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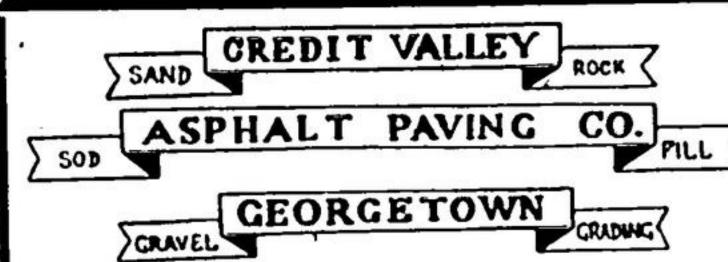
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Rome & Wooderful City Next Step, Switzerland

In letter No. 5, Mrs. John Cordore who, with her husband is visiting various Muorpoon capitals while streeting assembligs of Johnsole' Witnesses, descripes their tour of Rome. Hest week, we shall hear shout their experiences in Suit-

Second day - This is a day of sightseeing. We bought tickets for morning and afterneon tours by bus. Our first stop was as old pages temple. It's dome was 140 feet from the street level, and 145 feet across. It is open in the centre because the pagans used to burn their sacrificas und the amoke rose to the sky is appeared ment to their Gods. The floor is marble and raised in the centre to allow the rains to run off. The dome is is the largest in the world. It was built on a high hill, first the wooden blocks bearing a pattern something like the pettern that the ladies use when making log cabin quilts, then the mixture of coment was poured over the blocks. When all was com. ploted and dry the earth was dug out from under and the blocks removed, leaving the finished dome.

It is not a thing of beauty from the outside today but it huge in size. Even the massive bronze doors are 25 feet high. The pillars remind me of the ones I have seen in books on the death of Samson, when he pulled down the pillars, and destroyed the temple, and all those that were in it.

Next we visited the oldest church in Rome. It is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and in it is the temb of the first King Victor, also the bones of the famous painter, Raphael. Both these places have many altars and beautiful elaborate ceilings, but one thing seemed strangely lacking - no chairs for the worshipers. They seemed to me more like show places since there were at least 3 or 4 groups of sight-seers at the same time. I was very giad of the opportunity to rest on one of the benches while our guides explained the origin and purpose of the different statues. It was utterly unlike anything I had pictured

From there we were taken around the city to see very beautiful sculpture figures, many of them with fountains. We took plenty of pictures, but none of St. Peter's and other churches inside. Our guide told us that they always take away the cameras of visitors but since there was such an unusual amount of sightseers most of whom were Witnesses, he had begged permission for us to keep them providing we did not take any pictures. We of course respected that order, but I must admit that it would have been nice take some pictures of the museum which we visited

Next we went to St. Peter's. It is not nearly so large as I thought. Inside again one is impressed with the magnificence of the rich and very beautiful paintings, but here again the lack of chairs. Only in one small side chapel was it filled with chairs. In the main part of the church was a huge bronze statue of St. Peter sitting in an armchair. One of the big toes has almost completely worn away by repeated kissing and touching of

We watched the many pilgrims as they passed along in front of the statue. One devout mother kissed it herself, then raised a small child to do likewise. However, the child, like many others had made up its mind not to and refused to kiss the toe. The mother was so angry she banged the child's head against the image. I was quite surprised the child did not even cry.

After lunch we again gathered at Ereatra Piazza for a trip to the Catacombs. This was truly what I wanted to see. Here the Apostles met for meetings . . . here they buried their dead. The Church of Rome has renovated it to some extent and put in stairs which make it convenient for the thousands who visit there every day. In a little building near the entrance they have a place where one can buy rosaries and souvenirs of every decription. We showed our ticket to a priest at the entrance and slowly followed the long line of people into the Catacombe. The early Christians had made use of it as a hiding place but it was really a family burial ground. All along the tunnelled walls which rose about 35 to 40 feet high were tombs hollowed out of the soft shale rock. They rose high above our heads as we went deeper into the tunnels. Our guide explained that the Christians had to dig down deeper as the tembe were filled with bodies.

In lighted niches in the walls were human skulls and mummies. Also the fremains of much broken pottery. They said that relatives could identify their own pottery since each was a little different from the other. As we passed along the tunnel there were dozens of others leading away in different directions. We were warned to stay close together as we could easily be lost and never found and I'm quite sure it would be very easy to be lost. I thought of those early Christians down in those dark tunnels, with perhaps just a candle. How strong their faith must have been in the Christ to endure and die for the truth. And I wondered how many of us today would stand that test.

At last we climbed the steep stairs and found ourselves once again near the entrance. There were many so-ber faces as we all piled into our rospective buses and headed for home. wanted so much to-see the Coliseum also but time would not permit. Our purpose for this visit was a meeting together in worship to the Eternal Father, our great and Glorious Cree

Many Local Exhibitors At CHE Holstein Show

There is an exceptionally large ondry for the Holstein class at the CNE This year, with 339 head entered by 112 exhibitors. This compares with 256 heed shown by 87 exhibtors at the 1964 show.

Judging will take place Thursday and Friday, September lat and 2nd with Wm. K. Hapburn, of Dakon, Pa., placing the awards. .

While operated as an open show, the CNE is designated as the Holstein championship show for West Central Ontarie, and all but seven of the exbibitors are from the ten counties in this district. Waterloo has nineteen exhibitors, Halion seventeen, Peel fifteen. Haldimand eleven Beent . and Westworth eight each, Lincoln and Wellington seven each, Welland five and Grey four.

Holstein fieldman George Dreanan of Guelph, states that this will be a very strong show from the standpoint of quality. He is looking for particularly keen competition in the county hard class, where each of the above ten cousties will have a first class ca-

Prize money for Holsteins total \$7,318.00 which is believed to be the largest amount ever offered in Can-

Local exhibitors include: Brock Harris, Milton; A. G. Hunter, Burlington; Ashville Farms, Milton; Gordon Sinclair, Freeman; Morley Watson, Burlington; Lloyd Pickard, Oakville; James W. Carney, Georgetown; Wilfred Lealie, Georgetown; Robert C. Alexander, Georgetown; Jack R. Taylor. Oakville; Toyell Bros.; Palermo; E. Ross Segsworth, Burlington; Barbara Y. Royle, Oakville; H. C. Cooper, Oakville: J. F. Trimble, Streetsville; Martyn Heslop, Burlington Hays Farms, Oakville.

tor, Jehovah.

And while we do have a little time to see the sights we hie ourselves back to our convention to feed once again of the Bread of Life, our Spiritual food. Tomorrow we leave for 2 days holiday in Switzerland.



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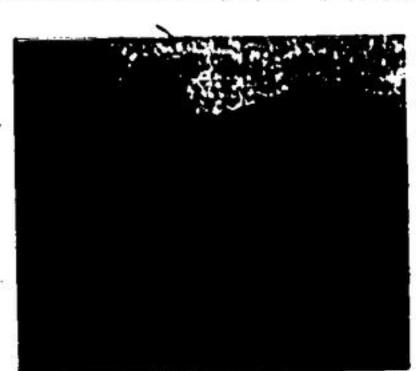
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