

IN THESE DAYS...

In these days our hearts are filled with...
 Although we yet may drink the bitter cup...
 Of sorrow and of suffering to the end...
 In these days we learn to accept...
 Our limited home, ourselves and all we gain...
 We learn to be but dead leaves in a breeze...
 Given to and free by gusts...
 In these days we find ourselves...
 And learn to sympathize with sorrow and with pain...
 Before the living God we bend our knees...
 And learn to trust again...
 Dr. G. H. H. H. H.

Winter Flying Difficult On Pacific Coast

Fog, Ice and Variable Winds Encountered by RCAF Transport on Weekly Trips to Inland Ports

VANCOUVER (CP)—The coming of winter spells fog along the Western Coast. It means that the men who take the Royal Canadian Air Force transports on their weekly hops to isolated coastal stations will have to be just their wits about them.

"Some of the most difficult flying conditions you'd hope to encounter anywhere are found here," said W. L. H. Ted Hacking of Calgary. A former fighter pilot and now captain of one of the transports. "Fog, ice and changing winds are most prevalent in this country—the transport boys who have just arrived in Burma will have nothing on us when it comes to the weather."

Inside the "ops" room, near the hangar, pilot and co-pilot are ready for the take-off. They're chatting, smoking, drinking coffee and now and again glancing at the weather outside as they wait for the fog to lift. At first glance the motto of the imposing coast which hangs on the "ops" room door appears to be in a strange language. Actually it is however in carefully phrased English which describes concisely just what kind of job this Squadron is doing. "We'll fly till the hand has seen green and we'll all still have."

That broad-winged Dakota now leading freight and passengers may be the Northern Witch, favorite aircraft of the RCAF transport squadrons. When flying it may include everything from mail to food, lacrosse sticks to oranges, clothing to chocolate bars—the hundreds and one things needed by air force personnel at beach stations up coast. Arrival of the witch is an event to the men and women at these outlying posts.

And on the return journey the transport's passengers usually include airmen coming out on leave and perhaps the occasional stretcher case. By the way the squadron boys don't like the newspapers to refer to the transport of these stretcher cases as "mercy flights".

"They're trying to make heroes of us," said P. W. Hester Jones, former Calgary newspaperman and one of the squadron's co-pilots. "After all that's just part of our job to bring down anyone who happens to get hurt."

Nevertheless more than one has been back who has suffered painful injuries but had a quick trip to hospital by RCAF transport.

Well, maybe there was one "mercy flight" we made not long ago. It was a flight to a beach station. The "patient" turned out to be a St. Bernard dog, and a former Great Dane progenitor, and formerly mascot of a beach station. A plane brought the dog to hospital in Vancouver. "Why we ever had a dog ambulance waiting at the airport for her," W. L. H. Hacking said.

INDEX OF HOME TOWN

A book of history or information has a valuable feature if it is provided with a good index, in which the subjects and people taken up by the book are listed, and the pages given where that information is to be found. The possession of such an index makes it quickly possible to look up facts concerning any subject treated in the book.

The home newspaper is the index of town life. It tells what is going on in all the fields of activity. It records the work of churches, fraternal societies, clubs, unions, social and welfare organizations, etc. It prepares a record of entertainments and sports. When you read that newspaper you have an index of all the life of the home town people. It tells about people that have things to talk about, things that want jobs, and those who desire help. The people save time and money when they form the regular habit of buying and reading this index of home town life.

RAIL DAMAGE HEAVY

REGINA (CP)—Rail chimes are pouring into the insurance offices here at the rate of 600 daily. Thousands of acres of crops in southern Saskatchewan have been destroyed by hail since the first of August.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Home of The Free Press of Thursday, December 11th, 1944

The young folks here had about three weeks of good skating already. Mr. Holland, son of Edmundson, of Frisco, has removed to Acton with his family. Being an expert skater he is quite an acquisition to Acton skaters' band.

The competition of home made fruit cakes between Acton, England and Acton, Canada, resulted in a prize coming to Mrs. Schram, of Acton, Canada. Six ladies had sent cakes from here. Complimentary session was made of the cakes made by Mrs. C. C. Speight and Mrs. H. L. Leung.

