

SMALL TOWNS

Over this land I love, a hundred towns I sing. Wishing I could live in them all and try them out.

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, March 21st, 1918. The mercury rose to 42 in the shade on Sunday.

The Robert Wallace homestead at the corner of Wallace Avenue and Flower Avenue has been sold to Mr. George Soper, who is now retiring from mercantile business.

Mr. John Robertson, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to the branch at Bracebridge.

The western farmers received \$37,000,000 through the wheat pools in the three prairie provinces.

McENERY. In Erin, on Monday, March 18th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McENERY, a daughter.

MARRIED. At the home of the bride's parents, Elora, on Wednesday, March 17th, 1926, by Rev. E. A. Thomson, Thomas Herbert Cook, of Acton, to Edna Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Scott, Elora.

WILLIAMSON. At the General Hospital, Guelph, on Wednesday, March 17th, 1926, William A. Williamson, aged 54 years.

Iceberg Airfield Claimed Feasible

Abandoned Allied Project Had 1,000-ton Model

OTTAWA (CP) Dr. C. D. Niven, chief of the National Research Council's heat section, believes the abandoned Allied project to build a giant iceberg airfield, "Habbakuk project"—is feasible.

Dr. Niven who conducted Canada's experiment with a 1,000-ton model which remained afloat in Patricia Lake, Alberta throughout the summer of 1943, says there is no limit to the size of such a vessel, but the cost might prove prohibitive.

The proposed 2,000,000-ton ice aircraft carrier was to have been constructed of a frozen mixture of water and wood pulp known as "pykrete", prefabricated in huge sections 40 feet deep, and floated together.

However, Dr. Niven contends that refrigeration should be installed right from the start of construction with a keel of hollow pykrete blocks through which cooled air would be blown continually.

He says this would assure a fusion of the blocks and make unnecessary the installation of refrigerating pipes. As the vessel grew in size the refrigerating equipment could be transferred to the ship itself.

The joint report on the project issued in Ottawa, London and Washington mentioned the high resistance of pykrete to projectiles, but Dr. Niven believes the most important feature of the craft would be the insulating skin covering the exterior.

Dr. Niven stressed that, while it might be true a torpedo explosion would only make a three-foot penetration of the vessel's pykrete side, the vital insulation would be destroyed. If a torpedo struck at any great depth below the water line, repair of the insulating skin would be difficult, if not impossible, and melting would spread from that point.

Dr. Niven said he was doubtful any peacetime application could be found for pykrete, although if the cost of refrigerating was justified, ice bridges and roads might be feasible in the far north. Refrigeration would be needed only to the extent necessary to keep the structures frozen during the summer. It also might be possible to construct railroads over muskeg and other boggy territory.

The Patricia Lake model would have kept indefinitely if the refrigerating equipment had not been removed.

CHINA STUDIES

U. S. HIGHWAYS

CHICAGO (CP)—China is looking ahead to the day when it can build 100,000 miles of new highways like those in the United States.

A committee of three representatives from China is studying American road systems and methods of regulating traffic, curbing accidents, and licensing vehicles.

The Sunday School Lesson

MONDAY, MARCH 21

FORCES THAT UNIFY A NATION

Golden Text: Hearken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people, and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. Jer. 7: 23.

Lesson Text: 1 Sam 7: 1-8, 13-15; 14:1-14; 15:1-10; 16:1-13; 17:1-52.

Exposition: 1. Israel's Return to Jehovah, 1-8.

During the twenty years that the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, Samuel seems to have been praying in secret and abiding his time. They were years of bondage and discipline for Israel. At last "Israel lamented after Jehovah." This longing for Him was universal. Their sorrow brought them to this place (1 Sam 7: 17; Jer. 2: 19; Ps 119: 67). The universal longing for Jehovah was a hopeful sign and Samuel took advantage of it. He got a hearing now. Samuel told them that they could get deliverance from the Philistines if they would return to Jehovah with all their heart (1 Sam 7: 3). In order to return unto Him, they must put away all other gods. Putting away all sin and all idols is always the first step in genuine repentance toward God (Isa 55: 7).

