

**Young People Present  
Easter Sacred Drama**  
J. D. G.

A very full church greeted the joyous Easter morning service at St. John's United on Sunday. After invocation the choir sang "The Magnificat," and later in the service "They have taken away my Lord." For the offertory the Junior Choir sang "The joyful Easter-tide" with June Cabanaw taking a solo verse. The senior choir were wearing their new gowns, while the Junior choir had with their white gowns, a new head covering matching the colour of the senior gowns.

Rev. John M. Smith spoke on "Praise Be To God" using as a text, the words of Paul to the Romans: "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

A young man was being told the story of the crucifixion of Jesus, in a vivid detailed way, and was absorbing it intently, until he could hold no more, so burst out to his teacher, "If God had been there He would not have let them do it." But God was there. He was there when Jesus stumbled under the weight of His cross, and when it was placed on Calvary's hill. He was there, and heard each blow of the hammer on the cruel nails, and it must have rent His heart. Yet, true, He did nothing about it, not until evil had done its utmost, until evil men saw their work, and turned from it, rubbing their hands and saying to themselves: "That ends it, this Jesus won't bother us any more." God stood it until the end, yea He was there, and then He did something about it. In all His power and might, His love and mercy, He vindicated His Son; He did something the world never dreamt of, even Jesus' own disciples dared not hope for; He brought Jesus back from the dead in resurrection and loosed Him in Spirit upon the world, unhampered by flesh or time or space, still a wonder of love and power with death conquered for us. Truly it should be "Praise Be To God."

We should praise Him for the fact of the resurrection and all the hope and comfort it has brought us. And we should praise God for the effect of the resurrection. When it seemed like the end, at the time, to those who believed in Jesus, God changed it all to greater hope than ever, greater confidence, so that they like Paul were persuaded that nothing could now separate them from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, their Lord.

And now they had to tell and spread the good news. And here again, praise be to God, that the gospel was spread from country to country, until missionaries brought it to our own, and good men and women believed and held fast; were persuaded that God had done something, something almost above our comprehension, yet the thing we needed most, "Praise be to God," it is. And for our great Christian Fellowship which His Act has wrought for us, else would we not have had our churches with all their blessings, nor had their uplifting influence.

It is like as Mr. Smith told the boys and girls, of the Christian symbol of the lily, an Easter symbol. A dark bulb lain in dark earth, as if buried for good, then life springing from it, and growing and spreading, developing into the pure white Easter lily, almost saying to us: "Praise be to God, see what He has done."

Easter will have failed us, if we are not more than ever persuaded; if we do not blossom forth more than ever as one of His; if we do not praise Him for all the wonders He has wrought; if we do not always remember "Christ is Risen."

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**FARM NEWS**

**Make Appointment of  
County Weed Inspector**

Haltom County Council, on Tuesday of last week, on the recommendation of its agricultural committee, appointed Thomas Bradley, Milton, as county weed inspector. The members of the county agricultural committee, in keeping with public opinion, are determined that 1954 will see a more rigid enforcement of the Ontario Weed Control Act. The policy of Mr. Bradley will be not so much as a law enforcement officer but rather to assist those who have problem fields. He will commence his duties immediately.

All sections of the county will be visited with the hope of giving some guidance to the owners of problem fields to choice of crops, etc. The members of the agricultural committee are of the opinion that this is the time of year, when the most effective weed control work can be done. It may be necessary, in the case of farmers who fail to cooperate, to stop in later in the season and cut, spray or plow down weed polluted crops. When such action is taken and it is necessary to hire labour for the purpose the cost is added to the taxes of the operator or operators in question. However, this sort of action is looked upon more or less as a last resort.

Farm operators with problem fields should give immediate consideration to choice of crop. In some cases a summer fallow would be advisable - in pasture fields it may be a question of spraying with 2-4-D during the month of June. In still other cases it may be wise to sow or plant a crop which can be sprayed with 2-4-D without injury to the crop itself. In this category are such crops as corn or spring grain which is not seeded down.

