

THE FARMER BOY

Grammar, arithmetic and history. Are a plague, I think, don't you? Why we're sent to school's a mystery. When there's so much else to do.

Twenty Years Ago

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Blossom time is at hand. Acton Citizens' Band played at a social function at Stanley Park, Erin, last Friday evening.

DEED

BROWN—In Acton on Friday, May 30th, 1923, John Brown, in his 63rd year.

SERVICE

Early in the evening the telephone rang. The Supervisor answered. The caller identified himself by name and military rank.

"There'll be five hundred men changing trains at your town tonight," he said. "Can you arrange to have a snack and a spot of tea ready for them? You can. Good. They'll be there about eleven. Thanks a great deal."

The Supervisor called the railway station. He learned there that the men would have several hours to wait for their train to Northern England. He promptly busied himself with the phone.

When the troop-train arrived at eleven the Supervisor was there to meet it. The men disembarked and marched to the nearby Y. M. C. A. Center from which the Supervisor operated.

They Won't Insure Their Quislings

German Refuse to Risk Money on Lives of Hirelings in Denmark

LONDON, (C. P.)—A clandestine Brussels newspaper has published this story, which gives some idea of the position of traitors in occupied Belgium: A burgomaster of Brussels, and his aldermen, all of whom were appointed by the Germans after the arrest of Burgomaster Van de Moulebroeck have received so many threatening letters that they decided to insure their lives. One of them applied to the agent of a German company. The Nazi listened sympathetically, shook him sorrowfully by the hand, and politely bowed him out.

She Mothers Next-of-Kin

Widow of British Naval Captain Keeps Track of 800 Relatives of Lost Crew

LONDON, (C. P.)—When Constance Cooke's husband went to sea she promised him that if anything happened to him she would look after the relatives of his men. Cooke commanded H.M.S. Barnham, lost in November, 1941, and since that time Mrs. Cooke has been a "mother" to relatives of the 800 officers, petty officers and ratings who were lost with the ship.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY MAY 23

BIBLE TEACHINGS ON WINES DECEITFULNESS

Golden Text.—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Prov. 23:32.

Lesson Text.—Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35; Matt. 24:45-51.

Exposition.—Alcoholic Beverage is "Mockery," Prov. 20:1.

Wine is a mocker, it makes sport of those who use it. It leads the one who uses it to make sport of every noble and holy thing, to sneer at and despise the purest sentiments and affections, to laugh at God and heaven and the atoning love of Christ. Wine is responsible for a very large part of the infidelity and mockery and blasphemy that fill the earth. Wine takes away the understanding (Hos. 4:11). It makes fools and scoffers of the strongest, brainiest and most promising men (Isa. 28:7). "Strong drink is raging (or, a brawler)," it makes men noisy, quarrelsome, furious. It turns the gentle-hearted father and mother into human brutes. It makes the man of peace the man of constant quarrels. In the police courts two words are constantly coupled together, "drunk and disorderly." The last half of the verse tells us that strong drink leads astray. Constant experience tells us the same thing. The R. V. translates "is deceived," "erred." Literally it would be "goeth astray," and that is also the literal fact, he that drinketh wine and strong drink goeth astray therewith. The figure is not only expressive, but exact. The number that this wicked companion has led out of the right path into paths of perdition is countless. Whosoever yields to her fascinations and goes astray with her "is not wise."

If Wine, the Source of Many Miseries, 23: 29-35.

The Hebrew for woe, in v. 29, is "Oh," i.e., the cry of sharp pain; the Hebrew for "sorrow" is "Alas," i.e., the groan of deep-seated and continuous grief. Tarrying long at wine, and seeking out mixed wine, causes both these. They cause also three other evils: "contentions," "complaining," "wounds without cause." What else causes so much contention as the use of alcoholic liquors? Who else is such an inveterate grumbler as the man who has ruined his stomach by the prolonged use of wine. Everywhere do we see the bloodshot eyes caused by continuing long at the wine. These bloodshot eyes are the outward index of the inflamed brain and passions and disordered nerves within. But someone will say that this is true of those who "tarry long at the wine." Yes, but the one who uses wine at all in this day will soon, in all probability, be tarrying long at it. Who can tell just how much is necessary to inflame all that is worst in man or woman?

What then is the safe thing to do about wine? Verse 31 answers the question. How the foolish young man (and old man too) will hold up the cup before his eyes, and inflame his appetite by its fascinating color. Do not look at it. Why not. Is it not pleasant to the taste? Does it not stir the blood and quicken the fancy? Yes, but then look at it? Because "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." These are meaningful words, "at the last." The fool looks only at the beginning; the wise man looks at the end.

