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EASTER Message
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Easter: And The Difference The Christian Hope Makes

"But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." (1 Corinthians 15:20 R.S.V.)

These words were written to a group of people who had been shaken in their convictions about the central fact of Christianity: the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. The man who wrote them begins by exploring the logical alternatives to belief in the Resurrection, and comes up with two grim possibilities: despair, or a life of animal pleasure. He says quite plainly, "If there is no Resurrection, then there is no hope in this life; let us eat, drink, and have a wild time, for tomorrow we die, and that's that!" This is perfectly logical. If Jesus Christ did not rise again from the dead, then neither will anybody else, and it therefore doesn't really matter much what you do with your life here and now, for at its end, there lies . . . nothing.

But the great affirmation of the Christian Faith is that Christ did indeed rise again, and because he did, there is now a new dimension added to this life: the dimension of Christian Hope. The Christian fully expects to be reunited with loved ones in Christ, who have gone on before. Whenever Jesus Christ speaks of death, he invariably refers to it as "being asleep." The natural outcome of sleep is waking. When the New Testament speaks about Christ as the "first fruits" of those who have died, it implies that there will be a "waking up" of others, too, in the fullness of time.

Now this makes a tremendous difference in the Christian's attitude towards death. The married couple from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, saying "goodbye" to their infant son struck down by encephalitis, discover a complete absence of despair before, during, and after the funeral. The young United Church theological student from Muskoka gazes at his lovely wife in her casket, her physical life snuffed out by a way-freight at a level crossing, and learns anew that Christ is alive and powerful, and able to uphold in any crisis. He lays hold of the hope that he and his three pre-school daughters will indeed see Mommy again, and together they face the future with confidence and strength. The middle-aged couple in Toronto helping their elementary school age daughter to face the inevitable outcome of leukemia, find that instead of incoherent horror welling up within them at the prospect of the weeks ahead, they have a quiet calm and deep inner peace, thanks to their trust in Jesus Christ and his Risen

Life. Yes, the Resurrection Hope makes all the difference in the way we react to death.

It also makes all the difference in the way we react to life. When reversals come, bringing anxiety, frustration, and loss, the Christian Hope delivers us from turning sour, or from withdrawing from life altogether. The world today is full of people who have done one or the other . . . or both. When Good Fortune comes, bringing health, wealth, and comfort, the Christian Hope delivers us from becoming arrogant, thankless, or irresponsible in our treatment of others. Because Christ was raised from the dead and is alive evermore (and this after all, is what Easter is basically and really all about) the whole of life is shot through with a new depth of meaning and purpose. It is not possible for a practising Christian to live any longer for his own personal goals and desires; he is automatically, and joyfully committed to living for others, in the strength of a New Life given to him by his risen Lord and Saviour.

Multitudes are complaining that they can't believe in a God who allows wars with all their attending destruction of life, limb and property. This philosophy (and it flourished as long ago as 300 B.C.) pre-supposes that the worst thing that can befall any human being is physical pain or death. Surely this is shallow. There are far worse things than these. When, for example, a man or woman falls prey to hatred, or resentment, or the lust for revenge, or jealousy, or pride, or anger, or lust, or greed, or fear, or guilt, or despair, that person has ceased to live, even though the body is perfectly healthy. That person is dead in a far more real way than if his heart had stopped beating. This is death in life; this is hell on earth; and millions experience it daily, wishing they were physically dead, so they could escape it. (Actually physical death would only aggravate it for them.)

Sometimes a Christian longs for death, too; but for an entirely different reason. To put it into St. Paul's words: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain . . . to depart and be with Christ . . . is far better." (Philippians 1:21-23). Yes, the Christian Hope, born on that first Easter Day one hundred and ninety decades ago, makes all the difference in the world, in how we die, and live.

Crime In Richmond Hill

Following statements made at the March 2 meeting of the Social Planning Council by Police Chief R. P. Robbins that crime here has risen 48% in the past year the Toronto dailies and the television news have had a field day trying to portray Richmond Hill as another Peyton Place. Peyton Place is that fictitious North American town where vice, intrigue and generally loose living are the order of the day.

