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BOOKS IN REVIEW

GODS, GRAVES AND SCHOLARS

By C. W. Ceram

The shadowy past of mankind has always fascinated more than archaeologists and professors. But most of the books published following expeditions and discoveries are technical and involved. In Gods, Graves and Scholars, C. W. Ceram brings together fascinating brief accounts of adventures which reveal almost incredible stories of the past. It's really a book of short stories — more of those thrilling truths that are stranger than fiction.

The Aztecs of Mexico came in contact with Europeans when Cortes came searching the treasure of Montezuma. What a story this is! The Spaniards ignored the Aztecs' education, culture, beautiful buildings and highly developed morality and treated them like savages. "They say nothing but the devil's handiwork in the rich city of Mexico with its lagoons, dikes, streets and floating islands of flowers."

The conquest of Mexico was an astonishing military feat. Some of the soldiers were so loaded down with gold and jewels they could scarcely move. The treasure had to be abandoned — and has never to this day been discovered.

There are only about 200 Mayas left in South America. Read about their almost unbelievable past civilization. Read about the first archaeologist who pieced together ruins and legends to recreate the Mayan past. Among his projects: dredging the ancient Sacred Well. He found the skeletons of sacrificed maidens and gold ornaments.

Simply the titles of the chapters are exciting — Robbers in the Valley of the Kings, A Dilettante Outwits a Pusho, A Merchant Digs for Trojan Gold, The Tower of Babel, The Pharaoh's Curse.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH has recently undergone extensive renovations and its parishioners have increased greatly over the years. Father Morgan will continue to serve in Acton where he has become widely known in the years of his incumbency. The 70-year-old church in Georgetown, below, will become a separate parish.



Sunday morning at both Masses, the Pastor of St. Joseph's church here and Holy Cross church in Georgetown, Rev. Vincent Morgan announced that on Sunday, May 8, Holy Cross church, which has been a mission of St. Joseph's, will be established as a separate parish with a resident pastor.

The Capuchin Fathers will be in charge of the parish at Georgetown. They are a branch of the Franciscan Fathers founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1200, and have had other English spiritual charges in Ontario and Western Canada since 1827.

The towns of Acton and Georgetown and the district have grown so rapidly in the past few years, due to the opening of a number of new subdivisions, that in proportion to the Catholic population, has also increased. The present population of the town of Georgetown has now reached the 2,000 mark, reflecting the personal interest and pride that every citizen is taking in its progress and growth.

Survey of Growth

His Excellency the Most Reverend J. Ryan, Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, with the pastor, Father Morgan, after making a thorough survey of the rapid increase in the Catholic population and growth of Georgetown, foresaw the need of a resident pastor. As a result the property adjoining the church in Georgetown was procured a few years ago and recently the large red brick house on the corner of Guelph and John Streets was purchased for a future priest's residence.

The history of the parish dates back to the time when the Jesuit Fathers of Guelph served the district, over 60 years ago, by having Mass in private residences.

The first church built in Georgetown was under the patronage and title of St. Patrick. When the present stone church was built about 70 years ago by the Jesuit Fathers, it was titled Holy Cross, since there were a number of parishes in the Diocese under the patronage of St. Patrick.

For a number of years Mass was celebrated in Georgetown once a month, later twice a month as a mission of Acton.

Rockwood Became Parish

When Rockwood was established as a parish by Bishop Ryan, Ontario, because of its mission, Georgetown was given the privilege of Mass every Sunday.

In 1955, with the rapid growth of new parishes in Holy Cross in Georgetown, Father Morgan saw the need of two Masses on Sunday. He procured the help of the Resurrection Fathers of Kitchener for the week ends, and on July 1 last year began having two Masses every Sunday in both Acton and Georgetown.

Up to the present the Diocesan priests who cared for the spiritual needs of the Catholics of Acton and Georgetown, after the Jesuit Fathers, were: Father Holy, Father Feeney, Father John Arnold, Father Walsh, Father John Traynor, Father Thomas Doyle, Father William Goodrow, Father Frank McHenry, Father J. Leo McBride and Father Vincent Morgan.

Popular in Two Towns

Father Morgan has the longest service at St. Joseph's and Holy Cross in May. He will have completed 15 years' service to parishioners of Acton and Georgetown. From all citizens of both towns he holds the highest regard and finds pleasure in chatting with the merchants of the towns.

In 1935 Holy Cross church, Georgetown, celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The church has undergone many improvements, especially in the last 15 years, at his Acton.

The interiors of both churches were decorated and painted. The gallery was enlarged greatly increasing seating capacity. New pews were installed, new marble floor, new stations of the Cross, new side altars and electric fixtures, oil system and electric organ installed. Many other improvements were made to the churches, vestry hall and building exterior.



REV. V. J. MORGAN, pastor of St. Joseph's church here and Holy Cross in Georgetown for 15 years, whose term here has been the longest of any local priest.



REV. ANSELM SPACEK will become the resident pastor of Holy Cross Church in Georgetown on May 6. He comes from Blenheim.

New Pastor First Capuchin Priest In This Diocese

The Capuchin Order, of which Father Anselm Spacek, the new pastor of Holy Cross Church, Georgetown is a member, came to English-speaking Canada only in 1927, although it has been established in French-speaking Canada more than half a century.

The Capuchins have charge of Sacred Heart Parish in St. Boniface, Manitoba and a Novitiate in that same city. They also administer further north among the Indians and half-breeds of Toule Ardes, Meadow Portage, Caver and Eddyville. They also conduct a Minor Seminary and High School in Blenheim and a Parish in Toronto.

Holy Cross Parish in Georgetown will be their first establishment in the Diocese of Hamilton.

