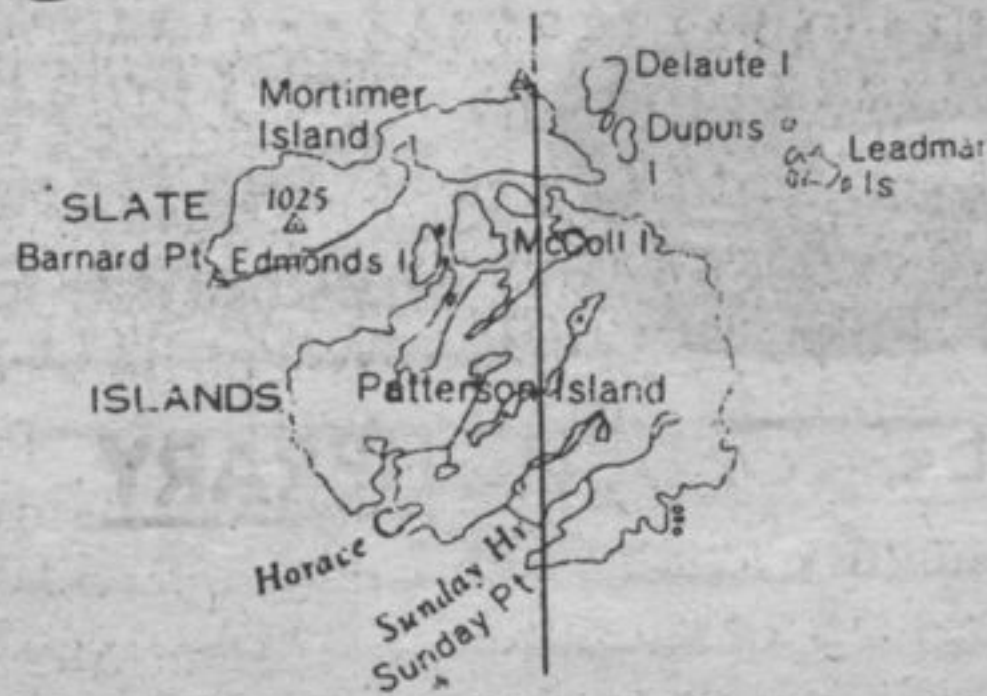


On the Slate-----



Was Jesus a wimp?

By Mark Moss, pastor, Lutheran Church, Terrace Bay

It seems that today's society has a picture of Jesus as a soft, kind-hearted, almost feminine sort of

man who was very comfortable at an afternoon tea party or telling stories to little children in Sunday school classes.

Now, of course, Jesus would have been quite comfortable with children or at an afternoon tea party if it meant a chance to save souls.

But He had a greater appeal than just to these types of groups. But would He have been comfortable working in a mill, mine, or hauling logs down the bush road? Let's examine Jesus and see if we can tell.

Jesus was the stepson of a carpenter and plied this trade himself until the age of 30, some 15 years in the trade. Carpenters in those days did everything by hand, hewing planks from logs and drilling holes with hand drills.

The work was slow and tedious and carpenters were well-muscled from the work they did. Some have speculated that the average carpenter back then could have easily tore the Toronto phone book in half.

Jesus, my friends, was no slouch! He worked as hard and most-likely harder than any miner, mill worker or bush worker will ever work.

And how about some of the men He chose to be His companions and later to carry on His work after He went to heaven?

We know that four of them were fishermen. They were rugged, independent, hard working men who worked long hours, often through the night and into the next day, enduring fierce life threatening storms, with little food and sleep.

They were every inch the man that our hard working men in the North country are. No doubt, Jesus picked this type of man for a reason.

They had learned the value of hard work. They had learned to endure the disappointment of fishing the whole night and catching nothing.

They had practiced patience through many a long, lonely hour of waiting. It was not by accident that Jesus chose people of this occupation to become "fishers of men", an occupation in which they would use all the patience, strength, perseverance and courage which they had learned.

They would also need their rugged individualism to endure, with the Lord's help, the loneliness, pressures, gossip and ostracization that they would experience when other men rejected them for their message and beliefs.

These were men that, once committed, would be able to live and work among non-Christians without falling victim to their vices and gross immorality; and would willingly suffer all and die for their Saviour, as He had done for them.

And now I ask you the question, "Do you think Jesus was a wimp?" Some people still suffer from the delusion that He was and think that Christianity is for sissies, weaklings, and people of low repute.

These people have obviously never met the real Jesus of the Bible. The rugged carpenter who turns to the weathered fisherman called Peter and says, "Get thee behind me Satan", when Peter tries to stop Jesus from dying on the cross for our sins.

But He is also the same Jesus who meets Peter on the shore of the lake of Galilee, after His resurrection, and eats with Peter and asks Peter the question, "Simon, do you love me?"

He asked Peter that question three times. He asks all of us that question. No doubt Peter, who had denied that He knew Jesus a few days earlier, was feeling very unworthy of Jesus' love and acceptance.

But when Peter said 'Yes' Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep." That was Jesus' way of indicating to Peter that He forgave him and still had room for him in His (Jesus') kingdom.

Jesus is saying to Peter, "I know your failings and shortcomings, but forget your rocky past, it is forgiven, forget all the busy bodies, detractors, and gossips, and be about My work for you in My kingdom."

He says that to all people who take to heart the advice of John 1:9 2:1, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness...and if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous."

Through faith this becomes the property of all willing to have Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Bits and Bites

By Helene Ballard

Hello everybody. It's hard to believe it's November, but I am sure we won't complain; it sure will help make our winter shorter.