When Israel took to Baal-worship they had no intention of giving up Jehovah-worship. They sought to combine the two. They were liberals in intention, and wanted a congress of religions (Matt 6: 24; 1 Jno 2: 15, Jas 4: 4). Samuel was very narrow but he was right. The people responded promptly and heartily to Samuel's call to repentance. The reformation was not very permanent (1 Sam 8: 8), reformations in human society never are. Israel will have a reformation some day that will be lasting (Rom 11: 26). In verses 5-9 we see Samuel as a man of prayer. The fact that he was a child of prayer prepared him to be a man of prayer (ch. 1: 27). His chief distinction in God's sight was that he was a mighty man of prayer (Ps 96: 6; Jer 15: 1). We usually think of Samuel as a type of Christ as a prophet, but here we see him as a type of Christ as an intercessor (Heb 7: 25). As a preliminary to praying for Israel Samuel directed them "all" to gather at Mizpeh. It was needful that there be an outward manifestation of the unity of the people of God (Matt. 18: 19, 20; Ac 2: 1, 4, 24, 12: 5).

The putting away of idols preceded and was necessary to the gathering together. It is always necessary in order that there be true union. They agree to come together not to discuss nor make war, but to pray, a national prayer meeting. It pays to have a man like Samuel pray (Ps 99: 6). They first "drew water and poured it out before Jehovah," a symbol of their utter helplessness and their turning out of their hearts before God (2 Sam 14: 14; Ps 22: 14; Lam 2: 19; 1 Sam 1: 15). They "fasted" as a sign of their humiliation of self and earnest desire to find God (Dan 9: 3; Ac 13: 2, 3). They made confession of their sin (Prov 28: 13; 1 Jno 1: 9). They had the high conception of their sin, it was "against the Lord" (Ps 51: 4). Samuel judged them. It is always God's order that judgment of sin precede salvation.

II. Israel's Victory over the Philistines, 7-15.

When God's people return unto Him with all their hearts and are united in prayer, the enemies of God will fight them. No wonder that after more than twenty years of defeat and bondage "Israel was afraid of the Philistines." But there was no need of fear now (Deut 20: 1-4). In their extremity they looked to Samuel to be their intercessor. We have even a better one (1 Jno 2: 1; Heb 7: 25; Rom 8: 34). They felt the need of unceasing prayer (v. 8; 1 Thes. 5: 17; Ps 50: 15). They speak of Jehovah, to whom they had returned, as "our God." They had a right to say that now. They trusted in His strength and not their own to save them. We too should cry to Him to "save us out of the hand of" all our enemies (Luke 1: 71, 74, 75). Samuel offered sacrifice before prayer.

Having found a ground of approach to God, Samuel "cried unto the Lord for Israel" (1 Sam 7: 9). "The Lord heard him." The practical proof of the God heard was that He did what Samuel asked (1 Jno 5: 15). Israel would have had great trouble in defeating the Philistines, but Jehovah had none at all. Hannah's prophecy was fulfilled literally (ch. 2: 20). In actual as well as Bible history there are many instances of God's using the elements to deliver a praying people. Israel accomplished more by praying than by fighting that day. In ch. 40: 10 it was Israel that "was smitten" here their enemies. Why the difference? Israel carried out the defeat that Jehovah had begun. In their victory they came even unto Bethcar (the house of the Lamb). Samuel celebrated the victory with a stone of memorial. God's mercies should be held in constant remembrance (1 Cor. 11: 24). He ascribed the whole victory to God. So should we always. The Philistines "were subdued," and God can subdue all our enemies so that they will come no more within our borders (v. 13; Mic. 7: 19). It only lasted so long as Samuel lived, but our Samuel ever liveth (Heb. 7: 25).

AUCTION SALE

OF HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIGS

The undersigned has been instructed by W. RITCHIE & ART. BROTHERS to sell by auction at Lot 23, 3rd line, Broadway, on

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st

At 1 o'clock the following:

WM RITCHIE

HORSES: Bay Horse, aged; Gray Horse, aged; Gray Mare, aged.

CATTLE: Grade Shorthorn Heifer, calf at foot; Grade Shorthorn Cow, 3 yrs., due time of sale; Grade Shorthorn Cow, 5 yrs., bred July 27; Grade Shorthorn Cow, 6 yrs., bred July 27; Grade Shorthorn Cow, 3 yrs., bred Aug 6; Grade Shorthorn Cow, 3 yrs., bred Aug 29; Grade Shorthorn Cow, 3 yrs., bred Sept. 18; Grade Shorthorn Heifer, 2 yrs., bred Mar. 21; 2 Grade Shorthorn Heifers, 18 mos.; Pure bred Shorthorn Bull, 20 mos.

