

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you— How still the House of Prayer Where you have knelt at evening And heard God's blessing there.

The Lord bless you and keep— All you for whom we pray, Who on the land, by sea and air Guard us both night and day.

The Lord bless you and keep— In danger, pain and fear, That in each need your hearts may know Your God is ever near.

The Lord bless you and keep— Till this dark hour shall cease, And in His House you kneel again With us in joy and peace. Beatrice Gibbs

Twenty Years Ago

From the Home of the Free Press of Thursday, September 11th, 1924

The local fall fair season is now at hand. Wheat sold on Winnipeg market last week at \$1.31 and Ontario wheat brought \$1.18 at Toronto.

Mr. Lorne Hewitt, who has been an operator at the Acton station for some fifteen years has been promoted to a position on the staff at Stratford. Mr. Blackwell will succeed Mr. Hewitt.

After fifty-one years as a Masonic Hall, the quarters on Main Street in the Kennedy block are to be converted into a residence. Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. was instituted there. The new rooms will be over Russell's store.

Mr. James G. Hill, of Cleveland, Ohio, was here during the week visiting his brother, Mr. John C. Hill. Mr. Hill was Acton's first Municipal Clerk and Treasurer. He was appointed in 1873 and retained office until the spring of 1875 when he removed to Monroe, Mich.

The sad news of the death of Rev. J. C. Wilson at Weyburn, Sask., reached Acton friends on Monday. He came to Acton as minister of Knox Church twenty-one years ago and ministered here for sixteen years. Funeral services will be held on Friday in Knox church and interment in Fairview Cemetery.

DEED CAMPBELL—At Hamilton on Thursday, September 4th, 1924, Colin Campbell, of Etobicoke, aged 80 years.

Water Deeply Or Not At All

Salad Vegetables Will Still Grow Pleasantly for Fall Use

NEW YORK (CP)—Are you having trouble with cabbage heads splitting? Just bend the heads over to the ground to break the roots on one side. That should eliminate that threat.

In harvesting early cabbage, there's no need to pull out the roots. Simply cut out the heads—making certain not to injure the main stems. You'll get a new growth that can be used for salads.

The man with the hose should soak his garden deeply. Unless the soil is drenched, so that the water will go down six to eight inches, hoisting might well be eliminated completely, for a light spraying is worse than a drought. Don't cultivate too deeply from now on. Stir the top inch of the soil only. That will reduce loss of moisture to a minimum.

COMBINE IMMUNIZATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH AND DIPHTHERIA

Studies show that infants can be immunized successfully against diphtheria and whooping cough at the same time, the Health League of Canada reported today, quoting an article by three Illinois investigators in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Because diphtheria and whooping cough are most prevalent and serious in the first years of life, it seemed logical that immunization against the two diseases should be attempted at the same time," the investigators quoted. The report is based on injections given 649 infants averaging eight months in age. Three doses were given each child. Three-week intervals between doses yielded a higher percentage of immunity responses than dosage one week apart. Ninety-seven per cent. of the children on the three-week-interval dosage tested immune to diphtheria and 72 per cent. had high immunity tests for whooping cough. After a stimulating dose of pertussis vaccine, the whooping cough percentage rose to 95. Reactions were transient and usually mild.

The three investigators said that "No infant so injected during the past five years . . . is known to have contracted either disease."

TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and coffee served in restaurants is not affected in any way by the increased rations put into effect last May.

The ration administrations issue a reminder that the amount of tea or coffee which may be served in public places is one cup of coffee or one serving of tea to any person at one sitting.

Not more than one individual tea bag or the equivalent amount of loose tea may be used in a serving of tea.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

DAVID ANOINTED KING

Golden Text—Mm looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16; 7.

Lesson Text—1 Sam. 16: 1-5, 11-18.

Time—10:35 E. C. Place—Bethlehem.

Exposition.—I. Samuel in Trouble about Saul, 1-5.

It speaks well for the generosity of Samuel that he mourned over the fall of Saul (v. 1). But while it was commendable that he should be grieved at the sin and subsequent rejection of Saul, it was not right that he should spend his time in idle mourning. God had "rejected him from being King over Israel"; another king must be sought out and consecrated to fill his place. God had provided Saul for the people (ch. 9 16), a king according to their choice (ch. 13: 13). David was a king whom God had provided for Himself—a man after His own heart.

