

FRIENDS

If nobody smiled and nobody cared, And nobody helped us along; If each every moment looked after itself...

Twenty Years Ago

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The window boxes at the Town Hall put up last week are quite attractive.

Home grown strawberries sold on Saturday at 2 boxes for 25 cents.

The Mason Knitting Co employees and friends picnicked at Riverside Park, Guelph, last Saturday afternoon.

A one day bowling tournament was held by Acton Bowling Club yesterday. Twenty rinks were in the tournament.

At the District Annual Meeting of the Women's Institute at Georgetown Mrs. George Agnew, Acton was elected president. Mrs. A. G. Clarridge, of Hanoockburn as Second Vice President.

DIED

CLARA At the home, Cooksville, on Wednesday, June 17th, 1925, Ada Alice Stratton, beloved wife of John Clarke in her 59th year.

Italy May Impose Special Taxes to Restore Churches

Government is Faced With immense Task With 142 Destroyed and 1,605 Damaged in 33 Provinces

By LOUIS JACCARDI Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) War has taken such a heavy toll of Italy's religious buildings that the Italian government may have to enact special tax legislation to further their restoration and reconstruction.

Since churches in Italy are considered public utilities, the Italian government normally would have to meet the expenses on its own, but the critical condition of Italian finances makes this practically impossible.

An "Act" of the task facing the Italian government is indicated in reports from 33 liberated provinces estimating the churches destroyed at 142 and those damaged at 1,605. To these are added 135 destroyed religious buildings including numerous monasteries, seminaries and convents and 954 damaged ones.

The restoration of 822 million lire, has already begun. Reconstruction of buildings entirely destroyed has been postponed until the end of the war. The Italian countryside is dotted with famous old churches and many of the towns and cities where they are located have seen bitter fighting.

Known to Tourists Some of the churches destroyed or damaged are known to tourists and art lovers the world over. In Rome, the 1,500-year-old Basilica of San Lorenzo, containing many 13th century frescoes, was severely damaged by a bomb during the first Allied air raid on Rome in July, 1943.

In Naples, the 5th century Church of Santa Chiara, with the mausoleum of Robert the Wise and frescoes by 13th century Italian masters was also severely damaged. The Cathedral of Benevento was practically blown to the ground together with its famous 12th century Byzantine door.

The cost of restoration and reconstruction of these properties makes the prospects facing Italian taxpayers after the war anything but bright. It is hoped, however, that due to the artistic and cultural value of Italian religious buildings private contributions may come from Catholics all over the world. Groups of Brazilian Catholics, it is reliably reported, have already expressed their desire to finance the reconstruction of some Italian national monuments, presumably having an artistic and religious importance in a region of Italy where the Brazilian expeditionary corps fought.

FORTUNE LEFT TO FELLOW SOLDIERS

LONDON (CP)—Friendships cemented during long and hazardous patrols through enemy territory were remembered when Lieut. Alexander Brown, 29 of the Scots Guards, was killed, and left more than \$50,000 to be split among the 26 members of his scouting party.

The bequests ranged from \$250 to \$15,000—for each individual man. Debban—for each individual man. Fellow Officers in the same regiment were also remembered chief benefactor being Capt. Nial O'Neill who received \$25,000.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JUNE 24th, 1945

TRUSTEES OF THE PROMISES

Golden Text.— Seek ye first his Kingdom, and his righteousness. Matt. 6: 33. Lesson Text.— 1 Tim. 6: 11-16; 1 Pet. 4: 12-16. Exposition.— I. The Flight of Faith, 1 Tim. 6: 11-16.

The old pagan word was not essentially different from the present one. The evil of which Paul warned Timothy is present with us now. Selfishness and self-sufficiency still keep people in their sin and hold them back from God. But Paul triumphed over the world and its seductions. He was in a position to advise Timothy who, himself, was a victorious Christian. But we are never to cease exhorting and encouraging each other as Christians (Heb. 10: 24, 25). Anxiety over one another's spiritual welfare is always to be manifest. Paul exhorts Timothy to live a life of faith. Under like orders from him (Commander-in-Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ, he is well fitted to command his brother.

