

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

It's called "Community Spirit." This lovely, priceless thing And it springs from hearts of people And soars as if on wings

In poorest village it abides As well as larger town (For not just by its wealth or size Does a place win renown)

It's heard in the morning greeting Of friend across the street; It's seen at bedside of the sick, At any Mercy Seat.

To worthy cause it gives support For where it does abound In less time than it takes to tell The needed aid is found

To lonely strangers in its fold It gives a friendly hand (Good fellowship works miracles Through length and breadth of land)

A man boasts long of his "home town" Not for riches, lands or fame The reason is that folks there have "Community Spirit"

Cladya M. Kingsley

The Sunday School Lesson

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THE HEBREW MEASUREMENT OF HEIGHT

Golden Text: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33: 12

Lesson Text: 1 Ki. 3: 1-7, 26, 10: 26-28, 11: 4, 11.

Exposition: 1. Source of Solomon's Greatness Was His Faith (review of Solomon's reign from 1 Ki. 3: 5 to 8: 6)

At his beginning (2 Chron. 1: 1-12) Solomon went to Gibeon where the Tabernacle, the place where Jehovah peculiarly manifested Himself to His people, was there (2 Chron. 1: 3-6, 1: 1 Chron. 21: 29, Ex. 29: 42, 43)

Until the Temple superseded it, that is where men who longed to meet God went, the place God Himself had appointed. The Tabernacle was a type of Christ (John 1: 14); it is in Him that we meet God (John 14: 6). Each one of the thousand burnt offerings that Solomon offered also pointed forward to Christ. In Him there is a better ground of approach to God than in the countless slain beasts (Heb. 10: 1-2)

The desire with which Solomon went to Gibeon was satisfied, God met him there. Twice in his life was it granted to Solomon to meet God (1 Ki. 9: 2 and 11: 9)

To many of us it is granted to meet God more frequently than that. The appearance was in a dream but it was a real appearance (Gen. 28: 12, 13; Num. 12: 6; Job. 33: 14, 15; Matt. 1: 20, 2: 13, 19; Av. 18: 9, 10)

It was a wonderful thing that God said to Solomon, "Ask what I shall give thee," that is God setting the infinite resources of His power at the disposal of a man. But God says the same thing to each humbled child of His today (John 14: 13, 14, 15; 7: Matt. 7: 7, 8; Mk. 11: 24; John 15: 16, 17; 21: 24; 1 John 3: 22; 5: 14, 15) God's great "kindness unto David" his father in the past encouraged Solomon to ask great things for himself in the present

God's dealing in kindness with David was according to David's sincere righteousness and upright walk (2 Ki. 36: 9, 4: 15, 5: 2; 1 Ki. 20: 3, 4; Ex. 25: 1, 2; 18: 20-24; 1 John 3: 22)

A crowning manifestation of God's kindness was that He had given David a son to succeed to his position and his work. Solomon recognized that he owed his own present exalted position entirely to God (1 S. of Dan. 2: 21, 4: 25, 32, 5: 18, 21)

He also recognized his own utter insufficiency for the position, though he was at this time perhaps twenty-one years of age, in his own eyes he was "but a little child" (1 Ki. 3: 7)

To him office was not a possession for one's own private gain, but a sacred trust. The people were a great people in number, but that was not the most important fact about them; they were God's own people whom He had chosen (1 Ki. 3: 8)

He felt that what he must have above all else was not something for himself but fitness for his position. He asked, therefore, for "wisdom and knowledge," and he wished the wisdom and knowledge not

for display but to fit him for service, "that I may go out and come in before this people." He asked, also, for a "hearing heart" (1 Ki. 3: 9), i. e. a heart that should hear the voice of God. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to impart this (1m. 11: 2-4; 2nd. 16: 12, 13). He was utterly overwhelmed at the thought of undertaking in his own strength the task for which no man was sufficient.

1. Jehovah's gracious Answer, 1 Ki. 3: 3-8.

God was greatly pleased with Solomon's prayer. He is always pleased with an intelligent prayer (Prov. 15: 8). He mentions some of the things that Solomon might have asked, things that many would have asked, had they had Solomon's opportunity, but Solomon's choice was much wiser. God said a wonderful thing to Solomon, "I have done according to thy word" (1 Ki. 3: 12). Think of it, the infinite God doing according to the words of a little man. But He often does that (John 15: 7). Solomon got

what he had asked, but he got it in a more abundant measure than he had asked. His wisdom became noted throughout all ages (1 Ki. 3: 28; 4: 29-31; 5: 12, 10; 3: 28, 23, 24). God also gave him exceedingly abundantly above all that he asked (cf. Eph. 3: 20). If we seek the best thing, God will give us with it the minor things (Matt. 6: 33; Ps. 84: 11, 12; Rom. 8: 32). His riches were enormous (1 Ki. 10: 23-25). Wisdom which he sought came bringing riches and honor in her hands (Prov. 3: 16). God made Solomon still another promise, but this was conditional upon his future conduct (1 Ki. 3: 14, 9: 3-8), but he did not fulfill the condition.

