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NOTES and COMMENTS

Tallest Trees

There is a long-standing dispute among Australia, California and British Columbia regarding the honor of having the world's tallest trees. When the matter was raised recently in the Australian geographical magazine, Walkabout, reference was made to a letter written on Jan. 18, 1889, by David Boyle of Forest Hill, 25 miles from Melbourne, Victoria.

Mr. Boyle stated that he had measured a eucalyptus tree in the ranges nearby and had found it to be 466 feet high. It was 114 feet in circumference at the base and 81 feet at four feet from the ground.

Strange Things Happen

Scarboro Township Council has adopted a plan of paying persons who furnish valuable information to police, which results in the apprehension of thieves or others who are being sought for wrong doing. Surely it should not be necessary to pay persons for this service. After all the police are only trying to protect the public, and are entitled to assistance by every law-abiding citizen. It should not be necessary to pay Mr. John Public for protecting him against robbers.

Where a person comes to grief in aiding police, then we feel they should be reimbursed, such as the wife and family of the man in Toronto who was shot dead while attempting to intercept a robber coming out of a Loblaw store in the east end of the city some months ago.

He Refused to Work

The other day a farmer resolved to have the exterior of his house painted and if the price proved inviting he would have his outdoor buildings painted as well. The price to be paid was \$1.50 per hour. After the work had continued for three weeks the farmer found that his cash account would not stand the strain, but offered to pay the workman, who had a wife and four children, in apples, potatoes, eggs and such farm products. The offer was flatly rejected, though a little over a month's work would have earned a winter's supply of the farm products we have mentioned. The workman was asked to work the same hours as the farmer wrought but was met with a flat refusal. The workman still is idle. He had priced himself out of a good job that would have led to other jobs.—Exeter Times Advocate.

Death of a Bull

Great prominence has been given in the newspapers to the death of a famous Holstein bull, Montvic Rag Apple Sovereign, owned jointly by Thomas R. Dent, M.L.A. and Clark Brown, of Woodstock. This fine animal has died at the age of seven years, leaving behind it a record seldom equalled or surpassed in the history of live stock in Canada. Progeny of this famous bull have gone to many countries of the world to serve as foundation stock for Holstein herds, while those which have remained in Canada have won the highest exhibition and production honors known to this country.

Known to Holstein men as "Sovereign," he has left behind 1,235 registered progeny. Their worth can be judged from the fact that many of them have sold for prices rang-

ing from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Among them are grand champions and other animals which have been awarded All-Canadian honors in their groups.

The value of a bull such as this to a breed of cattle cannot be overestimated. By the use of artificial breeding methods, it is possible to do a large scale job of breed improvement from this one animal, and that has been done to a remarkable degree in the case of Sovereign. It is unfortunate for the Holstein breed, as well as for his owners, that he died at such an early age, when he still had many years of possible useful service ahead of him.

Dual Radio

The National Council of Women, in its brief to the Royal Commission on Arts and Sciences, objected to Canada's so-called "dual" radio system for the very reason that it does not offer a dual system. The brief pointed out that with CBC carrying commercial programs on both a national and a local basis, there is no opportunity for a listener, weary of commercial announcements, to dial them out entirely unless he shuts his radio off.

To correct this system, the NCW recommended that all commercial broadcasting be left in the hands of private stations on a network of their own. The CBC, as a result of its construction of a series of high-powered stations across the country, is now in a position to reach most of the populated areas of Canada, and should concentrate on its true function of providing national programs of public interest on a non-commercial basis.

There is much to be said for the proposal. Not only would it accomplish the purpose which the National Council of Women have in mind, but it would eliminate the constant bickering between the CBC and the private stations.

Should such a step be taken it would not be without precedent. Australians are provided with just such a service, and are able to choose between the non-commercial offerings of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the largely commercial schedules of private stations. From all reports they are pleased with the arrangement.

Why Not Forget It?

The Edmonton Journal last week called attention to a rather pitiful case that will call for public sympathy all across Canada. Says the live daily:

"Governments are queer things. They can spend public money at times with the abandon of a drunken sailor, yet at other times they display all the meanness and covetousness of the village miser.

