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**The Meaning Of Lent**

The following notes on the social significance of Lent have been supplied by Prof. William L. Bailey, Charlottetown, formerly of Northwestern University, Illinois:

1. Religion, being the organization of thought and life, has logically much to say in all creeds about eating and drinking, about fasts and feasts, which make half of life-activity for most human beings, and some most serious problems.
2. Lent means spring. Spring is highly significant as a season from many points of view, both in the life of Nature and of Society. Always and everywhere there has been worship (i. e., high regard) of the Spring, e. g., the goddess of Easter.
3. Religion, being in its origins a development from life and its principal episodes, a fast (or food-hygienic custom at certain seasons) is widespread in all religions.
4. Lent was originally a spring-festival celebrating the end of winter, as what became Christmas was a mid-winter festival. Among Christians it gradually became intertwined with the period of fasting (a repentance and purification of life) preliminary to the festival of Easter (Crucifixion and Resurrection of its Founder) in the Christian Church. This process took centuries, and the religious holiday was assimilated to the secular seasonal occasion rather than the reverse.
5. It only gradually acquired its present length and discipline of life-habit. In the earlier couple of centuries the fast was short but severe, no food at all from the afternoon of Good Friday to Easter morning. The best way of making an occasion memorable and significant to most people is to change their food habits.



Friend greets "Alien" David Fajlowicz as he gained his freedom

Because Canada and Germany are still not "officially" at peace, seven aliens who entered the Dominion on forged passports have been granted a temporary reprieve from deportation. They have arrived in Toronto from immigration detention headquarters in Montreal under bond of \$1,000 each. A spokesman for the group explained that their temporary freedom was granted under a section of the immigration act which takes into consideration the fact that the life of a person can be endangered by deportation to the country from which he came. As the Canadian parliament has not officially declared the end of the war, Germany is technically an enemy country. It was under this section that counsel for the seven aliens were able to ask the minister that they be released under bond. Presumably final disposition of their case will not be made until the official end of the war is declared.

**YORK & VICINITY**

Due to cold weather the loading and shipping of other farm produce is very nearly at a standstill.

Many of the farmers are now having their fertilizers for 1948 special Christian sect) fasted two weeks.

8. The now traditional "forty days" Lenten (spring) fasting is first historically mentioned in the Council of Nicea, 325 A. D. But it was then chiefly a season of preparation (discipline of life-habit) for baptism (then for adults only): of preparation for absolution of sins by the Church; or a season of "retreat" and "recollection" — fasting was a factor in this preparation but not strenuously enforced or observed.

9. The Lenten observance differs somewhat in the Orthodox and the Roman Catholic Churches. The former separates it from Holy Week and its preparations.

10. At the Reformation of the Church in the 16th century it was retained by some of the Reformed Churches and is still strongly observed in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches. In England it was observed as early as 659 A. D. and was so by law till late in the 17th century.

11. Mohammedanism has a long fast—Ramadan—of a month, which originally was fixed in the winter, but later the changed calendar brings it in various months and all seasons in different years.

growing season hauled by the local haulier, Mr. Vernon Duck.

The snow shovellers of the Canadian National Railways have been kept busy this winter, reporting more snow in the cuttings than for a number of years.

At the last meeting of Day-spring Mission Circle held at the home of Mrs. (Rev.) MacCallum, York, a decision was noted to arrange to put on an Easter Pageant on Easter Sunday. A meeting was held recently and a pageant was selected, and rehearsals are going on apace.

A few foresighted farmers who stocked up with young pigs when the mass majority were depleting their stock, and who had considerable of their home-grown grains on hand, are reaping a fair profit on the sale of selected hogs. The loading of hogs was the order of the day at York Station last week, for the Livestock Marketing Board.

A snow storm, almost to blizzard proportion, visited York on Sunday night, heaping banks in all conceivable places. Now the weatherman has decided to donate at least one mild day with sunshine and a temperature of about 30°. Some of the recent recordings of the past two weeks of severe frost were 6° on the hills and in the hollows, also near the rivers; about 28° to 30° below at Mr. George Watts.

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Picture as he arrived in the U. S. is Russell K. Haight, Jr., 25-year-old ex-G.I. from New York, who served for two months as a brigadier general in the Free Kashmir rebel army. He is seen wearing an Indian turban and in this closeup his sergeant stripes are noticeable, as is the Indian army uniform. He was commander of wild tribal warriors in the snowy mountains of an embattled princely state. He said he is ready, if necessary, to testify that Pakistan supported Mosley tribal invaders of Kashmir. An attempt on his life caused him to leave India.

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**Islanders I Have Met**

By 'Island Broad'

WINNIPEG, Man. (Special) — Having heard that another Belfast was in Winnipeg, and that I could find him on the third floor at T. Eaton's, in the grocery department behind the meat counter, I made it my business one morning to go down town in search of him. Arriving at the store, I went to the third floor and began my survey of male clerks. Unable to pick out my man, I asked one of the clerks if a Mr. MacLeod, worked in that department. "Yes" came the reply "Just a moment, and I will get him for you." In a few moments the clerk returned and said, "Mr. MacLeod is over there." I went up to the man pointed out to me and said, "Are you Cyrus MacLeod from Belfast?" "Yes," said he, giving me the once over. "I'm Cyrus MacLeod." "My name is —" said I, "from —" "And how are the people getting along down there?" he asked. "I left there shortly after my discharge from the army." Mr. MacLeod was in World War I. "Oh," said I, "about the same." "They are getting along — but there is no marked or rapid progress." "No," said he, "But they're happy."

We had but a short time for a chit-chat, for business was most brisk; and seeing customers in line waiting, I said, "I'll see you again. I'll get along now, for you are busy." "Yes," said he, "call again, and we will have another talk."

Mr. MacLeod is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacLeod of Glashverin, Mt. Buchanan, Belfast, P.E.I., and has one brother Malcolm (Monty) MacLeod, still living on the old homestead.

Later, in the morning, I called at F. W. Woolworth's in search of Edgy Darrach. I had met her mother and aunt a few days previous, and thought, as I was in the district, that I would make a call. To the first clerk, I saw, I said, "May I speak with Miss Edgy Darrach?" "I'm Edgy Darrach," came the reply. Then introducing myself, we had a few moments talk about Miss Darrach's visit to P. E. I. in 1935 when she visited Darrach came west with her parents when she was three years old.

In the afternoon, I went to St. James on a visit to the Hughes home on Queen St. Mrs. Hughes was formerly Ruth Todd, daughter of James and Katie (Graham) Todd of Nings, Man. formerly of P.E.I. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes bought a new home in St. James (a suburb of Winnipeg) and are making preparations for extensive renovations. The Hughes' have one son Bruce, a lively, fine looking, red-haired boy of two years.

Last Tuesday evening, we visited a home in West Kildonan. The father of the home was in World War I, and knew Halifax, N. S. well and the son was in the navy of World War II.

In conversation about Halifax and vicinity, I somehow mentioned that I was from "The Island." "MacNab's Island?" I was asked. "No," said I, "Prince Edward Island." "The Island." "What other Island is there?" The father looked at me questioningly and said, "There are quite a few Islands about Halifax. In what body of water is your Island?" "In the Gulf of St. Lawrence," said I rather surprised. "Prince Edward Island is a province of Canada." "Oh?" said he. I cannot tell if he knows where it is yet or not—but I left him with his, "Oh?"

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