ALMOST LANDED!

A man, a pool, the summer time
  A rod, a reel, a silken line,
And where the ripple purrs and smirks
  'Tis there the pirate pickerel lurks!
The demon of the finny clan,
  No enemy he fears but man!
A baited hook, a silver flash,
  A startled look, a headlong dash,
A bite, a strike, the reel spins fast;
  The demon pickerel hooked at last!
So up and down the pool he strives,
  Now leaping high, now deeply dives
Till on the surface listless floats
  And as his captor greedy gloats:
One last despairing twist, he's gone!
  'Tis never lost I wist, till won
That battle that in life we wage—
  Youth yielding, oft to wiles of Age!
Now far beyond the river's edge,
  Nursing his torment in the sedge
The demon lies and so dear Youth,
  Please play the game, and tell the Truth!
For fishy stories oft related
  Become sometimes exaggerated

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 3rd, 1926

It is real blossom time now

The contractors have been busy during the week painting the waterworks tower tank.

Rev. J. M. Boyd, who has been the pastor of the Baptist Church here for the past year, has received and accepted a call to Dovercourt Baptist Church, Toronto.

The first convocation in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College since its establishment at Guelph two years ago was held in Memorial Hall last week. The degree of Bachelor of Scientific Agriculture was conferred on 33 graduates.

Mr. Thomas Rumley has sold his blacksmith shop at the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue to Mr. Geo. Cowie of Richmond Hill.

Eight persons were injured when the afternoon east bound bus collided with a truck about seven miles below Brampton on Wednesday.

The auction sale of the furnishings of the ancestral home of the Sidney Smith estate drew a crowd from all over the country. Although the property was not sold the disposal of the household effects was very successful.

BORN

WATSON. In Acton on Friday, May 28th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Watson, a daughter.

CREAMER. In Acton on Friday, May 28th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Creamer, a son.

DIED

STALKER. At her home, lot 23, con. 4, Esquesing, June 2nd, 1926, Annie Ross, beloved wife of John Stalker.

Go-Ahead Farmer Gets Grip on the Electrical Future

Electrical Improvements Financed on Low-Cost Investment Plan

The go-ahead farmer knows that the demand for his products in peace will be just as great as they were in war. He knows, too, that if he is to play his full part in meeting this increased demand for foodstuffs, his farm must be electrically prepared for it.

He knows his farm must be adequately wired to derive full benefit from all the modern electrical power appliances. He knows also that he should own these devices so that his production is efficiently cared for. He will concern himself, too, with his family's welfare, by providing them with the benefits of electricity in the home.

The necessary financing for all of these highly desirable improvements is readily available through a low-cost instalment loan at the Bank of Montreal.

The go-ahead farmer is quick to understand also that asking for a loan at the Bank of Montreal is not asking a favor. Mr. W. H. Clayton, the manager, knows well the potentialities of the future and is anxious and willing to help any go-ahead farmer to get a grip on this future.

SQUARE DANCING MAKES COMEBACK

PORT CREDIT, Ont. (CP) Square dancing is coming back into its own, according to George Wade of Port Credit, author of three books on the subject and regarded as Canada's best "dance caller."

Mr. Wade, a railway yardmaster, has been "calling 'do-see-do's'" since the age of 12, and his voice has a silky, sonorous boom which has no difficulty in cutting through the music and the tramp of the dancers.

"Square dancing is on the upswing all over Canada," he said in an interview. "Not just in small towns, but in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Not just old folk, but young people, too, including jitterbugs and bobby-soxers."

He estimated that 140,000 persons in Canada and the United States have bought copies of his books "How to Square Dance," "Jigs and Reels," and "Old Time Fiddling Tunes."

"We don't talk gibberish. We make every word clear and sharp, and I believe in using infinite variety. Often I never know what I am going to say next—until just a second before I say it. This keeps the dancers out of a rut, you understand."

