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Religious Revival Is Only Way to Avoid Revolution

Dr. Vining Delivers Inspiring Addresses at 55th Anniversary of Baptist Church

An ideal autumn day favored the Baptist congregation in the observance on Sunday of the ninety-fifth anniversary of the church here and the occasion was one of great joy and blessing. Good congregations attended both services, which were in charge of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Baxter.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Vining, of Toronto, was the guest minister on this occasion, and the earnestness and forcefulness of his message appealed to all who had the privilege of hearing him. He has had a wide experience in preaching and teaching the gospel and is imbued with his work. Dr. Vining recalled in his opening remarks that his first visit to Acton had been about forty years ago, and during that period he had made several visits until he felt fairly well acquainted.

In the morning discourse Dr. Vining took his text from the fourth verse of the seventh chapter of Joshua. There was nothing mysterious about this text. Joshua had found the task of following Moses in leadership not an easy one. He could readily understand the men of those days making comparisons of the two leaders. But the people must learn that God can always be depended upon.

The speaker had no use for people who were satisfied with present attainments. We must make up our minds to be better men. To be a leader one must have the backing of the people and a dependence on God. Dr. Vining referred to work during the war period, when he delivered recruiting addresses and urged men to go to war, but avowed he would never do it again.

He had seen the hardships made by these sacrifices and in these trials he had prayed unceasingly. No man really prays until he is burdened.

There was no limit to the power of God and Joshua had to learn this after all he was but a man. Sin in his camp had brought defeat to Israel just as it will to any organization. Sin is sin, no matter how small. Then too, Joshua had of necessity learned the value of preparation without which nothing can be accomplished. Dr. Vining emphasized the power of prayer and expressed the belief that without a revival in religion we will have a revolution. The only thing that will save Canada is Christianity. Only God can help in times of difficulty, but just as in Joshua's day He works through human agencies. Dr. Vining stressed the power of prayer and the necessity of preparation and plead with all who had not been converted to turn to God for guidance.

Flowers and autumn leaves made the church building indeed beautiful. A quartette Mrs. Veldhuus, Mrs. Killeke, Mr. Chas. Franklin and Mr. Whalen, contributed a very appropriate sacred number and Mr. Theo. Warner, of Georgetown, sang a solo very effectively. Mr. C. W. Landesborough presided at the organ and the choir gave splendid leadership in song.

At the evening service Rev. Dr. Vining chose for his text Mark 2: 5, "Son, Thy sins be forgiven thee." This is the story of the four men taking an incurable man to Jesus and, because of the mob, they had to let him down through the roof into Jesus' presence.

Dr. Vining stated that were he painter, he would make four pictures of this story as follows: The Sick Man, Jesus of Nazareth, The Four Men, The Mob.

The man was sick of an incurable disease, and, no doubt, had been taken to many physicians but, in every case had received the same diagnosis, no hope. Yet, the sick man was in the same condition as many people in the world to-day. They are, without Jesus hopelessly lost. Jesus died because all people are like sheep lost. He died to save us all.

A tomato plant even though it grows to be over seven feet is still a tomato plant; it cannot produce any other kind of fruit or vegetables. Because a man turns over a new leaf is no sign that he is saved. When Jesus talked to Nicodemus He told him that we must be born again. When he did not understand, he was told he must be born again. God sent His only begotten Son Jesus into this world to save sinners. People can be and are saved by casting themselves on Jesus. Christ can save people even fallen from the depths of iniquity. There isn't anyone Christ can't save. However, we cannot be saved unless we are willing to be saved.

God fulfilled the law of the prophets and sent Jesus into this world, that we might be saved. If the Christians to-day are not doing their utmost to bring people to God, they are not being true to Christ.

There isn't anyone who Christ cannot use to bring people to God. All things that are accomplished are done with determination. All people who do things

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TROPHY DONOR



Head-on Crash Instantly Kills One on the Holiday

Mrs. T. Smith McOutecheon, R.R. No. 1, Bright, was almost instantly killed when the automobile in which she was riding, and which was driven by her husband, was involved in a head-on collision on the Brampton Road, between Guelph and Erin, on Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. McOutecheon is an aunt of Reeve McOutecheon, of Acton.

