

Religion and Life

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"Thou crownest the year with Thy bounty." So sang a Psalmist of the olden times as he praised the goodness of God. As he continued his song, he traced all the blessings his people enjoyed to God's rich bounty and added:—"The tracks of Thy chariot drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip, the hills gird themselves with joy. The meadows clothe themselves with flocks. The valleys deck themselves with grain. They shout and sing together for joy."

Thou crownest the year with Thy bounty. Energy incalculable in its potentiality is being met with scientific knowledge and skill to harness it, and bring it under control of the will of man. While Canada stands with other free nations who have arisen to defend our freedom, her chief concern in this field is to promote the welfare of men. With this as our Canadian background, we look toward the future with new faith in God. Surely He has a place in the outworking of His purposes for a people so richly endowed. When we think of the energy in the atom we see that there is not only a new power but a new idea. Science has discovered that the ultimate basis of the physical universe is not inert matter, but energy. Since energy is the ultimate reality, the place of the Divine Spirit is in its control and direction. It is encouraging, therefore, to find the Church of Christ raising her sights as she looks toward the future.

The second Assembly of the World Council of Churches meets in 1954 on this side of the Atlantic. Its subject will be:—"Christ the Hope of the World." The central article of the creed of this body is the truth that Christ is God and Saviour. The constituent churches all confess this faith. One significant fact is that so many independent churches rich in history and proud of their own traditions, are meeting round the centre of Christ and His salvation. This supreme loyalty is given the first place in their relationship and deliberations.

TCA Sets New Record In 1953

MONTREAL. (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines in 1953 set a record with an estimated 1,300,000 passengers, an increase of 15 per cent over 1952. President G. R. McGregor said Wednesday in a year-end statement. The company's operations will again show a surplus after payment of taxes, he said, although costs of labor and materials have increased. Despite "many expenses incurred in preparing to introduce new equipment into the TCA fleet in 1954," there was no increase in passenger fares or air-freight rates. Rather, he said, the company applied for a reduction in its air-freight tariff of approximately 30 per cent and the reduction will become effective Jan. 1, 1954.

TCA's fleet of North Star and DC-3 aircraft flew approximately 30,600,000 revenue miles on domestic and international routes. Air-freight ton-miles of 8,200,000 represented an increase of 11 per cent over 1952. Air-express-ton miles were 1,630,000, an increase of 17 per cent, and air-mail-ton miles of 4,600,000 on domestic routes were up nine per cent. An estimated 5,300,000 air-mail-ton miles were flown on all routes. The Canada-United Kingdom service was increased 20 per cent during the Coronation period. During the year 25,600 passengers flew TCA's European flights, five operating via Prestwick, one via Shannon and two terminating in Paris and Dusseldorf.

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TREAT APPRECIATED - The Guardian acknowledges with thanks a New Year's treat of Coca Cola from Pierce's Cash and Carry Groceries.

POLICE COURT - In City Police Court on Saturday morning, before Magistrate Martin, a drunk driver was given a fine of \$100 and costs. A drunk and incapable had his sentence suspended for 10 days and a vagrant was sent to jail for 60 days.

Personals

Miss Barbara and Roger Worth have returned to the City after spending a few days in Millville, the guests of Floyd Smith.

Mr. G. W. Wilkins, City, left by plane Friday morning for Montreal to attend the funeral of Mr. Pierre H. Racine, general sales manager of Greenshield, Hodgson, Racine, Ltd., Montreal.

DARNLEY AND SEA VIEW W. M. S.

The December meeting of Darnley and Sea View W. M. S. Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Colin Donald on December 8 with a good attendance. The theme was "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us". Mrs. Donald was the leader for the devotional period, assisted by several members.

The hymns, "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Silent Night, Holy Night", "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night", were sung. Mrs. James Hickey read a selection entitled "What does Christmas mean?" Christmas of fervor was taken and dedicated. The correspondence consisted of a letter from Miss Louise Calbeck, re-temperance lessons being taught in the schools, leaflet for building a fund.

Mrs. James Hickey was appointed chairman for the election of officers which resulted in the following: Mrs. Robert Cousins, president (re-elected); Mrs. Fulton Simmons, vice-president (re-elected); Mrs. Harry Crozier, secretary-treasurer (re-elected); Mrs. Lloyd Adams, press secretary; Mrs. Morley Crozier, friendship secretary; Mrs. J. E. Kelly, MacKay, Missionary; Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Missionary; Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Christian stewardship secretary; Mrs. Gordon Cousins, Associate Helper secretary; Mrs. Colin Donald, Temperance and citizenship secretary; program committee, Mrs. Lloyd Adams, Mrs. Morley Crozier, and Mrs. J. E. Kelly.

