

OLD MOTHERS

I love old mothers—mothers with white hair And kindly eyes, and lips grown soft and sweet...

Twenty Years Ago

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Acton Orangemen and True Blues paraded to St. Alban's Church on Sunday evening, led by Acton File and Drum Band.

Strawberries have been very plentiful during the week. The very reasonable price of 20c per basket has prevailed.

Just before the close of school the teachers gathered at a picnic at Blue Springs and presented Miss Gardiner with a silver flower basket.

A special service for men was held at Knox Church last Sunday evening. A men's choir of thirty voices led the service of praise.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Church presented a set of three very fine pulpit platform chairs to the church last week.

This is Halton Rifles' Diamond Jubilee Year. Sixty years ago on the twenty-eighth of September 1866, before the Act of Confederation had fused the several parts of Canada into one Dominion...

For sixty years the regiment has carried off without a break, but under several names. "The Halton Rifles" is the present designation.

DIED

SPEIGHT, Al Moorecroft, Acton, the home of her brother-in-law, H. P. Moore, P.M., on Friday, July 2nd, 1926. Lottie Eva Speight, daughter of the late John Speight in her 68th year.

BORROWING CAN BE GOOD BUSINESS

"Borrowing is sound when it is for constructive purposes and when the loan can be repaid without undue hardship." This is the opinion of Mr. W. H. Clayton, local manager of the Bank of Montreal.

"There are many good reasons why people require Personal Loans — to meet emergencies or take advantage of opportunities, to settle worrying debts, personal needs or to buy household equipment or furniture. There are hundreds of others just as legitimate and I am very much encouraged," says Mr. Clayton, "to see so many people losing their shyness and coming so readily to the Bank of Montreal for Personal Loans for all sorts of personal purposes."

One important reason for this is the very low rate of interest, one-half of one per cent. a month, which is equal to 2 1/2c a month for a \$100 loan, repayable in twelve monthly instalments. Equally important is the fact that the Bank of Montreal welcomes small business just as much as it does large.

SKUNK-TAIL GRASS

Skunk-tail grass, or wild barley, is a native perennial weed occurring from Lake Superior westward, particularly in alkaline soil, but has also been found occasionally in Eastern Canada. It is a serious enemy to stockmen, being a source of injury to horses, cattle and sheep. The barbed seeds and thorns penetrate the soft tissue of the animals' mouths, causing irritation and inflamed ulcers. The seeds also work down beside the teeth, producing inflammation and swelling. The weed does not flower the first year, but later carries beautiful silky bristly heads, three to four inches long of a pale yellowish green, often tinged with red. There is no difficulty in eradicating this grass seed from land that can be ploughed, but it gives considerable trouble in waste places where it ripens its seed which is widely scattered by wind and water.

GETTING A TAN

Those who will set out this year to get a real outdoors tan, are warned by the Department of National Health and Welfare that there is a right and a wrong way of doing it. Initial exposures, sun-bathers are reminded, should be for brief periods only, alternating between sunshine and shade. Don't overdo it. It is urged, and, remember, never try for a quick tan by exposing the body to the noon-day sun.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JULY 7th

JESUS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE LAW

Golden Text—Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets; I came not to destroy but to fulfill. Matt. 5: 17.

Lesson Text—Mat 6: 4-9; Matt. 5: 17-19; Mk 10: 17-22.

Exposition—I. The Basic Law, Deut. 6: 4-9

Every man's first duty is to love Jehovah, the only true God, supremely, with all his affections, all his intellect and all his strength. "These words" which Moses commanded the children of Israel were God's words. The place above all others to have God's word is not merely in a book, no matter how well bound, and not merely in our minds and memories, but "upon our hearts." God's word laid up in the heart will keep us from sin in our lives (Ps 119: 11).

