

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th, 1941

EASTER

While still the night was cold and grey, Before the first faint light of dawn;

Oh keep Him in our hearts enthroned; 'Tis ours the choice—let's quickly choose Him.

Twenty Years Ago

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Mr. George Brewer, late proprietor of the Golden Grain Bakery, Guelph, will open a new bakery in Acton next Monday.

Ten degrees of frost and a flurry of snow raked Sunday of the spring-like character of the weather which had prevailed for several previous Sundays.

The Musical Eckardts gave a fine musical revue in the Town Hall, Tuesday evening.

One evening last week the neighbors of Mr. J. O. Coleman, fourth line, who recently sold his farm to Mr. Young, surprised him by assembling to spend a social evening prior to his leaving the farm!

After a lingering illness Dr. N. N. Nixon, Ex-M.P. for Halton, died at Guelph from a paralytic stroke. Dr. Nixon represented Halton in the Ontario legislature for fourteen years. He was born at Stewiottown in 1863 and his whole life was spent in his native county.

BORN

SWACKHAMER: On March 24, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swackhamer, a son.

DIED

LAIN: At Wawota, Sask., on Tuesday April 5, 1921, Walter Lain, aged 87 years.

WOODEN: On Saturday, April 9, 1921, Gladys May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Wooden, at her 26th year.

Ellen Is Happy Her Job "Tough"

Tiny M. P. and Under-Secretary spends Nights Inspecting Shelters

LONDON, (CP) A five-foot, husky, young, middle-aged spunter is zooming around London in one of England's toughest wartime jobs.

She is red-headed Ellen Wilkinson, who has the staggering task of keeping England's millions happy underground. Besides being an M.P., "Stormy Petrel" Wilkinson is also parliamentary under-secretary to the Ministry of Home Security.

She says: "Our first job was to find shelters and make people comfortable in them. Now we have a new problem. People like to live in shelters and we must guard against turning them into night clubs."

"Wee Ellen," daughter of a Manchester insurance agent, has found life "one long battle." She has been in politics 23 years. In that time she has crusaded for workmen, foundlings and women, has been shouted down in Commons, sheltered in Spain and bombed out of two houses and one office in London. But nothing seems to quench her vitality and enthusiasm.

Nobody but Ellen Wilkinson herself knows how many hours a day she works. She is up early for a breakfast of tea and biscuits, polishes off her office tasks, and then takes her one luxury—a hearty English lunch in a swank restaurant. She doesn't take time for tea, but makes supper on "sardines and toast" in her office and then begins her shelter tour. When that is end of, she goes to bed on a cot beside her drab wooden desk.

BOMBERS FOR BRITAIN

BALTIMORE, Md., (CP) Having just finished a big contract of building "Maryland" light bombers for Britain, local airplane companies have started production of "Baltimore," a medium bomber for Great Britain.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13

CHRIST SHOWS HIMSELF ALIVE Golden Text: I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore. Rev. 1:8.

LESSON TEXT Luke 24:1-43. Print Luke 24:13-17; 25-35. TIME—Sunday afternoon, April 9, A. D. 30.

PLACE: Emmaus Road. EXPOSITION.—I Two Disciples Whose Eyes Were Hidden, Opening Their Hearts to the Risen Christ, 13-17.

Neither of these two was an Apostle (v. 33). One was named Cleopas, the other was named Nicodemus, unless it was Luke himself, all conjectures are vain. They were just ordinary disciples of whom we have never heard before, and will not hear again in the gospel narrative. Yet Jesus spent more time with them than perhaps with anyone else after His resurrection.

Their backs were upon Jerusalem. It is clear that they had no expectation of a resurrection. They are filled with perplexity and discouragement and are on the verge of despair. It is an illustration of the love and gentleness and condescension of our risen Savior that He went seven miles out of His way and spent several hours of one of the most eventful days of His life in comforting and recalling and instructing two stupid, ignorant, insignificant, backsliding disciples. They were talking about Jesus when He drew near and went with them (v. 36, Matt. 18:20). Their hearts were quite full of love, but almost empty of faith and so full of sadness. The two do not seem to have been altogether agreed in their opinions (v. 15). Their eyes were hidden so that they did not recognize Jesus (Mk. 16:12).

Jesus draws them out by questions. The first one is very important. It would be an embarrassing question for us sometimes, if Jesus should put it to us as we walk and talk. Jesus' question made them sad (v. 17). They had no reason to be sad. It all arose from their slowness of heart to believe in all that the prophets had spoken. All sadness arises from practical unbelief in God's word (Phil. 4:6; Rom. 8:28-32). They were surprised that anyone should be in doubt as to what they were talking about. In answer to Jesus' second question they show that they had some faith in Jesus (v. 18). He was still to them one who had been a prophet, mighty in deed and word, but He is to them no longer the Christ, the Son of God. They had "hoped that He was the Redeemer of Israel."

That hope had been well grounded and they had no good reason to give it up. Only that had happened which both the O. T. Scriptures and Jesus himself had said would happen. Ignorance and unbelief of the Scriptures lay at the root of all their trouble (v. 20; 21; 30; 32; 2 Tim. 3:13-19; Matt. 23:29). Indeed, His death so far from being proof that He was not the Redeemer of Israel, was necessary to that redemption. Evidently they had not altogether forgotten His words about a resurrection of the third day (v. 21). These men had also heard the testimony of the women, but they had not believed until fairly driven to it.

