

Sport Still in the Spotlight Up North

DORON ALCOIT NAMED AS SPORTY IMPRESARIO OF COPPER CLIFF

Georgetown and Copper Cliff have been closely connected the past few years on the sporting front, due to one boys handling athletic activities in the Nickel Belt, and also because of the competition both in baseball and hockey that has taken place between Georgetown teams and teams from the north.

War-time has put sport more or less in the background in Georgetown, with nearly all available talent in the service or busy at civilian jobs. Up north, however, the picture is different, and sport continues to boom during the summer baseball competition has been keen. News from Copper Cliff tells us that that town own all three Nickel Belt Baseball League championships—senior, junior and juvenile. Besides that eleven teams operated in the Copper Cliff shift Softball League. Now they are ready for 1944.

Living in the Sudbury Daily Star, Harry Elsen has some nice things to say about a former Georgetown, Gordon Alcott, who managed all Copper Cliff baseball and softball teams, and who is now embarking on the

hockey season. We reprint it herewith:

"The hockey enthusiasts from Copper Cliff have stolen the jump on the Nickel Belt. Why, you may ask, do we say that? It is a perfectly natural question, so we'll tell you. The Copper Cliff Athletic Association held a meeting Thursday night, and it didn't take them long before a shift hockey league was formed.

"No time wasted, no words bandied, no hemming and hawing. They wanted to form a puck circuit, and without any further ado they did. Which is certainly what we like to see.

"Eight teams will comprise the loop, and games will be played two nights every week, starting at 8:30 o'clock. The nights haven't as yet been elected, nor has the schedule been drawn up. But outside of this, everything is set.

"Hard-working Tony Demarzo, who did such a swell job of keeping things in smooth running order as secretary of the Copper Cliff Shift Softball League, will also handle the organizing duties for the puckers. And his running mate will be none other than Gordon 'The Great' Alcott, who is the loop pro.

"Incidentally, when Alcott walked into our sanctum early last night we thought that someone had just switched on a brilliant floodlight. Gord just radiated. He would have made even the sun look to its laurels.

"But when we heard the story, we couldn't blame Gord for beaming. He

season. After all, when your team make a clean sweep of all three baseball titles in the Nickel Belt it is really seasons to smile.

"Gord, who manages the Copper Cliff diamond club, had his seniors, juniors and juveniles all capture titles. Up to last night his seniors and juveniles had hung up respective championships on their belts and then last night his juniors took and 8-7 decision from Sudbury Grads in the second and final game of the Nickel Belt junior playoffs.

"You may say," said Gord, "that the cream of the Nickel Belt's athletic crop is in Copper Cliff. I've known that all along. But now it's a proven fact. Three championships out of three—what!" And he snapped his fingers twice just for emphasis.

"Although Joe MacDonald coached the three editions of the Redmen, it was Alcott who did all the arranging for umpires, schedules, dates for games and the down and one things that have to be done. In short, Alcott was what is commonly known as the 'brain'.

"So Mr. Brain, Coach MacDonald and members of the three Copper Cliff teams, you can take a bow. No one can say that you didn't earn it.

Neighbours Honour Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dick

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McDonald, Georgetown, was the scene of a happy gathering Friday night last, when a large number from the entire community gathered to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dick, who are soon leaving to reside in Brampton. Also in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Creighton, who were married recently. Mr. Leonard Bell, of Norval, acted as chairman for the evening, and on behalf of the gathering expressed regret on losing Mr. and Mrs. Dick from the community, also offered happy felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Creighton on their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Dick were presented with a magnificent china clock, the address being read by Mrs. Fred Lyons, while the presentation was made by Mrs. Laverne Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Creighton were presented with an occasional chair and a chest of drawers, the address being read by Miss Gertrude Watson, while Messrs. Andrew Smith and James Porter made the presentation. All recipients replied suitably to the gifts and thanked their many friends for their thoughtfulness at this opportune time. A special feature of the evening was the interesting program presented, after which a delectable luncheon was served.

Esquimaux Fair

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presidents down through the years. (Going back twenty years we find that Mr. Ben Petch was the popular president on a number of occasions. Others who have headed the Society are Thos. H. Cook, John A. Elliott, C. T. Moffat, T. L. Leslie, Ed McWhirter, George Leslie, James Fisher, Thos. J. Brownridge, Frank Petch and Herbert Cleave. But no President has been more enthusiastic over fall fair work than the present president and energetic young Esquimaux Township farmer, Craig Reid. The decided success of the 1943 show was due in no small way to the interest shown by the president.

While it takes new young blood in almost any organization to add the creative zest, the same organization could not function properly without the older and more experienced members. Thus we find in delving into the history that the Treasurer of the Society, P. W. Cleave, has held this position for 21 years. This is an enviable record, and the Society and community are surely indebted to this public-spirited citizen. The Board of Directors is also composed of a number of past presidents, who have worked for many years in the interests of the fall exhibition.