The Capuchins as Franciscans dedicate one whole chapter to the mission. Proof of this is found in the fact that over 1200 members of the order are preaching the gospel in some 54 missions in Europe, Africa, the American and Oceania. Among their missionaries some have suffered martyrdom.

Their number soon multiplied to that now the Order counts almost 16,000 members established in almost every country of the world.

The principal activities consist in education and preaching, besides missionary work.

The only college within the Valence city, the Ethiopian College, is under the direction of the Capuchin Fathers. Besides the 40 major seminaries where 2002 clerics are preparing themselves for the priesthood, some 152 minor seminaries with 6983 students are conducted by the order. The main apostolate of the Capuchin, however, is preaching. Lacordaire, the famous Dominican orator, called them the "demonstrators" of the people.

As Franciscans, the order of Friars Minor Capuchin hold St. Francis of Assisi as their patron and founder, and follow the strict observance of the rule and constitution of St. Francis.

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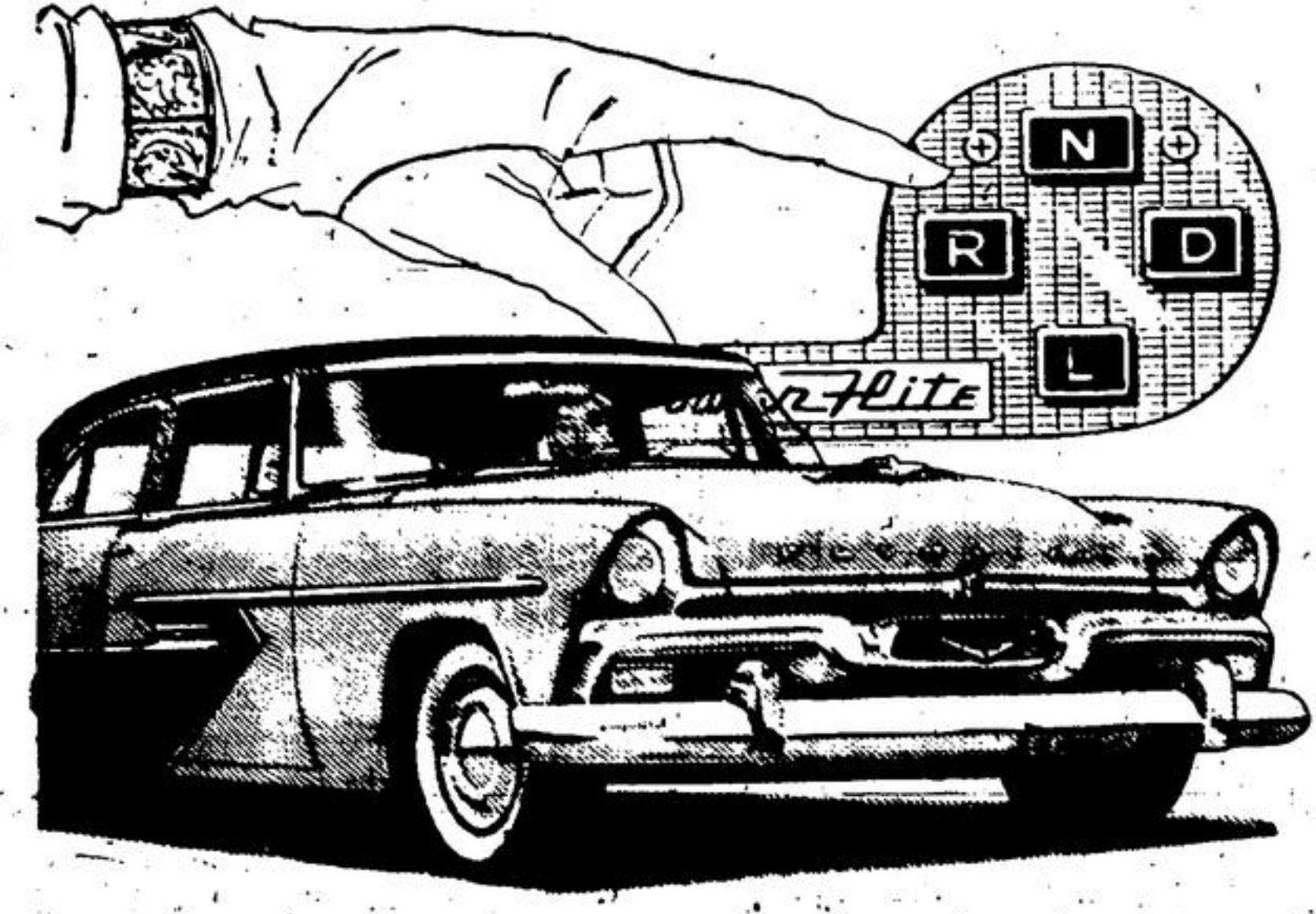
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The prisoners at Milton Jail will verify the fact that it is where the carcasses are usually taken. County police turn the carcasses over to the jailer and the venison provides a good Sunday meal, Monday sandwich and Tuesday stew for the inmates.

The most recent feast at the jail resulted from a small doe killing herself in a Georgetown school yard. The frightened animal entered the Chapel St. schoolyard and when chased by the children tried to jump a fence and broke its neck.

GOOD CITIZEN

SUMMERLAND, B.C. (CP) — Summerland's "Good Citizen" for 1955 is J. R. Campbell, who served 22 years as councillor and reeve. He located dam sites for the early irrigation system.

NIGHT SHOPPING

CARLETON PLACE, Ont. (CP) — Stores in this Ottawa Valley town voted in favor of remaining open late on Friday nights instead of Saturday. Most stores stay open until 9 p.m. Friday.