

RONNET

I thought my heart would welcome now the spring. As all the years before throb with each star. That falls into a sea of violets, would sing. And adoration upward send, afar; Assemble in its crocuses anew. The myriad bits of color against the green. In the morning sun, beneath these lakes of dew. Before the dew is gone and this silver sheen. Gives way to the gold, and gold to the blue. Of twilight's tranquil ocean. Yet my heart Now owes allegiance to the sombre view. The clouds of April do but break apart. To gather in some colder, later gray. And raise the memory of this bright day. Jacob Levin in N.Y. Times

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 10th, 1925

Mother's Day was favored with glorious sunshiny, summer weather last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Boyd, a graduate of McMaster University, will commence his pastorate at the Baptist Church next Sunday.

A large audience attended the Ministerial Show in the Town Hall put on by the Halter Chapter, a Masonic congregation from Georgetown. Acton men who had a share in the program were Charles Wilson, Jack Mackenzie, Hearty Arnold and H. W. Kennedy.

The burglars who have been visiting Acton Machine Company and selecting motor accessories evidently decided to try another place for supplies. Some 35 tires and a number of tubes and other accessories amounting to \$400 worth of goods were taken.

Rev. R. J. Edmiston, of Melville, Sask., has been spending the week in his boyhood town after an absence of twenty-seven years.

MARRIED

McDONALD-MICHIE: At the Boston Manse, Esquimaux, on Wednesday, April 22nd, 1925, by the Rev. K. McDermaid, Eileen Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Michie, to Wilfred Laurier McDonald.

DIED

FOSTER: On Tuesday, May 5, 1925, at Toronto, Moffit Foster, M.D., aged 94 years.

ORR: At her home, Bowyer Avenue, Acton, early Friday morning, May 8th, 1925, Mary Donaghy, widow of the late John Orr, in her 55th year.

Post No. 12 Ready For Whatever Comes

Wardens Remain on Guard at Famous Warden's Post in Southwark

LONDON (CP)—For more than five years this notice has been displayed in Reporting Post 12 in Southwark: "STANDING ORDER"

"If the Post is attacked it will resist by every means and will remain until relieved. If the garrison does not remain alive it will remain dead—but in any case IT WILL REMAIN."

It was never attacked, but Post 12 remains on guard, ready for action if need be.

And during the war its group of wardens had to deal with 3,020 incidents, causing 246 casualties of which 60 were fatal.

The post was responsible for 37 blocks where 3,500 families lived, mostly in large apartment blocks. It was out of action only once; when a high-explosive bomb landed eight yards away and two wardens were seriously injured.

Sept. 11, 1940 it dealt with 29 fires in 14 different streets and by the end of the year had recorded 115 incidents. Its worst night, however, was April 16, 1941, when 200 incendiaries fell in the area and Post Warden J. H. Barham won the George Medal for rescue work after a first-aid depot caught fire.

In the first five months of that year the post dealt with 2,402 incidents and after that there was a lull. The Post 12 Cricket Club had time to win its league championship.

Then came the flying bomb attacks and the biggest single death-toll reported in one incident.

Now the Germans' V-weapons are silent and Post 12 has little to do. But it is ready for whatever comes.

AUTOMATIC CONTROL OF TRAFFIC IN MINES

Automatic traffic control, miles under the earth, is provided by an equipment now under construction by a British firm for service in a United Kingdom colliery.

The new equipment is designed to operate automatically the air-lock doors which are essential to the whole ventilation system of the mine.

It is so arranged that the stream of tube-carrying coal operates a system of photoelectric relays which shuts the air-lock doors as required to let them through. At the same time it automatically counts the tubes passing into and out of the air-lock.

This new system of automatic electrical control has great advantages over older systems and is expected to be applied to other forms of mining machinery including hauling and winding equipment.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 10th 1945

THE TRAGEDY OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

Golden Text. Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Ps. 34: 3.

Lesson Text. 1 Ki. 12: 26-30; 19: 1-4, 13b-18; 2 Ki. 17: 7, 8.

Exposition. I. Jeroboam's Sin, 1 Ki. 12: 26-30.