Little by little God discloses His purposes to his servant Samuel, who for all his excellencies of character, was human and fallible. Like so many others in the Bible (Ex. 3: 11; 4: 1-10; Jer. 1: 5, 6) and out of the Bible, to whom God has said, "Go," he hesitated to undertake the work for which God had commissioned him, for fear of the consequences (v. 2). When God says, "Go," we ought not to reply, "How can I?" but to start and go, and leave God to settle the "how." "If Saul hear it, he will kill me." "The fear of man" brought "a snare" to Samuel in this instance (Prov. 29: 25). How foolish that fear was. How could Saul or anyone else kill a man who had work to do for God? Did the Lord bid Samuel to tell a lie to secure his safety (vs. 2, 3)? Not at all: God simply refused to argue with Samuel the question of his going, and again bids him go, and tells him what to say and that at the proper time He will show him what to do. What Samuel was bidden to tell was the exact truth as far as it went. We are under obligation to tell the exact truth, even to our enemies, if we tell anything, but we are not under obligation to tell all we know. This is the way in which God frequently guides his servants—a step at a time. In this way the Lord tests and develops our faith. Too many want the Lord to point out the whole way before they will take the first step. Notice how each step is marked out by the phrase "the Lord said" (vs. 1, 8, 7, 12).

II. David Chosen and Anointed, 11-13. David, like so many others God called, was attending faithfully to his humble work when God called him (Matt. 25: 23). One by one the sons of Jesse had passed by until the seven had passed, and Samuel waits patiently for God's voice and says of each, "Neither hath the Lord chosen this" and at last his patience is rewarded. The voice comes, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." David was not qualified for the kingship until the Spirit actually came. Neither are we qualified for service until we "receive the Holy Spirit" (Luke 24: 29).

III. Decline of Saul and David's Rise, 14-18. Having forsaken God and failed in obedience to his will, Saul was denied the assistance he had received from the Spirit of God. With this loss went every high quality in Saul's character. There was serious deterioration in his personality and kingly capacities. He became morose and subject to an evil spirit (v. 15). Saul's only qualification for his kingship was that God had chosen him, a sign that God would endure him for his high responsibilities.

It is a solemn lesson we must learn from Saul's fate. When the Lord is rejected by men they must not think it strange that the Lord rejects them. "The backslider shall be filled with his own ways" (Prov. 14: 14). Sin brings its own punishment (Lev. 26: 21; Rom. 6: 23a). Fruitless lives are an abomination to the Lord (Jnd. 15: 6; Jas. 4: 17). Men can grieve and quench the Spirit (Eph. 4: 30). Those who drive the Spirit of God away from them become a prey to evil spirits (Jno. 13: 26-30). If the Lord Jesus through His grace is not allowed to rule over us then sin and Satan will have easier chance to take possession of us. David was a young man of great faith and was the one chosen to minister to Saul through his musical ability. He may have sung and played the song of Moses and some of the earlier psalms. The friends of Saul were wiser than the King himself in that they sought to heal his wretched spiritual condition by naming one of God's chosen servants who was filled with the Spirit. On one hand we have a miserable apostate and on the other a triumphant soul full of happy courage. It is far better to be strong in the Lord than to be filled with our sinful backslidings (Eph. 6: 10; 1 Tim. 6: 12).

IV. THE PAS, Man. (CP)—Only the barking of William Lucier's dog kept a large bear from attacking the Rill's Island Road farmer. Lucier ran to the house while his dog warned the bear off.

BARK PROTECTS MASTER

North African R. C. A. F. Mess Friendly Spot

Visiting Fliers Become Enamored of the Place and Hate to Depart After Pleasant Breaks in Duties

SOMEWHERE IN TUNISIA (CP)—The remark has been volunteered with surprising frequency by officers who have been guests at the century-old villa where the R.C.A.F. makes its district headquarters in North Africa that "it's the happiest mess I've ever seen."

