

WRITES FROM WAR-TORN CHINA

China Inland Mission
Liu-an, Anhwei, China.

Dear Prayer Companions:

What would we have done during the past year if we had not had our eternal refuge to flee to? How sweet and comforting in times of trouble and distress to feel underneath us the everlasting arms of our Almighty God. Although I have spent the year in war torn China, I know that all of you can relate experiences as I can, in which you have proved again and again the faithfulness of the Lord to His own. As for me my heart is full of praise to the Lord for blessing spiritually and in His service and too for many deliverances from both physical and spiritual dangers.

My stay in Hwoku has come and gone. I am sorry that I wasn't able to send a circular letter from that city. Though I am now stationed in Liu-an, the news in this letter will tell you a little about my eleven months stay in Hwoku. Liu-an is only fifty miles from Hwoku so you will also be able to find its approximate location on the map.

Hwoku is a forward movement station being opened by the Crossets in 1935. We do praise God for the way in which he has worked in the midst of this heathen city during these three years. Surely God has owned and honoured the faithful witness of His two servants. The first baptismal service was held in Hwoku just before Christmas at which time twenty three were baptized. Since then another man has followed the Lord through the waters of baptism. Hwoku as a forward movement station meant there was no established church and consequently no church building. The Mission's policy being an indigenous church, thus all meetings have been held on our small compound. At the front there is a street chapel that is a converted shop. Here gospel meetings are conducted four nights a week. The rest of the week night services as well as the Sunday services and prayer meetings are held. One Sunday at our morning service the guest room and court were full. I counted one hundred and ten people including children. This is the usual attendance when not raining or snowing.

During my eleven months stay in Hwoku over and over again we proved the Lord able to keep His own on times of danger. Two months after our arrival there the Japanese started to push through this section of the country. For weeks while cities around us were being bombed we went to the country during the day time fearing our turn would be next. But the Lord spared us and the city. Only one plane visited us dropping three small bombs. Rain and floods caused fighting to cease for the time being, but in the early autumn another passed us on both sides. Forty miles to the south of us there was severe fighting for days. To the north they passed by in motor boats going up the Hwai river to another city. Once again the Lord spared our city. During the first drive practically the whole of the city fled, some a short distance others far and some never to return. The second time it all happened so fast that the people could not run if they had wanted to as there was no place to flee to since the Japanese were all around us.

Thanks be to God in spite of all these troubles that have surrounded us for so long the work in Hwoku has been steadily growing in a remarkable way. Many have taken a definite stand for Christ. Backsliders from other churches have been restored back into fellowship with their Lord. During the autumn we held a two week Bible school for the Christians there being an average daily attendance of thirty five. Following upon that we had a ten day D.V.B.S. for the children, with an enrollment of over forty. Then started the preparations for the first baptismal service in Hwoku. Special classes were held for those who

Baseball Schedule

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- Wed., May 17—Hillcrests vs. Ostranders
- Fri., May 19—Stouffville vs. Miracles
- Mon., May 22—Miracles vs. Hillcrests
- Wed., May 24—Ostranders vs. Miracles
- Fri., May 26—Ostranders vs. Stouffville
- Sat., May 27—Hillcrests vs. Stouffville
- Mon., May 29—Hillcrests vs. Miracles
- Wed., May 31—Stouffville vs. Ostranders
- Fri., June 2—Ostranders vs. Hillcrests
- Sat., June 3—Miracles vs. Stouffville
- Mon., June 5—Miracles vs. Ostranders
- Wed., June 7—Stouffville vs. Hillcrests
- Fri., June 9—Hillcrests vs. Miracles
- Sat., June 10—Ostranders vs. Stouffville
- Mon., June 12—Hill crests vs. Ostranders
- Wed., June 14—Open date
- Fri., June 16—Ostrander vs. Miracles
- Sat., June 17—Hillcrests vs. Stouffville
- Mon., June 19—Miracles vs. Hillcrests
- Wed., June 21—Stouffville vs. Ostranders
- Fri., June 23—Ostranders vs. Hillcrests
- Sat., June 24—Miracles vs. Stouffville
- Mon., June 26—Miracles vs. Ostranders
- Wed., June 28—Stouffville vs. Hillcrests
- Fri., June 30—Open date
- Sat., July 1—Open date
- Mon., July 3—Hillcrests vs. Ostranders
- Wed., June 5—Stouffville vs. Miracles
- Fri., July 7—Hillcrests vs. Miracles
- Sat., July 8—Ostranders vs. Stouffville
- Mon., July 10—Ostranders vs. Miracles
- Wed., July 12—Stouffville vs. Hillcrests
- Fri., July 14—Ostranders vs. Hillcrests
- Sat., July 15—Miracles vs. Stouffville
- Mon., July 17—Miracles vs. Hillcrests
- Wed., July 19—Stouffville vs. Ostranders
- Fri., July 21—Miracles vs. Ostranders
- Sat., July 22—Hillcrests vs. Stouffville
- Mon., July 24—Hillcrests vs. Ostranders
- Wed., July 26—Stouffville vs. Miracles
- Fri., July 28—Miracles vs. Hillcrests
- Sat., July 29—Ostranders vs. Stouffville
- Mon., July 31—Ostranders vs. Miracles
- Wed., Aug. 2—Stouffville vs. Hillcrests
- Fri., Aug. 4—Hillcrests vs. Miracles
- Sat., Aug. 5—Miracles vs. Stouffville
- Mon., Aug. 7—Open date
- Wed., Aug. 9—Stouffville vs. Ostranders
- Fri., Aug. 11—Ostranders vs. Hillcrests
- Sat., Aug. 12—Hillcrests vs. Stouffville
- Mon., Aug. 14—Miracles vs. Ostranders
- Wed., Aug. 16—Stouffville vs. Miracles

