

A PRAYER

To the Honorable King From Gen. David... We have asked for more love, we are... We pray: "For a while, let the war..."

Twenty Years Ago

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During the severe electrical storm last Thursday, the unusual in Esqueing... belonging to Mr. Tom Cox, was struck and reduced to ashes in a short time.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Alban's Church who entertained very hospitably at the home of Mrs. A. W. Bishop on Wednesday afternoon.

Last Saturday the employees of the Acton factory of the Hewitson Shoe Co. planned at Kitchener.

The first meeting of the Women's Institute of Eden Mills was held in the pavilion of Edgewood Park and was largely attended. Mrs. F. Tolton of Guelph, district secretary, was present and helped the new officers in their work.

DEED

McLAIN - At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Atkins, Toronto, on Friday, July 25, 1934, Elizabeth McLain, beloved wife of the late Jas. McLain.

Annual Clean-up Laying Quarters

After the old hens are culled in the summer and before the new pullets are brought in from the range, an opportunity is provided to give the laying quarters a thorough cleaning.

First move out all the equipment, feed hoppers, water stands, nests, roosts and dropping boards, if movable. Then scrape out all loose litter and droppings on both floors and side walls.

After the pullets are housed, the colony houses, range shelters and feeding and watering equipment used on range should be cleaned for use the following spring.

An annual cleanup helps not only to guard the new pullets against contracting disease from the old birds but serves to keep the poultry plant reasonably neat and clean.

SAVINGS ON FARM MACHINERY

A recent order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board makes it necessary for importers, wholesalers and dealers in imported farm machinery to pass on to the consumer any reduction in their laid down costs as a result of the removal of customs duties and war exchange tax on such items under the 1934 budget.

Stocks of equipment and parts now in the hands of distributors will remain at current levels until they have been liquidated.

The Sunday School Lesson

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1934

GIDEON'S FAITHFUL FIVE

Gideon Text: "There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." 1 Sam. 14: 6.

LEWIS TRAIL - Judges 7: 1-7, 15-22. THE MIDIANITE'S PANIC - The Word of God.

Exposition - I. The Three Hundred Chosen of God, 4-7.

In order that the lesson be properly understood the whole passage (vs. 1-25) should be read. The setting of the scene in which Gideon played so conspicuous a part should be understood by the students. The Scriptures furnish a straightforward account such as no teacher could ever be in the same limited space. Gideon was now eager for the battle; he rose up early in the morning. The place where they camped was called "The spring of trembling," probably from the fright in Gideon's army (cf. v. 3, R. V.). There were thirty-two thousand men in Gideon's army (v. 3) and one hundred and thirty-five thousand in the hand of the Midianites (cf. v. 10). Gideon's army seemed to be in the smallness of their army, but Jehovah said it was in the largeness of their army.

Their real danger was of pride, self-confidence and boasting (v. 7). Individuals and churches usually think that their danger lies in their weakness, but it really lies in their strength. If we desire God's strength we must be weak in ourselves (2 Cor. 12: 9, 10; Isa. 40: 29). Jehovah would not deliver the Midianites into the hands of so large an army lest they "vaunt themselves" and say, "Mine own hand hath saved me." God always saves men in a way that leaves no room for boasting (Ezek. 27: 8, 9; Rom. 3: 27). The Lord can save by few as well as by many (1 Sam. 14: 6), and He commonly chooses to save by the weak and despised things (1 Cor. 1: 27, 28) in order "that no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Cor. 1: 29).

God is on the side of the one who sets his faith and love upon Him (Ps. 91: 9, 10, 14). God will have no one without faith, or who is frightened, to fight His battles (Isa. 12: 2; Deut. 20: 2-4, 8). God wants men of faith, fearless men. He cares for more for quality than for quantity. There were a lot of cowards in Gideon's army, twenty-two thousand out of thirty-two. Is the proportion any better in the Church to-day? Gideon had less than a third of his army left, but his army was stronger than ever. Churches are not weakened when a sifting process takes place and the unbelieving go out.

