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**ESKIMOS HELP OPEN NORTH
PATH OF CIVILIZATION**

The Canadian government is now sending animal pathologists into the Arctic to study the needs of the Eskimo sled-dogs and combat the epidemics of rabies and distemper, says Laurie York Erskine in the February Reader's Digest. Erskine's articles, condensed from National Home Monthly, points out that dogs are still man's sole means of overland transportation in the vast part of the two million square miles of N. America that stretches from the 60th parallel to within 10 miles of the North Pole. The fur and mineral resources of the North could never have been developed without the Huskies and dog sleds, missionaries and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police depend almost entirely on dog-teams for transportation. Huskies, have in fact, made it possible for white men and women to pioneer Arctic areas which 25 years ago were considered uninhabitable by any but Eskimos. They are among the first necessities own in for emergency use to the main weather stations now jointly maintained by Canada and the United States. The devotion and self-sacrifice of the dogs is extraordinary. They can cover 25 miles a day at the rate of six or seven miles an hour. One team of 15 dogs travelled 1,300 miles in 8 days, the st 15 without food, to rescue stranded Mounties. Because the dogs are so valuable opening the North to civilization, the Eskimos are now being taught to care for the animals by the Mounted and the Hudson's Bay Co. in co-operation with the Federal government's Northwest Territories Administration, the author says.

ALL MIXED UP

I was waiting in a Laundrette while my clothes were being washed when an inebriated gentleman idently headed for the cocktail lounge next door, flopped into the air next to mine. He stared for long moments at the whirling, tumbling washing through the machine's window with glassy-eyed fascination. Then, blinking his eyes and shaking his head, he mumbled gustily as he shuffled out: "High television ain't so hot."—*Reader's Digest.*

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**The Sunday School
Lesson**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**THE GOSPEL MOVES
WESTWARD**

Golden Text—When they arrived, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Ac. 14: 27.

Lesson Text—Ac. 13: 4-5; 14: 1-3, 19-23;

Exposition—I. First Missionary Journey, 13: 4-5.

Cyprus was the island home of Barnabas. Perhaps there was the estate which he had sold, the proceeds from which he had "laid at the apostles' feet" (Ac. 4: 36, 37). Paul and he were directed there by the Holy Spirit. It was the practice of Jesus to direct the saved to go to those who knew them in their sin and witness to their salvation (Mk. 5: 19). Thus the Holy Spirit led them to Seleucia, nearest port, to Cyprus. Arriving at the principal city of Salamis they found the synagogues, where their own race worshipped, and preached the Word of God. They did not resort to other subjects but expounded the Old Testament. In this ministry they had the assistance of John Mark (Ac. 12: 25) who later wrote the Gospel that bears his name. We have here an illustration of the Holy Spirit selecting, equipping, directing and encouraging men in the work of the Gospel.

II. The Church Established at Iconium, 14: 1-3.

Iconium was situated on the central table land of Asia Minor between Ephesus and Antioch. It was an admirable center in which to establish a church and from which to operate a missionary enterprise. Paul and Barnabas entered the synagogue and there witnessed with such power that many Jews and Greeks believed. They were not allowed to work easily, however, for unbelieving Jews stirred an opposition against them.

In spite of the opposition they continued to proclaim the "word of grace." Nothing can stop an inspired life. The gates of hell cannot forever keep closed against the assaults of God's messengers (Matt. 16: 18). So while the apostles were driven out by the enemies of the Lord, still they left behind them a strong body of believers which continued in the work of the gospel.

III. Many Jewish Converts and Much Opposition, 19-23.

Paul made it plain as day that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God (vs. 23, 26, 27; 13: 29-31, 33-37), that God raised Him from the dead and thus fulfilled the promise made unto the fathers (13: 32, 33), and that "by him every one that believeth is justified from all things" (13: 38, 39). This sermon produced immediate and abundant fruit. The converts were of two classes, regular Jews and proselytes. Paul and Barnabas (it is no longer Barnabas and Paul) followed up their work of private instruction and exhortation. The substance of their exhortation was to steadfast continuance (Jno. 8: 31, 32; 15: 5-10; Ac. 11: 23; 14: 22; Col. 1: 23). The sphere of their steadfast continuance was to be "the grace of God." It was pure Grace that Paul taught (13: 38, 39; Rom. 3: 24; 11: 6; Eph. 2: 8), and it is only in grace that one can "continue or stand" (Rom. 5: 2; Gal. 5: 1, 4). The word of God mightily prevailed, the whole city was shaken and "almost the whole city" came to hear.