The next thing to do with God's word is to teach it to others—and especially to those for whom we are particularly responsible, our own children; we should not only teach it to our own children, but teach it to them "diligently." The most important part of a child's education is the education at home. Alas! in this day the average parent leaves the education of the child to its day school teachers and Sunday School teachers and shirks the first responsibility of parental life. The third thing to do with God's word is to talk of His words in the home life. "When thou sittest in thine house," and next we should talk of them as we walk with our children and with others. The last thing we should think of when we lie down at night is something God has said in His word and the first thing we should think of when we rise up in the morning is something God has said in His word (v. 7). This verse should be pondered word for word and then scrupulously kept day by day. The more strict Jews took verse 8 literally and bound passages of Scripture in their hands and wore them in little boxes on their foreheads.

II. God's Word Has Authority, Matt. 5: 17-19. Nothing could be more plain, explicit and forcible than Christ's endorsement of the absolute divine authority of the Law of Moses down to its smallest word, letter and part of a letter. The "yod" is the Hebrew character "yodh", the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet, less than one-half the size of any other character. And the "tithe" was a little horn on some of the consonants, less than the cross on a "t". So Jesus sets the stamp of His endorsement on the inerrancy of the Mosaic Law as originally given. It is evident that Jesus did not have the difficulty with the Pentateuch that some modern critics do. If we accept the authority of Jesus, we must also accept the divine authority and origin of the Pentateuch. While the law was not done away with, its demands were fulfilled in the death of Christ on the Cross (Col 2: 14-17). Its minuscule prescriptions are not binding upon the one who is in Christ (Gal. 3: 23-25; Rom. 7: 1-4). Furthermore, its application was enlarged and its meaning amplified by Jesus Christ. It contained the A-B-C of ethics, but in Christ we go on to the advanced grades. The righteousness of those who would have a part in the kingdom of heaven must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, in spite of all its strictness and minute requirements. The Pharisee righteousness was all on the outside, the righteousness of the kingdom of heaven is a matter of the heart.

III. A Soul Tested Man, Mk. 10: 17-22.

The young man who came to Jesus had great possessions (v. 22), position (Luke 18: 18), culture, exemplary morality (v. 20), a noteworthy amiability (v. 21), intense earnestness (v. 17), undoubted sincerity (vs. 17-21), great moral courage (v. 17), recognized piety (Luke 18: 18), noble aspiration (v. 17), benevolence. Yet all these things together did not save him. They will not save anyone. His question implied that eternal life is obtained by something we "do." No man ever obtained life by doing (Gal 2: 16). It must be received as a gift (Rom. 8: 28). Jesus saw that the young man had no deep sense of the full force of his own words. He sent the young man to the Law because he sought life by DOING. It did not take Jesus long to show him that he did not love his neighbor as himself, one command brought that out (vs. 21, 22).

Jesus' purpose in bidding him sell what he had and give to the "poor" was to bring him to see this. Money was his idol, so Jesus put his finger upon it. But the spirit of Jesus' command holds for all disciples (Luke 14: 33). Jesus usually calls upon those who would come after Him to give up something. Love to Him makes it easy to give up anything for Him (2 Cor. 5: 14, 15). Jesus told the young man that if he obeyed he would have "treasure in heaven." He was not merely to sell all, but further "come and follow me." The selling all was simply preparatory to this (1 Cor. 13: 3).

Average Gross Cash Farm Income \$2000

One of the most intelligent and useful debates on agriculture has been going on in the House of Commons during the past month. Most of the members who have spoken on the various aspects of agricultural production and marketing have been well informed and the debate has been maintained on a high level.

Three major conclusions may be drawn from the discussions: (1) agricultural production has been maintained by prodigious efforts which have not been surpassed in other fields, equalled in very few. (2) farm returns have been markedly lower than the returns from comparable urban skill and industry; (3) farm population and farm production promise to decline progressively.

The migration of farm youth to the cities and the failure of farm workers to return to the farms, from the services and from war work, is causing great concern to those who know that a strong agriculture should be the most important industry in Canada's economy. The farm factor still is so important that it may make or break the structure of urban employment.

The fact that the current gross cash income of the average farm is \$2000, was cited in the debate as an evidence of farm prosperity. Certainly it is a tremendous gain over the average cash income of Canadian farmers in the eleven years 1930-40, during which period it was \$468 per annum and the one-third of Canadians living on farms received one-tenth of the total national income. There was room for improvement.

