

Island Survives Serene, Immune To Gas Shortage

In its way, "the last refuge of the horse" got the jump on the gasoline shortage years ago.

The Island of Sark, self-named "the Capri of the English Channel," outlasted the automobile when Henry Ford was a young man. Today, at best, it needs relatively little more than a dribble of gasoline -- for the island's 42 farm tractors.

There have been problems in staying part of the horse and buggy age. But they are nothing like those of the Island of Bermuda, which gave up its exclusive dedication to Dobbin a few years ago and now has near traffic jams of cars, motorbikes -- and horses.

Bicycles still rule the unpaved lanes of Sark. In fact, the sole owner of the entire two-square-mile island says she is "the only feudal ruler in history who ever rode a bicycle."

Mrs. Sibyl Hathaway is 90 years old, and since 1927 she has been called the Dame of Sark, or the 21st SEIGNEUR of the small rocky fiefdom which Queen Elizabeth I authorized in 1565.

She and the 600 Sarkians owe allegiance to Elizabeth II not as Queen of England but as the Duke of Normandy, the nearby French coastal region. Islanders say their forebears were liegemen of William the Conqueror, who was also Duke of Normandy and whose Norman army invaded and defeated England in 1066.

Britain belongs to us, not the other way around," they say, only half joking. If historical tradition seems ignored on the Island of Sark, modern ways have fared no better. Take banning the automobile.

"The automobile threatens to pollute the air with dangerous fumes," predicted an islander long ago. "And the airplane! Our cattle would be stampeded if they were suddenly pounced on without prior notice by a machine of such aspect."

Without prior notice the German

occupying troops pounced on Sark with three cars during World War II, and as they left British troops arrived with a jeep and two lorries. All are now long gone.

Then farm tractors were permitted, but not without the Dame soon being vexed by joyriding tractor drivers. One farmer, ploughing zig-zag furrows, was promptly arrested for drunken tractor driving.

Restrictions have been inevitable. No tractor driving at night or Sunday. No more than 10 passengers each on trailers pulled up from the harbor. No tractor driving faster than the island's two policemen can apprehend on foot, five miles an hour.

There was a spot of bother in recent years over electric invalid cars. Dame Sibyl, who has arthritis, secured one, and soon there were three more granted for others incapacitated.

But the island's doctor had to threaten to quit to get one, or rather, something swifter than his allowed bicycle: a chauffeur-driven tractor.

The island's new ambulance went into service only after the front wheels and engine were removed, thus facilitating tractor towing.

Hope for importing motorbikes are consistently quashed. But the Dame was recently successful in an emergency plea to England for the purchase of several surviving victorias, the favorite horse-drawn open conveyances of Queen Victoria.



A British theologian, L.P. Jacks, has written: "Most of us die of something: of disease, accident, old age. But occasionally there appears in our midst a man who resolves to die for something."

Such a man, of course, was Jesus Christ. In his death he showed all of us how to die as victors rather than victims. Christianity, says theologian Jacks, "came into being as a death-conquering religion. It centered in the figure of a death-conqueror."

Jesus Christ was a death-conqueror and he also calls us to be death-conquerors too.

Some people object, however, that it was one thing for Jesus to conquer death and something else for mortal men to do the same thing. That is why the story of Stephen is so important, for this "mortal man" was a death-conqueror too.

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CARD OF THANKS
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For one thing, Stephen was a man of faith. We see this faith demonstrated in the "great wonders and signs" he performed "among the people" (Acts 6:8). We find it once again in the powerful witness he gives to the Hellenists. Luke tells us, "... they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke." We see it again in his fearless rebuke of the Sanhedrin, "You stiff-necked people... you always resist the Holy Spirit..." (7:51).

The greatest evidence of his faith, however, is found in his death. His final prayer reminds us of his Master: "Lord Jesus receive my Spirit" (7:59). He believed himself to be firmly in God's hands and therefore did not fear death. Stephen did not ask for escape; he asked only to be in God's hands.

Yet, there is more to say about Stephen than that he was a man of faithful courage. Luke said that Stephen was "full of grace and power" (6:8). We have already noted his power, but his grace we find manifested in the second petition of his prayer: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (7:60).

If we are to be death-conquerors like Jesus and Stephen, we must have gracious love in addition to courageous faith. Jesus did not die with a complaint on his lips, nor did he curse his enemies.

Count von Moltke, one of the plotters against Hitler, has given us a contemporary illustration. Although this man was horribly tortured, he was both courageous and full of love. In his last letter to his wife he wrote: "I must risk sounding hysterical, but I am so filled with gratitude that there's really room for nothing else."

With that courageous faith and gracious love, we too, like von Moltke, Stephen, and Jesus can be death's victors rather than its victims.



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And day by day,
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong.
Should all the weight of life
Be laid across our shoulders, and the
future rife
With woe and struggle, meet us face to
face

At just one place
We could not go;
Our feet would stop; and so
God lays a little on us every day.
And never, I believe, on all the way,
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