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Sidewalks, Parking Areas Improve Local Churches

Two local churches are making extensive improvements to their properties.

Volunteer labour from among the church men at St. John's United has resulted in a large parking area being cleared on the Chapel Street east side. Two large trees have been removed, the land bulldozed out and levelled and soon there will be sufficient parking space for churchgoers and for attendants at functions in the memorial hall.

The church men have also been busy laying a cement sidewalk from the highway to the side entrance of the hall and constructing steps from the parking lot to connect with the sidewalk. In the church, the 50-50 Club has improved the beginners' room by lowering the ceiling and painting and decorating the room.

At St. George's Anglican Church a bulldozer has been at work leveling the grounds on the west side of the church and sloping this down to the sidewalk. The lawn will be seeded when this is done. A hand-rail, planned for some time has been placed along the sidewalk entrance to the church, where the sloping sidewalk has always been dangerous in the winter time.

St. George's too, has provided increased parking facilities. What was formerly the garden between the rectory and the church has been levelled and cleared for car parking.

FARM NEWS

HALTON JERSEY MEN SIMCOE PRIZEWINNERS

Halton Jersey breeders made a great showing at the Western Ontario Championship Jersey Show, held at Simcoe, last Wednesday. According to all reports it was the strongest show yet held at the centre, with some 180 head in competition. With 5 counties competing in the Inter County Herd Class, Halton took top honours, with Oxford in second place. In the individual classes they were equally prominent. Here are a few of their more important wins:

Gerald E. Graham took the reserve senior and reserve grand championship for males on his 4 year old sire, Golden Meadow Butler Boy. The same breeder had the first prize senior heifer calf, which later was declared Junior champion. In the mature cow class in milk, Jerslyn Park Ruby was second for the same exhibitor.

Ken Ellis & Sons: Rock-Ella Farm had the first prize senior yearling, third prize two year old in milk; and fifth on their Junior Get of Sire group.

Featherstone Bros: First on their senior Get of Brampton Jersey Bull; first on their two year old in milk; first on their three year old in milk.

Maurice C. Beatty: First prize dry three year old on Lindale Hlyal Princess. This animal went on to take the Senior and Grand Championship. The same exhibitor had the second prize dry two year old; third prize Junior yearling heifer, and a third on his junior get of Lindale Beacon Bos.

Georgetown Navy Man Visits Narvik, Norway

Postcards to his family and friends last week informed them that David Barber was in Narvik, Norway.

David, son of Mr and Mrs. George Barber, left his position at Smith & Stone last year to join the Canadian navy and is a crew member of HMCS Quebec. He expected to be next in Scotland.

LEGION LADIES ATTEND CONVENTION

Attending the convention of ladies of the Legion Auxiliary in Brockville this week are Mrs. J. Kemahed, Mrs. Alex Taylor and Mrs. Thomas Grieve.

World Wide Communion Observed at St. John's

Sunday in the churches was World-Wide Communion Sunday, a great fellowship of Christian believers of many denominations with one great common foundation of belief. Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, something much greater than their differences. At St. John's United Church, the congregation joined in this great service of fellowship and communion, Rev. John M. Smith directing his meditation to the thought of "the sense of belonging," belonging in its fullest meaning, that of being possessed, by God Himself or His great institution the Church or the great Christian Fellowship. Without such a sense of belonging, we are only entering part way into the abundant life provided for us, and God is not able to do all He is capable of doing through us for the world, nor all He is anxious to do.

As a church member do we belong just because we have joined at some time in our life, or have we the sense of belonging, possessed by the church so that its work through us and others like us may be complete, truly felt in our community so that it is lifted nearer God?

Then too we should have a sense of belonging to the World-Wide Christian Church in such a way that we are not "Church Centred" giving of our time and talent only to our local organization, worthy though that may be, but rather giving ourselves to the greater task that God has for us, a World-Wide task "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

And God has something greater yet for us, a sense of belonging to His Invisibile Church. Probably the greatest things in life are, after all, the invisible ones. Faith, Hope, Love, Mercy, Sacrifice and we cannot believe that all the outpouring of these down through the ages, along with the Christian martyrdom of such as Stephen, Paul, The Disciples and millions of others great and humble, has all just vanished. What we know of God's laws, even His physical laws won't let us believe that, there must be an Invisibile Church in being, belonging to God, in which it is good for us to have a sense of belonging. When we pray to God in earnest, we are even then lifting ourselves to a higher plane of life, where God can meet us the more easily.

Then too we should have a sense of really belonging to God, possessed by Him. We are His creatures, it is He who sustains us, to be outside of His fold is just half living, struggling with the world and our own self-centred will and desires. A true sense of belonging to God gives peace. But how many there are who will not accept His invitation to belong and how anxiously God waits for their return. And how anxious are we that they should return and belong? To illustrate Mr. Smith quoted the legend which could only be taken as a legend, yet carrying the great truth of God's longing; the legend of Judas wandering through the darkness of eternity, finally seeing a tiny light in the distance and making his way to it. Getting nearer he saw it was a window; and when he reached it looking in, he saw Jesus standing before a table spread with the Bread and Wine; with the eleven disciples standing around the table, and the empty peace of Judas, all just as he had left it.

And then he saw Jesus beckoning to him to come in, and as he entered, heard Jesus say, "Welcome Judas, we could not sit down until you came back." If we really belong, we will not sit down in God's work, until they are all back.

The choir's anthem was appropriate "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son."

At the evening service, Mr. Smith outlined the life of sacrifice of Albert Schweitzer, often called "a fool for Christ's sake." He gave up so much of brilliancy and opportunity of success in even the higher things of our usual conception of life to help uplift the poor natives of Lamvafene, in North Congo, in Africa. A great organist, an authority on Bach, a lecturer in Theology at the age of 30, he decided to give it all up and all it could mean for him, and studied medicine, the better to help him in giving his life to the uplifting and bringing back to God of the lowly natives of North Africa and helping them into receiving many of the blessings which God had intended for them.

Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth led in the service of praise.

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