

MISCHIEF-BREWING

His little hands are sturdy and his little legs are stout. He's giving proof already that he soon will walk about.

Twenty Years Ago

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Potatoes sold on Guelph market on Saturday at \$5.00 per bag.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brydon, Lot 16, First Line, Erin, was sadly bereaved when their elder son, Max, aged 15, was accidentally shot when he and his brother, James, aged 12, were shooting with a small rifle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize are removing to Acton from Orillia.

Acton's Social Club has been re-organized for the season, with the following officers: Honorary Presidents, H. S. Holmes, W. A. Storey; President, John Clarke, Sr.; 1st Vice-President, Robert Scott; 2nd Vice-President, Percy Collier; 3rd Vice-President, Dr. H. A. Cox; Secretary, George Anderson; Treasurer, Thomas Savage.

Dr. J. B. Reynolds, Principal of Manitoba College of Agriculture, has been appointed President of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The Women's Institute completed their sewing activities for the past year by a generous donation of clothing for the Milton Shelter, valued at \$34.00.

ALGOED—In Acton, on Monday, April 12th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Algoe, a son.

ROSE—In Acton, on Thursday, April 8th, 1920, David Rose, husband of Minnie McDowell, aged 58 years.

JACK MINER CELEBRATED 75th BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY

Naturally, every person who has read about or visited Jack Miner's bird sanctuary at Kingsville, Ontario, wonders what will become of the place after "Uncle" Jack has passed on.

Besides giving the place to the foundation, Jack Miner has assumed the responsibility during his lifetime of raising maintenance money to care for the annual expenditure. However, as he is a poor man financially, the directors of the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation are endeavoring to raise a trust fund by gift and bequest to endow and perpetuate the place.

This act by Jack Miner only further proves his sincerity on bird life conservation, and in this way he feels that all monies received from lecture tours, gifts, grants and in other ways, which have been put into his bird sanctuary, have all been given back to the public. Will you now help carry it on?

IN A HURRY

"Which would you prefer in your future husband—wealth, ability or appearance?" asked the pretty girl.

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Acton's Family Album

Turning Over the Pages, Week by Week, and Looking on the Faces of Those Who Were Familiar to Many Here in Other Years

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE?



LAST WEEK'S PICTURE

Last week's picture would, of course, be readily recognized by all. It was a photograph of four of the churches of Acton, the United, Presbyterian, Baptist and Anglican. None of them, except the Anglican, have had the outside appearance altered greatly. The photograph was taken over thirty years ago.

(Photo by Hay Wrightson)

PRICE AND COST

Price and cost are determined by two different processes which should be clearly understood by farm and other business managers. The net income of a business is determined by the spread between price and cost. That is to say, net income is the total number of units of the commodities produced multiplied by the price received for them, less the cost of production per unit multiplied by the number of those units.

The Ontario Dairy Farm Study now being conducted jointly by the Economics Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, reveals impressive facts relative to price and cost. On the farms studied in the Sudbury-North Bay area, for the year ended June, 1937, the delivered price range for whole milk per 100 lb. was from \$1.78 to \$2.16. This represents a range of 38 cents between farm operators receiving the lowest and highest prices. The cost range was from \$1.58 to \$1.42, representing a spread of \$1.84. While the costs on farms above the \$3 figure may be due to abnormal circumstances, such as heavy stock losses or some other exceptional cause, the cost spread of the remainder was well over \$1, being three times the price spread.

Price, or the general price level, is arrived at by "the higgling of the market." It is the product of many factors including the action and reaction of many sellers and many buyers in any market. Price is thus determined by the group and over it the individual business man has little direct control.

Cost is more a matter under individual control, and is determined, largely, by the farm management methods applied in production. From the facts revealed by the Study mentioned it appears there is ample scope to narrow the range between costs with beneficial results to those operators with high costs. The first and immediate action to be taken in endeavoring to improve the income of the individual farm business, is to give consideration to factors entering into costs rather than by seeking higher general price levels. Should prices be increased the individual farm operator who reduces cost would gain at both ends.