Friendship secretary reported 2 hospital cards, 1 hospital letter, 4 sympathy cards, 2 sympathy letters, 5 home calls, 6 home treats, 11 get-well cards, 1 wreath.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Cousins on January 4.

Saturday's Answer

38. Flower 40. Simians 41. Employ 42. Jewish month 43. Perish 44. Perish 45. Solemn promise

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. William J. MacCure, who passed away on January 1st, 1951.

Lead me gently home, Father, Lead me gently home, When life's toils are ended, And parting days have come.

There is rest forever From all earthly gloom, Lead me gently home, Father, Lead me gently home.

Lovingly remembered by Janie and Laurie.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our baby cousin Marilyn Munn who passed away Jan. 3, 1953.

Dear God forgive a silent tear A constant wish that she was here You've taken others, yes we know But she was our little cousin And we loved her so.

Lovingly remembered by Dianne and Wesley MacIsaac.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Capt. J. Milton Chapman, who passed away Jan. 4, 1950.

It's not the tears at the moment That tell of the hearts that are torn, But the secret tears in the after years, And the grief that is silently borne.

Lovingly remembered by Wife, Sons & Daughter.

1953 Was Record-Breaking Year For World Explorers

Washington—The conquest of Mount Everest was but one of many bold and spectacular feats by explorers probing the earth, the heavens and the ocean depths, the National Geographic Society reported today in a survey of 1953's major geographic achievements.

When Edmund P. Hillary, a New Zealand beekeeper, and Tenzing Norgay, a Tibetan Sherpa guide, scaled the 29,000-foot summit of Everest on May 29, they did what ten previous expeditions had failed to do. Sixteen men died in the last 90 years attempting to scale the world's highest peak.

Four months later and thousands of miles distant, two scientists made a record descent of 10,330 feet into the warm Tyrrhenian Sea off Ponza Island, Italy. Submerging in a 50-foot-long diving box called a bathyscaphe, Prof. Auguste Piccard and his son easily eclipsed the previous record of 6,890 feet achieved by two French naval officers one month earlier.

In still another record-breaking penetration, a French spelogist descended nearly 2,400 feet into the earth. Norbert Castet reached this depth in Lepinau Cavern in the western Pyrenees on the Franco-Spanish border.

Across the world, on Palomar Mountain, California, astronomers working with the 48-inch Big Schmidt phototelescope disclosed that their monumental Sky Survey is three-quarters completed. Sponsored jointly by the National Geographic Society and the California Institute of Technology, the comprehensive photographic map of the visible universe already has yielded previously unknown asteroids near the earth, new nebulae and clusters of nebulae far out in space.

Aqualung-equipped divers of the National Geographic-Calypto Marine Archeological Expedition in the Mediterranean brought to the surface one of the rarest finds of archeological treasure in recent years. More than 1,000 amphorae, or large pottery urns, were recovered from a Greco-Roman ship believed to have foundered in the Mediterranean about the year 230 B.C. Some of the tightly sealed jugs still held wine more than 2,100 years old.

Perfume flasks, cosmetic bowls and hundreds of pieces of dinnerware were salvaged from the 110-foot, 600-ton ship, perhaps the oldest cargo vessel yet discovered. The expedition is directed by Capt. Jacques-Yves Cousteau of the French Navy.

For the third consecutive year, the Society joined forces with the Marine Laboratory of the University of Miami in the study of ocean plankton and pelagic (ocean-going) fish. Scientists worked with fine silk nets to a depth of 400 fathoms in the Gulf Stream.

A strange new diving chamber called the Aquascope was specially constructed for a photographic expedition by the Society, which made the first color films of marine life on the floor of Chesapeake Bay.

In Straits of Florida

The biggest water meter in history was used by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to measure the flow of the Gulf Stream through the 100-mile-wide Straits of Florida. Average flow: 724,000,000 gallons, or 100 million barrels full, every second. Meanwhile, Smithsonian Institution experts went under water in the same Straits to hunt priceless historical objects from a Spanish ship believed sunk 220 years ago.

A transpacific expedition sponsored by the Scripps Institute of Oceanography weighed, measured and surveyed parts of the world's largest ocean, studied its weather, and remapped its winds.

