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Railway to Rescue

MOTORISTS may sometimes feel a little superior as they flash past the old railway train chugging along the pike in the lower Skeena Valley. They may think it an unwieldy, awkward sort of a single-tracked, old-fashioned contraption.

Maybe that is all very well in the airy, sunny days of summer when the rains are gentle, the water low and everything seems lightly serene.

But when the wintry blasts come, the heavy snows fly, the rains pour and the hills slide, the good old railway train comes into its own again and we respect its comparative reliability and security. The trains may have their failures now and then but they are usually the last to fail and the first to get back into commission.

To get down to cases, it was probably a pretty comforting and reassuring feeling when 13 men, women and children were picked up and carried in the caboose of a work train to Terrace this week after they had been stuck on the road for four or five days when the slides came and they could get neither east nor west as far as the highway was concerned.

The hot cups of coffee which the boys of the train crew would serve them from the sooty old pot on the unpolished caboose stove, the crackers and cheese or what-not they would dig up to go with the husky over-boiled beverage and the ancient round-backed chairs which they shared would feel pretty comfortable and satisfying to these motorists turned refugees as they clattered and jogged homeward on the rugged old work train.

Yes, these are the days when the good old train comes into its own again and when we wonder, for all the fancy automobiles and the best of roads, what we would do about it.

It might not be all we would like, it might have its disadvantages and its shortcomings, but the railway still gets there just the same and reminds us it might be due for a hand once in a while to make up for the blasts we so often give it.

Family Worship

FAMILY WORSHIP might be revived with considerable benefit to ourselves, believes the Moose Jaw Times-Herald. "In times of trial and uncertainty, as the present, in days when material things in people's lives so often outweigh the lasting values of eternity, the benediction of prayer can do much to create or restore a peace of mind. Though it cannot always banish trouble from our lives it can give us strength to meet it. Family worship is the key which unlocks that treasure of the spirit, and reveals the secret of joy and peace."

Scripture Passage for Today

"Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn."—Isa. 51:1.

TO THE ELECTORS:

I desire to thank those who supported me in Thursday's election.

And I extend to the Mayor-elect and Aldermen-elect best wishes for a successful term of office.

Sincerely, H. M. DAGGETT.



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Services in the Church

Saturday Sermon

Christmas Preparations

By Rev. H. Godfrey Bird, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Seal Cove
Text: St. Matthew 3:3, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

As the Christmas rush advances and many a weary voice is heard to say that they wish Christmas were over or that they are unprepared, it is time to ask ourselves for what we are preparing.

Are we preparing for a HOLIDAY or a HOLY DAY, for a MATERIAL Feast or a SPIRITUAL Feast, for a Material Celebration or for THE Celebration of THE Feast of CHRIST'S MASS?

Many people feel disturbed and tell us that the SPIRIT has gone out of Christmas. It hasn't. The Spirit has been allowed to be crowded out of us. There is just as much Spirit in Christmas as there ever was if we wish to take advantage of it.

In the turmoil of a civil census in Bethlehem, Christ was crowded into the stable, but nevertheless He was born.

Business was booming in Bethlehem, especially in the hotel business, but nevertheless a few shepherds and later a few wise men shared in the Real Joy.

When we are asked just how far we have come in nineteen and a half centuries, let us reply that, whereas just a few men had the opportunity to worship the Christ Child when he was born, now millions of people have the opportunity. The SPIRIT has not left Christmas because we are otherwise occupied. More and more have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Spirit.

No material feast is a success without a great deal of preparation. We cannot expect a Spiritual Feast to be a success without just as much and more preparation. If we look on Christmas from a purely materialistic point of view we can easily become disturbed. Herod became very disturbed and we know of his preparations.

Are we going to prepare the best room that we have, or are we going to let Christ use the stable? Is HE FIRST on our list of preparations, or LAST? Will He be in possession of our hearts or will He be crowded out? "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

First Presbyterian Church



We extend a cordial invitation to visitors to worship with us.
231 Fourth Ave. East.
Minister: Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
Organist: Mrs. E. J. Smith,
John Currie.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
Morning Worship 11 o'clock
Subject: "Recipe for Happy Christmas"
Sunday School—12:15
Evening Service of Praise at 7:30 o'clock
"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy"

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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Our Sunday Services and Sunday School will be held in the L.O.O.F. Hall, 4th Ave. East.

