

SERMON SERIES BASED ON MEMORIAL WINDOWS

On Sunday at St. John's United Church at the morning service, the Rev. John H. Smith gave the first of a series of sermons based on the emblems and "corresponding scripture verses in the Memorial Windows placed recently in the church. This first sermon, "The Divine Call" was based on the emblem of the Burning Bush as seen by Moses, and the scripture verse "Certainly I will be with Thee." The story is told in Exodus, chapter 3, how Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, on the backside of the desert near Mount Horeb, the mountain of God, lonely and disturbed in mind because of his former hastiness in slaying the Egyptian whom he saw, smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren, Moses had much time to think of the burdens and hardships of his people, under the Egyptian taskmasters, and then the Angel of the Lord appeared unto Him as a flame of fire in the midst of the bush and Moses beheld the bush burn with fire, and yet was not consumed, a symbol of the Enduring, Everlasting God. And it was here that Moses received his Divine Call. God had heard the cry of the children of Israel in their bondage and oppression and was ready to deliver them, so He sought out Moses to lead them out of the hands of the Egyptians. Even after the sight of the burning bush and God's call, Moses still thought himself unequal to such a task, so God assured him in the words of the Scripture verse "Certainly I will be with thee."

The Divine Call still comes; down through the ages and in our modern days, for God still has much to do through His human instruments. It could come somewhat mysteriously like out of the burning bush, or in a moment of inspiration; often as a gradual growth into a knowledge of the great needs and a willingness to undertake with God's help to do something to meet that need, remembering Jesus' promise of his presence always when He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you always." However, the call may come, it is almost sure to mean a struggle, often like Moses because of a feeling of unfitness for such a task; or between self desires and God's will; sometimes from others seeking to influence us against accepting, but if we struggle through in prayer until certainty is reached and we realize we need not go alone, that God will be with us, then the peace and blessing will come in the knowledge that we have answered the Divine Call, the highest we could have. Mr. Smith stressed the responsibility of the congregation to always be ready and willing to encourage and help young men and women accept their call into full-time work in Christian ministry, and that the windows should always be a reminder and inspiration to that end.

The choir sang, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," with Mrs. Kidney, Miss Ruth Evans and Mr. Robert McCaul taking solo parts. There was also a Trio from the "Silver-tones."

In the evening, the service was in charge of the YPU, Executive of Central United Church, Weston. Their president read the scripture lesson from Matthew 6:19-30, and their Minister, Rev. E. B. Eddy, spoke from the text of this lesson, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through or steal." He suggested that most people had sufficient religion within them to carry them along while life was going smoothly, but how many had treasures which they had stored up in heaven, where they had them as reserve to be called on when trials, difficulties, sorrows and afflictions came into their lives, when world problems became their problems, or when death came to a loved one. He exhorted us not to drain the resources of God which we had gathered but rather to continually build them up by Christian living, Christian service, and constant study of their depths and warmth. He cited many examples, such as the successful ministry of John Wesley, where Christian treasures had been stored up through life, to be greatly used when the opportune time came for the need of them. The Silver-tones Trio again favored with "Have thine own way, Lord," and Miss Isobel Dobson was, at the piano.

