

"As We See It"

(By J. A. Strang)

WHILE OPINIONS may differ in regard to the Provincial Government's proposal to introduce religious instruction in the schools throughout the Province, yet we have to admit that the proposal is paying dividends already due to the fact that it is causing a good deal of discussion, both in conversation and in the press. An honest expression of opinion is often helpful both to the owner of the opinion and to the listener as well. Religious instruction should, we would think, commence in the home and be followed up in the church. The general opinion these days is that both of these institutions have fallen down on the job and the government proposes to start religious instruction in the schools. The fact that the government has had to come to the rescue is no credit to either the home or the church. It seems that, due to the peace which we live these days, there is no time for family worship in the home any more. Many of us can recall when it was the usual thing to have family worship every morning and evening. Right after breakfast a chapter was read and a morning prayer repeated. Then just before retiring in the evening the same short family worship period was repeated. On Sunday evening the usual procedure was changed to allow all members of the family to take part. Gathered around the big dining room table with a bible of their own the different members would read a verse in turn from some well known chapter usually in the New Testament, or perhaps it was one or more of the Psalms. Thus even the youngest member would feel that they had taken part. Let it seem that we

are too busy these days for anything like that but up to date there hasn't been a better way discovered of starting or ending the day. Most of us will agree that the poet, Robert Burns, had his faults but then many of us come under that same conclusion ourselves. In Burns' poem "The Cotter's Saturday Night" Burns tells of the Cotter's conducting family worship on Saturday night and we are going to use one verse of his from that poem right here. "The priest-like father reads the sacred page, How Abraham was the friend of God on High, Or Moses bade eternal warfare rage, With Amalek's ungracious progeny, Or how the royal bard did groaning lie. Beneath the stroke of Heaven's avenging fire Or Job's pathetic plaint and wailing cry, Or rapt Isaiah's wild seraphic fire, Or other holy seers that tune the sacred lyre". Recalling those days when family worship was the usual custom we think of the church services of that time as well and we find that the whole family attended church together in those days. Today the average sermon is away over the heads of the younger generation but as we recall it wasn't so in those earlier days. This may in part explain the absence of the young folk from church services these days. The peculiar part of it is that due to the custom of having the Sunday school meet immediately before the morning service it should be very easy to have the whole school attend morning service. Attention one of the large city churches, we noticed that they took particular attention to see that the whole school did remain for the regular church service. The minister had a short address especially for the children and it was also suitable for the older folk. Then the

real sermon wasn't over the children's heads either, we thought. The short address was complete in itself but was also a continued story as well. When living in Northern Ontario some years ago we used to like to drive out to a log school house out in the country in which church services were held each Sunday. The seats in that log school house weren't very comfortable but we did enjoy those services. Were we to judge by present day standards we suppose the minister that we have in mind wouldn't be considered as being too well educated these days, although as we recall it, it wasn't his language so much as his pronunciation that was at fault. But perhaps that would not be his fault entirely. In his address though he seldom used words containing more than five or six letters and even the youngest child there would be able to understand him. Those sermons of his still stick. A young man that we knew quite well also attended those services and today this same young man is now a well known minister himself. He often tells us that when getting up his sermons these days he finds that his thoughts often go back to those simple sermons that we had both enjoyed back in the bush in Northern Ontario. Think back over the sermons that you yourself, recall and maybe it won't be the most learned, maybe it will be the most vividly. Maybe it will be the simple sermon that even the younger folk could understand that still sticks in your mind as well.

Mrs. Epstein was an overly conscientious person. Therefore when she engaged a new maid she asked as many questions as she asked in a civil service examination. "Have you," she asked sternly, "any religious views?" "No, ma'am, I haven't," answered the girl, "but I've some dandy snapshots of Niagara Falls and the Great Lakes."

SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT LACROSSE LEAGUE

Six teams have qualified for the North Peel district lacrosse league including Norval Cheltenham, Ingleswood, Caledon, Nortonville and Brampton Reserve Army. Ingleswood and Caledon will play their home games on their own grounds. The other four teams will play their home games at the Rose Bowl in Brampton. Each team will play ten games a week to count two points and a tie game one point. The first four teams will then compete in the play-offs. The schedule has been drawn up as follows: May 24—Caledon at Ingleswood. May 27—Norval vs. Reserve Army. Nortonville vs. Cheltenham at Brampton. June 1—Norval at Caledon. June 3—Reserve Army vs. Nortonville Cheltenham vs. Ingleswood at Brampton. June 7—Norval at Ingleswood. June 7—Nortonville at Caledon. June 10—Reserve Army vs. Cheltenham Norval vs. Caledon at Brampton. June 14—Nortonville at Ingleswood. June 16—Reserve Army vs. Caledon, Norval vs. Cheltenham, at Brampton. June 21—Reserve Army at Ingleswood. June 24—Norval vs. Nortonville, Cheltenham vs. Reserve Army, at Brampton. June 29—Ingleswood at Caledon. July 1—Reserve Army vs. Norval, Ingleswood vs. Nortonville, at Brampton. July 4—Cheltenham at Caledon. July 7—Cheltenham vs. Norval, Caledon vs. Nortonville, at Brampton.

