THIS AND THAT

"And now a rollicking song by the three stevedores."

VETERANS IN CHURCH PEWS

Clerics Praise Response From Returned Servicemen

OTTAWA (CP)—Veterans and their families are returning to church life and duties "surprisingly well," a survey of leading Protestant churchmen in the capital indicated.

Rt. Rev. Robert Jefferson, Anglican Bishop of Ottawa, said he was "very pleased with the way our men have returned from the war and taken up their church duties where they left off."

"I have found veterans exactly the same as other people," he added, "and the fact they put on a uniform made no difference in them."

Rev. Stuart Ivison, minister of a Baptist church here and himself a veteran, said his church had had "a wonderful response from servicemen."

"In my experience any approach which is made to them is always greeted with the utmost cordiality and, to a degree, success."

Rev. Robert Good, Presbyterian minister, said more veterans were returning to the church after the Second World War than after the first and the response of war brides was particularly encouraging.

Churchmen generally agreed there was no need for discouragement over the post-war religious situation. Some blamed housing difficulties as the reason many veterans and their families had not joined. This was chiefly because they had to move about from parish to parish in tempofary homes. Once settled, the ministers said, many will affiliate themselves with a neighborhood church.

EMBARRASSING MOMENT

FORT FRANCES, Ont. (CP)—A woman passing through the customs and immigration office here suddenly yelled: "I've lost my skirt." Sure enough she had Telephone calls between Canadian and United States officials successfully located the garment. No, it wasn't the one she was wearing.

PRIMEVAL TOOTHACHE

Written records of dental treatment have been found dating back to 3700 B.C.

Auto Club Protesting Gas Raise

Prince Rupert branch of the British Columbia Automobile Association last night added its voice to the chorus of protest raised by other automobile groups against the recently announced provincial increase of three cents a gallon for gasoline and joined in a condemning an increase in car license fees.

At its annual meeting in the Commodore Cafe, the association endorsed a brief submitted to Provincial Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb by the B.C. Automobile Association which deplored both increases on behalf of motorists in all parts of the province.

The brief objected to the provincial government imposing a further three-cent gasoline tax after the wartime federal tax of three cents a gallon had been withdrawn. The boost in car license fees to the same level as that prior to two years ago was scored because it added unfairly to the heavy burden borne by motorists, who are now also faced with a 15 percent increase in the price of cars.

Election of officers resulted in only one change in the slate, the election of Hugo Kraupner as secretary-treasurer in place of Fred Conrad.

The officers for 1947 are:

President, J. Harry Black.

Vice-President, J. E. Boddie.

Secretary - Treasurer, Hugo Kraupner.

Executive—S. E. Parker, Douglas Frizzell, Mrs. A. A. Rochester, W. J. Scott, N. E. Gerrard, A. D. Ritchie, W. G. Murray, George Dibb, C. G. Ham, H. T. Lock.

President Black, in his annual report, said that membership in 1946 was 93 and that renewed memberships so far this year total 39. He told of local assistance given in organizing a branch of the association at Terrace, and of conferences with Public Works Minister Carson, in which the latter assured that every effort would be made to maintain the Skeena Highway in good condition.

A telegram from H. S. Hipwell, president of the B.C. Automobile Association, stated that a delegation from the association would meet in the near future with Premier Hart and Finance Minister Anscomb and would take up the matter of the provincial government taking over the whole highway between Prince Rupert and Prince George in addition to pressing its claims for removal of the three-cent gasoline tax increase and the 10 percent increase in motor licenses.

APPLE PIE WAR BRIDES' FAVORITE—Sixteen war brides, believing in the old adage about the way to a man's heart, are learning to cook "the American way" in Chicago, Ill. From their Red Cross nutrition service instructor, Frederica Beinert, they learn to bake apple pie, their No. 1 request, as well as other staple articles of American diet. Shown in action at the "school," left to right, Ann Murphy from Scotland, Frederica Beinert of the Red Cross, Sonia Cervantis from England and Maria Ringgold frim Egypt. The happiness evidenced by their interest belies the few tales of dissatisfaction among war brides.

TREE FRUITS IN INTERIOR

Observations made during the summer of 1946 by the staff members of the Dominion Experimental Station at Prince George, over most districts of the Bulkley, Nechako and upper Fraser Valleys indicate that it is safe to say that hardy varieties of apples, plums, cherries and pears can be grown in these areas.

Named varieties of apples such as Wealthy, Yellow Transparent and McIntosh were seen producing fruit at Quesnel, McBride and Fort Fraser. The first two mentioned matured well, although the latter may be late for some areas. Many chance seedlings were also found carrying large crops of good quality fruits. These had been grown from seed of culinary apples in most cases and competed with native trees and shrubs for existence. Some grown in a garden from planted seed were producing heavily when 15 years of age. The apples observed were mostly on clay land and appeared to do as well or better than on loam or sand.