Later Yesterday and To-day

This article has already probably reached too great a length, but we would like to say something about the fair itself. The fair of today differs in many ways from fairs of yesteryears. One big difference at most rural fairs although there are a few exceptions is the gate receipts. In scrutinizing an old cash book of the Society of twenty years ago, one finds the gate receipts running over \$1000.00 at Georgetown, fair, while today \$300 or \$400 would be considered a big gate. Then again the midway or old-time fair at the fall is almost a thing of the past and Fall fairs nowadays do not cater to this sort of entertainment. Outside of the odd hot-dog stand and baseball throw, the fair has had his day.

One thing we disliked to see vanish from the mall exhibit was the display of local merchants and outside firms as well. Those coming in always had favors for the crowd, and it was like the Toronto Exhibition to visit each exhibit and collect as many of these as possible.

We often wondered why more people do not take advantage of the large prizes offered for fall exhibits, especially in the home-baking, ladies work and vegetable displays. Apart from the thrill of entering and winning displays we don't think citizens would be too mercenary if they considered how easy it is to pick up a few extra dollars in prize money.

The fair misses the exhibits of local farmers and townpeople, but we believe the time is returning, and when the war is won, when the fair will once more come into its own.

Other Shows

There are a number of fairs which stand out more prominently than others in Ontario for one day fairs, and rated as top among them is the Teeswater show. It is estimated that 18,000 people attended this year, and the gate receipts amounted to over \$3800. It is said the novelty attractions and the show of light and heavy horses are the big events at Teeswater. Next in line as far as attendance goes is the Rockton fair. Rockton is only a small community between Galt and Hamilton but it was announced over the amplifying system that over 16,000 were in attendance with gate receipts over \$3400. Drawing a record crowd of 11,000 people, Erin Fair was the biggest "jam session" we attended. Had there been many more at Erin fair the Agricultural grounds would not have held them. The light and heavy horse show was outstanding with five teams competing in each class. Over a hundred head of Shorthorn Cattle were on exhibition, there were 100 swine in the market hog division, and all down the line it was the same story. Erin Fair is really a meeting place for fair-goers, but given half a chance the so-called smaller fairs could be built up to unbelievable heights.

APPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for October 24

Lesson Objectives and Scripture texts are based on the Bible, Revised Edition, and the following:

HONORING OUR PARENTS

LESSON TEXT—Ephesians 6:1-3; Luke 9:48; Golden Rule—Matthew 22:37-39; Proverbs 1:8-9

Right relations between children and parents have much to do with the peace and prosperity of a community and a nation. Experience has demonstrated that to be true, but even more basic is the fact that it is in accord with the promise of God.

One of the bad breakdowns in modern life is that of proper honor and obedience to parents by children. In all too many homes God's order has been reversed and instead of honoring and obeying their parents, children (both young and old) have taken the place of "boss," and mother and father must obey if they want peace and rest.

The need for our lesson of today is both great and acute. The future happiness of hundreds of thousands of children and the present welfare of thousands of neglected and board-ridden parents will depend on the intelligence and faithfulness with which this lesson is taught in our churches, and the honesty of heart with which we all receive its truth.

I. The Command and Promise (Exod. 20:12).

We are told by Paul that this is the "first commandment with promise" (Eph. 6:1-3). The Lord was not making a bargain with man, or seeking to draw out obedience by a prize, but there is obviously a great reward in the observing of this commandment.

Then, too, as the children of God (if we are such) through Jesus Christ, the first and most important consideration to come before us is, "What is the mind and will of the Maker of us all regarding this matter of the relation between parents and children? His words are plain—we are to "honor" our fathers and our mothers.

The word "honor" carries with it a great many things, but perhaps the three outstanding elements are respect, obedience, and affection.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Saviour and then the Example of believers, presents a beautiful pattern of true obedience to this commandment.

II. Willing Obedience (Luke 2:48-51; John 19:25-27).

The fact that Jesus was God manifest in the flesh only enhanced His conduct. He who is divine presents an example of obedience and consideration both as boy and man which we do well to emulate.

1. As a Boy (Luke 2:48-51). The boy Jesus, increasing "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (v. 52), had come to His twelfth year and with His parents had gone up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover.

There moved in His heart the conviction that He must now be about His Father's business—an altogether proper and commendable purpose, but one which resulted for the moment in separation from His parents. This was far more serious than a physical separation, for we read that they did not understand Him (v. 50).

Tragic indeed are the consequences of our failure to understand our children. Notice, however, that Jesus did not withdraw Himself from their watchful care, nor refuse to obey them even though they failed to understand Him. Equally tragic are the results of hasty and bitter separations brought about by the disobedience of children.

2. As a Man (John 19:25-27). The value of our lesson will be greatly reduced if we see only the responsibility of children while they are young. We are the children of our parents as long as we and they live.

