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Operation Sweetbriar

THE SWEETBRIAR military training exercise, in which a supposed invasion of Alaska from the Arctic was repulsed, has ended.

Approximately 6,000 troops, Canadian and United States, took part. The Minister of Defence, and other officials from Ottawa, as well as dignitaries from Washington, witnessed part of the struggle. All, from the most obscure fighter to outstanding leaders feel that future Arctic warfare will need every bit of what has been learned. There is, yet, much more to be studied and mastered.

Experiences along the Alaska Highway have been bitter. The Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry of Calgary never felt cold to equal what they experienced there. Some broke down with fatigue over the wheels of their cars. They coughed with nausea, after travelling three days and nights with almost a minimum of sleep and food.

Arctic fighting calls for brawn, and nerves as hard as the mountain peaks which rear above the long, long Alaska highway. Snowmobiles were cold. "We had to press our hands and boots," writes a correspondent, "close to the small heater behind the driver's seat to get them warm. We used the heater later to warm pork and beans and hamburger."

Dawn does not break, in the Arctic. It filters slowly across the mountains. The light unveils a terrain that is frightening in its desolation.

The Canadian Army had a taste of what another war may be like and what they will have to take if it ever comes.

LESLIE ROBERTS WRITES

IN THE CURRENT issue of Saturday Evening Post the well-known Canadian writer, Leslie Roberts, who visited Prince Rupert for several days recently, turns the spotlight on the city of Montreal. In a feature article of the "Cities of America" series, the author discloses what he calls "the phenomenon of Canada's largest city." Montreal is described as "a community which stoutly refuses to fit into any accepted urban pattern," and has been called anything from "happy-go-lucky and sinful" to "disorganized and relaxed." In a further description of Montreal's so-called sin, Roberts claims that it is as dull as in most places in the British Isles, disbelieving previous reports which called Montreal a wide-open town in respect to gambling, gin and girls. "Montreal is a marriage of North America's past and present," says Leslie Roberts. The essence of its charm is that it is an area in which the edifices of modern commerce, such as the Bank of Montreal building, look across the historic Place d'Armes into the ancient Notre Dame cathedral. Its many historic sites such as the Chateau de Ramezay and the Seminary of St. Sulpice, likewise are superimposed on modern office buildings.

Montreal's ardent nationalism on the part of its French Canadian inhabitants is explained by the Post author as "unrealistic." "The French Canadians' urge to throw off Anglo-Canadian control has been parlayed into a political career by His Worship Mayor Camillien Houde, who envisages himself as the voice of French Canada and poses as the champion of French Canadian liberation, despite the lack of any real oppression."

The Post article, which is the 80th of a series of articles on American cities, will be followed up subsequently, the publisher states, by similar articles on two additional Canadian cities, and later on Prince Rupert is to receive attention for it was to get first hand information that Mr. Roberts came here.

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SATURDAY SERMON

A selection from the writings of Paul E. Scherer, chosen by Canon Prockter for a Lenten Theme

Hereunto Were Ye Called

Whatever else Christianity is for, it is not intended primarily to make life easier! I'm eternally afraid of that notion. I'm afraid of it because the first thing that occurs to us when we begin to talk about religion is how glorious it is to be assured of God's love. What light comes from Him to shine on