A striking example of this latter characteristic turned up this week, with the disclosure that the Canadian government is pressing a Vancouver couple for \$883 — the costs of repatriating the woman from a Japanese prison camp during the war. They have even been threatened with prosecution if the money is not paid in two weeks.

What makes this harrying peculiarly petty and mean is the fact that both the husband and wife served with distinction as volunteers during the siege of Hong Kong in 1941; the wife, who was a nurse, was decorated for bravery. Both were captured by Japanese, spent years in prison camps and lost all their possessions. After so many misfortunes, it seems a pretty hard measure to be billed by the government with the expenses of rescuing the wife. In this case at least, it would surely be the part of fairness and decency for the government to forget about the whole thing.

Indeed it is hard to understand why any civilian who was repatriated from German or Japanese-held territory during the war should be compelled to pay the costs of his or her passage. Nobody has ever suggested making prisoners-of-war pay their way home, and the position of civilians caught in a theatre of war is not so very different. We do not know how much money the government spent repatriating civilians, but it is probably not a large sum of the scale of present public expenditures. We doubt whether it would unsettle the budget too much if the Department of Finance simply chalked the whole thing up to war costs, and stopped bothering people who have had more than their share of trouble already."

Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHYS



MONTREAL—Some of the sweetest memories of home are bound up in the cakes that Mother bakes! Particularly so if they are Swans Down cakes—delicate, light, richly flavorful, moist to the very last crumb! These are the things that make a Swans Down cake exceptional! For SWANS DOWN CAKE FLOUR is sifted again and again until it is 27 times as fine as ordinary flour. Enjoy, like countless women, wonderful cake baking success every time by baking with Swans Down.



Last Chance to send for this special offer! The folks at Heinz have invented a very handy plastic cap covers specially designed to fit over the tops of HEINZ BABY FOOD tins! When your baby doesn't eat a full tin of Heinz Baby Food at one meal-time, simply leave the balance in the tin, cover it with one of these plastic caps and store it in your refrigerator. Mothers who've used these caps tell me they're useful as can be—they save food, money, time and bother! Write to me—Barbara Brent, 1411 Crescent St., Montreal, P.Q.—enclosing 10c in coin or postage stamps and 3 labels from Heinz Baby Food tins and you'll receive THREE plastic cap covers and TWO plastic Baby Food Savers (for scooping out the last good morsel of Heinz Baby Food from every tin)! Be sure to tell me whether your baby is a boy or a girl so I'll know whether to send these five "food-'n'-moneysavers" in pink or blue.



Simple Enough For Everybody... grand enough for company-best... here's a dessert to tempt the fancy of the whole family! So fresh-tasting, so sparkling and gay, JELL-O's seven glorious "locked-in" flavors are popular anytime! Serve Jell-O often.

JELL-O BANANA BAVARIAN CREAM
1 package Lemon Jell-O
2 cups hot water
1/4 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup heavy cream
5 bananas

Dissolve Jell-O in hot water. Add salt and sugar. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in cream, whipped only until thick and shiny, but not stiff. Crush bananas to pulp with silver fork and mould at once into Jell-O mixture. Chill until slightly thickened. Turn into mould. Chill until firm. Unmould. Serves 8.