The next test was peculiar. It was a seemingly little thing, but it was a significant thing. It is by the little things that God is always testing us (Luke 16: 10; Matt. 12: 36). The men had no thought that they were being tested. And God is testing us by little things in which we have no thought that we are being tested. The significance of this test was, that those who were so eager for the battle that they just scooped up the water as they passed, and could not stop to kneel and drink, were the ones whom God would have fight for Him. There were only three hundred chosen to fight out of the whole army. It is a small part of God's professed army that really does the fighting. God knocked away all human props that they might rely on Him alone. It was certain that this mere handful would save Israel, because Jehovah, Himself, said so. The army was stronger than ever. All we are told that this very little army took was food and trumpets. The only essential needs of Christ's army are the Word of God for food (1 Pet. 2: 2) and the voice of prayer for trumpet (Num. 10: 9, 10; 2 Chron. 13: 14).

II. Gideon's Victory, 15-21. That very night the command came to Gideon to attack the Midianites, and with the command, a promise of victory (v. 31). Gideon's stratagem to produce a panic in Midian was really shrewdly devised, but it took much faith and courage to carry it out. They were all to look at Gideon and do as he did, and in our battle for God we should all look at the "Captain of our salvation" and do as He does (Heb. 12: 2). The account is minutely accurate (v. 19), and clearly no legend; it is the careful report of an eye witness. The trumpets were a call to God and a type of prayer, the torches the light of the Gospel, and the "pitchers" ("earthen vessels"), our frail bodies in which we have this treasure of the Gospel truth (2 Cor. 4: 6, 7; Matt. 5: 16).

THE WELL KEPT HOME

People who keep their home places in attractive condition are very popular with their neighbors. Their places are admired and complimented, and it is a pleasure to look at them. They add to the attractions of a neighborhood. The place so kept is worth more money if the owner has any idea of selling, and it adds something to the value of the near-by homes.

The well kept home gives satisfaction to the owner every time he comes back to it from daily work, and its nice appearance suggests that he finds happiness in taking good care of it.

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA - Announcement of Trade Minister MacKinnon that the government will provide a floor price for Ontario wheat during the 1934-35 crop year beginning Aug. 1, a review of current research activities at experimental farms by Agricultural Minister Gardiner, and the proposal that war plants not working at full capacity be used to manufacture farm implements on agriculture in the House of Commons last week.

Mr. MacKinnon described as a stabilization measure the decision to establish a floor price for Ontario wheat. The Canadian Wheat Board, which has been empowered to buy No. 1 grades of Ontario winter wheat in terminal positions at \$1.25 a bushel, bush Montreal, will maintain minimum prices on that basis should they weaken or should supplies of Ontario wheat offered for sale during the crop year exceed requirements of eastern mills.

A glimpse of the way in which skills born of the urgent purposes of war can be used to enrich peacetime living was given by Mr. Gardiner when he described the work now being carried on at experimental farms. At Ottawa's central experimental farm there are 10 acres of rubber plants, and 600 acres in Ontario's Peterborough County. Nearly all experimental farms had plots, some of them successful, others not. The plots include dandelions and other rubber-producing plants.

Kapok substitute, formerly used in lifebelts and fire-resistant suits, now is unobtainable, and science has turned to the extraction of milkweed from as a substitute for kapok. Mr. Gardiner said the National Research Council now has quantities of it which have been separated from the seed by a small hand machine.

Experimental farms also are continuing their work on rust-resistant grains. Two "promising" varieties of barley now are being multiplied at the Brandon, Man., farm. Prospects barley had turned out well at Swift Current, Sask., and research, looking to the development of a solid-stem wheat which could resist the wheat stem sawfly had met with success. Two strains have been developed.

The date when a reduction in the prices of imported farm implements becomes effective after removal of the tariff and war exchange tax now is engaging the attention of Finance Minister Hiley.

Wheat Advance Made

During a discussion over removal of the duty on farm implements, Mr. Hiley was asked by Robert Fair (SC-Battle River) if it were possible to let the previously announced date of Sept. 30 for lowering the ceiling price on imported implements and parts, ahead to Aug. 30.

