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Margaret Near Tells of World Church Congress

Miss Margaret Near, who is a relative of Mrs. A. R. Vannatter, was the guest speaker for the April thanksgiving meeting of the WMS of St. John's United Church on Monday, April 4th. Fortunate indeed were the ladies to have her for she was one of the delegates from the Presbyterian Church to be chosen to attend the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois, in August of 1954. The purpose of the council, states the general secretary of the Council, is essentially an instrument of the services of the churches to assist them in their common task of manifesting the true nature of the church. There were 163 churches gathered, together in the name of Jesus Christ.

At Evanston, there was a growing readiness of the church to re-buke itself and be penitentially aware of its own serious shortcomings. On the same day at the same time, the Assembly elected into its membership 2 churches from South Africa, one all white and one all black. These two churches are now walking side by side. Miss Near brought many pictures on slides which were shown on the screen. These gave splendid illustrations of her address. Miss Near is a Presbyterian deaconess, working among Chinese in Toronto.

The delegates came from 163 churches from 48 countries on 5 continents.

Inspiration and sound counsel were given by John R. Mott, a layman, the first honorary president of the Council. The whole of the Christian world was saddened by his death last month. It was wonderful to hear close at hand from some one who had actually been there, a description of the enormous gathering and to know committees are formed to carry on the work of clothes and bedding and food for world needs and for the drawing of the churches closer together in wider understanding.

In our assembly which numbers over 1500, a great deal of organization was necessary. There were very few delays — credit must go to the volunteer young people who gave of their time to work for room and board, to the staff which was headed by Dr. W. A. Nemerloof, the general secretary of the World Council, and the Bishop of Chichester, the chairman of the general committee.

The Evangelical belief in the Universality of Christian hope was part of the prophetic ministry of this sec-

Choose Douglas Peck, Baptist YPU Chief

A Georgetown man was inducted as president of the Baptist Young People of Guelph Association, when Douglas Peck assumed office on Good Friday afternoon in Brampton.

It was the spring rally, with 150 delegates attending the meeting in First Baptist Church there.

Acton BYPU conducted the afternoon devotional period, and after a business meeting, there were lecture groups led by Rev. R. C. Plant, London, Rev. F. F. Binnett, Galt, Ernest West, Kitchener, who is president of the BYPU Convention of Ontario and Quebec, Rev. Benson Jones, Scotland, and Miss Tupper from McMaster University. The Brampton ladies served lunch.

In the evening, Galt Delta Park Union conducted a worship service. Rev. Alf Kitchen, of Maitland Street Church, London, used the text "Ye were bought with a price" for his address.

Young people were present from Stratford, Galt, Preston, Kitchener, Guelph, Acton, Cheltenham, Belfountain, Brampton and Georgetown.

Serving with Mr. Peck on the executive are: Gavin Clutton, Stratford; past president; Joan Sparkman, of Guelph, 1st vice president; Tom Davidson, Cheltenham, 2nd vice president; Ellen McTavish, Preston, secretary; Mary Reid, Acton, treasurer; Ann Lissamann, Preston, Caleb Bait, Brampton, Barbara Luhnne, Kitchener, directors; Ellenor Kramer, Kitchener, festival director; Rev. Sam Henderson, St. Marys, Blake Drinkwater, Preston, adult counsellors.

ond Assembly. It refused to be shifted away from the universal hope in the Gospel and believed that in the very act of holding on to the belief it was indeed helping to hold a divided world together.

Mrs. Robert Jones thanked the speaker. Mrs. Houston of Cedarvale School gave the devotional from Mark 15:1-7, emphasizing the words "He is not here. He is risen." Her comments are always well thought out — reverent and full of trust and faith.

Mrs. Morgan McFarlane and Mrs. H. C. Wrigglesworth sang a very lovely duet called "The Magdalene." Mrs. Gordon Kidney closed the meeting with a very beautiful benediction. Refreshments and a chance to meet Miss Near followed. The minister, Mr. McFarlane was present throughout the meeting and he was of great assistance in showing the pictures.