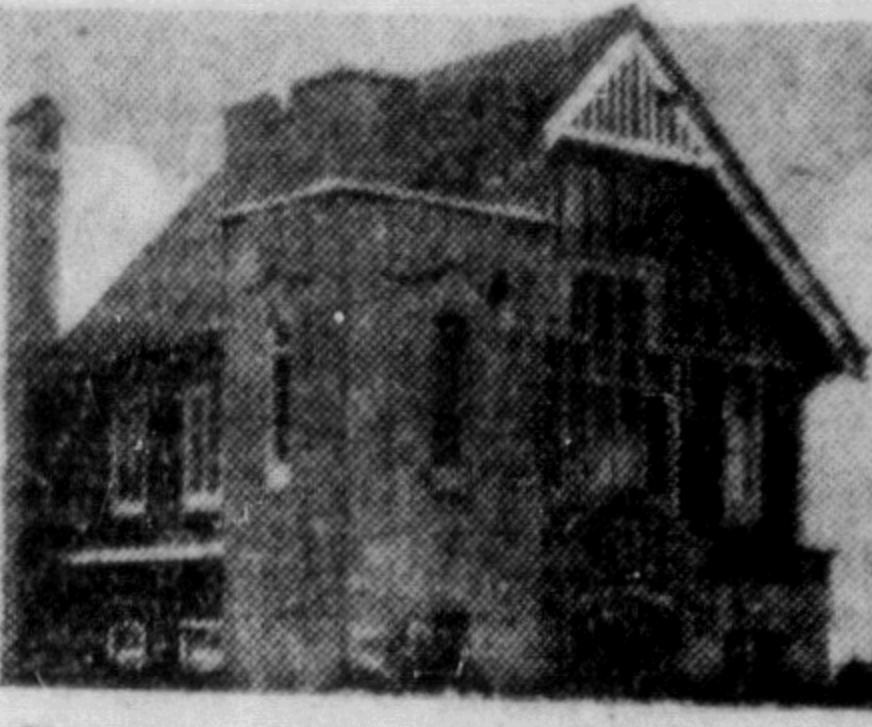
Week Day Services in the homes, to be announced Sundays.

"By grace are ye saved through faith (in Christ) and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Pastor's residence and phone remain unchanged

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Young St. at Fifth Ave. East



Pastor: REV. F. ANTROBUS
Res. 230—5th Ave. E.
Box 538 Phone Green 812

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Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

ANGELICAN CATHEDRAL
4th Ave. W. at Dunsmuir St.
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Sunday School 2:00 p.m.
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Rector (Blue 700)

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5th Ave. E. at Young St.
Minister: Rev. Fred Antrobus
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
4th Avenue East
Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
(Green 982)

FIRST UNITED
630 6th Ave. West
Rev. L. G. Sieber
(Green 613)

SALVATION ARMY
Fraser Street
CO.: Sr. Capt. George Oystrik
Sunday School 2:30 p.m.
(Black 269)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
5th Ave. at McBride St.
Pastor: Rev. H. O. Olson
(Black 610)

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN
Seal Cove
Rector: Rev. H. Godfrey Bird
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
(Blue 827)

REGULAR BAPTIST
629 6th Ave. E. Blue 803
Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Thorpe

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
5th Ave. at McBride St.
Rev. H. O. Olson

You are invited to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
"The Just Shall Live By Faith"

SUNDAY SERVICES
December 16, 1951

Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Theme: "The Forerunner's Message"

Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Theme: "The King of Love"
Choir Concert, Dec. 21, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday School—12:15 p.m.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

636 Sixth Avenue West
Prince Rupert, B.C.
Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber

11 a.m.—Morning Worship
Sermon: "On the Hills of Home"
Children's Story: "So You Think It's Christmas?"
Anthem: "The Shepherds Had An Angel"

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Sermon: "The Fullness of Time"
Anthem: "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"
Quartette with Rowland Miles, soloist.

COME AND WORSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOLS — At First Church: Beginners and Primary at 11 a.m.; Juniors and Older at 12:15; at Conrad United Hall, all at 1 p.m.
YOUNG ADULTS' CLUB meet after the evening service at 2115 Graham Avenue.

Full Gospel Tabernacle

202 6th Ave. West
(Across from Armouries)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School and Bible Class—10:30
Morning Worship—11:30
Evangelistic—7:30

FRIDAY, DEC. 21
Sunday School Christmas Program—7:30

We invite you to bring your children to Sunday School
You'll find a welcome at Prince Rupert's Pentecostal Church

Green 331 Pastor C. Fawcett

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School

A WELCOME will be extended to our new Canadian friends from Germany, at the Supper Hour, in the Lower Auditorium.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS
For Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Depts., on Friday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.
For Cradle Roll, Nursery, and Beginner's Depts., on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2:30 p.m.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Trail Report

TRAIL: Here more than in any other spot in Canada you get proof of the old saying that "the world do move."

When I first visited this key mining centre, a year or two before the Hitler war, the smoke from the plants hung over the city like a fog of gloom.

Now all that is left of the smoke and the gloom is the name of the hockey team.

The Smoke Eaters cling to their name for exactly the same reason as the power of the British army in World War One clung to the name of "Old Contemptibles."

The gases that used to make the smoke and the gloom are now processed to make farm fertilizer.