Jeroboam was king. It was God who had given him the ten tribes (ch. 11: 31) but this does not seem to have been the reason Israel had chosen him (v. 20). Israel chose their own king and he proves their curse and ruin. Israel's history from this time on is a steady and rapid dark grade. Again and again in that dark history Jeroboam is referred to as the one who taught them to sin. Unbelief lay at the root of all Jeroboam's mistakes. It lies at the root of all sin. If men believe God, they will obey Him and leave all difficulties with Him.

When the Devil and evil men try to get men to do wrong, they always pretend they are working for the interests of tempted ones. Solomon himself had prepared the way in the heart of the people for all of Jeroboam's abominations (ch. 11: 4-8). It was not ostensibly the worship of a new god that Jeroboam was introducing but a new way to worship the God of their fathers. Jeroboam sought to clothe his calves with the glory of Israel's redemption from Egypt (v. 28).

The modern innovators seek to clothe their man-made religions with the glories of Christian history. Jeroboam was cunning, he set up his false gods in places hallowed with sacred memories (v. 29, cf. Gen. 12: 8, 28; 19: 35; 1. Jud. 18: 29-31; Deut. 31: 1). He also chose places that would be accessible from the two ends of the territory. The people were quite ready to follow Jeroboam in this matter.

II. Elijah's Fear and God's Assurance, 19: 1-4.

The flight and failure of Elijah is one of the saddest but most instructive incidents in his history. It makes plain the truth of the statement of James (ch. 5: 17). Up to this point Elijah appeared fearless. Now he does not want for Jehovah's word and runs away because of the threat of a defeated woman. Jezebel realized her impotence, or she would not have sent a messenger to threaten. She hoped to frighten Elijah into running away. And he did. He usually a God counsel of God before making a move, but not this time. The causes of his failure are not hard to discover. (1) His physical condition. He was exhausted after the strain of the Mt. Carmel experience. This was not a sufficient excuse, for God's grace can triumph over physical weakness. (2) His social condition, his isolation and loneliness. It is hard for the flesh to stand alone. Jesus did, but most of us need another to sustain us. (3) The great cause of Elijah's failure was his spiritual condition. (a) He was occupied with self (vs. 3, 10, 14). Ordinarily Jehovah's honor occupied Elijah now it was his own life and reputation. (b) He was occupied with the failures of others (vs. 10, 14). It is a very bad sign when a man gets to thinking that he is the only person who is truly loyal to God. (c) He got his eyes off from God on to circumstances. There is no swifter road to defeat. Elijah had no reason to fear Jezebel (cf. Isa. 51: 12-14). The fear of man (or woman) brought a snare to Elijah as to many others (Prov. 29: 25).

III. Jehovah's Judgment on Israel, 2 Ki. 17: 7, 8.

This brings us up to the close of the history as a separate nation. Hosiah's reign, like that of all the Kings that preceded him was bad, but not the worst in the history of the nation. The Holy Spirit sums up his reign in a single sentence. "He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord" (v. 2). This is the constant refrain in the history of Israel's kings (ch. 2: 2, 10, 31, 13-22, 11: 15-9; 18: 24). What he did may not have been evil in the sight of men, nor in his own sight, but it was "evil in the eyes of Jehovah." He vacillated between Assyria and Egypt and brought ruin upon his head. Israelites were God's people and were to obey Him and to live for Him, but they "sinned against the Lord their God" (v. 7), and "did secretly those things that were not right against Jehovah their God" (v. 9). "The same thing is true to-day of many who profess to be the people of God. The line of demarcation between the Church and the world is not clearly drawn. We do well to note carefully the outcome of this course of procedure on Israel's part (vs. 6, 18). The fact that Israel did these things "secretly" did not hide them from the eyes of Jehovah (Ps. 139: 1-12; Heb. 4: 13). If we cover our sins, we shall not prosper.

LONDON—In the week which saw the liberation of Paris (Aug. 22-29), 1,988,290 words in Press messages were transmitted abroad by Cable and Wireless Ltd., creating a new record for this famous organization.

London—The London, Midland and Scottish Railway have run 139,031 special trains for the British Government during this war; 71,708 for troops, 35,812 for stores, 21,164 for patrol, 1,653 for Forces' mail and 8,697 for ammunition.