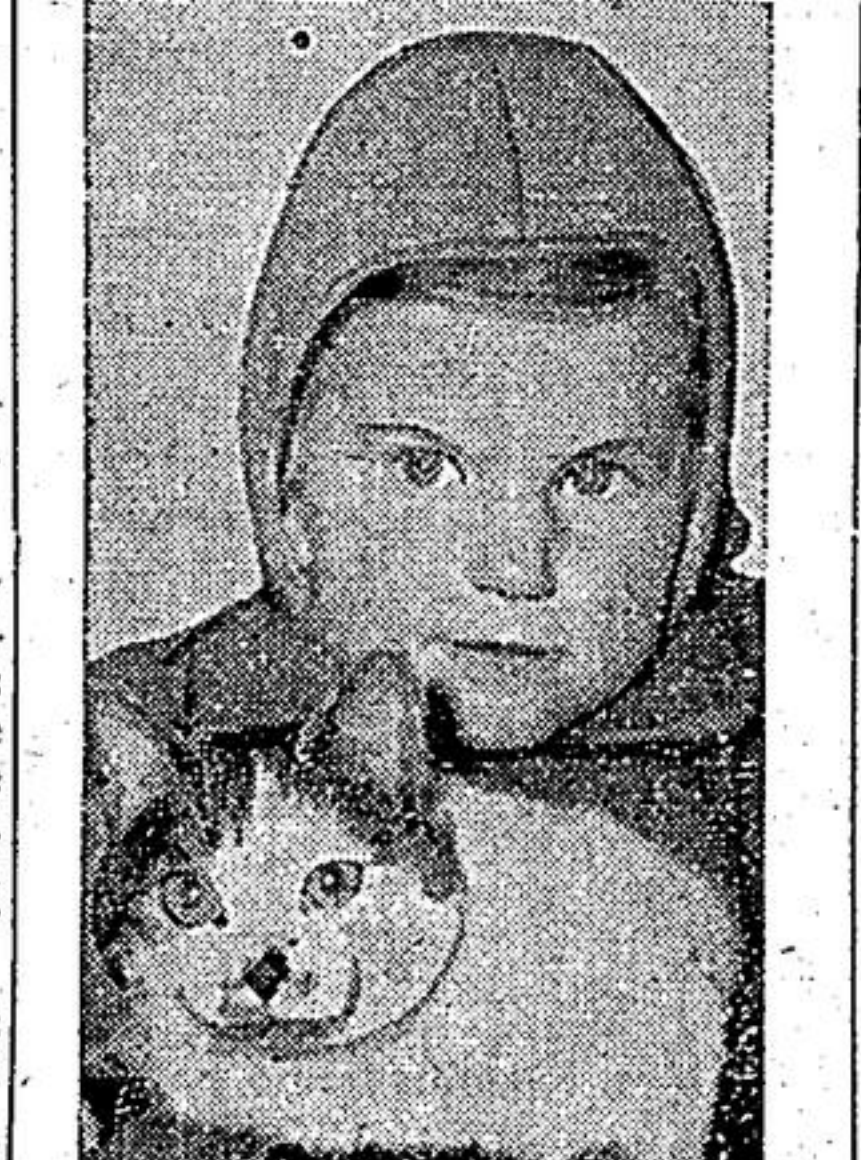
I've Always marvelled at the economy of tea. Now, a pound of tea produces at least 200 cups of full flavored beverage! That means a family of four can have tea every meal for two weeks from one pound. What's more, tea tastes better with milk than with cream—milk costs much less! Everything considered, tea costs you only about 1c a cup including the milk and sugar. It's no wonder tea is Canada's most popular beverage! No wonder nearly 9 billion cups are consumed annually or more than 750 cups per person!

When the heart is loyal to Him, when He has His rightful place in the life, selfishness will be rebuked, grace will reign, and love of the brethren will be manifested in gracious care for another. The Christian brotherhood is made up of regenerated men and women who are "taught of God to love one another" (1 Thess. 4:9). It was no attempt to reform the world that these chapters present, but a separated, unworldly people, walking in love as the result of the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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Clever cat is "Snoopy," seen here with chum, Donna Reid, three, at Campbellford, Ont., home. Animal began acting strangely one night recently, kept jumping at the owners Casey and Harold Jones. When they went outside they saw flames shooting from the chimney. Fire was extinguished with little damage, but the brothers thank "Snoopy" for that.

