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An Easter Message

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"Gossip On The Hill"
—Easter 1965

Easter means many things to different people. Its central message is—Christ is risen, Hallelujah.

Here in the north country after a long winter, the thought of spring and new life is in all our minds. This should make more meaningful to us one prominent emphasis of the Christian faith—the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Life, not death is the final word. Some years ago the Very Reverend Doctor George Pidgeon told of going to their cottage rather early in the spring. The next morning, on looking out of the window, he saw the whole countryside covered with snow. However, near the cottage, waving bravely in the breeze, was a clump of blooming daffodils. Here was a never to be forgotten sight—the death of winter in contrast to the life and beauty and promise of the springtime. It made real to him the words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Sometimes Easter is associated with the thought of victory. True, demonic forces had been successful in putting Jesus to death on the cross. But the purposes of God were being fulfilled, too. Jesus could say with a loud voice, "It is finished." Interpretations of the Atonement vary from generation to generation, but in this we may agree that Jesus on the cross did something for us we could not do for ourselves. His victory on the cross is vindicated by his victory over death and the grave. One of the traditions of Winchester Cathedral is the story of how the news

of the Battle of Waterloo was first received. It came by a sailing ship to the south coast of England and was wig-wagged by signal flags to London. When the message reached Winchester the signaller on top of the cathedral began to spell out the message W-e-l-l-i-n-g-t-o-n d-e-f-e-a-t-e-d, then fog descended. The news received in London was "Wellington defeated" and everyone was in despair. After awhile the fog lifted, and the signaller atop Winchester cathedral was still at work completing the message t-h-e e-n-e-m-y. Wellington defeated the enemy—a message which changed despair into rejoicing. The gloom of the cross is transformed by the Easter victory. Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then there is the Easter experience of communion—Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Easter not only focuses attention on life rather than death, victory instead of defeat. It assures the faithful of fellowship with and service for the Living Christ.

A poet has pictured the birds in the springtime—
"Good news, old world, good news,
The river and the winds refuse
To keep the matter still.
There's gossip on the hill."
It is spring and the oriole, the lark, and the blackbird refuse to keep the matter still. There should be "gossip on the hill" for all who rejoice in the Easter message.



Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, Aurora

OTTAWA REPORT
by JOHN ADDISON M.P.
Canada Pension Plan

Every week in Ottawa I receive numerous letters from interested constituents wishing to learn about the nature and provisions of the rather complicated Canada Pension Plan, which was given final approval by the Commons on March 29. Therefore, in the most simplified way, I will try to explain just how the plan works.

Basically, the plan is a contributory wage-related scheme designed to provide a retirement benefit equal to 25 percent of a contributor's adjusted lifetime earnings. The plan is compulsory and is scheduled to come into operation next January when the first payroll deductions will be made; the first benefits will follow one year later in January, 1967.

The benefits will be paid on yearly salaries between \$600-\$800 for self-employed persons—and \$5,000. Persons who earn less than \$600 and \$800 will not contribute, nor receive benefits, and persons earning over \$5,000 will not contribute, nor get benefits, on salaries over that figure. Self-employed persons with a net income above \$800 must contribute on earnings over \$600.

Presently, the plan calls for a maximum benefit of \$104.17 a month or \$1,250.04 a year payable at age 65 after the ten-year transition period. The minimum benefit after the plan matures would be \$12.50 a month or \$150 a year. Benefits then, can be calculated as one-quarter of a person's annual earnings and contributions will be calculated on a person's yearly earnings between \$600 - \$5,000.

The basis, as far as rates are concerned, will be 1.8 percent for employees—with 1.8 percent paid by employers. The rate for self-employed persons is set at 3.6 percent. Consequently a person earning \$5,000 would contribute \$79.20 a year with his employer adding the same amount. A self-employed person would contribute the entire \$158.40. Similarly, a person earning \$1,200 yearly would contribute \$1.08 a month while receiving a monthly pension of \$25. Benefits will be reduced proportionately for persons drawing from the plan before 1976 when the 10-year transition period is completed.

