

**ST. JOHN'S MINISTER
EXPLAINS COMMUNION**
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It was Communion service at St. John's United Church on Sunday morning. Rev. John M. Smith meditated from the words of Jesus spoken on the night before He was crucified, "Take eat, this is my body broken for you, this do in remembrance of Me." This is the greatest sacrament of the church, a remembrance of His giving of His life for us; a memorial to His great love and sacrifice. And though the bread and wine symbols of His broken body and shed blood and as such could lead us to think of them as external things, we must be careful to recognize their very deep spiritual significance, and just as we have been celebrating, and thinking much of Christ's birth, so must we think too of His growth and development; His teaching and example, leading to His cross, through the resurrection, and then the continued growth of His church and influence throughout the world. If we wish, we can think of it as a Communal Feast of those of the Christian fellowship of this small body or congregation of Christ's church. And though we believe God's presence is everywhere, the distractions of the world, our business, our self-sufficiency, cause us to forget that, even sometimes to ignore it; then as we attend His house, we are withdrawn somewhat from these things and realize more of God and His presence. Then as we accept His invitation and come to His table, where the symbols of remembrance of Him are before us, and of which He bids us partake, the memory of Him grows stronger and more sincere, and the awareness of His presence very real.

In such a Communal fellowship and in such an awareness of God's presence there should be a harmony of spirit in which the seeds of love, peace and goodwill would grow and spread through the community and far beyond. But it is more than just a Communal fellowship, it is part of the larger fellowship of the church in this land, and the wider fellowship of all who believe in God as revealed in Christ, in this land and every land throughout the world. In this belief it is founded on a solid basis, the all-powerful, ever present eternal God and the gift of His Son for the world's redemption, and its power for good should be revealed in the lives of those who partake and believe, as they take God with them from this sacrament into their work and play and into all their dealings and influence with their fellowmen. "Let a man examine himself" and make sure his motives and aspirations are upward and Godward as he partakes.

Mr. Smith told the girls and boys of a crippled man and a man deaf and dumb, who joined forces to establish a paper business on a street corner in Gary, Indiana. They were pleasant and well-liked, so worked up a large business. Then one day a call came telling of a girl badly burnt and that the only way to save her life was by the grafting of live skin on her burnt body. Our crippled hero knew the suffering he had had and what he had missed that other boys had had, so he offered the skin that was needed. Unfortunately it meant his death, but fortunately the girl lived. The people of Gary, honored and praised him, even built a monument to him; did much to help his partner, but his greatest monument was that of the living girl as she lived her life in constant memory of his sacrifice. So with Jesus, our greatest memorial to Him, is the living of our lives in constant memory of His great love and sacrifice.

Mrs. J. F. Evans was at the organ in the absence of Mr. Laird through illness. At the evening service, the subject, "Why go to Church?" Rev. John M. Smith in supplying the answer, quoted an article written sometime ago in the London Free Press headed: "A vote to close the Church." The writer hastened to explain that "He did not mean by ballot, but simply by non-at-

FARM NEWS

**Four More Reports at
Soil and Crop Meeting**

Mulching vs. Cultivation, was the title of the excellent report given by Geo. S. Atkins at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil & Crop Association.

Based on demonstrations laid down with corn in 1953, Mr. Atkins presented a fund of interesting information. The tests laid down at Woodlands Orchards clearly proved that increased yields result from cultivation at regular intervals — further, that the most important cultivation is the first. Both from the standpoint of weed control and increased yield. Plots mulched with no cultivation gave better results both in weed control and yield, than those which did not receive the first cultivation but were cultivated later in the season.

Another valuable point demonstrated by the tests at Woodlands Orchards was the importance of shallower cultivation later in the season, in order to prevent injury to the roots. In referring to mulching, Mr. Atkins stated, "in my opinion mulching definitely has a place with corn when grown on steep slopes in order to prevent erosion."

Corn Silage Keeps in Horizontal Silo

"Our first experience in storing corn silage in a horizontal silo on top of the ground worked out exceptionally well," stated John Moles, Esqueving Township farmer from near Acton. "There was little waste or spoilage — by means of a feed rack erected across one end of the silo, my beef cattle ate the silage direct from the silo," he added. "This rack had to be moved about 2 1/2 or 3 ft. every three or four days."

