

# Thoughts For Our Time

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"August is laughing across the sky, and the rhythm of summer vacation is at its height, lively and strong. In thousands people flock to the playgrounds of this fabulous Dominion to be free for a time from the heavy heat of the city, and the monotony of daily tasks, which, even if not unpleasant, tends to weary by its relentless repetition.

Everyone has need of a vacation to restore a strength which may be exhausted and to refreshen and vitalize a mind which may grow stale. We cannot expect our bodies to work well or even at all if they are not provided with at least a modicum of rest and diversion. This is one of the reasons, albeit a secondary one, why God commanded the Sabbath as a day of rest. Knowing His creature was incapable of perpetual motion, He provided for him a salutary and necessary rest every seven days.

Yet, while we are enjoying a vacation in any of the numerous ways at our disposal, it is important to bear in mind that there are some things from which there is no vacation. Take for example eating. We cannot even if we wanted to give ourselves a respite from this activity, which during vacation time sometimes puts even a heavier burden on the mother of a family, when appetites are sharpened by fresh air and exercise.

Again, there is no holiday from our family duties. Mothers and fathers have the same obligations of care and provision for their children as they have during the other months of the year. Indeed, there is required even a greater vigilance, due to the increased dangers and evil influences which seem to lurk in places of vacation, and which sometimes unfortunately, turn enjoyment into tragedy.

Now there is no holiday from good manners. We can never allow ourselves to be rude or unkind or inconsiderate to our fellow man on the ground that we are relaxing or reculturing our strength. Recreation taken at the expense or inconvenience of another is neither beneficial nor just; it is plain vulgarity.

But above all these, and more important than all these, there is no holiday from God and His law. Just as we expect our children to be obedient and truthful during vacation time, so does God expect all of us to observe His law, to remember Him no matter what other duties we may have laid aside. This is not to be bound down and fettered to a good time. One cannot do what is wrong and have a genuinely good time.

To act according to the law of God is to act according to our nature. For God created us and in Him there can be no contradiction. His law for us is according to our nature. And just as everything is most perfect and most fitting when it functions according to its nature, so the happiness of man is best when he is in conformity with his nature. It is merely to say that man is truly happy and truly enjoying himself only when his enjoyment is had within the great free circle of the law of God. And human experience will always testify to the superior enjoyment of a vacation in which God is not forgotten.

Richly we expect our neighbors to be just and to observe our rights. Yet, so many people and their even during a time of vacation, number is daily increasing — seem to think that there is nothing incongruous in their lack of regard for the rights of God. It is no more foolish to think of a vacation from justice, or eating, or manners than it is to think of a vacation from God. Nevertheless, there is the incontrovertible fact that for large numbers of people God is virtually non-existent.

What I wish to emphasize here is the fact that this holiday treatment of religion is a symptom of a serious malady that is tearing at the roots of our lives and of our society. We may call it secularism. By this we mean a view of life that limits itself not simply to the material in exclusion of the spiritual but to the human here and now in exclusion of man's relation to God. Unfortunately, there are many men and women, and alas, children no in practice live their lives without recognizing that this

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God's Plan of Salvation

is God's world. For the most part they do not deny God! On formal occasions they may even mention His name. But there is no awareness of their responsibility to God in their thought and action. This was the fertile soil in which Fascism, Nazism and Communism germinated. It is the soil which is allowing Communism to make such strides today.

Secularism, which exiles God from human life and from the world He created is the cause too of the evils which are rampant in our society — juvenile and parental delinquency, murder, divorce, and so on. Since personal responsibility to God is not a moving force in the life of man, he has lost a sense of sin. This is a moral catastrophe. In vain do we spend vast amounts of public money for educational and recreational activities if we do not give more thought to the source of these ills.

It is a relatively easy thing to diagnose our malady, but what prescription can we offer as a remedy? Briefly it is this — and it is nothing new: this is God's world and if we are to play a man's part in it, we must first get down on our knees — even during vacation time — and with humble hearts acknowledge God's place in His world. If all who believe in God would make that belief practical in their workaday lives, if they would see to it that their children were imbued with that same belief, we might begin to see a way out of the chaos that is around us.

### NEW LONDON W. I.

The regular meeting of the New London Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Robert Carr on August 14th. Meeting opened by singing the Ode, followed by repeating the Creed.

Roll call was answered by twelve members. There were four visitors present. Reports of committees followed. School committee reported disbursements needed. New school committee to be Mrs. Murray MacKay and Mrs. Claude MacEwen.

Correspondence consisted of a letter from the X-ray Unit announcing they would be in New London on August 20th and it is hoped that as many as possible will take advantage of this X-ray. Also a letter from the Blood Donor Clinic which is to be held at Kensington on August 30th. It was decided that as many ladies as possible go to clean the school on Labour Day.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies from the trustees of the school for the help they had given towards installing the toilets in the school; also a vote of thanks to Mrs. Constable for making a quilt for bazaar.

New film committee to be Mrs. Claude MacEwen, Miss Elva MacAllister and Mrs. James Cole. Program for the evening consisted of a duet by Isobel Campbell and Linda Bernard, which was greatly enjoyed.

New program committee. Mrs. George Cole and Miss Elva MacAllister. Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Harold Mayhew; roll call to be answered by each member telling her age.