We feel the mass media have greatly exaggerated the situation and by their continual pursuit of the subject given the impression that things are a great deal worse than they actually are. Nothing is to be gained by broadcasting the town's weaknesses (if they really do exist) in the daily press or on the television. All they do is to treat the whole matter in a cavalier and sensational manner. They have no real interest in the town.

Council members are justifiably concerned over the image the town has acquired through this unfortunate publicity. It would appear that Chief Robbins in an endeavor to support what he felt was the need for added recreational facilities overstepped the mark in quoting statistics that should have first been made available to the police commission.

If the police statistics are correct and there has been a significant increase in local crime then it is the duty and responsibility of our police commission (Magistrate James Butler, chairman, Judge Garth Moore and Mayor Thomas Broadhurst) to devise ways and means of attacking the problem. If need be the police commission and the various social planning agencies can join forces in meeting the situation. Under provincial legislation the commission is responsible for the maintenance of law and order in the town and we should be guided by their thinking on the matter.

Large School Districts Out - Perform Small And Cost Less

By MARGARET McLEAN

What is an effective school district like? Why are larger school districts needed? What are the effects of larger districts? What are arguments against larger districts?

These were some of the questions posed and answered by T. Barr Greenfield, Ph.D. of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, at the 12th convention of the York County School Trustees' Association held at Markham District High School March 15.

Dr. Greenfield outlined five criteria for effective school districts; they should be large enough to offer a comprehensive program for elementary and secondary grades including academic, vocational and technical courses; they should provide a variety of special services for pupils as well as services for special pupils; they should provide supervisory, administrative and clerical assistance for schools and teachers; they should be coterminous with existing communities both politically and socially; and finally, they should be large enough to include substantial economic resources to support the schools and their programs.

While Dr. Greenfield admitted that authorities differ widely on actual figures, he stated that few would advocate a school district with less than 2,000 pupils and more commonly, authorities recommend districts of from 10,000 to 30,000 pupils. Some recent studies in Britain and the United States have suggested districts with as high as 50,000 or 60,000 pupils, he said.

In discussing why larger districts are needed, Dr. Greenfield noted that schools are now called upon to turn out increasingly complex products. "To teach only the three R's no longer meets the need," he said. "Our schools must offer advanced scientific, vocational and academic training with the foundations for this training being given in the early school grades."

Dr. Barr stressed too that unless effective school districts are created everywhere in the province pupils in the most favored districts will have advantages over children from less adequate districts. The bill for education in Ontario (paid by the province) is now \$165 per annum per person. Some of this is for local districts but a large part goes to support 14 universities and other post-secondary educational institutions. These cost about 20 million dollars per year in York County, he said, but if local school districts are efficient, York County will be paying for a system of education many of its children will never be able to take advantage of.

In the competition to turn out quality products at reasonable cost, very small school districts are at a distinct disadvantage as small stores, farms and industries are at a disadvantage in dealing with their larger competitors.

Outstanding consequences of larger school districts, Dr. Barr stated, have been found to be increased efficiency in operation and increased effectiveness in educational performance.

"Larger districts have outperformed their smaller predecessors as follows: they cost less money to operate, did a better job of teaching, were more attractive to teachers and school leaders and were more ready to change and innovate in their (Continued on Page 14)



You Help With Easter Seals

The 1967 Easter Seal Campaign must raise \$1,400,000 in Ontario to continue the important services now provided for children who have a physical disability. Richmond Hill Lions have again undertaken the annual task of distributing the Easter Seals and collecting the donations. One-half of the amount raised during the campaign will be used for work with area children.

Above a little girl experiences a tremendous thrill and a moment she will long remember as she takes her first unaided steps. That this is a real accomplishment is evident from her expression. Your donations to Easter Seals in the past have helped her on the road to recovery. Bigger and better things are in store for her as she travels the path of rehabilitation. Wouldn't you like to help her on her way to running, hopping and even jumping. You can! Find that pink envelope and mail a generous donation today.