UP TO THE MINUTE

Tourist—I should like very much to see your snake dance and your ghost dance.

Chief—Hole-in-the-Air—No more snake dance nor ghost dance. Them back number. You tame Dance Boomp-and-Daisy now.

HOW TO BE CHEERFUL

The spirit of "business as usual," so prominent in England during the last war, is cheerfully evident again to-day. Often, in spite of the most adverse circumstances, the people carry on whatever their appointed tasks may be. They build up a tolerance to trouble, like taking doses of poison until poison can't hurt them.

They are like Jerry Finigan and his automobile. Jerry finished his the pavement days. There were a good many horse shoe nails in the 3 1/2 miles of the Kingston Road between Bowmanville and Oshawa, which was Jerry's regular beat. His inner tubes were always patched and vulcanized all the way round, and the castings had more shoes than a debutante.

One afternoon Jerry arrived at his home base in Oshawa. "Did you have a good trip to Bowmanville?" the bartender asked him.

Jerry dusted off his coat with one hand and the inside of his throat with the other. "Yes, it was a good trip," he said smiling, "only had five blowouts."

ENEMY SPIES POSE AS WAR GODMOTHERS

An order issued recently by the Department of National Defence brings back memories of a favorite enemy spy trick of the Great War. The order forbids soldiers to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting strangers to communicate with them. It forbids them to reply to such advertisements or invitations. They must not in any other way communicate with strangers concerning military matters.

A popular enemy stratagem to obtain military information is to employ women spies to pose as "War Godmothers." The trick is a simple one and gave military authorities trouble during the last war.

The Department does not forbid members of the C.A.S.P. to have "war godmothers." On the contrary the practice is endorsed if done through persons of the soldiers' family or of his family circle or through a responsible welfare society.

HOG DOG

"Have you seen my dog, Fido, this morning, Mr. Butcher?"

"Seen him? I should think I have. Came in here and chewed on a leg of lamb and then upset a customer into some eggs."

"Really? Well, I wonder if you mind putting this 'Lost' notice in your window?"

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

HOSEA TELLS OF GODS GIVING LOVE

Golden Text.—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1: 9.

Lesson Text.—Hosea 6: 1-7; 14: 4-9. Time.—728 B.C. Place.—Jerusalem. Exposition.—I. Repentance After Punishment, 1-3.

In the preceding chapter we read of the dire consequences of the withdrawal of Jehovah's favor. Ephraim was joined to his idols, therefore God would leave him to his own devices (Hos. 4: 17). This would inevitably bring these sinful backsliders into distress. Having rejected Jehovah, they would seek Him in vain (Hos. 5: 6). They would become like the godless nations of to-day, confused, weak, trembling, fear-ridden and uncertain of their course and drifting into chaos. "I will be to Ephraim as a lion" (Hos. 5: 14) is a severe punishment. It would mean that afove they had rejected the goodness of God they would taste of His severity (Romans 11: 22). What a pity that the sinful heart is so what as to turn from goodness and invite severity! It is the only way that stubborn sinners can be brought to the end of themselves. "In their affliction, they will seek me early" (Hos. 6: 15).

That is what happened, and that is the reason why we have the words in vs. 1-3. The faithful remnant calls upon the people to "return unto the Lord." He who has torn them will heal them. The very words caused by the severe judgment of God will be healed by His grace. Sin may reign unto death, but grace reigns unto life eternal (Romans 5: 21). He who has smitten will bind up the wounds again. Truly God hath not dealt with us after our sins (Ps. 103: 10). It is not His will that sinners should perish. It is to save them if possible from perishing that God deals severely with them.

Repentance accomplishes a great deal. It places the sinner in line for the healing of his wounds and brings about a spiritual resurrection. Just as verse 3 declares "He will revive us," "He will raise us up." "We shall live in His sight." What a trio of blessings: a revival, a spiritual resurrection (Eph. 2: 1) and a new life (2 Cor. 5: 10). These were what we, as Christians, may promise the sinners who repent to-day, through the Gospel (Acts 2: 37-41; 13: 38, 39).

