

The Editor's Corner



No, boys and girls—hasn't forgotten Georgetown! We've just received word that jolly old Santa will be here in person on Saturday afternoon, December 19th, with his usual Christmas treat for you.

There's lots of snow to make it just that much easier for his reindeer to bring him to the Community Christmas Tree sharp at 3 p.m. He knows every kiddie in town and will be disappointed if he doesn't see you there.

Santa has to have his helpers, you know, and on Saturday afternoon the Georgetown Lions' Club are going to be his right-hand men.

Mothers and Dads—you'll be at the Tree with the children. We hope you've bought your lucky draw ticket for the big Christmas Fowl Raffle which the Lions' Club are holding after the kiddies have their treat. Your support of the Club's activities makes such things possible.

So—come on everybody—let's meet at the Lions' Community Christmas Tree a week from Saturday, to wish each other a Very Merry Christmas!

IT'S DECIDEDLY AWKWARD

The new transportation ruling whereby a person may not travel for more than fifty miles on the same bus, has given rise to some peculiar situations. A person in Toronto wishing to go to Guelph may not do so—at least not without a great deal of trouble and inconvenience.

The part of the scheme which is hardest to understand, is the fact that the original bus is allowed to continue its trip right through to Guelph, and oftentimes with only one or two passengers. The bus service is exactly the same, to date, and other than making it so awkward for people that they will not travel beyond the 50 miles radius, we can see no point in the plan.

HE GAVE SOME SOUND ADVICE

We hope you heard Winston Churchill's address last Sunday. Each time we listen to him, the more convinced we are that when ultimate victory comes to us and our Allies, no small measure of credit will be due his sane leadership during these darkest of times.

The latest war news is still more encouraging. At time of writing, the Russian offensives on the Central and Stalingrad fronts are continuing steadily and surely in the face of stubborn enemy resistance. The decisive battle for Tunisia appears to have been joined, and already the enemy forces have suffered heavy losses.

BUY AT HOME
With the Christmas shopping season now in full swing, we'd like to remind you that by following the "Buy at Home" policy which your local paper has always advocated, you'll find quality and prices that compare favourably with any city stores.

YOU'LL LIKE THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION WHICH IS PRESENT WHEN YOU SHOP IN TOWN. Each store is a unit completely familiar with its own line of stock and so its Sales Staff can advise you how to spend your money to the best advantage.

CHRISTMAS, and one sure way to save it is by watching the ads. This week, and for the next two weeks, The Herald will be brimful of ads, telling you what the stores have to offer. Pay particular attention to them. They will give you ideas for gifts you have not quite decided on, and will tell you where to shop for the articles you have already decided to give.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 13

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THE VALUE OF THE CHURCH TO THE SOCIAL ORDER

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 9:12-18. Mark 12:13-17. 1 Peter 2:11-17. GOLDEN TEXT—Ye are the salt of the earth... Ye are the light of the world—Matthew 5:13, 14.

Social and political leaders have in the church the strongest influence for good in all the world. One marvels that those who profess to seek the best for humanity, who try every kind of social experiment, who labor with every expedient of man, fail to see and use in full measure the power of Christianity.

I. A Powerful Influence for Moral Good (Matt. 9:12-18). Salt in the midst of corruption, light in a world of unbelievable darkness—what striking and meaningful figures with which to describe the Christian.

II. A Stabilizing Element in Society (Mark 12:13-17). The world is in social ferment, and our own country has its share of "isms" and social theories calling men to follow, asking their loyalty, making them Utopian promises without foundation.

III. A Loyal Example of Good Citizenship (1 Pet. 2:13-17). The highest measure of loyalty to country is the Christian standard here stated. In Romans 13:1-10 we learn that all authority comes from God and that the power of rulers is to be recognized as His gift.

IV. A Gracious Life (vv. 14-17). Too often, following Christ—and church membership—has not seemed attractive to the unbeliever, nor has it recommended the grace of God, because it has been a sad, unpleasant, negative thing which God never intended it to be.

TO THE average non-Christian (rightly or wrongly), the matter of being a Christian seems to be a rather drab affair of denying one's self the interesting and pleasant things of life.

THE purpose and plan of God for man is that he should be in fellowship with Him, and thus to be set free from the limitations and the disappointments of human life apart from God. The normal life of the Christian is one of love, peace, joy, fellowship, praise and thankfulness.

NATURALLY, the peace of Christ will be the ruling factor in such a life, controlling the heart, the seat of man's emotions and affections. Such a life is cultivated and developed by the indwelling of God's Word and (note it) "richly."

THE history of our country and of other lands reveals the names of many illustrious Christian patriots, and the roll of honor of those who lived and served their country well in the humble and difficult places, would bear its hundreds of thousands of names which are found also on the roll of the church.

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THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

LESSON TEXT—Colossians 3:1-17. GOLDEN TEXT—Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.—1 Corinthians 12:27.

Church membership means a great deal; a fact which has been obscured by the prevalent idea that joining the church is just like joining any other organization. We need to be reminded again and again that the local or denominational organization has real meaning only as it represents in the world a fellowship of true believers who, by the new birth, have become part of the living and true church, which is the body of which Christ is the Head.

THE church member is (or should be) a Christian, that is, one who has passed from death to life through the regenerating work of God in Christ (John 3:6, 7). Thus he has become "a new creature; old things have passed away; behold all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

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SETTING one's heart upon things above means that the life will be changed. There will be a putting off of the things of earth and a putting on of the new man, in practice as well as in creed.

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NORTH HALTON MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS. Flight-Lieutenant Bruce Jennings, a chaplain in the R.C.A.F., was guest speaker at the North Halton Ministerial Association meeting held Monday afternoon in the United Church.