had applied for baptism. The tub had to be made. The examination came and through it all these dear people were ever joyed waiting for the big day to come. The day turned out to be a rainy one but in spite of the fact that the service was held outside there was a good attendance. For these newly baptized Christians I ask very special prayer.

Some are suffering persecution already. One in particular a woman who before her conversion was a very heavy opium smoker. Everybody talks about the change that has come about in her life. Her husband who is also an opium addict does not approve of her coming to the Gospel hall because she does not want to join in with him in his sinful pleasures. So he is doing all he can to keep her (Continued on page Nine)

Safety and Comfort Routes to Royal Celebrations



With the arrival of Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth the Ontario, Minister of Highways, Hon. T. B. McQuesten today reinforced his program for reducing highway accidents throughout Ontario during the Royal visit.

Mr. McQuesten said every effort was being made by his department to avoid any serious traffic mishaps which might mar the pleasure of their Majesties' tour. The program was designed as a tribute to King George and his keen

interest in accident prevention. Mr. McQuesten pointed out that the King's Highway system near these cities would be heavily congested with motor traffic coming from distant points. He felt that motorists who lived comparatively close to these cities might reach their destination with much more comfort and convenience if they used the many good secondary roads available to them.

He also suggested that many motorists coming from distant points would find these secondary roads a means of avoid-

ing congestion and delay.

To the end of promoting traffic safety and motoring comfort, department of highways engineers have mapped out alternative routes which, if followed, will relieve some of the pressure on the main routes and help to avoid some of the heavy congestion. The map above emphasizes the roads, apart from the principal highways, by which motorists may travel safely and comfortably to see the Royal celebration. Nearly six hundred children and adults with journey to Toronto on Monday from Stouffville

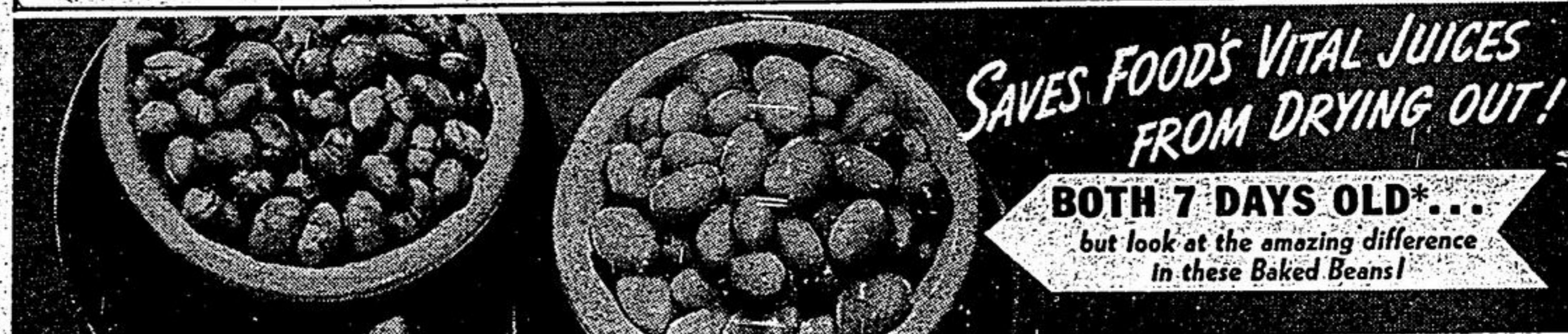
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According to the Monthly Bulletin of the Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries, "the Province of Ontario raised and planted more fish during the year 1938 than all the rest of the provinces combined, including the Federal Government." What we would like to know is: Have any of the Ontario government trout been planted near Stouffville.

