

THE RAILROAD

He rides the wrathful gray-backed... but talks of a dooryard butterfat tree.

The Sunday School Lesson

THE SPIRIT OF TRUE WORSHIP Golden Text—God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (Jno. 4: 24)

Exposition. — I. Warning Against Forgetting God, Deut. 8: 11-14, 18-20.

Moses is led by God to warn the Israelites of a process of weakening faith as they prospered materially.

GROCERY SALES DOUBLED

Those who have wondered why there are not more articles on grocery shelves these days will possibly be gratified to read that the president of Grocery Manufacturers of America announces that retail grocery sales climbed from \$10 billion dollars in 1939 to \$20 billion last year.

Using 100 as a base figure for 1939, the following increases have been shown: cases of fruit juices, 188; frozen foods, 243; canned meats, 474; carbonated beverages, 167; prepared mixes, 210; baby foods, 700; and biscuits and crackers, 183.

Part of the increase was due to higher prices, but a large proportion was tonnage increase, in spite of the critical shortages.

While these figures are for the United States, it is possibly safe to say that a similar increase has been shown in Canada.

There are reasons for this. Economic conditions were not too prosperous in 1939, but the war brought steady work, much of it at overtime rates, plus higher wages. People could spend more, because they had more to spend.

So, when we sometimes wonder why more groceries are not available, let us remember that twice as much is being sold as before the war. Even with greater production, there is bound to be shortages, in the face of such a tremendous demand.

SALMON RUN SMALLER

DOUGLASS TOWN, Que. (CP) — Salmon are taking the fly in waters along the Gaspé Peninsula and Bay of Chaleur regions, although the run is reported smaller than last year.

SMALL INTEREST CHARGES INVITE PERSONAL LOANS

Mr. W. H. Clayton, manager of the Bank of Montreal, reports that the lowest cost of personal loans appeals strongly to all borrowers coming to his office. It is a very pleasant surprise to many. The rate of interest is only one-half of one per cent. per month, which is equal to 27 a month for a \$100 loan, repayable in twelve monthly instalments. Loans range from \$50 to \$1,000 or more, if you need it.

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AN OLD TIMER'S VIEWS

Many people (be they farmers, workmen or small businessmen) have come through a similar experience and will possibly agree with the views of Mr. A. Logan, who has recently retired after many years as a weekly editor. He is now 84. For 20 years edited the Warton Echo, then sold out and bought the Pembroke Standard-Observer, being there for the past 23 years. In this valedictory, he says:

"It about breaks my heart to step down and out, but I have already said that my early associations, my bringing up, do give me the outlook upon the present day life, that may be necessary for the position of an editor. One who started from scratch, came up in the school of hard knocks, worked day and night for what he possesses, can scarcely believe that all this paternal care of the governments to-day makes for the best type of Canadian citizens. In the world of their dreams, the pioneers of Ontario must muse and smile at what their present day successors call hardships and the spoon-feeding that they require from the cradle to the grave. One who has worked hard and saved cannot follow nor does he want to follow, the trails which these Socialists have blazed. Then, too, in the early life of the writer, he made a dollar it was all his own; to-day there is a fellow by the name of Halsey in Ottawa, who never invested a dollar in this business and yet draws more out of it than I do. This is not the way for one 'I'll-lose' to treat another."

BRISBANE, Australia (CP) — Southwestern areas in Queensland are reported in the grip of serious drought that has affected sheep grazing lands. Some parts of Queensland have gone without heavy rain for three years.

"FAIR EXCHANGE"

CHAPLIN, Sask. (CP) — Although his sense of values is not accurate, one thief here believes a fair exchange is no robbery. He left a rusty bicycle when he stole Tom Rudy's 1936 model automobile from in front of his home.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1926

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 22nd, 1926

Rev. G. W. King of Walkerton preached in the Baptist Church last Sunday.

After seventy years of accommodation to the public the Canadian National Railway has deemed it necessary to close Norval Station.

Rev. James A. McLachlan, M. A. of Hamilton who was pastor here thirty years ago will preach in the United Church Sunday.

The Board of Education has engaged Miss Margaret Macdonald, B. A. as principal of Acton High School.

Forty-four mills is the tax rate set by Acton Council for 1926 notwithstanding the purchase of the new motor fire truck.

The first annual dinner of the Halton Rifles was held last Wednesday night at the Halton Golf and Country Club, Georgetown.

BORN

SPHRES At Acton, July 11th, 1926, to Mr and Mrs. C. Sphres, Georgetown, a daughter.

CHISHOLM At Acton, on Friday, July 16th, 1926, to Mr and Mrs. W. Chisholm, a son.

DIED

WALDIE At Killarney, Man. on Tuesday, July 6th, 1926, William Waldie, formerly of Acton, aged 86 years.

BACK IN 1896

Taken from the edition of the Free Press, Thursday, July 16th, 1896.

Beardmore and Co. have the framework of their new seven storey rolling house and drying kiln pretty well advanced. The structure well at the sole leather tannery has been drilled to a depth of 912 feet. No flow has yet been secured.

On Tuesday, June 30th, an accident occurred in the gravel pit on Cobble Hill, causing the death of Charlie Cameron, eldest son of Thos. Cameron, farmer. A large quantity of earth became loose and fell upon him crushing him against the wheel of the wagon. The collar bone and several ribs were fractured. The parents feel this sad event most keenly. Of the three sons in the family, Charlie was the only one remaining.

The official report of Mr. Wm. Clements, returning officer in the County of Halton, General election is Henderson 2432 votes and Waldie 2323 votes. Majority for Henderson, 109.

Acton ball team will play Canada's Champions, the Maple Leafs, Guelph on Tuesday afternoon in Acton Park. The public generally will be anxious to see this match.

The oldest Orangeman in town, on Monday was Mr. Robt. Mills, Acton's oldest resident. He is in his 96th year and was initiated an Orangeman in Ireland 80 years ago.

Much credit is due Principal Moore of Acton Public School for the fact that everyone of the pupils from Acton were successful at the recent entrance examinations.

After an illness of a little over a week's duration, Lachlan McMillan of Lot 32, Con. 2, Esquevasing passed away. He lived at Glen Williams for a number of years and settled on the farm where he died about 30 years ago. He leaves a wife and four children, two of whom are married.

Last Wednesday evening at the beautiful home of W. H. Storey an accident occurred when a family gathering was being held. While the company was seated at tea, without any warning whatever, the heavy plaster cornice fell alighting upon the table. A piece of about forty pounds struck Mr. Storey on the shoulder, and had the force of the fall not been broken on an open door, the result would have been serious. The china and viands prepared for tea at one end of the table were crushed into a conglomerate mass.

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The Moral of this Statement is a Fact That Will Be Of Importance To You

Newspaper space is valuable in the Free Press. It is eagerly read by hundreds of families in and around Acton.

You may not have as much to sell as you once had... but, if you do not wish to let your store and name be forgotten, use space in the Free Press to tell your story.

Most business firms have a greater responsibility to customers this year than ever before. Shortage of certain merchandise, substitutes, new products and regulations must be explained to patrons.

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