

MY WISH

It is my wish to think one kindly thought,
To breath one simple prayer each day I wake,
That I may add to those about me naughts
That would their own life's burden harder make.
If I but do one comfort-giving deed,
If I speak aloud one word of cheer,
Perchance some soul, disengaged, sad, may heed,
And lose its sodden weight of doubt and fear.
What service to mankind can be more blessed?
It profits little, and I gain so much,
Each time I pass the sunshiny to the rest,
I, too, am warmed by its gentle touch.

—Author Unknown

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 10, 1925.

Mr. Foster Rooney has opened his new shoe and shoe repairing shop in the premises formerly occupied by Thomas E. Gibbons on Main Street. The U. F. W. O. and U. F. O. and families enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCutcheon at their home when the young people organized a club to which forty persons joined. The new society will be known as Actondale U. F. Y. P. O.

Mrs. McKeon and Powell of Guelph have leased the new store on Mill Street just completed by Mr. L. Starkman. They have a well assort- ed stock of men's clothing.

The sad news reached Erin village on Monday that Harry Austin, proprietor of Stanley Park, had been fatally shot while deer hunting.

Halton Girls' Baseball Team won from Wentworth Girls in the soft ball tournament at Guelph Winter Fair. Action supplied four players for this team.

MARRIED

WILSON-NICKELL. At the manse, Georgetown on Monday, November 9th, 1925, by Rev. Kenneth McLean Stanley, R. Wilson of Eden Mills to Luella Nickell of Limehouse.

DIED

EDWARDS. At Beaverton on Thursday, November 12, 1925, Jessie Munroe, widow of the late Thomas Edwards and mother of George Edwards, Action, in her 77th year.

Fell Tricky Trees In Wartorn Berlin

Logs from Gruenwald Forest Tested for Small Fragments

BERLIN (CP) What probably is the only sawmill in the world where logs first are inspected with mine detectors for shell fragments is operating in Gruenwald forest in Berlin.

Parts of this forest, once the Hohenzollerns' hunting grounds, are being thinned out to provide lumber for occupation forces and for the coal-short civilians.

Hundreds of Germans of all ages kids in sweaters to women in fur coats from Zehlendorf and other suburbs tramp daily into the woods with axes and handsaws to cut branches and haul them home in hand-drawn wagons. They swarm over trees felled by German loggers supervised by soldiers.

Civilians are allowed only to trim off branches. The trunks are trucked away to a roadside sawmill where prisoners of war cut lumber for occupation forces to use in building barracks and for other purposes.

More than 200 logs a day are processed in the mill. But before each runs through, a prisoner of war blankets its surface with a mine detector to search for shell splinters, relics of the battle for Berlin.

Powersaws fell the trees and when the word is given civilians swarm over the fallen tree to hack away at its branches.

Whole families turn out for the daily woods chore. Some bring their lunches. A mother and older sister will push handsaws and wield small axes while the children load the wood into wagons.

KING HONORS INDIAN SEPPOY

NEW DELHI (CP) Diving into a treacherous part of the Brahmaputra River, Nursing Sepoy Shyam Sunder, struggled for half an hour in the water with a mental patient before overpowering him and rescuing him. The King has approved the award of the British Empire Medal (Military) to Sunder for bravery and devotion to duty.

The patient was being evacuated by an Indian hospital river steamer when he knocked down his guard and threw himself into the river. Sunder plunged after him, finally landing the exhausted man on the bank 300 yards away from a passing country boat.

Worked for Allies Under Nazis' Eyes

Expert Working in Copenhagen Developed Radio Communication with Britain

WINNIPEG (CP) For two years during the Nazi occupation of Denmark Loren Duis Hansen, working for a Copenhagen radio firm, appeared to be a docile office manager doing nothing to perturb the Germans.

Secretly however, and as Captain Hansen, he was building and setting up radio communications with England, and helped to train Danish resistance workers in sabotage.

The quiet spoken radio expert, who recently visited his niece in Winnipeg and the Gestapo Intelligence office was next to my office. I could hear much that they said. They didn't know that right next door messages were being received from England. Radio equipment required by the Danish underground was parachuted from British planes, and transmitters built by Capt. Hansen weighed as little as three pounds. They were constructed to resemble some innocuous appearing object like a book.

