

The traditional round table of King Arthur's court was built so that all could sit equally.

Arctic Priest Seeks Radio for Missions

PORT SMITH, N.W.T. (CP)—To swap some radio equipment for a polar bear rug for Christmas?

That was the thought that came to Rev. William Leising, 40-year-old flying instructor of the Arctic, at this time of the year. He is in the Northwest Territories settlement and he'll see that the deal goes through.

Father Leising, a member of the Oblate order and a native of Buffalo, N.Y., says radio receivers and transmitters are needed by three of the missions 1,000 miles north of here.

Remote Outposts

The missions, located in barren Arctic wastes where the sun does not rise until spring, are without communication the year around, except for the occasional supply ship or, by Father Leising's ski-equipped plane.

"If anyone can provide a radio or a transmitter," he said, "I personally see that they get the best polar bear skin in the Arctic. And I'll throw in a white skin to boot."

He needs three powerful receivers, able to pick up aircraft and other short-wave bands, and three transmitters with a power of 30 to 50 watts and a range of 300 miles—"enough to get them in touch with a government relay station."

"Radios would save lives," he said. "I landed at one mission and an Eskimo friend of mine pointed to a mound of stone and said, 'There lies my wife. She had brought her to the mission in childbirth and she died. Radio could have got medical attention and saved her.'"

700 Miles From Pole

One of the missions is at Etah Island, 700 miles from the north pole. It has a small receiver "but they can pick up Russia, Sweden and Finland." The two missionaries here, Fathers Maurice Metayer and Henry Tardy, were missing for 19 days last August when their boat went astray on a supply trip to Coppermine, 275 miles to the south.

The other missions without communication are at Paulatuk, 15 miles east of Aklavik, and Santon, 300 miles west of Coppermine and "in the middle of nowhere."

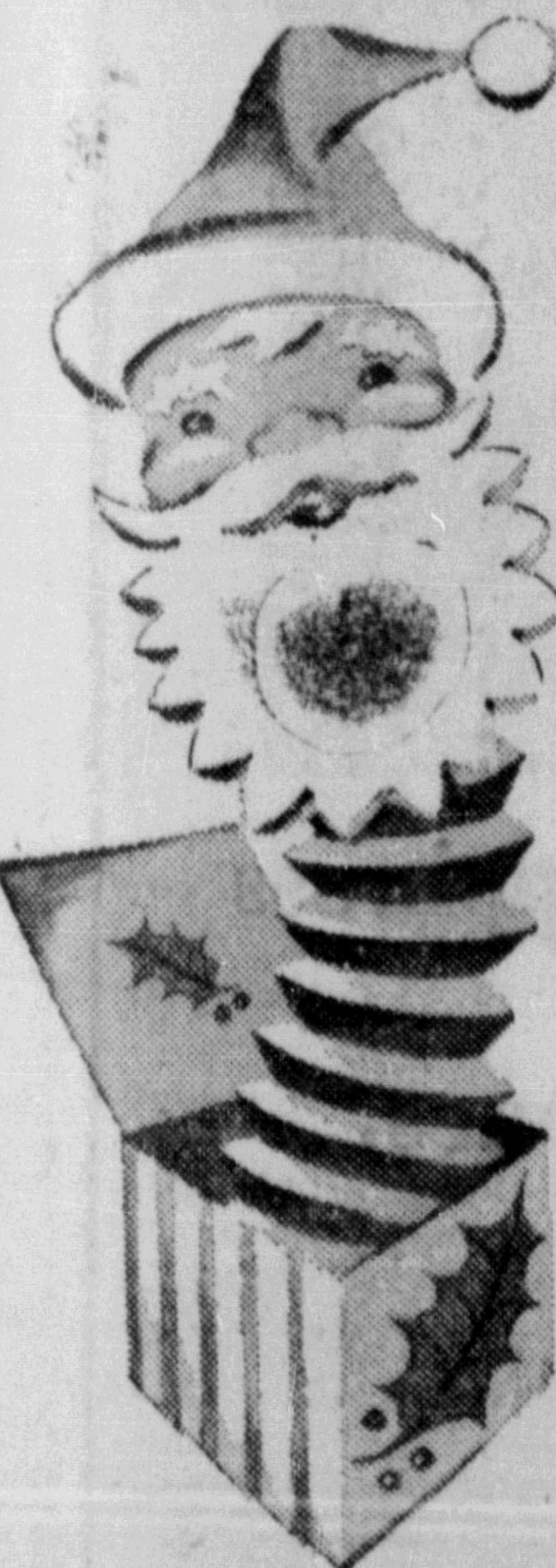
Father Leising, who operates out of this settlement near the Alberta border, was a chaplain with joint Canadian and U.S. armed forces in the north during the Second World War. He flew in his teens and after the war decided to take the job of flying supplies and personnel to Roman Catholic missions in the north. To fit himself for the job, he took special flying courses at East Lansing, Ill., and Edmonton.

HIGH POINTS

Colorado has 40 mountain peaks more than 14,000 feet high and the number in the Alps.

Happy Holiday

To all our friends we'd like to say: Good Tidings for the Holiday! We hope it finds you blithe and gay!



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There is no Finer Picture of Christian Faith Than Christmas Crib, Says Bishop in Greeting

By Rt. Rev. H. G. Watts
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There is no finer picture of the Christian faith than the Christmas Crib. The Babe in the manger, receiving the adoration of the wise men and the shepherds, takes us straight to the heart of the Christian gospel. In theological language, the Incarnate is the central dogma of our faith: the belief that God became Man in the Babe who was born in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago.