These words of Paul to Timothy and to all believers for all coming time constitute a "charge" most solemn both in its form and in its content. The Greek word translated "charge" (v. 13) is itself a very expressive, intense and solemn word, but in addition to that Paul seeks to impress deeply upon Timothy's mind and heart the fact that the charge is "in the sight of the presence of God" and of Christ Jesus. What earnest heed, then, we should give to this charge. The good fight is the fight with sin within and sin without whatever keeps our souls from God. The Christian should study to find out exactly what "the faith" is and then hold on to it with all tenacity, making no compromise. The struggle is continuous and unending, but Christ who overcame the powers of hell is our leader. He stands pledged to victory and at the close we shall grasp the crown of life. In "His times" He will appear. Till then let us keep ourselves unrebukable, spotless. The crown is for only those that "love his appearance." (2 Tim. 4: 8) Are you fighting the good fight? Have you that real love for the Lord Jesus Christ that leads you to look with intense longing for His appearance? The 15th and 16th verses are a clear and irrefutable witness to the deity of Jesus. He and the Eternal Father are one (John 10: 30, 1 John 1: 5, Rev. 17: 14).

11. Courage Amid Trials, 1 Pet. 4: 12-16.

This Epistle of Peter was written shortly before the second terrible persecution of the Christian under Nero, a time of calamity foretold by our Lord (Matt. 24: 9-19). It was addressed to Jewish Christians everywhere, to encourage them to endure patiently their sufferings for the sake of Christ. Christ had specially commissioned Peter to strengthen his brethren (Luke 22: 32). Persecuted alike by Gentiles and by their unbelonging fellow-Jews, the trials of these Christian Jews were indeed "heavy." Peter does not minimize the challenge to their faith and constancy, but he points out that Christ once suffered as they are suffering, and they should be proud that they are counted worthy to suffer likewise for His sake. They should actually "rejoice" for Christ's glory will be revealed and they will receive a crown that will never pass away.

At the same time he cautions them that there is no merit in suffering that one brings on himself by wrongdoing. Such suffering is simply the price of our own folly which all men must pay, whether they will or not. This distinction needs to be made today as truly as in the day of Peter. Too often the Christian, when called on to suffer for his own wrongdoing charges his suffering to "persecution" and assumes the role of a martyr of righteousness. Such suffering has no merit in the eyes of God. Peter cautions especially against the sin of "meddling in other men's matters," putting it in the same category with theft and murder. Each one of us has enough to do to see that our own life is truly before God. Even those who truly endeavor to walk uprightly before God are "scarcely saved." This does not mean that the purpose and performance of God are not certain, but that the difficulties and temptations in the way are enormous. Only in the strength of Christ can we win the victory. If the way of the believer is so hard, how hard will be the end of the unsway who walk in their sin with delight and think the righteous man a fool for his pains!

We are not to forget that the world is at enmity with God. We are to be in the world but not of it (John 17: 11, 12, 15-17). We are witnesses to a lost world (Ac. 1: 8). We cannot please God (1 Jno. 2: 15-17), neither can we help the world; we cannot lead people out of sin by fellowshipping with them in their sin. Sin, being the world-principle and sinners hating God, then they who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But God has a way of making such sufferings turn out for our good (Rom. 8: 28). There is an object in all suffering for Christians (Heb. 12: 11). The deed of cruelty may proceed from the treachery of a Judas but the Father knows it all and turns it to our profit. Malice and ill-will

cannot destroy a saint. They only bring out the realities of Christian grace. Above all, at the appearing of Jesus Christ faithfulness will be rewarded (2 Cor. 5: 10; Rev. 11: 17-19). Eternity will be richer for us because of our faithfulness now (Lukel 19: 17).

But we are exhorted to "glorify God on this behalf," i. e., on account of the suffering. The enabling grace will be supplied (Phil. 4: 13). Triumphant Christian living is not dependent upon everything being smooth and pleasant. We may not seek adversity but if it comes we are to bear it.

TIME TO SHAPE SHRUBS AND HEDGES

June is the month when all common shrubs used in hedges make rapid growth, and it is the time when hedges and specimen shrubs can best be shaped by clipping. The offender new growth is clipped back, the denser will the hedge become from lower shoots that have been induced to grow after mid-July, the sparse, new growth will require slight trimming. Clipping back severely or pruning in autumn should be avoided. This is not the growing season and wounds made at that time do not readily heal. Twigs and branches are therefore likely to die back a distance below the cut during the ensuing winter.

