

### Halton School Children Visit County Council



Halton County Public School students recently enjoyed a visit to the County Council where they secured first-hand information on the administration of the County in which they reside. Above is shown Miss Marlon Peddie, deputy registrar of the Surrogate Court for Halton, explaining the functions of the office to a group of boys. They are from left to right: Arthur Grant, Campbellville; Roy Ford, Ash; Bilepos Shortt, Nassugawana; Joe Thompson, Hornby; John Auld, Linbrook; Erwin Lucas, S. S. 3, Nelson; and David Lillycrop, Tuck's School, Nelson Township. Spectator photo by Ross Pearen

### ERIN

Workmen are remodelling H. A. Gear's building at the rear of his residence, preparing it for the new textile factory. Recently a motorist was picked up in this vicinity on the following charges—no driver's license, markers, brakes or lights. Erin Fire Brigade and Village Council are investigating and seeking information about new and adequate fire fighting equipment for the village. Two years have passed since a general canvass was made for funds to rebuild at least part of the Burns' Church shed which was destroyed by fire. The past winter proved beyond a doubt the necessity for such a shelter for horses and it could also be used to alleviate the crowded parking conditions for the modern vehicle. Advocate.

### OAKVILLE

Fred Turner was re-elected president of the Oakville Amateur Sports Association at its annual meeting held in the council chamber on Friday evening. Bell's Farm Forum, Nelson Township, were the first group to complete and hand in their signed applications for membership in the Halton Co-operative Medical Services. Members of the Maggie Waddell Lodge of the Rebekahs gathered in the lodge-room Thursday evening to honor their fellow member, Mrs. James R. Kendall, on the completion of 60 years of active service in the Rebekahs. Mrs. Kendall is believed to be the only woman in Canada, with a single exception, with such a lengthy record. Record-Star.

### MILTON

The May meeting of the W.M.S. of the Afternoon Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church met at the home of Mrs. G. A. King and Miss Mina Hume, president, in the chair. Regret was expressed that Mrs. J. Bell, who has been a valued member of our W.M.S. for many years, is leaving town, making it necessary to appoint a new treasurer. Following the meeting, a few of the members went to the home of Mrs. Bell and presented her with a vase, as a parting gift in recognition of her services in the W.M.S. Grace Anglican Church, Brantford, was the scene of the nuptial ceremony Saturday afternoon of Miss Lily Irene Ferrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ferrier, 45 Lawrence Street, and Mr. Jabus Priest Jarvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jarvis, 138 Forest Avenue S., Hamilton. A blazing mattress on a bed at Milton Inn discovered yesterday afternoon was quickly brought under control with a pail of water before serious damage resulted. The cause of unknown origin was discovered by Viola Gervais, an employee, who was passing through the corridor when she smelt smoke. Canadian Champion.

### BURLINGTON

At the regular meeting of the Lions Club held at the Brant Inn on Monday evening, J. Gordon Blair was chosen as president of the Club for the ensuing year. The following students from Burlington and district were among those who graduated from McMaster University and received their B.A. degree at the graduation exercises held on Monday: three years course, Ellen Margaret Alton, Ariel Marie Cleaver, Helen Louise Eyd (Aldershot), Jean Isabel Isard (Port Nelson), Patricia Beryl Smith and James Douglas Stevenson (Aldershot). A number from here attended Graduation Day at the University. The Burlington and district Junior Community Band committee held a meeting on Tuesday evening when many matters were discussed. It was announced that Elgin Corbett, who is becoming a resident of the town, has been appointed bandmaster. Mr. Corbett has completed a course in the instruction of instrumental music at the Dana Institute of Music at Warren, Ohio. He is the only man in Canada to-day that has completed this course and the committee feel they are very fortunate in securing his services for such a worthwhile project. Gazette.

### NUNS

A diner ordered and ate four poached eggs, a dozen oysters, a huge steak, and all the extras. After wading through these she finished off with three pieces of pie and four cups of coffee. "You must enjoy your meals," remarked the waiter. "Far from it. As a matter of fact, I hate 'em—but I'm nuts about biscuits and soda."