It would be folly to expect to solve the weed problem in one year. However, things are more hopeful than any time in the past twenty years. In the first place, public opinion is aroused against the weed menace. No legislation no matter how excellent, can be enforced without public support, and today the general public want enforcement of Ontario's Weed Control Act. Secondly, the members of the county agricultural committee, George Brenholz, Wilfrid Bird, E. F. Ford, A. H. Service, Ray Thompson and Robert Marshall are sincere in their desire to get results and they are prepared to back up the new county weed inspector with the cooperation of the general public, it augurs well for a better job being done in 1954.

**SEVEN WIN PRIZES  
IN ANGLERS DRAW**

Seven prizes were drawn when a lucky draw sponsored by Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Association concluded last week. The draw was made at a meeting at the clubhouse.

Winners in the draw were 1st, Cy Wilson, 836, spinning pole; 2nd, G. Edmunds, 135, electric heater; 3rd, Ace Bailey 79, portable ice box; 4th, Barbara Wilcox 179, lamp; 5th, Alf Greycorse 607, flashlight; 6th, Georgina Corey, Brampton, 23, box of chocolates; 7th, Albert Stapleton 737.

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**New Books at  
The Library**

**FICTION**

Head Piece, Ralph Temple; The Sea Shall Not Have Them, John Harris; The Canterwell Beauty, Louis Golding; Perdu & His Father, Paride Rombi; Willoughby Carr, Humphrey Pakington; The Last Barricade, Mervyn Jones; Jane and Prudence, Barbara Pym; Flaming Janet, Pampala Hill; A Bed of Roses, William Sanson; Spy, Counter-Spy, Don Betteridge; Monk's Island, Marguerite Stewart; Thus To Live, Simon Dore; The Black Account, Max Peacock; The Morning Will Come, Naomi Jacob; Landscape In Sunlight, Elizabeth Fair; The White Lays, Marjory Vernon; Diamond, Dorothy Davies; The Sixth Wife, Jean Plaidy; Lucifer At Sunset, Simon Harvester.

**MYSTERY**

The Coating Case, A. J. Colton; Death Charges His Mind, Frank King; So Young to Die, Gregory Troe; Blackshirt Wins the Trick, Roderick Graeme; An Evening Walk, Donald Collette; Sleepy Death, Gordon Ashe; Stop Press Murder, Guy Ramsey; Murder But Gently, Francis Duncan.

**NON-FICTION**

Oakville and the Sixteen, Hazel C. Mathews; Lords of the Last Frontier, Lawrence C. Green; Publish and Be Damned! Hugh Cudlipp; For Valour, Kenneth Hare-Scott; For Gallantry, Kenneth Hare-Scott; Colombia, W. O. Galbraith; Thoughts on the Constitution, Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery; A History of Russian Ballet, Serge Lifar; The Men in the Trojan Horse, Kurt Singer.

**NON-FICTION**

My Political Life, Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery; The Later Stuarts 1680-1714, G. N. Clark; The Age of Reform, 1815-1870, E. L. Woodward; England 1870-1914, R. C. K. Ensrif; The Legacy of Rome, Cyril Bailey, (Ed.) The March Out, James Shaw; Political Thought in England, Christopher Morris; Federal Government, K. C. Wheare; The Journeys and Plant Introductions of George Forrest, V.M.H., Dr. J. M. Cowan (Ed.) The Statute of Westminster and Dominion Status, K. C. Wheare; Jes—The Story of a Pioneer, Sir Frank Whittle; American Freedom and Catholic Power, Paul Blanchard; A Blessed Girl, Lady Emily Lutyns; Hey Ma! I Did It! Margaret Aitken, Myrle Hope Saunders; Ancient Melodies, Su Hua; The Doors of Perception, Aldous Huxley; Horned Moon, Ian Stephens; Seven Years in Tibet, Heinrich Harrer; Principia Politica, Leonard Woolf.

**THE MAIL BAG**

**RENT CONTROL SHOULD  
NOT BE ABOLISHED**

APRIL 11, 1954

Dear Mr. Editor: It is with great surprise that I learn the rent control is abolished in Georgetown. This stresses undue hardship to veterans of the Imperial and Canadian army. In some cases, 50 per cent added to the rent and repairs were many.

Noticing veterans in the council this is indeed contrary to the hard work done by Ray Mann of Brantford in housing, a Canadian vice president of Provincial Command. If the stalwarts of the Canadian Legion are to be foiled by their own buddies holding council positions, how futile is their effort in

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