

THE ACTON

The long confusion with its endless years... Sweden into the calmer way of peace...

WHAT HAS SWEDEN DONE?

(BY E. J. BRACHMAN) A story is going the rounds painting out the things which Sweden has done in the way of social services...

This happened with Sweden - not with Canada. For ten years out of 22 almost a third of that period...

What strange minds some people have! Twenty or thirty years ago few Canadians sought for inspiration in other lands...

WITCH DOCTORS BEAT THE FOOD SHORTAGE

CAPETOWN (CP) - Zulu witch doctors found a new way to beat the food shortage. Before a consultation takes place...

The Sunday School Lesson

MONDAY, JULY 23rd

THE SUPREMACY OF SPIRITUAL VALUES

Golden Text - Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6: 33.

Lesson Text - Ex. 20: 7; Lev. 19: 12; Matt. 5: 33-37 (read also Mk. 7: 5-8); 8: 34-36.

Exposition - I. The Third Commandment. Ex. 20: 7. The third commandment forbids uttering Jehovah's awful name for falsehood (of vanity, emptiness), i.e. all false swearing (cf. Lev. 19: 12; Matt. 5: 33). False witness against the neighbor is forbidden by the ninth commandment, but there it is from the standpoint of the wrong done him, here it is from the standpoint of irreverence toward God.

II. A Guide to Holiness, Lev. 19: 12. The instruction is an amplification of the Ten Commandments with some additional details. It is to be noted that each instruction is followed by the declaration, "I am the Lord," or "I am the Lord your God."

III. Purity of Speech, Matt. 5: 33-37. Perjury is condemned. Usually the term refers to the statements of witnesses in courts of law.

IV. What it Means to Serve Christ, Mk. 8: 34-36. Verse 34 gives the three fundamental conditions of discipleship. These conditions are of universal application, there are no exceptions.

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denial is the denial of self. The word translated "deny" means "to affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with one," to renounce. (2) "Let him take up the cross." To take up our cross is to go on the path in which Jesus leads and meet the suffering, the shame and the crucifixion that lie there. (3) "And follow me." What that means appears in 1 Pet. 2: 19-21; Phil. 2: 5-8. It is to have the mind of Christ Jesus, and that mind is to obey God even unto death and to choose the lowly path of service instead of the path of ease and glory.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4th

JESUS TEACHES THE RIGHT USE OF THE SABBATH

Golden Text. This is the day which the Lord hath made: We will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118: 24. Lesson Text. Ex. 20: 8, Mk. 2: 23-28, Matt. 12: 9-13 (in this order).

Exposition. I. The Fourth Commandment commands six days' work and one day's rest. The seventh day after six days' work (it nowhere says the seventh day of the week, though that is what the Israelites observed, but no one knows that it was the seventh day of the original week as it began in Eden) was "The Sabbath of Jehovah thy God." All work was forbidden. There was no exception for "works of necessity and mercy," but it was interpreted by Christ in the light of God's known character (Matt. 12: 5-8, 12, Mk. 2: 24-27, Luke 13: 15, 16). The reason here given for the law is remembrance of the six creative days followed by the seventh day of God's rest. God's rest day was broken by the entrance of sin and since then God has been engaged in redemptive work (Jno. 5: 16, 17, R. V.).

In Deuteronomy we see that the Sabbath even more than the other commandments was for the Jew (Deut. 5: 1, 21, 15). It is not literally binding on a Gentile Christian (Col. 2: 16, 17), but there is a great principle underlying it, that is, man's need of one day's rest in seven and man's need of quiet from work for worship and spiritual study. The Sabbath was a gift of grace to meet a need not only of the Jew but of man (Mk. 2: 27). The day an intelligent Christian will keep will be the resurrection day, the first day of the week (Rom. 7: 4, Jno. 20: 1, 19, 26; Ac. 20: 7, 1 Cor. 16: 2; Rev. 1: 10). And he will not keep that in a legal way of "observing days, and months, and times, and years" (Gal. 4: 9-11).