PIGS, SHEEP, FOWL, ETC. Reg Tamworth Sow, bred Jan. 28; 8 Tamworth Chunks; 20 young breeding Pigs bred to lamb about May 1; Oxford Ram; 2 Sheeps, Quantity of Turkeys and Mangolds, 25 Hens.

No reserve as Mr. Ritchie is in poor health.

HORSES: AIT BROWN HORSES: Gray Mare, 6 yrs., Black Gelding, 4 yrs.

CATTLE: Holstein Cow, 8 yrs., calf at foot; Jersey Cow, 6 yrs., due time of sale; Jersey Cow, 5 yrs., due time of sale; Shorthorn Cow, 3 yrs., calf at foot; Shorthorn Cow, 5 yrs., bred in July; Shorthorn Cow, 5 yrs., bred in October; Shorthorn Cow, 8 yrs., bred in March; Jersey Heifer, 20 mos.; Black Heifer, 18 mos.; 2 Shorthorn Heifers, 8 mos.; 2 Shorthorn Heifers, 6 mos.; 3 Shorthorn Steers, 6 mos.

PIGS, FOWL, ETC. - Yorkshire Sow and 8 pigs, 1st litter; Yorkshire Sow, bred Jan. 6; 9 Pigs, 10 weeks old; 5 Chunks; 25 Hens; 2 Geese and 1 Gander; Later Cream Separator.

All other lots to be removed and settled for in case of bad weather, sale will be held under cover.

TERMS: CASH FRANK PETCH, Auctioneer, 36-2

A. W. Benton, Clerk

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

PURE BRED AND GRADE HOLSTEIN, PERCHERON HORSES, PIGS AND FARM IMPLEMENTS

The undersigned auctioneers have received instructions from

GEORGE E. SOMERVILLE, to sell by public auction at his farm, Lot 26, on Highway 25, Esquimaux, adjoining Acton on the south on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd

Commencing at 12 o'clock, cattle and horses as follows:

HORSES: 1 dapple grey Percheron Team, 6 and 8 yrs., about 3000 lbs.; 1 dapple grey Percheron Team, using 5 and 6 yrs., about 3000 lbs.; 1 chestnut gelding, using 3 yrs. These horses are quiet, good workers and 1 team very suitable to the garden trade.

REG. HOLSTEIN CATTLE: 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, fresh time of sale; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, fresh 5 wks., not bred; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, due Apr 11; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, in full flow, bred Jan 19; 2 Holstein Calves, 6 mos., 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, due Apr 11; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, due Apr 11; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, in full flow, bred Mar 9; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, milking, bred Jan 23; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, milking, bred Jan 30; 1 Reg. Holstein Cow, milking, bred Feb 11; 2 Holstein Heifers, 1 yr., Reg. open; 1 Holstein Heifer, 1 yr., Reg. open; 1 Bull Calf, 3 1/2 mos. old, eligible for registration; 1 Reg. Holstein Bull, 1 yr. old, extra dry individual.

GRADE CATTLE: 1 Holstein Cow, fresh, calf at side; 1 Holstein Cow, milking well, calf at side; 1 Reg. Holstein Heifer, using 2 yrs., bred Jan 30; 1 Holstein Heifer, using 2 yrs., bred Jan 31; 1 Holstein Heifer, bred Feb 6; 1 Holstein Heifer, bred Feb 27; 1 Reg. Heifer, using 1 yr., bred Jan 15; 1 Blue Heifer, milking well, bred Jan 15. These cows were all raised on premises and are all young, showing wonderful type and with well shaped udders. Several from grandsons of Monty's Reg. Apple Pie Bull, blood fully accredited and negative to the blood test. Heifer calves under 1 1/2 years uncalcated.

HOES, ADVANCE REGENCY STOCK: 1 Pure bred York Sow, due Apr 7; 1 pure bred York Sow, due Apr 10; 1 pure bred York Sow, bred Dec 21; 1 pure bred York Sow, bred Jan 17. These sows are eligible for registration.