Another evil result, "thine eyes shall behold strange things"—delirium tremens. But even that is not the worst, "thine heart shall utter foolish things"—how awful are the utterances of an intoxicated heart! Verse 34 describes the staggering of the brain and the peril of the one overcome by strong drink. In the opening of v. 35 we have the insensibility of the drunken man. His nerves cease their beneficent work of warning him of danger—he is stricken but not sensibly hurt, he is beaten but feels it not (until afterward), and then manifold. But the poor crazed drunken leaves no wisdom from his many miseries; he mildly cries, "When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again." Who does not know that the use of wine has all these evil effects upon millions who when they began its use had no intention of using it immoderately, millions of as strong men as you or I? What then does ordinary common sense bid us do? Leave it utterly alone.

III. "As Were the Days of Noah, so Shall be the Copying of the Son of Man." Matt. 24:37-41. The flood in Noah's day overtook the world by surprise and so shall the coming again of Jesus Christ overtake the world by surprise. Men and women were engaged in their occupations, "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage," up to the very day that Noah entered the ark, and so the world will be following its ordinary course up to the very day that Jesus comes again. People will not be expecting it. Nothing is more plainly revealed in the Bible than that Jesus is coming again (1 Thes. 4:16; Jno. 14:3); visibly (Ac. 1:11; Rev. 1:7), with power and great glory (v. 30). He is coming to receive His own (Jno. 14:3), to fashion anew our bodies into the likeness of the body of His glory (Phil.

Most Farms Can Plant More Trees

There is hardly a farm in Canada that has not one or more areas unsuitable for cultivation, perhaps just an acre here and an acre there. These areas can be made to grow trees which will prove profitable.

Many of these patches are good soil but cannot be cultivated because of stones, or steep inclines, ideal conditions for good tree growth. Then there are species of trees that thrive on the poor, dry, sandy soils. There is no part of the farm except the bare rocks that will not grow trees of one species or another, states the Dominion Forest Service.

Many woodlots have been so badly cut over that they can no longer produce suitable trees naturally and these areas as well as the blank patches must be planted. Trees may be grown from seed sown in the field but for a number of seasons it is more profitable to plant seedlings which have been started in a tree nursery.

A tree nursery of the province maintains large tree nurseries from which planting stock may be secured at very little cost. The Dominion Department of Agriculture supplies planting stock for shelterbelt planting in the prairie provinces from the Forestry Station at Indian Head and Sutherland, Sask. There are one or more commercial tree nurseries in nearly every province from which planting stock may be purchased.

The season for planting is early spring before the seedling buds begin to open, not later than the end of May.

Rolled Oats Take Sting Out Of Meat Rationing

If Two Pounds of Meat a Week Not Enough, Try This Canadian Meat "Stretcher"

Meatless Tuesday in Canadian restaurants and a two-pound weekly meat limit for consumers at home puts another strain on Canada's wartime housewives. But meat rationing is necessary and so the housewife who has learned to make one pound of tea or coffee do the work that two pounds did before must now start planning how to stretch out her meat ration to satisfy her family and preserve their health and strength.

Kitchen tests by professional dietitians, conducted since meat rationing was first on the way, have disclosed an untapped source of meat substitute. When rolled oats are mixed with meat, tests have proved, the meat stretches twice as far, tastes as good or better and contains all the food value required for health and stamina.

Long regarded as almost exclusively a breakfast food, rolled oats have the same vitamin content as an equal amount of whole meat. Robin Hood rolled oats, for instance, contain 72 international units of Vitamin B1 per ounce, as well as iron, calcium and other minerals and they are high in protein value. Food value is important, but almost equally important are taste and appearance. Keeping these factors in mind dietitians produced a delicious meat loaf, sufficient to serve a family of five, with the use of just one pound of minced meat, combined with rolled oats. Since oats are unratioed this combination offers a practical answer to a housewife's prayer. The tested recipe follows:

Take the following ingredients and mix well together in a baking dish: 1 lb. fresh minced beef; 1 cup milk; 1 lb. fresh rolled oats; 1 egg; 1 cup Robin Hood rolled oats; 1 egg; 1 cup milk or 1 cup water with left-over gravy mixed in it; 1 tsp. pork fat (if meat is lean); 2 tsp. salt; 1/2 tsp. pepper; 1/2 tsp. sage; 1/2 small onion, cut fine; 1 tsp. meat sauce (if desired). Bake 1 1/2 hours in medium slow oven and serve hot or cold.