What they heard was "the word of God" (2 Tim. 4: 2; 1 Thes. 2: 13), and that was what they came to hear. The great crowds awakened the jealousy of the Jews (ch. 17: 5). Human nature is pretty much the same in all lands and all ages; let a new preacher come to any city today and draw great crowds of eager hearers, where crowds have been hitherto small and interest feeble, and somebody's jealousy is sure to be aroused. Opposition did not frighten Paul and Barnabas. It made them more bold. The word of God, according to God's order, must

be "first spoken" unto Jew (v. 26; Luke 24: 47; Ac. 3: 26; 18: 5, 6; Rom. 1: 16). But as they would not have it, it was given others (Rom. 15: 21) and by Christ (Matt. 21: 43). A man settles his own destiny by what he does with the word of God (Jno. 5: 40).

The Lord had "commanded" Paul to go to the Gentiles. He had given him this commandment before he left Jerusalem (ch. 22: 17-21). This commandment was also implied in Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah, which foretold that He was to be for the Gentiles (13: 47; Isa. 49: 6). "Unto the ends of the earth" the finger of God always pointed and the grace of God always strove (ch. 1: 8; Matt. 28: 19). The Gentiles glorified the Word of God that the Jews despised. The practical evidence, then, that any one is ordained to eternal life is that he believes (13: 48; Jno. 6: 37). The others, who did not believe could have believed if they would (Jno. 7: 17; Rev. 22: 17; Jno. 5: 40). And if they believed, by that sign they would have proven they, too, were "ordained to eternal life." What one does with the Word decides his eternity (13: 46). Nothing associated with spiritual concerns ends with time. After heart and flesh have decayed, and we are but a memory among the sons of men, our decision with regard to the Word goes on controlling our eternal destiny.

The salvation we receive by faith through Christ is eternal (Jno. 10: 28-30). Its blessings and glories go on for ever (Heb. 7: 25; Jno. 17: 22). As by our surrender to Christ we are saved (Ac. 16: 31) so, in reverse, those who reject Him are forever lost.

BLOOD FROM A STONE

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

There is an old proverb about the impossibility of getting blood out of a stone. One wonders whether it is known to union executives, or whether they have ever considered its significance soberly in reference to the best interests of the workers they serve.

In one day we read in the news columns that thousands of railroad men were joining the ranks of the unemployed. This might be, and probably was, due in the main to a shortage of coal, springing from continuing strikes in the coal fields, that necessitated sharp curtailment in service.

In the same issue, however, we read of pressure being brought to bear on a Federal Conciliation Board, to grant the demands of the railroad unions. These demands included the granting of a 40-hour week instead of the present 48-hour week, a wage increase to assure the same take-home pay for 40 hours as for 48, plus a 7 per cent. additional increase. According to the railroads this would saddle the two major systems with an \$84 million increase annually, bringing to total of almost \$200 million the increased annual wage secured since 1941. This to railroad systems already hard put to operate in the black.

Obviously, if granted, this increase could be recovered only by further increases in freight rates that must be passed on to the consumer, among whom would be the 100,000 railroad men immediately affected, as well as the millions of other workers who would be affected indirectly. Soon there would be another wage demand.

Again in the same issue of the newspaper is the report that an additional 9,000 coal miners have left the pits, bringing the idle strikers, to a total of 59,000 and adding to the complicated coal situation that has resulted in a 20 per cent. decline in coal sales from 1948 in the eastern section of the continent alone.

So railroad men are out of work, and more will probably follow. So steel companies which, contrary to expectation, have had to cut prices to meet competition in a declining steel market, will be faced with more difficult problems. So coal miners will see their jobs slipping from them as industry, weary of continual uncertainty, turns to other fuels, and coal handlers turn to oil as something to offer their customers.