IMPLEMENTS, ETC.: 15 tons Hay, Quantity Ensilage, M.H. Grain Binder, 6 ft cut, showing very little wear; F & W Mower, 6 ft cut; M.D. Hay Loader, nearly new; Several lawnmowers; 1 Rake; 1 Portable Dump Wagon; M.H. Grain Drill, 14-foot; M.D. Corn Binder, in extra good shape; P.H. Cultivator, 14-foot; Corn Rake; New 150 Manure Spreader; Scuffer; 1 and 2 roller stool; 1 Strum; Scales; Disc, mthrow; Low Truck; Wagon; Flat Hay Rack; Saw; Log Bunks; Cook Wood Stove; Fanning Mill; Set of Sledge Shovels; Hand Clippers; Set of 1-1/2 Shovel; 1-1/2 Shovel; 1-1/2 Ribs; 1-1/2 Piling Plog; single frame; 2 G.K. shut Walking Plows; Hay Fork; Set of Seed Harrows; 3-section; 3 wks. with spring seat; Pulley; McJolite Cream Separator; Ropes; 1-row Team Corn Scuffer; Saddle; Drum of Roofing Paint; Set of Slings; Lowden Car, for wooden track; new Electric Electric Brooder, new 150 ft Draw Ropes; 2 Water Tanks; No. of Collars; Set of heavy Breaching Harness; Set of Hack Band Harness; Chains; Set of Single Harness; Whittetree; 2-way Litter Carrier Switch for Reatty track; new; 1 Feed Carrier; Neck yokes; Shovels; Hoes; Few Fence Posts; Grindstone and other articles.

TERMS—Cash settlement, with the Clerk on Day of Sale.

No reserve as the proprietor has sold his farm and is giving up farming.—For catalogue apply to proprietor or A. B. Brubacher, 36-2, Dublin W. I. will have booth on the grounds.

A. B. BRUBACHER, Auctioneer of Cattle

J. A. ELLIOTT, ROY HINDLEY, 41-2B W. Bracken, Clerk.

MICE ARE VULNERABLE

Ordinarily, a mantle of snow covers the meadow mice while they gnaw young fruit trees, hedges and shrubbery. But the snow disappeared in December and early January of this winter, exposing the myriads of mice to the attacks of their enemies.

Hawks and owls, fortunately for the farmer and gardener, were on hand in large numbers to feed on the vulnerable mice.

Nature, for the time being, has removed mice from the rationed list and has called in her old, dependable customers the birds of prey, to share in the feast.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRAMOSA

CLYDEDALE HORSES, DEAF PURE BRED, SHORTHORN CATTLE, YORKSHIRE PIGS, NEW FOWL, SHEEP, LEIGHORN HENS & FARM IMPLEMENTS

The undersigned have received instructions from

STANLEY STEWART to sell by public auction at his farm, Lot 19, Can. 6, Eramosa, 1/2 mile south of Luttrell school and 5 1/2 miles north of Lockwood on

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st

Commencing at 1 o'clock the following:

HORSES: Clyde Mare, rising 9 yrs. and Clyde Gelding, rising 2 yrs., if not previously disposed of; Clyde Horse, rising 12 yrs.; Clyde Horse, rising 12 yrs.; Clyde Horse, rising 12 yrs.; Mare, rising 5 yrs., sired by Percheron.

CATTLE: Red Shorthorn Cow, 10 yrs. old, bred; Mare, 8 yrs. old, bred Feb. 7; Red Shorthorn Cow, 6 yrs. old, due in Apr.; Red Shorthorn Cow, 6 yrs. old, bred Nov. 23; Roan Shorthorn Cow, 4 yrs. old, bred Nov. 18; Roan Heifer, 2 yrs. old, bred Nov. 18; Roan Heifer, red, bred Feb 3; 1 Reg. Heifer, white, bred Feb 26; 2 Steers, rising 2 yrs.; 1 Heifer, rising 2 yrs.; 4 Steers, 5 Fall Calves; 1 Reg. Shorthorn Bull, 3 1/2 yrs. old. This is an exceptionally fine herd of milking Shorthorn Cows with lots of size and quality and with good udders, practically all hand milked.

HOES: 1 Sow, bred Jan 25; 1 Sow, bred Feb 21.

