung cancer is ten times greater among smokers than among non-smokers, and the average life span of smokers is seven or eight years shorter than that of non-smokers. Smoking is also a factor in increasing coronary deaths.

The resolution lamented the public apathy toward the situation but noted with appreciation that since 1957 one-fourth of smoking physicians have discontinued the practice and since 1958 the American Medical Association has discontinued the advertising of tobacco in its journal.

The resolution concluded that in view of these facts and a sense of Christian stewardship, as well as a responsibility for the welfare of one's fellowmen, it would seem to make total abstinence from the production, the distribution, and the use of both alcohol and tobacco the

only responsible policy for Christians to follow.

**Program of Education**  
A various program of education and social action was also authorized by the Conference. Among other things it includes discussion meetings, conferences, and personal testimony by the members of local congregations, the enlistment of scientists, physicians, sociologists and social workers, and the encouragement of public and church school teachers to use their opportunities to warn the young people of the harmful effects of liquor and tobacco.

Specific objective named in the resolution included challenging the deceit of liquor advertising and maintaining an outlook on life which assumes that

the social graces may be achieved without the use of that which is physically and morally harmful. It encouraged the members of the church not to have any part in the production or distribution of tobacco or beverage alcohol.

The resolution called for a redemptive and enlightened attitude toward all users of liquor and tobacco and summoned the church to serious efforts toward the rehabilitation of the 5,000,000 American alcoholics who with their families constitute a population of 20,000,000 distressed persons.

The resolution, adopted unanimously by all the delegates to the Conference, is to be given the widest possible circulation.

## Opposed to Pay Hike for Ont. Provincial M.P.P.'s

Liberal Candidate Donald Plaxton this week flatly opposed any suggested pay increase for members of the provincial Legislature. Mr. Plaxton was commenting on rumours currently emanating from the Queen's Park that after the September 25th election one of the first items of business the new MPP's will attend to is to raise their own pay. Since 1951 each new Ontario Legislature has voted itself a raise in member's pay.

"I elected on September 25th I can assure the people of York North I will vigorously oppose any attempt by the Legislature to vote itself an increase in salary. There is no convincing reason in sight for a provincial pay hike at this time stated the Liberal candidate." With our people struggling under a heavy burden of taxation it would be most ill-advised for the Legislature to even consider voting itself a larger slice of the public funds.

Mr. Plaxton is busy these days making a house to house canvass throughout the riding. "I am trying to meet and chat with as many of our people as possible between now and election day and I must say the response has been excellent and everybody has been most kind," stated the Liberal candidate.

A young married man with four children the Liberal nominee is a former member of Richmond Hill Town Council and public school board.

## GREEN RIVER

A very enjoyable time was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Michell on the occasion of a corn roast and farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Ecklund. The good wishes of the community go with them as they take up residence near Sutton.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. J. Davies is not well and is presently confined to the Brierbush Hospital in Stouffville. She would be pleased to hear from her friends in the community.

The Wright family are welcomed to the community. They will take up residence in the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Coward and family.

The Postill family enjoyed a reunion on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Postill.

The Claremont Conservation Park was the scene of a get-together of the Hutchings family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duncan had dinner on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hawthorne and family.

We regret to report that Mrs. A. Hoover suffered a nasty fall and her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Michell of Cannington visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Michell recently.

The resignation of Rev. W. W. Fleischer from the charges at both Green River and Whitevale has been received with much regret by the congregations. He conducted his farewell service on Sunday evening. Due to ill health, Rev. Fleischer has been forced to relinquish his duties in the two communities.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy, a grandson for Mr. and Mrs. Ansell.

strong position against the Use of Alcohol and Tobacco, citing the danger from drunken drivers and the proved relation between cigarette smoking and lung cancer as reasons for such abstinence.

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(Mrs. W. Sandle)  
The Headford softball team are once again the district champions. It marks the third straight year that Harry Burton has directed his club thru to the title. Headford defeated Buttonville on Tuesday evening of last week to take the trophy, donated by the Victoria Square Lions Club. The playoff final was concluded in the Community Park.

Mr. Idris Hamid was in charge of the morning service. Dr. A.F. Binnington will return to the pulpit on Sun., Sept. 8th, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Mr. Percy Bennett, Sunday School Supt., has called a meeting of all teachers and officers for Wednesday evening, Sept. 11th at 8 p.m.

**Sr. Women's Institute**  
The September meeting of the Sr. Women's Institute has been postponed from its regular date, September 10 to Tuesday evening, Sept. 17th.

**Neighbourhood Notes**  
Birthday greetings to Lorrie Mackness, 11 yrs, September 5; Sherri and Shelley Brumwell, 2 yrs., Sept. 7; Miss Joy Mortson, Sept. 9.

Miss Florence Cook of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett.

Master John Huggins of Hampton spent the past two weeks with his grandmother, uncle and aunt and cousin, Mrs. A. Frisby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisby and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McRob-

erts spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pascoe at Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cobb and family of Flushing, Michigan called on Mrs. R. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Raynar and Donnalee, and her girlfriend Pam, Close of Detroit, Michigan spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson and family.

Mrs. Minnie Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wellman of Toronto had Saturday evening dinner with Mr. Louis Nichols and Miss Vera Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hamill and family of Cedar Grove on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Hamill is ill in bed. A speedy recovery is wished for her.

Rev. and Mrs. Borland and family of Stouffville United Church were visitors at the church service on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reesor of Markham had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Morley Ryan and family.

Miss Fat Draper commenced her teaching duties at the School for the Deaf at Milton.

On Saturday afternoon Patricia Orr entertained a number of her friends, the occasion being her 7th birthday. Those present were: Sharon and Jimmy Johnston, Laurie, Marilyn and Carolyn Orr, David and John Houck and Betty Sandle. Patricia's brother Ron gave all the children a go-cart ride which they all enjoyed.

Miss Muriel Mortson was Sunday over-night guest of Miss Anita Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Orr and family attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Oliver at Nashville on Monday. Mrs. Wm. Orr was the bridesmaid for the honoured couple 50 years ago.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. Clarence Stewart who underwent surgery at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

## R. S. KOCH HEADS MENNONITES

The Rev. Roy S. Koch, pastor of the South Union Mennonite Church north of West Liberty, was elected moderator of Mennonite General Conference at its thirty-first biennial session held at Kalona, Iowa, August 20-23. Mr. Koch served as Assistant Moderator at the Kalona meeting, and will head the Conference during the next two years.

The Rev. Harold E. Bauman, pastor to students at Goshen College, is the new Assistant Moderator and Moderator-elect. The Rev. John Rudg., Biglerville, Pa., is the newly elected Treasurer.

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