Nothing else that we can believe about Jesus Christ is nearly so significant or inspiring or potent as that. His teaching, His life, His death, His resurrection, are all important in their way; but it is the Incarnation which gives them their final meaning and makes of them a glorious gospel of hope and redemption to mankind. As Christians, therefore, we may rejoice, and may well awake to

"... salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of
mankind was born";
and like the good shepherds,
... then employ
Our grateful voices to pro-
claim the joy."

Have you ever set yourself to face the marvel of the deathless appeal of the angel choir and their Bethlehem song? How comes it that year after year we return to this story, that it grips us with a power and persuasion more than proof against the whole army of arguments that cold reason may marshal to its discredit?

The dispassionate demands of strict historical criticism never seem to carry their weight here. Doubts, disillusionments, the depression of hard times, war, cannot crush out of mind or heart a belief in "Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards men."

So deeply has this story taken hold of us, it is often most firmly believed and loved by the very people who appear to have most cogent reason to lose all

interest in it. Life's profoundest problems arise not in the realm of intellectual questioning, but in the hard circumstances of the continual struggle for existence.

Scrooge may growl "Humbug!" and intellectuals in characteristic pose, describe Christmas as "an intolerable nuisance," but the poor clerk "with fifteen shillings a week, and a wife and family" will persist in talking about a Merry Christmas.

Men in general, even though they suffer beyond anything Bob Cratchit was called to endure, still record their determination, like Scrooge's nephew, to keep Christmas humor to the last. And again we ask ourselves why and how can this thing be?

The answer is that the Angels' Song embodies an ideal which presents an irresistible appeal to intuitive faith. Life as we know it may be tragically

dark and different, but after all and despite all, there is something too good to be false. Men will not surrender the conviction that the Heavenly Choir and its theme are symbols of truth, that the ideal is also the real.

And so it happens that it is your Scrooge who turns his back on the idea and the message of Christmas, not because life is too bitter an experience to make it any more than a mockery, but because the ideal which it represents and offers is one which he would infinitely prefer not to come true.

Christmas Day is an anniversary of immortal appeal because it challenges men to believe that their highest hopes and deepest longings are not illusory, but gloriously real, for they correspond to what God proclaims as His will and purpose.

"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be

born,
If He be not born in thee,
thy soul is all forlorn."

To have stood with the shepherds at Bethlehem's manger, and to have seen God manifest in that infant form, and, further, to have entered into an understanding of the significance of that whole life in which God uniquely drew near to men and tabernacled among them,—that is to have a living faith.

Once again the Star of Bethlehem shines for us today. Again we are confronted with another of God's opportunities. Again Jesus Christ is born into a world which needs Him more than it needs anything else. And again we find ourselves in the company of the Wise Men. May God give us grace that we also may see His star and worship Him, and that in so doing,

May All the Joys and Peace of Christmas Be Yours.



GREETINGS

May the season's joys follow you
throughout a happy New Year.

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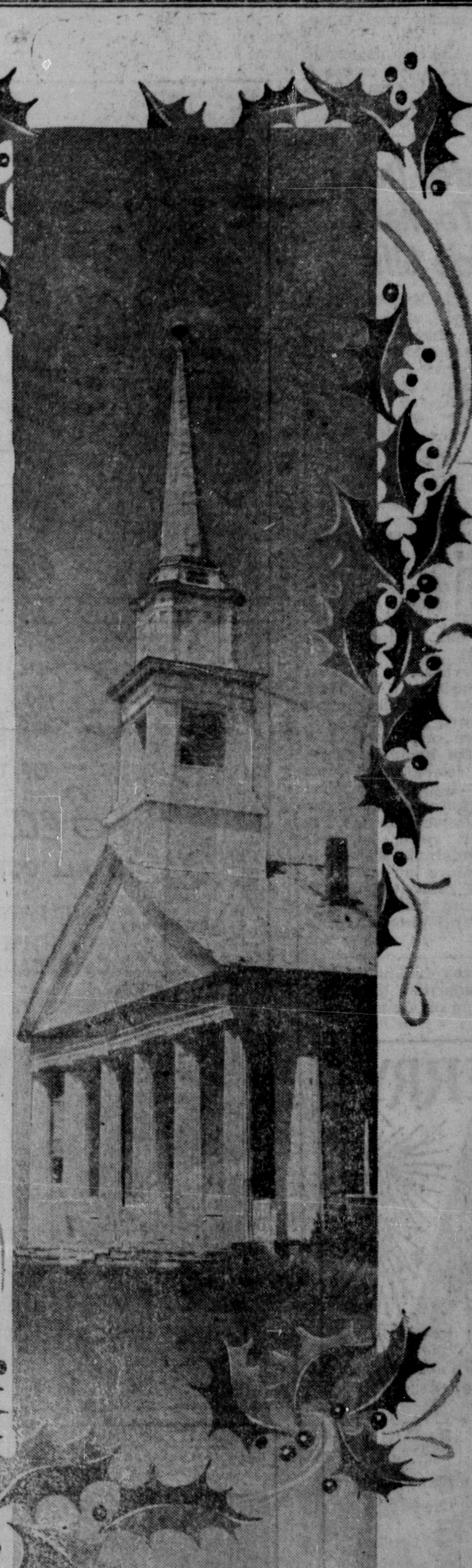
GOD BLESS THIS HOUSE

During this troubled year now drawing to its close we have witnessed the end of a mighty armed conflict amongst the people of the earth.



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"Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men"



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