This passage had an immediate reference to the return of Israel from Babylon to their own land, which later took place. Without doubt it also refers to the troubled times which await Israel and out of which a repentant remnant will be saved. The third verse has a direct reference to Israel but it is always true for other people. Those who "follow on to know the Lord," that is, those who devote themselves to the knowledge of their beliefs (Heb. 11: 1). Such always find the Lord ministering providential blessings. When Israel repents the "former and latter rains" will fall upon the parched land of Palestine and it will become verdant and "fruitful again. It is also true that untold material blessings follow in the wake of a great religious awakening. There is nothing more needed than this to-day (2 Chron. 7: 14).

II. Jehovah's Reply, 4-7. This response of Jehovah runs from 6: 4 to 13: 8. The full response takes on the nature of an indictment, showing how Israel had gone against the expressed will of God deliberately and how all of the evil suffered had been earned. "They had sown the wind," so they had reaped a whirlwind. Is this not a revelation of the state of mankind now? Yet the grace of God is still offered even to those who are rejecting it. Did the people but know and would only return unto the Lord, there is possible a new and wonderful day. For where sin abounds, grace does much more abound (Romans 5: 20).

III. I will heal their backsliding. I will love them freely," 14: 4-9.

What a gracious, enheartening promise! v 4 contains! How many a backslider have I seen come back to God. In response to these gracious, tender words? Israel's backsliding had been grievous, persistent, stubborn, monstrous, yet Jehovah cried "Return unto the Lord thy God." On the one condition of full and frank confession, there

would be complete healing and unstinted love.

Such is ever God's attitude toward the backslider (cf. Jer. 3: 12-14, 22). It is a wondrous privilege to have God's anger "turned away," and it is a privilege open and available to every sinner and the condition is plain (vs. 1, 2). Beauty, strength, growth, fruitage bountifully await the penitent backslider (vs. 5, 8). The words in vs. 5-7 are very beautiful and should be deeply pondered. Some of the strongest lives to be found in the world to-day are those who once were farthest from God, but who now "cast forth their roots as Lebanon." And their "branches spread," too, so that underneath many find shelter.

There is also fragrance in these redeemed lives, the scent of which is "as the wine of Lebanon." There is a perennial freshness in them "like the green fir tree," and fruit from the hand of God. "But we must not forget that the primary reference of these words is to repentant Israel. They contain a lovely picture of what Israel is to become in that glad coming day when the nation is brought to repentance as one man (Zech. 3: 4-10).

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION STATEMENT

There were 5,085 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of March, as compared with 5,502 during February, and 4,540 during March a year ago.

The benefits awarded amounted to \$488,220.84, of which \$375,802.24 was for compensation and \$112,418.60 for medical aid.

This rings the total number of accidents reported during the first quarter of 1940 to 116,109, as against 13,389 during the same period of 1939, and the benefits awarded during the first three months of this year amounted to \$1,648,530.65, as compared with \$1,491,025.38 during the corresponding period of 1939.

"Y" STREET PATROL AIDS MEN ON LEAVE

London is a big city, and London in a black-out is likely to be a little confusing to Canadian soldiers on leave. So the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in London, according to a report received in Canada this week from Capt. E. D. Oter, senior "Y" officer, has organized a Street Patrol to help Canadian soldiers who may be lost in the big city.

As a further aid to members of the C.A.S.P., the "Y" has had printed and distributed 60,000 copies of a soldiers' guide to London and is conducting personal tours about the Empire capital. Accommodation for soldiers is provided at the Westminster Hotel and entertainments, reading and writing rooms are available at the Beaver Club.

HE HAD TO

The phrase "he had to" explains many of the great successes of history. The Scot developed into such a thrifty, resourceful man because he had to. Not only was there little of the world's goods upon his craggy highlands, but there was no relief system. He had to succeed or starve. This week another man turned up with a success story based on "he had to." A mining engineer from Westmount, Q.C., he was a victim of the Westmount complex of not speaking French. Early in July he went into the hinterland of the province to select (with great care) some grab samples. His cook could not speak English.