PATCHES OF HONOR BRING ODD QUERIES

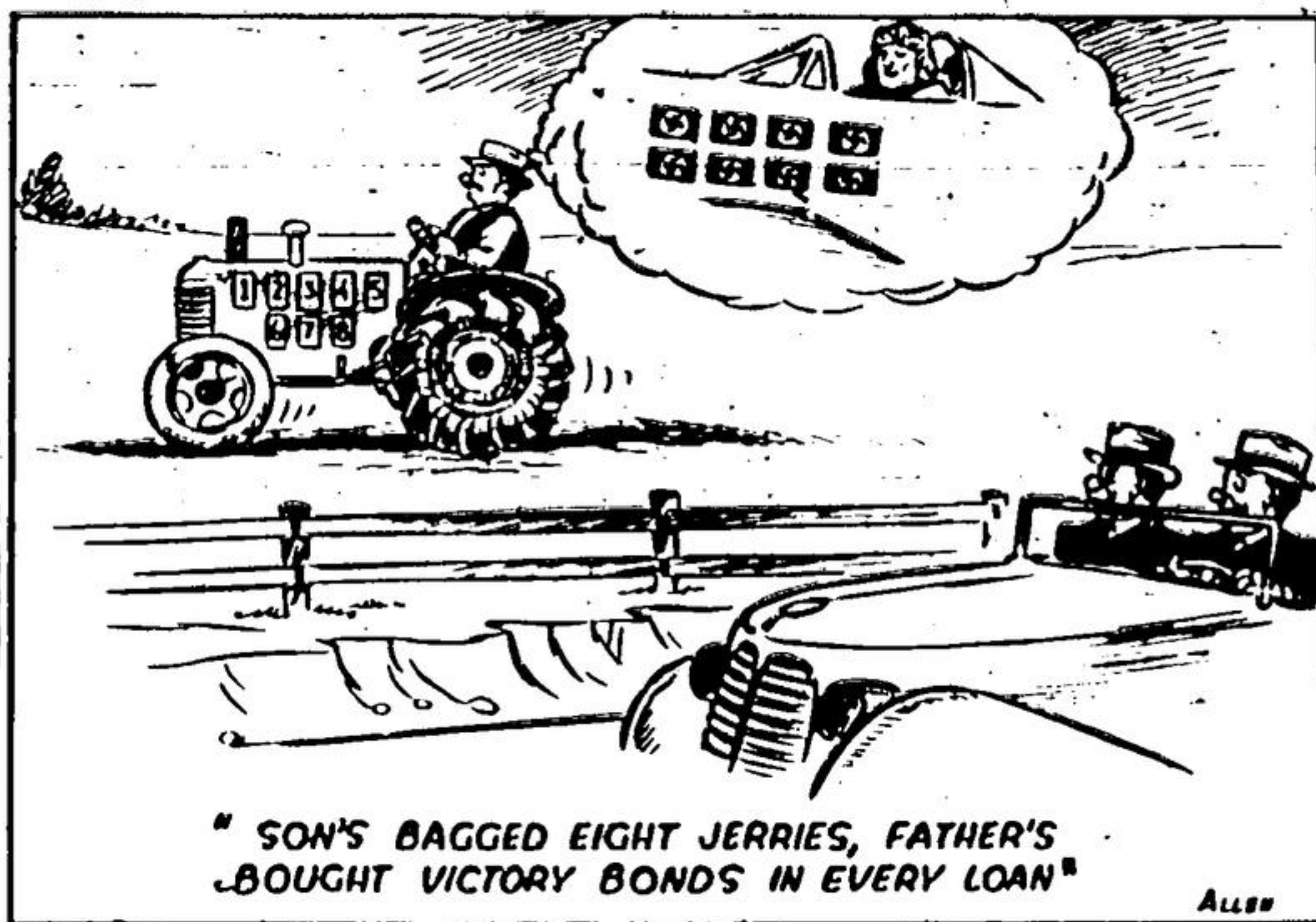
REGINA (CP)—Its fine 30th be home but veterans of the European battlefronts count to 10 before answering some civilians' questions.

There's Gor. R. G. Grindly of the Royal Canadian Artillery, back after five years overseas, who was asked the meaning of the red patch on his shoulder.

"That's the patch of the 1st Canadian Division," he replied proudly. "Have you just been called up?" came the second question.

The red patches worn by Ken Wigness of the Seaforth Highlanders brought him an inquiry from a civilian as to whether he had been wounded in both arms.

