

ROUTINE PEOPLE

God bless the routine people of the world: The meek ones who inherit the earth... What no one really wants, yet with their portion... Purchase from life the limit of its worth...

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 6th, 1926

Sunday was the warmest day since last September. An interesting event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Cook, Fairview Avenue, on Monday, in the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary...

DIED

COLE. In Milton on Monday, April 16th, 1926, William Cole, father of Elton Cole, third line. RUSSELL. At his residence, Acton, on Monday, May 3rd, 1926, D. C. Russell, in his 59th year.

HOW BIG IS EACH FARMER'S SHARE?

The world is crying out for huge supplies of food to keep millions of people from starving. Every Canadian farmer knows that he will play an important part in supplying this food. He knows also that this food represents money for him. The greater the production of saleable food, the greater the farmer's income.

To go-ahead farmers who wish to improve or modernize their farm buildings, appliances or land, the Bank of Montreal is ready to offer the necessary financial assistance. Visit Mr. W. H. Clayton, manager of the local branch, to-day. Discuss your needs freely. Make certain that you get your proper share of future prosperity.

UNITED KINGDOM FINDS NEW UREN FOR MINE-LOCATORS

LONDON England — Among the most important and successful war weapons of the Allied Armies, the British mine-locator has played an outstanding role. Whereas, however, many weapons become so much scrap iron in peace-time, the mine-locator can be adopted to useful peace-time service. It will be used to locate nails in wood planks before the wood goes to the saw-mills, and the presence of metal wires and pipes in walls and floors can be easily determined.

CUBAN CANDY CEILING PRICES ANNOUNCED

A wartime Prices and Trade Board order, effective February 4, set consumer prices on hard-boiled candy imported from Cuba, between 29 and 31 cents per pound, bringing it in line with comparable products manufactured in Canada, and in most cases slightly lowering present price levels. This price which may vary slightly within the two cent margin, depending on packaging, will apply throughout the country and differs from any previous price control methods for this product in that it sets actual prices at all levels from importer to retailer.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 6th, 1946

LEARNING GOOD WILL FROM JESUS

Golden Text.—This commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 Jno. 4: 21. Lesson Text.—Mk. 3: 14-17; Luke 9: 49-56; 1 Jno. 4: 7-8. Exposition.—I. The Twelve Appointed, Mk. 3: 14-17. Jesus now provides for the carrying on of His work, when He Himself should have gone. He gathers about Himself a company of men whom He will specially prepare for the spread of the Gospel. Jesus chose these twelve men after a night spent in prayer (Luke 6: 12, 13). There was a great diversity of temperament among them; previous history and native ability. They are an impressive illustration of the different types of men Jesus can use in His work.

The most difficult question that arises is why Jesus chose and sent out Judas Iscariot. It seems hardly sufficient to answer that it had been predicted in the Old Testament that one of His entourage would betray Him (Ps. 41: 9, 55: 12-14), and that Jesus chose Judas, whom He knew to be a devil (Jno. 6: 70-71), in order to fulfill this prophecy. The best explanation seems to be that Judas had qualities that would have fitted him to be in the apostolic company, and the leadership in the early Church if they had been sanctified. Grace gave him a great opportunity, but he hardened his heart and brought upon himself the greater condemnation and infamy. The first purpose in the appointing of the twelve was that they might be with Him. All the rest followed from that. The one who would preach Him and have power in His name to heal the sick and cast out devils must "be with Him," enjoy the most intimate personal fellowship with Him. Having had them with Him, He would send them forth to do three things: (1) Preach, (2) Heal sickness, (3) Cast out demons. They were prepared for their work by the Lord imparting to them power to do it (v. 15, of Matt. 10: 1, Ac. 1: 5, 8. Our mission is to soul AND BODY. But Christ put spiritual needs first (vs. 14, 15, of Matt. 40: 7, 8).

II. Lacking Christ's Spirit, Luke 9: 49-56. The spirit manifested by James and John in vs. 49, 54, justified their surname, "Boanerges" which is, sons of thunder. They wanted a monopoly on the work of Christ! That spirit is common to-day. It is not enough for many of us that one really casts out demons in Christ's name; he must also belong to our party or else we would forbid his beneficent activity. To a true disciple of Jesus it is enough that one casts out demons in His name. The line of demarcation between those who belong to Jesus and those who do not is so clearly and so closely drawn that if one is not for Christ, then he is against Him (Matt. 12: 30) and vice versa.