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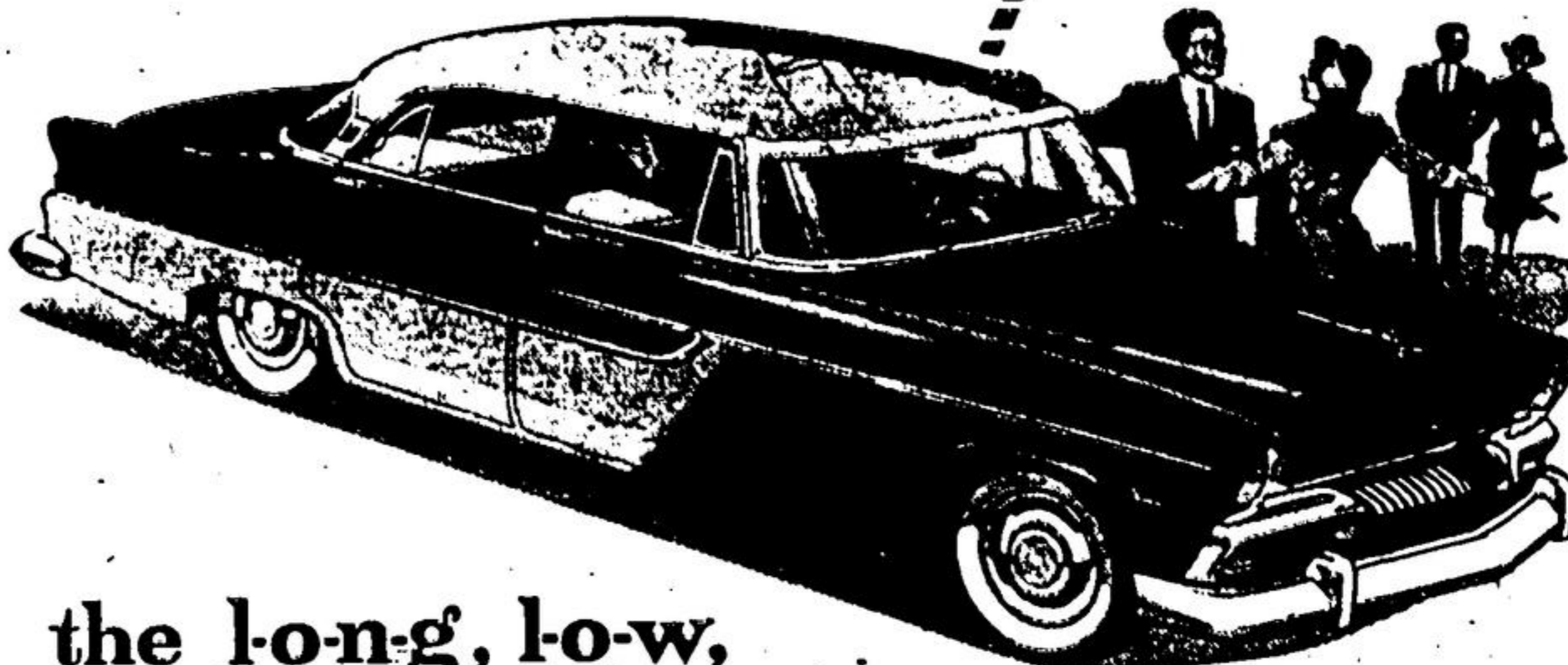
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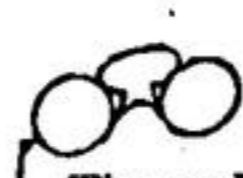
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●THE CHILDREN in the first two grades at our public schools had their first injection of the Salk vaccine for polio prevention, last Wednesday. It looks as the science is on the right track now, to fight this dreaded disease. Our children are fortunate indeed, to have the vaccine at all, let alone free of charge. To have it given privately is mighty expensive, and we are not even sure that the vaccine is available for general use, yet.

Starting out on a little Sunday drive with the family last week, we just chanced to catch sight of Rev. Kenneth Richardson and another chap, out for a Sunday stroll. Mr. Richardson introduced us to his friend — Mr. Tom Morton, of Quill Lake, Saskatchewan — and told us what a pleasant surprise he had had while greeting the parishioners after morning service at St. George's. Mr. Morton stepped up to shake hands, and had to introduce himself, so the two old friends could become reacquainted. It had been ten years since they last saw each other, after having been "buddies" in the same flight crew in the RCAF for a number of years. Mr. Morton had thoroughly enjoyed hearing his friend preach at the service, because of course, Rev. Richardson graduated as a minister after leaving the air force. During their stay, Rev. Richardson had the privilege of baptizing Mr. and Mrs. Morton's son, Dale Stanley.

●ONE PURPOSE OF said Sunday afternoon drive, is to catch up on subdivision progress in town. Sometimes, to see the old familiar landscapes and landmarks change so much in such a short time, takes on a quality of unreality. And when we see rows and rows of new houses, already filled with newcomers to town, we wonder who they are, and where they have come from. None of the new homes have telephones yet, so we can't give you full particulars, but in each column, for several weeks, we will tell you the names of the families who are now part of our town. A few, you will find, are familiar names of families from town or the Glen, who have bought homes in the new subdivisions, but since it is impossible to record all the "moving news" as it happens, this will catch you up a little bit on our changing town.

We'll start with the residents of the Cloverdale Heights subdivision, which is composed of attractive red brick bungalows on property formerly owned by Harold Cleave. Some of the families who live on Henry Street are: Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey N. Martyn; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton L. Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Boulton; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bollingbroke; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. Warlaw Gwizdale; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Howat; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Abbas; Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Fitzmaurice; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Long; Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Jamieson; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Neale; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Joyson.