Bills for the evening were on motion ordered paid. Collection \$150. Meeting closed with the King. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge. A bazaar was held at the close

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**ENGAGEMENT**—Mrs. N. E. Myer, Charlottetown, announces the engagement of her daughter, Norma Mildred to Mr. R. Bruce McLeod of Boston, Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLeod. Marriage to take place in the near future.

**CITY POLICE COURT**—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court Saturday, two men charged with being drunk and incapable appeared. One was sentenced to 10 days in jail and the other sentenced to 19 days in jail. A man charged with common assault was remanded until today.

**PRIZE WINNERS**—Mr. Reggie Newson, Clyde River, and Mr. Henry Thompson, St. Peter's Bay, were the holders of lucky tickets in the drawing which took place in the Shur-Gain Feed Booth at the Provincial Exhibition on Friday evening. Mr. Newson received a ton of feed for ticket No. 336, and Mr. Thompson exchanged ticket No. 202 for a ton of fertilizer. Draw was made by Mr. E. G. Butler, Montreal.

**HONOURED BY SHOWER**—On Tuesday evening August 7, Miss Ruth MacEachern, Mermald, was honored at a shower given by her girl friends and college chums 91 Fitzroy St. The bride-to-be was seated in a prettily decorated chair and a carriage of prettily decorated gifts was wheeled in by Miss Kitty MacFarlane and Miss Shirley Jay. The remainder of the evening was spent in social entertainment after which a delicious lunch was served by Shirley Jay, Jessie MacNevin and Kitty MacFarlane. Everyone departed to their homes wishing the bride-to-be much happiness.

**TENDERED SHOWER**—On Thursday evening, August 9, 1951, the people of Mermald, Mt. Herbert and vicinity, met at the home of the meeting which amounted to \$24.75.

## New Trust Officer At Eastern Trust Co.



It is announced by the Eastern Trust Company that Mr. A. Allsair MacLeod has been appointed trust officer at the Charlottetown Branch of the Company.

Mr. MacLeod is an Islander and was born in Ekinross. He studied at Prince of Wales College and read law in the office of Mr. Justice Tweedy. Mr. MacLeod was called to the bar of Prince Edward Island in 1941, after which he joined the Royal Canadian Navy. Mr. MacLeod served in the Navy until the end of hostilities and was discharged in 1945. On his return to civil life Mr. MacLeod joined the staff of the Eastern Trust Company at Halifax as an assistant trust officer, which position he held until his transfer to Charlottetown.

Mr. MacLeod's legal training and his six years of experience in the Trust Department of the Eastern Trust Company at Halifax, makes him very well qualified for his new position.

of Mr. and Mrs. James D. MacEachern to tender a shower to their daughter, Ruth, whose marriage to Mr. Wilfred Mutch took place recently. The bride-to-be was escorted to a nicely decorated chair by John Farquharson to the strains of the Wedding March played by Doris Ings. A prettily decorated basket was then carried in by Deanna Matheson and Anne MacEachern. The gifts were opened by Norma MacDonald with accompanying verses read by Mary Elizabeth MacEachern and arranged on the table by Lorna MacPherson. They consisted of a chest of flat silver, money, china and other miscellaneous articles. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in dancing. A delicious lunch was then served by the ladies after which all departed to their homes wishing Ruth and Wilfred much happiness.

### Personals

Mrs. George Starostic left for her home in Niagara Falls after spending two pleasant weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Walsh, Charlottetown.

Miss Uldene Gaudet, 94 Dorchester Street, City, left on August 18th on a visit to Boston, Chelsea, Portland, and other American centres.

B. E. Gaudet, Professor of Literature at Laval University, Quebec, accompanied by Mrs. Gaudet and baby Patricia, who have been guests at 94 Dorchester Street, City, left to return to Quebec on August 18th, via Pictou, N.S.

## IN MEMORIAM

MRS. BRIDGET SHERRY

A large crowd attended the funeral of Mrs. Bridget Sherry who passed away at the advanced age of 85 years after a lingering illness at the Charlottetown Hospital. The late Mrs. Sherry's pleasing manner and kindly hospitality won for her many friends who regretted to hear of her passing. Most of her younger days were spent in Boston while her later years were spent in this Province, which she loved so well.

She leaves to mourn one sister, Mrs. Frank Hughes of Boston and a host of other relatives and friends. Her funeral was held on Aug. 6th at Tracadie where all that was mortal of a devoted wife, kind friend and neighbor, was laid to rest. May her soul rest in peace.

SUMMERFIELD C. W. L.

The regular monthly meeting of the Summerfield Sub-division of the Catholic Women's League was held at the home of Mrs. Bennett Deighan with an attendance of nine members and two visitors. The president, Mrs. Joseph Croken presided.

Following prayer for the opening of the meeting, business proceeded with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read by the secretary. The treasurer reported proceeds from auction sale \$62.12, pantry sale \$25.75 and \$2.75 membership dues received leaving a balance on hand amounting to \$53.38.

It was decided to send a "get-well" card to our Reverend Director who is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital and a card of sympathy to Mrs. G. Trainer.

For the convenience of those unable to attend the two previous meetings it was decided to have the roll calls repeated at our next monthly meeting; each member donating a small article towards an auction sale and a get well, sympathy or congratulations card. Mrs. Thomas Sullivan invited the members to her home for the September meeting. The meeting was brought to a close by the recitation of the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin. A dainty lunch was then served by the hostess.

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