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CROSS SIGNIFIES HIS LOVE AND HUMAN WICKEDNESS

There are two aspects in which we can view the Cross at Easter. Human wickedness came to a head in the Crucifixion of the Son of God.

In the Father's love for lost men He moved His Son to accept the Cross for their salvation. He had made men free; the only way to move free men to turn from the sin that was their ruin was to let the sin come to a head in what He did to the One who was giving Himself to save them.

It is this that makes the story of the Cross "the power of God unto salvation". Wherever that story is told in its simplicity, sinners are moved to repent and come to Christ for pardon and grace.

Hence we have the verse which Luther called "the little Gospel": "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

To the same effect we read in the First Epistle of John 4:10: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us, and gave His Son to be the expiation for our sins."

What we need to keep in mind this week of the year is that both the sayings quoted above were written after the event. If we want to see what that sacrifice meant to the Divine Suffer before the event we shall turn to the story of Gethsemane.

In St. Luke's account of this inner struggle we read: "He knelt down and prayed saying: 'Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will but Thine be done'."

THE HORROR This was not fear; it was the evils of the Son of God at the evils which were taking command of the situation. There was His rejection by His own people, the elect race, chosen by God to be the channel of His grace.

He had come to them with love and they were answering with violence. He had offered them love as the way to win the world to God, and they were choosing violence. He had given them an ideal of unselfishness in God's service and they were allowing the self-seeking to lead them in rejecting Him.

All this was moving toward a climax in His Crucifixion. He was young; the tides of life were strong within Him. No wonder that He asked in agony of His Father with whom all things were possible, if there was no other way.

But there was no other way. The moment that this became clear, Jesus accepted it, and in perfect self-command, went forward to the shame and the spitting, the mocking and the crown of thorns; and the scourging and the Cross. It was the only way Love could find its own way.

We see in this story what the sacrifice meant to the Son of God; do we ever ask what it meant to the Father thus to give His Son? The story is clearer in the story of Gethsemane than this — that Jesus found that it was His Father's will that He should follow the path He had chosen right through to the end of Calvary. As always, for the Son to do it. But the event proved that Calvary was not the end. "For Calvary day and Easter day, Earth's saddest day and gladdest day, Were just one day apart."

This is love in God's sense of the word. Love to the uttermost that even God could go was the only way God could find of saving the world.

ANY TIME — it's time for KING COLE TEA

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*SPECIAL DANCE Beaver Club, Montague, Friday, April 15. Blanchard's Orchestra.

*VARIETY concert, Murray River Hall, Wednesday, April 13, curtain 8:15. Sponsored by Peter's Road Y. P. S.

*SPECIAL meeting Ladies' Curling Club, Monday, April 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the club room.

*ATTENDED WEDDING—Dr. and Mrs. Preston McIntyre, Montague, motored to Halifax, N.S., to attend the wedding of their son, Dr. William McIntyre, which took place in St. David's Presbyterian Church on Saturday.

*NOTICE — You fishermen! Get out there and get a big one, for on Friday, April 15, the Mabon Drug Co., Montague, is offering, as in the past, a grand prize of \$5.00 worth of the finest fishing gear to the local angler, who brings to us for inspection weighing and measuring the largest trout taken legally on opening day. Also don't forget there is a \$10.00 prize for the season's largest trout. Good luck, fellas!

*INJURED AT PLAY — His many friends are sorry to hear that Stanford Pearson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Pearson, Montague, received a severe cut on his face Friday while playing near his home. He received treatment at the King's County Hospital and was able to return home later in the evening.

*GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — The Presbyterian Church, Montague, was filled to capacity for the Good Friday service, the last of a series of pre-Easter services held in Montague last week. Rev. D. A. Campbell presided. Rev. J. M. Fraser read the Old Testament lesson, Rev. H. C. MacDougall read the New Testament lesson and Rev. R. G. Hill led in prayer. The speaker was Rev. Mr. MacDougall, minister of the United Church in Murray Harbor. He chose as his text second Corinthians 5-19 "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." He preached an inspiring sermon on what the cross means to all Christians. The anthem "At Sunset" was sung by the choir, and the hymns were "I To The Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes," "Just As I Am" and "There Is A Fountain."