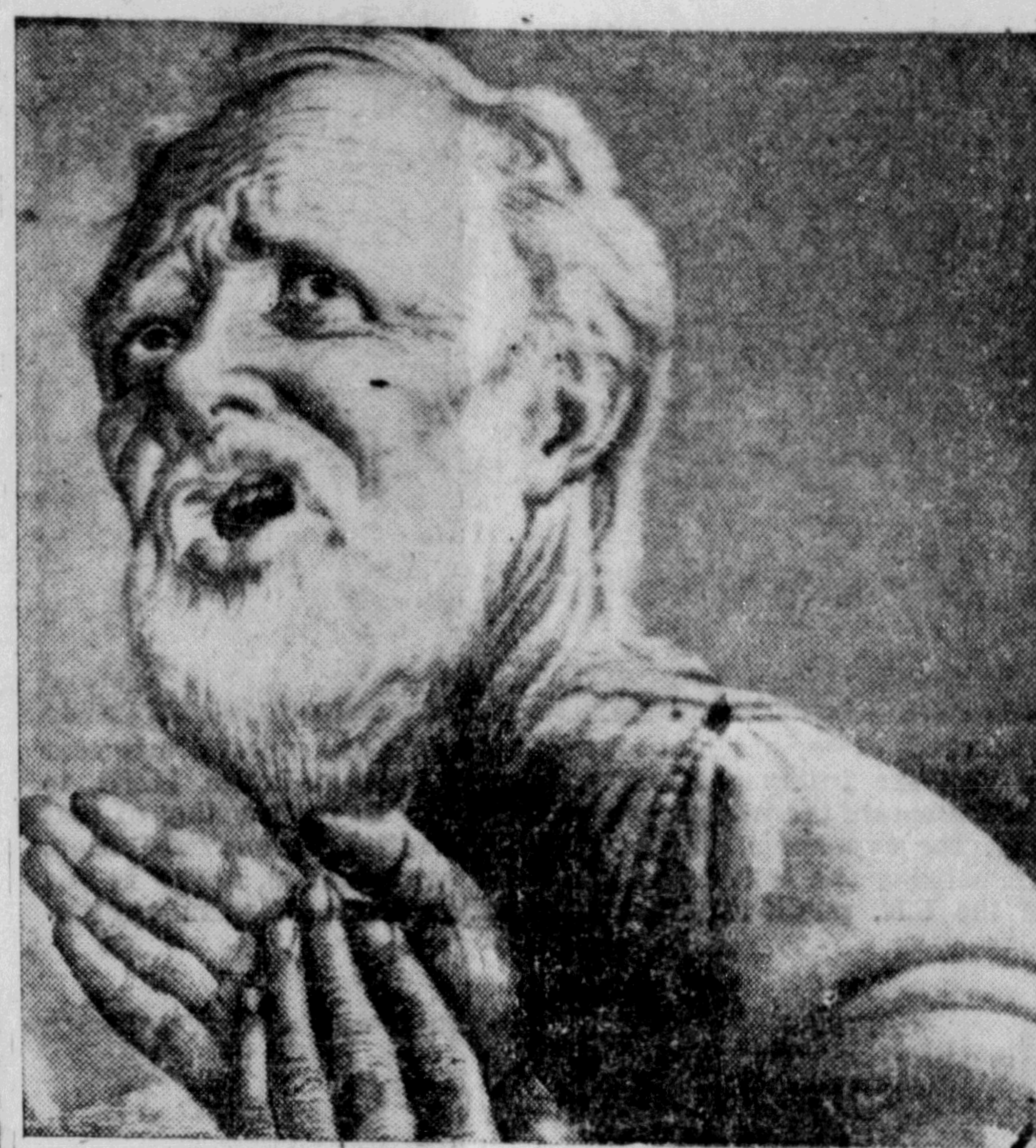
the darkest path! What power is ours for the asking! And it's true. It's all true. It bolsters us up when we fail. Of course it does! It keeps us confident of our own worth under Heaven. It gives us courage when Death comes. But there's so much more than to sit in the sun and bask on that beach! More in life than this smoothing of fur, this padding of cells! More than this surplus of sugar coated plums that some of us look for, straight from the pantries of the sky! We are tremendously surprised now and then when religion doesn't work out that way and there are those who are ready to chuck it out!

But it doesn't. There's that other half of it we clean forgot. The half that's supposed to take hold of ugly situations, as God took hold of chaos, and made something of them. The creative half. And that's painful. Here is the second thing we need to say. It calls for some kind of suffering. You may have to give up something to build the Kingdom of God in your home or at the office. Really you do. Maybe pride. Maybe success. Something. It's not easy. You can't do it and avoid putting yourself out. This high and holy will that you're committed to isn't aiming at your peace of

mind. That will be aiming at the redemption of human life, and the redemption of human life is a bitter job. Get in line with it and see. Go to Calvary and look around. And when your eyes are full of it, whisper this as Peter did: "Hereunto were ye called."

In Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" is the story of Mr. Pliable.

He starts out with Christian from the City of Destruction. You remember how Christian began to run and when his wife and children called him to come back, stuck his fingers in his ears and kept on running, crying out all the while: "Life, Life, Eternal Life!" We've got to be at least willing to leave what we love. Maybe you think it isn't a pretty picture. But neither is Christ's picture pretty. "If any man comes to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." We've got to be willing at least! But the point is that Mr. Pliable, who left at the same time, ran out of his enthusiasm! He too headed at high speed for the Celestial City. But there was a swamp in the way, the Slough of Despond. And he got his feet wet. The mud made hard going. So he turned back. The City of Destruction was good enough for him after that. It was at least a place where you had every modern convenience. You see what the story