League officers are:—President, William Boudard; Vice-President, Jim Madgett; Secretary, Jim Clark; Treasurer, Harold Wilson; Adviser, Jack Worthy, who will also name the referees.

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val Juniors did not answer. The president was pleased with the earnestness and sincerity of these reports. Highlights of these branch activities included participation in blood clinics, overseas box contributions, accident prevention, serving refreshments at auction sales, supporting a school lending library, presentation of a copy of the Atlantic Charter to a township supplying village street lights and honor roll. There had evidently been no wasted time in these places. Those reporting for standing committees were: Agricultural and Canadian Industries, Mrs. S. H. Webster, Milton; Citizenship, Mrs. S. H. Webster, Milton; Historical Research, Mrs. William Gowdy, Acton; Home Economics, Mrs. Arthur Cowan, Palermo; Social Welfare Mrs. A. W. Benton, Limehouse; Publicity, Miss Nora Gilbert, Burlington; War Work, Mrs. L. F. Clarke, Scotch Block; Jam Convener, Mrs. A. W. Milligan, Burlington; Warline Prices and Trade Board, Mrs. J. E. Whitlock, Milton; Girls' project, Miss Lulu Rowe; Report of Provincial Director and of Federation Representative, Mrs. P. W. Merry, Hornby. Some timely suggestions among these reports included, the exchange of papers on citizenship; the preservation of historical facts and records; the use of wet string for tying parcels which tightened when dry; the study of family relationships as affecting juvenile problems; and the desirability of music in rural schools. The report of war work showed not quite one piece of sewing per member per year. A comparison indicated that this year it had not been as high as last year in some phases. A renewed effort was recommended. The comparison of jam had been 64 cases as against 82 cases last year. Mrs. Milligan stated that the government has set July 1 as the closing date this year for jam orders. It was hoped to supply 125 tons of Jam this year from Ontario. A full report of the method adopted in sending the jam was made by the convener, with figures as to cost. At the afternoon session, the gathering heard some very sweet music from the throats of a group of rural school children under the direction of Mrs. Robertson. Mrs. P. W. Merry explained her connection between this district and her provincial work with a linking up of ideas. She explained the work of the P.W.I. with 36,500 members in Ontario W.I.'s. \$12,500 had been spent on prisoners-of-war parcels, not one of which was lost. Two mobile kitchens had been supplied at a cost of \$3,000 each; \$1,300

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had been given to the Russian Relief Fund, and the Kinsmen's Milk for Britain Fund had been extensively supported. Her past president's jewel was presented to Mrs. Merry by Mrs. Lloyd Crawford and Mrs. A. W. Milligan. Mrs. Arthur Cowan reported that the special committee had recommended that a portrait of the late Mrs. J. E. Gamble be hung in the courthouse at Milton. This was adopted, and an impressive two minutes' silence was observed to the memory of this much loved and respected Institute worker. Mrs. Clarence Hayes, of Georgetown, representing the Department of Agriculture, conducted the election of officers for the coming year which were as follows: President, Mrs. Alex. Near, of Dublin; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, Campbellville; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Chester Service, Scotch Block; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Burton, Palermo; Federation representative, Mrs. Percy Merry, Hornby; alternate, Mrs. A. Near; District delegate, Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, Campbellville; alternate, Mrs. Arthur Cowan, Palermo; auditors, Mrs. D. Wendover and Mrs. Arthur Cowan; conveners of standing committees—Ag'culture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. J. E. Whitlock, Milton; Citizenship, Mrs. S. H. Webster, Milton; Historical research, Mrs. Wm. Gowdy, Acton; Home Economics, Mrs. Arthur Cowan, Palermo; Social Welfare, Mrs. A. W. Benton, Limehouse; Publicity, Miss Nora Gilbert, Burlington; War work, Mrs. L. F. Clarke, Scotch Block; Jam Convener, Mrs. A. W. Milligan, Burlington; W.P.T.B. Mrs. J. E. Whitlock, Milton; Scrap book editor, Mrs. F. Rinehart, Nassagaweya. The district directors were accepted as appointed by the branches.