*NURSERY CLUB MEETS — The regular meeting of the Nursery Club of the King's County Memorial Hospital was held at the home of Mrs. Claude Nicholson on Monday, March 28. The president, Mrs. Carl Stewart, occupied the chair. The meeting opened with roll call to which 10 members responded. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There was a general discussion re the cooking school, which the Nursery Club is planning to hold in June. Mrs. Carl Stewart reported progress by the members of this committee. A report was given on the picture the Nursery Club plans to sponsor in May. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the hospital, the lunch committee to be Miss Florrie Beaton and Mrs. Horace Fraser. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Claude Nicholson, and the lunch committee, Mrs. Janet Baker and Mrs. Annie Gillis.

Death of Canadian Poet and Composer TORONTO, (CP)—Margaret Rossance Boreham, Canadian poet and music composer, died Wednesday at her home. Born in Dublin, Ireland, she was raised and educated in Windsor and Halifax.

"ECCE HOMO" Behold Him as He meets the frenzied throng With waving torches and with swords and staves, And he who bore the thirty silver coins— A vile vanguard of the self-righteous knaves, Behold Him there before the angry mob About the chief priests and the Pharisees; The taunting accusations and the gibes, The constant scourgings of their base decrees.

Behold Him as His friends forsake and flee; Upon the cross against the dark'ning sky And as the temple veil is rent in twain, Behold the man, for we are standing by, Do we lift up our voices in protest When He is crucified along the way? Our silence marks us one among the horde And proves us equally as vile as they.

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—S. Barlow Bird, Freetown, P.E.I.

Bonus For Re-enlisting With U.S. Army

LEGHORN, Italy, (March 30)—Sgt. Edward W. DeVeau, brother of Mrs. Margaret Dingwall, of Montague, Prince Edward Island, Canada, receives from Capt. William J. Connor, of the USFA Support Command Finance Section, \$1,606.00 for his re-enlistment in the U. S. Army. Sgt. DeVeau prior to serving in the US Army was with the West Nova Scotian Regiment of the Canadian Army from 1943 to 1946. Radio repairing is Sgt. DeVeau's present duty. (U.S. Public Information Office).



Curling Draw At Montague

Curling draw at the Montague curling rink for today: 7 p.m. — East ice: L. H. Poole, H. M. Smith, J. Cudmore, C. Nicholson vs. C. Stewart, J. A. McLean, Leon Johnston, R. Judge; West ice: Dr. Johnston, Judge DesRoches, H. Fraser, L. Suckles vs. G. Gordon, R. Pettit, R. Beck, A. Wightman. 9:00 — East ice: A. E. Sullivan, T. Clair, D. McGowan, L. Johnston vs. Dr. McIntyre, B. N. Hooley, G. Nicholson, C. Johnston; West ice: A. MacDonalld, H. Moar, A. Fraser, S. MacDonalld vs. W. McLean, I. Phillips, Dr. Inman, W. Morton.

Little Sands Died Recently In Rumford, Me.

Word has been received by relatives on the Island of the accidental death of Mr. Frank Bradley, formerly of St. Teresas. Particulars concerning the accident were not available, except that he met his death while at work in a paper mill at Rumford Maine, where he has been working for the last eight years. The late Mr. Bradley who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradley, St. Teresas, was married to the former Margaret Ranganathan of Morell, who with several small children survive him. He was a veteran of World War II and left the Island shortly after returning from Active Service.

Surviving brothers and sisters are: Chester, Leonard and Ernest all of St. Teresas; Marguerite (Mrs. Vernon Donnelly), Alberry Plains; Agnes (Mrs. MacDonalld), Mt. Stewart; Laura (Mrs. Borden MacDonalld), Toronto. The remains will be brought to the Island for burial.

