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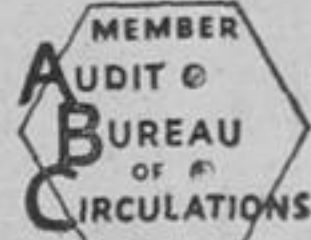
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Importance Of The Newspaper

This is Newspaper Week, observed once a year at this time by the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association to remind the public at large of the place of the newspaper in the community and the service it renders thereto.

It has been written that a newspaper is a mirror, reflecting the community in which it circulates. But a good newspaper is a great deal more than that. A good weekly newspaper exposes the wrong and extolls the right. It interprets the affairs of the week for its readers. It keeps them abreast of current developments in every sphere of human activity — economic, social, political and sport.

Equally important is the newspaper's role in the promotion of business. It is the most effective and lowest cost, all things considered, of any medium to reach the mass of the people. In competition with new media, total newspaper advertising lineage has been hitting new highs. Why? Because the newspaper is the medium most sought by the public. People are more interested in what is happening among other people in their community, in other communities, and in other countries than they are in any other topic.

The newspaper is the one indispensable item among the reading matter of most people. Advertisers have a better chance of having their message read when it is printed in a newspaper.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

New United Church Christian Education Wing

Dear Mr. Editor:
We would like to say a sincere word of thanks to Mother-of-Six for her kind words in last week's "Liberal" about our new Christian Education Building at Richmond Hill United Church. We hasten to assure her we hope its beauty will be more than skin-deep — that it will serve every age in our church life.

Our Session has declared its policy in these words: "This building has been designed and erected by sacrificial gifts; to the Glory of God; for the training and nurture of the young in the Christian Way; for the fellowship of the Household of Faith; and for the service and use of all of our families. In harmony with these purposes we aim to encourage the maximum use of the facilities it provides."

Already nine different youth and children's groups are at work in it in a Christian character-building program. We have two fine mixed classes of older teens keenly interested in the Church, and eagerly seeking meaning and purpose in their lives. Every Sunday morning by our Church School. Here new faces appear each week. A gay "Youth Night" is planned for all our teens, 15 and up for an early date. A recreation committee is at work preparing a program of badminton, ping-pong and other activities. It is truly a place of fellowship and learning.

A grand band of nearly 100 committed men and women are giving faithful leadership in the Christian Education program. We are looking for new recruits in this area.

John Spanner,
Chairman, Christian Education Committee

FACTS and FAITH

A Weekly Comment On

Christian Life And Action

— By Calvin H. Chambers —



CHRISTIAN UNITY EXPRESSED AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Several years ago, the World Council of Churches met in Evanston, Illinois. Many of the delegates who attended that great congress, said that the most spiritually enriching experience was the Communion service, in which men and women from all over the world took part. Christians from India, Africa, Asia, South America, representing different cultures and various Christian traditions, met together to give thanks for the salvation which is in Jesus Christ. The distinctions which separated them were deep and in many instances serious. Yet, as they moved slowly forward to the altar rail, and knelt alongside other believers, all barriers of colour, race, dress, language, theological difference, seemed to fade into the background. A deep sense of unity, in the midst of diversity, seized hold of everyone.

In these days when world unity is occupying the minds of our statesmen, as they seek to bring peace to a troubled and divided humanity, the Church has an opportunity to point to the unity which Christ makes possible. In most churches, last Sunday was celebrated as World Communion Sunday. This was one way in which we gave visible witness to the unity which already exists between those who confess Christ as Lord. Paul, in his great letter to the Galatians, reminds us that "there is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, there is neither wise nor unwise, barbarian or Scythian, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus". It is the fact of Christ, and our personal response to Him, which creates the sense of spiritual unity.

The divisions which separate humanity today are many and diverse. The Christian gospel says that none of them need be a barrier to fellowship. Paul lived in a day when mankind knew the frustrating effects of disunity, in spite of the superficial unity of the Roman Empire. The Jew and the Greek represented religious barriers. The slave and the free constituted economic and political divisions. The male and female represented physical obstacles. The wise and the unwise, intellectual distinctions. The barbarian and the Scythian, national barriers. Paul believed, that the love of Christ was great enough to destroy the significance of

these divisions.