II. Right View of the Sabbath, Mk. 2: 23-28. The disciples were not criticised because they plucked and appropriated to themselves grain belonging to another, which was perfectly permissible by Jewish law, but because they did it "ON THE SABBATH DAY" which was strictly forbidden by rabbinic tradition, on the ground that plucking the grain was reaping, and rubbing it out in the hands was threshing and no work must be done on the Sabbath. Jesus answered by bringing a complete view of Scripture against a one-sided view of Scripture. He showed: (1) That ceremonial prescriptions must give way before the needs of man, which they were ordained to observe. In illustration of this, Jesus brings forward the case of David. (2) That the demands of temple services were superior to the prescription of the general law (Matt. 12: 5, 6). He Himself was greater than the temple, being the One in whom God really "tabernacled" (Matt. 12: 6; cf. Jno. 1: 14), and of whom the temple was only a type. The Sabbath law must therefore give way before the necessities of Christian service: an important principle to bear in mind in Christian service to-day. (3) Furthermore, He showed that mercy was more than sacrifice, and so ceremonial demands must give way before the demands of mercy and compassion. (4) That the Sabbath was made for man (vs. 27, 28) and therefore "The Son of Man," the consummation and head of the race, was Lord even of the Sabbath. This last principle was one the scope of which was not fully comprehended until after His death and resurrection. As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus has entirely abrogated the seventh day Sabbath, which was the shadow of things to come (Col. 2: 17), and which belonged distinctly to the Old Creation; so now we have no right to judge anyone in respect to the Sabbath Day (Col. 2: 16, 17). As Christians, belonging to the new creation "risen with Christ" (Col. 3: 1), we keep the Lord's Day (Rev. 1: 10), the first day of the week (Ac. 20: 7), resurrection day.

III. Jesus' Evaluation of Man, Matt. 12: 9-13. Even after His conflict with the Pharisees Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath (Luke 4: 16). Here another conflict awaited Him. It was introduced by the question "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath Day?" This question was not asked from an honest desire for information, but to get material for an accusation. But the question was important and received an honest answer. "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day." Mercy and love are more

than ceremonies, even though these ceremonies be of divine appointment. God will have mercy and not sacrifice.

The Pharisees themselves acted upon this principle when it concerned sheep, but not when it concerned man. They had not learned that a man is of much more value than a sheep. A good many have not learned it yet. The Pharisees had no pity for the poor fellow with the withered hand; all they saw in his misery was a chance to entrap Christ. They were very religious, great sticklers for the letter, but withered in heart. There are many such to-day. Jesus was angered at them and grieved at the hardening of their hearts (Mk. 3: 5). He is just the same to-day. The Pharisees attended to the minute and neglected the mammoth (Matt. 23: 23). For the Pharisees of all ages (1 Cor. 13) is especially adapted. Jesus did nothing. He simply spoke the word of prayer; so His enemies were completely baffled. They could not accuse Him of working on the Sabbath Day; for if there was any work done, God must have done it. Jesus had simply spoken, and that was not contrary even to the Pharisaic interpretation of the Sabbath law.

Sawfly Problem May be Solved

Develop New Varieties of Insect-Resistant Wheat

LEITHBRIDGE, Ont. (CP) - New varieties of sawfly-resistant wheat are being developed on Dominion experimental farms in the Canadian prairie. A. W. Platt, in charge of plant breeding at the Swift Current experimental station and creator of Rescue wheat, told farmers about the new varieties at an annual field day gathering on a sub-experimental farm at nearby Nobleford. He termed them "very promising" and said one of two appear to have qualities in which Rescue is deficient.

Mr. Platt gave a review of the development of Rescue over five wheat generations. The experimental wheat was exposed to sawfly, cover smut, root smut, root rot, rust and other grain scourges and yield and bread-making qualities of different strains were examined by a chain of stations in Canada with British laboratories also co-operating. However, poor bread-making qualities have relegated Rescue to a low place in the estimation of millers. But the Swift Current wheat doctor told farmers it could be used to advantage where there was a sawfly problem. It would reduce the sawfly population in two or three years to a point where a return could be made to higher grades of wheat.

DEVOY DOG

THROUT CREEK, Ont. (CP) - When William McDougall's dog was chased by a wolf it led the wolf right past McDougall's home in this village 20 miles south of North Bay. McDougall rushed into the house for his rifle and killed the wolf with the first shot.

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1926

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 24th, 1936

Monday - Acton's Civic Holiday. Guelph Police are having motorists who drive past the "Stop" signs without stopping promptly fined. Several "beeps" have been engaged in assisting Mr. John Allan, of the Second Line, with his farm work lately. His injured foot is slowly recovering. Ballinlad defeated a team of ball players from Acton last week by a score of 9 to 4.

The carpenters are at work on the new refreshment booth at the Park for the Women's Institute. The lawn social under the auspices of Knox Ladies' Aid was favored with ideal weather and a good attendance patronized the event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Masales.

BORN. SAWYER. On Sunday, July 18th, 1936, at Hazelton to the Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Sawyer, of St. Alban's Church, Acton, a daughter.