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FAMILY ALLOWANCES AND INCOME TAX

THE following announcement will help to clarify the relationship between Family Allowances and Income Tax credits for dependent children. Family Allowances are payable from July 1st, 1945, and the registration of children is now taking place.

The Family Allowances Act was designed to help equalize opportunities for all children, and when the Act was passed, Parliament approved the principle that there should be no duplication of benefits by way of Family Allowances and Income Tax credits for the same child. An amendment to the Income War Tax Act will be made to deal with this duplication. In the meantime, however, the Govern-

ment proposes, for the last six months of 1945 during which Family Allowances are payable, to remove duplication by adjusting the income tax credits received for children.

It is natural that parents in the low income groups will be expected to receive maximum benefits from Family Allowances. Partial benefits will be received however, by parents with incomes up to \$3,000.

The table below shows the effect of the adjustments which the Government has decided to make. For convenience and simplicity the benefits received by each income group are shown as a per cent of the Family Allowances received. The table shows:

TABLE SHOWING EFFECT OF ADJUSTMENT FOR 1945

Table with columns: AMOUNT OF TAXABLE INCOME, Not over \$1200, Over \$1200 but not over \$1400, etc. and Percent by which taxpayers will benefit.

NOTE.—This table applies to married persons and others having the status of married persons for income tax purposes. For the relatively small number of single persons supporting children and not having married status for income tax purposes, and for members of the Armed Forces, special tables can be obtained from the Regional Director of Family Allowances to each provincial capital.

Family Allowances will be paid in full

In all cases, those who apply for and are eligible to receive Family Allowances will receive them in full, month by month. See scale below:

SCALE OF MONTHLY ALLOWANCES FOR THE FIRST FOUR CHILDREN

Table with columns: For each child, Under 6, From 6 to 9 (inclusive), From 10 to 12 (inclusive), From 13 to 15 (inclusive).

Where there are more than four children under 16 in the family, the monthly allowance for each child after the fourth will be reduced in accordance with the provisions of the Family Allowances Act.

As far as is possible, to take care of the adjustments necessary to avoid duplication of benefits, current income tax deductions at the source will be adjusted to take into account the new situation when Family Allowance payments commence. This will avoid placing an awkward burden on the taxpayers at the end of the year.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES ARE NOT TAXABLE

Special attention is drawn to the fact that the income ranges used in the table above refer to taxable income, and any amounts received as Family Allowances should not therefore be included in calculating income for this purpose because Family Allowances are not taxable.

Family Allowances are also additional to dependents' allowances for servicemen's families and military pensions.

For children registered after July 1st, 1945, Family Allowances will be paid as from the month following the month when registration is made. Family Allowances are not paid retroactively.

NOTE THESE TWO EXAMPLES

1. Family with two children, ages 6 and 8, with total income during 1945 of \$1200.

Table showing total income during 1945 of \$1200, First Child \$36.00, Second Child 36.00, Total \$72.00.

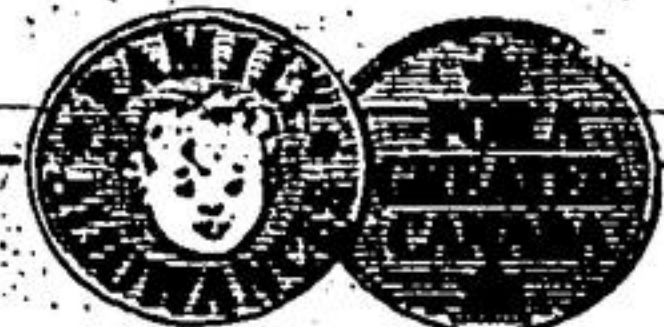
As this family does not benefit by way of income tax credits, it receives and keeps the full amount as stated above.

2. Family with two children, ages 6 and 8, with total income during 1945 of \$1950.

Table showing total income during 1945 of \$1950, First Child \$36.00, Second Child 36.00, Total \$72.00, Amount refundable, being loss of income tax credits 28.80, Amount retained (60% see table) \$43.20.

REGISTER NOW!

If you intend to apply for Family Allowances but have not already done so, please complete and mail Family Allowances Registration Form. Copies of form may be obtained at the nearest post office.



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