

VILLAGE FOLKS

The folks who live in villages Are always glad to share Their time with you and chat with you And ask you how you fare.

Twenty Years Ago

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The first thaw of the year 1923 came on Monday. It lowered the snow-banks considerably. Two Chinamen from Guelph have leased the new store in the Starkman Block, at the corner of Mill and Main Streets, next to Woodhall and McKay's and intend opening a new restaurant there.

Mrs. E. J. Gamble, Secretary of the Women's Institute, on behalf of the society, officially presented to the town the fountain for watering horses that had been donated last fall at the council meeting on Monday evening.

The monthly meeting of the U.F.O. and U.F.W.O. held last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin.

Can Get More Milk If Utensils Clean

In the dairy farmer's problem of preventing spoilage of milk by keeping bacteria out of the milk the utensils are really important source of contamination. Milk is a highly nutritious food for bacteria as well as for human beings, and the bacteria are able to grow rapidly on the moist surfaces of strainers, pails, and cans.

Here are some pointers on cleaning pails and cans, given in Special War-time pamphlet "Producing Pure Milk" issued by the Publicity and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. First, utensils must be in sound condition with smooth, unbroken surfaces. Galvanized or wooden pails are unsuitable because the milk clings to the more or less rough surfaces, and their use leads to trouble.

How To Tell A Jap

Most of us stay-at-home Occidentals have wondered how in the world anybody can distinguish Japanese from Chinese. A pocket guide for troops in China offers suggestions. The Jap will be short, squat, almost without waistline. Skin lemon yellow, eyes slanted toward his nose, whiskers heavy. Usually there will be a wide calloused space between the first and second toes, where a thong bound his sandals before he began wearing army shoes.

The Sunday School Lesson FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

JESUS RESTORES LAZARUS TO LIFE

Golden Text.—I am the resurrection, and the life. Jno. 11:25. Lesson Text.—Jno. 11:32-35, 38-44. Read also 20-23.

Time.—January 30, A.D. Place.—Bethany. Exposition.—I. Jesus Loved Lazarus.

To understand the remarkable event of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, the whole of the eleventh chapter of John should be carefully read. The events were not of ordinary occurrence. Jesus undoubtedly knew His friend Lazarus was ill before the sisters came to tell Him. Furthermore, upon hearing of the sickness He described it as "not unto death, but for the glory of God" (v. 4). Again, He tarried two days before starting for Bethany, where Lazarus was (v. 6). The setting is hard to understand unless it is seen that Jesus was about to reveal Himself to the world as the conqueror of death. He was not being cruel by His use of time. God is never cruel.

His delays have a purpose. In this instance He purposed to honor Jesus in revealing Him as our deliverer from death (Heb. 2:14, 15). Therefore, so that there could be no doubt as to the reality of the work to be accomplished Jesus came later than was expected to the meeting with Lazarus' sisters. Martha came to meet Him first and was given the great promise of resurrection (vs. 25, 26).

If Jesus wept, 32-35. Martha, having received from Jesus the consolation she sought, waited no longer, but hurried to Mary with the glad message. "The Master is here and called thee." Without a word Mary rises quickly and hurries to Jesus (vs. 30, 31) and falls down at His feet. Mary had been at Jesus' feet before (Luke 10:39). Then she was at His feet for instruction, now she was there for comfort and help. It is those who, in times of prosperity, know how to sit at His feet to learn, who, in times of sorrow know to find comfort and deliverance in the same place. The day will shortly come when Mary will be at His feet again in worship. Mary's cry at Jesus' feet is a deeply significant one: "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." There seems to be almost reproach in it. But she still calls Him "Lord." It is wonder more than reproach. Mary was in great perplexity over the death of her brother, just as we oftentimes are when our loved ones are taken away. It was an impenetrable mystery to this gentle-hearted woman. Why Jesus had not come and saved? He knew.

