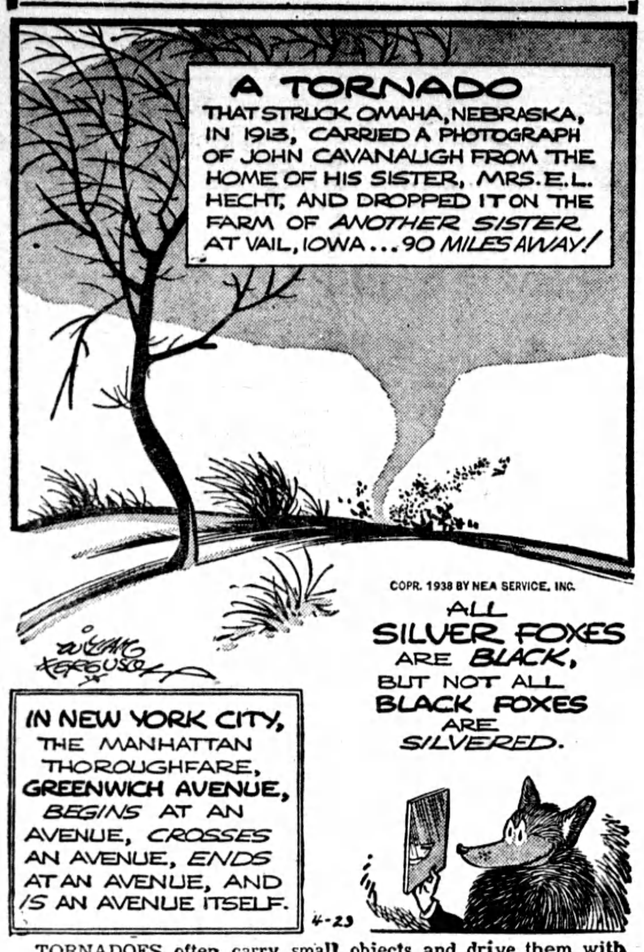
THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



TORNADOES often carry small objects and drive them with terrific force through solid wood. Yet, the Omaha tornado carefully carried a photograph intact from one sister to another 90 miles away, and deposited it safely in the pasture, where it was found on the following morning.

NEXT: What domesticated animal did Columbus find in America?

A FARM WIFE CHATS TO WOMEN

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Tomorrow is the last day of October. Nothing very unusual in that I suppose—but yet I always feel that when we say goodbye to October we also say goodbye to any hope of more autumn weather. When November comes—well anything may happen—snow, sleet or hard frost.

And then, come November, it is no time to Christmas—and before you know it we are into another year.

But of course, winter has its compensations. It is a good time to get caught up with your work—ready for summer again. If there were no winter I don't believe I would ever see the end of my mending or get to the bottom of my correspondence pile. And then winter weather does give one a chance to get more Red Cross work done, doesn't it? There is no end to the sewing, knitting and quilts that are needed.

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You know it so happens that I have been war work convener for our local branch of the Women's Institute, and also for the County as a whole, since the war started and I must say that I find a great deal of satisfaction in the work. I just love to see the socks and sweaters and quilts, and the hundred and one other things that come to me from members of our Institute for shipment to the Red Cross. And when I look at a big pile of work I always wonder what the women would have had to show for their time had they not done it.

Just at present there are two huge cartons sitting in our living-room. They are very unsightly should visitors arrive—and I am expecting visitors—but that doesn't worry me one bit because in those cartons I am packing ditty bags as they arrive. There are eight in the cartons so far—before the boxes are full there will be twenty-one. The value of each bag is approximately $4, so that makes a total of $84, doesn't it? Our Institute is divided into five groups. Each group collected money in its own neighbourhood with which to buy the things for the bags. Into each bag was also packed a pair of knitted seamen's socks.