This was a terrible problem, as the engineer liked his eggs prepared in a very particular way. He simply had to have his eggs done in that way, so now he can speak French fairly well.

EGGS STILL "CANDLED"

Eggs are graded by a process which is known as "candling." The term is a relic of the days when the only handy source of artificial light was the candle. It was then customary to place a candle in a stovepipe and by passing the eggs before a small hole in the pipe in front of the light to separate the eggs which were clear from those which were dark or opaque. Today practically all candling is done by means of a strong electric light, suitable appliances being located in a clean, somewhat darkened room where skilled graders not only separate the good from the bad but also the different qualities into different grades. This they do by taking into consideration the depth of the air cell, the strength of the albumen, and the clarity of color in the yolk.

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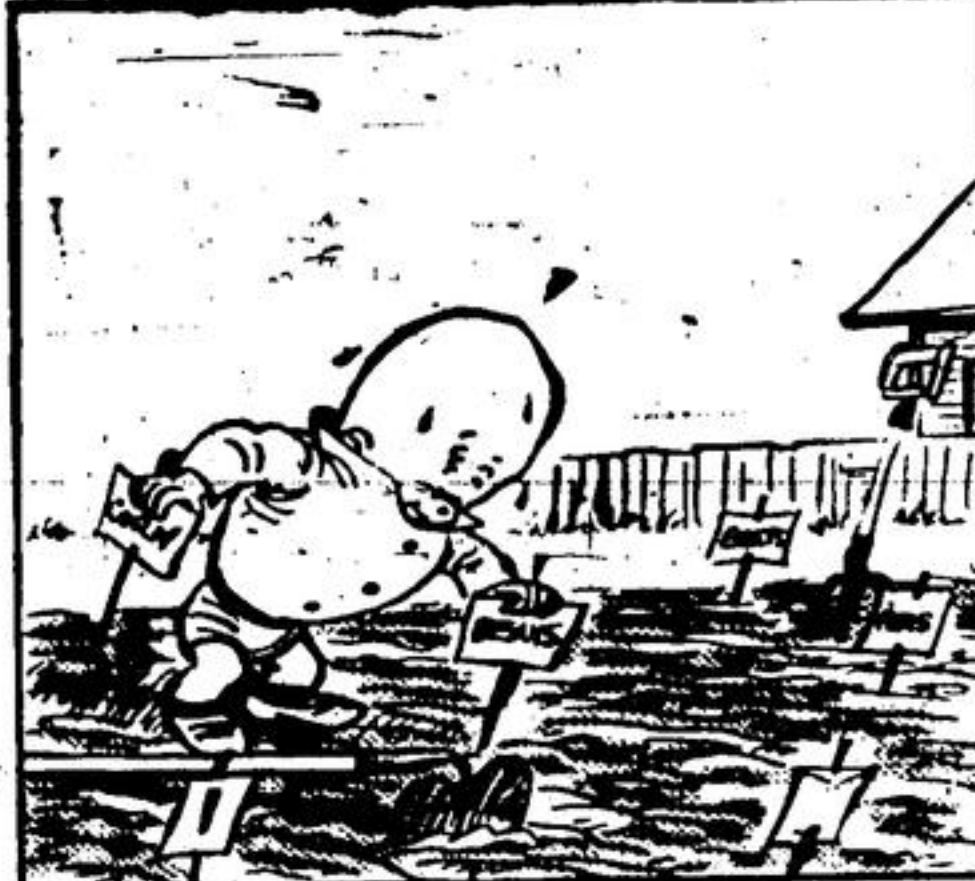
Endless Chain of War Supplies for France



Day after day, hour after hour, shells are loaded in England with troops, transport, ambulances, tanks, supplies, all bound for the battle lines at the west wall. Here we see a crane loading a truck on a freighter on the start of the trip to France.

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MUGGS AND SKEETER



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