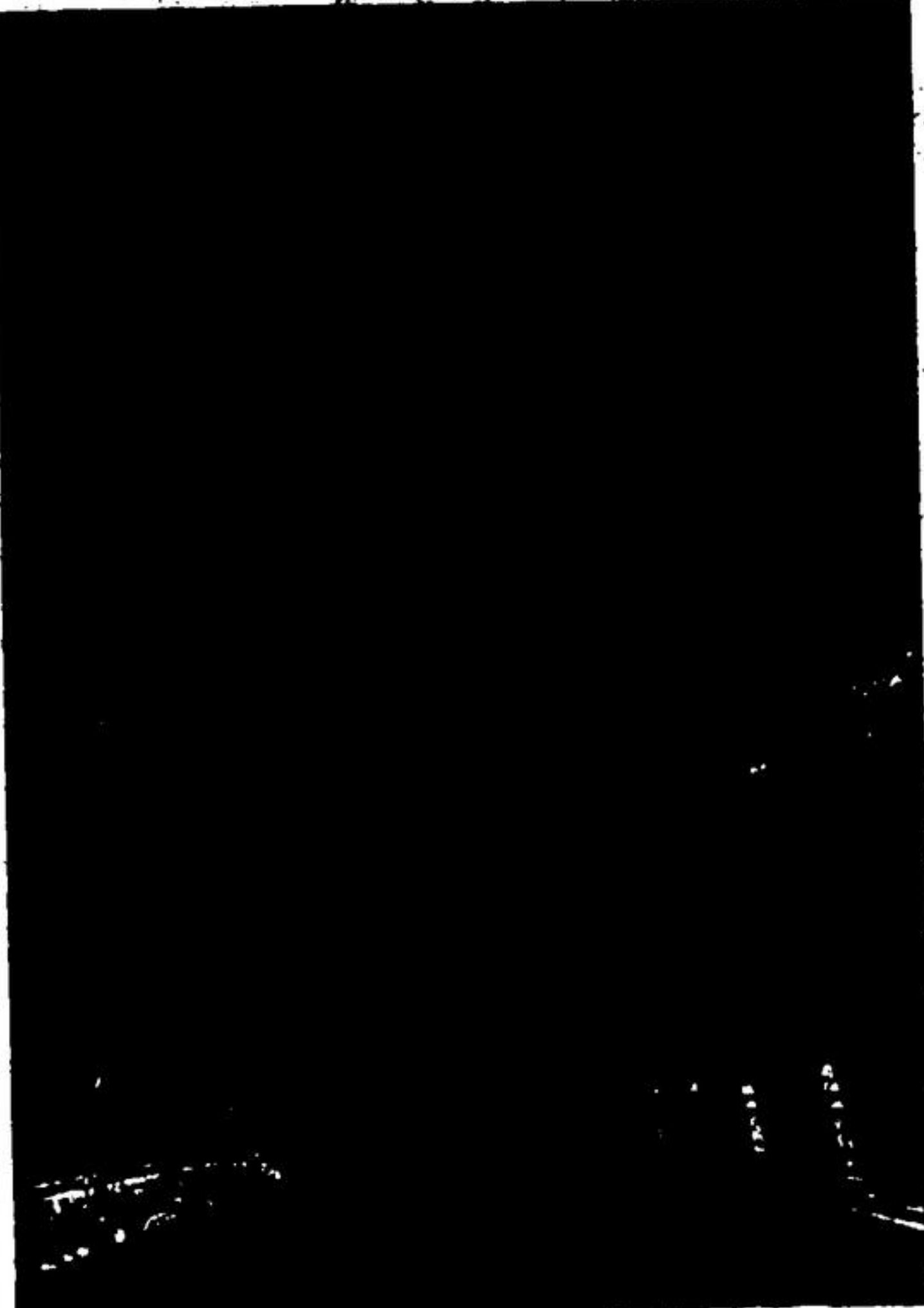


Central America—Past and Present



Central America is the strip of land that links North and South America. It is divided into five small countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras. The isthmus is an area of contrasts with centuries-old scenes blending in with modern constructions and improvements, as illustrated in the above photographs that show an old dirt road and a modern steel-concrete bridge in El Salvador. The five countries, small in size but rich in natural resources, are trying to bring about an economic integration of the five nations to pave the way for general improvement in living conditions in all these countries. United Nations technicians and experts are playing a key role in this task which has started to yield fruit such as the adoption of a uniform customs tariff.

Youth Week Observed  
AT St. John's Church

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On Sunday morning at St. John's United Church, Rev. John M. Smith recognized Youth Week by taking as the theme of his meditation, that used for Youth Week, "So Send I You," and also by having in the pulpit with him Barbara Alcott representing the CGIL, and Ross McGilvray, for the Boy Scouts, and having these two read the Old and New Testament lessons. Barbara Alcott's was from Isaiah ending with "Here am I—Send Me," and Ross McGilvray's, from John 15, with the words of Jesus, "I have ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit." Mr. Smith used the text from John 20-21, the words of Jesus to his early disciples, "Peace be unto you; as my Father has sent me, even so send I you."

While Jesus came to give peace to us and to the world, He did not stop there but prepared those about Him to be sent into the world to spread that gospel of peace, hence His words, "even so send I you." The world will not hear unless we take the word to them; how can they know if they are not taught?