It has been heard so often that even the officers on the HQ staff, which is headed by Wing Cmdr. G. Ault of Ottawa, are beginning to suspect there may be something in it. For months the members of the comparatively small staff have been billeted in the villa, making frequent trips into the field for liaison purposes returning, going about their business hardly realizing that a very lively and cordial spirit was growing in the mess.

The commanding officers has a habit of running into operational types who are on sick leave, awaiting posting or transport, and inviting them to bunk in at HQ. The visiting officers spend anything from a couple of days to a few weeks around the old villa, with its spacious gardens and informal atmosphere, and the result is inevitable. They become enamored of the place—and hate to leave it.

About half the ground floor is used for an orderly room and other offices in which a substantial staff of airmen is employed. On two occasions recently the villa was given over to the airmen so that they could hold parties—they are billeted at a nearby villa not as suitable as HQ for entertaining. The airmen invited only a few senior officers to their first soiree, finally loosened up and asked the whole bunch the second one.

Villa Their Home

Some of the perennials at the villa, in addition to the C. O., have been Sqdn. Ldr. Alan Carscallen of Calgary, adjutant; Sqdn. Ldr. Jack Kenyon of Brantford, Ont., the medical officer; Sqd. Ldr. Hugh Davidson of Fort Erie, Ont., Presbyterian padre; Sqdn. Ldr. H. F. D. Smeyster of Montreal, Roman Catholic padre; Sqd. Ldr. Marcel Brousseau of Montreal, accountant; Hart Devenny of Ottawa and Montreal, N.M.C.A. Field Officer; P.O. William Feder of Regina, records officer, and P.O. Paul Gorham of Vancouver, artist with the historical branch.

All of the officers are on a virtual circuit of field misadventure, seeking out Canadians on units in the Mediterranean area—Italy, Sicily, North Africa, Gibraltar, Malta—looking after their interests financially, medically and morally.

Their excursions take them to strange places. On a recent trip through Tunisia and Algeria, Sqdn. Ldr. Brousseau and Kenyon drove a Canadian-made staff car into an isolated area where there were no roads and got through to some Canadians on a technical unit which depended on camel caravans to bring up its supplies. The two officers followed camel trails, and the dry bed of a stream to get there.

The officers are proud of their Canadian equipment: Padre Davidson returned from a field mission in Sicily and told with pride of driving his Canadian staff car over a road where one of the celebrated Jeeps was mired. He towed it out of the mud.

IMPROPAGANDISTS

In a recent broadcast in the German program of the BBC's European service a report in the Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet was read. This said that the Gestapo had lately raided the German propaganda ministry and questioned two leading officials, Doctor Heinz Bräweller and Major Hans Sommerfeld.

Bräweller is head of the Foreign Press department. He succeeded Carl Boehmer who died in 1942 of wounds received on the Eastern front after spending some time in a concentration camp. Sommerfeld, a party journalist, was put into uniform in the early days of the war to act as liaison officer between the propaganda ministry and the German High Command.

Both men, according to the Swedish newspaper accounts, had been reported to the Gestapo for making "defeatist remarks." It was Sommerfeld who, on October 20 last, announced to foreign press correspondents in Berlin: "Unfortunately I have to report that the Russians have broken through the German front."

TELLING THEM

"Bombing by that time was getting more under way and the leaflet raid era was passing; and printed in large letters and in heavy type on one of the leaflets we used to drop had been a warning to the German people. 'This might have been a Bomb' it said. Well, when the change-over to real bombing came, one of the armours got hold of the biggest bomb he could find and he chalked on it in large letters: 'Beware, this might have been a leaflet.'"

The Week at OTTAWA

By GEORGE MITCHEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—A rising demand for dairy products has pointed to the urgent need for conserving Canada's milk supplies.

Federal government charts and figures have stressed the problem of meeting the increasing demand for dairy products and federal officials have appealed to Canadians to avoid possible waste and over-purchase of milk so the urgent needs of Britain for Canadian cheese and the requirements of the armed forces can be met.

But the situation has become so urgent that the government isn't depending on public co-operation alone. The Prices Board, too, has stepped into the picture, with a new order which requires that distributors in about 80 of the main Canadian markets sell no more fluid cream in any month than was sold by them during June.