Confusing? There's more yet! A person who contributes for one year and draws his first benefit in 1967, would receive one-tenth of the pension he would receive after the 10-year period. A person contributing for five years would receive half the pension, a person who contributes for seven years would draw seven tenths and so on until 1976 when full benefits will be paid. As a result, persons 65 or over next year will receive relatively small amounts from the plan. Persons 60 who work until age 70 would be able to draw the full pension. Persons below age 60 down to 18 years when they first start contributing also will draw the full pension. Also provided within the scope of the plan is a 15 percent "drop-out" period to assist persons with erratic incomes.

This means that in calculation of pension benefits, 15 percent of the years that a person is eligible to contribute can be eliminated if necessary without covering the amount of the pension. If a person contributes



Second Thoughts
BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

This year, with its late spring, our April shows brought forth Johnny Bowers.

And, as the baseball season opened last week, our 26th Parliament opened for its third session. . . . Or should we say, third strike?

Prime Minister Pearson says Canada, too, is going to have a "war on poverty". This announcement, coming at tax time, will incline the taxpayer to add, "Yes, and if we can't lick it, we'll join it!"

We see where President Johnson, who started this "war on poverty", had to borrow money to pay his \$100,000 federal income taxes. After getting the loan from Ladybird he complained "they pay the president with the left hand and take it out with the right" . . . Well, that's democracy!

Another example of democracy in action is in Toronto where the controllers, after voting themselves a \$4,000 raise, have been told by the mayor to adopt a "Sackcloth and Ashes" policy to curb the tax rate. (Interpretation: Imported sackcloth and Nashes, instead of Cadillacs.)

WINDSOR, England — (UPI) — Queen Elizabeth had a sound proof rumpus room built in Windsor Castle in self defense against the musical antics of her teen-age children Prince Charles and Princess Anne. They are both Beatle fans and play a variety of noisy musical instruments. . . . Yes, as they say, into each reign some life must fall.

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Dear Mr. Editor

LOCAL YWCA
Dear Mr. Editor:
Since the beginning of a YWCA Branch in Richmond Hill three years ago, it is very encouraging to see how well it has been received.
Through your co-operation in publishing our activities, the membership has greatly increased.
Please accept my thanks on behalf of the YWCA in Richmond Hill for all your consideration.
Yours sincerely,
ADRIENNE EDWARD,
Corresponding Secretary,
YWCA Centre.

Ultimate Truth

According to Bede, seventh century English historian, Easter was named for the pagan goddess of spring. The word itself goes back still further, to the Sanskrit, where it meant dawn. Thence came our directional word, east. But whatever the source, the meaning is unmistakable. Easter is the time of renewal and regeneration, of light returning and life resurrected. It is a time of faith verified, belief made manifest.

At no other season of the year is the fundamental truth of change and life's insistence so clearly evident. The evidence is everywhere. But weigh and measure all the known factors as we may, something always remains beyond, at the source of everything we know. And it is there at the source, that faith, no matter what our creed, is rooted. There is no appeal from it, for it is the ultimate substance of belief.

It can be stated in many ways. Winter passes. Days lengthen. Roots quicken. Buds burst. Hibernation ends. Birds sing. The human spirit revives. And the story of the Resurrection sums it up in a great and enduring tradition. But no matter how it is told, it is a celebration of the greatest of all miracles. We all participate. The still waters and green pastures are more than symbols, and the little hills that rejoice on every side are more than the psalmist's figure of speech. For Easter is the ultimate truth at the core of our faith, our life, our very being.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

The last Flashback dealt with some of the hardships of pioneer life in the area. It is hard for anyone living in the year 1965 to realize the terrible hardships of those who endured privations in order that they might become the owners of land to pass on to their children and their children's children.

By 1800 the circumstances of these early pioneers had greatly improved, William Harrison wrote in 1888.

The seat of government was first held at Newark, now Niagara. After the little misunderstanding about the tax on tea between the British Government and the colonies in 1776 had been settled, John Graves Simcoe, our first Lieutenant-Governor, began to be afraid that some fine morning the Americans, to prevent their guns from rusting, might point them over at government house and spoil some of the furniture.