Hundreds of scientific expeditions journeyed to known and unknown corners of the earth during the past year. In late summer a geological team sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the Royal Ontario Museum of Toronto announced discovery of a round, water-filled crater in the wilds of northern Labrador. The crater, 185 yards across, was a "baby brother" to the much larger Chubb Crater, 6.8 miles in circumference, which was first scientifically studied in 1951. Both could have been formed by a collision of a meteor with the earth 3,000 to 15,000 years ago.

Seeking to solve one of nature's great riddles—the composition and origin of cosmic rays—the National Geographic Society, Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, and India's Muslim University conducted an intensive research program at Allahgarh, India. A U.S. Navy cosmic ray expedition launched "skyhook" plastic balloons from the deck of a seaplane tender in Pacific waters off South America. "Operation Muhsirat," another Navy project, launched combination rocket-balloons from an icebreaker lying off Baffin Island in the Arctic.

A new observing station for gathering data on cosmic rays and atmospheric conditions was established by the University of Alaska and New York University atop a 14,500-foot peak in the Wrangell Mountains 200 miles northeast of Anchorage, Alaska. Cosmic ray studies at the top of 18,000-foot Mount Chacaltaya in Bolivia were sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Explorers were legion in the Arctic north during 1953. The Arctic Institute of North America sponsored 3 Arctic and subarctic expeditions, the largest a 13-man jaunt to 7,500-foot Penny Highland Icecap on Baffin Island. A U. S. Army expedition, testing the lat-

est Army arctic equipment, mapped a two-mile-deep snowbank and a moving glacier in Greenland. The desolate wastes of Queen Louise Land were surveyed by the British North Greenland Expedition.

Two officers of the National Geographic Society, President Gilbert Grosvenor and Secretary Thomas W. McKewen, retraced Comdr. Robert E. Peary's route to the North Pole by plane. Flying in an Air Force C-54, Dr. Grosvenor became the first to locate the Pole from the air by making photographs from all sides.

Canadian and U. S. scientists at Ellesmere Island sought the source of great floating ice islands similar to T-3, or Fletcher's Island, which has served as an Arctic weather base observatory for the last two years. Scientists from the Office of Naval Research continued their five-year study of weather fluctuations on Taku Glacier, a 30-mile-long, 1,530-foot-deep glacier on a low 1,530-foot-deep island in the Chukchi Sea. At the bottom of the world, a 10-man Australian party prepared to leave at year's end to establish the first scientific station on the Antarctic mainland.

on the Aegean island of Samothrace. After 21 years of intermittent excavations, the ancient Roman thermal resort of Bals, west of Naples, was opened to the public. It has been termed the most important archeological discovery of Roman antiquity since Pompeii.

Austrian archeologists began excavations of a great Celtic settlement, believed to be Noreia, on a mountaintop in Carinthia. Excavations at the site of the ancient Roman city of Lauriacum, now Lorch, are underway near Enns in Upper Austria. Magnificent bronze and gold objects dating back to 600 B.C. were found in the tomb of a Celtic princess in Upper Burgundy, France.

Pottery from the earliest years of the Roman conquest and occupation were found in the heart of London. More Roman findings came to light at Canterbury, Winchester, Salisbury, Kent and Sussex.

In North America, anthropologists discovered an ancient village site on the North Knife River in northern Manitoba, substantiating a theory that a prehistoric culture circled the top of the world. Village sites believed to have been inhabited by an extinct Indian tribe before A.D. 1000 were uncovered on lonely San Nicolas Island, 55 miles off the California coast.

Fossils of animals 400 million years old were discovered in China. These early mammoths, including a mastodon, and a saber-tooth tiger, belonged to the Cenozoic Age. The skeleton of an antediluvian reptile, 50 million years old, was found near the ancient city of Leiva in Colombia, while 60-million-year-old frog skeletons were uncovered in the World Hills outside Bombay, India. Fossilized remains of pre-ice Age mammals, between five and seven million years old, were unearthed in a remote sector of South Australia.

Two fossilized skeletons discovered on an atoll near Tahiti are believed to belong to a superior ape or subhuman species predating the 500,000-year-old Peking Man. The fossil skull cap of the ancient Hopenfield or Saldanha Man was unearthed in South Africa. It is thought to be an evolutionary link between the earliest known ape-man and their presumed successors, the Neanderthals. Fossils of Neanderthal life were found in a seashore pit on Africa's Libyan coast.