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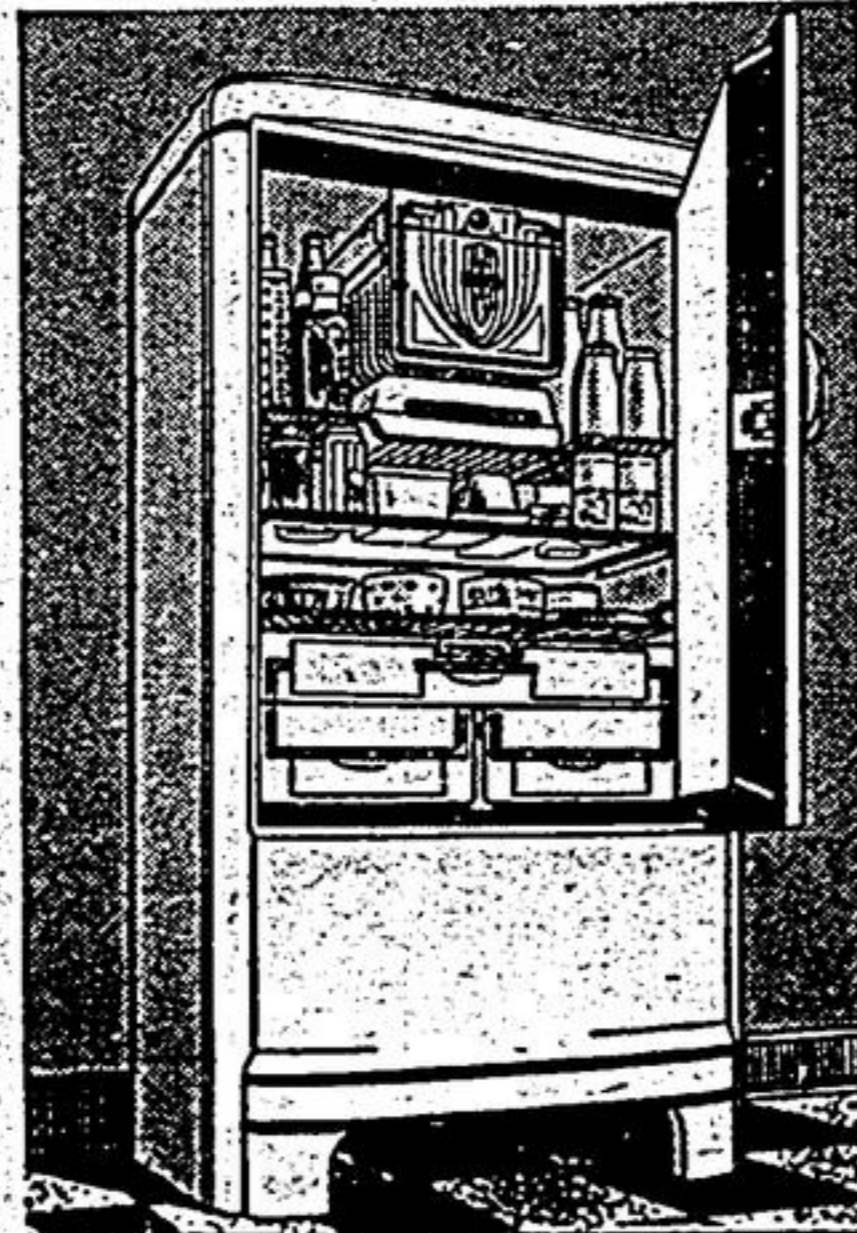
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