Rambling Around

The Man They Can't Do Without At Canada's Berkeley Studio

That's right. Berkeley Studio can't do without a chief engineer and this happens to be Ken Smith, 99 John Street, Thornhill. His job is to record sound for the United Church of Canada's Berkeley Studio, one of the most active non-government producers of educational films and filmstrips in the country. He has been at the controls there for three years.

Ken Smith came to Berkeley from Robert Lawrence Production House where he was doing video tapes. He was recommended by Bruce Marsh, Thornhill resident and well known CBC announcer and news broadcaster, who is a member of the broadcasting committee of the Toronto Conference of the United Church. Since then, Mr. Smith has worked in close co-operation with some very pleasant people, among them Rev. Anson Moorehouse, director of audio-visual services, Rev. Keith Woolard and his assistant Nancy Edwards.

Mr. Smith became associated with sound in 1940 when he went to work for CKCL for five years. Jack Kent Cooke took over the station in 1945 and it was renamed CKEY. Ken left CKEY in 1949 for CHUM as chief engineer. In 1953 he returned to CKEY for six years and in 1959 went to Robert Lawrence for Scarlett Hill, the CBC production that folded. He also recorded sound for commercials for firms like Kraft, General Motors, Imperial Oil and others at Robert Lawrence Productions.

Ken's wife, Jean, an authority on Canadiana, enlightened readers with her knowledge of antiques and Canadiana in a column last year. The Smiths have one daughter and three sons. Elizabeth, 20, David 13, Gary 10 and Kevin 8.

WHERE THE CREW GOES, KEN GOES

Ken enjoys a bit of travelling around. About a year ago he went on location with the crew from "Spectrum", to film the negro situation in Chicago. "Spectrum" is an RTA co-operative effort (Anglican, Roman Catholic and United). It appears on TV Channel 9 at 1 pm on Sunday and Channel 11 at 3.30 pm.

Last June he went along for the production "The Retarded Adults of Charlottetown." He will soon be going to the Christian Pavilion at Expo '67 (Continued on Page 14)

Richmond Hill Easter 1967

The writer watched a very controversial TV newscast about the crime condition of Richmond Hill in which the question was asked, "What are the twelve churches of Richmond Hill doing for its population?" Thinking about the needs of Richmond Hill and of the approach of the Easter season he found himself writing the following lines.

"Mary gave her spikenard
 And fragrance filled the room
 Peter gave his little ship
 And welcome to his home.

Andrew found a lad who gave
 His lunch and little fishes
 And Martha gave her willing hands
 To serve and wash the dishes.

A widow came to give her mite
 And thought that no one knew
 But Jesus saw the tiny coin
 And weighed its worth anew.

Matthew left his Customs seat
 And James and John their trade
 And multitudes have followed too
 Who loved and gave and prayed.

Because the Saviour came to give
 Himself to save mankind;
 What can we give that He will use
 Some wandering souls to find?

Some gave to Him a Cross of Wood
 A cruel Crown of Thorns.
 That Cross He made a Royal Throne,
 That Crown His brow adorns.

He entered old Jerusalem
 Upon an Ass's Foal,
 But RICHMOND HILL can offer Him
 OUR HOMES, OUR SCHOOLS, OUR SOUL.

Arthur B. Arnot
 (Dr. Arnot is the minister of the Richmond Hill Baptist Church).

Flashback

In Years Gone By

In 1926 Bond Lake was still a park owned by the Metropolitan Railway, which was open to the public, E. A. James recorded in an article in "The Liberal" of August 5, 1926.

For over 100 years it has been a recreation centre and a source of pleasure to the passerby, he noted. The beautiful crescent-shaped lake comprised 55 acres surrounded by a 200 acre park, well wooded with indigenous Canadian trees and wild flowers and the best known of the county picnic grounds. Elevation is 720 feet above Lake Ontario. The lake has often been spoken of as a without a bottom, perhaps because there is no visible inlet or outlet. Soundings show, however, a depth of 127 feet.

First owner of the lake and the surrounding property was William Bond, who received in 1798 his patent from the government of Upper Canada. His description appears in an 1804 advertisement in the "Gazette", Upper Canada's first newspaper.