Mr. Moles reported that fall wheat grown thickly on top of the silage had prevented any spoilage.

Grass in Horizontal Silo

"Our silo is 70 ft. long and 20' 4" in width," stated Maurice C. Reaty, of Trafalgar Township. The rides are made of posts placed in

tendance," and then gave many good reasons why he was not going to vote to close the church. True, one could give to support the church, but a budget will not keep the church open, it may help pay part of someone's salary, or the fuel bill, but the church needs faces and souls to keep it open. Once in history the church was about the richest institution in the land, silver and gold it had aplenty, no lack; but the church nearly died; moral decay was eating it away. For me, I want the moral values which the church alone seems able to give; to know the truth which makes men free, the truth of living the highest and best possible life, the way the church teaches and is proven when applied. I want forgiveness of sin which it tells about, and which alone can give freedom and inner content which leads to happiness. So I vote to keep the church open. Amid the tension and tremendous pressure of our present-day living, I need the stabilizing influence which the church offers, the quiet and tranquility which keeps me sane, and helps me think wisely and keep values true, easing the tension. But I need spiritual values restored as well. True I can worship God by stream, or on the ski-trail, but I do not get soul-renewal unless I get it in God's house. Then too I need extra strength to meet the harder places in life. I may get by in ordinary times, but times do come when all seems hopeless and lost, the very foundations seem crumbling away, a man needs something — greater than himself to carry him through. No, I do not get that sufficiently by turning to the church then, though that helps. It needs building up week by week to meet such a trial. I need the church to realize that I am not alone in wishing to live the highest kind of life; there I meet others like-minded and I am encouraged. I want the church so as to be able to show my loyalty to God and the things God and the church stand for, so that if I live in my work and play as I learn in the church I should, people will know where I stand. I want to be recognized as a son or daughter of God. I want the church open for the girls and boys so that they have the chance to learn what is right and to live nobly. And I want it open for others, so that they may have the same knowledge of God that I have, and share in the same blessings. So all I can, I will attend faithfully and not cast a vote to close it by staying away. Let us remember, "We never miss the water till the well runs dry." So, we will not miss the true value of the church until we have let its spiritual and moral supplies dry up by non-attendance. The church needs faces to constantly look upward to God, and see the high destiny of man; and it also needs souls that lift it into the realm of God's power and love, His peace and goodwill.

Mrs. Jack Bailey and Miss Isabel Dobson sang, "Have thine own way Lord." Mrs. Ruth Wrigglesworth was pianist.

the ground 3 feet and are about 8 ft. above ground with ten posts along each side. At the ground level we placed a run of 1" x 12" x 10' boards full length of silo — the same was done about 4 feet higher up on the posts — midway between was a run of 2 x 6 plank. Over this was suspended a snow fence, which provided a side about 6 ft. in height. The snow fence was covered with a heavy paper. The total cost of the posts, lumber, snow-fence and paper was \$95.00. Sawdust was used to cover the silage on the completion of filling. The silo was opened on November 1st — around 1200 lbs. daily is being fed to 40 head of Lindsley Jerseys and slightly less than half of the silage has been fed to date. Mr. Reaty reports some spoilage on the sides and intimates that more care should be taken to give the paper plenty of overlap at the joints, or use a material which will withstand the elements better.

Georgetown Farmer Irrigates Pastures

We constructed our farm pond last spring, stated Tom Beer, manager at Lidia Farm, near Georgetown. An irrigation system was purchased at a cost of \$1200. The first crop of grass and legumes was taken off as grass silage. The 10 1/2 acre field was then divided into three smaller paddocks by electric fence, and irrigation got underway around July 1st. Each paddock carried around 20 cows and 15 heifers one week, or in other words, the entire field carried 35 head for 3 weeks and was then given a rest for one week. This was repeated three times after July 1st, or in other words the 10 1/2 acres carried the 35 head a total of 9 weeks. While the initial cost may seem somewhat high, the experiment indicates real possibilities and dividends in terms of both increased and higher quality feed for our dairy herd, stated Mr. Beer. Incidentally the field was fertilized each time before the sprinkler irrigation system was turned on.

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