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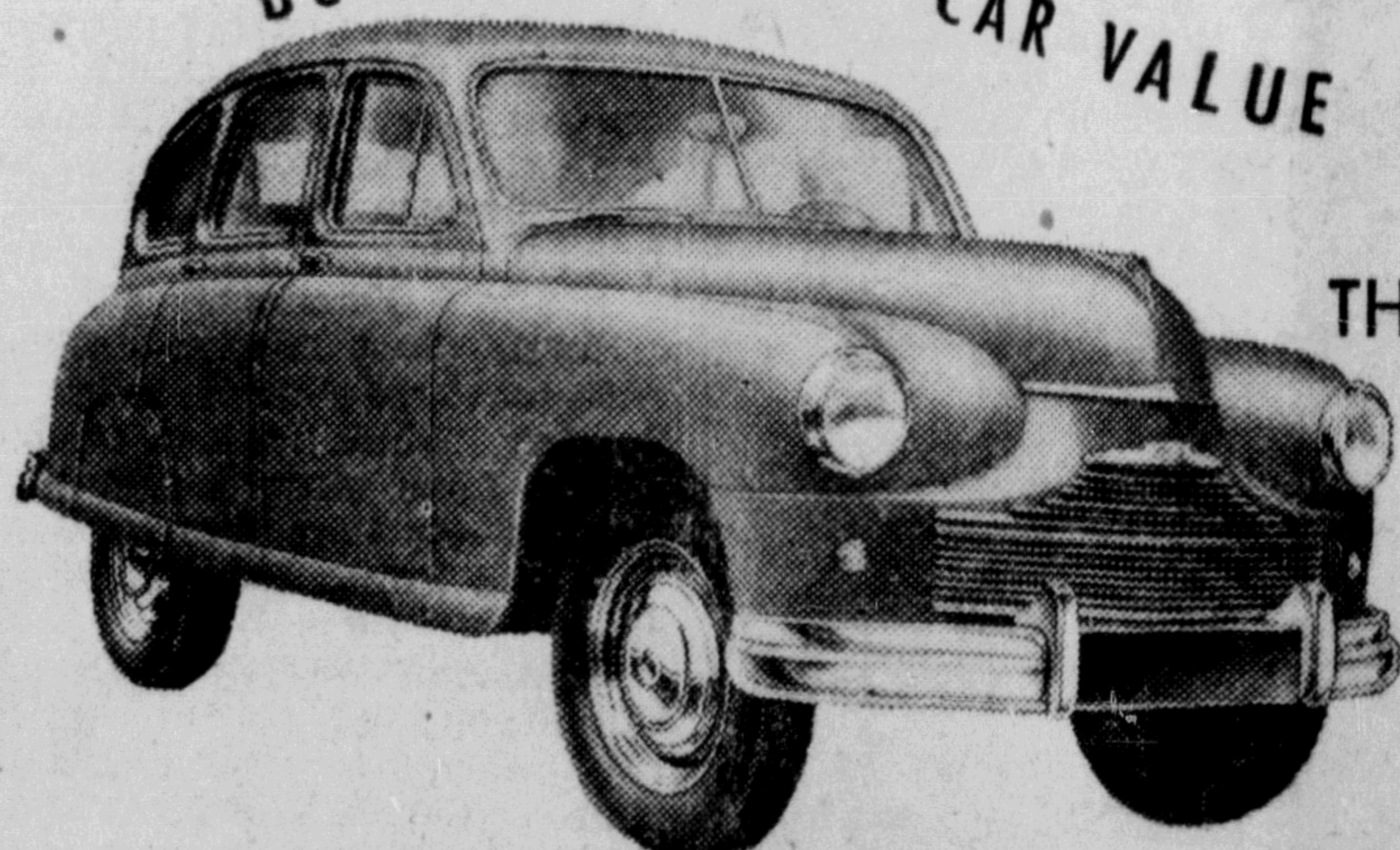
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means. It means that if ever you and I do take out that way after this quality of life called Eternal we'll find things getting harder before they ever will be better! It's the will of God—first, With the sweat of Creation on it. And the Blood of the Cross on it. Then God's peace. That's religion. It's a storm in a golden frame!

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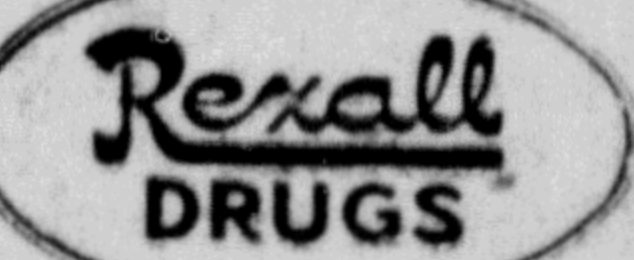
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