The bitter experiences of those years have marked the lives and marred the fortunes of all who survived them. To-day farmers are vastly better off than they were during the thirties but the disparity between what they earn now and what urban workers earn, for half the work and less skill, is still so great that agriculture will continue to decline until a reasonable balance is restored.

The national trend is toward unbalance. Shorter hours, reduced beyond any consideration of well-being, less production per worker, more pay, higher costs and higher prices are widening the gap between city and farm to an unbridgeable proportion.

The debate in the House of Commons gave no evidence of urban sanity equal to the restoration of economic balance, which may occur through the painful processes of deflation and depression. It is deplorable that Canadians, who have accomplished so much, have learned so little. The Scene.

WHO IS ARCHAIC?

Change is continuous in the world but not always creative. The canvas must have the touch of the artist. You can't expect creative changes to take place in a world which has lost touch with its Creator.

There are circles to-day which hold that "belief in God is archaic." But what could be more archaic than going back to cave-man days, even if we dignify our "caves" with the modern trend of "bomb shelter"?

The fact is that the great creative strides in history have been taken by men who not only believed in God but believed that God could direct them. In shaping the Constitution, Benjamin Franklin declared that without "God's concurring aid" we should build no better than the builders of Babel.

We ourselves, apparently create little but problems. To begin creative change in dealing with these problems we need to change our tune, admitting that it is the non-believers who are archaic. If people everywhere accept the fact that God can guide as to where change is needed, and inspire us to start, mankind will not only live through the atomic age but come out of it with a better world.

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To Keep Turf Good On Bowling Greens

In the establishment and maintenance of turf on bowling and putting greens, excess rolling is frequently practiced to the detriment of the turf, particularly on bowling greens, says J. H. Boyce, Division of Forage Plants, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Frequently heavy rolling causes compaction of the soil, creating unsatisfactory conditions for root growth. The damage is especially severe if the soil be wet at the time of rolling. Normally one rolling is necessary during the year and then it is given in the spring. The purpose of this rolling is to counteract the heaving caused by freezing and thawing. Rolling is not necessary in those regions where heaving does not occur.

Rolling should never be resorted to with a view of leveling the green. The only satisfactory way of filling small depressions in the green's surface is by top dressing. In the case of large depressions or mounds which may occur on putting greens, the proper method of counteracting them is to remove the turf and bring the soil to the desired level by filling, or removal as the case may be, and then replace the sod. Contrary to the opinion of many green keepers, constant rolling is not necessary to maintain a desirable playing surface. The surface may be kept true and firm by following a proper top-dressing program which is beneficial to the grass and avoids the difficulties which may be encountered as a result of frequent rolling. If the use of a roller during the playing season is considered necessary, it should be very light.

But rolling is a comparatively simple matter in the thousand and one things that have to be known in establishing and maintaining turf on bowling and putting greens. In the construction of new greens, there is the question of the best species of grass to be used, and expert knowledge is required in drainage, soil and soil preparation, time of planting, seeding, sodding, and vegetable planting. In maintenance, besides rolling, there are the correct methods to be considered in fertilization, liming, top dressing, mowing, watering, raking, soil aeration, and the control of weeds, pests, disorders, and diseases while knowledge of how to renovate poor turf is an asset.

All these matters are fully discussed in a 21-page circular by J. H. Boyce. A copy of the circular may be obtained by writing to the Division of Forage Plants, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

GRAVE ERROR

The local doctor rushed into the Coroner's office. "I want to change that death certificate I gave you yesterday. I put my name down in the space marked 'Cause of Death.'"

GUARANTEED

Sign observed on a card in the window of a beauty shop in Concord, North Carolina. The window card was advertising a new brand of lipstick. It read: "One application will withstand a thousand kisses."

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) A group of seagoing sailors jumped off the train at Moose Jaw recently and as they strolled up Main Street a group of girls passing said "Unnim! So cadets." One of the older men in the group was heard muttering "There must be some difference."

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