Several members said that delaying until Sept. 30 the lowering of this ceiling price would mean that farmers would receive no benefit from the tax reduction until they had made purchases needed for the year's harvest.

Further evidence of Canada's acute manpower shortage was furnished last week when Selective Service authorities asked the pulp and paper industry of Canada to discontinue woods cutting operations wherever possible from now until September so that the labor needs of harvesting, railway maintenance and base metal production might be met.

Arthur MacNamara, director of National Selective Service, said large numbers of extra workers must be found to help harvest the large 1934 crops, maintain railway tracks and mine base metals, particularly nickel and aluminum at properties in Ontario and Quebec respectively.

Announcement was made by the Prices Board of the establishment of a ceiling price for peaches, pears and plums, covered in the same order, are unchanged from those of 1933.

In all areas except the Maritimes, the order goes into effect Aug. 7 for peaches and plums and Aug. 14 for pears. In the Maritimes the effective dates are one week later in each case.

Justice Minister St. Laurent told the House of Commons that the department of Justice is considering the formation of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cadet Corps.

He said the plan would take effect after the war and youths would have to be well-behaved to become members of the corps. Mr. St. Laurent said the corps would be one way of keeping boys out of mischief, because both youths and adults hold the R. C. M. P. in high regard.

Care of Rayon Garments

The Standards Section of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board issues a warning to the effect that great care should be taken in the laundering and ironing of rayon garments.

There is now acetate yarn as well as viscose yarn in the fabrics used to manufacture women's blouses, undershirts and dresses, and there is a danger of their disintegrating through melting of the fabric if proper care is not taken.

Acetate rayon melts at a comparatively low temperature not much above the boiling point of water. It is suggested that garments of this type be ironed damp on the wrong side, and with an iron that is only warm if the iron starts when touched with a wet finger it is too hot.

Apart from this weakness, acetate rayon is as good as viscose, and in many ways is superior both in appearance and durability.

WHEN WALLS HAVE EYES

Leonard Ingram, economic expert, who has made a special study of Germany's wartime industrial problems, explained in a BBC Radio News item to overseas listeners the other day, the importance of wolfram.

In the course of his talk, he told the story of a Portuguese whose little property in Northern Portugal was burdened by a mortgage. He was greatly surprised one day when a stranger offered him a thousand pounds for his kitchen garden wall. "A thousand," he questioned in some amazement. "Well, make it two, three - four," the stranger answered. And when this produced no reply, he added: "Then five thousand pounds." "Done," exclaimed the owner, finding his voice at last. And that was the end of his mortgage.

It transpired that the wall was made of blocks of wolfram, the ore from which tungsten metal is derived. Tungsten is the whole secret of the modern machine tool. It is so hard that it goes through soft steel as though through butter. Most important of all, perhaps, a shell with a core of tungsten carbide will penetrate the armor-plating of a tank, even if it strikes it at an angle, whereas an ordinary shell projectile would glance off.

HOME CANNING

Successful home canning depends on destroying all microscopic life by using sufficient heat for the proper length of time and by using airtight containers to prevent re-infection. In this way, the natural tendency of fruits and vegetables to decay through the growth of bacteria, moulds, yeasts, and enzymes is counteracted.

CANBERRA (CT) - Australia's production goal of more than 100,000,000 dozen eggs for the 1944-45 season will be the highest yet attempted, it is announced by Agricultural Minister W. J. Scully.

From July to December, 1943, egg production in the Commonwealth was 56,800,000 dozen with New South Wales alone producing 26,285,000 dozen in the same period, the highest for any state in the Commonwealth.

BRIT. ESCORT CARRIER HMS RAVAGER



View of H. M. S. Ravager British escort carrier.

DEJECTED GERMAN PRISONER



Picture shows: An exhausted and dejected German prisoner among those captured during the 8th Army's advance. Terrific artillery barrages left the Germans dazed; many staggered out of fortified positions to surrender to General Montgomery's men.

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