

# CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE!

## New Problems Facing Amish Seeking to Retain Privacy

For nearly three centuries the Amish Mennonites have fled to various parts of the world in search of a place to practise their religion and educate their children without outside interference. This desire for privacy is a rapidly-shrinking world has brought new problems to the Amish in Iowa and elsewhere.

**By JACK DONOVAN**  
HAZLETON, Iowa (AP)—Under the broad-brimmed black hat and the baggy, plain-cut clothes of an Amishman stands a man staunchly resisting 20th-century change.

As jet aircraft streak overhead and are hundreds of miles away before he reaches the end of a furrow, he continues to plow his fields with a horse.

"You don't need change," says 65-year-old Amishman Dan Bontzinger. "The old-fashioned way is good enough for us. So why bring in the new?"

"If we keep our faith on what is good enough and let it alone, we'll be nearer to God."

That could sum up the philosophy of the Amish, who since the 1690s have fled from country to country in search of a place to practise their religion and educate their children without outside interference.

**WIDELY PERSECUTED**  
The Amish, or more specifically the Old Order Amish, are almost a pure branch of the original Mennonites or Anabaptists (Rebaptizers), organized in 1525 in Zurich, Switzerland, and persecuted by the governments of many countries.

The Mennonite church bases its beliefs on the teachings of the New Testament, especially the Sermon on the Mount.

The Old Order Amish, whose worship services are conducted in High German and in private homes, recognize no religious authority than their interpretation of the Bible.

The Amish came to North America with the Mennonites in large numbers after 1740 and

now are located in 17 states, principally Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa, and in Canada.

(Dr. F. C. Peters of the Waterloo Lutheran University in Waterloo, Ont., says only a handful of Amish Mennonites live in Canada, in southern Ontario's Waterloo County.

(About 10 years ago a group of about 1,000 members of the Amish sect broke away and formed the Western conference of Mennonites, Dr. Peters said. They live near Tavistock, about 100 miles west of Toronto.)

The 1965 Mennonite yearbook shows 20,079 baptized members of the Old Order Amish in the United States and 410 in Canada.

The Old Order Amish are the plainest of the "plain people." The men wear lapel-less coats, fastened with hooks and eyes (consequently the nickname "hookers"), baggy denim trousers and broad-brim hats. Beards are worn but not mustaches.

"Buttons are a sign of vanity," an Amishman explains. "USE NO COSMETICS"

The women wear almost ankle-length dresses, aprons, black bonnets and shawls. They use no cosmetics. The children are taught to avoid outsiders.

Amish have a dread of having their pictures taken. They say it violates the "graven images" part of the Ten Commandments.

The Amish believe an eighth-grade education is sufficient to maintain their simple way of life. And the most strict of the Amish want teachers of their own sect to teach their children.

Three times since 1962 the Amish in northeast Iowa have been taken to court over sending their children to schools without state-certified teachers.

At the urging of Governor Harold Hughes last week, a moratorium was called on trying to force the Amish children into schools they consider too worldly while a solution to the years-old problem is sought.

## Less Money Said Available For Small Mining Companies

TORONTO (CP)—Money raised for exploration by small mining companies this year is well below last year's figure, 10-month totals show.

To the end of October, \$22,600,000 had gone into mining company treasuries, compared with \$32,500,000 at the same time in 1964.

Mining men say there are at least two main reasons:

—The public is less receptive to news of mineral discoveries than it was last year.

—Stock exchanges have tightened rules on methods by which mining companies can raise public funds.

Aside from the recent spectacular boom on the Vancouver Stock Exchange sparked by encouraging preliminary exploration in the Pine Point area of the Northwest Territories, there has been little this year to test the small investors' gambling instinct.

Last year, on the other hand, a \$2,000,000 copper-silver discovery by Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. near Timmins, Ont., sparked the wildest trading ever seen on a North American stock market as volume in Toronto rocketed to around the 30,000,000-shares-a-day mark.

Immediately after the discovery was announced, about 100 small mining companies swarmed into the Timmins area.

**STOCK COLLAPSED**  
One such company, Windfall Oils and Mines Ltd., said it had encountered mineralization and its stock took off to a high of \$5.60 from 56 cents. Its collapse 17 days later to below \$1 was investigated by an Ontario royal commission.

Some of the findings of the commission appear to have had an effect on speculators.

The report said that of 100,000 prospects, only one may be classified as likely to become a producing mine.

It also said that the means of transferring the money of the investor to the exploration work of a property seems to be accomplished by "an unreasonably large diversion of funds to the benefit of those engaged in fund raising."

It may be significant, said one Bay Street analyst, that in September and October this year, when Pine Point activity was at its peak, mine financing dipped to its lowest level in two years. In September, only \$306,250 was raised and in October only \$63,325, the smallest since November, 1963.

**GETS LITERARY PRIZE**  
PARIS (Reuters)—The Prix Femina, a French literary prize, was awarded Monday to Robert Pinget for his novel *Le monde (Quequ'un)*. The prize, second in importance only to the Prix Goncourt is worth 5,000 francs (\$1,000). But it also ensures the winning author sales of between 100,000 and 150,000 copies of his book.

**CURLER WINS DREAM**  
SARNIA, Ont. (CP)—The curler's dream—an eight end—was scored by Raymond Degruy's rink in club competition here. Attempting to qualify for the men's championship bonspiel, Degruy's team suddenly eked and threw eight perfect rocks within the 12-foot rings.

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