The time that Jesus "should be received up" was drawing nigh (v. 51; Luke 24: 51; Jno. 6: 62; 13: 1; Ac. 1: 2, 9; Eph. 4: 8-11). But the cross must come before the ascension. In full knowledge of the agony that awaited Him, our Lord "steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem" (v. 51; 12: 50; Ac. 20: 22-24; 21: 11-14). He prepared the way for His own approach by sending His disciples as messengers before Him (v. 52; 7: 27; 10: 1; Mal. 3: 1). We may have the same privilege to-day of preparing the way for our Lord when He should come again. On a previous visit of the Samaritans, He had been cordially received (Jno. 4: 40-42), the reception was different on this occasion, and the reason is given in v. 53. The disciples were so unlike their Lord that they bitterly resented this treatment. It was not pure love for Him that inspired the suggestion that they made (v. 54). The professed disciples of Jesus to-day often show a similar spirit. Jesus rebuked it in them—and also rebukes it in us (v. 55). He rebuked them because He loved them (Rev. 3: 19). If we treat with anger and bitterness even those who reject our Lord we shall have His rebuke.

III. The True Spirit of Sons, 1 Jno. 4: 7, 8. "Love is of God," is of divine origin, begotten of God. The word translated "of," more literally translated would be rendered "but of," it emphasizes the thought that all love has its origin in God. Every particle of real love there is in the world is not love at all but selfishness. Love is the divinest thing in all the universe. Since love is of God, "every one that truly loveth is born of God, (1 Jno. 3: 14). The real test of love is found in 1 Jno. 3: 16, 17.

Not only is love of God, but God Himself "is love" (vs. 8, 16); love is the very essence of God's character. In ch. 1: 5 we are told that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." Light is love and love is light (ch. 2: 9). "God is love" is the great central truth around which the whole system of Bible truth revolves; it is the great foundation truth upon which the whole superstructure of Christian doctrine is built.

"If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." That lesson needs little comment, but it needs much exemplification in our daily lives. How absurd our selfishness looks in the light of God's wondrous

love. "He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God dwelleth in him" (vs. 12, 16). What a wondrous thought it is that I should dwell in God but this is my standing and my state if I love others. That is heaven on earth, a life of love, a life of sacrifice of self for the good of others. The one who loves has the Holy Spirit.

IRRIGATION PROBLEM UP IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPETOWN (CP)—A change in South Africa's irrigation policy is under way as it has been found that the scheme of intensive settlement has not proved as successful as it was hoped. In future plans would be formed, Lands Minister Conroy said recently, to create extensive settlements and water would be brought to the farmers rather than the farmers brought to the water. The country's topography rendered it most suitable for the application of regional development. It was intended to pool interests and knowledge with local authorities in certain areas. Among the areas which were suited to a system of regional planning were Kimberley and the Vaal River Valley, Capetown and the Western Transvaal towns East London and Kingwilliamstown. There were great possibilities for South Africa but if it was to support a greater population the government had to ensure that supplies of water would not fail. The mainstay of the water supply was the Orange River and ambitious schemes were under consideration for leading water from the Orange to the more fertile areas.

A UNICORN FOR FIFTY CENTS

The Royal Ontario Museum was recently presented with a long, slender, twisted shaft of ivory which the donor honestly believed was the horn of that fabled creature, the unicorn. The unicorn was described by Greek philosophers as a small horse but having a white body, red head, blue eyes and a single red, white and black horn in the middle of its forehead.

Our specimen was actually the peculiar, twisted tusk of the narwal, a small arctic whale, often called the sea unicorn. Although it never existed in fact, the unicorn has had a long and persistent life in the public mind, as evinced by heraldry, literature and art. If you don't believe us, examine the next 50¢ piece you get. There you will find a unicorn.

URANIUM, THE SOURCE OF ATOMIC ENERGY

Uranium, the basis of the atomic bomb, is a heavy element of complex atomic structure. In an uranium compound, radium was found by the Curies. This compound slowly gives off radium emanations, thereby undergoing a change in composition. On the basis of this information uranium was chosen as the substance to be bombarded with neutrons to break up the atom and so release an almost incredible amount of energy.