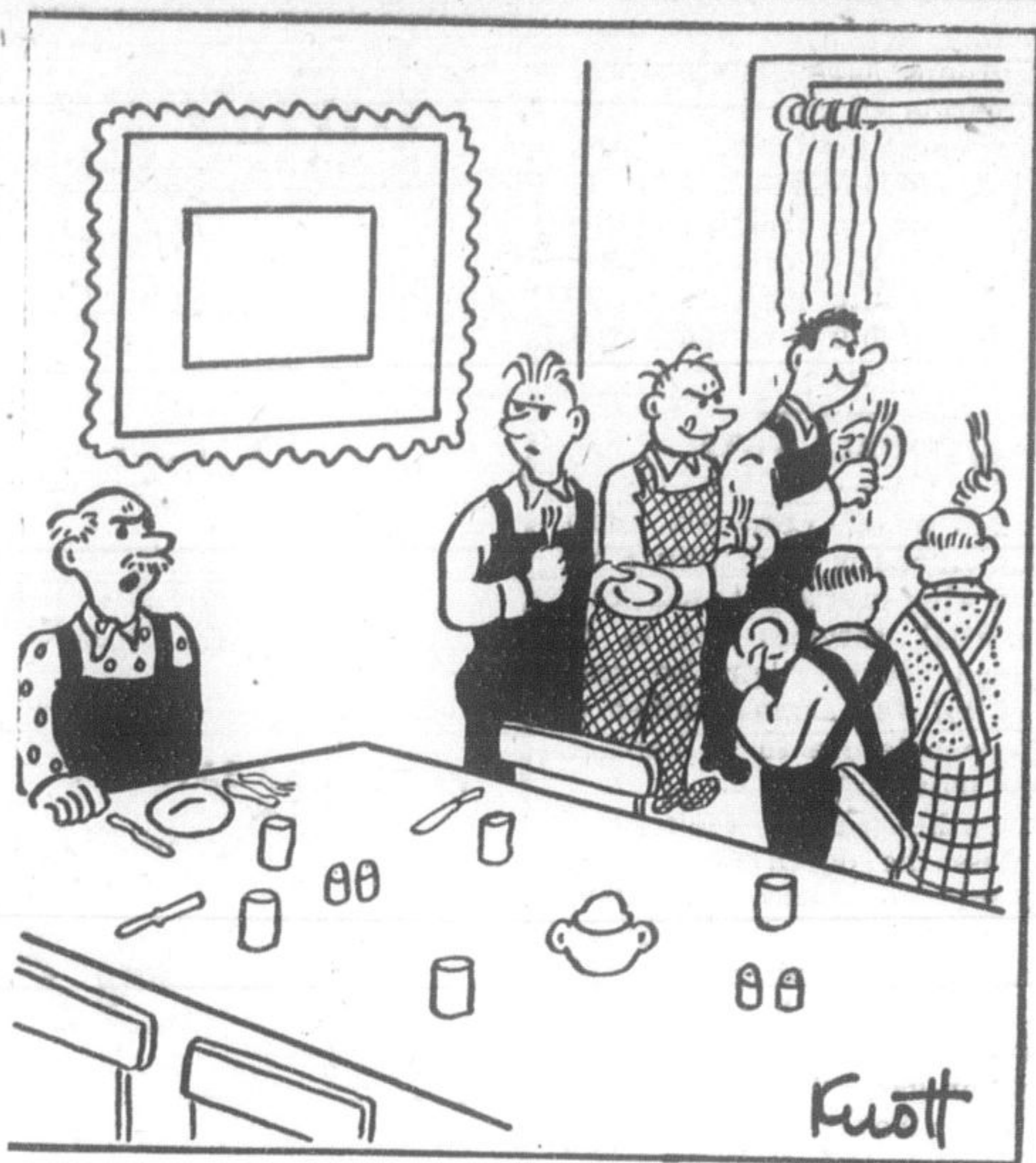
It is sometimes hard to understand how men can be convinced that there can be individual gain from such general loss.