FOR SALE. Lot 62 and 63, in the First Concession of Whitchurch on the east side of Yonge Street, containing 380 acres of land. A deed in fee simple will be given to anyone inclined to purchase.

NB - The above lots include the whole of the pond commonly called Bond's Lake and the house and clearing around the same. It is a beautiful situation and affords a great supply of fresh fish and fowl.

William Bond, York

Thirty years later the same property was again advertised in the "Gazette":

FOR SALE - a delightful situation on Yonge Street, commonly called Bond's Farm, containing 190 acres beautifully situated on Bond's Lake, on Yonge Street, 16 miles from Toronto. Price, 350 pounds. The picturesque beauty of the lot and its proximity to the flourishing capital of Upper Canada, make it a desirable situation for a gentleman of taste. The stage coaches between Toronto, Holland Landing and Newmarket pass the place daily and there appears every prospect of Yonge Street being macadamized shortly and of its having a railroad.

Yonge Street past the lake was first macadamized as a government toll road in 1854, was rebuilt as a tar-macadam road in 1916 by the Toronto and York Roads Commission and in 1923 was rebuilt under direction of Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, who was born on Concession 3, King Township, as (Continued on Page 14)

What Do You Do With The Easter Eggs?

There's no reason why, if you use pure food coloring to dye those Easter Eggs, they shouldn't be eaten and enjoyed. But how to serve them?

One of the best ways to use hard-cooked holiday eggs is to stuff them - and here's a delicious recipe for just that treatment. It's a little different from the usual recipe, and well-flavored enough to suit the family and please guests.

SPECIAL STUFFED EGGS
 8 hard-cooked eggs, shelled
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, soft
 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon minced onion
 1/4 teaspoon (generous) salt
 1/2 teaspoon seasoned pepper
 2 tablespoons seasoned fine dry bread crumbs
 3 whole drained canned pimientos (2 chopped and 1 left whole for garnishing)

Cut eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks and reserve whites. Mash yolks; mix thoroughly with butter, mayonnaise, onion, salt and pepper, beating until fluffy. Beat in crumbs and the 2 chopped pimientos. Spoon yolk mixture into cavities of whites. Ruffle with the sharp tines of a kitchen fork.

Spread the remaining pimiento flat and with tiny canape cutters, cut into fancy shapes; or with a sharp pointed small knife, cut into diamonds or strips. Garnish the stuffed eggs with the pimiento shapes.

For a delicious luncheon salad, serve the stuffed eggs with mixed greens (tossed with dressing), anchovies, ripe olives and cubes of cheese. With these additions, you can count on the stuffed eggs serving eight persons - two halves for each person.

Need Trained Leaders H&S Holds Workshop

Individual home and school associations, affiliated with the Ontario Federation have, as one of their main concerns, the participation of the parent in the quality and administration of education. To cope with this effectively requires well trained leaders.

With this in mind York-Simcoe Council, consisting of 22 associations in the townships of Markham, Vaughan, King, Whitchurch, East Gwillimbury, North Gwillimbury and Georgina, held a leadership and executive information workshop in Aurora February 11. Twenty persons attended and found it very worthwhile.

Bruce Kidd of the community programs division of the Department of Education set out the questions for both morning and afternoon sessions. The morning discussion groups learned resolution procedures, the Ontario federation constitution, by-laws and operations manual, and officers' guides.

Frank Willock who is now on educational leave from the same division of the department, was present as a resource person during the morning.

The afternoon was spent discussing the task questions on leadership program planning, the relationship between leaders and members, effective meetings and evaluation.

During luncheon John Fawcett and Stuart Starr of the York County Consultative Committee on Education spoke briefly on the reasons for the committee's study, the results of their investigations and their recommendations.

Letters to the Editors

MR. MILANI AND MORE HOUSING

Dear Mr. Editor:
 Correct me if I'm wrong, but do I understand by last week's "Letters to the Editor" that we have, in the person of C. D. Milani, a land developer more interested in the common good of the people than he is motivated by profit?

Why then does he state that speculators and developers are the reason why the price of land is as high as it is?