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Wouldn't it be nice if we could follow even one of those bags to the end of its journey. Imagine any one of those sailor boys—a boy possibly just as young as yours or mine—working on storm-lashed decks on a boat in mid-Atlantic. Handling cables that freeze in his hands; climbing to the crow's nest; going here and going there at the command of his officers, and always in danger of U boat attacks. And then imagine that same boy, going off duty below deck—and opening up a ditty bag . . . finding a tube of healing ointment for his chapped and roughened hands . . . toothpaste and shaving cream . . . candy—that will taste mighty good after ship's rations. A Digest magazine to read just when he has read that torn and tattered book for the fifth time that he borrowed from Seamen Jim. Then he digs a little further into the ditty bag and finds a can of soup . . . meat cubes . . . cocoa—all requiring only a little hot water to make a drink that will warm him right down to his half frozen feet—but feet that will feel a lot more comfortable once they are inside that grand pair of hand-knit socks. Can't you imagine that boy saying to himself—"Thank God for the women at home!"

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Well, I see two more cars coming up the lane so that means more ditty bags. Very soon they will all be in and Partner will tie up the cartons and then away I go to town to speed the bags on their way to our boys in blue.

And tomorrow—oh dear, tomorrow will be another busy day as my sister and nephew are coming for the week-end. And not one thing have I ready for their visit!

FIRST TOOTH

With the usual display of lung power, 2-weeks-old Spencer Lee Little, of San Jose, Calif., displays the tooth discovered by his mother just after he was born.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

November 21

HONESTY IN ALL THINGS

Exodus 20:15; Leviticus 19: 11, 13; Luke 19: 1-10, 45, 46.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20 : 15.

Memory Verse: Thou, Jehovah, hast made me glad. Psalm 92: 4.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The Decalogue was given 1445 B.C.; our Lord met Zacchaeus in Jerusalem in March, A.D. 30; the second cleansing of the Temple took place on Monday of Passion Week, April 3, A.D. 30.

Place.—The Ten Commandments were delivered from Mount Sinai; the event recorded concerning Zacchaeus took place in Jericho, at the lower end of the Jordan River; the cleansing of the Temple, of course, took place in Jerusalem.

Condemnation of Theft

"Ye shall not steal; neither shall ye deal falsely, nor lie one to another. Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbor, nor rob him: the wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until morning." If we love our neighbor we shall do to him exactly as we should like him to do to us. We shall be truthful, fair, honest in all our dealings with him. Rather than defraud him, we shall give him full value for his money. Rather than keep an employee waiting for his wages, we shall pay him in good time. The man who is hired from day to day is invariably a poor man whose living depends on prompt payment. To withhold money due is a form of robbery.

The Barrier of Wealth

"And he entered and was passing through Jericho. And behold, a man called by name, Zacchaeus; and he was a chief publican, and he was rich." Luke mentions Zacchaeus was rich perhaps because it was most unusual for a rich man to seek the company of Jesus. The disciples learned from the incident of the rich young ruler how great a barrier wealth was to the entrance of the rich into the Kingdom of God.

Eagerness To See Jesus

"And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the crowd, because he was little of stature. And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way." Because of the shortness of his stature Zacchaeus feared that in the press of the multitude he might be prevented from actually seeing Christ. He was a determined man; he refused to allow his small stature to defeat his purpose. If we are going to see and know Jesus as our Saviour, then we must be determined, resolute, for there will be many obstacles to overcome.

Jesus' Graciousness

"And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house." Zacchaeus experienced unexpected joy at Jesus' command. The rich shunned him; he was a social outcast. But Jesus the great Prophet invited him to receive Him as his guest.

Welcome To Jesus

"And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He is gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner." The attitude of the people to Christ's action shows how little love there was toward the outcasts of society. The action of Christ shows how great was His love for sinners. His greatness exposed their littleness; His sympathy, their callousness; His humility, their pride.

True Repentance

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold." The love of Christ had touched his heart and opened up within him a spirit of true repentance, a desire to put wrong things right immediately. Since Jehovah had come into his life he has become a new man.

