

VALOROUS YOUTH

Upon high altars of their youth tall candles gleam. And throw their light upon the cloth of faith—

Twenty Years Ago

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"Going to the Exhibition" is the popular query these days. Councillor Nicol has been engaged this week in cleaning up the old cemetery and making it presentable.

A big fire at Beardmore Tanneries occurred on Sunday when the tan yard, beam house buildings and much expensive machinery and stock were destroyed.

WANN—At Guelph General Hospital, on Tuesday, August 26th, 1924, to Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Wann, of Nassagaweya, a son.

LYND—At the home, Main Street, Acton, on Wednesday, August 20, 1924, William Lynd in his 53rd year.

MCCUTCHEON—At Hamilton on Sunday, August 24, 1924, Mathias McCutcheon, formerly of Osprague, aged 64 years.

Tut's Tomb Peas 3,300 Years Old Grow in Florida

They are Slightly Longer and Darker than Average Variety and Have Walnut Flavor

ORLANDO, Florida (CP)—The second and third generations of three small, dry peas, nearly 3,300 years old, are creating quite a stir in the Florida horticultural world.

In 1936 an English archaeologist who had worked on the Tutankhamen excavation sent three of these 33 century peas to his American friend, Maj. Walter G. Dyer, who in due season planted them in his garden at Portsmouth, R. I.

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RIGHT UP THE FRENCHMAN'S STREET

In renaming, in German, the streets of Alsace, the Nazis made at least one bad blunder which recoiled on their own heads.

After the change, the Mulhousiens would exclaim to one another: "At last, we know the name of this savage." When the apt association dawned on the Germans, they decided to do homage to Hitler elsewhere.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1944

ISRAEL'S FIRST KING

Colleen Text. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. 1 Pet. 2: 17.

Lesson Text.—1 Sam. 9: 15-21; 10: 25-27; 11: 12-15.

Time.—1095 B. C. Places.—Ramah, Mizpeh, Jabesh Gilead.

Exposition.—I. "Behold, the Man Whom I Spoke to Thee of," 9: 15-21.

The true way to choose a ruler in church or state is to let the Lord choose him (v. 17). Saul was a good prince for the period for which God chose him; when his usefulness was at an end, God chose another (1 Sam. 16: 1).

The word "seer" (v. 19) means one who sees. He sees things God makes manifest to him in visions (Num. 24: 4-16).

The etymology is very similar to that of the modern word clairvoyant. Many would make modern clairvoyants the legitimate successors of the Bible "seers" and "prophets."

They are the successors of one class of Bible prophets, the false prophets (Jer. 14: 14) and those who had familiar spirits (1 Chron. 10: 13, 14; Isa. 8: 19, 20; Lev. 19: 31; 20: 6; Deut. 18: 10-12; 2 Ki. 21: 1, 2, 6).

The important reason why Saul should not set his mind on the asses was that they were found (v. 20) but there was a deeper reason, namely "all that is desirable in Israel" was to be his, and a few asses were of little account to one who had come into a kingdom. Much less ought we who are heirs of the heavenly kingdom to set our affections on the poor possessions of earth (Col. 3: 1, 2; 2 Cor. 4: 18).

The humble way in which Saul received the intelligence of the greatness to which he had been called (v. 21) promised well for the future, and indicated better than his magnificent physique (v. 21) his fitness for the exalted position to which God had called him.

When he was little in his own sight, God made him head of the tribes of Israel (ch. 15: 17). But when he became puffed up with power, He rejected him (ch. 15: 22; Luke 14: 11; Hos. 13: 1).

The thigh given to Saul (v. 24) was the choice piece (Ezek. 34: 4). It belonged to the priest as his portion of the offering (Lev. 7: 32, 33).

II. How the People Received Their King, 10: 25-27.

Samuel was very enthusiastic over the man chosen. "See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen," he cried. With far deeper meaning may ye point to Jesus and say, "See ye him whom God hath chosen" (Ac. 2: 36). Samuel went on to say, "There is none like him." It was true, but how much truer is it of Jesus, that there is none like Him (Song of Sol. 5: 10).

Saul assumed to himself as yet no glory, he went quietly back to his humble home and waited for the call of providence to do his duty. It soon came (ch. 11: 1-11). Not all the people were sympathetic. There was a faithful little company "a band of men whose hearts God had touched" (Exra 1: 5).

It is always the band whose hearts God has touched who do the fighting and win the victories. But there was another sort of men in Israel, "sons of worthlessness." Their descendants still live. These men mocked. They asked questions too. The sons of Belial are always great at asking questions, and their favorite question is "How?" So these sons of Belial asked "How shall this man save us?" That is just what the sons of Belial to-day are asking about Christ. They showed their contempt by bringing him no present in acknowledgement of his kingship. In the same way many to-day show their contempt for Christ. Saul showed his wisdom and humility and meekness by being silent under slights and mockery. How little one can discern as yet of that proud spirit of self-assertion that is afterward to be his ruin. He is acting like Christ now (Matt. 27: 12-14); afterward we shall see him acting like the devil.