Total demand for dairy products now exceeds total supply, officials say, and recent reports indicate that butterfat sold as cream in 1944 has increased by more than 20 per cent. over the first seven months of 1943. At the same time, butter production and stocks on hand are on the decline.

Partly responsible for the situation has been a drought situation in many parts of Eastern Canada which has resulted in consequent declines in milk production.

The combined output of factory products in July totalled slightly less than 1,400,000,000 pounds of milk, a decrease of about 63,500,000 pounds compared with the combined make in terms of milk for the corresponding month last year. Of the total milk available to the factories in July, creamery butter took over 69.4 per cent, cheddar cheese 22.5, ice cream 3.2 and concentrated whole milk 4.9.

Hog Production Drops

In another phase of the farm front, Canadian hog production is on the down grade, although the decline probably will not be reflected in commercial marketings for some time to come. A government survey of the hog population, made on June 1st, showed that swine on farms number 7,740,800 five per cent. below the total on the same date a year ago, and indicated a 32 per cent. decline in numbers of sows to farrow in the fall.

Hog production was maintained or increased in British Columbia and the five eastern provinces but declines were shown in each of the three Prairie Provinces, which also reported the most serious declines in the number of sows to farrow.

The survey showed the enormous gain in hog population. On June 1st, 1938, hogs on farms in Canada numbered only 3,487,000 against 7,741,000 on the same date this year.

It is not expected the decline in hog production will seriously affect the supply of bacon to the United Kingdom. Canada has agreed to supply a minimum 500,000,000 pounds of bacon in each of the calendar years 1944 and 1945.

In less than eight months of this year, more than 500,000,000 pounds were purchased for shipment overseas, with every indication higher marketings will appear this fall.

There was good news for the Canadian wheat farmer last week as government reports indicated Canadian wheat, which often lay dormant in crowded storage buildings in the early years of war, has been moved to export markets at the most satisfactory pace since 1939.

Figures of export shipments are not issued immediately for security reasons, but the latest publication indicates the trend. In the first nine months of the crop year 1943-44, which ended on July 31, wheat and wheat flour leaving Canada amounted to 255,327,992 bushels, more than the total of 214,700,000 bushels shipped in the entire crop year 1942-43.

In the last month for which shipments were given, April, exports were 41,315,967 bushels, compared with 23,278,531 in the corresponding months last year. In 1939-40 exports were 192,743,368 bushels; 1940-41, 231,206,243; and in 1941-42, 225,828,434.

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP) — Victor Abrams of Millie Roches set a bear trap in his bee yard and next day found a seven foot black male bear in the trap. The animal had destroyed about 50 hives, a loss of almost \$500.

Acton Fall Fair

Friday and Saturday September 22-23

SPECIAL PRIZES

HORSE SPECIALS

- NO. 15 Best High Stepping Horse, 1st, \$5.00 cash; 2nd, \$2.00 cash \$ 7 00
25 Best Single Turnout, 1st, value of \$5.00; 2nd, value of \$2.00 7 00
35 Best Span High Steppers in Harness, 1st, cash \$5.00; 2nd, value of \$5.00 10 00
45 Best Span Heavy Horses, any breed, 1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00 cash 12 00
55 Best Lady Rider, 1st, value \$3.50; 2nd, value \$2.00 5 50
65 Best Lady Driver; 1st, value \$5.00; 2nd, value \$2.00 7 00
75 Best Saddle Mare or Gelding, suitable for hunter, 1st, cash, \$5.00; 2nd value \$3.00 8 00
85 Best Heavy Horse on grounds, Mare or Gelding, any breed, 1st, \$6.00; 2nd, \$4.00 cash 10 00
95 Best Pony, 12 hands and under, hitched to suitable vehicle; 1st, value \$4.00; 2nd, value \$3.00; 3rd, value \$2.00; 4th, value \$2.00 11 00
105 Best Single Delivery Horse, 1st, cash \$5.00; 2nd, cash \$3.00 8 00
115 Best Showmanship of Foal, open to boy or girl, 1st, cash \$4.00; 2nd, value \$3.00 7 00
125 Best group of not less than five Horses owned by one exhibitor 1st, value \$7.00; 2nd, value \$5.00; 3rd, value \$3.00 15 00

