

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more,
When once I knock and fall to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;
Each night I burn the records of the day,
"At sunrise every soul is born again."

Laugh like a boy at splendours that have sped;
To vanished joys be blind, and deaf and dumb;
My judgment seals the dead just with its dead;
But never binds a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and feet,
I lend my arm to all who say "I can";
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep,
But might arise and be again a man.

Doat thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Doat thou from righteous retribution's blow
Then turn from blotted archives of the past,
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Then rouse thee from thy spell,
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to Heaven.

—Walter Malone

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, April 24th, 1925

With the temperature at 75 in the shade, as it was last Thursday, April has been making new records.

Mrs. Minnie Ross has sold her house on Main Street to Mr. Eccleston, of Capri.

Hillsburg, Rockwood, Georgetown and Acton have formed a baseball league and drawn up a schedule to start May 16. Prospects are bright for good baseball in Acton this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook who have resided in Acton for upwards of twenty years removed this week to Windsor. The best wishes of their many friends go with them to their new home.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter of Daylight Saving Time.

BORN

MOFFATT At Columbia, Ohio, on Monday, April 20th, 1925 to Mr. and Mrs. George N. Moffatt, a son.

DIED

GOY On Friday, April 24th, 1925 at her late residence, Guelph Township, Sarah Bennell, beloved wife of G. H. Goy, in her 64th year.

CAMPBELL At her home in Acton, on Tuesday, April 28th, 1925, Lilian Hamley, widow of the late Robert Campbell, aged 61 years.

RAF Girl Worked With The Maquis Before Invasion

Parachuted into France Three Months Before D-Day to Handle Message Codes Had Narrow Escapes Eluding Nazis

LONDON (CP)—For three months before D-Day and five months afterwards, Section Officer Maureen O'Sullivan of Dublin worked with a Maquis band in France, coding, sending and receiving messages between them and London.

She parachuted into enemy-held territory on a pitch-black night.

"It seemed a lifetime before the word came to go. After I jumped it was lovely sailing through the sky on my own. I landed only half a mile from the Maquis who were looking for me."

That is how she got into France to a job for which she was awarded the Croix de Guerre.

"My narrowest escape was when I came to a barrier the Germans had just thrown across the road," she said, telling of her work.

"They ordered me to open my case and I thought the game was up. But I looked pathetic and said it had only my clothes and they were so shabby I was ashamed to show them.

Suddenly one of the Germans said "She looks like a German girl." I said "My mother was German but she died when I was born."

"That did the trick. They went all sentimental and let me through. That night I started training two men who would carry on if the Germans got me."

It was a 24-hour-a-day job, sending and receiving messages, setting up my wireless, repairing it and fixing the aerial. Time and again the Germans arrived just as I had dismantled it.

"My organizer, an Englishman, built up a Maquis army of 8,000 from men of all types and nations."

As a child, the Women's Auxiliary Air Force section officer spent much time with relatives in Belgium where she learned to speak perfect French and Dutch and fair German.

Now she has been promoted and assigned to another special job.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1945, 9:45

THE NEW LAND AND NEW PERILS

Golden Text.—Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Jos. 1: 9.

Lesson Text. Jud. 2: 6-7, 11-12, 18-19; 6: 11-16. Time: 1425-1249 B.C. Place: Canaan.

Exposition 1. An Apostate Nation, 2: 6, 7, 11, 12.

The Israelites had been given the victory over the pagan people who possessed their promised land. They were commanded to purge the country of God's enemies. They did nothing of the kind. Read ch. 2 for a record of incomplete victories. God knew that "evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Cor. 15: 33, 34). The Israelites thought themselves wiser than the commandments of God. They spared the heathen and did not convert them. On the other hand, they fellowshiped with them. As a result, God stayed His judgments on them, allowing them to remain in order to become "as thorns" in the sides of the Israelites (v. 3).

They settled down to conditions as they were (vs. 6, 7). They occupied land which was the providence of God and reaped harvests provided by Him. And still they deteriorated. They kept up the form of that rugged faith which Joshua and Caleb inculcated but the hearts of the people grew more and more tolerant of idolatry and paganism which had cursed the land for centuries before the Israelites came to it. Then, things got worse. Sin became more open and flagrant. They began to do evil in the sight of the Lord. That is, they knew perfectly well they were violating the law God had spoken. Further, they had the Ark of the Covenant in their midst with its shining glory of their transcendent God, but they paid Him no heed. They worshipped Baalim (v. 11). Baal was the god of the Canaanites. But the worship of the people of Jericho, Shechem, Ai and other cities was polytheistic. The name Baal means the chief male deity. Baalim is the plural form and expresses the various aspects of the worship of Baal in different localities. So detestable was this corrupt religion which damned the bodies and souls of the people that God commanded severe steps to be taken.

God does not like mixed seeds (Lev. 19: 19; 1 Cor. 5: 11; 6: 9-12; 2 Cor. 6: 17, 18). For that reason, He has left us abundant warning against mixing His revealed faith with man-invented religions of the earth. He knows it means the death of faith in the end. The solemn warning given to the Pergamos church (Rev. 2: 14) ought to be heeded. Concession to a sinful world has never brought success. In the case of Israel (v. 12) it lowered their standard to the bestial levels of the people of the land and brought on them the judicial anger of God.