It was that He might do something vastly better than they sought. They sought a brother saved from death; He would give them a brother triumphant over death. It was because He "loved" them that He had not come until Lazarus was dead (vs. 4-6). It was also that God might be glorified (v. 4), and that the faith of the disciples might be strengthened. Christ often has many loving reasons for His dealings with us when we can see none at all. Martha had uttered the same words at her meeting with Jesus (v. 21). Evidently they had often said it to one another during those four days. But Martha had not fallen at Jesus' feet when she said it. Jesus had given Martha a good deal. He gave words of wondrous promise and hope; but He gave Mary more. He gave her His deepest sympathy and His tears (vs. 33, 35). "Jesus wept." I am glad He did; and I am glad John noticed it and what, when long years had passed and John was writing down what he recalled of the words and acts of Jesus, the Holy Spirit whispered, "Put that down, too, John; 'Jesus wept.'" (Heb. 4:15, 16). In all our afflictions, Jesus is afflicted (Isa. 63:9). However, I cannot but think that in Jesus' "groans" (vs. 33, 35) there was something more than sympathy. The word translated "groaned" means "was very angry." At what was Jesus angry? At death, that great masterpiece of the devil (Heb. 2:14), which had through the centuries desolated so many homes and had now dared enter the home of those He loved (v. 35).

III. Lazarus, Come Forth, 38-44.

What a wonderful interplay of the natural and the supernatural, man's work and God's work, there is in the great works of Christ! Jesus is about to perform one of His stupendous miracles—call back to life a man who has been four days dead; but what man can do, man must do. He alone can and He will raise the dead, but man can and man first must take away the stone. There is many a man dead in trespasses and sins to-day whom Jesus wishes to get at and raise; but He is calling to us, "Take away the stone." What is the stone that lies against the door of the grave wherein your dead friend lies? Take it away. How little Jesus was understood; they fancy He just wants to get in and see His dead friend. Even Martha, to whom He had just declared, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," forgets and protests against the moving of the stone. "He hath been dead four days"—as if it made any difference to the omnipotent

A COUNTRY EDITOR SEES

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THE Ottawa papers. With that restful and patient smile she asked me, "Did you know that the U.S.A. consumed 11 billion lbs. last year; that a billion was cut off from the Far East, and furthermore what assurance have any of us that this year's crops will give high yields at last? Could you answer that smartly, even if you are a stove-legger?"

Sure you've got a baby around the house. Prior to the war 75 per cent. of cod liver oil was imported, mostly from Britain, Norway and Newfoundland. The fishing companies on our Atlantic coast wasted much of the precious vitamin content for tanning, etc., feeding livestock and poultry. Do you know that since 1941 we now have five plants of our own producing refined medicinal cod liver oil and that we will be in a position to supply our own needs, the U.S.A., South America, Australia and China? That industry is a war baby and, believe me, a pipkin. Vitamin feeding oils for veterinary purposes will now be processed from the lowliest of British Columbia fish; and the despised dogfish from out there now produces Vitamin A oil, rich and as crystallizing to margarine and for light filters, and is already being shipped to the British Ministry of Food.

Agriculture Comes Into Picture Yes, I got enough of the story to know that a combination of science, management and invention has put us on the threshold of a period when Canadian agricultural production will take its rightful place in Canadian industry. That's where you and I are interested.

Through efforts of this division, linseed oil is now being processed to replace drying oil hitherto obtained from China; soya beans will probably be used in "Nylon" type artificial silk; wheat will be a source of starch and sodium glutamate, the latter previously exported from Japan and used for the meaty flavor in concentrated soups and beverages. "Keep the fat out of the fire" was the administrator's appeal to women of Canada. It means oil for marine engines, brake fluid for tanks and trucks, the oil of tin-plate and glycerine, to mention a few.

Consumer Organization Functioning But I must hurry on to Byrne Sanders, head of Consumers Division, which is giving the Canadian consumer a voice and has 8,000 women across the country doing active voluntary service, co-operating in their own interest, and trying hard to make for a better understanding between the consumer and retailer.

The women are doing a grand B. H. Sanders job, she said and flashed a toothsome, sincere smile which said, "I mean it." "Our task is to channel their difficulties and complaints towards a head and then we can go at the problems again." She admitted women are prone to criticize. (Boy, she ought to hear the men in a smoking compartment).