But lest we should feel that Christianity is advocating a "hodge podge religion", where everyone and everything is mixed up, so as to be indistinguishable, we must point out that Paul did not mean that in the Christian life, all such distinctions vanish. Throughout his letters to the early Churches he constantly recognized them. He insisted that a Christian adhere to the duties of citizenship, the proprieties of sex, the functions which belong to home, church and state. When Paul insists that "in Christ" all barriers are broken down, he is referring to our relationship to God, which ultimately affect our relationship to each other. There is no distinction which can be the determining factor in our relationship to God, except our response to Jesus Christ. Our religious denomination had nothing to do with our standing before God, even though we may be justly proud of all that our particular church represents. Political affiliations have nothing to do with our status in the Kingdom of God. Physical distinctions have no bearing on this subject. Whether we are educated in the best university of the land, or have not gone beyond grade school matters little to God. National origin has nothing to do with our salvation, since God has made of one blood all nations of men. The gospel teaches that the only thing that really matters is whether we are "in Christ". It is union with Him, through faith, that makes all other distinctions unimportant in the light of eternity. Christ saves us from making our ordinary divisions a blockade to fellowship.

Thus when the Christian approaches the Lord's Table with feelings of superiority, he does not realize how inconsistent this is to the meaning and purpose of the Gospel. Christ came to break down barriers, to heal wounds of division, to pour in the oil and wine of Christian love, to make us members one of another. The love of Christ, which has overcome all human barriers, says that all these differences are insignificant. To acknowledge them important is a denial of the fundamental meaning of the Church. When we place Christ first in our lives, we begin to see each other through His eyes. Spiritual vision sees beyond the externals. It sees to the heart of things, where faith in Christ, and love for the things of His kingdom, are all important. All else is merely incidental.

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Thanksgiving Day

We thank Thee for this day, O Lord,
For the daily blessings that you give —
The lessons learned from Thy Holy Word,
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We thank Thee, for lov'd ones in the home,
The loving friends that warm us to the heart —
Our daily work — and wherever we may roam,
Give us the grace to always do our part.

We thank Thee, Lord, for this bright lovely land,
Canada, from north to south, from east to west,
Send forth the power of Thy Almighty Hand,
Inspire our leaders to do their very best.

In closing, Lord, we thank Thee for this life,
The way You make us stretch and grow —
For happy times as well as times of strife,
No greater blessings will we ever know,

— Elizabeth Dale Kelson

AURORA: Dominion Office Supplies and Commercial Press Co. Ltd. are going to locate in Aurora in the near future it was announced recently. The branch is being opened to service the company accounts with Sterling Drugs. Commercial printing as well as office supplies and furniture will be handled by this company.

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Over Hill, Over Dale

by Cicely Thomson

Backstage is a fascinating place. Here you see the ropes that move the scenery. You discover personalities that play the parts . . . the hows and whys of the things that the public see. So, having been backstage with the police the other day I invited myself backstage with the Richmond Hill Fire Department this week.

Twenty-eight years ago young Alf Stong, now our fire chief, was lured by the excitement of fire fighting. He has been active ever since, first under Mr. Mills, then under Bert Cook from whom he took over in 1951. In July 1958 he became the first and, so far, the only full time member of the town fire department.

Many of the 17 other men who form the Richmond Hill volunteer fire brigade are veteran firefighters, including our town clerk, Russell Lynett, (or Curly if you are an old timer) who has been following fires for 16 years. Four of the 17 are employed in Mill's greenhouse, three work for the town, three are travelling salesmen and four who work in Toronto are available only for weekends and nights.

There are no regular shifts. The fire number, TU. 4-1323, rings in four homes, one of which is always manned. A switch is flipped at once that rings a buzzer in 18 homes. From Bill Neal's store on Yonge Street someone runs to ring the fire bell at the McConaghy Public School, to summon volunteers who may be away from home. Incidentally their wives have never, so far as we know, voiced any objection to their men working as volunteer firemen, though sometimes they cannot hide their worry.

