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**Haying Becoming More Mechanized**

A gradual but definite shift in hay harvesting methods and equipment in Eastern Canada has taken place during the last decade. Before the war, hay mowers used in Eastern Canada ran about 6,000 to 7,000 a year, the bulk of them horse-drawn machines. Sales in 1946 totalled 10,595, of which 8,940 were horse-drawn and 1,655 were tractor-drawn and 1,522 were tractor-mounted.

The following year, with a better selection of equipment available, more than five times as many tractor-drawn mowers were sold as in 1946, tractor-mounted mowers about held their own, but horse-drawn mowers dropped by 16 per cent.

Tractor-drawn mowers used to cut side delivery rakes by six to one, but to-day the ratio has been cut down to a little better than two to one. Loader sales are on the increase.

A desire to speed up operations to increase efficiency, is regarded as a prime reason for the shift in methods and machines, but other reasons include the growing number of tractors, the improved condition of farmers and the shortage of farm labor.

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**The Sunday School Lesson**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1949

**PRAISE FOR THE WORKS OF GOD**

Golden Text  
O Lord, our Lord,  
How excellent is thy name in all the earth,  
Who hath set thy glory upon the heavens!  
Lesson Text Ps. 19: 1-6, 85: 9-13, 104: 24

Exposition: Creation Glorifies God Ps. 19: 1-6

In the 19th Psalm we have the glory of God revealed in nature (vs. 1-6) and the glory of God as revealed in His written Word (vs. 7-11). It is a psalm of reflection because it reveals a mature spiritual experience. In that case the writer looks back over a long past in which he has come to a full appreciation of the glory of God. To him, all nature is full of the praise of Jehovah, the Scriptures reveal His glory and it is the dutiful prayer of man to aspire to such purity of thought and speech as shall not detract from God's glory. The glory of God is the total of His perfections (Ps. 24: 7-10). When He created the heavens and the earth He pronounced all His creation "good" (Gen. 1: 31). As the architect of the universe God's handiwork is such that sincere mankind cannot fail to see His glory in all the works thereof (Rom. 1: 19, 20; Ps. 8: 3-5). It is only deliberately carnal and sinful people who cannot see God in the natural wonders above and surround them. Of course, sinners who are willfully blind will pay no attention to the sun, moon and stars nor will they be much concerned with the charm, beauty and perfection of nature. Science has the same foundation as faith and that is God.

In verses 2-4 we have the statement that the heavens furnish a perpetual testimony. It is cumulative. The wonders of today are more wonderful than those we reverently gazed upon yesterday. Like an overflowing cup the testimony increases. The heavens are filled with Jehovah's praise (Ps. 150: 1-2). Day and night, there fore the heavens utter forth the glory of God. Man in his sin cannot hear these anthems of praise, but it is well for us to learn that they are there. For in our redemption we shall become part of this vast chorus. The great anthem participated in by all who have been cleansed in the blood of the Lamb that was slain (Rev. 1: 5-6) calls upon all that are in heaven and everywhere else to glorify our Redeemer and Lord (Rev. 5: 8-13).

The reference to the sun in verses 4b to 6 is to show that as the light and warmth of it blesses the earth so the glory of God would enrich and make radiant all mankind. The highly poetic description of the sun as a bridegroom is to portray the joy and confidence inspired by the heaven-enriching sun. In the same benevolence and grace God is always willing to save, comfort, help and bless. How great the devotion of the psalmist is seen in the fact that in beholding the sun he saw it as a symbol of the eternal radiance, providence and salvation of Jehovah (Isa. 61: 10, 11; Eccl. 5: Phil. 3: 13, 14; Heb. 12: 1-2).

II. The Power and Goodness of God, Ps. 65: 9-13

The power and goodness of God is our basis of confidence and trust. Thus it is good for us to review the most ordinary benefits of life and attribute them to Him. He sends the snow in winter, the sun to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain. By means of these providences the bare earth is made to bring forth food and sustenance for man and beast (Ps. 46: 4; Rev. 22: 3). The stream of God is the rain. He turns it whichever way he wills. The earth drinks in the rain, the ridges absorb it, the mountains store it for a steady flow. It is all that there may be a harvest, plentiful and rich, rejoicing the hearts of the people filling them with praises to God.

Is not this the best view of the world? Secular and non-religious people turn the glory of nature into mundane drudgery. Science without worship is mere activity and labor without God. Happy is the farmer who plays as he plants, he will most likely sing the loudest in thanksgiving for abundant harvests (Ps. 25: 10, 5: 12, 26: 7-9; Ac. 14: 17). The food we eat in recognition of God's bounty, hence the Christian practice of rendering thanks before each meal. How gross and "unlovely" is "ungodly" man! How attractive and radiant is the man with a thankful heart. He covets to see a future day when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea (Isa. 21: 9; Heb. 8: 10-12).

