



Christmas Day Alexander Smith

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There is one more good thing about Winter - he brings Christmas. Through the bleak December the thought of the coming festival is pleasant - like the reflection of a fire on our faces. We lanese leader, Kagawa, spoke at Nearer than hands and feet. taste the cake before it is baked, the World's Sunday School Associand when it is actually before us ation at Toronto in August, 1950, Christian history that so much has for the fond handling of imagin- by declaring he was a New Testa- the sterness of God. ation. Christmas day is the pleas- mentarian. tant friends; we strive to forgive connections and in some cases more notable entries, a fairer sprinkling of good actions, fewer erasures made in blushes, and fewer ugly blots than some of the earlier ones. And to make Christmas perfect, the ground should be covered and the trees draped with all." snow; the bleak world outside should make us enjoy all the more about to begin.

St. Fillian's Stones

At Killin, Perthshire, Scotland, the villagers pull rushes each Christmas from a nearby stream to make a resting-place for a numsprains, and other ailments and injuries.

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ARREST STATEMENT OF STREET Every year in scattered villages | hand. in the north of England, shepherds, farm hands and others perform the ancient Pace-egg or Mumming Play at Christmas. With blackened faces and fancy clothes, they repeat the words handed down for centuries. Chief actors are King (or Saint) George, a quack doctor and Father Christmas. In the play, the King slays his enemies one by one but each in turn is resurrected by the doctor.





Yonge Street S. Richmond Hill



DR. ARCHER WALLACE

A NEW TESTAMENTARIAN When the famous Christian Jap- Closer is He than breathing,

TODAY'S QUOTATION Our quotation today is

from Augustine: "Christ is not valued at all unless he be valued above

keenly the comforts we possess; God's truth in the Old Testament, lans will mark this season of reand, above all, it should make us it was only in the life and teach- joicing; this holiday. We forget remember the poor and the needy; ing of Jesus that a perfect revela- that our word holiday comes from for charitable deed is the best close | tion of God was found. All else | the combination of two words: of any chapter of our lives, and the was elementary to this. Jesus de- holy and day. The original intenbest promise, too, for the record clared repeatedly: "It hath been tion was to make it an occasion said by them of old time of meditation and thanksgiving. but I say unto you." He quoted This is something we can all do. is a strange thing, a dramatic "God who at sundry times and in thing to think of this Japanese diver's manners spake in times convert, Kagawa, standing before past unto the fathers by the a vast audience-most of whom THE RESERVE WE WE WE WE WE WE Prophets, hath in these last days had several generations of Christspoken unto us by His Son."

> mons from the Old Testament and and pleading with them to get generally been helped by them, back to Jesus. but it is possible, as Kagawa said It was in that same building, that hath seen me hath seen the this conference by singing;

Jesus taught that God is near. Doth his successive journeys distant as the stars, unable or unwilling to hear us when we call. We can lean upon Him in our loneliness and rest upon Him in our weariness. He is close at and a Negro both saying: "Back

Speak to Him thou, for He hears, AND spirit with spirit can meet:

we find that it is none the worse he startled the audience one day been said and written about that day we think tenderly of dis- themselves by giving their church than a century ago. As I read what s he has to say about God's attiold enough. We need to go back -not a century or two, but nine-

teen centuries, to Jesus. We are about to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Millions of Christ-

ian ancestors behind them, while I have heard hundreds of ser- in his case it was quite different,

les of an ancient corn-mill. They to live and think in Old Testa- Convocation Hall, Toronto, that at are not ordinary stones, for the ment terms and to forget that the close of a conference of stuvillagers believe that they were Jesus came in the fulness of time dents from all over the world, a used centuries ago by their pat- with the supreme revelations of Negro, James Aggrey, stood beron saint, St. Fillian's to cure ague. God. It was he who said: "He fore them and said: "Let us close Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane

LANGSTAFF NEWS

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18 Church St., Langstaff

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Langstaff Baptist

of the Langstaff Baptist Mission- blyn, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Thompary Fellowship was held at the son, Mrs. D. Ablett, Mrs. Burton, home of Mrs. Marritt, Olive Ave., Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Suter, Mrs. Willowdale, December 11, on the Duffy. Many lovely gifts were invitation of the president, Mrs. presented to Mrs. Campbell during John Marritt, who has been ill the evening. since January 10 last.

Jones. The Scripture reading from a prolonged illness will be was taken from Luke: Chapter 2. home to enjoy Christmas dinner Those taking part in the prayer with Mrs. Mary Holmes, with J. Jordan and Mrs. McLean.