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 4th, 1936

The wheat harvest has commenced. Chicken thieves visited the poultry yards of Messrs. Mann Brothers, at Bamockburn last Saturday and stole forty-five hens. The congregation of the Baptist Church was favored for two Sundays with sermons by a former pastor, Rev. G. C. Rock of Toronto. Mr. Rock was minister here about thirty years ago, before the present fine church edifice was erected. The waterwork and hydro departments will be operated under the hydro department until a vote is taken at the end of the year. Also 1936 taxes will be paid at the Hydro office.

Splendid crowds attended the Civic holiday program in the park on Monday, July 26th, to Dr. and Mrs. Dryden, a son. ADAMSON. In Nassagaweya on Tuesday, July 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan W. Adamson, a son. MENZIES-GRAHAM. On Tuesday June 30th, R. Menzies, son of J. Menzies, County Treasurer to Mas L. Graham, both of Campbellville.

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday August 6th, 1936

If Ramsday, the artist, has opened a bicycle livery and will supply wheels to the day or hour. During the past two months extensive improvements and additions have been in progress at the saddle leather tannery of Headmore & Co. The new 120 h.p. engine and the two 80 h.p. boilers are doing perfect work. The line shafts have all been replaced with new 4 inch shafting. A fourth rolling machine has been put in. The 912 foot well will supply an abundance of water. Manager McGill is justly proud of the works. Reference was inadvertently omitted in the report of the Baptist Garden Party last week to the excellent recitation by Miss Mina Walker, Acton, entitled, "Only a Bunch of Roses." Miss Walker takes high rank as an amateur elocutionist. The Milton Reformer has been advocating that the new government erect a Post Office at Milton.

MARRIED. MCGILLIVRAY-WILSON. At Knox College Chapel, Toronto, on Tuesday, August 3rd, 1936, Dr. James Edward McGillivray of Weyburn, Sask., to Margaret Isabel Stuart, daughter of the late Rev. J. C. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, late of Acton.

DIED. CAMPBELL. At his home in Georgetown on Wednesday, July 24th, 1936, George C. Campbell, aged 57 years. NICKLIN. At St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, August 2nd, 1936, Edward B. Nicklin, formerly of Acton, in his 67th year.

BACK IN 1896

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Messrs. Warden and Murray of Acton Glove Works have dissolved partnership. Rev. Hugh A. McPherson has received a call from the congregation of Knox Church, Acton. Three new barns were raised during the week. About 150 men took part at each event. One at Thos. Elliott's, Mr. James Gibbons' and Mr. John Gordon's at Gordon Hall. A lawn social held at Cedar Creek farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Warren was a decided success. Those taking part were solos by Misses Hemstreet and Nicklin and Mr. Stark and quartettes by William's Quartette Club. Acton Cornet Band supplied a good musical program. A. E. Gurney & Co. advertised 20 lbs gran sugar \$1.00, 12 bars soap 25c, 2 bottles pickles 25c, 2 cans fresh salmon 25c.

The ball of the Halton Agricultural Society at Milton was burned to the ground last Thursday morning. The hall was uninsured and was valued at \$1200. Acton's tax rate was struck for the year at 17 mills on the dollar. Estimated receipts for the year were \$5,492.27 and expenditures of the same amount. The 17 mills on the assessment of \$266,000 was to raise \$4,521.53. Taxes were to be collected in two payments. Mr. Geo. Havill was Receiver. In two baseball games of the week Milton won from Acton 9-5 and Guelph Maple Leafs by a score of 13-2. Acton team was Beatty, Lawson, Hazelwood, W. Clark, F. Ryder, E. Ryder, Blacklock, McDonald, G. Clark.

The funeral of the late Lachlan McMillan last Friday was very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. D. Strachan of Rockwood.

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C.P.R. Tailors Chairs for Comfort



FIT THE BODY: Scientifically received measurements of 3,867 persons in seated posture was the basis of these Sleazy Hollow chairs, best ever devised for comfort, which the Canadian Pacific Railway is installing in 35 new air-conditioned passenger coaches on which delivery is expected early in 1947. Built to "give" with body curves and distribute weight properly the new chair is sometimes referred to as the Hooton chair, because of research done by Dr. Ernest Hooton of Harvard University whose experts took the measurements of the better than three thousand volunteers in railway terminals of two of America's largest cities. For shoe-shedders an adjustable footrest is provided. (Inset) It having been determined women like to ride in stocking feet as they nap. Cost of the new chairs alone will be more than \$300,000, with this figure being part of a four million-dollar appropriation, the first large passenger equipment order it has been possible to make since 1939, with double bedroom-roomette cars and express-baggage cars, as well as passenger coaches included in the appropriation. The Canadian Pacific is the first railway in the Dominion to approve the new chairs and it will further pioneer in the 35 new coaches with the installation of the first electrically refrigerated water coolers on a Canadian train.