THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THE Elotheres were not true pigs, nor even related to them, although the resemblance to wild hogs living in Europe today is striking Little is known of their habits. They had very powerful cutting teeth and two heavy-clawed toes on each foot. They have no direct descendants living at the present time.

NEXT: What is the fastest fish?

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Well, here we are again—back to ordinary everyday life after a busy week-end with visitors from the city staying here—that is, a long week-end, from early Saturday to Monday afternoon. And you know how it is, don't you? You scurry around with the idea of getting as much of your work done as you can while your visitors are sleeping and then before you are properly through, one or more of them comes to life and you set about getting a belated breakfast. And then you naturally like to visit for awhile—but oh dear, when you do that the time just slips along until first thing you know it is nearly time for dinner and you haven't got the last of the breakfast dishes out of the way. But late at night—that's when things really get under way. The men start talking politics, or discussing the war, and events, past, present and future. The womenfolk add their small contribution—whether it is appreciated or not is beside the point. Eventually someone says something about it getting late but somebody else suggests another angle to the subject under discussion and away you go again for another hour. Finally a cup of cocoa and a bite to eat rounds out the evening and at long last each person ambles off to his or her bed. The visitors we hope, to sound, carefree slumber, while Partner and I lay our heads on our respective pillows conscious that sitting up to the wee sma' hours isn't so good for a working man and his wife. Comes the morning and we are more than ever convinced that a hang-over from late hours and too much talking isn't the best thing with which to start another new day.

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But there are cows to milk, stables to clean, hens to care for and eggs to gather, and as the day progresses the feeling of fatigue gradually wears itself off. You make up your mind you must really see about getting to bed in good time tonight. Then comes after supper and the talkfest begins again. First thing you know it is midnight — and the second morning is a repetition of the first. Finally you quite regretfully bid goodbye to your friends. You notice they look more rested and refreshed than when they came. And then you settle down to your work and to catch up on your arrears of sleep how and when you can.

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One of our visitors was a man who had never stayed on a farm before. We found his comments very amusing. He couldn't think what Partner did outside all the time. He knew that cows were milked night and morning and that a farmer had some work to do which he referred to as "chores" but he thought any farmer was through by noon and that winter was really a slack time. "I'm coming down to the barn to see where you find all this work," he said. Well, he went to the barn—but it was after the stables had been cleaned and the cattle watered and bedding put down. On his return I asked him if he had really been to the barn. "Yes," he answered, "and I still can't see where all the work comes in." Partner laughed. "Come down a little earlier tomorrow, fellow, and you will soon find out!"

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Another of our visitors was hardly a "visitor"—since she was our own daughter—home to celebrate her birthday. One of the first things I asked her was how long she could stay. "Sunday night—quarter to ten train," was the answer. Came nine o'clock Sunday night and I suggested to Daughter that she get her things together. She did so—very leisurely. And at that time I began to have an uneasy feeling about the time of the train. I looked up the paper. Nine twenty-two! "Hurry" I said to Daughter. But instead of hurrying she had to see the paper for herself as she wouldn't be convinced she was wrong. "Don't stand there talking about it," I urged. "The train may be late and we may catch it after all." So I left her to collect her belongings while I ran for the car. They told me I took the corner on two wheels—which I don't believe. However, whether on two wheels or four, we got to the station just as the train was pulling out. I imagined the car was as much out of breath as I was so we ambled home at a leisurely twenty-five. Daughter went on the two-fifteen this afternoon.

RESIGNED

Lieut.-General E. W. Sansom, C.B., D.S.O., 53, has relinquished command of a corps through illness.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS TEACHES TRUE GREATNESS

February 20

Mark 9: 30—10: 45.

PRNTED TEXT.—Mark 9: 33-39; 10: 13-16, 42-45.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give his life ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Memory Verse: I love thee, O Jehovah. Psalm 18: 1.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTNG

Time—Our Lord's teachings to His own disciples, as recorded in chapter nine, were uttered in Autumn, A.D. 29. All the teachings and events of the remaining part of the lesson took place in February and March, A.D. 30.

Place—Our Lord's announcement about His forthcoming death took place in Galilee. His discourse concerning greatness was uttered in Capernaum. All the rest of the material assigned to our lesson falls in that period of His life which was spent in Peraea.