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd

EXPRESSING OUR FRIENDSHIP FOR CHRIST

Golden Text: Let us love one another: for love is of God. 1 Jno. 4: 7.

Lesson Text: Mk. 14: 3-9; Luke 10: 38-42; Jno. 11: 1-3.

Exposition: I. Mary Anoints Jesus, Mk. 14: 3-9.

The anointing of Jesus occurred six days before the Passover (Jno. 12: 1). But in the account here the Jewish plot which occurred 4 days later than the anointing is mentioned in connection with it because the anger of Judas Iscariot at Mary and at our Lord was the incident that led immediately to the betrayal. There is something inexpressibly touching in those evenings at Bethany during the last week of our Savior's life on earth. He came for another purpose also, to nurture the flame of faith that has been kindled in the hearts of many by the resurrection of Lazarus. We read in the beginning of Jesus' ministry, how, having performed His first miracle at Cana and faith being awakened, He afterward came back to Cana to quicken and nourish and nourish and strengthen that faith (Jno. 4: 54). So here Jesus comes back to Bethany for a similar purpose. Jesus did not awaken faith and then leave it to languish and die. But the principal purpose of his visit was communion with Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Jesus Christ, while He was "very God of very God", was also a very real man. He was our brother. The way in which Bethany is spoken of by John is worthy of note. "Where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead." Bethany was a little village, but it had a title of dignity. There was a resurrected man there. There was no one else at the gathering who brought so much joy to the aching heart of Jesus as did Mary. She above all others had listened to Him, understood Him, believed and loved. Out of the wealth of her love she had purchased at a cost of fifty-one dollars (a large sum in those days, her whole treasure) an alabaster cruse of ointment and put it aside to use it upon Him when the proper moment came. She had understood what none of the rest had, that He was actually to die and be buried. She had not sat at his feet in vain (10: 30). Mary had not stopped to calculate the cost of the ointment and whether she might not better save part of her money for future needs. Love never calculates. It gives all. Mary's uncalculating love of Jesus proved a safer guide to conduct than the calculating prudence of Judas and the rest of the disciples (Matt. 26: 8). Mary's act was looked upon with suspicion and some very wise criticisms were made upon it. Judas Iscariot was the leader in the harsh criticism. The Iscariots usually are the leaders in criticising the acts of others. Envy lay at the bottom of the criticism. They could not understand Mary's act, not because it was below them but because is was above them. Mary was to have sufficient compensation for the criticism of the disciples in the approval of the Master.

II. Jesus in a Home, Luke 10: 38-42.

Not everyone in those days was so ready to receive Jesus into their homes as was Martha. She was richly repaid then and afterwards. Mary took her place at Jesus' feet as a learner. There is no other place so good to learn as at Jesus' feet: there she "heard his word." It matters little at the feet of what great theologian we have studied if we have not learned much. Martha did not hear the word as Mary did. She was too much taken up with service (Mk. 4: 19). Many to-day are so taken up with their working and worrying for Jesus, that they miss the privilege of hearing Him. Martha was occupied with only one Person. Martha consequently was distracted. Mary was at rest. Many to-day are distracted "about much serving" of the Lord instead of being at rest in the Lord. Love prompted the service, but there was pride in it. The much service was unnecessary. Jesus did not desire the great dinner Martha was bustling about to prepare; Jesus desired communion. Communion is often crowded out by much service. Indeed, at this very moment Mary was ministering more to Jesus' real joy than was Martha.

III. Confidence in Jesus, Jno. 11: 1-3.

The Bethany home now knows sickness and its accompanying grief. It is Lazarus, the brother and the man of the house, who is mortally ill. Where shall the sisters turn? To Jesus! The messenger carries their prayer. They feel that all that is necessary is to inform Jesus. It matters not that He knew already (v. 4). The sisters did not know that. But they knew Jesus loved both Lazarus and them. That is an important lesson for us. There are many things we may not know, but we can be sure of the love of Jesus, as all believers have been encouraged to believe (Jno. 13: 1; Gen. 22: 2, 12; Ps. 16: 3; Heb. 12: 6, 7; Rev. 3: 19; Isa. 4: 10).