The choir of the Methodist Church spent a delightful evening in Georgetown as the guests of Major and Mrs. Kennedy.

The cost of education for each pupil in the Public Schools of Ontario has doubled during the past five years, according to figures given out by the Minister of Education in his last report.

Expect New Club To Provide Jobs For Servicemen

Something Out of Nothing Club Makes Over Salvage Goods Into Articles for Sale

By KENNEDY

WINNIPEG (CP)—A club that may well provide jobs for hundreds of returned servicemen and women was organized here early this summer by a Winnipeg society women.

The something out of nothing club is not the first brain-child of Mrs. Gordon Konantz. Several years ago she originated the Winnipeg Patriotic Salvage Corps, which has served as a model for countless other corps throughout the Dominion and the United States. Winnipeg's Central Volunteer Bureau, which handles the placing of thousands of volunteers in various auxiliary services, was also her idea.

Mrs. Konantz's contribution to the war effort doesn't end with ideas. She is an indefatigable worker in half a dozen organizations and carries her ideas through to completion. This summer, for the first time since the war began she decided to spend several months at the lake. But it was no vacation before she left she rounded up a group of women who also planned to vacation out of town, and expounded her theory to them—that something could be made out of literally nothing. Thus the club was born.

Full Time Project

Membership, originally of girls and women who wanted to do something useful while on their vacation, has increased by leaps and bounds. Now, an old candy warehouse, has been taken over and the project has become a full time one.

Using salvage culled from Winnipeg homes, the women start their cleaning, painting and mending, and eventually turn out articles that can grace any residence. Glass containers, painted over, become bed-side flower holders. Trays, once ready for discard are re-done with paint and applied patterns. Cigar boxes, cold cream jars, jam tins, broken mirrors, and hundreds of other articles that were once regarded as useless, have been given new life.

And this is one club with a future. Work that now is being done by volunteers will become paid jobs for war veterans, says Mrs. Konantz. Thousands of dollars have been realized by the club in its few short months of existence; proceeds that now go to war charities will instead provide salaries for ex-servicemen and women when hostilities cease, if present plans materialize.

THE ARMY MARCHES ON ITS KNEE

High-grade leather has gone into 8,500,000 pair of Canadian military footwear since the beginning of the war.

This would make three pair of "Sunday best" quality for every child in Canada under 14.

WHEN IT CAN'T BE DONE

Children's shoes cannot be made in a plant producing women's shoes because the processes, machines and lasts are so different.

A plant geared to make one type of footwear cannot conveniently be turned over to make another type.

IT WAS A METEOR

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—The entire North Bay area was rocked recently by an explosion followed by a blinding flash and rumors flew thick and fast among excited citizens that it might have been an earthquake, an airplane crash or even Hitler's "V-2". But experts decided it was caused by a giant meteorite and a search is being made for fragments.

The Sunday School Lesson

CHRIST IN THE HOME

Golden Text.—These things I command you, that ye may love one another. Jno. 15: 17.

Lesson Text.—Matt. 19: 4-6; Luke 16: 38-42; 2 Tim. 1: 3-6.

Exposition.—I. Christ's View of Marriage 19: 4-6.

This statement of Jesus was made in answer to a question by the Pharisees as to the legality of divorce. These evil-minded men were more concerned with the subject of the separation of husbands and wives than with ideas which can keep them together. Jesus concerns Himself with the divine ideal in marriage. It is a holy and consecrated union. When human hearts are blinded by God, there will be no need of divorce. It is for couples to see that God can approve their union and then in their devotion to Him they will be protected against sins that lead to divorce.

II. Jesus Visits the Home of His Friends, 16: 38-42.

Not everyone in those days was so ready to receive Jesus into their home as was Martha. She was richly repaid then, and more richly repaid afterwards. Mary took her place at His feet as a learner. There is no other place so good to learn as at Jesus' feet. It matters little at the feet of what great theologians we have studied, if we have not also been at the feet of Jesus we have not learned much. In the eleventh chapter of John we shall again see Mary at Jesus' feet in supplication (Jno. 11: 32). It is not likely that she would ever have found her way to Jesus' feet in the time of her deep sorrow had she not before that hour found her way to Jesus' feet for teaching. Then in John 12 we shall find her once again at Jesus' feet for adoration. Martha did not hear the word as Mary did, for she was too much taken up with service (Mk. 4: 19).