RUMFORD, Me. (AP)—Frank Bradley, 36, of Rumford was killed Saturday when he fell into a tank of pulp liquid at the Oxford Paper Mill Company. A company official said Bradley, a former resident of Prince Edward Island, apparently was sucked into a pipe leading from the vat and drowned.

Robbery Charges Laid In N.S. Case NEW GLASGOW, N.S. (CP)—RCMP here said Sunday that Eugene Valois of Toronto had been turned over to RCMP at Antigonish, N.S., to be tried for robbery of a co-operative store at Ballantyne's Cove, a few miles from Antigonish. Valois was captured last Wednesday suffering from a slight concussion after a car he was riding in turned over during a high-speed chase on slippery highways.



Churchill Sure Of Nomination

WOODFORD, England (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill was assured Saturday of the Conservative party nomination for parliament in this suburban London district. Col. W. H. Barlow-Wheeler, secretary of the Woodford division Conservative Association, released a letter he wrote the retired prime minister, saying: "It is with great pleasure that I have noted your wish to continue to represent your Woodford constituents in the House of Commons. I am sure this pleasure will be shared by the vast majority of those you have served so faithfully for so many years, and they will welcome an opportunity of returning you to Westminster at the next general election so that your incomparable experience may continue to be available to parliament and the nation." Churchill has represented the area for 30 of his 52 years in parliament.

Canada's railways had a police force of 1,080 in 1953, including 197 inspectors and sergeants.

Mr. Robert White of Wood Islands East, who is a patient in the Provincial Sanatorium, is keeping about as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Panting, Wood Islands East, left their last week for Pictou, where Mr. Panting will rejoin the crew of the S. S. Charles E. Dunning.

Mr. Lloyd Wheeler, Little Sands, left here on April 4 for Pictou where he too will rejoin the crew of the S. S. Charles E. Dunning. Mr. Wheeler plans to accompany her husband to Pictou and to return to Little Sands in a few days.

The black robins have returned from their winter homes and are heard singing in the morning. We are watching for other spring birds who will be returning soon.

On April 4, there was no ice to be seen in the Strait. The huge ice cakes that were grounded along the shore here last week have all disappeared. —CO.

Easter Services Held In Churches At Montague

The Easter service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, was attended by a large and reverent congregation last evening. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. D. A. Campbell, who preached an inspiring sermon, a message of Christ victorious, using for his text Psalm 30:5, "Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning." Mrs. Elsie Waterworth was organist and the anthem "Open The Gates Of The Temple" was sung by the choir. The hymns were, "O Set Ye Open Unto Me," "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" and "The Day Of Resurrection". Many beautiful flowers were placed on the pulpit and communion table, including a beautiful Easter Lily Plant, placed on the table by her family in memory of the late Mrs. Murdoch MacKinnon, and another was the gift of Rev. John MacLeod to his mother, Mrs. A. J. MacLeod, honoring her ninetieth birthday.

The pulpit was decorated with beautiful Easter flowers presented by members of the congregation.



Dean Martin, Joanne Dru and Jerry Lewis as they appear in Paramount's brand new Vista-Vision laugh riot, "Three Ring Circus", which is due today at the Prince Edward Theatre. In color by Technicolor the comedy was produced by Hal Wallis. Joseph Pevney directed.

At St. Mary's Church High Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. W. McCordie, who also spoke an enlightening and instructive sermon on the resurrection of Christ. The choir, under the direction of Mr. George Boudreau, sang the "Lady Of Fatima" Mass. Hymns sung included "Regina Coeli" and "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today". A solo "Ave Maria" (Gumod) was sung by Mrs. Don Davis. The altar was tastefully decorated with Easter flowers, a symbol of joy on Easter morn.

