

Scripture—Reads: 29:23; Amos 8:4, 5; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 19:1-10; Titus 2:7-10.



Who steals from God or man, takes what is not his which he had paid nothing for, is in violation of the eighth commandment—Exodus 20:15.

Amos outlined the law for merchants: shortchanging customers violates the letter of the law, growing rich at the expense of the poor violates the spirit of the law—Amos 8:4, 5.

Zacchaeus, a dishonest tax collector, confessed his sin, promised restitution and future honesty; voluntarily trading ill-gotten gains for obedience to God's law—Luke 19:1-10.

Paul's advice to Titus binds Christians to set an example by observing God's laws and keeping His Commandments—Titus 2:7-10.

MEASURE: "Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."—Ephesians 4:28.

SAFEGUARDS PROPERTY

Dishonesty Makes Pretense

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following material relating to tomorrow's Sunday School lesson is based on copyrighted outlines produced by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches in the U.S., and is used by permission.

By R.H. RAMSEY In his infinite wisdom, God saw the need for including in the Decalogue a law safeguarding man's right to own property. Thus, the simply stated eighth commandment, "Thou shalt not steal." It is one of the briefest of the laws, but has far-reaching implications.

While modern statutes effect stealing as a violation of civil law, we need to be reminded that it is also a violation of God's moral law. Measured by God's yardstick, stealing is far more than the taking of another's material goods. It is any outright dishonesty, any offense against the property rights of others, and in a wide sense all the lesser forms of theft: plagiarism, pilfering, falsification of documents and forms, to name just a few.

from God. He expects us to keep the hold sacred the first four commandments; but all too often we set up "other gods," make graven images, take His name in vain and neglect sabbath day obligations; any of which rob God of what is rightfully His.

Whether one steals from God or man, whenever one takes what is not his and for which he has paid nothing, he stands in violation of the eighth commandment. Amos, Israel's prophet of social justice, implied that contemporary merchants' avaricious habits constituted a violation of the eighth commandment. Motivated by greed when religious observances cut down their sales hours, they charged higher prices, for short-weighted measures, then covered their tracks with false balances. Outwardly scrupulous in their own religious practices, they were inwardly dishonest, "swallowing up the needy" through unfair business dealings.

Amos' implication is clear. Shortchanging customers violates the letter of the law while growing rich at the expense of

the poor violates the spirit of the law. Men in Jesus day were little different from those of Amos' time. In the passage from Mark we find Him warning against those highly regarded for their piety, but whose actions—making demands, expecting honors and abusing the generosity of their female followers—exposed the sham and pretense of their faith.

Thus, hypocrisy and pretense come under the condemnation of the eighth commandment. Only Luke records the salvation of Zacchaeus, the dwarfed, misshapen tax collector of Jericho. He was the richest man in town, a Jew shunned and detested by all for his roguery, ill-gotten gains and collaboration with the Romans. In his secret heart Zacchaeus was aware that he had consistently violated God's law prohibiting stealing. Knowing this, the Master called him down from the tree and invited Himself and His disciples to dinner.

There, whatever transpired brought Zacchaeus to the point of public confession of his past

as; to promises of restitution and determination to be henceforth scrupulously honest in his dealings. Zacchaeus' act was entirely voluntary, its genuineness attested to by the fact that restitution would hit where it, to him, would hurt most—his pocketbook. Yet he gladly traded his illegally-acquired wealth for the peace of mind that comes with obedience to God's law.

As Christians we are bound to set an example for others, observing God's laws and keeping His commandments. In this Paul's advice to Titus becomes particularly appropos. Our motives should be pure; untainted by thoughts of financial gain or "what's in it for me." We should be sincere our words and dealings with others. We should strive to please our employers, taking orders and obeying them without contradiction, and by being loyal to them while in their employ. Above all, the Apostle carefully states, we are not to pilfer from our employers. While "pilfer" is a "nicer" word than stealing, it is a violation of God's law.

"No stealing" is both a moral and civil law. Jesus insisted upon high morality as a prerequisite for eternal life teaching a philosophy embodying certain basic virtues, among them outright honesty. Unless men can trust one another, life in our society is impossible.



GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Leslie R. Files, B.A., M.Th., will be the guest preacher this Sunday in the Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown. Born in Ontario, he received his Arts Degree from Waterloo College, his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Knox College, Toronto, and his Master of Theology Degree from Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia. Married in 1933, his wife Winnifred is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Knox, Canadian Presbyterian Missionaries on the Bhil field in India. Mr. Files is currently minister of the New London Pastoral Charge here in P.E.I., and has served there since 1964.

Convent In Peking Is Seized

By VERGH BERGER PEKING (Reuters) — Peking's youthful Red Guard demonstrators have taken over a Roman Catholic convent run by four elderly nuns and plastered it with posters denouncing religion and "foreign devils."