There are many women to-day, and men too, who are so much taken up with their working and worrying for Jesus that they miss the privilege of hearing Jesus. Martha was occupied FOR Jesus. Mary was occupied WITH Jesus. Martha was occupied with many THINGS; Mary was occupied not with things, but with a PERSON, and only ONE PERSON. Martha was consequently "distracted" (v. 40, R. V. Marg.) but Mary was at rest. Many to-day are "distracted" about much serving of the Lord, instead of being at rest in the Lord Himself. Love prompted the service, but there was pride in it, too. The much service was unnecessary. Jesus did not desire the great dinner Martha was bustling about to prepare. What Jesus desired just then was communion. But we are not to understand that Mary never served, though Martha hints that in her vexation. Indeed at that very minute Mary was ministering more to Jesus' real joy than was Martha.

We, too, sometimes get cross with our Lord when distracted with our much serving. Martha accused Mary of selfishness, and revealed her own. Jesus did not rebuke Mary or bid her help Martha. He rebuked Martha but oh, how tenderly. Martha was "anxious and troubled about many things," and our Lord would have us anxious about nothing (Phil. 4: 6, R. V.). There was "but one thing needful" that is, to know the Lord Himself (Jno. 17: 3; cf. Ps. 27: 4; 73: 25; 1 Cor. 3: 23). Mary had chosen the one needful thing, and "the good part" she had chosen should not be taken from her, no matter how much Martha might desire it. If we choose Jesus Himself, we shall never lose what we choose (Rom. 8: 35-39; 1 Pet. 1: 4-5). Martha had opened her heart to Jesus, but Mary had opened her heart to Jesus. Jesus loved them both (Jno. 11: 5). Martha remembered the cravings of her Lord's hunger, but forgot the cravings of His love. Yet the memory of this woman who opened her door to Jesus, at a time when almost every other door was closed against Him, remains fragrant in the memory of believers. She had her shortcomings, truly, but her name will live as long as the beautiful incidents that relate to the home at Bethany are recounted.

III. Timothy's Christian Home, 1: 3-6.

Reading between the lines, one sees with especial clearness how much this young disciple, on whom the great apostle came to lean so heavily after he had become "Paul the aged," owed to home-training, and to a knowledge of the truth as it had been instilled in him by his mother and grandmother. The shining example of these godly, believing women should be emulated by every woman in Christ's Church to whom the care of children has been entrusted. None are too young to be told the story of Jesus, and the records show beyond all shadow of contradiction that the great champions of the truth, in all ages of the Church, have been, very largely, those who, in early years, were instructed by their mothers and grandmothers in the knowledge and admiration of the Lord. Paul's interest in young Timothy was especially and uniquely (v. 6). The whole family to which he belonged had been converted on Paul's first missionary visit to Lystra. The great apostle to

the Gentiles was, at this time, involved in a controversy with the Jerusalem church concerning the question of Gentile converts' freedom from the ordinances of circumcision and other distinctly Jewish observances (Ac. 15: 1-35). And thus young Timothy, trained and nurtured in the new faith by his mother and grandmother, became the fellow laborer and close companion of the apostle to the Gentiles (Ac. 16: 4, 5).

REPLACING WHITE CANE

LONDON—Experiments carried out at St. Dunstan's Hospital and in a London acoustics laboratory will probably one day eliminate the blind man's white cane. He will carry instead a radio-collared box by which he will be able to "see" obstacles in his path. Preliminary experiments have been made with two pieces of electric sound and light apparatus weighing about ten pounds and set up on wood on boards. To this is connected a pair of earphones. From this small one-pound pocket range-finder for the blind may be developed which, if set for eight feet, will make a buzzing sound when an object is exactly that distance away and which could be set for any given distance. Experiments are also being made at St. Dunstan's to produce a switchboard which may be operated by a man who is both blind and without hands.