Mrs. Morning, from South Sharon, on December 27. answered the roll call with a scrip- Birthday wishes go to Pamela ture verse.

The guest speaker for the even- birthday, December 21, to Barbara ing was Mrs. W. Stephenson, of Glassey, Garden Ave., 5 on Dec-Willowdale, who brought a time- ember 24; also Mary Lou Mitchell, ly message of the season. Mrs. Benson St. Stephenson urged those present to Friends and neighbors will be remember to keep Christ in Christ- pleased, to hear that Mr. Ernest

with a solo "I have found a hiding proving after a stay of four weeks place." Mrs. Ellard gave a read- in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. ing "At Wit's End Corner," and Mark-Vaun W. I. Mrs. Duncan rendered a piano It was a happy occasion for number, "Jesus is all the world to forty children of the members of me", Mrs. Layzell and Mrs. A. the Mark-Vaun W.I. when Santa LeMasurier sang a duet "Blessed Claus visited them at the Charles

meeting for 1952 will be held at arrived about 9 o'clock, after coaxthe Church, December 18, 2 p.m. ing the children to sing their

Birthday Party

Robeson, Jimmie and Patricia candy. Howard, Roy and Ella Bently, Teddy Evans and sisters Elizabeth | meeting at the school on Tuesday and Linda

Jr. W. I.

Miss Jacklyn Cooke, Church St. the members.. Nine members answered the Guest Speaker roll call by choosing a gaily wrap- The speaker was the Rev. S. A. ped package from a brightly dec- R. Wood who gave a talk on Relaorated Christmas tree.

ident, presided over the meeting in interesting. Mrs. Thirgood introthe absence of the presidnt, Miss duced the new trustee for the Shirley Thompson. A letter was coming year, Mr. M. Roy who read from the Mark-Vaun W. I. spoke briefly. Mrs. H. LeMasurier inviting the Juniors to attend the told members, the closing date for February meeting, to be held at the essay contest for the "Bulthe home of Mrs. N. Hicks, Yonge letin" was January 7th 1953. Mrs. Street and No. 7 east.

a social hour of games and con- ing held in Aurora on December tests conducted by Miss Margaret 4th. At the close of the meeting joyed. Refreshments brought the Garner and her committee. evening to a close.

The next regular meeting will A "prairie jigger" is a device be held January 14 at the home whereby Manitoba fishermen hang when the branch will hold open winter fishing months. house. The young ladies of the district are invited to attend.

Shower Mrs. R. Campbell, Boyle Drive, was entertained at a pink and blue shower, Monday, December 8, at the home of Mrs. Allan Ablett, Morgan Drive, Mrs. Ablett and 164 Spruce Ave. Richvale Mrs. E. Evans were hostesses. Guests attending were Mrs. Day,

Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. The Christmas Party meeting Weaver, Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Ham-

We are pleased to learn that The meeting opened with the Jack Woods of Langstaff Rd., who singing of the Christmas carol "O has been in Sunnybrook hospital Come all ye Faithful", led by Mrs. for the past ten months suffering session were Mrs. J. Marritt, Mrs. whom he makes his home. It will be necessary for him to return to Thirty ladies and one visitor, Sunnybrook for further treatment

Morris, Briggs Ave., on her sixth

Nicholson, Church St., is much Mrs. Jones expressed to Mrs. improved and hopes to have Stephenson the appreciation of the Christmas dinner with the family. ladies for her inspiring message. Mr. Rush, of Garden Ave., we are Mrs. Loverock favored the group also happy to report, is also im-

Howitt School on Friday evening An exchange of gaily wrapped Dec. 12th. During the evening gifts followed and refreshments Xmas Carols were sung, two films were served by Mrs. Marritt Jr., "The Littlest Angel" and "Alice and Mrs. Allen assisted by Bar- in Wonderland" were shown by bara Marritt and Lois Allen. The Mr. De-Witt of Aurora. Santa Acordial welcome is extended to favorite carols, he presented each the ladies of the community to at- child with a toy from under the gaily lighted and decorated tree. The children then sat at the long-Harvey Hamblyn, who was six table and enjoyed a feast of sandon Saturday, December 13, cele- wiches, cookies, cake and ice brated his birthday with a party cream. The parents also partook when 15 of his chums gathered to if the delicious refreshments serhelp him blow out six candles and |ved by Mrs. Robson and ladies of enjoy the treats and games. Those the W.I.. On the way out each present were Walter Curr, Bruce child was presented with a bag and Brian Good, Linda and Glenn containing an apple, orange and