Under the benign eye of the Communist party, the student demonstrators have swarmed through the city for the last week, rooting out everything they consider opposed to China's new cultural revolution. The Red Guards refused to allow reporters enter the Convent of the Sacred Heart, which since the Communists came to power has been used as a school for children of foreign diplomats.

The four nuns — British, French, Irish and Swiss — have lived in the convent since pre-Communist days and are helped by some Chinese nuns. There was no immediate information about where they are.

From the street outside it could be seen that effigies of Christ and the Virgin Mary had been broken.

The Chinese foreign ministry advised foreign embassies that "revolutionary masses" had taken over the convent and said diplomats should keep their children away from it. The children now are on summer vacations. Closure of the convent followed similar action during the last few days against Catholic and Protestant churches.

Red Guards also invaded the capital's largest mosque Thursday.

Foreign diplomats said they saw demonstrators beat up persons labelled as bourgeois and opposed to the ideology of Chinese Leader Mao Tse-tung. One group of foreign diplomats who planned a big party next week at the former imperial summer palace just outside the city announced it had been cancelled "due to unforeseen circumstances related to the cultural revolution."

Commonwealth Said At Stake

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commonwealth's future will be at stake at the prime ministers' conference opening in London Sept. 6, Prime Minister Pearson said here.

He told a press conference that talks on the Rhodesian issue "will jeopardize the Commonwealth in its present form." "It will be a very important conference. The future of the new Commonwealth will be at stake, if you want to dramatize it."

Mr. Pearson's reference to "the new Commonwealth" apparently was to the Commonwealth that took shape in recent years with the addition of emerging African and Asian states.

Mr. Pearson said he hopes to take part in the conference, but did not rule out the possibility that a protracted rail strike could prevent him from attending. The nation-wide walkout

Ministers Sidestep Queries On Mr. Justice Landreville

By JOHN LeBLANC OTTAWA (CP) — Justice Minister Cardin and Solicitor-General Pennell have refused to confirm or deny a published report that Mr. Justice Leo Landreville of the Ontario Supreme Court gets manhandled in the findings of a commission inquiry into a stock windfall he received while on the bench.

At a press conference, "complete with TV cameras and bright lights, that was about as firm a piece of information as a battery of reporters managed to extract from the two ministers after a cabinet meeting. After an initial announcement that the Landreville report will be made public "no later than Monday" — which had been clear here for some days anyway — the ministerial pair spent the rest of the press conference ducking reporters' questions.

The report of Commissioner Ivan C. Rand on Mr. Justice Landreville's acceptance of \$117,000 worth of free stock in Northern Ontario Natural Gas Co. in 1967 was received by Prime Minister Pearson Monday. He said then he expected it to be released in a couple of days. Later, the possible releasing date was extended as far as Monday's convening of Parliament, and the ministers added nothing to that Thursday.

was scheduled to start at noon standard local time today. His brief comments about the Commonwealth's future apparently arose from threats by several African countries that they will withdraw from the Commonwealth unless Britain uses tougher methods to bring down the Smith regime in Rhodesia.

After making his "no later than Monday" announcement, Mr. Cardin observed that under the circumstances he felt that no questions should be answered and "I think you can all understand why it is being done this way."

QUESTIONS BEGAN Since nobody did understand why the questions began, "The ministers fielded most of them with variations of 'no comment,' occasionally expanding with 'all that will be answered when the report is made public.'"

A variation came when they were asked about a Canadian Press story Wednesday quoting informants as saying the report treats Mr. Justice Landreville roughly. Mr. Pennell hastened to make clear that neither he nor Mr. Cardin could be held responsible for that and added, "I don't think either denying or confirming it would do any good."

One reporter asked whether an investigation was being held into what he described as the leak.

REFUSED CONFIRMATION Mr. Pennell refused to confirm there was a leak. "I prefer to call it a newspaper report," he said.

No, they would not say whether either of them had talked recently with Mr. Justice Landreville — a former Liberal politician. No, they could not say why it was so hard to fix a release date, to answer that might be getting into comment. "Then why the big double-barrelled press conference?" Richard O'Hagan, Prime Minister Pearson's press secretary,

U.S. Project Mohole Killed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Congress has killed Project Mohole, a \$127,000,000 venture to drill a hole six miles deep through ocean and earth in Man's deepest penetration of the planet.

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Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. Sunday School—11:00 a.m. (continues all summer) Services—11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The Old Book... The New Birth... The Precious Blood... The Blessed Hope

The Salvation Army

174 Great George Street Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—9 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m. Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting) Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

CALVARY TEMPLE

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside station 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service You will receive a warm welcome at Calvary Temple

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.) Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

Christian Reformed Church

128 Mt. Edward Road (The first church in Sherwood) Rev. M. Doranbush, Minister (Phone 4-7724) 10:00 a.m.—Morning Service 11:15 a.m.—Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship (Dutch) Guest Minister: Rev. J. Van Dyke, Barrie, Ont. Visitors heartily welcome.