British Submarine "Spiteful" Refuels

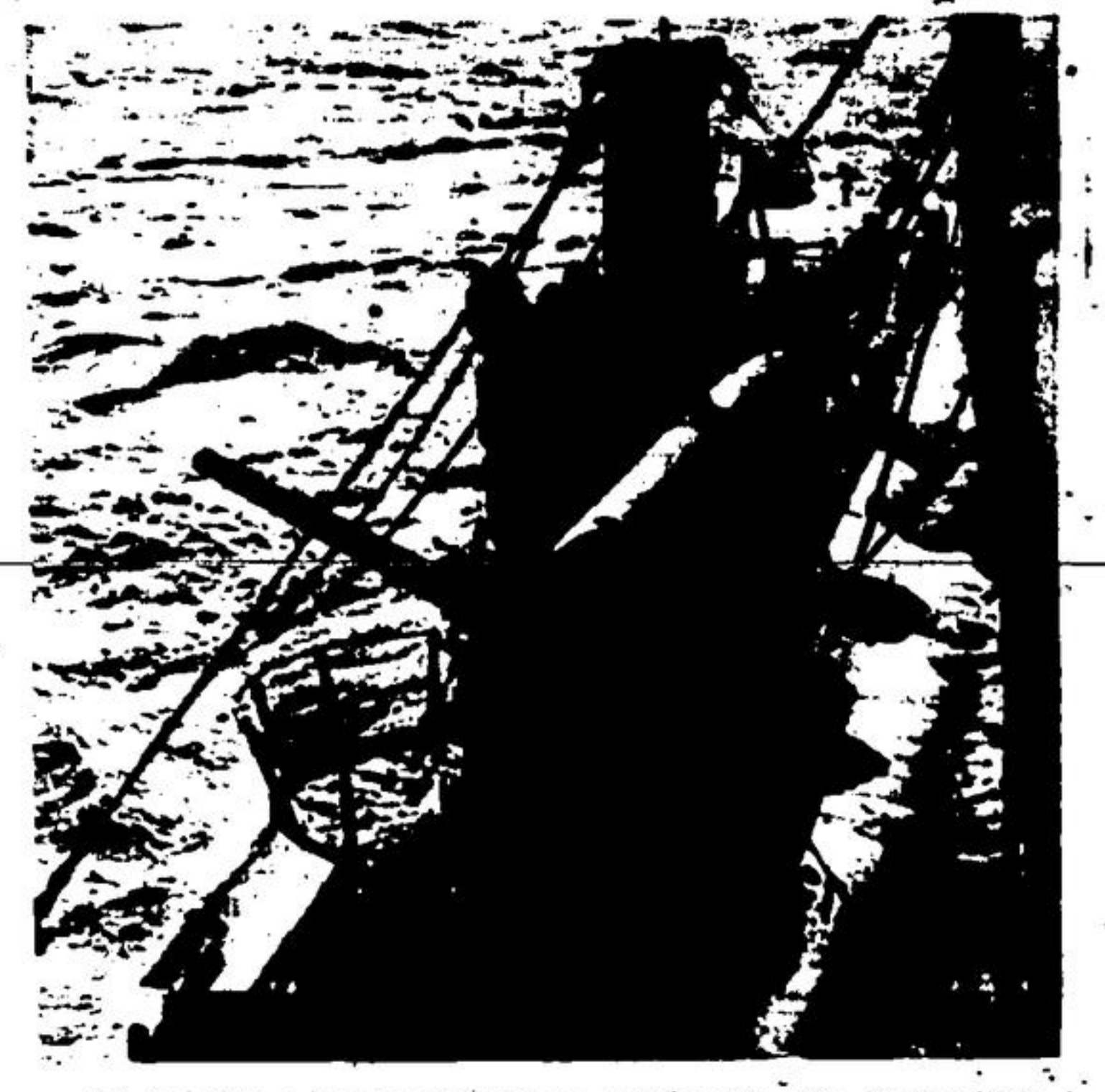


Photo shows: Lying alongside a supply ship, the British Submarine, H. M. S. Spiteful, takes in stores and torpedoes.

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