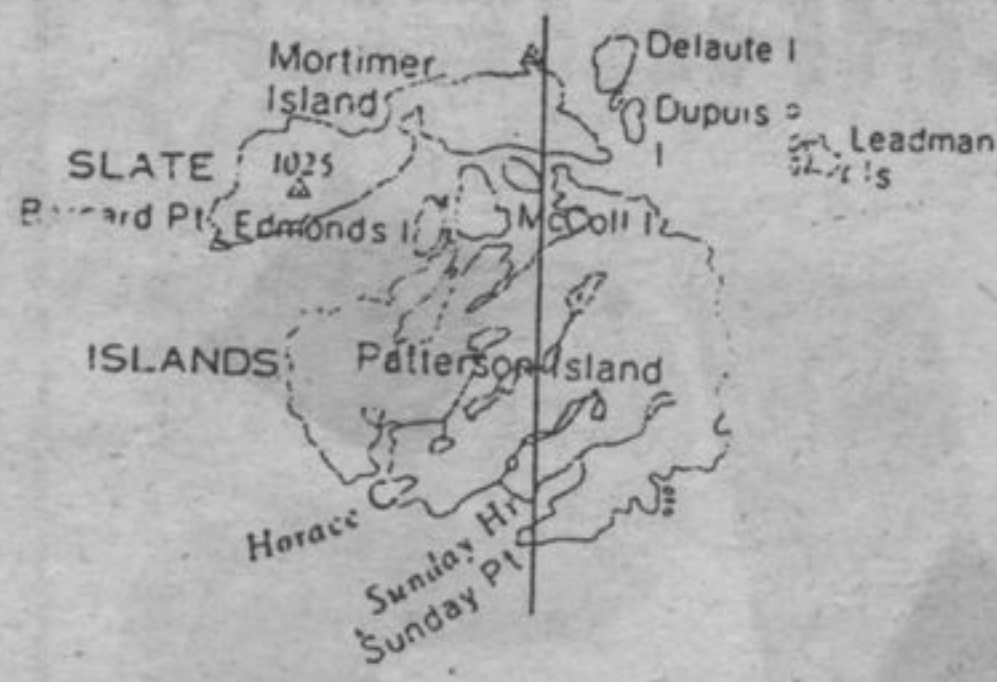


# On the Slate



## Parting Thoughts

by Rev. Mark Moss

What follows are some pieces of Scripture and poetry that have been inspirational to me over the years. The following piece of prose hangs on the wall in my office.

The Lutheran Church has never been and can never be the home of the theology of cultures gentlemen whose marks are their manicured hands and their spotless clothes, who give the appearance of having gently put down their tea cups. But their marks are those of one who has wrestled with God and whose soul shows the bruises of theological combat. For men arrayed in soft clothing, who will not do battle for or with the Lord of hosts have no place in God's Church. Those who cry out for the legendary position of the golden middle are more Aristotelian than Christian. For the cry to take up sides for God's sake has been heralded by Moses, Joshua, Elijah, John the Baptist, and Jesus. For who here can gainsay that noble cloud of witnesses. (by David P. Scaer)

The following poem was a poem that I clipped from a union newsletter and carried in my wallet for years. It is called, "To Risk."

To risk speaking ones mind is to risk misunderstanding.  
 To risk laughing is to risk appearing callous.  
 To risk crying is to risk appearing the fool.  
 To risk dreaming is to risk disappointment.  
 To risk loving is to risk losing.  
 To risk living is to risk dying.  
 But to risk nothing is to curl up and die, within one's self.  
 He who never risks, never grows, feels, loves, learns or lives.  
 A life without risks is like a cocoon that never opens into the butterfly.

In taking risks we open ourselves to the world around us, and to the potential that God has given us, and to God's care and guiding.

To never risk anything is to truly loose everything.  
 But to step out in faith and risk-is to gain.  
 For you see my friend, risk taking is free.  
 (author unknown)

The following is a poem I found in a book on a famous Christian Martyr, Stanley Dale; it comes from a biography about his life, "Lords of the Earth." It describes well the calling of the missionary.

Something hidden; go and find it;  
 Go and look beyond the ranges,  
 Something lost beyond the ranges,m  
 Lost and waiting for you. Go!  
 by Rudyard Kipling.

On January 18 of 1988, I will begin classes at the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Arlington, Texas. After a year there we will then go on deputation and, the Lord willing, be placed in a developing country, possibly in West Africa, as a Bible translator. I will engage in translating our Lord's divine and inspired Word into another language so that people may grow from God's spiritual food. The following Bible verse is from my farewell sermon to Immanuel on Dec. 27, 1987 (John 21: 18-19). Jesus is speaking to Peter.

I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go...Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

The lesson to this verse is that one of the signs of truly following our Saviour is to be led down roads that we might never take, but that the Lord wants us to take.

## Helene Ballard's Bits and Bites

By Helene Ballard  
 News correspondent

Hello everybody. Sorry I missed the paper two weeks ago, but with the holidays and all the activities, this 'ole gal' forgot- so here goes.

Another year and although it's kind of late I would like to wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year; a nos amis de la langue Francaise; Je vous souhaite, Une Bonne et Heureuse Annee.

We've had several events for the holidays. New Year's afternoon the staff had a party for the residents; we had a lovely time; happy talking, a sing-along and a beautiful lunch.

In fact, I don't think too many of us were very hungry when supper time came. I would like to thank our staff for all their kindness.

New Year's day we all sat down to our holiday dinner, which as usual, was very tasty. We sure are lucky to have such a good cook and his helpers.

Several of our residents were away enjoying Christmas with their families but most of them have returned so it's back to our daily interests, bowling and card playing.

Well, it's 'Leap Year' once more so all you sweet girls, this is your chance.

Remember, "A ring on the finger is worth two on the phone"; what better time for this then Valentine's Day---Ah! Young love; guess I got carried away, but I think love is grand.

These next few weeks no doubt will be fairly quiet but I'll find something to write.

Please be careful driving; the children are back at school so keep your eyes on them so there will be no accidents.

Until next week this bit of nonsense; "Platonic Friendship: 'The interval between the introduction and the first kiss.'"

So long.

Translation of French sentence-  
 "To our French-speaking friends, I wish you 'A Happy, Healthy New Year'."

## 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. Rosspport, noon.  
 Confessions: Saturdays, 4-5 p.m. in Schreiber.  
 Pays Plat Prayer Group: Mondays 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.  
 Service Time at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
 Holy Eucharist, 1st and 3rd Sunday.  
 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.

#### 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 825-9098 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.

### NOTICE

St. John's Anglican Church Annual Vestry Meeting  
 Sunday January 24, 1988 at 1 p.m. at the Church.  
 All church members are asked to attend.  
 Babysitting available.

### Thank You

A very special thank you to our family; Cathy, Dan, Jewel, Dale, Deb, Shane, Sharon, Shannon and our grandchildren for our 40th Anniversary Surprise Party.  
 Also to our wonderful friends who helped and attended. We will remember your kindness forever.

Loye Joy & George Riley



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### Cooper Birth

Bob & Tequila Cooper are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Robert Alexander, born August 27, 1987 at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital. Tommy's little brother weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 oz. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Williams of Terrace Bay and Mrs. Anne Cooper of Kingston.

### 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of the Very Reverend Reginald and May Inshaw wish to announce their parents' 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on January 29, 1988.  
 An Open House will be held at their home at 85 Crown Street, Thunder Bay on Saturday, January 30, 1988 2-5 p.m.  
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