Greatness In Men

"And they came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house he asked them, what were ye reasoning on the way? But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another on the way, who was the greatest and he sat down and called the twelve; and he saith unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

They were ashamed to tell the Lord the subject of their disputation—who should be chief minister. In the presence of Jesus we are all put to silence when we habe been proud, ambitious, full of controversial spirit. The thought of the love and humility of our Saviour shames us into silence. What is meant by being great? Jesus answered that greatness lies in character, in service—to love and serve all for Christ's sake.

In The Name Of Christ

"And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he saith unto them, whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me."

Christ favors and honors those who receive people who are of small account in the eyes of men. We learn that the will of him who receives Christ is in harmony with the will of God. To see Christ is to see the Father. (John 14:9), to receive Christ is to receive the Father (Mat. 10:40), Not to receive Christ is to reject God himself. (John 12:45-48).

For Or Against Christ

"John said unto him, Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followed not us. But Jesus said, forbid him not: for there is no man who shall do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me."

Christ's words condemn all who are actuated by party-spirit, envy, enmity, uncharitableness. In verse 40 we see that all men must range themselves on one side or the other—with Christ or against him. There is no neutral ground Christ regarded this man as being with Him, and we must regard as fellow laborers all men who are doing Christ's work in a spirit of love and not of enmity, although they have different modes of working.

Disciples Rebuke Christ

"And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them." The apostles regarded their master as a teacher and a healer and these children required him in neither capacity. But Jesus is more than that, He is essentially the Blesser, whatever form the blessing may take.

The Childlike Spirit

"But when Jesus saw it, ... he shall in no wise enter therein." Our Saviour is referring to the spirit of a little child, the spirit of humility, the spirit which was missing in his disciples. Every gentle modest child is lowly in thought, ready to be taught. Unless we are humble and receptive like a child we cannot enter the Kingdom.

"And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying hands upon them." The true disciple must welcome children, serve them, learn from them, and catch their humble, trustful, loving, receptive spirit.

The Servant Of All

"And Jesus called them to him . . . . shall be servant of all." The ruling class of that day held their inferiors in subjection and demanded obedience from them on the ground of their superior rank and power. Greatness in the Kingdom of God consists not in arbitrary rule, but in voluntary service. It is the christian who is ready to stoop to serve the lowest of God's children who is the greatest in God's sight.

Chirst's Life a Ransom

"For the son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." The purpose of our Lord's advent was to minister. All His past ministry was but a leading up to the supreme service He was to render to mankind, and for which He came into the world 'to give His life a ransom for many?

ALLIED TANKS LIE IN WAIT FOR NAZIS

Near the Mussolini Canal, south of Rome, tankmen of the Allied Fifth Army found a shallow ravine and parked their vehicles while they scanned the plains back of Nettuno, Italy, for signs of the enemy. These forces are now on the way to Rome.

By means of a radio method, scientists have measured the electricity in the atmosphere 160 miles above the earth.

RADIO REPORTER

By AL LEARY

Radio is a very weird business for the people that are in it. There is an old saying that in radio if you don't find a crisis on your desk in the morning, you have to start looking for it before noon. It's a business in which strange things happen. Take the case of Bert Morrison, star of the veteran spine-chiller "The Shadow", heard Tuesday nights 8.30-9.00 over CKCL, Toronto. Morrison read a recent news despatch stating that posters have been appearing overnight in Berlin, on the ruins of bombed buildings, walls, pillars and on newspaper front pages. These posters show The Shadow a man in a slouch hat with big question mark, which is the Shadow's trade mark. No explanation was given but Aftonbladet's Berlin correspondent suggested it was the opening shot in an anti-spy campaign. Morrison is now wondering whether the Gestapo is after the Shadow, or the Shadow after the Gestapo.

Dr. Frank Black

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Radio can bring the people not only the music they know and love, but also the new vital musical creations of contemporary composers whatever their nationality, says Dr. Frank Black, guest conductor of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra heard Sundays 9.00-10.00 P.M. EWT., over the Mutual Network and CKCL, Toronto. Dr. Black says "I believe that the most vital music production today is taking place in the United States and Russia. There is a reason for this. Both groups write with an audience in mind because they know that the people are the final judges of their music."