II. Revival and Defeat, 18, 19.

There has always been a faithful remnant carrying on God's true witness and fulfilling His commandments (Luke 2: 26, 36; Rom. 11: 2-5; Rev. 3: 4; Ac. 10: 1, 2). In Israel's apostasy there were some who did not bow the knee to Baal. These would pray and long for the purity of Israel's faith. In answer to these prayers God raised up Judges for the people many of whom were outstanding military geniuses.

That God should have "repented" (this word means a change of mind) because of their "groanings" is a manifestation of His grace. They had brought their miseries upon themselves, nevertheless, His omnipotent might exerted itself for their deliverance. God is long suffering (Ex. 34: 5-7). He is not willing that any should perish (2 Pet. 3: 9). In spite of all the Lord did for them, Israel continued in their sin. Consequently and increasingly the people became slaves, oppressed by God's enemies.

III. Gideon's Commission to Save Israel, 6: 11-16.

We have only a few verses here dealing with Gideon. The whole record is worthy of study. It is full of vital lessons (6: 11-8: 33). In the verses before us we are told "the angel of the Lord appeared unto" Gideon. The expression "angel of the Lord" is generally regarded by Bible scholars to be the title of a "theophany," which means a manifestation of God. This is the Second Person of the Trinity upveiling Himself in Old Testament ministries (Gen. 18: 1; 26: 2; 35: 9). From "angel of the Lord" there is quick transition to LORD (v. 12). The Divine Visitor knows His man. He is a "mighty man of valour," a singular quality in a nation of apparent weaklings.

Puzzled Gideon hardly knows what to do. He is confronted with the task of helping to answer his own prayers. But that is how God works. If a William Carey prays for India's masses, it is he who is called. If we pray for big things to happen, then God will give us big things to do in order for them to come to pass (Jas. 5: 16-20). Thus it was with Gideon.

THE PAS, Man. (CP)—Dr. Arthur Rose recently celebrated his 55th year as a medical doctor. The pioneer physician came north 43 years ago when The Pas was part of the Northwest Territories.

INVASION VILLAGE COPIED FOR D-DAY

LONDON (CP)—Another of the countless preparations that preceded D-Day came to light with announcement that a full-size plaster French "village" in Yorkshire helped train the Normandy invaders. About two dozen soldiers erected it in three weeks and thousands of soldiers knew it as a training ground.

Wood and plaster road blocks prevented easy entrance to the village. An imitation cemetery had rows of "graves" decorated with German helmets. Plaster cows stood in the fields and modified "booby traps" lay about to catch the unwary. Hurried departure of the enemy was suggested by overturned chairs and tables in houses and restaurants.

A burned-out garage, its roof fallen in, stood near the main street. Swastikas were defaced. A street sign "Adolfstrasse" was crossed out and the words "Rue de Paris" chalked just above.

Two camouflage Corps officers who designed the village were chosen because they had lived for years in either northern or southern France. Only materials used in construction were cobblestones, wood, canvas, paint and fibrous plaster.

YOU'RE OUT — YOU'RE IN

TIMMINS, Ont. (CP) Police rescued Raymond St. Jean from near suffocation in a narrow ventilator where he was trapped. He was promptly charged with breaking, entering and theft.

CURFEW ENFORCED

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP)—Curfew will be enforced in Kamloops and persons under 16 will have to stay off the streets after 10 p.m. A fire-alarm bell warning will be sounded to warn the youngsters indoors.



There's lots of work to be done. We are eager to get it . . .

The war interrupted the normal expansion of Bell Telephone service. Just as soon as men and materials are again available, nearly 70,000 deferred applications must be filled. Work will be resumed on conversion to dial telephones, on rural

expansion, on extension and improvement of present services, on restoring equipment reserves.

It all means people at work, not only our present employees and those now in uniform, but more besides.

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For tasty, nourishing and economical winter desserts, most Canadian housewives will again do some preserving this year . . . jams, jellies and all kinds of fresh fruits. Sugar is still very scarce. We must continue to conserve our supplies. This year, the allowance for home canning will be the same as in 1944—ten pounds per person. Be sure to use your ration sparingly.

HOW TO GET SUGAR FOR CANNING

Instead of special home canning sugar coupons, twenty extra preserves coupons in Ration Book No. 5 are being made available for the purchase of sugar for canning.

These coupons are good for half a pound of sugar each or the stated value in commercial preserves, for they are the same as any of your preserves coupons.

You may use any other valid preserves coupons to purchase sugar, also at half a pound each.

No exchange is necessary. Your grocer will accept any valid preserves coupons when you purchase sugar for canning.

There are now only two kinds of coupons for sugar. The regular sugar coupon, good for one pound of sugar, and the preserves coupon, worth half a pound of sugar.

SUGAR FOR CANNING COUPON CALENDAR

CLIP THIS CALENDAR FOR READY REFERENCE

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For the balance of the year, the "P" coupons for preserves will become good each month.

USE ONLY AS REQUIRED

The twenty extra preserves coupons for sugar for canning will remain valid until declared invalid by the Ration Administration. You do not have to use them immediately. You will be given plenty of notice of their expiry date.

GUARD YOUR RATION BOOK

If you lose your ration book, the extra preserves coupons which have already been declared valid will not be replaced. It is up to each consumer to look after his or her ration book.

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