And while we older people are set in our ways and can not be sent far but just use our example and influence for good where we are, there are many boys and girls, and young people listening and learning, seeking the way of real life, ready to be sent if they are convinced that that is the way of the best life work for them, and the way is opened for them to make a start. That is why Mr. Smith put the accent on youth at Sunday's service and had the young people with him in the pulpit.

When Wm. Carey suggested going to India to tell the gospel, he was told to "sit down, young man, when God wants to convert India He will do it without you." But God didn't do it without Carey. He sent Him, just as He sent Robert Morrison to China, and though what they accomplished may seem little among those teeming millions, those who know and think deeply, are sure that influence has been tremendous and we will never be able to estimate how much of good it has meant for our world. Nor can we know how great the difference in world conditions now, if we had sent more Careys to India, or Morrisons to China, or David Livingstones to Africa. But where are we to get them if they are not taught about God's way and plan, to boys and girls. The home, of course can be a very great help, so can even their share of the church service and very especially the great work of the Sunday School.

But one hour or a little more on Sunday, is not enough to have them really learn and understand that God's way of living is not just for Sundays but for everyday living and for every people. Nor should we learn to think that the friendship and fellowship of the church is just for Sundays.

Our world is a sick world and in much need; there doesn't seem much doubt of that, as the apt illustration shows, of the man on the desolate island and a passing ship

the tower reached the island, he brought a bundle of newspapers from under his arm, and giving them to the man said "Here, the captain says you are to read these, and see if you want to come back or not."

And we believe God's way of love, truth and justice is the only answer to the world's needs and cure for its sickness. How is that to be applied? Well, God sent Jesus to that end and He says "Peace be unto you, as God hath sent me, even so send I you." And as our boys, girls and youth learn more and more through their weekday church activities along with Sundays, how real is that fellowship and friendship, and learn to make it part of their every day living, so will they learn the more, the need of our world for the knowledge of God which they have, and be the more willing to be sent or help send, so that it can be spread. And that fellowship and friendship will be much richer learned in their church groups and activities than on the street where "Satan finds some mischief still, for idle hands to do."

And the cost in good money for such activities is a truly rich investment — not only in the making of good homes and in Christian service making a good nation, but even in money itself, in the saving it can bring, in the tremendous amount of good money we need to spend on jails, reform institutions, courthouses and correction officers, etc., etc.

Let us not belittle the value of such activities, nor underrate the unselfish gift of time and talent, so voluntarily given by so many who see the uplift of boys and girls and through them, God's world, so that eventually

Nation with nation, land with land, Unarmed shall live as comrades free, In every heart and brain shall throb The pulse of one fraternity.

The choir's anthem was "The King of Love." The Junior choir sang "The Spirit of God" as the offertory.

The 30-50 Club took charge of the evening service under the leadership of Alan Prouse and Ern Hyde. After devotions a series of beautiful slides were shown, portraying the extensions and varied work of the United Church from Labrador to the Pacific, all stressing the vast territory to be covered and the need for many more young men and women to carry the gospel to so many remote places.

Mr. Bernard Shirubole was at the piano for the service of praise. Tom Forgrave operated the projector.

Mrs. Peddie Descendant  
Scotch Block Pioneer

At the home of her son Jack, of Milton, Mrs. James Peddie, 76, the former Eleanor Christina Moore, died suddenly on January 29th. She was predeceased by her husband 36 years ago.

Born at Flamboro, January 3rd, 1878, she was the eldest daughter of the late Richard Nelson Moore, whose father, William Nelson Moore, a native of Vermont, Ireland, had come as a United Empire Loyalist and was an early settler in the Scotch Block, Esquesing.

Her mother was the late Margaret Jane McLaren, born in Peru, Ont. Mrs. Peddie attended Ligny School, was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Mansewood, later joining Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, where she has been a faithful member for the past 25 years.

Mrs. Peddie was quite active in church organizations and was always a willing worker.

Surviving are three sons, Albert, Frank and Jack, Milton. Four daughters, Mabel, Welland, Jean, (Mrs. Cecil Lawrence), Sheridan; Mary (Mrs. Claude Pickett), Milton; Myrtle (Mrs. Richard Moore), Rochester, N.Y. There are nine grandchildren and three sisters, Bessie (Mrs. J. W. Hisey), Durham; Jean (Mrs. William Lyons), Toronto; Laura (Mrs. L. Johnstone), Toronto, and one brother, Walker Moore, of London, Ont., also survive.

The funeral service was held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, conducted by Rev. Ernest Orsborn. Interment was in the family plot, Evergreen cemetery, Milton. The pallbearers were Kenneth Dick, George Pearson, Jack Elliott, Cecil Chisholm, Alexander Hume and Neil McCallum.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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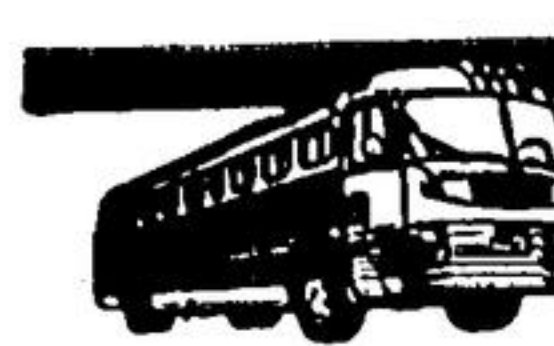
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