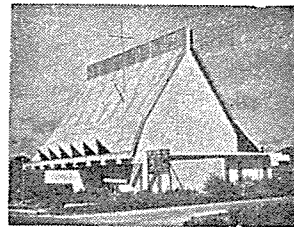


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THE MENACE OF DRUG-CULTURE

The December issue of 'The Constituent', the organ of the P.A.P. Serangoon Gardens Branch, highlights again the need for all of us to be on guard against the insidious growth of drug-taking in the Republic.

The article suggests several reasons for the increase of this dangerous habit; the desire for the excitement of a new experience, and artificial stimulant for jaded or nervous examinees, a relief from boredom or the pressure of too much school work, a delusive escape from emotional problems, frustrations and anxieties; all of which can be summed up as "the desire to escape from the unpleasant realities of life." And the article goes on to say that "whatever the reasons may be, one cannot condone this unhealthy habit. Abusive drug-taking is a social evil and it must be prohibited at all costs. It would constitute a grave danger to Singapore in the near future if effective measures are not taken against drug-peddling and smuggling.... Asian moral and cultural traditions would collapse if we come under the influence of drugs or the various abuses that are associated with drug-taking".

We would wish to associate ourselves whole-heartedly with the efforts of the government to alert the nation to the peril in our midst, and to align ourselves with every constructive plan to stamp out both the use of and the traffic in drugs, and to alleviate the stresses and strains which encourage these things.

The Social Principles of the Methodist Church, sometimes
(see page 8)

OUR TRINITY FAMILY

NEW ARRIVAL To Mr & Mrs George Lee of 21-D Macpherson Lane,
a son, Terence Chong Yau, born 29 December 1971.

ADULT BAPTISM At the General Hospital Outram Road, by Rev.
Chew Hock Hin, Mr Lee Kong Boon of 566, Sims
Avenue, father of Mr Francis Lee. We rejoice
to welcome Mr Lee into the Christian family
and to know that he is making good progress
in hospital after a cerebral haemorrhage.

NEW ADDRESSES Mr & Mrs Koh Chin Peng, who were received into
the membership of our congregation in December,
live at 27, Fortchester Avenue (19) and are
members of Avenues II Parish.
Mr & Mrs Tan Tiam Guan have moved to 14 Worthing
Road and now belong to Avenues I Parish.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS The Parish Leader of Drives II is Mr.
Khoo Eu Kiong, not Dr. Khor Tong Hong.
Our apologies for putting Miss KWOK Syn Han down
twice, and Miss KWOK Syn Wun not at all. Please
correct these careless slips!

OVERSEAS STUDY Mr Chen Men Sheng left Singapore on 2 January
to take a Diploma in Public Administration at the
Institute of Social Science, The Hague, Netherlands. He will
be away for a year.

Miss Angeline Loh, daughter of Mr & Mrs Loh Heng
Chow left on 22 January for Melbourne, where she
will be continuing her studies at the MacRobertson Girls' High
School.

IN HOSPITAL Please remember in your prayers, Mr Andrew Lee
(ORGH Ward 24 since Jan.10) and Mr Soh Chuan Swee
father of Doris Gwee and Jenny Neo, in the same ward.

 THIS MONTH AT TRINITY ***

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS to prepare those who wish to be baptised and/or received into Church Membership began on Sunday 30 January, and will continue each Sunday morning at 8.45 a.m. at 20, Taman Serangoon by kind invitation of Mrs. Dorothy Tan

NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE A special service of Praise and Than ksgiving will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 15 February to c elebrate Chinese New Year. The offering that day will be for the Singapore Association for the Blind. Please make yours a generous 'ang-pow'

VISITING THE AGED In lieu of the usual monthly Parish Meeting in February, a visit will be made to the CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE AGED at Sembawang.

Date: Saturday, 12 February

Time: 4 p.m. (Cars leave church at 3.45 p.m.)

Cash donations for 'ang-pows' to the old folks will be welcome. Please forward your gifts to Mrs Patricia Chia.

THE WOMAN 'S SOCIETY The W.S.C.S. will visit the Home run by the Sing apore Association for Retarded Children, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ m/s Tampines Road, on Saturday 19 February at 4.00 p.m.

Could you helppto provide any of the following items (or the money to purchase them):

fresh fruits cakes eggs
 condensed milk Ovaltine Milo
 old clothing (boys & girls ages 7 upwards)
 bath towels (new or old - very necessary)
 plastic pants (with buttons if possible)

Please contact Mrs Lee Poh Lin or other Committee members.

"DISCOVERING COMMUNITY" a course organised for those who have just completed HSC exams and who wish to learn the meaning of community through group work (see January Newsletter) has been postponed until April.

