

### Lenten Guideposts

Personal Messages of Inspiration and Faith  
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#### PRAYER IS HOW YOU LIVE

By Herbert H. Harris

As a boy he set out to be tough. He was tough. During World War I Herbert Harris won a battlefield commission and discovered that the real winning combination was one of toughness—with prayer. Mr. Harris, now president of Parfums Chabert, is a nationally prominent perfume manufacturer and producer of the prize-winning play "All My Sons".

All my life I've been acutely sensitive to odors. Once, when I was about five, I was taken to a flower show. They tell me I stood stock still, closed my eyes and breathed in rapture. "God must smell like that," I said.

It explains exactly how I feel so often—God must smell like that—that's God's fragrance.

My big sister, Rose, brought me up. I was the son of an elderly couple, and when our mother died, Rose, who was already married and a mother, took me in. She and her famous husband, Lew Fields, the great comedian, raised me with their two sons and two daughters. Rose was sister and mother to me, and I don't think it was an easy assignment.

Because I had a marked response to everything beautiful, conversely, I set out to be tough. And I was tough. I was bat boy for the Giants, and no honor or distinction or success I could have earned in a lifetime could top the thrill of casual Hi-Ya-ya intimacy with such heroes as John McGraw, Christy Mathewson, Roger Bresnahan, Rube Marquard, and Al Bridwell.

#### A Tree

That and one other thing sticks out in childhood for sheer triumph. I was a New York City boy from start to finish, and I love New York like monkeys love peanuts. Up on 90th Street is a tree I planted when I was 12 years old. I don't think there's any other tree as beautiful as that one in all the world. It grew along with me, and I visit it regularly.

When I'm low or discouraged, I go and commune with that tree and all that Joyce Kilmer felt and meant flows through me. Only God can make a tree, but when I was a kid I helped Him put one in a city. He and I take care of that tree, too.

It's odd the close feeling I had to God from my earliest childhood. But I had my own deal with God way back and kept it. The Bible lines which I took as personal guides are: Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; and The greatest of these is charity. But this latter has always seemed too easy. There is so much healing, so many untold blessings, and such great returns in giving, that I often wonder where the spiritual benefit is. It's practical as well as thrilling, and where is the nobility in that?

#### A Miracle

Well, God and I had our understanding, and I steered clear of all religious matters beyond that. I saw so many kinds of religions and they all seem good, but I couldn't understand why it was so important that this church or that creed was it. I grew up o' Jewish faith, and revere those who try

practice it. But the day came—as it does, I guess, with every man or woman—when a miracle stopped me short. The word miracle is one of those that makes me uneasy. It affects me like the word "ghosts" or "spirits".

It was in France in the first world war. A lieutenant at the time, I was bivouacked in a little village outside of Verdun with eighteen men cut off from everything—news or supplies—while an offensive was launched. The Germans were coming closer and closer; we were between them and the town, and we felt this time we were gone.

Toward dawn I found in my pocket a letter from my sister Rose, which I hadn't found time to open. I read it then. My sister seemed to feel I was in great danger, and she wanted me to know that her prayers were surrounding me with protection and that she had others praying for me. I glanced at the others in the room. They were haggard, scared. They hadn't eaten in twenty-four hours.

"A Refuge and Fortress"

I returned to the letter in which my sister quoted from the Bible: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust. His truth shall be my shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee."

I folded the letter and put it inside my shirt. I wasn't fearful any longer. I turned to the men and asked: "Did you see that letter? I was reading? Keep your chin up. Nothing's going to harm us, because we're being prayed for right this minute. If you guys here have a prayer in you, I'd suggest you pitch in and help."

One man lying in a corner, spoke up with a big fathom voice: "The Lord be with us."

"Amen," I said, for the first time in my life out loud. The whole roomful repeated it solemnly. I've come to love that word; Amen, or So be it. It's my favourite prayer.

Complete Horror

We had barely finished when the big guns tore loose. The next five hours were complete indescribable horror, made doubly so because we were so helpless. I couldn't believe such annihilation possible, nor such noise or smells. The devil must smell like that.

Not until mid-morning did we realize that the Allies were busier than the Boche, who started to fall back about that time. I saw the village church crumple like a child's toy, the buildings nearby in smoking ruins.