There is seldom any change through chance. We face today change by choice or change by force.

Urge Lower Taxation For Canadian Mining

Present System Hampers Development Senate Committee Is Told

OTTAWA (CP) Canadian mines are in a position to make a great contribution to the national wealth but are being hampered by an "extremely onerous and complicated system of taxation," the Senate Natural Resources Committee was told last week in briefs from the mining industry in various parts of Canada.

Lower taxes to encourage development in the face of the heavy risks involved in developing mines was urged in each of the briefs, presented by the western Quebec Mining Association, the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Mid-West Mining Association, representing Saskatchewan and Manitoba. A similar brief was presented recently by the Ontario Mining Association.

The Mid-West Association brief said the present boom in mining shares "has undoubtedly provided a great deal of money for mine exploration but it is not a healthy condition and must lead to a slump and serious losses." The "large sums" needed for development and equipment would be provided only if there was reasonable prospect of capital return plus a profit. This was the kind of investment money mining "depended upon over the long term "not what comes out of stock market hysteria."

The Western Quebec Association's representations were that of 1,094 metal mining companies incorporated or licensed in Quebec province up to 1941, only 9 could be considered economically successful, an average of less than 1 per cent.

The Toronto Stock Exchange brief said the industry stood at a crossroads, and could either be "encouraged to expand and to make a greater contribution to national wealth" or restricted and "hedged about with restraining influences such as heavy taxation."

The Quebec brief suggested a four-point plan for relief. It urged that taxes paid by mining companies to provincial governments and municipalities be allowed as a deduction from earnings before assessment for Dominion tax purposes; that the Dominion bullion handling charge of 35 cents an ounce be reduced to actual marketing cost to the government; that the subject of depletion be given careful study with a view to adjustment in tax rates, and that during the first five years of tax-paying life, mining companies be allowed to deduct from earnings, before taxes, depreciation up to a maximum of 25 per cent. in any one year.

The Mid-West brief called for reduction of taxes which enter into production costs, especially the sales tax; removal of the excess profits tax on corporation earnings; reduction of corporation income tax; removal of double taxation on corporation earnings, allowance of flexibility of capital write-offs so that the amounts charged off do not exceed operating profit, and allowance of averaging earnings over five years instead of the present three.

The mining committee also heard a plea that Canada encourage development of mining in every way possible from Sidney Norman, Toronto financial writer. Recently returned from a trip to Yellowknife, N. W. T., he declared the area held possibilities of being one of the greatest gold countries in the world, but that its development required risk of a great deal of capital.

CORROSION-PROOF STEEL PLATE

LONDON ENG. Chemical and food manufacturing industries have hitherto encountered difficulties entailed by the fact that steel containers are liable to erosion. Nickel has often been substituted for steel, but this was only possible in cases where the value of the article justified the use of such expensive material. The British industry has now succeeded in finding a practical and economical solution to the problem. The steel plate is "clad" with a layer of pure solid nickel, varying between 5 and 20%, according to the aggregate thickness of the plate and the service for which it is required. The pure nickel is rolled on to the steel plate at a temperature high enough to ensure a permanent, true and sound bond. Since the co-efficients of thermal expansion of steel and nickel are practically the same, these plates can be used at maximum temperatures. The use of these nickel-clad steel plates instead of the pure nickel, means a saving in the cost of nearly 50%.

WHY POSTMEN RING MORE THAN TWICE

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—Postmen in Harrismith, Orange Free State, get a headache every time they visit Warden St. The first house is No. 3, which is followed by 7 and 9. After that comes No. 5, then another 7, followed by 15. No. 21a nestles between 149 and 153.

When the local council called for bidders for numbering the houses they accepted the lowest bidder, and only when the contract was completed did they discover that the bidder was illiterate.

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