A general meeting is held once a month at the fire hall and four men at a time assigned to daytime duty at the hall. They meet in the recreation room which though not large is comfortably fixed up and boasts a T.V. set and is the scene of a certain amount of card playing at night.

We have two nice bright red shiny fire trucks which besides the men we see hanging on all over them as they scream through the streets, have what seems an enormous amount of equipment stashed away . . . of hose 1,200 feet of 2 1/2 inch plus 600 feet of 1 1/2 and 300 of booster hose which is a bit heavier than garden hose . . . of ladders the larger newer truck, bought in 1956, carries a 45 foot aluminum extension ladder, a 24 foot wooden ditto and a 20 foot roof ladder (hooks to catch the top of a roof) as well as shorter ladders for use inside buildings (into attics, etc.) The 1946 truck carries a 35 foot aluminum extension ladder and a 12 foot roof ladder. Both trucks have auxiliary pumps too, which means they can use a pond, cistern or creek for extra water although one truck carries 500 gallons and the other 200. The department also has a resuscitator.

Of course the town itself has an urban water system, but our fire department is also on call in Markham from Steeles Ave. north to the Gormley side road and east to the second. For additional help in Richmond Hill, Aurora is generally called (and they call us); in Markham, Unionville is called. About seven years ago, when we were also answering Vaughan calls, 50 fires a year would be usual, but the alarms have been increasing until 168 calls have been answered to date this year.

Fire protection costs money . . . how are the costs worked out? Markham I learned pays a standby fee of \$500 plus \$100 per fire, \$25 going to the town and \$75 to the firemen. In the Hill upkeep is supported by local taxation and \$5.00 per man per fire is also paid.

The chief feels that with the increase in fires it would be a good thing to have four full-time firemen on day duty at the hall, while the volunteer system continues to answer the night calls.

What are our main fire causes locally? Space heaters and dirty chimneys. Very rigid hydro inspection on new construction and public education on defective wiring have largely removed that cause.

But the mistreated space heater, most of which are in the township, into which pieces of paper are dropped to light it, which is clogged and corroded with dirt, is a real fire offender.

Then I asked Mr. Stong a very foolish question. "How many major fires do you have a year?" He gently replied that maybe there would be four in a year, but that of course any fire could become a major fire. And how terribly true and tragic and thought-provoking that is.

While the fire department have worked on their system of alarms to speed up getting to the scene of a fire, we are the ones who have it in our power to see that fire doesn't have a place to start. The musts for our homes are removal of basement rubbish, particularly cardboard boxes and papers. We must check our fuse box and never use more than 15 amps in our houses, or we are in danger of overheating the wires. We must check frayed cords. We can treat our Christmas trees with an inexpensive spray bought at the drug store, and must keep them in a pail of water. We can keep baking soda handy in the kitchen (it creates carbon dioxide) as a fire extinguisher. We can hook up the garden hose in the basement. We can check with the department before lighting a grass fire (80 calls were answered last spring) and for people in town the department will burn off the grass if they are asked.

We reviewed precautions that may mean life or death. And Mr. Stong could not have been more emphatic as he stressed, "Never leave children alone at any time of the year" and my mind rushed to the accounts of tragedy in our newspapers . . . 'just stepped across to the neighbour' . . . 'only out for a few minutes' . . . and the unforgettable horror for the mother and the frantic horror for the helpless little victims.

What should we do if there is a fire at night? Close the door to the stairway if there is one. Close the doors to the rooms. Stuff a blanket or rug across the bottom of the door. Get out the window if you can, otherwise get on the floor, never stand up, there is always about two inches of air at floor level.

No matter how small the fire, get everyone out of the house, call the fire department and then, and only then, try to fight the fire yourself.

Gas and smoke kill more than flame itself. In the apartment house fire last spring on Yonge St. at Arnold three of the firemen were "pretty badly smoked up" and were really sick. Mr. Stong himself couldn't speak for a week, poisoned by gas and smoke he had to use oxygen out of the tank to get his breath.