Why, in his brief to Premier John Roberts (item No. 3) does he mention attracting industry and in his last breath have industrial development take a back seat?

Why, if he is so sensitive to insinuations, accusations, condemnations, finger pointing, red herrings, selfish attitudes, dictations of planners and politicians, is he in the business?

Why is he unable to carry any of his arguments (?) to a logical conclusion.

Come, come, Mr. Milani! If you are wont to express such high ideals please be less ambiguous so those of us, who suffer from lesser intelligence, might truly understand just what your policies are.

DON WEST, Maple.

"TIGERS OF WRATH"

Dear Mr. Editor:
 Today's news: ITEM: One more eager citizen plans Centennial celebration.
 ITEM: U.S. escalates war, bombs North Vietnam heavy industry.
 ITEM: Prime Minister Pearson urges calm and quiet diplomacy to bring peace.
 In the face of the greatest moral crisis to ever challenge man's conscience, surely our leaders could abandon their timid posturing - become "tigers of wrath" - and our country's birthday would be more meaningful than a sudsy commercial.

Yours truly,
 MRS. GRACE HUTCHINSON,
 20 Doncrest Road,
 Thornhill.

George Mayes On -

The Flip Side

Ah spring! When young men's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of what the girls have been planning for them in June!

And it's pot-hole time again. . . . The time when some of the pressure is taken off Metro's problems of where to dump its garbage.

Quebec expects its raised baby bonuses will increase the provincial birth rate. And it expects to get the money by raising its sales tax from 6% to 8%. . . . Or they could call it a 2% "entertainment" tax.

Henry Moore, in Metro last week to look over his Archer at the city hall, said: "I don't mind being asked if it's right side up. It was designed to be displayed three ways: upside down, as it is, or on its side." . . . Yeah, three damn-ensional!

And, typical of the mixed-up city, Toronto's first robin was reported sighted last week . . . on Oriole Parkway!

Dianne Coulter, our current Miss Canada, revealed last week that she has been secretly married since November and will have to give up the title. . . . Hmmm. . . . Another Centennial project?

Nobody loves the tax-assessors - not even tax-setters! A Markham Township Councillor says the county should make its assessors sell dog licences - "It would give them something to do" . . . But to have to do it to their own mothers!?

Bomb threats to Expo '67 from Cuban expatriates have Expo officials looking for methods to exclude real Cubans . . . in addition to FLQ-bans. (Continued on Page 14)

Easter

It is written in the bud. Life begins at the root, hidden and mysterious in so many ways, and its urgency mounts with the sap; but the bud is its manifestation, the truth revealed.

A bud begins in summer, in the midst of growth and fruiting. It is a mere fleck, an insignificant beginning unseen among the leaves. It grows, takes inner form even as the tree completes its cycle. Autumn comes, leaves fall, and there upon the branch the bud persists. Cold comes and the tree withdraws its sustenance to trunk and root, stands naked to the winter storm. But on the branch, the farthest twig, the bud persists, its purpose still intact, the unseen promise.

Winter wears away. Sunlight shifts and strengthens. Spring creeps in day by lengthening day. Roots quicken, sap rises, and the bud responds. The leaf, the blossom, the tender shoot, take form, incredibly compressed within those thin brown scales. Life, the miracle of life itself, begins to strain at the dark walls of confinement, reaching for the light, the glory of renaissance. And at last the bud bursts, the miracle is fulfilled. Where there was darkness there is light; where there was only hope there is achievement; where there was restraint there is freedom.

We call it spring, and we celebrate it as Easter and as Passover. It is renewal, rebirth, release from the winter of the soul. It is faith and belief triumphant. And it is written in so simple a place as a bursting bud. - New York Times.

York Central Hospital Association
 Take Notice That The
ANNUAL MEETING
 of Members of the York Central Hospital Association will be held in the
York Central Hospital TUESDAY, the 28th Day of MARCH, 1967
 at the hour of 8:00 p.m. to:
 (a) Receive and consider the Annual Report
 (b) Elect Directors
 (c) Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated at Richmond Hill this 7th day of March, 1967, by order of the Board of Trustees.
 Mrs. F. C. JACKSON, Secretary