Uranium occurs in ore deposits several minerals, the most common being uranite, an oxide of uranium, which is found in crystals or in a dark pitch-like solid called pitchblende. A few crystals have been found in pagmatite near Wilberforce, Ontario, and large quantities of pitchblende have been mined near Great Bear Lake. The Belgian Congo has a great amount of the mineral, and some occur in Saxony, Bohemia, Norway; the United States, and in other countries. Fine specimens of pitchblende from Great Bear Lake may be seen in the Royal Ontario Museum.

HUGE WOOL STOCKS HELD IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA (CP) — When the war in the Pacific ended, the British government, which bought the whole Australian wool clip for the duration of the war, had 5,136,006 bales of wool stored in Australia, worth \$350,000,000. Each bale averages about three hundredweight of wool so that the stock-pile ran to more than 800,000 short tons, or 1,600,000,000 pounds. This quantity is equal to nearly 1 1/2 years' wool clip. With the large stocks of Australian wool stored in America on behalf of the British government it will be fed to the market gradually. Britain, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have joined in putting a floor under wool prices for the next 10 years or until the war-time stocks are liquidated.

ADVERTISING IS NEWS

The so-called news columns of a paper do not contain all the news. There is also the story of what business concerns are doing, what kind of goods they are selling, what the prices are. It is a story of bargains and special opportunities.

When business people advertise and tell the world about these things, the world listens. People are keenly interested. They look over the ads to get an idea of the cost of living and about special chances to buy. They get a notion of the kind of things that are popular. They visit the advertised places, and they are apt to buy not only the specific things advertised, but also something else.

PRACTICE IN WRITING

Some people who have finished their courses in colleges and schools may ask how they can further improve or acquire the power to write and talk correctly and in a way to win interest. The habit of constant reading of good literature is a great help. People who are always reading become familiar with a great number of words. They gain the power to select the ones that are best adapted to express their meaning. The habits of incorrect speech that people often get in modern life are apt to disappear when they are constantly reading good literature. The reading habit gives people ideas which they can incorporate in their writing, and thus make it more interesting. Those who are trying to improve their writing power are increasing their ability to express their ideas and meet the world.

LONELY POSTMASTER

BEAUPORT, Que. (CP) The postmaster of this town near Quebec probably will lose out on a lot of town gossip. A door-to-door mail delivery is the reason for this. Formerly, the town's 5,000 population collected their mail at the post office.

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BEE SWARM ATTACKS ELDERLY SCHOOLMARM

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—An elderly school teacher, alone in her classroom in an East Rand school, saw a large swarm of bees fly through the doorway. She fled from the room, pursued by the bees and in her haste fell and injured her hip. She lay on the path, unable to move, while the bees settled on her in hundreds.

Four young men went to the rescue and managed to move the teacher a few yards, but were driven back by the bees. They made a fresh attempt, picked up the woman and carried her to safety.

The teacher was rushed to hospital where she now is recovering from her damaged hip and more than 200 bee stings on her face and neck. One of her rescuers had 50 stings on his hands and face.

TRIVIALITIES THAT COUNT

People like to read about the news of the home town, but so many believe the little things which concern them are not news. Trivialities? Then life itself is trivial, for of such is life composed. Revelstoke (BC) Review.

BONAVENTURE, QUE. (CP)

A small construction boom has hit this Gaspe Peninsula town. Construction is scheduled to begin within a couple of months on a normal school for girls and a theatre, while work is already in progress on a carding mill at nearby St. Charles de Caplan.

FINFINGERMAN'S HAUL

HALIFAX (CP) Maritime fishermen took 29,500 pounds of fish during March, an increase of 3,219,000 pounds over the catch for a similar period of last year, according to the monthly report of the eastern division of the fisheries department.

IDEAL MAPLE GROVE

The ideal maple grove should fulfil the following seven requirements — area should be completely filled with sugar maple trees with fully developed crowns. The canopy of leafy crowns should allow little sunshine to fall upon the ground, thereby discouraging the growth of grass and weeds. Maple trees of all ages should cover the area. As the old mature trees are cut out, the younger ones take their places. Roadways through the grove help in the collection of the sap and reduce the usual difficulties with underbrush. Live stock should be rigidly excluded from the sugar bush. The bush should be thinned to allow only the trees necessary for replacement to remain. An unthinned border at least 25 feet wide on all sides should be left as a windbreak, which serves as a safeguard against storms.

PROMPTIVE RECRUITS

HALIFAX (CP) Impressed by operations of the Canadian Army in Europe, two Texans recently discharged from the United States Army have asked the Nova Scotia government information bureau how to go about joining a Canadian Scottish unit.

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