A regular program of fire inspection is being undertaken now, starting with the business premises, but continuing to the homes where smoke pipes from furnace to chimney are checked (they can become rusty), electrical systems for overloading, basements for rubbish, oily rags and mops (which should be in closed metal containers), inflammable liquids (which should be stored outside).

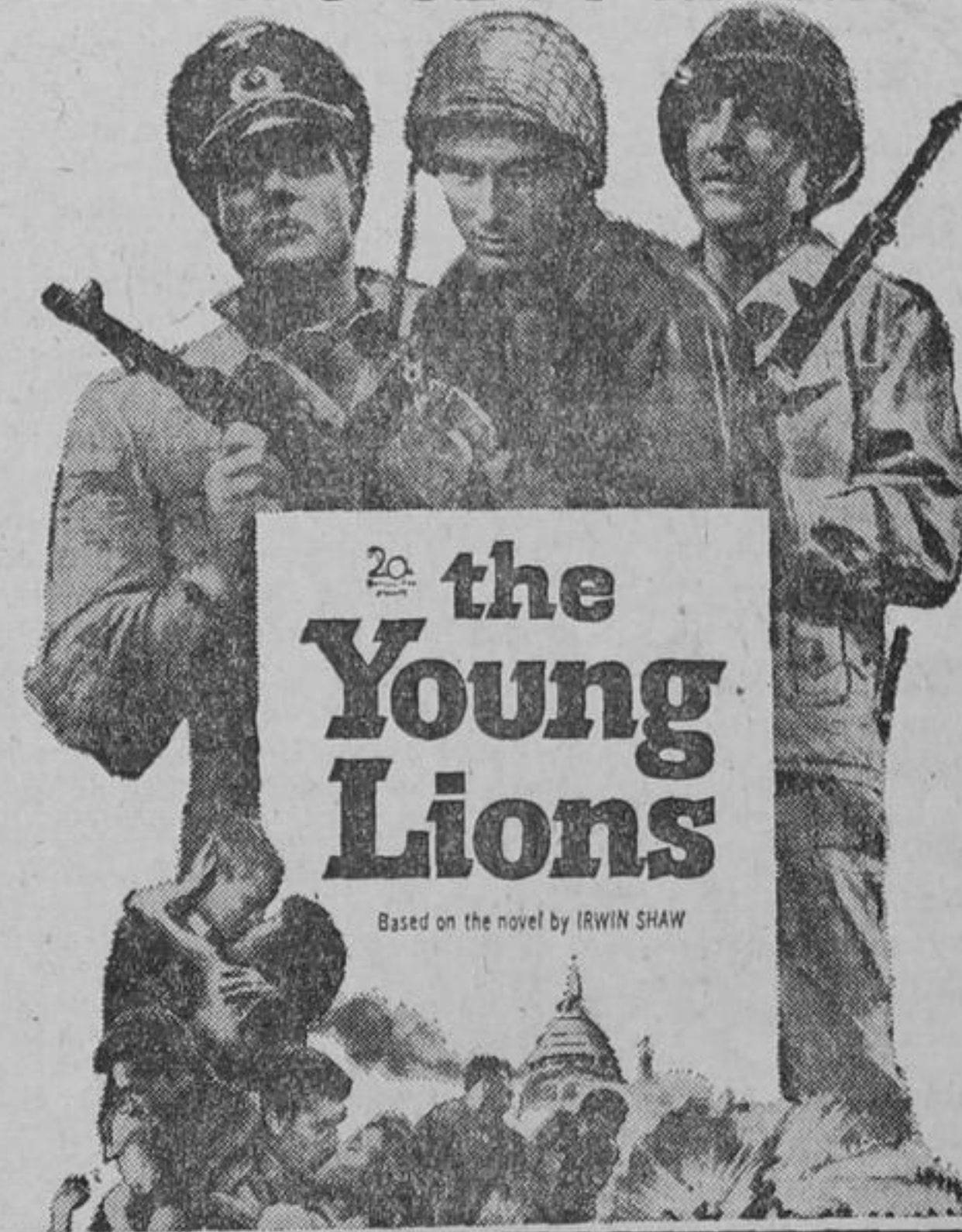
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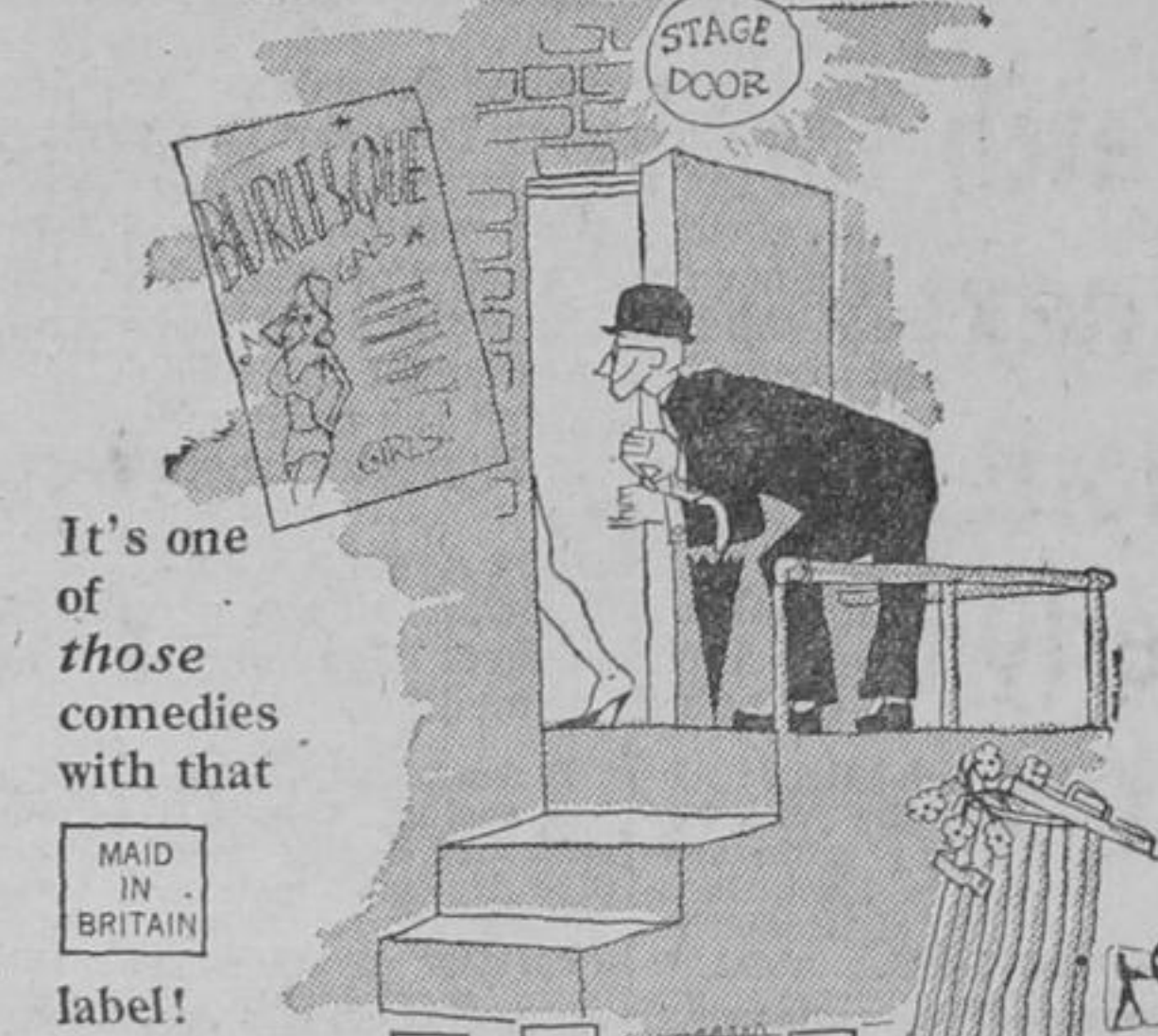
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