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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PLANS AID FOR WORLD'S HUNGRY

Food-scarcity, famine and malnutrition are little more than hard sounding words to most Canadians but to millions of human souls they are truly descriptive of life as it is for them. No less an authority than Trygve Lie has stated that "Most of the people of the world are hungry most of the time." That word "most" includes little children and the aged, orphans and refugees, and the crippled civilians who have suffered under the ravages of war. India has often been spoken of as the land of contrasts. In the production of poverty, hungry and malnutrition she remains true to this description. Drought and flood are the great and forceful elements which take a tragic toll of life. Food cannot be produced on the parched dusty soil of the drought areas and food cannot be produced in the inundated fields flooded by the mountain rains. Is it any wonder that thousands die of hunger and thousands more live in agonizing fear as they search with weakened bodies for food and work? In some districts of India and Pakistan there has been uninterrupted drought for a period of seven years. It is true that great efforts are being made to remedy the situation by building dams and irrigating lands and by introducing laws, programs and controls designed to make the population self-sustaining. India has made great strides these past few years and the outlook for the future begins to shine. The unfortunate fact is that thousands will not live to realize the benefit of his program. They will die of starvation and disease or be physically incapacitated for work through malnutrition. India's greatest and most immediate need is for food to feed her starving millions. A reasonable percentage of the two million youngsters estimated to roam the streets of Calcutta must live.

Korea is a land of refugees. It is estimated that there are 9,000,000 people, many of whom are refugees, who require help. Everywhere there are war-widows, orphans, civilian casualties and others who are hungering for food and who are looking toward the western world for relief. Many of them live on grass roots and the bark of trees. It is said that in Korea, one third of the population is living on a starvation diet, another third lives on a subsistence level and the remaining third lives on a normal basis. This is a country where "under-nourishment, exposure, overcrowding and unsanitary living conditions have left many with TB, and where "one out of every two persons is in need of help."

This people has endured the bloody carnage of war and consequently is the victim of the terrible aftermaths of modern armed conflict. Today she is writing her history in terms of shattered buildings and homeless refugees, malnutrition and disease, inadequate social institutions and broken mutilated bodies.

It is evident that the need of the world's hungry is tremendous. It should also be evident that the best fed, best housed, and best clothed people of the world — the North Americans — ought to be actively engaged in meeting that need. Already bales of clothing, tons of powdered milk and food, and technical and scientific aid have been contributed. Yet the need is still great and our contributions ought to be repeated again and again. We cannot claim to be a Christian and democratic people and fail to share our abundance with those who hunger. "We must supply food for the world's hungry!"

Members of St. John's United Church are endeavouring to help by taking special collections at two church services this month.

BLACK KNIGHTS TURKEY DINNER

On March 24th about 80 Royal Black Knights, wives and friends gathered in Hornby Orange Hall for a delicious turkey supper. The feast of turkey and cranberry sauce along with other good food and many pies was prepared by Hornby Women's Institute.

A eukire game followed the supper. Prizewinners were: Ladies' first, Muriel Eyre; Men's first, George Peacock; Ladies low, Belle Brooks; Men's low, Earl DeForest; Lucky draw, J. E. Wilson.

The evening concluded with a dance to Tom Howden's music, with James Brooks calling the square dances.

Mr. Watson also dealt briefly with the research programme under way at the Ontario Agricultural College. Here with the aid of International Housing Machines, the area's ability to transmit type and production is being revealed. While the project has not been under way long enough to enable Prof. George H. Faithful and Dr. Clare Kenzie, who are in charge of the program, to issue very much conclusive data, Mr. Watson stated sufficient had been done to prove that it isn't necessarily the most qualified herd sires which are doing the best job.

To date, stated Mr. Watson, cattle marketings are up 10 per cent over the same period a year ago, and we can expect higher marketings throughout 1954. In view of the relationship between market cattle and grade dairy cows, we should not look for anticipate higher prices for dairy cattle in 1954. This year to date we are consuming and storing over 30,000 cattle per week, more beef than at any time in our history.

FARM NEWS
20% ONTARIO COWS BRED ARTIFICIALLY

W. P. Watson, livestock commissioner for Ontario, when speaking on Tuesday of last week at the annual meeting of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association, revealed that in 1953 the eight licensed units in Ontario, has bred 234,811 cows. In addition non-licensed units and syndicates had bred another 60,000 cows at least, which means that just under 300,000 cows were bred artificially in Ontario last year. This, stated Mr. Watson, represents slightly less than 20 per cent of the total cow population.

Mr. Watson further revealed that this compares very favourably with any state in the union or any other country in the world, other than Denmark, where approximately 40 per cent of their cow population is bred artificially. At the annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, secretary manager Clemens stated that close to 50 per cent of the 1953 registrations in the Holstein breed were the result of artificial breeding. Next to the Holstein breed, come the Hereford, from the standpoint of the number of cows bred to Hereford bulls. In this position is the Shorthorn, followed by the Jer-

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