Flowering shrubs such as lilac, early spirea, honeysuckle and cotoneaster should not be trimmed to form shape until flowers have faded. Pruning out dead wood and undesirable branches should be done early in the spring but trimming to shape the bush is best done immediately the blossom is past, say the experts at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Brandon, Man. If this work is done later than July 15, the already formed buds that mother the blossoms in the following year are likely to be started off.

EXTEND STRAWBERRY PRICES FOUR DAYS

Strawberries ripened late this year and as a result the WFTB in southern Ontario has extended from June 26 to June 30th the date when seasonal reductions become effective. Producer ceilings in that area will be 28 cents per quart and 15 cents per pint until June 30, 20 cents per quart and 11 cents per pint after that date.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

OF FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS AND REAL ESTATE

The Undersigned has received instructions from

WALTER LAMBERT to sell by Public Auction at his farm lot 3, concession 2, First Line, Erin Township, 12 miles north of No. 7 Highway, 3 miles above Acton on

THURSDAY, JULY 26th Commencing at 1 o'clock sharp.

HOUSES: Bay cycle building aged; Bay Percheron building, 12 yrs old; Grey Percheron Gelding, aged.

COWS: Red Cow, with calf at foot; Blue Grey Cow, fresh, Ayrshire Cow heavy springer, Grey Cow, milking well; Red Heifer, fresh, calf at foot; Red Heifer, fresh, calf at foot; Ayrshire Heifer, calf at foot; Ayrshire Heifer, calf at foot; Grade Durham Cow, 6 yr old, bred Dec. 11th Cows are nearly all up bred.

YOUNG CATTLE: 8 Angus Steers and Heifers, rising 2 yrs., Angus Bull rising 2 yrs., pure bred, but not registered; 8 Angus Yearlings, 4 Holstein Yearlings, 2 Hereford Yearlings, 1 Jersey, Shorthorn Yearling Heifer, 1 Winter Calves.

HICKS: 2 Yorkshire Sows, due at time of sale; 1 York Sow, due Aug. 4; big Chunks, 15 Shoats, Pure bred York Boar, about 18 months old, O. A. C. strain.

PORCETRY: 12 Rock Hens, 2 Ducks and 7 Ducks, 1 Turkey, Collie dog 18 months old, Collie Pup.

IMPLEMENTS: Frost and Wood Binder, 6 ft nearly new, HIC Mower, 1941 model, Frost & Wood 10 ft Rake, 1944, Fordson Tractor, Frost & Wood 12 disc Seed Drill, cow built 13 hp. Sowl Drill, Spring Tooth Cultivator, 4 Section Harrows, Fleury 21 Plow, new, HIC 21 Plow, Verity 21 Plow, Russell Roller, Turnip Sower, Renfrew Scales, Turnip Purper, 12 ft. Rank and Pump and Hoe, 12 ft. Rank and Pump, Waggon, Sloop Sledge, Trailer with Stock Rack, Rubber tired Cart clanking car styled 2 Buggies, Cutter, Pig Gate, Barrels, Boxes, Cross, Cut Saw, Carpenter's Tools, Pipe Wrenches, Forks, Hoes, Shovels, Chains, etc., Garden Drill, 14 Grain Bags.

HARNESS: 2 Sets of Team Harness, Collars, Etc.

FURNITURE: Viking Cream Separator, new, Strainer, Pails, Etc.; Sideboard; Davenport; Extension Table; 2 Clocks; Lantern; Lamps; Dishes; Etc.; Hall Rack; Kitchen Stove with warming closet; Bed Springs; Etc.; Sap Pails, Spiles, Etc.; Barrels, Etc.

THE FARM: At the same time the farm of 100 acres, more or less, will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid. This well situated farm has a good frame dwelling house, bank barn with usual outbuildings. About 70 acres under cultivation, good wheat and Alfalfa land, balance pasture and bushland. Terms: 10% of purchase price on day of sale, balance in 30 days or when possession is given. Terms to responsible parties. If previous arrangement is made.

TERMS: ON CHATLES—Cash on day of Sale. No money to be removed until settled for. No Reserve as the proprietor is giving up farming on account of ill health and shortage of help. Auctioneers. J. A. ELLIOTT, ROY HINDLEY, Wm. Bracken, Clerk. 51-2

CHECK YOUR BRAKES!

Traffic accidents have taken the lives of more than three quarters of a million human beings in the nation during the past 25 years, have crippled countless others, and have piled up economic losses running into billions of dollars. Traffic accidents have achieved the distinction of being one of the leading causes of death in this country.

