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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 one 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:

1938 Ford convertible; bright red color; three yellow hub caps; one red one; blue tail light; yellow grill work; three radio a-fials, two with flags and one with streamer.

Patrolman Robert Highborg spotted the car 20 minutes later. It had been stolen from George Hilsuk 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 supervisor will be served from 5 to 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Howard Deer Jr. is general chairman.

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.

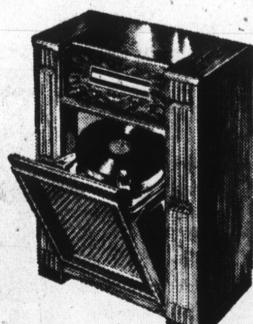
Mr. Bessire's landscapes include scenes in Brown County and the Great Smokies.

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'Red' Gives Tips On Child Rearing

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 13 (UPI)—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 private prep school and colleges few knocks during youth grow 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?"

The star of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "A Southern Yankee" goes to when he grows up?

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