Plums were observed in many gardens but never as plentiful as apples. Opata and wild plums of apparent eastern origin were seen fruiting at many points and Pembina carried a good crop in one case. The lack of plum trees may be due to the fact that most growers are situated on heavy, land where plums do not appear to thrive.

Sour cherries were seen growing in several gardens and some carrying good crops of fruit. A Bessarabian type and English Morello were observed. The Morello was carrying a very heavy crop of excellent fruit which ripened well. Two sweet cherry trees were seen carrying ripe fruit at Dunster and a large, healthy Bing seedling seen at Australian.

The only pears seen carrying fruit were of the Tate Dropmore type. These trees produced good crops of small, poor quality fruits.

General variety recommendations from one season's observations are:

Apples — Yellow Transparent, Wealthy, Haralson, Blushed Calville, Moscow Pear, Duchess, Antonovka.

Crabs—Transcendent, Robin, Florence, Osman, Dolgo, Olga.

Plums—Opata, Pembina.

Cherries — Bessarabian, English Morello.

Pears—Tate Dropmore.

SHORT SPORT

Chris Newton of Toronto won the Canadian lightweight boxing championship 20 years ago, beating Cliff Graham, also of Toronto, in a 10-round bout at Toronto. Two months later Newton dropped the title to Leo (Kid) Roy at Montreal.

Los Angeles All-Stars defeated Fords at Windsor, Ont., 15 years ago to win a two-game series billed as the world's amateur basketball championship. The Californians—1936 Olympic titlists—followed their 40-31 victory over the Canadians in the first contest with a 28-19 verdict in the second game of the best-of-three series.

BOWMAN BAGS COUGAR

TRAIL, B.C. (CP)—Dr. William Leonard of Trail, brought down a 110-pound cougar with a bow and arrow. Though long an expert with the primitive weapon, he had never previously bagged such large game.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

February 22—B.C. Packers vs. High School.

February 25—High School vs. Savoy.

March 1—B.C. Packers vs. High School.

March 4—Savoy vs. B.C. Packers.

March 8—B.C. Packers vs. Savoy.

March 11—Savoy vs. B.C. Packers.

Tallysticks Once Burned Parliament

LONDON (Reuters) — Tallysticks—survivors of a form of financial reckoning used extensively in Britain until the early 19th century—have returned to their glass case in the House of Commons from a wartime hiding place.

The sticks, many dated as far back as 1294, resemble old wooden toothbrushes with notches cut in the handle. The notches told illiterates how many pounds, shillings and pence were involved in transactions between the crown or government and the people.

Once—dry from old age—they caused the fire which burned down the old Houses of Parliament in 1834.

But even today, despite an attempt to abolish them in 1872, tallysticks are still sometimes used to record payments.

The largest sum recorded by the existing sticks is £20 ($80). According to one tallystick the hamlet of Hintington had to pay £3 6s. ($13.20).

RACE FOR REST

FOAM LAKE, Sask. (CP)—Commercial travellers leaving a train at this east central Saskatchewn town immediately broke into a race. The winner, who reached the only local hotel first, obtained a private room, others slept two to a bed.

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"Halt, who comes there?" cries the guard.
"The keys!" the warder answers.
"Whose keys?"
"King George's Keys!"
"Advance King George's Keys—all's well!"

The warder and his escort advance to the guardroom. The guard, in scarlet tunics and high bearskins present arms.

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Thus do the bearers of "The King's Keys", with mediaeval ceremony, still make their rounds every night in the Tower of London, locking up the ponderous gates, and finally depositing the keys safely for the night with the Governor of the Tower.

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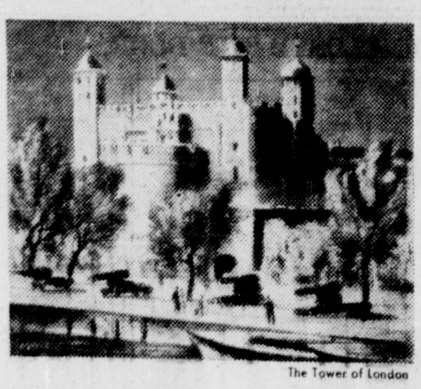
Old England, steeped in the storied past, with its castles and cathedrals, its old inns and quaint cottages, its age-old traditions and fine hospitality, is still substantially the England of pre-war days. Perhaps, before long, you'll be able to journey Overseas and explore old England in person.



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