Her division is trying so hard to get closer to women everywhere because their whole job so closely affects the household. B. H. Sanders is practical because she said, "The war hasn't started to hurt us yet. It likely will." Price checking is one of the big jobs of the division, but she feels in this that honest retailers deserve protection from those who might not be. She wants women to co-operate with her. These liaison officers in all towns are the link to do it.

The Consumers Board is set up to represent all you people, and here we quote her exact expression which reflects the energy and determination of this woman. "So for Pete's sake use it. If anything is wrong send it to your nearest committee."

I went out past a battery of female-operated typewriters in high gear. I thought if Mom can run the household on Dad's budget, a woman can run the Consumers division mightily effectively with the help of other women across Canada.

This is the second of a series of articles by Mr. Greenblat.

PRETORIA, (CP)—The Italian government has permitted Dutch Reformed Church clergymen to carry on religious work among the South African prisoners of war in Italy.

Why Billions Are Needed "Why control fats when the U.S.A. increased its production two billion pounds last year?" I asked Mrs. Turner to show that I read Time and

"Son of God," "the Resurrection and the Life," how long a man had been dead. Jesus knew the prayer was heard before there was any visible token of an answer and He returned thanks before the answer was given. He knew it was His. He knew the Father had heard Him, for He had heard Him always. We, too, can know our prayers are heard before we see the thing we ask (1 Jno. 5: 14, 15). We, too, can take a position when the Father heareth us always (1 Jno. 3:22; Jno. 15:7). Trust this the Christ, the Son of God. And now man must do his part. They could loose Lazarus from his "grave-clothes"; so Jesus did not do that but had them do it. Jesus alone can raise the dead, so we must look to Him to do that; but when He has done that we have our part to do in bringing them into full liberty.

Phyllis Turner, housewives of Canada, when they "appeal" to you to avoid unnecessary usage and waste of oils and fats.

The picture is so simple, folks. Fats and vegetable oils are our only source of glycine for explosives, medicines, lotions, etc.—cigarettes when available. The average yield from fats is 10 to 12 per cent. "Do you know," Mrs. Turner flung at me in trip-hammer succession, "that one ounce of dripping per person per week would give us 36 million pounds a year? That 10 lbs. of rendered fats fires 49 anti-aircraft shells? That 100 lbs. of glycerine helps make 120 tank mines, or 750 lbs. of high explosive or enough to mine 700 tons of ore?" I had to admit ignorance. You who have sons depending on this (which depends on you)—are you interested?

Oils and Troubled Waters Just imagine the ramifications of this administration, especially since Japan plugged holes in the Pacific; conserving, inducing and co-ordinating our vital vegetable, animal and fish oils for food and industrial purposes, i.e.: vitamin oils, lard, shortenings, paints, inks, shellac, waxes, starches, glues, soap, naval stores (resins, turps, pine oils). As for nutrition, how could you all exist without a proper proportion of oils and fats in your diet? Mom, isn't it just plain realism?

The Value of Your Local Newspaper in Local Business!

The Free Press plays an important part in all local affairs. It employs wage-earners whose homes are in the town from which it secures business. These wage-earners pay taxes, support churches, make their contribution to local appeals, take part in community organizations, and spend MOST OF THEIR WAGES WITH LOCAL MERCHANTS. It is no idle boast that it has been the means of giving well-directed publicity to this town and district.

There is no business institution which gives so much free service as a local newspaper. Were a Merchant asked to give the equivalent in goods that the newspaper gives in free service to all local organizations, he would find it impossible to meet the demand.

When money is spent for printing or advertising with your local printing office, you are helping local printers to help you. You make it possible for them to serve you better. Out of-town printing salesmen take money out of the community—paying no taxes, buying nothing from local stores, getting all the can and not caring whether you sink or swim.

As merchants expect customers to be loyal to their own community in buying goods from them, so might merchants remember they, too, should follow the same ideas in regard to their local printing office.

It's Good Business for All of Us Customer good-will in this town and district can best be developed by regular advertising in your local community newspaper. The money spent for advertising, and printed matter, goes back to local merchants in increased trade.

Your dollars do double duty when spent with your local newspaper—they help you directly and others indirectly.

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