- 2 Wed. 8.00 P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' BIBLE STUDY
- 3 Thu. 5.00 P.M. PASTOR visits BRADDELL PARISH
- 4 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 5 Sat. 3.30 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
- 6 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
 10.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor
 11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
 3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
 5.30 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - Rev Chew Hock Hin
- 8 Tue. 8.00 P.M. DISTRICT COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM at Wesley Church
- 10 Thu. 5.30 P.M. PASTOR visits CITY II Parish
- 11 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 12 Sat. 3.30 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
 3.45 P.M. MONTHLY PARISH MEETING. Transport leaves church for visit to Christian Home for the Aged, Sembawang.
- 13 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
 10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
 11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
 12.00 NOON Worship Service at Woodbridge Hospital.
 3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
 5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor

 * CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE *
 * Tuesday 15 February at 10 a.m. *

- 16 Wed. (Ash Wednesday) CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

FOR FEBRUARY

- 18 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 19 Sat. 3.30 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
3.30 P.M. W.S. C.S. MONTHLY MEETING. Transport leaves Church for visit to Tampines Home for Ret arded Children.
- 20 SUN. First Sunday in Lent - EVANGELISM SUNDAY
8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Rev. Frank Earle
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
11.15 A.M. MEETING OF OFFICIAL BOARD
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
- 24 Thu. 7.30 P.M. Pastor visits in the GROVES Parish
- 25 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 26 Sat. 3.00 P.M. JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS
3.30 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE
- 27 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUN DAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
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PASTORAL VISITATION. The pastor is glad to visit the homes of members and friends at any time, but in addition is experimenting with a plan of announcing in the Newsletter and Sunday bulletin one Parish Area each week which he will visit, usually on a Thursday evening. As it will not be possible to visit all the homes in an area on the date announced, please let him know if you would particularly welcome a visit.

 WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE ****

The Pledge Treasurer is happy to announce that we have reached our initial target of \$15,000 in pledges for the year, but we want as many of our members as possible to give regularly to the work of the church. Pledge cards will continue to be available at the church and may be completed and returned to The Pledge Treasurer, 60 Walmer Drive (19) at any time. It is never too late to become a regular pledged giver!

We acknowledge pledges totalling \$1,200 since last month and Thankofferings from:

Mdm. Yeo Joo Hiang (\$20) Mr & Mrs Lai Yuen Meng (\$50) Mrs Alice Yap (\$20) Mr & Mrs Goh Peng Hian (\$20) Mrs Tan Kim Tee (\$40) Dr & Mrs Alan Tay (\$10) Patients at Woodbridge Hospital (\$3) Mr Lee Kong Boon (\$20)

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+	<i>You're Invited to</i>	+
+	<i>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 1972</i>	+
+	Theme:	+
+	<u>"All Joy Be Yours"</u>	+
+	Wesley Methodist Church	March 3 5.30 p.m.
+	(Fellowship Tea)	5.00 p.m.)
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APOLOGY It appears that in a few copies of the December Newsletter the single-page insert was inadvertently omitted. We apologise especially to those who sent Christmas Greetings printed on the missing page.

 REFUGEE RELIEF ACTION *****

(We print here a letter received last week from Refugee Relief Action, S'pore Red Cross Society, Singapore 9)

The Refugee Relief Action is organizing a number of major fund-raising projects in Singapore in order to bring relief to the refugees in the Indian sub-continent. Though the war is over and the refugees are returning to their homeland, the conditions under which they have to live are creating tremendous human suffering, especially for children.

We can do something about it. We simply can donate money. One huge event will be launched on 24 January, when we begin a programme of TWENTY REFUGEE LUNCHEONS. The luncheons will be similar to the food provided in the refugee camps.

During the luncheon, which will be given free, we will show slides of the life in the refugee camps and there will be a talk from people who know what is happening in the camps. The food is donated by four restaurants, the halls have been made available without charge, so that any donation you make during the luncheon will go entirely to refugee relief.

The luncheons will be at 1 - 2 p.m.

24-28 Jany. Presbyterian Church,
Orchard Road

31 Jan-4 Feb. St. John's Ambulance HQ,
Beach Road

7-11 Feb. St. Andrew's Cathedral

14-18 Feby. Wesley Methodist Church



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

We hope that many people in Singapore will come to know about the human suffering going on in another part of Asia, and do the little bit that can be done.

PLEASE SUPPORT REFUGEE RELIEF ACTION!

called the Social Creed, has this to say about 'Drug Abuse':

"We seek to overcome those social and psychological forces which lead so large a part of our society to unhealthful dependence upon tobacco, alcohol and drugs. The illicit traffic in drugs cannot be tolerated. Society must provide through public and private facilities for the treatment, rehabilitation and after-care of narcotic addicts and other victims of drug abuse."

This paragraph cogently indicates the three fronts on which the battle must be waged. It is imperative to attack the underlying causes for the appeal of drug-culture; the smugglers and 'pushers' who are making money by degrading human lives; and provide expert care for those who are 'hooked' on the habit.

In spite of the publicity which has been given in the news media to this matter, there is still widespread ignorance about where exactly a person needing help should turn to find it. In addition to the general warnings about the dangers of drug-abuse and repeated exhortations "Not to do it" which appear on our TV screens, there should be more publicising of the names and addresses of people and organisations equipped to handle those who wish to kick the habit.

And, although it may be unfortunate, it is still true that some people are, and may continue to be, hesitant about going to a government clinic or embarking on an 'official' rehabilitation course. Their fears are no less real because they are unfounded. Of course the magnitude of the threat demands the full use of governmental resources. Nothing else could meet the need. Nevertheless this appears to be an area where the assistance of private practitioners and voluntary agencies should be actively encouraged, and the Methodist Church, through its District Commission on Social Concerns, should energetically plan to mobilise its skilled, professional manpower to supplement the government programme.

Since frequently drug-addicts need counselling as much as medical treatment, is it possible for, say, the Churches' Counselling Centre or the Association for Mental Health to train suitable, mature men and women to work in this specialised field?