Anthropologic circles around the world were stirred when the British Museum of Natural History announced that the skull of the Pliocene Man, one of the most famous fossils in the world, was a fraud. Discovered in England in 1911, the skull was considered to be a missing link between modern man and ancient ape.

Carleton W. I.

The regular meeting of Carleton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Leigh Lowther on December 8.

Roll call was responded to by 14 members with an exchange of Christmas gifts. Six members paid their fees including two new members. Five visitors were present including Miss Arsenault and Mrs. Wendell Wood from Red Cross office.

It was agreed to send \$5 to T.B. League. It was decided to make stuffed toys for orphanages and Mrs. John Myers and Mrs. Nathan Bell were appointed to make toys. Red Cross materials were handed out to be made up. Reports of committees were given and sick committee reported seven calls made. School committee reported a dictionary was needed for each room and Mrs. Connolly was appointed to buy them. Lunch committee for January meeting are Mrs. Donald Sutherland, Mrs. Clifford Rogers and Mrs. Wilber Cairns.

Next meeting is to be held at home of Mrs. John Myers. It was decided to make fudge for school children's treat and Mrs. Nathan Bell, Mrs. Morley Mutart and Mrs. Wilber Cairns were appointed as committee to see about buying and packaging candy and shut-in boxes.

Greetings were extended to Mrs. Wood to be taken from our Institute to her Institute in Central Royalty. Miss Arsenault gave an

Other Mountain Conquests

Mountain climbers, spurred by the Everest triumph, conquered other Himalayan peaks. Nanga Parbat, 26,860-foot "mountain of death" which Arabia An American Museum of Natural History expedition to the Bahamas garnered 50,000 insects and spiders and 2,700 reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

Archeological Finds

In the field of archeology, an Anglo-American expedition unearthed the remains of two ancient cities of Jericho, one estimated at 7,000 and the other 3,500 years old, near the present site of Jericho on the River Jordan. Remains of some 70 Biblical scrolls believed to be 2,000 or more years old, were found in a cave on the shore of the Dead Sea. French archeologists uncovered more than 200 tablets dating back to 1,400 B.C. in northern Syria.

Evidence that Nege desert area of Israel was inhabited in 3,500 B.C. was uncovered. A small pyramid, thought to be 5,000 years old, was unearthed near Sakakara, Egypt. Swedish archeologists turned up coins, and pottery nearly 2,000 years old in the Indian Desert near Bikaner.

Jewelry and vessels used by Greek royalty 3,000 years ago were dug up 226 miles from Athens. More public buildings were uncovered in the Agora of Athens, where some forms of political democracy were first tested in 500 B.C. Almost completed was the unearthing of the island sanctuary

Record Farm Cash Income For First 9 Months Of '53

Ottawa. (CP)—Canadian farm cash income totalled \$1,901,500,000 for the first nine months this year, a record for the period, the bureau of statistics reported today.

The figure includes incomes from sale of farm products and from participation payments on previous year's crops. It does not include the total for Newfoundland farmers.

The amount for the January-September period is four per cent above the corresponding 1952 figure of \$1,827,200,000 and nearly two per cent above the 1951 figure.

The bureau said the record level of farm cash income can be attributed primarily to the "unusually large" amounts of western wheat delivered by producers during the January-September period. This year at weighted average initial prices higher than a year ago.

Total income from grains, seeds and hay rose to an estimated \$713,900,000, about 16 per cent above the \$614,200,000 figure for the first nine months last year.

Smaller receipts from other field crops such as tobacco, vegetables and potatoes provided the major offset to the total increased returns from grain crops. Of these, the great decline was income from potatoes, which dropped about 56 per cent as a result of lower prices.

Returns for potatoes declined from \$52,000,000 last year to \$23,000,000.

Interesting talk on Red Cross work and presented certificates to 20 members of Carleton Home Nursing Class as Mrs. Wendell Wood read off the names.

Mrs. MacCallum was presented with a gift from the class in appreciation of her work in starting the home nursing classes and seeing that we had an instructor for each meeting.

South Melville And Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Provencher spent Christmas in Cornwall, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Frizel.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunsford are sorry to learn of their illness and are looking forward to their complete restoration to their usual good health.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. McGaughey of Bonshaw, spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Toole, South Melville.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Dunsford, Hampton, spent Christmas here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dunsford.

Miss Ruth Dunsford spent the Christmas holidays at her home in South Melville.