Once during the occupation Capt. Hansen's wife was arrested to be held until he was caught. However, the Nazis released her because they thought they had arrested Hansen. It turned out to be a mistake, but through messages his wife was warned not to return home. The Germans went to the house and blew it up completely, but they didn't locate Mrs. Hansen. The Danes learned the arts of sabotage by instruction from a worker taught in England. Capt. Hansen said: "We could always get a plane for England if we could get to Sweden and we could get to Sweden. That country shut her eyes to many things. I can't tell what things, but she aided us greatly by being neutral."

The Germans had hoped to make Denmark a model occupation state and for a year and a half gave her preferred treatment. When they saw we were resisting, though, they changed.

Although greater amounts of food were exported to Germany, they couldn't take it all away and Denmark still had more to eat than other occupied countries. Ships were sunk in harbors and railways were broken in many places which greatly hindered freight and shipping movements.

THE MAN SHORTAGE

REGINA (CP) There's at least one nurse in Regina who is quite aware of the shortage of men. As she went about her work an admiring patient observed that she would "make a fine wife for some man one of these days." "Some man," she waded. "Any man!"

If I don't fight for a new world I am not fit for it.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

THE WORLD OUTREACH OF CHRISTIANS

Golden Text. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. Mk. 16: 15

Lesson Text. Ac. 11: 21 30; 12: 21

Exposition. I. Great Revival at Antioch, 11-21.

It took years for them to learn that the gospel was for men of every nation. But while these early Christians had not yet learned all things they had learned some things well. (1) what to preach "the Word" (2) how to preach "speaking the Word" (3) they just talked the truth in a natural, unstilted conversational way. (4) who ought to do the preaching the rank and file of the church, for "they that were scattered abroad were not the apostles of ch. 8-11. God had led on step by step, first Jews, then Samaritans, then Jewish proselytes, but of last genuine gentiles. The first missionaries to the heathen were just ordinary lay Christians, who had gotten so full of the truth as it is in Jesus that they could no longer follow the show lead of the authorities in the church, but were forced to break the bonds of Jewish prejudice and narrowness and speak out to the perishing gentiles.

There is no proof that these men had the hand of bishops, presbyters or council upon them, but they had "the hand of the Lord upon them." The great secret of success in Christian work is here indicated. The outcome of the hand of the Lord being with them was, "a great number believed and turned unto the Lord" (v. 21, 2, 47, 4, 5, 11, 6, 7, 9, 31, 35, 42, 12, 21, etc., etc.). We would do well to ask why the gospel does not make the same uniform headway today. To answer in part at least, we suggest Acts 2: 42; 6, 4, 1, 8, 8, 4. The faith of those converts in Antioch proved its gentleness by its effect, they "turned unto the Lord." What is meant by turning unto the Lord is indicated by 1 Thes. 1: 9; Ac. 26: 18, 20. We have in these verses a very clear setting forth of God's part, worker's part, and the convert's part in repentance and conversion. The workers preached the word, the Lord Jesus (vv. 19, 20). The Lord blessed the word thus preached. His hand was with them (v. 20). Those converted believed the message and turned unto the Lord. This shows the relation between faith and repentance. Believing the truth about Jesus leads to repentance from sin unto Himself.

II. Barnabas Follows Up the Work

As soon as tidings of the gentle revival at Antioch reached Jerusalem there was great interest. Peter, The

sent one of their best men to investigate and co-operate. "He was a good man." It is far more important that a man be good than that he be brilliant if he is to edify young converts. He was also "full of the Holy Ghost." He was also "full of faith," and no man that is not need undertake the work of instructing and developing young converts, especially converts from heathenism so dark as that in Antioch. He was free from the love of gold (ch. 4, 36, 37). He was free from personal ambition and jealousy in his work (vss. 25, 26). He was very sharp-eyed to see the sincerity and promise of a young convert (ch. 9, 25).

The natural outcome of the visit of such a man as Barnabas and such work as his, was that "many people were added to the Lord." They were not added to Barnabas, but "unto the Lord." Barnabas showed his largeness of spirit in still another way. He said to himself, "This is just the place for Saul. I will go get him." For a whole year Barnabas and Saul worked together in Antioch. The disciples got at this time the name by which they are best known since Christians.

III. Barnabas and Saul Called by the Holy Spirit, 12: 24-25.

The church at Antioch had five prophets and teachers, worthy of mention by name. This early church became a fountain of light and life to many other places. The Holy Ghost spoke to them "as they ministered to the Lord and taught the form of their ministry" to the Lord is not defined. It is suggested by the union of fasting and prayer, in the following verse, that it was by prayer in this case, also, but very likely it was not limited to this. At all events, it was ministering "to the Lord." If we would spend more time and strength in ministering to the Lord and in fasting, we would have more frequent and clearer leading of the Spirit. A Spirit-filled mind rarely accompanies an over-filled stomach. It is not said how the Spirit spoke, whether in an audible voice or silently, in the inner recesses of the heart, but He spoke in an unmistakable way. It was no vague, uncertain impulse such as men sometimes call "the voice of the Spirit." He is ready to speak to day, if we will supply the proper conditions and listen.