SHERWOOD - PARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall Maple Avenue The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship Sermon: "PHILIP FULFILLING THE PURPOSES OF GOD" A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director 11:00 a.m.—"DOING WITHOUT" Duet: "I Know Who Holds The Future"—Misses Faye Rogerson and Janet Down. 7:00 p.m.—"THE BLESSING OF GOD" Solo: Selected—Miss Eva Wood. Wednesday—7:30 Prayer Meeting. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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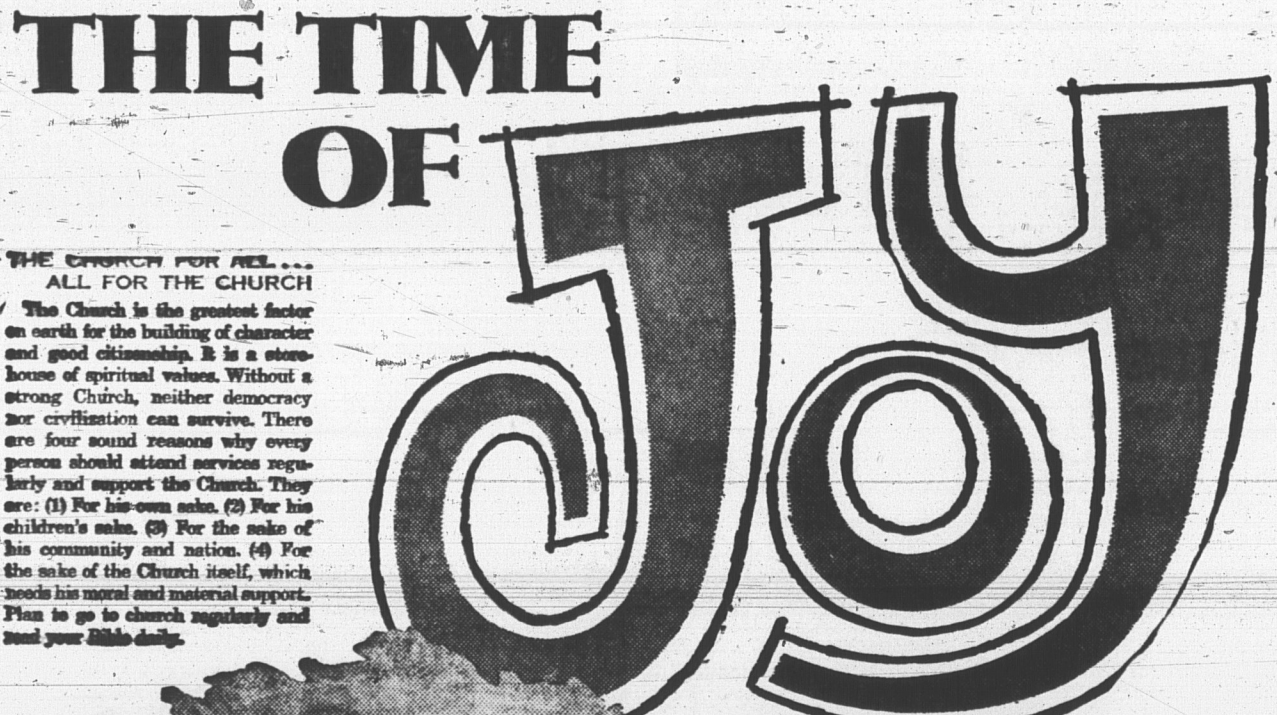
(corner of Prince and Sydney Streets) Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A. B.D. Organist: Mr. Joseph B. Herdman 11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery in Social Hall Broadcast over CFCY 11:00 a.m.—GOD'S EXHIBITION (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) Solo: "The Voice In The Wilderness" (J. P. Scott)—Miss Barbara Rogers 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: A PERSONAL LETTER Rev. J. G. E. Ball. WELCOME TO WORSHIP.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

28 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs 10:00 a.m.—Nursery and Child Care in the Church Hall 10:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR" Duet: Inez Lynda and Marilyn Drake You Are Welcome To Worship With Us

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M. 10:00 a.m.—Nursery Care 10:00 a.m.—Services of Worship Sermon: BELIEVING WE SEEING" Soloist: Mr. Gordon Jensen. You are welcome to worship with us.



THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and send your tithes daily.



There's happiness and ice cream all over her face! It takes so little to delight a child, and we sometimes wish that we could be satisfied as easily.

As we grow older, we acquire expensive new possessions but tire of them. We try costly new entertainments until they bore us. Even though our lives are full of small pleasures... the fragrance of fresh-cut grass, the soothing sound of rain, the silent beauty of stars... we somehow aren't really aware of them any longer. Even life itself, the greatest gift we have, can seem bleak and fruitless. What can restore our awareness of the joy and privilege of being alive?

Jesus knew about this problem, and He had the answer for all who need it. He has promised life... more abundant life... to those who will follow Him. And He will help, every step of the way.

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