YORKSHIRE SOWS: 1 Sow, bred Jan 25; 1 Sow, bred Jan 28; 1 Sow, bred Jan 29; 1 Sow, bred Jan 29; 1 Sow, bred Feb 2; 1 Sow, bred Feb 21; 1 Sow, bred Feb 26; 12 Shoats, 3 mos. old; Reg. Yorkshire Hog, about 1 yr. old.

SHEEP: 7 Suffolk Ewes, 2 yrs. old, supposed to be in lamb to a Southdown ram.

HENS: 200 Leghorn Hens; 2 Leghorn Cockerels.

IMPLEMENTS: M.H. Binder, 6 ft.; M. D. Mower, 6 ft.; M. H. Rake; Bay Loader; M. D. Side Rake; M. H. Sulky Rake; Mower with Pea Harvester; Adams Wagon and Box complete; Hay Rack; Corn Rack; Wagon Box; Cockshutt Fertilizer Drill, 11-spout; New Idea Manure Spreader; Sets; Harrows; Harrows; Cart; Seed Sift; 3 Walking Plows; M. H. Single Binding Plow; 1 Potato Plow; new Templeton Bench Sleighs and Flat Rack; 1 1/2 Row Finisher Corn Cultivator; Int. Spring Tooth Cultivator; Int. Spring Tooth Cultivator; 14' Flouey Grain Boller; 14' Jollette Plate Chopper; M. H. Disc for 4 horse; Circular Saw; Cutting Box; Int. Corn Binder; Demerit; Buggy; Road Cart; 3 hp. heavy duty Motor, 25-cylinder; 1 hp. heavy duty Motor; 1 hp. Motor, nearly new; 40' Leather Belting, 6 1/2 wide; Other Belts; Ladders; Lumber; 2 3 & 4 horse Double trees; Logging and Binding Chains; New Electric Fence; Electro Fall; Cant Hook; Stone Hook; Maple Sycamore Fall; 3 Sugar Kettles; 1 Sap Pan; Turnip Churn; Fanning Mill; 100 lbs. or hand; Set 2000 lb. Scales; Vise; Brooder House, 10 x 12; Brooder Stove; Incubator, 40 egg size; quantity of Dry Maple Wood in log; 100 tons Clover Hay; 200 bus. Wood; 150 bus. Cutler Seed Oats; included; 100 bus. Mixed Grain; 25 bus. Feed Barley.

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HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS: 1 Electric Stove, 2-burner; McJolite Wood Range; Chairs; 3-burner Coal Oil Stove; Coal Oil Heater; Wood Heater; Extension Table and Larder.

TERMS: Cash on day of sale.

No chattels to be removed till settled for.

No reserve as the farm is for sale and the present crop or giving up farming on account of ill health and helplessness.

The Everton Women's Institute will have a lunch counter on the grounds.

N. B.: All farm implements and equipment are in first-class condition and ready for work.

HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Auctioneers of Cattle

Albert Gray, Clerk B-36-2

FARM VALUE LESS IN FIELD CROPS

The first estimate of the farm value of field crop production in Canada for 1945 as compared with the values for 1943 and 1944 has just been issued. This estimate is subject to revision and does not represent cash income received from sales but is the gross value of farm production. Several of the crops, such as mixed grains, turnips, and fodder corn, are almost wholly utilized on the farms on which they are grown.

The gross value of the principal field crops on Canadian farms in 1944 is estimated at \$1,028,200,000. This is the highest gross value recorded since 1911 and is 201 percent double the 1911 value of \$5,112,000,000. The 1944 value represents a decrease of \$222,100,000 from the 1943 record estimate. Most of this decrease is due to smaller production of principal crops in the prairie provinces. The value of the principal field crops in 1944 was \$1,111,000,000 and in 1942 \$1,194,000,000.

The value of the 1945 wheat crop is estimated at \$328.8 million. This is \$136 million less than the revised 1944 value of \$464.4 million. Likewise the other principal grain crops, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed, all show appreciable declines in value from the 1944 figures as a result of reduced production. On the other hand, the 1945 hay and clover and alfalfa crops, as the result of increased production are estimated at higher values than in 1944.

DAUGHTER PRAYER

TORONTO (CP) Praying on an ice floe at the waterfront here an unidentified man came to shore when a large group of onlookers shouted at him. He made his way over 150 feet of thin ice and disappeared after distributing religious tracts.

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