Therefore on July 26, 1793, with a few military gentlemen, a few boats and a few Indians, the governor set out from Newark, rounded the point of the peninsula, sailed into the "meeting place" as the word Toronto means; landed at the arsenal, as the old fort was called; shook hands with the Mississauga Indians and their squaws, who occupied the two

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Canadian Library Week

Canadian Library Week is this year stressing the theme of adult education; the importance of continuing education in adult life today, and the contribution that Canada's libraries can make to this need.

It is common knowledge that this is one of the rapid periods of technological and other change that the world has ever experienced. And it ought also to be common knowledge that this change is having an important impact on education.

One of the day when it was sufficient to complete a formal period of education to be fairly well prepared for life. Education today must, more than ever before, continue after the formal studies have been completed. For if this is not done, a particular form of training may become so out of date as to be almost worthless.

The libraries of Canada have an essential role to play providing the means for continuing education. For it is one of their duties to stock the books which will allow Canadians to continue their education indefinitely, both for self-development and profit, keeping up with the changing world around them.

Too many Canadians do not realize the help which the country's libraries can provide in this way. They think that a library is good only for entertainment, to provide the latest novel or mystery story. But this is only part of the story. Equally important are the solid reference works, and the latest technical, political and other books which are offered.

In their struggle to continue their education, Canadians can ask for no better friend than the country's libraries from coast to coast.

—Montreal Gazette

Only \$10 Will Save Lives

At a recent meeting Richmond Hill Town Council concurred in a resolution of Fort William City Council asking that the federal government compile a code of standards for automobile construction similar to the National Building Code. Such a code should be designed to guarantee the greatest amount of safety for drivers and passengers in motor vehicles, the northwestern Ontario city council maintains.

Weight is added to this request by Dr. Morton Shulman, Metro's chief coroner, who last week placed a large part of the blame for traffic deaths on auto manufacturers and recommended eight changes in cars to make them safer. The coroner quoted a claim of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company that the necessary changes would cost manufacturers only \$10 per car.

Dr. Shulman declared: "Basic responsibility for many traffic deaths lies with the automobile manufacturers. Drivers cause the accidents through carelessness, alcohol or other factors, but the manufacturers are responsible for the gory consequences. They have failed to build cars with a sufficient amount of 'crashworthiness'. It is estimated crashworthy cars would eliminate 70% of all automobile fatalities."

Recommendations made by the coroner to the Ontario Department of Transport are:

1. Roofs should be non-collapsible with roll-over bars. Doors should be reinforced with beams to protect against side impact. Trunk walls should withstand the impact of objects flying forward after sudden stops.
2. Steering wheels should be collapsible.
3. Interiors should be padded.
4. Shoulder harnesses and neck protectors should be in every car.
5. Cars should have two independent braking systems and the emergency brake should not be merely a parking brake.
6. Any unnecessary obstruction to vision should be removed.
7. Front end surfaces should be rounded. Inside knobs should be recessed. Spikes and spears should be outlawed.
8. Door latches should be strengthened so they do not fly open on impact.

Traffic fatalities continue to increase on our highways. Each loss of life is a tragedy, not only to the family and friends of the victim, but to the community at large. If \$10 per car can reduce these by 70%, there should be no hesitancy on the part of either level of government to bring in legislation which will make such precautions in automobile manufacturing mandatory.



Rambling Around
by Elizabeth Kelson

An Easter Message
by
Rev. H. Reginald Howden

Good morning! This, in Goodspeed's modern translation of the Bible, is the first word spoken by the Risen Lord to the woman in the garden. What an appropriate salutation it was! For that first Easter was indeed the good morning, greatest in importance among all the days that ever dawned or ever will dawn. On that day, Christ rose . . . triumphant over death, triumphant over evil.

Triumphant over death! Dr. L. P. Jacks is right when he describes Christianity as "a death-conquering religion. . . . The end of it is a resurrection and not a burial, a festival and not a funeral, an ascent into the heights and not a lingering in the depths."

Because Christ rose, we know that death is not the end of all things but the beginning of all things new. Because He rose, we know that death does not mean darkness or oblivion but going home . . . home to the Father's House, home to the family of God, where one day we all will be reunited, never to be separated again.

Good morning! Think of what that word from the Lord must have meant for the first Christians. It meant that He had stepped out of the sepulchre,

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