Dickinson, Gail, Judy and David School Assoc. Hear S. A. R. Wood The Langstaff Home and School Bruce McArthur, Donald Ziegler, Association held their monthly December 9th. Mrs. C. Thirgood Mrs. R. J. Spanton and Mrs. F. presided and Mrs. A. T. Mathews Stotts visited with Mrs. Stotts' acted as secretary in the absence cousin, Mrs. Abraham Shaffer, in of Mrs. Kajola who with her hus-Aurora, on Thursday of last week. band left on December 4th to spend Xmas with Mr. Kajola's The Langstaff Jr. W.I. held its mother at her home in Finland, December meeting in the form of before leaving Mrs. Kajola was a Christmas party at the home of presented with a silk square from

tion between the Home, School Mrs. oJhn Norris, 1st vice-pres- and Church which proved very Woodcock gave a report on the After a short business session "York and Simcoe Council meet-Reid, program convener, was en- refreshments were served by Mrs.

of Mrs. oJhn Morris, Garden Ave., a gill-net under the ice during the

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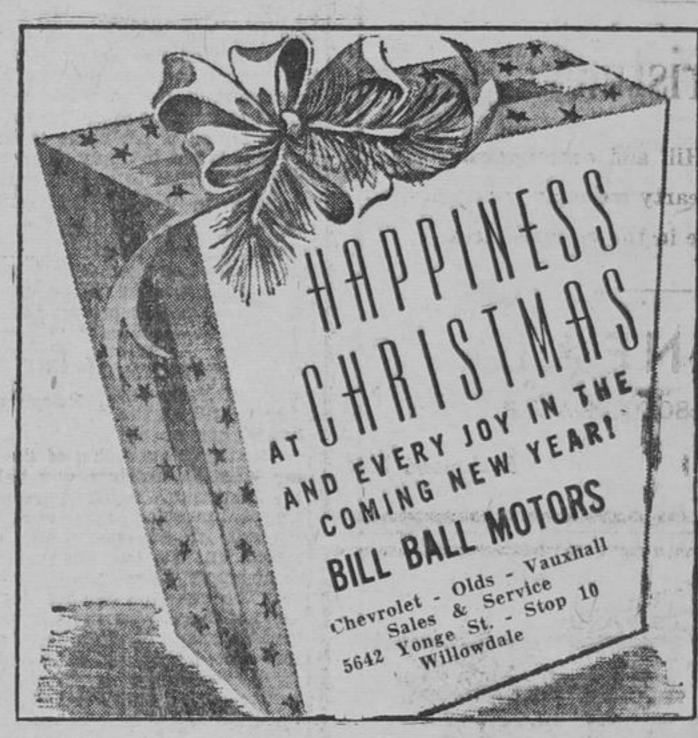
"WATER BIRDS"

A Walt Disney True-Life Adventure in Print by Technicolor COMING TO THE RICHMOND THEATRE, DEC. 29, 30

Alive with excitement, beauty and rare glimpses into the behavior of seaside and marshland feathered cratures, Walt Disney's most spectacular True-Life Adventure, "Water It is one of the strange facts of Birds," is the fifth presentation in the amazing series of wildlife studies that have won acclaim the world over. As with the preceding films in the group - the Academy Award on my desk here a book written Winners, "Seal Island," "Beaver Valley," and "Nature's Half antest day in the whole year. On Other speakers had identified by a distinguished Bishop less Acre," and the recently released "The Olympic Elk," — this latest behind-the-scenes revelation of nature's wonders is injuries — to close accounts with their points of view. Dr. Kagawa, tude to sinners, I find it hard to completely authentic and no human life is shown. Represourselves and the world — to be- who is the soul of toleration and believe that this man-scholar and enting three years of patient effort by sixteen noted Amerigin the new year with a white leaf, goodwill, made it clear that, while leader though he was—could ever can naturalist-photographers and the cooperation of the Amand a trust that the chapter of life appreciating the unfolding of have studied the spirit and teaching of Jesus. When some writer History, the awe-inspiring story is beautifully dramatized "old-time religion," he was ans- and the action highlighted by a striking musical score climaxwered by one who said that the ing in a thrilling bird ballet of the air. The distinctive RKO trouble is that most of it is not Radio release is in print by Technicolor.



He is not a far-off deity, cold and His kingdom stretch from shore WINGED WONDERS. The feathered flyers of the marshland and seashore, many of them pictured in Walt Disney's new TRUE-LIFE ADVENTURE, "Water Birds," were creatures There you have it: A Japanese of mystery in ancient times. The feeding habits, courtship, nesting and continual competition amogst the various birds are fascinatingly revealed in this Technicolor picture.





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