I don't know why I looked at my watch. It was 12. "Destruction at noonday," Rose had written. If ever a prophecy was timed that was it. Not one scratch was on any of the 16 of us there. Nothing in our quarters was disturbed or touched. It was as if a circle had been drawn around our house and barn and the rest of the town wiped out.

Nobody ever again had to convince me of the power of prayer. The mystery is how people can say prayers matter-of-factly, or abashedly. It's too potent and dynamic to approach lightly.

TOMORROW — One of the most difficult of human problems is making right decisions. Roger W. Babson, famed author and economist, gives his formula.

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FUEL CENTRE

The world's largest coal-loading port is in Toledo, Ohio.

### Girl Guide News



Guide of the 7th Company. Trinity Guides presented a very smart appearance on Tuesday evening with Miss Jeanne Simmonds and Miss Anne Matheson in command. Major F. Jenkins was introduced to the guides by Anne Matheson and he gave a practical demonstration and talk on Compass work and Map setting. The guides were invited to set maps and the compass. A diagram of the Compass points was closely studied before the actual work began. Each guide had opportunity to use the compass and maps under the direction of the instructor, who was most impressed with the high intelligence and general behaviour of the guides. The girls showed very keen interest throughout and thanked Major Jenkins with appreciative applause. When the Field Secretary asked for news of the Company activities, a most important event had taken place the previous week. Another enrollment of Guides. The following were the new additions to the 7th, who were enrolled by Commissioner Mrs. Hutcheson, Barbara Cameron, Gertrude MacDonald, Joan Mill, Constance Ford and Janet Davis. The Minstrel Badge was presented to Greta Hanson and other girls had been passed in the First Class Essay Test. It is obvious that progress is being maintained in the 7th and the enthusiasm as high as ever.

Salvation Army Guides and Brownies.

The 14th Guides, had a visit from Commissioner Mrs. E. M. Bagnall and Inter. Com. Miss G. Hart on Monday last. Films of Eskimos at work and Jasper National Park were shown and keenly interested the Guides. Miss Hart's talk on the International aspect of Guiding was closely followed. Mrs. Bagnall also spoke to the girls. Mrs. Betty Carr is the very capable Leader of the 14th, and also renders much help to the Brownies. The Brown Owl Norma Birt was unfortunately away ill on the Field Secretary's visit on Wednesday and all hope that she will soon be well again. Tawny Owl, Gertrude Johnson is carrying on meanwhile. Since the last visit most of the Brownies have uniforms and look very smart and are so proud of them. There are sixteen in the Pack. We started the meeting with a Fairy Ring of Elves and Fairies, and Fairy Gold was collected in a new way led by the F. S. An explanation of the Brownie Shield contest was given by Mrs. Jenkins and the Brownies hope to compete. Then to work and did those Brownies like tying knots with the Magic Ropes, and they worked too, at least most of the time. Barbara McDougall, a new little Tweenie went in to hiding, until called by the F. S. to be enrolled in the Fairy Ring and was made a real Brownie. Knots games followed and were won by the Elves with "Sixer," Sally Burke. The Sixer of the Fairies was Paula Good. "Pop Goes the Weasel" was played until everyone was out of breath including the poor Field Secretary who nearly popped altogether. We had a real Brownie story while recovering, about a wicked fairy who tried to steal all the Brownies smiles, but we all found them again before home time, and after the Magic Tunnel the Brownies were still wearing the Great Big Brownie Smile.

NEW LONDON W. M. S.

The regular meeting of the New London W. M. S. of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Louis Campbell on Thursday afternoon March 2. The devotional service was led by Mrs. Sterling MacKay assisted by five members who read passages of scripture. The theme of worship was "Ye Are Not Your Own" taken from I Corinthians 6: 19. Opening hymn was "Hark, the Voice of Jesus crying". Dedicatory Prayer was given by Mrs. C. B. Goss. The business period then followed conducted by the president, Mrs. Ray MacLeod. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered by 11 members. One visitor was also present. The text-word for the meeting was "Hope". The secretary reported 11 calls made and 15 cards and 9 boxes sent to sick and shut-ins during the previous month. The possibility of holding a District Rally later on was discussed but nothing was decided. Correspondence consisted of a letter from the Presbyterian Secretary, Mrs. Harold Dunning gave an interesting reading on Stewardship. A chapter of the Study Book was then presented by Mrs. Frank Brown and Mrs. Leigh Brown. The offering amounted to

QUICKIES

by Ken Reynolds

Can I rent two or three more safety deposit boxes—I'm using the Guardian Want Ads, you know!