In Guelph General Hospital, suffering from cuts, bruises and severe shock were Mr. McOutecheon; A. McArthur, of Acton; Mrs. M. McArthur, Acton; and Mrs. Josephine Miller, of Mount Dennis. All but Mr. McOutecheon have since been able to leave for their homes.

Mr. Arthur was the driver of the other car which was involved in the crash, which occurred just north of Pear Corner. Loose gravel on the road is said to have been partially responsible for the collision.

Coroner Dr. J. P. MacKinnon investigated the circumstances and ordered an inquest, the date for which was tentatively fixed for October 18th.

MRS. H. CALDWELL GUEST SPEAKER AT UNITED W.M.S.

The October meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held in the school room of the church on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Mowat presided. Mrs. H. L. Johnston paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. N. F. Moore and a minute's silence was observed.

Mrs. Symon introduced Mrs. H. Caldwell, of Weston, guest speaker, who spoke on "Temperance, Peace, Racism Equality." Reference was made to a daughter, Mrs. (Mrs.) Agnew, in Chengtu, China, where the refugees are coming in very great numbers for protection and care.

The Society will visit Milton Auxiliary on Tuesday evening, October 18th.

Mrs. Baxter, who is home on furlough from India, will give an illustrated talk on her work at the Thank offering meeting.

HALTON PLOW BOYS OFF TO INTERNATIONAL

The annual International Plowing Match, which is being held this week near Barrie, will be expected to attract over 100,000 spectators. Contestants from all parts of the Province have been drifting in since the latter part of the past week. As usual, Halton will be well and worthily represented in both tractor and horse drawn classes. Harold Picket, of Hornby, and Spencer Wilson of Norval, will be contenders in the tractor classes, while Claude Picket, John Lester, Leonard Lester, Kenneth Brown, all of Hornby, and Gran Baker Freeman, will compete in the walking plow classes. The last named three young men will represent the County in the Inter-County Competition open to teams of three boys under 20 years of age.

Milton Won in High School Athletic Meet

Milton students outclassed their Georgetown and Acton competitors in most of the events at the annual Inter-School Field Meet held at Milton on Friday.

For the fifth consecutive year Milton High School won the championship. The Junior Town students scored 280 points 93 more than Georgetown High School, their closest rivals.

For the Acton Continuation School, Marjory Nelson won the Junior Girl baseball throw, and Kenneth Blow, the Junior Boys' shot put. Marjory Nelson also took the honors in the Intermediate Girls' high jump.

Among the Intermediate Girls winning first prize ribbons was Polly Port, from Acton in the basketball throw.

ACTON BUYER

**BRINGS CAR LOAD
OF CATTLE HERE**

The Moose Jaw Times-Journal gives an account of the 5th Annual Saskatchewan Feed, Seed and Stock Sale at which Mr. N. B. Brown, Acton, is named as one of the prominent buyers. A total of 315 head of prime cattle were sold on December 26th, 1938 and bidding lay on January 2nd, 1939.

An account for relief from the Police Village of Woodstock was laid over for further investigation.

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THE SOLUTION AND THE WINNER IN PUZZLE POEM

The answer to last week's Puzzle Poem was "Buffalo Bill," and the winner of the weekly award is Mrs. J. Kelly, Bower Avenue. Judging by the number of answers received there was some difficulty in getting a solution. However, there is another one on Page Five this week, that you may be able to win with a correct solution.

Eramosa Meets Requirements of the Housing Act

Nomination Dates Set for Last
Monday in Year — Grant
to Bowling Club

The Council for the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall Rockwood, on Monday October 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Reeve D. H. Storey, in the chair; Councillors D. D. Gray, Albert Lush, Wm. J. Pinkney and Thus E. Kelly.

On motion of Messrs. Gray and Kelly a resolution was passed to conform to the requirements of the National Housing Act whereby houses constructed by residents of the Township for their own occupation may be tax free as follows: 100% for first year, 90% for the second year, 25% for the third year, the Minister of Finance for Canada agreeing to pay the above proportion of taxes on new houses.

By-law No. 8 was given the required readings and passed. This by-law appointed Planning Places and D.R.O.s for the annual election with nominations on December 26th, 1938 and polling on January 2nd, 1939.

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