A resolution was passed that where-as the provincial government had made provision for a county school health program through the province; the W.I. ask the Halton County Council to consider the request of the W.I. to have this program established in this county. A lengthy discussion followed in which the ladies expressed their approval of medical health supervision in rural schools, to give them the same advantages as urban and city schools. Mrs. P. W. Merry, Mrs. J. E. Whitlock and Mrs. W. H. Burton were appointed a committee to revise the district program. The invitation to hold the next district annual at Campbellville was accepted. The meeting accepted the project of Citizenship in the rural community of the co-operative program for 1944-45. Mrs. Clarence Hayes, of Georgetown, the departmental speaker, gave a stirring address during the afternoon's program, which was given rapt attention, and which left a lasting impression on those who heard it. It was supremely important that W. I. work must be carried on, one said. The work for Home and Country goes on and deepens as it strikes. The men must have something to come back to; a better people whose mental and spiritual stamina had been quickened, and an extremely more sympathetic and understanding people; better homes, more laughter in these homes, ideal communities, better facilities for adult education. It was a great opportunity for the W.I. in the post-war world; learn now about danger of inflation, planned economy and food production, social security. The W. I. was the medium through which rural opinion could be expressed and action taken. It took a war to create prosperity, to give jobs to those who had no jobs; it took a war to awaken women to a sense of their responsibility, and there must be some way of releasing feminine energy and woman power into peaceful channels when the war is over. Democracy can only be perpetuated through actions of our daily life; we are never asked to die for democracy, but we are asked to live for democracy and democratic institutions, schools, churches. The effectiveness of our W.I. program as strong threads in the weaving of democracy now and in the post-war period depends on the zeal, energy, devotion, loyalty, and even blood, sweat and tears of its devoted members in reconsecrating ourselves to the task of building for Home and Country for the betterment and happiness of the country. A vote of thanks was moved to the speaker, and also to the Rev. Walker Postbury, minister of the church who had made the delegates welcome to the community, and the Board of the church in allowing its use for the district annual.

LOCAL CONSIGNMENT TO NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SALE

Several local breeders have consigned animals to the Fifteenth Annual National Holstein Sale, scheduled for May 31 at Brampton. The National is Canada's top annual Holstein sale, the entries being hand-picked from the country's choicest herds. R. C. Given and Son, Georgetown, are consigning three head, Harold Bingham, Georgetown, two, and F. Pelletterio, Milton, H. A. Dolson and Son, Georgetown, Dr. Chas. N. Blanshard and E. Segsworth, Freeman, one each. A feature of the National Sale will be the selection of the winner of the heifer calf, Glenafon Laurel Blossom, on which the 8,500 Holstein breeders of Canada have been selling tickets in aid of the Red Cross.

TENDERS FOR COAL AND COKE

SEALED Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Coal" will be received until 3 p.m. (E.D.S.T.), Wednesday, June 7, 1944, at the Dominion Buildings, throughout the Province of Ontario. Forms of tender with specifications and conditions attached can be obtained from the Purchasing Agent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa; and the Supervising Architect, 38 Adelaide St. East, Toronto, Ont. Tenders should be made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the departmental specifications and conditions attached thereto. Coal tender's license numbers must be given when tendering. The Department reserves the right to demand from any successful tenderer before awarding the order a security deposit in the form of a certified cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender, or Bearer Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or of the Canadian National Railway Company and its constituent companies unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Dominion of Canada, or the aforementioned bonds and a certified cheque, if required to make up an odd amount. Such security will serve as a guarantee for the proper fulfillment of the contract. By order, J. M. SOMERVILLE, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, May 15th, 1944.

I had a nightmare...

I dreamed that I paid \$5.00 for a haircut and \$50.00 for a pair of cardboard shoes. I dreamed that we had no wartime controls on prices, profits or wages, and that we hadn't had the sense to organize the distribution of supplies all the way down the line...



I dreamed that because everyone was making more money and spending it, prices were skyrocketing.

all the stores looked like "fire" sales... with people scrambling to buy before prices went still higher...

panicky people were buying things they didn't need, and hoarding everything they could get their hands on...

I dreamed that everybody had to fight to get more money... and that in this mad race, wages and salaries were falling behind.

I dreamed the hand of everyone was against his neighbour, with each of us blaming the other fellow for his troubles.

with everybody for himself... no matter what it cost in the long run... and no matter how it hurt the war effort.

THEN... THANK GOODNESS - I WOKE UP!

to realize with relief that I live in a country where things are sane and stable... where the cost of living has been kept within bounds.

to realize that prices and wages—production costs and selling prices—are inseparably linked together.

to remind myself that the danger is still pressing and that we must continue to hold firm... and that means everybody must play fair and do his part by not trying to get some temporary, funded advantage at the expense of his fellow-Canadians.

to realize that without the safeguards that have headed off inflation, my nightmare might have become a reality!

INFLATION DISASTER

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