



**NEWEST TURTLE CLUB MEMBER**

A certificate making him a member of the Turtle Club, an international club promoting the wearing of safety hats, was presented to Island Telephone Company Limited employee, Ralph MacNeil, Charlottetown, at the company's safety meeting held Friday at the Charlottetown Hotel. Mr. MacNeil had prevented serious injury to himself by wearing a safety hat when

he was involved in an accident while working. Left to right in the above photo are: A. H. MacKinnon, Halifax, general plant manager; Wilfred MacAleer, Charlottetown, chairman

of the P.E.I. Workers' Compensation Board, who made the presentation; Mr. MacNeil; and E. C. Cameron, plant superintendent, Island Telephone Company.

**THOUGHTS FOR OUR TIME**  
BY HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL McGUIGAN

**WHEN WE'RE REJOICING— WE'RE ALSO MOURNING.**  
In T. S. Eliot's play, Murder in the Cathedral, there is a very moving sermon delivered by the Archbishop Thomas a'Becket of Canterbury on the Christmas morning before his death on December 29, 1170. The martyr-to-be speaks of the Christian habit of rejoicing and mourning at one and the same time; specifically, he points out that to rejoice in the birth of Christ is also, in a mystic sense, to mourn His death, that to rejoice at Christ's nativity is, in a similar way, to be saddened at the prospect of His first martyr, St. Stephen, who is commemorated on December 26.

endangered due to the authority of his Bishop, or was it rather that the King's authority was restricting the freedom of the bishop?

By stopping to view the conflict we should probably be drawn into it, so basic are the issues. But if we merely extract the principal issue from the midst of the personalities and circumstances, we find that we have yet another of those paradoxes, those apparent contradictions, with which our lives abound.

As Christians, like Eliot and a'Becket, we realize that truth reveals itself, not simply, but almost invariably, in paradox. As Christians too, we know that freedom and authority have been joined in constant association by God Himself, and that what God has united, man must not sever.

Thus freedom from domination and subjection to authority are, in reality, in the plan of God, contributing factors towards man's freedom.

What makes the sermon so effective in the play is undoubtedly the deep understanding that Eliot reveals of paradox as a quality of reality—a law of life itself. There are few figures in history whom he might have chosen who could speak more feelingly of this aspect of the Christian life than Thomas a'Becket.

**BASIC ISSUES**  
a'Becket's quarrel with King Henry II was concerned with the basic issues of freedom and authority. If we should stop for a view of the conflict we might ask: Whose freedom was involved? Whose authority was at issue? Was it a case wherein King Henry's freedom of action was

king man a better, more perfect creature. Granted, a certain tension exists between the two; this, we know also, is a normal sign of life. Indeed, where the tension is lacking between the forces of freedom and the forces of authority, there results an unhealthy situation.

**REFORMS FAIL.**  
Further, where there is opposition to authority there is implied in that very criticism, the desire and the possibility of reform. The critic, to give him his due, is always interested—in that interest is his glory! How and at commentary on the attempts at reform in the past that must have failed, and this because both the reformer and the authority have almost without exception, regarded criticism of command as an act of revolt.

Few reformers have had the integrity to remain part of the institution they wished to reform.

all too few of these in authority have had the charity, the magnanimity and, above all, the patience, to tolerate a reformer within their command. That freedom which the reformer seeks in order to criticize, is something that man shares with God and the angels. Yet, bound up with human freedom, as with that of the angels, goes a happy obedience to God which is fitting in His creature. No man is free unless he is committed to that basic discipline.

Just as authority without freedom enslaves a man to the whims of his master, so freedom without authority makes a man a slave to his own fickle desires, and so his last state is no better, functionally, than his first. Obedience to man can never have any meaning of all unless it is primarily obedience to God.

And as we know the constant paradox, that evening contradiction which is summed up, for

**Money for Fire Dept. Calls Needed By Junior Farmers**

**NEW GLASGOW**—Bills and regulations regarding payment for the use of the fire truck were laid down at the regular meeting of the New Glasgow and District Junior Farmers recently.

It was pointed out that any one sending or desiring the services of the truck operated by Junior Farmers' fire department was expected to make payment for the service although it is not compulsory.

It was noted that because it has the only fire truck in the district the department must answer calls well outside its fire zone area. It was felt payments for services in these outlying areas must be forthcoming if they are to be served.

It was reported the fire truck was in Charlottetown for repairs and the installation of a new motor. A smaller truck with an attached water tank has been passed into service in the interim.

**MONEY NEEDED**  
Committee spokesman said money was now needed to pay for the repairs and also for the fire bell, fire, wiring and a heating system. Two fires were reported by the committee.

President of the P.E.I. Junior Farmers Mrs. Sterling MacRae expressed satisfaction at the appointment of Mrs. Audrey MacNeil as the new co-ordinator of the New Glasgow and District Junior Farmers group. She felt Mrs. MacNeil would be successful in forming more groups.

Two members Mrs. Weigen and Leo Peters were accepted by the group.

The Christmas, in the sign of contradiction, that sign of the Saviour's suffering, and of our redemption, the Cross.

As we approach the birthday of Christ, it is fitting that we should, like a'Becket, dwell on these things, not full of fear as men without a purpose, without a meaning in life, but rather alive and vibrant with the love of the wisdom of God.

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