Twofold Declaration

"And Jesus said unto him, To-day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." All the house was blessed through the change wrought in Zacchaeus. As one of 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel', Zacchaeus was entitled, on his repentance, to the blessings Christ offered. Even this publican was a son of Abraham and, therefore, must not be excluded from Jewish privileges.

The Temple of God

"And he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold, saying unto them, It is written, and my house shall be a house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of robbers." It was profane and sacrilegious to turn the very House of God into a scene of noisy and greedy barter. These unspiritual traffic mongers aroused the indignation of our Saviour. The very priests stood condemned also, for they allowed this unholy traffic within the Temple. They would receive in cash part of the plunder. When the priesthood is corrupt, then corruption becomes universal.

AUTOGIRO AND HELICOPTER: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Main difference between these two windmill-type airplanes is that one has a propeller in front, the other has it on the tail. The autogiro, top, actually a trade name for one type of gyroplane, uses a regular propeller for forward motion and has the large wind-blown rotor instead of a fixed wing for lift. The helicopter's rotor is motor-drvien, runs the plane up and down as well as forward or backward. Small rotor in rear keeps the helicopter from spinning around.

RADIO REPORTER By REX FROST

Within this coming week we of Canada, together with other peoples of the United Nations, will observe another Day of Remembrance. Radio will pause for two minutes at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 11th to silently pay tribute to those who gave their lives that we might live and progress along the Path of Freedom. Let us pay homage in that brief moment also to service men and women who right now are carrying the torch, and pledge ourselves in thought and deed to help them in every way possible to Speed the Victory!

For those not attending a local Armistice service, radio station CFRB will carry a special broadcast from the steps of the City Hall, Toronto, from 10.55 to 11.30 a.m. on November 11th.

An evening observance of Armistice Day takes the form of a special musical tribute to be heard over the CBC network from 10.15 to 11.15 p.m. Members of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Mendelssohn Choir, under the direction of Sir Ernest McMillan, will take part in the program, which will also include a spoken salute to Canada's fallen, and trumpeters sounding The Last Post, will usher in a dramatic and choral delineation of the words of the Bible, promising that "there shall be peace on earth, goodwill among men." The Mendelssohn Choir will render the Hallelujah Chorus, followed by the sounding of The Reveille.

On Wednesday, November 17, at 10.30 p.m. Capt. Rodney Adamson, M.P. will inaugurate the first in a series of four special broadcasts to be heard over CFRB. Capt. Adamson will discuss the broad subject of The Postwar World, and the part which we as individuals can play in maintaining the peace that lies ahead.

Yes, it's Wes McKnight, familiar personality on CFRB's 4 o'clock newscast and the 6.40 p.m. Sportsviews, who now brings you news flashes hot off the press at 12.45 daily. It's news in the modern streamlined manner.

In case you haven't picked them up again yet, just the reminder that Amos 'N Andy, the Kingfish, Ruby, Lightnin' and the other lovable characters our black faced comedians have introduced us to in the past, are back on the airwaves, unfortunately not on their usual daily 15-minute basis, but in one fun packed half hour every Friday between 10 and 10.30 p.m. Witty and lovable as ever, Amos 'N Andy prove that like old soldiers, good comedians never die . . . their Friday half hour is packed with human interest and honest fun which they pattern around their guest star of the evening. . . and just who that guest star may be is their weekly surprise packet.

Music in Lighter Vein is the sweetness with your after-dinner-coffee offered by the popular piano team of Murray Ross and Doris Ord, every Thursday evening at 7.15 over the CBC. A variety of tunes, from the sweet and low to sprightly marches, the latest popular song hit to an old muscial comedy favorite, spice this 15-minute musical interlude with unique entertainment.

The National Farm Forum has now returned to the CBC networks every Monday between 8.30 and 9 p.m. and as previously will feature discussions on the current problems facing those engaged in agriculture. Experts on various branches of the profession will visit the Forum microphone to give helpful and practical advice on the five major subjects which have been selected as the basis for the current series of broadcasts.

POP—Sweetest Music Ever

By J. MILLAR WATT