III. Wisdom of God, Ps. 104: 24

The study of God is the highest pursuit in which man can engage. It leads to a divine understanding of all that things in the life of a human being. The knowledge of God is a satisfying virtue in our lives (Jno. 17: 3). Jesus' great passion for His disciples was that they might know God (Jno. 17: 8, 23-26). We need to learn all we can from the Bible about God and translate

**SPORTS CAMERA**  
By H. COLES

**SINCE THEIR SECESSION** from the H.C.L. and subsequent entry into the Ontario Intermediate A play-downs Acton have really started to use their big lumber to smash out extra base hits at the expense of Hamilton Studbakers best pitching. In two games A's have smashed twenty six singles from three hundred three of them home runs and including many that went for extra bases. The amazing or should I say superlative, thing about their resurgence is the fact that all players are sharing in the picnic.

Bob Fossitt is riding the crest of a streak even he himself is astounded at it. He has good reason to be too. Until he regained his batting eye it's doubtful if the centre fielder was hitting beyond two figures. It was a case of determination on Fossitt's part either to hit that ball or bust and it's unlikely he would consent to busting at this juncture.

The rest of the team inspired by Fossitt's return to form are smashing bats at a clip similar to the success of 1947 title hunt. On the basis of A's last seven consecutive wins fans are beginning to discuss chances of another championship year with the provision, of course, the boys continue to face the little round pill at their present pace.

**IN RETROSPECT** it was an acerbated display of punch at the dish that conclusively brought the Ontario title to Acton two years back. If you believe in history repeating itself then review facts carefully before hazarding a guess.

Although Acton will probably eliminate Studbakers, remember there are unmet other clubs in Ontario Int. A circles considerably stronger than the Hamilton unit, including Oakville, perennially a nemesis to Acton clubs. Studbakers haven't had the advantage of group competition, while unless they are in similar straits, most other clubs in Int. A brackets have.

Consequently, unless you are a born optimist, it's not good policy to gauge their performance as indicative of the elevated company Acton are presently encumbered with.

**DR. SIRRS** IN HIS anxiety to get opposition for the Juniors before snow flies has been in constant contact with league authorities in an effort to speed up the play off process but was informed he would just have to wait for developments from O.B.A. Brass League Secretary Alex Cooke said that with the sole exception of Hamilton Studbakers and Acton there is not another team in all of Ontario in baseball playdowns yet.

O.B.A. officials stretched a point allowing Hamilton and Acton to meet this soon. Cooke added Hamilton had been applying pressure for games, finding the exhibition circuit entirely inadequate in training a team. Since Acton was idle and showing signs of exerting pressure, league officials yielded to their demands.

But your Junior team Cooke told the amiable Doc in effect, will just have to wait. As a result Doc Sirrs feels it will be well into next week before they are despatched a play-down opponent.

**MEANWHILE**, after trouncing a feeble Shelburne Junior outfit 16-3 last Saturday, Acton Juniors are slated to play an exhibition tilt with Oakville here Friday night. Oakville copped the County cup by taking Milton three games to one last week.

Had Corbett, Oakville's dynamic mentor, told Doctor Sirrs in a telephone conversation that he was disappointed in the showing of Acton Juniors, "You had the power and the pitching," he commented "but lost too many games by one run." As if the Doc didn't know. He probably has chewed his digits to the bone no more than one occasion watching a comfortable lead dissipate.

However it will be a determined Junior club facing Oakville tomorrow night here. They intend to make some form of retribution for those one run games even if it is only an honor at stake.

**ODD BITS** Milton Ints. copped the Hamilton County League championship from Fergus and then won the last of the Int. C series with

Waterdown, 15-7, repeating their threat to advance deeper into play-downs than last year. . . Fergus tied with Georgetown in Int. "B" in the first game but lost a conclusive 12-3 decision last Saturday.

Johnnie Mowat, expatriated Acton player, hurled brilliant ball for Gall Terrier Pups against the Senior-studded Guelph Leaflets but poor fielding cost him the decision in the deciding play-off. Bennie age 9 peering at spectators from the back of Rachlin's softball team is about the lonesomest looking lad in our fair town. I doubt if any other boy at that age had the distinction of being on a softball jersey although the hat boy of one other club sagely remarked "You and sometimes they play like age 9 too." But he was biased.

**ERECTION OF ACTON INTO A TOWN**

It is the intention of the Village of Acton to make application to the Ontario Municipal Board for the erection of the said Village into the status of a Town. Said erection to take effect on or about September 10th, 1949.

J. McGeachie, Clerk

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When the Engineer, Council and other officials will give all the information available so that electors may give careful consideration before casting their vote on the question on September 6th.

**IT'S YOUR MEETING**

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