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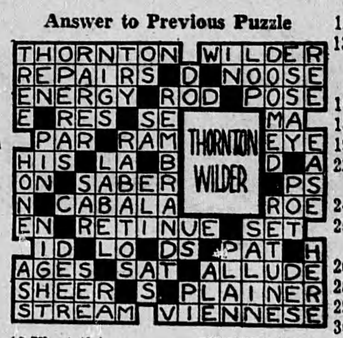
Radio's people are all heading towards the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec for the middle part of this month, when all the radio stations from coast to coast gather at the Annual Convention of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters. Radio, with the terrific job it has done of assisting in the war effort, is continually meeting new wartime problems and the get-together on the "Plains of Abraham" is to solve some of its new problems, to receive information from heads of governmental departments as to how radio can best cooperate with the war effort and to plan for the forthcoming year. The results of the decisions arrived at in the Quebec meetings will have a large effect on Radio in 1944. You can rest assured however, that whatever decisions are arrived at, radio's people fighting on the home front will continue their outstanding contribution to your entertainment and information as well as to our war effort.

AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

HORIZONTAL

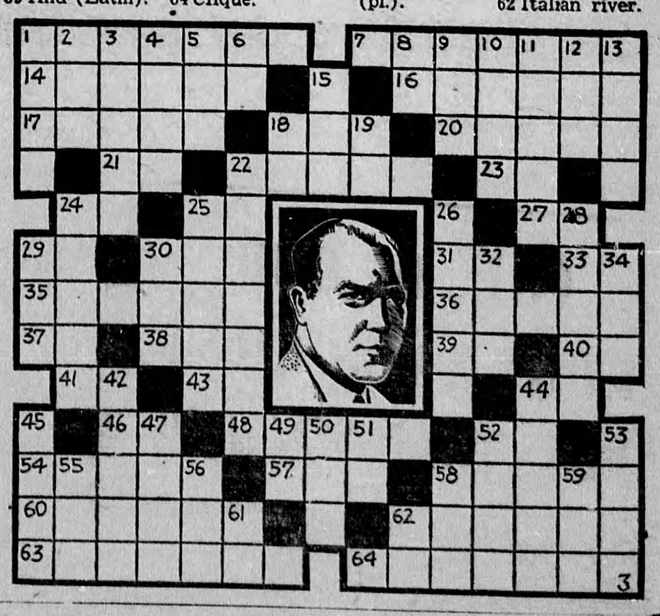
1,7 Depicted ambassador to the U. S., ——.
14 Engaged in driving a team
16 He is ambassador from ——.
17 Pertaining to the Iroquoian language.
18 Vigor.
20 Morning song (poet.).
21 Near.
22 Rows.
23 Symbol for iron.
24 Plural (abbr.).
25 Accomplish.
27 Thoroughfare (abbr.).
29 Rough lava.
30 Not in.
31 Symbol for aluminum.
33 Radium (symbol).
35 Undulation.
36 Sun personified.
37 Written form of mister.
38 Tree.
39 And (Latin).
40 That thing.
41 Steamship (abbr.).
43 Tone B (music).
44 Upon.
46 Violent whirlwind.
48 Coffeehouses.
52 Lieutenant (abbr.).
54 Large stoves.
57 God of the earth (myth.).
58 Father (Latin).
60 Combined.
62 Those who pace.
63 Tiny European republic.
64 Clique.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1 Type of jacket.
2 Thing in law.
3 British province in South Africa.
4 Eject.
5 Dry.
6 Kind of clay pipe.
8 Not down.
9 Dutch measure.
10 Royal Netherlands Air Force (abbr.).
11 Fruit of the palm tree (pl.).
12 Measure.
13 Cynocephalus, or dog-headed ape (Egypt.).
15 Golf mound.
18 Jumbled type.
19 Pair (abbr.).
22 Pertaining to a clan symbol.
24 Couples.
25 Deprives of sharpness.
26 Provide food.
28 Teach.
29 Body part.
30 Open (poet.).
32 Ignited.
34 Social insect.
42 Compact.
44 Musteline mammal.
45 Type of gull.
47 Within (comb. form).
49 The heart (myth.).
50 Boggy land.
51 Cloth measure
52 Openwork fabric.
53 Gaelic.
55 Hostelry.
56 Weight of India.
58 Light tap.
59 Silkworm.
61 Doctor (abbr.)
62 Italian river.



POP—Constructive Criticism

By J. MILLAR WATT