TRAIL has what is surely as fine a new high school as there is in the entire world today. Many of the folks around town seem to think it is a bit too grand, too costly. But I figure the builders and planners of the school knew what they were doing.

This city is destined to remain one of the greatest wealth producers in all the world. What is wealth for if it does not mean modern living for the people who produce it?

ONE OTHER remarkable change I see here in the past fourteen years is this:

Back in the thirties this was a company town, and closed as tight as a drum. There were no international unions here. In fact, any would-be trade union organizer got a very rough ride indeed if he then tried to come in here. One tried it just before my first visit. But just after he parked his car and went in for supper somebody tossed his brakes and let the car roll over the him. (That, by the way, was NOT the work or company stooges but of men who did not want the unions in!)

Now, for years past the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. has applied a most enlightened labor-relations policy. The workers are free to join any union of their choice.

It is perhaps a significant trend of these times that whereas the men long since won the right to unionize, Rival unions themselves are carrying on fierce jurisdictional wars. I get the distinct impression, here and elsewhere across Canada, that the rank-and-file union members are increasingly weary of these family quarrels.

TRAIL is the only place in the interior of B.C. where I have found no evidence of the growing organization of the Social Credit Party. However, I am informed that Social Credit organizers mostly from Alberta have been busy for many months in the outlying districts of the Kootenays. That is also true of the Okanagan and the Fraser valley.

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Newsprint Price Less in Quebec

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THE LETTERBOX

AVOIDING TAXATION

Editor,

Daily News:

Our taxation system has reached the point this moment where it has proved to be inadequate and altogether disappointing. Like a canker, it is eating away prosperity. It is futile to enumerate here the evils and hindrances experienced and hardships caused by our tax system.

Evidence of its inefficiency is proven on every side and it is high time a more sane, efficient system were adopted. All public developments and salaries to government servants, highways, bridges, municipal and war, defence, munitions, foreign obligations, schools, hospitals, mines, waterpower, in fact all our requirements can be financed adequately without taxation or its deadly partner—interest.

With the kind permission of Daily News I shall tell you in a later article how we can unload this out-of-date burden and bring justice and unheard-of prosperity to our rich, bountiful land.

Yours for justice,
CHARLES W. REEVES

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Reflects and Reminisces

The man who wrote "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," George H. Powell, is dead, aged 71 years. Royalties returned him a fortune. He earned it. If morale means anything, it helped win the first Great War. "What's the use of worrying, it never was worth while." Good philosophy, war or no war.

When Prince Rupert's first mayoralty candidate was elected, a great public meeting was held the same evening in what was known in those days as the Empress Theatre, upstairs at the corner of Second Avenue and Sixth Street. (The historic building is now occupied by Miller's Cigar Store and other businesses.) Great was the general jubilation and speech making.

"Prince Rupert" shouted a grinning orator, "will grow rapidly, for haven't we elected a stork?" The name of the first mayor, who took office in the spring of 1910, was Fred Stork.

Note to hard workers—It costs less to eat regularly now than to report regularly to the doctor, later on.

Juneau bartenders are drawing between \$15 and \$17 a day, as a regular wage. There are more than sixty. All should be able to scrape along if they remain reasonably careful and try to look ahead.

Princess Elizabeth, just now, has more than Christmas to think about. With six months of handshaking ahead of her, she is figuring out what variety of clothing and fashions to select in Australia and New Zealand.

A thousand words a day, live news, go to Canadian troops in Germany and United Kingdom. Nothing is available as to what's going to Canadian soldiers in Korea. Canada knows what they want—cheery letters and news. How about it?

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RESTRICTIONS

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need for travel abroad. No more forms are necessary.

There is no limit on the amount of United States dollars a person can accumulate or take out of the country.

Mr. Abbott said later at a press conference that the decision to lift exchange restrictions to maintain Canada's economic well-being but "rather on the general handling of our domestic economic situation," Mr. Abbott said.

The foreign exchange control board, which controlled capital and tourist dollar movements, will still exist but only on paper. Many of its 350 employees will be either shifted to other Bank of Canada jobs or dismissed.

While the government has abolished foreign exchange controls, it will still continue to administer its reserves, now about \$1,000,000,000, in United States dollars and gold.

Officials, apparently, do not see any heavy fluctuations of the Canadian dollar on the horizon.

Mr. Abbott observed that there have been progressive reductions in foreign exchange control and yet the dollar has maintained strength, tending to climb toward par with the United States dollar.

Banks, corporations and individuals will be able to hold more United States—or any other currency—as they choose through official reserves.

The government, however, still be able to maintain a measure of economic stability to prevent wild fluctuations in market value of the Canadian dollar.

Through a special exchange fund, officials will be able, on behalf of the minister of finance, to buy and sell American dollars and buy Canadian dollars on the New York market if there heavy selling pressure forced down the value of the dollar.

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