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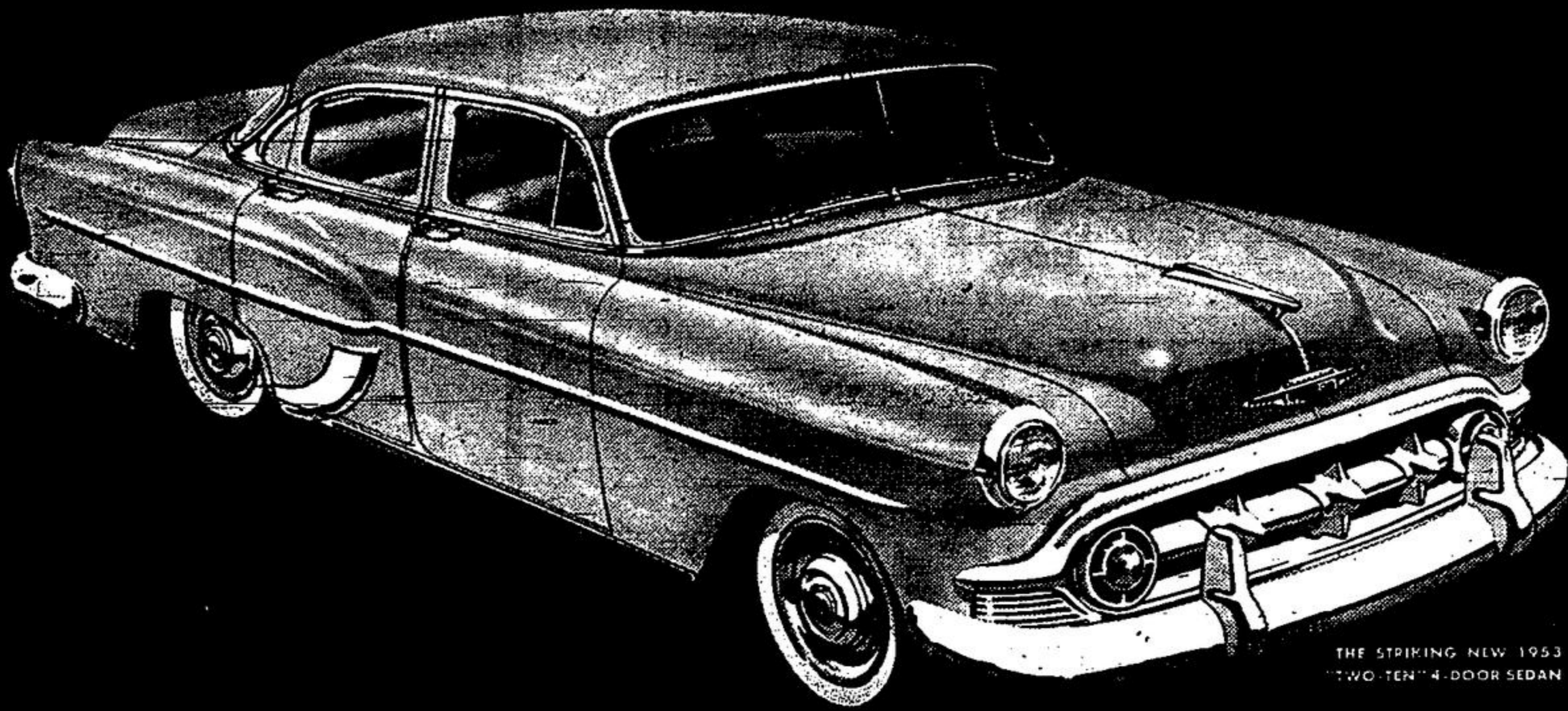
(last week)
We regret that Miss Margaret Swackhamer is ill in Peel Memorial Hospital. We hope for her speedy recovery.
Mr. Thornton with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gisy spent New Year's with the Lews at Norval.
The A. W. Bentons spent New Year's with the Greenlees, Campbellville.
The Shelburnes spent New Year's with friends at Terra Cotta.
Mrs. R. Patterson has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wil Patterson.
Angus McDonald, Mr. Clifford McDonald and Mr. and Mrs.

Russell McDonald and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Small, Bolton on Sunday.
Mrs. Lane, Mrs. H. Norton and Kay visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lane, Toronto, January 1st.
Mr. Alex Wright was to Montreal for the holiday.
The E. Askins spent New Year's with the Klingbiels, Georgetown.
Mrs. Gisy attended a turkey breeders' meeting in Toronto on Monday.
Mrs. Ellerby is attending the annual meeting of Federation of Agriculture in Toronto this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Max Bradbury and Neil spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCallum, Milton.
Recent visitors:
Cpl. Wendall Valley of Kirkland Lake recently returned from service in Germany and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Driscoll and babe of Kitchener with the Brock Millers.
Mr. and Mrs. George Pearson of Milton with the A. W. Bentons.
Twenty members of the Brownridge family with the F. T. C. Browns on New Year's.
Miss Patricia Agnew of Kingston with Col. and Mrs. Bourne this week.
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ASHGROVE OFFICERS CHOSEN BY LADIES CHURCH GROUP
The Women's Association of Ashgrove United Church held a meeting on Monday afternoon, January 5th at the home of Mrs. T. J. Brownridge with eighteen ladies present. Several items of business were discussed such as curtains for the Sunday School windows and catering to the Lions banquet, after which the election of officers took place. Officers for 1953 are:
President, Mrs. Horace Barnes, 1st vice pres., Mrs. Fred Nurse, 2nd vice pres., Mrs. Wilfred Blid, Secretary, Mrs. Clayton Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Giffen. With such a splendid executive we should have a busy and successful year. The hostess served a dainty lunch at the close of the meeting.
The Bright Star Mission Band held their first meeting for this year on Sunday afternoon at the home of Allan Brownridge with their leader, Mrs. Fred Nurse in charge. Sandra Tindale played a piano solo and Mrs. Frank Wilson told the story from the Study Book.
The Young People held their first meeting of this new year at the home of Barbara and Ralph Cunningham on Sunday evening with Margaret Bird and Ralph Cunningham in charge. Mr. George Leck installed the new officers for 1953. Last Wednesday evening the Young People held a skating party on Stewarttown pond, afterwards enjoying a hot lunch at the home of Jean and Margaret Bird.
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