CATTLE SPECIALS

- 135 Best Jersey, get of sire, group of three animals either sex, bred by exhibitor from Halton County, Erin or Eramosa Townships. Any family having won a T. Eaton Co., Limited, prize in this class at a Fair in 1944, not eligible to compete, by T. Eaton Co., Limited, Antique Chippendale Tray, Sheffield Reproduction design, value 18 00
145 Best Two Beef Calves, 1st, cash \$2.50; 2nd, value \$2.00 3rd, \$1.00 5 50
155 Best Two Dairy Calves, 1st, value \$2.50; 2nd, value \$2.00; 3rd, value \$1.00 5 50
165 Junior Herd, any beef breed, consisting of bull and 3 females, previously shown in individual classes, all under two years of age, 1st, value \$3.00; 2nd, value \$2.00 5 00

HOG SPECIALS

- 175 Best Pair Young Sows, under 4 months, value \$5.00 5 00
185 Best Bacon Hog, market weight, value \$5.00 5 00
195 Best Pair Weanling Pigs, Bacon Type, value \$2.50 2 50

SHEEP SPECIALS

- 205 Best Flock of Sheep, consisting of 1 ram, 2 ewes and 2 ewe lambs, any breed, 1st, value \$3.00; 2nd, value \$2.00 5 00
215 Best Pair Marketable Wether Lambs, value \$2.50; 2nd, value \$2.00 4 50
225 Best Five Ewe Lambs, by Robert Simpson Co. Ltd., \$5.00 War Saving Certificate 5 00

POULTRY SPECIAL

- 235 Best Pair Cockerel and Pullet, any breed, value \$3.00 3 00

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS

- 245 To Couple married greatest number of years, attending the Fair. Registration to be made with gatekeepers or Secretary, second day of Fair. Tax Acrow Faux Faux, one year value 2 00
255 To the Person attending Acton Fair from the Greatest Distance. Report to Secretary for computation of distance. Tax Acrow Faux Faux, one year value 2 00
265 Best Appearing Child, under 12 years, and Doll Carriage, in School Parade, 1st, value \$2.00; 2nd, value \$1.00 3rd, value 50c 3 50
275 Best Decorated Bicycle in School Parade, boys and girls, by Pullant's Clothing Store, Acton; 1st, cash, \$2.50; 2nd, cash, \$1.50; 3rd, cash \$1.00 5 00

GRAIN, ROOT AND VEGETABLE SPECIALS

- 305 Best Collection of Farm Produce, including grain, roots, vegetables and flowers. Gardeners not eligible; 1st, Cash \$3.00; 2nd, value of \$2.00 5 00
315 Best Six Quart Basket of Onions; 1st, Ontario Seed Co., seeds to be collected spring of 1945, Woodhall & Muselle, value \$1.00 1 00
325 Best Half Dozen Slicing Cucumbers; 1st by Ontario Seed Co., seeds to be collected spring of 1945, Woodhall & Muselle, value \$1.00 1 00
335 Best Three Samples of Grain, consisting of Wheat, Oats, and Barley, half bushel of each, 1st, value \$2.00; 2nd, value \$1.80 3 80
345 Best Bushel Basket of Mixed Vegetables. Not open to market gardeners. By Woodhall and Muselle, plants, spring of 1945, 1st value \$2.00; 2nd value \$1.00 3 00
355 Best Bushel Shipping Turnips, 1st, Cash, \$2.00; 2nd, Cash, \$1.00 3 00
365 Best Peck of Winter Wheat prepared and exhibited by boy or girl 18 years or under, resident of Halton County, Erin or Eramosa Townships. Five prizes of \$2.00 each 10 00

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

- 385 Best 12 Gladioli; 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 75c 1 75
395 Best Living Room Bouquet, 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 50c 1 50
405 Best Basket Cut Flowers; 1st Cash \$1.00; 2nd Cash 50c 1 50
415 Centre Piece of Assorted Flowers, on tray, for dinner table seating twelve; 1st value \$2.00; 2nd Cash 75c 2 75
425 Best Basket Wild Flowers, arranged for effect, 1st value \$2.00; 2nd Cash 50c 2 50

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