The Stanhope W.I. held their regular monthly meeting on Dec. 1 at the home of Mrs. Herbert Kieley.

Roll call was answered by 13

Returns from livestock and poultry were placed at \$642,900,000, about one per cent below the 1952 level. Returns from cattle and calves rose to \$250,200,000 from \$237,900,000, increased marketing more than compensating for lower prices.

Poultry income was about five per cent higher at \$75,900,000. But returns from sale of hogs fell from \$232,900,000 to \$211,500,000. Sheep and lambs brought slightly lower returns.

Dairy Products

Receipts from dairy products rose to \$304,500,000 from \$295,300,000 in the first nine months last year due to higher production. Egg income rose from \$70,750,000 to \$90,900,000.

Farm cash income rose in only three provinces—Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The largest increase, both on a percentage basis and in absolute terms, occurred in Saskatchewan, followed by Alberta. Largest decline on a percentage basis was in Prince Edward Island and in absolute terms in Quebec.

Cash income for the nine months by provinces, 1952 figures in brackets: Prince Edward Island, \$15,933,000 (\$20,018,000); Nova Scotia, \$2,555,900.00 (\$2,511,000); New Brunswick, \$27,969,000 (\$32,218,000); Quebec, \$261,215,000 (\$276,779,000); Ontario, \$526,213,000 (\$535,664,000); Manitoba, \$142,781,000 (\$148,000); Saskatchewan, \$483,559,000 (\$408,951,000); Alberta, \$341,066,000 (\$309,330,000); British Columbia, \$67,301,000 (\$70,217,000).

New committees were appointed as follows: sick; Mrs. Harry MacLauchlan and Mrs. Thomas MacCabe; letter; Mrs. Isaac Lawson and Mrs. Harry MacLauchlan; lunch; Mrs. Malcolm MacLauchlan, Mrs. Walter Marshall and Mrs. Thomas MacCabe; program; Mrs. Malcolm MacLauchlan and Mrs. James MacLauchlan.

Mrs. Alvin MacLauchlan invited members for the January meeting. Roll call will be answered with a new resolution.

The members exchanged Christmas gifts. A mixed auction took place with Mrs. Louis Marshall auctioneering the splendid array of articles. The sale realized a sum of \$26.

HAPPY WORKERS CLUB

The regular meeting of the Happy Workers Club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Brock on Dec. 17 with the vice-president, Mrs. John Gosbee in the chair.

A Christmas worship service was conducted by Mrs. John Machon and several carols were sung by the members.

The treasurer reported considerable money on hand and after discussion it was decided that the treasurer put \$125 in the bank account for the present. It was decided that the Friendship Secretary, Mrs. Glover send Christmas cards to former members who have moved away and also to two new families who have come here to live. The sick calls and cards were reported.

Mrs. Lloyd Herring invited the members for the next meeting and, as the date falls on New Years eve, it was decided to hold this meeting on Dec. 30.

Mrs. Lloyd Herring entertained with an interesting Christmas contest followed by a piano duet by Mrs. Lexie Penny and Mrs. Carl Richards. Lunch was served by the lunch committee and a social hour spent.

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DAILY CROSSWORD ACROSS 1. Position 2. Money of account (Turk.) 3. God of stocks 4. Thrasher 5. Front part of the leg 6. A sunken fence 7. Biblical king 8. Insnip 9. African antelope 10. Musical drama 11. Out of style 12. River (Ger.) 13. Down 1. Farm implement 2. City (Pers.) 3. Greedy

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: ANYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. A Cryptogram Quotation EKLUE YKMY UMEE LF YKT FLAKY, MFR EUWPTM TKIK VYKTH LF UMELFA -WVFAQTWVVB. Saturday's Cryptogram: ALL SPIRITS ARE ENSLAVED WHICH SERVE THINGS EVIL—SHELLEY.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE Major Hoople MY WORD! AS WE MARCH INTO A NEW YEAR MUST YOU BOARDERS LOOK LIKE SOMETHING A BEACH-COMBER FINDS? EGAD! CAN'T WE BE WELL-GROOMED, ORDERLY, POLITE AND DIGNIFIED? ALL YOU DO ALL DAY IS KINK UP THE SOFA SPRINGS I'M KEEPING TEN COOLIES OUTA WORK, AN' I'VE GOTTA RELAX EVENINGS! SNIFF! SNIFF! I GET IT! EVERY TIME YOU SWIPE A COATING OF MY FACE LOTION YOU GO BLUE BOOK!