At a time when all young men under thirty years of age, regardless of essentiality of occupation, face induction into the armed forces, loss of life through traffic accidents is inexcusable and represents a scandalous waste of our first weapon of war manpower.

The condition of the vehicle does enter into the matter of traffic accidents. And today, with cars nearly twice as old on the average as they were in pre-war days, it is high on the list of those causes which contribute not only to the frequency of automobile accidents, but to their severity. Brakes that fail to hold at the critical moment, steering gear failures, blow-outs, faulty lights all these help to swell the accident total.

Loss of manpower through accidents, coupled with the tremendous problem of conserving motor vehicles, has prompted the International Association of Chiefs of Police to launch a nation-wide brake-check program. It began April 15 and will conclude June 1. During that time, traffic officers throughout the country will check passenger cars involved in accidents, those in traffic violations in which cars are moving and vehicles operated in a manner indicating faulty brakes.

Motorsists can assist by getting their brakes and other parts of the car, tested and repaired as occasion demands. With public cooperation, the program will accomplish its impressive two-fold objective: a saving of our most essential home-front weapon of war transportation, and prevention of the loss of thousands of lives and limbs.

YOUTHFUL VETERAN

SUMMERSIDE (CP) Elmer Waite is home with six years wartime experience at sea behind him although he is only 21. Waite who went to sea with the merchant marine when he was 15, saw action with the ITC's during the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Returned Evacuees Cause of Concern

Continued Care Urged For British Children Sent Back to Blitzed Areas

LONDON (CP) Lady Gunston, who four years ago opened nurseries in the provinces for children evacuated from blitzed cities, suggests that welfare workers of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and Women's Auxiliary Air Force should be used after the war to keep a watchful eye on the children after they return to their city homes.

"It is just as urgent to resettle the child as it was to uproot it and send it away from the bombs," she said. Evacuation of children from London and other places caused many headaches. Now that the war in Europe has ended, the return of some of these children to their homes and parents is causing just as much concern to women's organizations.

Now some of them are being taken back by their parents into mean, dirty, airless homes. Some are going to homes where the parents take no interest in their children, and have not bothered to visit them during the years of their evacuation.

Lady Gunston's suggestion is, that WAAF and AIFS service workers be attached to the civil welfare services to visit the homes of returned evacuee children and see the conditions under which they are living, and try to instill in recalcitrant parents a sense of duty and responsibility.

UNSUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

CAMP BORDEN (CP) Men at this military camp thought they really had something when they brought out a flame thrower to clear away the big snowdrifts from a recent storm. But the experiment wasn't very successful for though the flame thrower melted the snow, ice quickly formed in its place.

REVOLUTIONARY ELECTION

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) The usual procedure was reversed when the new Kingston Heights Community Council was elected, the polls went to the voters instead of the voters going to the polls. Ballots were distributed to each household and were later collected by Girl Guides and Boy Scouts carrying ballot boxes.

SOME PLANTS RESIST WHITE GRUB ATTACK

Although white grubs feed on all plants roots encountered in their feeding range, they are much more destructive to tubers and fibrous-rooted plants than to plants with a definite tap-root. For this reason, common agricultural crops are classified into groups according to their known ability to withstand white grub attack. Crops which are susceptible to injury and which should not be planted on land known to be infested include timothy, red clover, Kentucky blue grass, corn, strawberries and potatoes, as well as field and garden plants when in the seedling stage.

Crops resistant to white grub attack when the insects are comparatively few include barley, oats, wheat, rye, beans, turnips and carrots. Hard-rooted or tap-rooted plants, such as white, Dutch, red and alaska clovers, orchard grass, buckwheat, and sunflowers are very resistant while sweet clover and alfalfa are so resistant that they will survive a white grub infestation sufficient to destroy any other farm crop.

Advertisement for HYDRO Long-Life LAMPS. Includes text: 'For GOOD LIGHT use', 'HYDRO Long-Life LAMPS', 'OBTAIN THEM AT YOUR HYDRO SHOP'.

Large advertisement for 'RESULTS AT LITTLE COST'. Includes text: 'You can meet more people and contact more prospective buyers through a condensed advertisement in The Free Press than in any other way.', 'The Modern Market', 'Costs Are Moderate', 'The Acton Free Press', 'G. A. Dills Publisher'.