

WHAT AM I

I watched them tearing a building down. A gang of men in a busy town. With a ho-beave-ho and a lusty yell they swung a beam and the side wall fell.

Twenty Years Ago

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People have been wondering sometimes during the month if this is really December. Acton Citizens' Band gave the first of a series of concerts on Wednesday evening.

The Acton Hockey Club was re-organized with the following officers: President, G. T. Beardmore; Secretary-Treasurer, H. Bricker; Committee, J. M. McDonald, E. Rydler, N. H. Garden; Manager, R. Scott. A town league of four teams is to be formed.

MARRIED

MOSSOP-BARNES—At North Parkdale Methodist Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, December 9th, 1923 by Rev. A. D. Addison, John Innes Mossop to Elaine Augusta, daughter of Mrs. Annetta Barnes.

VINCENT-MACDONALD—At the Methodist Parsonage, Acton, on Wednesday, December 12, 1923, by Rev. Charles Hackett, Bessie Alberta, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. MacDonald, to Earl Henry Vincent, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Vincent.

HOW TO GET MORE EGGS

A judge has recently ruled that when a hen is not necessarily a nuisance just because she is a hen. The decision is in accord with the law and the sentiments of those who happen to enjoy the full confidence of the food producer.

Talking Turkey

The main thing about your Christmas turkey is that it should be tender, brown and well-stuffed. It matters little whether the breed was a Bronze, White Holland, Bourbon, Red, Black Norfolk, Narragansett or Sable. The proof of a bird is in the eating. However, your turkey holds more than gastronomic interest, according to ornithologists of the Royal Ontario Museum.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1943

CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

Golden Text.—A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. Jno. 13: 34.

Lesson Text.—Mk. 12: 29-34; Jno. 13: 34, 35; 15: 10-14. Exposition.—I. The First Commandment and the Greatest Sin, Mk. 12: 29-34.

Jesus had silenced both the Pharisees and Sadducees who had sought to entrap Him and confuse Him. A scribe who had listened, was deeply impressed by the reasoning of Jesus. Then he asked a question. Matthew tells us that he did it to tempt, or test Him (Matt. 22: 35).

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II. The New Commandment, Jno. 13: 34, 35. Jesus knows that His stay with the disciples is fast drawing to a close. He leaves them a law of life. That law is the law of love. Moses had said that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus goes beyond that and says we must love one another even as He loved us.

III. Likeness in Jesus Found in Abiding in Him, 15: 10-14. One of the greatest secrets of the prayer that is omnipotent is found in verse 7. What it is to abide in Him we have seen before. When we thus abide, our prayer itself is a manifestation of the Christ life, it is Christ praying through us and the Father hears Him always (11: 42).

It is vain to talk of Christ abiding in us if we are rejecting His words. Meditation upon His word, laying up His word in our hearts, is one of the secrets of mighty praying. Three great things are mentioned as resulting from abiding in Jesus Christ—power to bear much fruit, power to get in prayer whatsoever we ask, fullness of joy (v. 11).

Bank of Montreal Statement Shows Record Assests and Deposits

Demonstrating the important extent to which it is participating in the financing in the war, the Bank of Montreal today publishes its 126th annual financial statement, showing substantial increases in its main features, with resources at the highest figure in its history.

Commercial and other loans at \$226,339,000 are only slightly higher. This is in line with the trend of recent years, in which the need for banking accommodation has been substantially decreased.

Profits of \$3,302,834 show a slight increase over the figure of 1942 when the bank reported earnings of \$3,293,018 and represent 4.30 per cent of the capital, reserve and the undivided profits, compared with 4.31 per cent last year.

Deposits at Record Deposits—the largest item in the balance sheet and one which best shows public confidence in the institution have shown a marked advance in the twelve-month period notwithstanding the heavy broads made into surplus funds by subscribers to Victory Loans.

How to Place Orders For Feed Grains

To purchase Western feed grains, farmers in Eastern Canada or British Columbia should place an order with their regular feed dealer or direct with a Prairie farmer, explain the Agricultural Supplies Board. The dealer can order the grain, advise the farmer on costs and handle all details of shipment to the station nearest to the farmer whom the grain is for.