IV. Barnabas Follows Up the Work

For many years the marshlands forming the shore of the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had been protected by dykes. Over the years, many of them have fallen into disrepair. After the formation of the Maritime Dykeland Rehabilitation Committee in 1942, an extensive survey was made and in 1944 the Dominion Government agreed to contribute a specified sum to cover the costs of repair work, the two provinces agreeing jointly to match that sum, while one-third of the total cost of any project would be contributed by the men who owned the marshlands.

V. Who Knows Where?

Merchants with an eye to supplying the

demand for these products that will come

soon are telling folks through advertising

where goods are now procurable. They're

keeping their name before the buying

public. In the days when war production

came first, the biggest buyer was the government, of war supplies and their needs

came first. But it's different now. The

boys are getting back pretty lively. After

years overseas, will they remember who

sells the best clothing? Where to get shav-

ing supplies? Who to take cleaning and

pressing to? In short, who's in business

now?

manufacturing textiles, boots, shoes, cut-
lery, etc.

"The war changed the whole comp-
lexion of life for British women," Miss Hickey said in conclusion. "They are more politically minded, more ac-
tive economically. Remember, in war
they were drafted. They shared re-
sponsibility. And this will do them
some good. You see it already in the
attitude of the women. They feel
they have a job and have gained con-
fidence in their ability to do it."

Antiquity of Wheat, Barley and Oats

Wheat is the most valuable of all
grains of temperate climates and has
been cultivated from the remotest an-
tiquity. The remains discovered at
the lake dwellings of Switzerland be-
longing to the Neolithic Period or
"New Stone Age" show that at that
time long before the beginning of
written history, as many as five dif-
ferent varieties of wheat were al-
ready in cultivation.

Barley is believed by some scholars
to be the most ancient of cultivated
grains. Six-rowed barley was found
among the remains of the prehistoric
lake dweller, and it appears to have
been the chief bread plant of the an-
cient Hebrews, Greeks and Romans.
No doubt because it was the most
productive of the grains suited to the
Mediterranean climate. Barley bread
was once common in Scotland and
still exists to some extent and it is
also largely eaten in Scandinavia.
The range of climate of barley is wider
than that of any other cereal.

Oat grains were also found among
the remains of the Stone Age lake
dwellers, but it has not been dis-
covered among other remains of great
age which included grains of wheat.
No doubt, in consequence of the un-
suitability of the climate for oats in
the countries around the Mediterranean
where the civilized nations of antiquity had their seats, oats was
not much grown. It is not mentioned
in the Bible, but is of greater antiquity.
At the beginning of the Christian era, oats was grown in a small way in Italy, principally be-
cause the Mediterranean summers were wholly unsuited to the growing
of oats. In the countries in which
oats was grown it generally formed
a large part of the food of the people.
Owing to the fact that it could be
cultivated over a wider range in latitude
and on a greater variety of soils than
wheat, the output throughout the ages
in moist cool countries was large.
In Scotland, Ireland, Denmark and
Scandinavia, the oats crop was
most important.

CREDIT UNION PROGRESS

SPRINGHILL, N. S. (CP) A divi-
dend of 11.2 per cent on share cap-
ital and two per cent on deposits
was declared at a meeting of the
Springhill Credit Union. Highlights
of the treasurer's report was a large
increase in membership and an in-
creased loan business.

Just Around the Corner

A return to peace-time production and the more ample supply of needed commodities is gradually coming now. With the cessation of hostilities nations and manufacturers have turned to making the things that are used in everyday life. More of the boys are coming home every week and as they settle into various occupations, production of peacetime goods is speeded up and supplies will soon be more plentiful. Those things so hard to get for so long are "Just Around the Corner."

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ing supplies? Who to take cleaning and

pressing to? In short, who's in business

now?

Get Aquainted - Renew Relations

Now is the time to get acquainted and cultivate the new trade or renew old trade. The day of saying "Sorry, but we haven't any," will soon be over. We're entering an era when there will be variety on store shelves and many new lines. We're passing back to the stage when goods and services will be sold again.