At Trinity United Church Easter services were held both morning and evening. The services were conducted by the minister Rev. J. M. Fraser, who preached an "Amazing News" and "The Easter Parade". He stated that the true Easter parade starts at the open tomb of Christ and marches down through the centuries — the shining company of men and women who have lived in the power of an endless life. Scripture lessons were read from St. Luke 24 and St. John 20. During the morning service Mrs. Arnold Wightman sang a solo "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked", and in the evening Mr. Gordon Coffin, a former member of the choir, sang, "Christ Arose". Hymns were: "Welcome, Happy Morning", "Children Of Jerusalem", "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today", "Look, The Sight Is Glorious", and anthems by the choir "Awakening Chorus" and "I know That My Redeemer Lives".

He has rent the Temple Veil in twain Let us magnify His blessed Holy Name Unto Him alone all the praise belong Let us praise Him with an everlasting song.

Let His Kingdom everywhere be known For He rules and reigns upon His throne Our Redeemer, Lord and King of Kings Let the whole earth His Hallelujahs ring.

Some glad day He shall return again In glorious power He then shall reign We shall see Him crowned in His beauty When our risen King shall come back again.

Mae Eaton, Pasadena, California.

St. Mary's Players present "WAS THIS MURDER" three act mystery comedy in St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Easter Monday, 2.15 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. Also special-ties.

SHOPPER STOPPER

At Montague 5 to 1.00 Store Special from April 9 to April 15 inclusive Tri-Color Paper Napkins Packed in 60's Regular price—25c pkg. This week only—15c pkg.

YEO THEATRE MONTAGUE Mon - Tues - Wed - 11-12-13 Adm. 40 - 55 BLACK SHIELD OF FALWORTH Cinemascope - Color Tony Curtis - Janet Leigh

MAYFAIR THEATRE MURRAY RIVER — APRIL 11 - 12 MONDAY and TUESDAY "A BULLET IS WAITING" Starring Jean Simmons, Rory Calhoun, Stephen McNally Also — SHORTS — SHOW TIME 8 P.M.

SPECIAL EASTER MONDAY MORNING SHOW AT 10:30 THE EAST SIDE KIDS In "BOYS of the CITY"

Out Our Way By J. R. Williams I DIDN'T PUT TH COAT ON CUZ I ONLY STEPPED OUT TO GET TH PAPER AN I GOT TH MILK-- THEN TH DOG SNUCK OUT AN IN KETCHIN' HIM A SHOE CAME OFF! I DIDN'T LACE EM CUZ I'D ONLY STEPPED OUT TO GET TH PAPER-- AN PLACK' UP A WET SHOE WITH THIS LOAD TH COAT FELL OFF AN! Catwomen Of The Moon

VISTA VISION MOTION PICTURE HIGH FIDELITY 3 RING CIRCUS SONGS: "It's a Big, Wide, Wonderful World" "Hey, Punchinello" DEAN MARTIN JERRY LEWIS HERE COME THOSE CLOWNS...IN THEIR CLOWNING GLORY! JOANNE DRU ZSA ZSA GABOR WALLACE FORD YSA LANCHESTER A PRIMAURTY PICTURE PRINCE EDWARD TODAY TUE. - WED. SHOWS 2:30 7 - 9 WINNERS IN THE "DEAN & JERRY" COLORING CONTEST ARE: Frank Stewart, 69 Rochford St., Eileen Bowles, 197 Kent St.; Sheila MacCormack, 7 Upper Hillsboro St.; Gail Stewart, 69 Rochford St.; Francis MacDonald, 8 Costello Lane; Ronald Higgins, 202 Prince St.; Everett Hamilton, 36 1/2 Elm Avenue; Michael Roy Jelks, 56 Green St.; Linda Clark, 61 Longworth Avenue; Gerry Kane, 249 Queen St. Winners may pick up their prizes at the Island Book Room.

CAPITOL NOW SHOWING HOWARD HUGHES presents ROBERT MITCHUM JEAN SIMMONS ARTHUR HUNNICUTT She couldn't say NO! with EDGAR BUCHANAN - WALLACE FORD RAYMOND WALDBORN MIDNIGHT SHOW TONIGHT AT 11:30 "Catwomen Of The Moon"