Ons and barley will be charged for by the bushel, at the ceiling price (or the cash price if this is lower) basic in store at Fort William or Port Arthur. Ceiling prices are: on 51 1/2 cents per bushel; barley 61 1/2 cents.

The Government assistance on feed grain purchases is as follows: Per bushel subsidy, one cent in November; one-half cent in December; feed wheat payment 8 cents per bushel; freight assistance on feed grains from Fort William-Port Arthur to all points in Eastern Canada and from Calgary or Edmonton to points in British Columbia.

SWORD DESIGNER HONORED BY KING

LONDON (CP)—Cpl. Leslie Durbin, 28-year-old member of the R. A. F., has been made a member of the Royal Victorian Order, an honor conferred for personal services to the King. He designed the gold and silver work of the Stalingrad shield which will shortly be sent to Moscow.

Government Holdings Rise Sharply As would be expected, the bank's holdings of Government and other securities have risen sharply and now stand at \$799,462,000 compared with \$683,535,000 a year ago.

Notes of the bank in circulation show a reduction from \$15,354,000 to \$9,730,000, reflecting the trend which began some years ago when, under the terms of revised banking legislation, the chartered banks commenced the gradual reduction of their note circulation in favor of the Bank of Canada.

With total resources amounting to \$1,313,064,000 and liabilities to the public amounting to \$1,231,631,000, there is left an excess of resources of \$77,433,000. This is comprised of the capital of \$36,000,000 and reserve fund, profit and loss account and reserve for dividends totaling \$41,433,000 which together represent the shareholder's equity in the bank.

Weatherman Gets Help From Women

Replace Men Joining Services in Canada's Meteorological Bureau

BY KATHLEEN REK Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—Give the weatherman a big balloon and he will tell you a lot about the weather. Once an hour a red balloon floats gaily into the air out at the Vancouver weather bureau. But it isn't just plaything to the girl who has just released it.

And now that the weatherman has gone to war, the weatherwoman has taken over his job. In meteorological bureaus across Canada—from Vancouver to Halifax, Regina to Ottawa, women are stepping into the shoes of men who have left for the services.

They're also replacing men who have gone to the more isolated weather stations," said Mr. McCauley. "The girls don't actually give out weather forecasts but they're doing a good job."

Maths and Physics Help Elizabeth Seaman from Edmonton, a University of Alberta graduate, finds her college maths and physics course most useful in this new wartime job.

There's a great deal of routine work," she said, "but then it's fun to watch how rapidly weather can change from one minute to the next."

Monna Rice of Halifax is one of the four girl teletype operators at the bureau. "It makes you feel pretty important to know you're sending and receiving the weather," she said.

The Vancouver meteorological station keeps check on weather as far north as Whitehorse, Y. T., south to Seattle, west to Victoria and east to Lethbridge, Alta. Its teletypes receive and relay weather bulletins to and from bureaus throughout Canada and the United States.

Day and night the small square building out here at the airport is a hive of activity—of buzzing radios and clacking teletypes. Keeping track of the weather is a full-time job.

Now Ready



Of course there'll always be Christmas Shopping and Christmas gifts for friends and loved one. Just where that Christmas buying is done depends on where folks are invited to do their shopping for Christmas.

Everyone has many articles that will make splendid gifts and come in at a most acceptable time. Now is the time to tell about them. After the war new goods, new styles, new trends in living will make many of these present useful articles obsolete. Customers need them now.

To Assist Local Merchants

We have now ready, a big book of layouts and illustrations for Christmas advertising. It is the Chicago Tribune service of illustrations and is up-to-the-minute in every respect. It is full of ideas and helpful suggestions to brighten your local store news. It's yours for the asking. If you can't find what you want we will be glad to assist you in arranging your store news.

There's only one stipulation. Selection of illustrations to be used in your advertising must be made on Monday of the week of publication. We are operating with minimum staffs and can give splendid service if your copy is early.

Just Two More Issues

Before Christmas. Better call now and invite the folks from town and district to shop in your store. If your store is open for business, it's open to sell. We carry your message to all your customers in the most economical way.

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