On Nov. 11 we had the laying of the wreaths here at Birchwood to honour our men who gave their lives for their country. I know we think of them during the year, but it's always nice to have the town take part in a special way.

On Thursday afternoon the residents and staff gathered in the lounge of Birchwood for a memorial service conducted by the Reverend Bob Elkin.

We want to thank him for coming.

This past week I mentioned the fact that the flag in front of the post office was all torn and twisted around the top of the pole. I understand our postmistress did her best to take the old flag down and replace it with a new one.

If someone is responsible for the condition of the flag, it would be nice if he or she would come forward and confess. I want to apologize to our postmistress; I understand it was no fault of hers.

Now that November is running by folks are thinking of Christmas, and of course, shopping; but we should remember the folks who are in need and we should try to help them out.

I would like to thank the Schreiber Legion for letting us have the use of their hall for our monthly Birchwood Auxiliary meeting. You have a very nice hall and we were very comfortable.

I guess all our winter sports will be in full swing, so good luck to one and all.

Until next week, remember, "The easiest way to get your wife's attention is by looking comfortable."

Until next time, so long.

Winnie Campbell

By Winnie Campbell

Mrs. Yola Cebrario was the winner of the Chimo Home Bingo. Another one will start for December.

Mr. and Mrs. Geno Caccamo attended the wedding of their son Paul in Toronto.

The Chimo Club held its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, October 7, with a good crowd attending. At the knitting table was Bart Kuzyk and Freda Gerow and Rena Ross and at the bake table was Mrs. Hart and Albina Welbourne and Marg Handel and Eva Gordon and Beth Macadam.

Mrs. Celia Valentino sold tick-

Church Listing

Schreiber

Grace Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Jim Johnson. Phone 824-2402.
 Sunday School: all ages- 10 a.m. Morning worship service: 11 a.m.
 Sunday evening service: 7 p.m.
 Bible Study and prayer: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
 Nursery provided for all services.

Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church

Pastor: Father Jan Rademaker, O.M.I. Phone 824-2010.
 Sunday Masses: Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. Rosspoint, noon.
 Confessions: Saturdays, 4-5 p.m. in Schreiber.
 Pays Plat Prayer Group: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew United Church

Minister: Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.
 Morning Service and Sunday School are at 11:15 a.m.
 Communion Service is the first Sunday of every month.
 A nursery for infants is provided.

St. John Anglican Church

Pastor, Bob Elkin. Phone 824-2771.
 Morning prayer at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 All welcome.

Terrace Bay

Community Church

Minister, Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.
 Worship service is every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.
 Church School is also at this time.
 Communion service is every first Sunday of every month.
 A nursery is provided. A warm welcome awaits all.

Lutheran Church

Pastor, Rev. Mark Moss.
 We will be meeting every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the recreation room at Birchwood Terrace.
 For more information contact: Rev. Mark Moss, 887-3020 (office), 887-2612 (home), Lloyd or Hilda Hiebert, 825-3897 or Cathy Withers 825-9495.

St. Martin of Tours

Pastor, Father Bernard Campbell. Phone 825-3231.
 Confessions are on Saturday from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 Sunday Masses are on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 Birchwood Terrace, 1 p.m.

Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly

Pastor, Rev. Keith Milne. Phone 824-9098 or 825-9368.
 Family worship is on Sunday at 11 a.m.
 Wednesday night is Action Night from 6:30-8 p.m.
 Friday night is YOUTH ALIVE at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to include a message with your listing, contact the News at 825-3747.

cts on the tablecloth donated by Mrs. Chadwell and won by Mary Huard and selling tickets on the doilies made by Rena Ross was Winnie Campbell and won by Mrs. Schelling.

Thanks to all who donated and helped.

Mrs. Eleanor O'Connor had many visitors on her 96th Birthday. From Thunder Bay was K. Corbett, Reg and Shirley Sheehan (Don and Heather and Pat from Nova Scotia and Sadie from Atikokan and many friends).

Phone calls and birthday cake, gifts and flowers were given.
 The Ladies' Auxiliary Branch

109 of Schreiber held its monthly meeting on Nov. 3 with President Joan Mayry presiding.

Donations: \$500 has been presented by Beth Macadam on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Hospital towards the purchase of equipment.

\$100 each to Minor Hockey, Figure Skating Club and Ringette.
 \$50 to the Lung Association.

\$10,000 will be donated to the Men's Branch 109.

Upcoming events
 Plans are presently being made for the Installation of Officers (Dec. 5) and the Children's Christmas Party (Dec. 20).

Tollinsky- we need free trade

by Norm Tollinsky

Does free trade really mean we're gonna have to fight to stay Canadian? That's what some would have us think.

If anything in the history of the relations between Canada and the United States was cause for us losing our identity, it was the reception by Canadians of U.S. television signals, first in border cities by antenna and then by all of us via cable. If we can withstand Miami Vice and the blood

Judge Wagner and the Dating Game, we can withstand anything.

The simple fact is that Canada is a trading nation. We need to trade to survive. Without free access to markets in the United States, our lumber, steel, uranium, potash, automobile parts and mass transit manufacturing industries will continue to be harassed by an increasingly protectionist United States. The Europeans have banded together to form a free trade area and have put up

rest of the world, limiting our shipments of pulp and paper into their market. For example; If we can't depend on access to the European market and if we aren't going to secure our access to the U.S. market, with whom are we going to trade? Nicaragua? They're broke. Japan? They won't even let us sell them skis because they say our snow is different.

Canada and the United States trade more with each other than