2. Solomon's Ingratitude and Treachery, 11: 4, 11.

While he still served Jehovah, he did not serve Him with his whole heart, and tried to combine the worship of idols with the worship of Jehovah. He became a liberal and established "a Congress of Religions" in Jerusalem. Doubtless he was prais-

ed by man for his liberality, but "Jehovah was angry with Solomon." It was his many wives who led him astray. Solomon's attempt at an ungodly union of the true religion with the false brought centuries of division, discord, war and bloodshed.

LITTLE GREY HOME

TORONTO (CP) Househunters are looking wisely at the only vacant home on the housing list—a grey stone, 21-room mansion in North Toronto with an annual rental of \$500. The house has stood untenanted for six years.

NEWFOUNDLAND LINKED

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP) Regular steamer service between here and Newfoundland will commence in May when the 1,000-ton John Cabot makes its initial run. Trips will be made at three-week intervals, Premier Walter Jones told the legislature.

HOUSES BRING TEARS OF JOY

SYDNEY, Aust. (CP) So fierce is the struggle to get a house in this city that women wept for joy when they heard that they had won the right to live in the new government-built homes at Granville, an industrial suburb of Sydney.

Many of them had been living for years with their husbands and children in one or two tenement rooms. But, dingy and overcrowded though these dwellings were, people were applying to live in some of them almost as soon as it became known that the occupants had been successful in the ballot for the Granville homes.

The ballot for the 76 Granville homes was restricted to 445 applicants after an investigation by State Housing Commission officers to determine the most needy cases.

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 11th, 1925

May came in with the showers that were expected in April.

Workmen are engaged in adding a second storey to the machine shop building at the plant of the Acton Tanning Company.

Real confusion of time commenced in town on Monday morning with the factories and schools on Daylight Saving Time and other places on Standard Time.

Knox Church Ladies Aid play—"The Ladies' Aid of Mohawk Crossroads" had capacity houses on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The score of ladies who took part acted their respective parts exceedingly well.

VALUE OF CARROTS—HOW TO GROW THEM

The ancient Greek and Roman physicians were fully aware of the medicinal and food qualities of the carrot, but, with the decay of agriculture and civilization in the dark ages, the properties of the carrot were forgotten, until eventually it became considered as fit only for horse feed. Once again the food value of the carrot is recognized and it is known to be an excellent source of Vitamin A.

Carrots, to be appetizing must be properly grown, stored and cooked, says W. M. Fleming, Dominion Experimental Station, Summerland, B.C.

Good carrots have small cores. The first step in growing good carrots is to select good seed. Of the many varieties of carrots listed in seed catalogues, five of the best are Chantenary, Danvers Half Long, Corless, Nantes and Imperator. Choice among these varieties rests partly on personal preference and partly on local soil and climatic conditions. The safest plan is to secure the best possible seed of two or three of the varieties named and plant in rows, side by side. The results will disclose the variety best suited to taste and local conditions.

Quality and tenderness in carrots are influenced largely by the time at which the seed is sown and the conditions under which the roots are grown. For best results at least two seedings should be made. The first should be sown as early in the spring as the ground can be worked to produce roots for summer use. The second should be made in June to provide roots for winter storage. While carrots will grow in a very wide range of soil and climatic conditions, they grow best in deep, fertile soil with good moisture holding capacity. Where good care is given, a surprisingly large tonnage can be raised on a small area of ground. The rows may be planted as close as 16 inches apart and the roots thinned to only 1/2 inch apart in the row. When they reach a diameter of half an inch every other one can be removed. At this stage they are very tasty served unpeeled as creamed carrots.

Where proper storage conditions are provided, carrots can be retained in excellent condition throughout the winter. Essential factors to good storage are low temperature and moist atmosphere. Excellent results have been secured by storing carrots between layers of damp peat or old sawdust in a cellar where the temperatures run just above freezing.

Carrots should be cooked rapidly. It is important that a small amount of water be used and that this water be drained off for making soups and gravies, as it is rich in health giving minerals and vitamins.

LADY KILLERS

BELLEVILLE, Ont. (CP) Women just aren't as timid as they used to be. When a rat entered a bank here during the morning rush, two girl employees caught and killed it while the male clerks in the bank retired from the field.

HOSIERY HARVEST

CHILLIWACK, B.C. (CP) —Grow your own silk stockings, advised Mrs. Peter Giesbrecht who has been doing just that for the past two years. Mrs. Giesbrecht supplies herself and her family with silk socks and stockings knitted from silk produced by her own silk worms on her own mulberry trees.

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An Urgent Message from GEORGE DREW

JUNE 4th is Election Day for the members of our armed forces overseas from Ontario, as it is here at home. The arrangements which have been made provide ample time for the overseas vote to be taken. Special Returning Officers are already overseas.

Something more, however, must be done if our voters overseas are to know why an Ontario election was forced upon us at this time.

I appeal to each one of you who read this message to write NOW by airmail. Give our men and women overseas all the information you can and be sure to tell them the correct name of the Provincial Riding in which they are entitled to vote, and the name of the candidate. This is of the utmost importance because so many of them have never voted before and the difference between the names and boundaries of Provincial and Dominion Ridings make it doubly necessary that you be sure to give them the exact name of the Riding in which they are entitled to cast their ballot on June 4th.

If you are in doubt as to any details please call the Progressive Conservative Office in your locality and get the necessary information without delay.

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