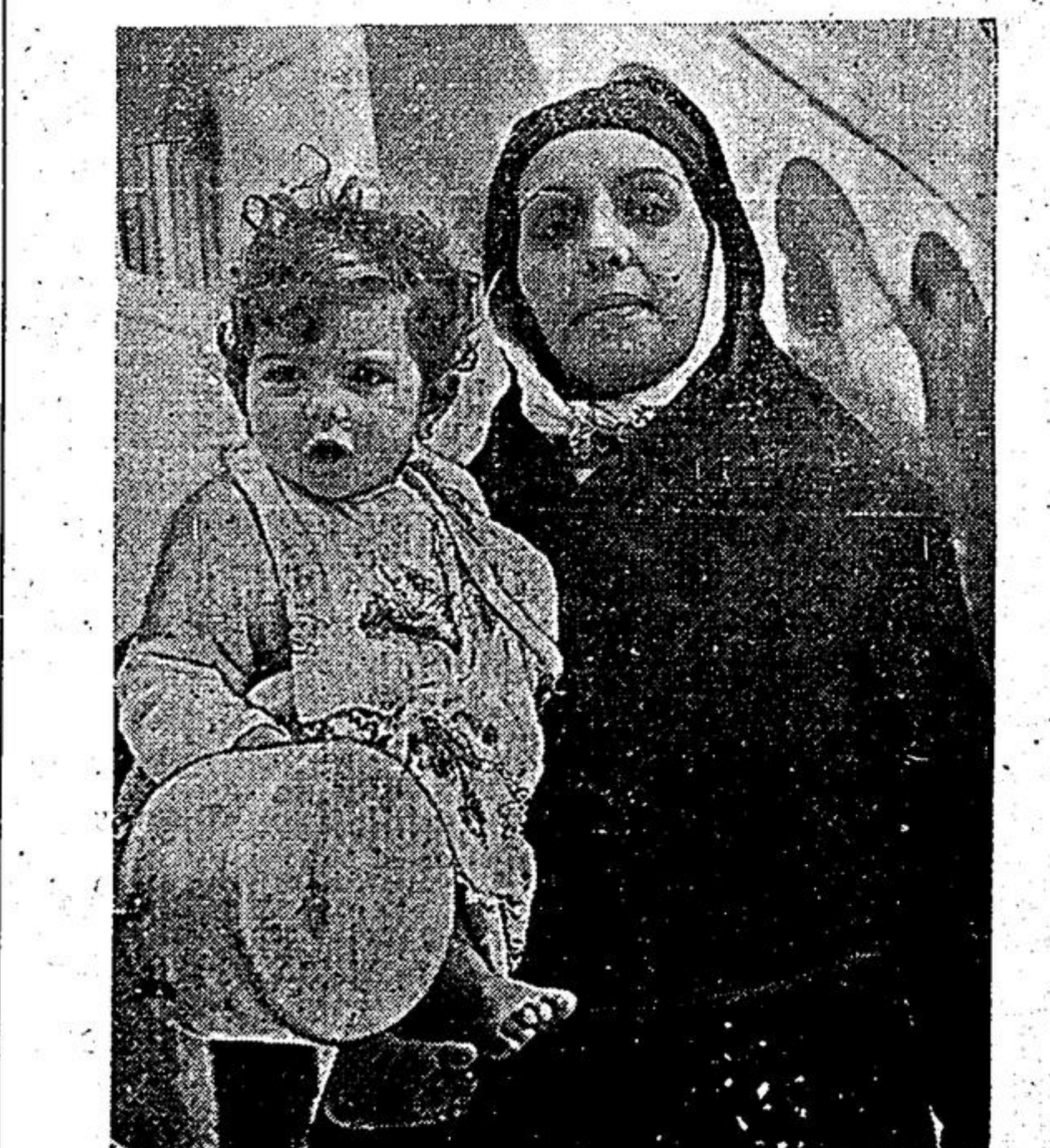
MAYFAIR Restaurant

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Saturday
8 a.m. — 12 p.m.

A 500 year old plan to connect Marsailles with Rotterdam through Switzerland, is being discussed again.

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Canadian Milk Sent to Holy Land



Canadian milk is going to the Holy Land because of the United Nations International Children's Emergency fund. Arab woman and child are at distribution centre.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for Jan. 15

Golden Text.—And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.—Acts 4:32

Approach to the Lesson

Fellowship implies joint participation. In the early church this was very real. The young believers found themselves ostracized by those with whom they had walked in their unconverted days. Separated to the risen Christ, they confessed His name in baptism and came together for instruction in the truths of the new dispensation and for communion one with another and with their Lord and Saviour. Observing the simple ordinance of the breaking of bread and uniting their hearts in prayer, they entered into a most intimate and precious relationship with each other. The reality of this spiritual fellowship led to deep concern for those among them who were in temporal need, so that those to whom God had

entrusted abundance of this world's goods were glad to share with those who had need. Persecution only deepened this fellowship and made the believers dearer to each other and more appreciative of the grace which God had bestowed upon them.