II. The Risen Christ Opening the Scriptures to the Two Disciples, 25-35.

Jesus did not meet their unbelief with an immediate disclosure of His own identity but, as always, honors the Scriptures and builds up a lasting faith by founding it upon the word of God and not upon experience. Faith cometh by hearing, not by seeing (Rom. 10:17). He charges them with fully "their fully consisted in being slow of heart to believe in all the prophets have spoken." There are many fools today cut after the pattern of these men—their heads are not with their hands but their hearts. That is usually the seat of the difficulty with skeptics (John 5:41; 7:17; 8:47; Ps. 14:1). True wisdom, according to Jesus, consists in believing "in all that the prophets have spoken." It was not a mischance that Jesus had suffered these things. It was absolutely necessary, and by that path alone could He enter into His glory (1 Pet. 1:11; John 12:24). The path to glory for us is the same (John 12:26; Ac. 14:22; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom. 8:17).

Jesus proceeded to open the Scriptures. It is a great thing to have the Author of the Bible expound it to you. He began at the beginning. He took up "all" Scripture. He showed that He was the one theme of the whole Bible (John 5:39; 15:47; Ac. 3:24; 10:43). "This is an overwhelming proof of its inspiration. There is inexhaustible suggestiveness as to how to study the Bible in v. 27. They at last had their eyes opened and recognized Jesus "in the breaking of the bread." There was something so real, so different from other men in the way in which Jesus approached God in the breaking at meals, that they knew Him there by at once.

III. The Two Disciples Opening to the Others What the Risen Christ Opened to Them, 33-35.

As soon as the glad truth had burst upon them, without a moment's delay they hurry back seven and a half miles to Jerusalem to tell

the rest. "It was late and the way long, but they could not wait. A heart full of the truth of the risen Christ can never wait. The eleven had already heard from Simon. The whole company burst out as they entered, 'The Lord is risen indeed.'"

Giant Starfinder Weighs 35 Tons

Britain Shipping Enormous Mirror To South Africa

The last component of the largest telescope south of the Equator is about to leave England for the Radcliffe Observatory in Pretoria. It is an enormous glass mirror and it was only completed at the fourth attempt. They took eighteen months to do the job.

This giant 74-inch reflecting astronomical telescope is a masterpiece of the perfection of its mechanical components and for the accuracy of its optical parts. The mirror, for example, achieves, in terms of light waves, an accuracy of twenty millionths of an inch.

The moveable parts of this triumph of British science applied to industry weigh 35 tons, but such is the beauty of their workmanship that a single human finger can set the whole in motion.

Lighthouse Lanterns

For Australia's Great New Bridge

Lanterns somewhat similar to those used for lighthouses are a feature of Australia's second largest span bridge, the new Stoney Bridge in Brisbane.

It has 140 Golden Ray lanterns equipped with 110 watt sodium discharge lamps, the largest sodium lighting installation in Australia. The lanterns, originated by a British firm, are used on English roads. They embody a system of light control by scientifically designed prisms which distribute the light evenly along the roadway exactly where it is required. The lamps give eight times the light of ordinary 100 watt lamps used for domestic purposes.

The first road lighting scheme to come within Great Britain's Traffic Roads Act of 1936 was equipped with these lanterns which have been used since then in Singapore, India, Australia and New Zealand. The British makers exported more in 1940 than in 1939 and the prospects for the present year are even better.

Says Double Dig Good for Border

OTTAWA, (CP) Now is the time, warns the Agriculture Department, to do something about the home garden. To aid in this task, complete instructions as to how to raise a border of herbaceous perennials, "a constant delight to the home gardener" have just been issued.

William Gilley, gardener at the Dominion Forest Nursery station near Sutherland, Sask., who spent years in creating an oasis of trees and flowers in the middle of the Saskatchewan prairie, offers suggestions. He says a southern exposure is best for the border, "although good results can be obtained with a south-east or south-west exposure."

The soil should be dug deeply, but not so deep as to reach the bottom of the trench, then take the top spade of soil and place it on the manure. The bottom spade of soil should be placed on top so that the soil from the bottom will be on the surface. The heavy work accomplished, the

pleasanter task of planting follows. You get the best effect by planting about three plants to a clump, "always remembering the color scheme in mind." But don't forget to give plenty of space for plants to develop. This allows one to add other plants if desired.

MEALTIME ABOARD CORVETTE



Members of the crew aboard a Canadian corvette in active service crowd around the table at mealtime in the fo'c'sle. The salty tang of the sea and the hard open air work of seaman's life make for hearty appetites. Many corvettes are now being built in Canadian shipyards for the Canadian and British navies. Each costs approximately half a million dollars.



Working FOR THE FARM

Ontario's Students Offer to Help Relieve Emergency Need for Farm Help!

Already more than 6,000 of Ontario's sturdy High School students have volunteered their services to the Farm Service Force of Ontario! They are devoting their summer months to help farmers meet the greatest production demands in their experience. Students will be relieved of school responsibilities as farmers require them. Especially prepared courses of study have been offered to fit these willing young people for the summer's work on the farm.

Britain is depending upon Ontario's farmers to supply a great proportion of their needs for cheese, bacon, concentrated milk, and other farm products.

Farmers who have not registered their requirements for student assistance are urged strongly to do so without delay. Simply notify your Agricultural Representative or local High School Principal, or write: Farm Service Force, Department of Labour, Parliament Bldg., Toronto.



After one week on the farm, these sturdy, young volunteers receive this distinctive credit upon application to the Farm Service Force, Department of Labour, Toronto.