One marvels at the carelessness and hardness of heart that will permit men and women who have time and money for everything else, to neglect their aged parents and even shunt them off into a public institution for care.

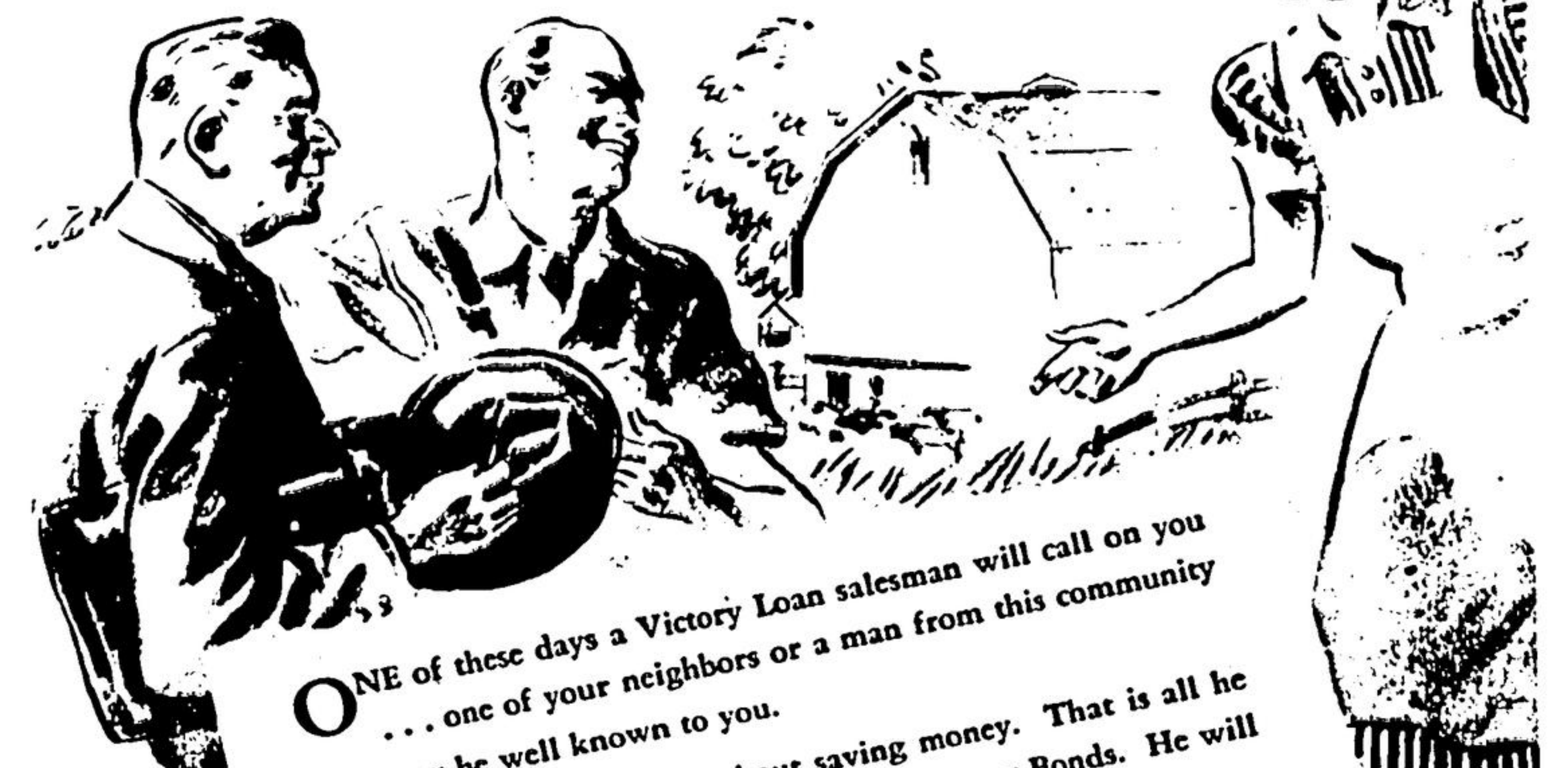
III. Hypocritical Disobedience (Mark 7:8-13).

Such an important commandment naturally held a high place in the thinking of the community. To violate it involved a measure of shame which men sought to avoid. So the Jews of Christ's day devised a scheme which made it possible for a man to appear to be very religious even as he deprived his parents of the honor and help to which they were entitled by the law of God.

The man who was so avaricious that he did not wish to support his aged and needy parents could entirely evade that God-given responsibility by declaring that his proper was "Corban," that is, dedicated to a vow to God. Thereafter no matter how great was the need of a parents they could receive nothing.

Thus do men make "the word of God of none effect" (v. 13) through their traditions. The method differs but the spirit persists even in our day.

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