A 500 year old plan to connect Marsailles with Rotterdam through Switzerland is being discussed again.

A CHANGED CANADA

There have been some vast changes in Canada in the last decade and merchandisers are advised by The Financial Post to take note of them. Total population, The Post reports, is up over 17%. Biggest provincial gainer on a percentage basis is British Columbia, up 40% since prewar.

Next come Quebec and Ontario with a gain of about 20% in population. Quebec had more natural gain but Ontario got a big lift immigration. With the exception of P.E.I. which was down slightly, the other Eastern Maritime provinces gained about 14%. The Prairie Provinces have shown the least change, Saskatchewan population being down a little, Manitoba up 7% and Alberta up 10%.



**Big Attendance
At Milton Meeting
Of Sportsmen**

One of the most largely attended and interesting meetings of the Milton Sportsmen's Association was held last Thursday night at Legion Hall in Milton.

Featuring the program was an illustrated lecture and coloured motion pictures of hunting life in Canada by Dr. Alan Secord, of Toronto. Members expressed it was the finest showing of animal pictures ever seen by the association.

A letter from Hon. H. R. Scott, Minister of Lands and Forests thanked the honorary game wardens for the service they had rendered during the year. It was also emphasized open season for fishing for trout began on May 1 and expired on September 15. The secretary also brought to the attention of members the poundage catch for trout had been decreased from 20 pounds to that of 15 pounds.

Members were unanimous in a resolution to be brought to the attention of the Federation meeting being held in Sudbury, supporting the use of dogs while deer hunting. George E. Elliott, president of the Association was in the chair.

LOST VIRTUES

Former United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes recently spoke of his fears in sobering tones. He said:

animated the early settlers and for more than a century inspired our people to exercise their initiative and develop this country, while preserving their independence, is unfortunately departing from the people. . . . Too many people want to lean upon the government, forgetting that government must lean upon the people. Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem to be more afraid of life than of death."

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ORDER OF MEETINGS

Sunday 10.30 a.m.--Sunday School classes for all
6.45 p.m.--Lord's Supper for Believers
8.00 p.m.--Evening Service
Tuesday 8.30 p.m.--Prayer and Bible Study

SOME OF THE THINGS WE BELIEVE:

- That the Bible is the inspired Word of God. That all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.—II Tim. 3: 16; II Peter 1: 21
- That God eternally subsists in three Divine Persons, The Father, The Son, The Holy Ghost.—Math. 28: 19; John 1: 1-3; Gen. 1: 1-2; Prov. 8: 22-31.
- That the Lord Jesus Christ came into this world conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary. That He was God manifest in the Flesh.—I Tim. 3: 16; Math. 1: 20, 21.
- That man sinned in disobeying God and the sentence of death was passed upon him.—Gen. ch. 3.
- That all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.—Rom. 3: 23.
- That all who die unsaved will spend eternity in the lake of fire, with the Devil and his angels.—Math. 25: 41, 46; Rev. 20: 10, 15; Rev. 14: 10-11.
- That man must be born again or never see the Kingdom of God.—John 3: 3.
- That there is only one Saviour whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4: 12; John 14: 6.
- That we have redemption through His Blood.—Eph. 1: 7; I John 1: 7.
- That all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are saved and should be baptized by immersion.—Math. 28: 19; Acts 8: 38; Acts 16: 30-33.
- That our Lord's request to break the Bread and drink the Cup, in remembrance of Him should be obeyed on the first day of every week.—Luke 22: 19-20; Acts 20: 7; Acts 2: 41-47; I Cor. 11: 23-34.
- That our Lord Jesus Christ may return at any moment to receive His saints.—I Thes. 4: 14-18. Then shall follow the great tribulation and immediately after shall the Lord come to set up His Kingdom on earth. Math. 24: 29-31; Zech. 14: 3, 4, 9.
- That ye should earnestly contend for the faith, which was once delivered unto the Saints.—Jude verse 3.

RECEIVE YE ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST ALSO RECEIVED US TO THE GLORY OF GOD.—Rom. 15: 7.

LET ALL THINGS BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER.—I Cor. 14: 40.

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