

2000-Year-Old Scrolls Found In Palestine

Believed Oldest Biblical Accounts
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OLD TESTAMENT scrolls dating back farther than any known Biblical manuscripts have come to light amidst the bloodshed in Palestine.

Dr. John C. Trever of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, identified and photographed the scrolls during his recent visit to the Holy Land, he told The Times in an interview.

"They were found by Bedouin smugglers in a cave in which they were hiding in Palestine. The parchment scrolls were carefully wrapped in linen and contained in tall earthenware jars," Dr. Trever said.

"The four include the Book of Isaiah, a commentary on the Book of Habakkuk, a secular document which is a discipline of the sect which owned the scrolls and a fourth manuscript which we did not unroll because it was in very bad condition.

"BECAUSE OF the war, everybody wants to know if the scrolls are safe. They are. They are secreted outside the danger zone in Palestine.

"The Bedouins gave them to the monks of St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Convent in the Old City of Jerusalem. I met and talked with their archbishop, Metropolitan Athanasius Yeshue Samuel.

"It is an amazing fact that the text of the Isaiah scroll shows a close affinity to the standard text known to scholars today. The scroll has all the appearance of being at least 1000 years older than the other earliest copy of the Book of Isaiah in Hebrew. That copy made in 916 A. D. is in the Leningrad Museum in Russia.

"IT MAY BE proved that the newly-discovered Isaiah scroll is the oldest Biblical manuscript of any language in existence. It is the first and only ancient scroll to be discovered in Palestine." Dr. Trever and Dr. William H. Brownlee of Duke University were the only research scholars present in the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem when the orthodox monks brought the scrolls there for study.

Both the Americans believe that the discovery of the very old books in addition to being an exciting and colorful religious episode offers fresh opportunity to Biblical students. They feel that new meanings of Biblical passages and additional knowledge of the pronunciation of ancient Hebrew may unfold.

Bright Red Stolen Car Is Cinch to Identify

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 13.—Here's a stolen car that didn't need a license number to identify it.

The call over the St. Paul police radio described the car as follows:
1939 Ford convertible; bright red color; three yellow hub caps; one red one; blue tail light; yellow grill work; three radio aerials, two with flags and one with streamer.

Patrolman Robert Highberg spotted the car 20 minutes later. It had been stolen from George Hillsuk and abandoned on a downtown street.

Olive Branch Church To Sponsor Bazaar

The Olive Branch Christian Church will sponsor a bazaar of Christmas articles Friday from 1:30 to 9:30 p. m. in the church building.

The six circles and the Mothers' class will sell needlework and home canned and cooked foods. Boy Scouts will have charge of the fish pond. The cafeteria superintendent will be in charge of the refreshments.

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Dale Bessire Paintings To Be Shown Here

An exhibit of 20 recent paintings by Dale Bessire of Nashville will be featured in the H. Lieber Co. galleries tomorrow through Nov. 27.

Mr. Bessire's landscapes include scenes in Brown County and the Great Smokies.



The honor of identifying four newly discovered Biblical scrolls, more than 2000 years old, fell to the lot of Dr. John C. Trever of Chicago, recent visitor to Indianapolis.

3 Faiths to Speak At Butler Event

'Religion in Life' Theme to Be Stressed

Representatives of the Jewish, Protestant and Catholic faiths will speak during the Religion on the Campus program next week at Butler University.

The speakers will stress the program theme, "Religion in Life," in their talks given during the three days, Tuesday through Thursday. Miss Jacqueline Smith of Indianapolis, Butler senior and general chairman, will be assisted in arrangements by members of the religious council.

Speakers Announced
Speakers will include Dr. Fred West, chairman of the department of religion of Wabash College; Rabbi Samuel J. Fox, spiritual director of the United Hebrew Congregation; the Rev. Fr. Joseph Brokhage, pastor of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church; and the Rev. Fr. Raymond Bosler, editor of the Indiana Catholic and Record.

The program schedules noon convocation addresses by Dr. West and a Tuesday afternoon forum by Rabbi Fox. Father Brokhage will lead a panel discussion Wednesday and Father Bosler will give a fireside chat Wednesday night. A tea for foreign students will follow Dr. West's panel discussion Thursday afternoon.

Parts of Giant Telescope Float On Oil Stream

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Nov. 13 (UP)—The million pounds of moving parts of the famous 200-inch Mt. Palomar telescope are kept floating on lubricating oil to prevent friction.

Steady streams of oil are pumped through small holes, keeping the telescope lifted and rolling, like a ball in a vertical jet of water, said A. G. Ingalls, an editor of Scientific American.

"THIS REDUCES the friction so much that if you were to lay your hand on the side of the telescope, you could easily turn the whole million pounds, provided it were not locked," Mr. Ingalls told a General Electric science forum.

K. of C. Plans Memorial

Knights of Columbus Council 437 will hold a special memorial service at 8:00 p. m. tomorrow at Indianapolis club headquarters, 1305 N. Delaware St.

'Red' Gives Tips On Child Rearing
HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 13 (UP)—Red Skelton hopes his kids will escape the misfortune of growing up as a movie star's children. He doesn't want them to have all the breaks in life, he said. The red-haired comedian is convinced that children who take a few knocks during youth grow into more substantial and useful citizens.

The star of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "A Southern Yankee" hasn't even any special education plans for his 1½-year-old daughter Valentina or his 5-month-old son Richard.

"I get a pain in the neck from parents who enroll their babies in private prep schools and colleges as soon as they're born," he said.

"How do they know what kind of a school the kid will want to go to when he grows up?"

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