SWEDEN'S WAR JOB

STOCKHOLM, (CP) — More than 2,000 drifting mines mostly on the west coast have been disarmed or exploded along the Swedish coasts by members of the Swedish Navy patrol since the beginning of the war.

Springs Resort Now Happy Nest Of Natty Wrens

New "Ship" for Naval Service Girls Retains Some of Fine Trimmings of Hotel of Civilian Days

BY ADINE SEAGRAM Canadian Press Staff Writer

PRESTON, Ont., (CP) — Canada's Wrens have just launched a new "ship" in the middle of Western Ontario's richest farming country. The latest addition to the growing fleet of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval service is no streamlined home afloat but it will house as natty and dashing a crew as ever saluted a quarter-deck.

The new "ship," which has not yet been named, is the Preston Springs Hotel, former health resort, taken over by the Wrens as a residence and training establishment. Here some will train as landresses, cooks and stewards while others in residence will make a daily trip of four miles to Call in "liberty ships," R.C.N. buses, to take training in other trades.

The lobby of the hotel is the "fo'c's'le" now. It still has its original draperies and paintings kindly left for the enjoyment of the newcomers, but now there are Wrens in front of the fireplace on cool nights, playing ping-pong, reading the books from the library and playing the piano or listening to the radio.

But the "fo'c's'le" has its business section too. There is a continuous flock of Wrens patronizing the canteen. It is a wonderful little section tucked in by the regulating desk, selling soap, ice cream, writing paper complete with crest, cookies, tooth brushes and practically anything else a Wren might want. And the regulating desk, where the Wrens are obliged to report on going or coming in, is a very popular place too, especially when the mail comes in.

Unavoidable Beauty

Another point of interest is the "beauty parlor." No, it has not been left by mistake! Two Wrens will "man" this domain—Lilly Sage of North Bay, and Marlette Duke of Winnipeg—prepared to give shampoo, finger waves and permanent in styles sure to be acceptable to the truly feminine heart as well as to the strict eye of the inspecting officer. The "off the collar" rule is an important one in the W. R. N. S.

The mess hall or dining room retains, among other paintings, a lovely Van Dyck. The hangings, left by the hotel, add color and warmth while

the long blond-birch tables give it a bright, clean air. The girls file through to the "galley" or kitchen, get their food cafeteria style and, after meals, return the dishes there. Petty Officer Margaret Decker of Vancouver is getting her galley ship-shape. She says there's still a lot to do. Wrens in white smocks were washing potatoes and preparing haddock for baking, and cream sauce. Tomatoes were stewing and on the tables were delicious buttered scotch pies. Just around the corner, the supplier room is gradually being stocked for the requirements of the capacity number of 300 Wrens.

There are five "decks"—floors to landlubbers. On three floors are the "cabin," of the other is "sick bay" or hospital. The cabins, serving from four to eight girls, are furnished with double-tier bunks and chests of drawers, and have adjoining bathrooms with tubs or showers.

Sick bay is a cheerful place with every room decorated in its own bright color. Surgeon Second Officer Marlon Templin of Hamilton, and Nursing Sister Elizabeth Chapman of Toronto are in charge. Alling Wrens are cheered by bright red bandanas for tray-cloths on their trays at meal time. Most of the cases so far have been colds but there was a broken limb or two and one appendectomy. Leading Wren Louise Barton said,

"I'm glad to be here. It's a wonderful little section tucked in by the regulating desk, selling soap, ice cream, writing paper complete with crest, cookies, tooth brushes and practically anything else a Wren might want. And the regulating desk, where the Wrens are obliged to report on going or coming in, is a very popular place too, especially when the mail comes in."

One-Man Battery Takes His D.C.M.

LONDON, (CP) — Sgt. James Chisholm Lawrie of Peebles is a one-man artillery battery.

During the battle of Thala in Tunisia in February, when a handful of Britons stopped a German panzer division and saved the whole Allied position in the central sector, enemy tanks and infantry had penetrated a British position at dusk. Seven tanks closed in on Lawrie's battery of 25-pounders. He found himself face to face with three of the tanks, and the rest of his gun crew out of action.

Enemy shells were bursting all round, but the sergeant went straight into action. He swung his gun to bear on the tanks, then loaded the gun himself, laid it himself and fired it himself.

In the fading deceptive half-light he put one tank out of action and, firing again and again, drove off the others. He has been awarded the D.C.M. and the citation said that during the rest of the night and throughout the following day Lawrie's gun was in a most exposed position, and was constantly shelled and machine-gunned. It added his "conduct throughout was outstanding and an inspiration to his detachment."

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