That which led these early Christians to share temporal things with one another was their sense of a divinely established unity, so that they recognized the precious truth that those who were "added to the Lord" (Acts 5:14) were necessarily "members one of another" (Eph. 4:25). The revelation of the Church as the body of Christ had not yet been made known. That awaited the conversion and illumination of Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles (Col. 1:24, 25). But the fact existed before the truth of it was proclaimed. Because of this spiritual unity the believers were of one heart and one mind, and none said that the things he possessed were his own.

The Historical Setting

The events recorded in our lesson followed very closely upon the Pentecostal endowment. The church of God in Jerusalem grew rapidly and was characterized by intense devotion to Christ and hearty fellowship among its own

members.

Verse by Verse

Acts 2:42.—"They continued steadfastly in" four things: "the apostles' doctrine," or teaching, receiving needed instruction as given by the first leaders in the church: "fellowship" one with another, as having a common faith and common interest; the "breaking of bread," probably what we call the Communion, the daily observance of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of their Saviour; and in "prayers," the expression of the sense of need of divine help and sustenance.

Verse 43.—"Fear came upon every soul." The awesome sense of God's presence in the Spirit's power was realized by them all. It was He who wrought through the apostles in the working of miracles for the relief of human suffering and the accrediting of the new message.

Verse 44.—"(They) had all things common." This was not by command of the Lord, but by common consent. Love was so active that those who had been blessed with worldly goods shared gladly with those who had not.

Verse 45.—"As every man had need." Some have called this "an experiment in Christian communism." But it was more than that. It was the gracious activity of divine love shed abroad in the hearts of these early believers by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

Verse 46.—"In the temple..... and..... from house to house." As yet they were not separated from the Temple and its services, but they found their more intimate fellowship among their own groups in their homes, where the joy of the Lord was manifested.

Verse 47.—"The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." It is by the Spirit's baptism that the Lord adds to His Church. Actually, the word "church" is not found in the best manuscripts. The Revised Version has "added to them," but the thought is the same. A new company had been formed, to which the Lord Himself added those who were being saved.

Acts 4:31.—"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." After being released by the chief priests who had arrested Peter and John, and had commanded them not to speak again in the name of the Lord Jesus, the apostles sought out their fellow believers and joined with

them in earnest prayer. As they waited on God, special manifestation of the Lord's presence was given in the shaking of the house in which they met and they were all refilled with the Holy Spirit. While there is but one baptism in the Spirit, there may be many fillings for special service.

Verse 32.—"They had all things common." This was the outward evidence of the Spirit's unity. There does not seem to have been any prearrangement about it—no propaganda of any kind. But because the love of Christ filled their hearts, these devoted followers of His found joy in sharing what they possessed with others.

Verse 33.—"Great power..... and great grace." These were the two things which, above all others, were characteristic in those days. The ministry of the Word was in great power as the Holy Spirit delighted to honor Christ, and when that Word was received in honest hearts, it produced great grace in the lives of the believers. These two things should always go together, and will, when there is true subjection to the Lord.

Verse 34.—"Neither was there any among them that lacked." Those who possessed real property sold it of their own volition and brought the proceeds to the common treasury, evidently administered by the apostles, though these never sought such responsibility (Acts 6:2). It was love in action, seeking not its own, but delighting to serve and bless others. They had seen by faith a brighter world above, so they held the things of this lower scene as of little worth.

Verse 35.—"Distribution was made into every man according as he had need." There was nothing forced or artificial about this. It was one of the evidences of grace working in the lives of those who believed. Carnality soon brought such blissful conditions to an end. The Heart of the Lesson

The coming of the Holy Spirit, which united believers to Christ and to one another, resulted in the formation of true Christian fellowship, which drew the hearts of the children of God together in devotion to Christ and concern for one another's welfare.

It would be a great mistake to think of social service as the outstanding theme of this lesson. Rather is it devotion to Christ to which our attention is directed.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



GOODNIGHT! 10 O'CLOCK—AND THE ICE BOX WAS LOCKED TWO HOURS AGO—