III. Saul Made King By All People, 11: 12-15.

When Saul was first anointed King, some had despaired of him and had said "Shall Saul reign over us?" (ch. 10: 27). Many are saying the same thing of our divinely appointed King Jesus to-day (Luke 19: 14). But all very now ready to acknowledge Saul's right to reign, and some day the whole world will acknowledge the right of the Lord Jesus to reign (Phil. 2: 7). In this day of Saul's triumph it was suggested that those who refused to recognize his right to reign should be put to death. Saul's greatness of character at this time comes out again. He would not consent to the death of a single person, no matter how bitterly they had opposed him. He humbly recognized that it was not he but Jehovah who had wrought deliverance for Israel (v. 13). All real victories come from God (cf. Ex. 14: 13, 30; ch. 19: 5; Ps. 44: 4-8; Prov. 21: 31; R. V.; 1 Cor. 15: 10).

FOR SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY

CAPE TOWN (CP)—Ten million units of penicillin have arrived in South Africa from the United States by airmail.

The supply is for the use of the Union defence forces and the delivery of a further 1,200,000 units is expected during the next twelve months.

The Week at OTTAWA

BY DOUGLAS GREEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Improved crop prospects should result in the maintenance of farm income during the 1944 government, experts say.

A report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics noted that the 1944 estimate of \$716,394,000 for cash income from the sale of farm products in the first six months of 1944 was an increase of 30 per cent. over the comparable period of 1943.

The bureau said that farmers normally received about 40 per cent. of their annual cash income during the first six months of the year. The fact that the cash income figure for the first six months of 1944 is only \$6,000,000 less than the estimate for the full year 1939 indicates the importance of Canada's role as a supplier of foodstuffs to the United Kingdom.

Increased Farm Income

Between 1940 and 1942, higher prices combined with an expansion of livestock production and higher grain yields to bring a remarkable increase in farm income.

Net farm income in 1943 amounted to \$974,000,000 — \$180,000,000 below the high of \$1,154,000,000 reached in 1942 but "substantially above" the 1940 estimate of \$543,000,000.

Also of interest to Canadian farmers was the announcement by Agriculture Minister Gardiner of the appointment of members of the Farm Price Board, charged with maintaining floor prices under farm products to protect producers from loss in the post-war period and prevent the glutting of markets.

A fund of \$200,000,000 will be at the disposal of the board, whose chairman is J. C. Taggart, former minister of agriculture for Saskatchewan and Dominion foods administrator. The board will be empowered to buy and sell farm products should prices fall below the level deemed equitable in post-war years, paying a fixed price for them, and, if necessary, disposing of them at a loss.

FIRST FEMALE PROFESSOR

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Dr. Louise Thompson, Ph. D., is the first woman to be appointed to the faculty of the University of New Brunswick.

She is acting head of the department of education and philosophy.

Wartime Controls May Be Continued

Post-War Plans for British Agriculture Begin to Take Shape

Frank Flaherty, just returned from London where he covered the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, tells here about agricultural conditions in Britain.

BY FRANK FLAHERTY Canadian Press Staff Writer

The wartime regimentation of British agriculture will probably continue in modified form after the war. The British farmer is considered the most severely regimented farmer in the world. He must farm the way the authorities want him to farm or give up his land.

In return he has been given fixed prices and assured markets for the things he was asked to produce, financial assistance in buying machinery, and fertilizer and loans for improving his land through drainage and bush clearing.

The ruling authority over each farm is the county war agricultural committee. In a preliminary post-war policy statement the National Farmer's Union suggests the committee be continued after the war but made representative of the industry.

The union also says farmers are not disposed to call for the early abandonment of wartime controls. It advocates continuance of controls of imports with the machinery now functioning in the ministry of health.

Land ownership promises to become a political issue in the future. The Labor Party's policy calls for national ownership of land. The farmer's organization says the existing landlord and tenant system has served well. The only difficulties are where land owners with tenants are unable because of impoverishment or unwilling to comply with the ordinary rules of "good estate management." In such cases the union proposed the land should be taken over.

AUCKLAND, N. Z. (CP)—A group of seven or eight Solomon Island children recently made a gallant—although unsuccessful—attempt to capture a lone Japanese soldier survivor of the defeated occupation force. While playing on the beach the children spotted the man moving furtively in a nearby bush. They flung themselves on the soldier and managed to get him to the ground but the Jap was too strong and escaped before help in the form of New Zealand soldiers could arrive.

WATERPROOFING A CHIMNEY

Take out all the crumbled or cracked mortar from between the bricks. Brush out all loose cement. Soak the brickwork with water, then pack with a mixture of 1 part cement, 1 part hydrated lime and 5 parts of clean, coarse building sand, adding only enough water to make a workable mixture. If the brick or mortar joints absorb water, you can get a colorless waterproof coating or cement-base paint to apply to the chimney.

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LONG DISTANCE CALLING IS HEAVIER THAN EVER PERHAPS you thought that Long Distance Lines were less crowded now. Actually, they are carrying an average of 8,000 calls per day more than a year ago. YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED if urgent war messages are to go through promptly. Please use Long Distance only when you must, especially to busy war centres. REMEMBER—NIGHT RATES NOW BEGIN AT 6 P.M. On Active Service Giving Wings to Words

Serving IN THE RANKS Buses are serving in the ranks for the duration. They're on the go transporting groups of sailors, soldiers and airmen from centre to centre, and serving men and women on leave. You'll agree that this is one of the most important jobs right now—even if it does mean that your bus service has been curtailed and that you may have to put up with some inconvenience and delay. However the future does look bright for bus travellers. Already Gray Coach Lines is planning a fleet of smart new buses for peacetime. Then, once again, you'll enjoy the thrill of carefree highway jaunts. HAROLD WILES Phone 58 GRAY COACH LINES