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### Federal Gov't Promises To Investigate Fundy Tidal Power Project

OTTAWA, March 23 — (CP) — The Government has promised a first step in revival of a long-standing dream of the Maritime Provinces — harnessing the powerful tides of the Bay of Fundy to produce badly-needed electrical power.

It was all done in less than a minute of Commons' time. E. W. George (L. — Westmorland) asked if the Government has considered "implementing the study of the St. Mary's tidal project at the head of the Bay of Fundy?"

Resources Minister Winters said engineers of his Department have been told to "conduct an investigation with a view to conducting an on-site survey, if this seems desirable." He said he had read "with keen interest" Mr. George's recent speech advocating the study and had studied two engineering reports.

The Minister, a Maritimer and an engineer, thus bared the first step in revival of a dream that was pretty well crushed several years ago when one of the engineering reports he-mentioned came out.

It was made by H. G. Acres and Co. of Niagara Falls, Ont., and it found economically unfeasible the

### Consider Cutting Costs In British Health Scheme

LONDON, March 23 — (CP) — Changes are being considered in the administration and financing of Britain's National Health Service, which now costs the country about £400,000,000 (£1,240,000,000 a year).

Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, who has consistently resisted proposals that patients should pay a small charge for treatment, is understood to be investigating other means of economy.

In a debate last week on supplementary estimates, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, singled out the Health Ministry as one case of overspending among departments seeking more money. The Chancellor promised a "thorough examination" of control of the Health Service expenditure.

Qualified sources said today these proposals for saving money have been or now are under consideration: 1. Proprietary medicines: Some branded drugs may be taken off the free list and a campaign undertaken to educate the public in the efficiency of cheaper, non-proprietary medicines. 2. Hospital administration: Bevan has promised to "tighten up"

### Egg And Poultry Marketing Report

Egg receipts on P. E. I. continue to increase but are considerably below that of corresponding period last year, reports Mr. F. M. Nash, district inspector, poultry products. All supplies are moving readily to other Maritime points and Newfoundland. Paying prices are now within one to two cents of those paid this month in 1949.

Station operators are quoting producers for ungraded eggs delivered: A large 35-36½; A medium 33-34½; A pullet 25-9; B 26-9; C 20.

Dealers are quoting station operators for graded pack delivered: A large 41-4½; A medium 39-39½; A pullet 30-4; B 31-4; C 25.

Wholesalers offering to retailers: A large 43; A medium 41; A pullet 32-4; B 32-4; C 27.

Eggs retailing to consumers at: A large 50; A medium 48; A pullet 39-42; B 39-42.

Poultry marketing is very quiet. Dealers are quoting for live fowl 5½ lbs and up delivered No. 1, 2½c, and for dressed fowl over five pounds A 2½c. Broilers, dressed, fob station, 1½-3 lbs. Special 30c, A 28c.

CLYDE RIVER W. M. S.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clyde River W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. George Hyde, on March 2, with the vice-president presiding. Theme for the evening was, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Call to worship, Psalm 34, read responsively. Hymn 683, "Abide with me" was then sung, followed by prayer by the president. Scripture reading was taken from Matthew Chapter five, with each one taking part in the reading.

Readings were then given by Mrs. George Hyde and Mrs. Keith Young. Hymn 494, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", was sung, bringing this part of the meeting to a close.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and four members answered roll call with a verse of scripture. There were also three visitors. Collection amounted to \$1.60. Four thank-you cards were received and fruit was sent to one sick person. Hymn 399, "Come let us sing of a Wonderful Love" was sung and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison. The Mizpah benediction brought the meeting to a close.

Mrs. John MacNevin kindly invited the members to her home for the next meeting. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by some of the ladies and a social time spent.