### The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

WHY NATIONS PERISH (Temperance Lesson) Golden Text.—For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the wicked shall perish. (Ps. 1: 6. Lesson Text.—2 Ki. 17: 5-12; read also 22-23; Isa. 28: 1-4. Theme.—712-35 B.C. Places—Samaria and Jerusalem. Exposition. I. Jehovah's Judgment on the Iniquity of Israel, 2 Ki. 17: 5-12.

Verse 9 describes a great company of men and women 1-day who are professedly God's children. Israel were God's people and were supposed to obey Him and live for Him, but they did things against Him. They did as "did the heathen." Is not this true to-day of many who profess to be the people of God? Is the line of demarcation between the church and the world as clearly drawn as it ought to be. Mark the outcome of the course of procedure on Israel's part, as recorded in vs. 6 and 18. God is just the same to-day. The fact that Israel did these things secretly, or "covered" these things, did not hide them from the eyes of Jehovah. There is no hiding anything from Him (Ps. 139: 1-12; Heb. 4: 13). Not many are trying to-day to take comfort to themselves in the thought that the evil things they do are hidden. There is nothing hidden from God. If we "cover" our sins we shall not prosper (Prov. 28: 13).

If we have sinned, the best thing we can do is to uncover it all to God by honest and full confession, and He will cover it up by His forgiveness and the atoning blood of Jesus Christ (Ps. 32: 1-5; 1 Joh. 1: 9). What "the things that were not right," which the children of Israel did, is even with much fullness of detail. There are four specific ones. They were all things which Jehovah had specifically told them they must not do (Lev. 26: 1; Deut. 16: 21; 12: 2, 3; Ex. 20: 3-5; Deut. 4: 15-19, 23, 25). As one reads the record, the question forces itself upon us, how could Israel violate such plain provisions of their law?

It was of His great mercy that He did testify against them (Lev. 24: 10-16; 24: 23-24). It was in order to turn them from their evil ways and thus to save them. But Israel did not relish the testimony of God, rebelled against it and persecuted and slew the faithful prophets and seers who brought it. Sinners and worldly Christians do not enjoy to-day the testimony of God against them by the mouth of His faithful servants, but it is God's mercy that sends the testimony, the false prophet who "prophesy smooth things" and rock people to sleep in their sin and worldliness and easy-going indulgence, are their greatest enemies. God's constant cry to Israel and Judah was "Turn ye" (Isa. 1: 16-20; Jer. 2: 27, 35; 4: 5; 35: 15; Ezek. 33: 11; Hos. 14: 1). It has ever been God's cry to men through every true prophet (Matt. 3: 2; 4: 17; Ac. 2: 38; 20: 21).

II. The Destruction of the Drunkards of Ephraim, Isa. 28: 1-4. By the "crown of pride" is meant the city of Samaria (1 Ki. 16: 21). It is compared here to a chaplet of flowers on a drunkard's brow. "This chaplet of flowers," says Isaiah "shall be trodden under foot" because of their sin and pride. The people of the northern kingdom as a nation are spoken of as "the drunkards of Ephraim." Drunkenness seems to have become a national sin (Isa. 5: 11, 12; Hos. 7: 5; Amos 2: 6, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16). The effect of their drink upon them was that they were "overcome" literally "smitten down" by it. Let us not forget that it was "the native wines of a wine growing district" that did this for Ephraim, and not distilled spirits or unadulterated poisons. Their

beauty" was after all but "a fading chaplet of pride" and "glorious flower." So it is with every chaplet of earthly pride and all the glorious beauty of this present world (1 Pet. 1: 24). The prophet's answer to Israel's confidence in the crown of pride was that Jehovah had a "mighty and strong one." This was the king of Assyria (2 Ki. 18: 10-12). The Assyrians themselves were a "bloody, deceitful and rapacious people" (Nah. 3: 1), but they were an instrument in Jehovah's hand for fulfilling His word and bringing judgment upon His backsliding people (Isa. 7: 10). The coming of the Assyrian is described by a threefold figure: "a tempest of hail," "a destroying storm," "a tempest of mighty waters overflowing." The thought contained in these figures is that of widespread and overflowing destruction (Isa. 30: 30). Back of all this work of destruction, devastation and desolation was the wrath of God at sin (Isa. 4: 4-9). This destruction came upon them "because they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah their God" (2 Ki. 18: 11, 12). Jesus uses a similar figure regarding those who hear his words and do them not (Matt. 6: 27).

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