

Halton School Children Visit County Council



Halton County Public School students recently enjoyed a visit to the County Council where they secured first-hand information on the administration of the County in which they reside. Above is shown Miss Marion Peddie, deputy registrar of the Surrogate Court for Halton, explaining the functions of the office to a group of boys. She is reading a will at the request of one of the lads. They are from left to right: Arthur Grant, Campbellville; Roy Ford, Ash; Blenos Shortt, Nassagaweya; Joe Thompson, Hornby; John Auld, Linbrook; Erwin Lucas, S. S. 3, Nelson; and David Lillycrop, Tuck's School, Nelson Township.

—Spectator photo by Ross Pearen

ERIN

Workmen are remodelling H. A. Gear's building at the rear of his residence, preparing it for the new textile factory.

Recently a motorist was picked up in this vicinity on the following charges—no driver's license, markers, brakes or lights.

Erin Fire Brigade and Village Council are investigating and seeking information about new and adequate fire fighting equipment for the village.

Two years have passed since a general canvas was made for funds to rebuild at least part of the Burns' Church shed which was destroyed by fire. The past winter proved beyond a doubt the necessity for such a shelter for horses and it could also be used to alleviate the crowded parking conditions for the modern vehicle. —Advocate.

OAKVILLE

Fred Turner was re-elected president of the Oakville Amateur Sports Association at its annual meeting held in the council chamber on Friday evening.

Bell's Farm Forum, Nelson Township, were the first group to complete and hand in their signed applications for membership in the Halton Co-operative Medical Services.

Members of the Maggie Waddell Lodge of the Rebekahs gathered in the lodge-room Thursday evening to honor their fellow member, Mrs. James R. Kendall, on the completion of 60 years of active service in the Rebekahs. Mrs. Kendall is believed to be the only woman in Canada, with a single exception, with such a lengthy record. —Record-Star.

ACTON

Promptly at 10.30 Monday morning a big black car rolled into the Acton Park and Lt. Hayes began the third annual inspection of the Acton High School Cadet Corps. It was a lovely day and the boys and girls looked sharp in their uniforms.

On Saturday, May 3rd, in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Father V. J. Morgan officiating, the marriage took place of Mary, daughter of Mr. William Dennis and the late Mrs. Dennis, to Mr. John P. Hooshley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hooshley, Guelph.

Announcement was made this week that subject to approval of the Presbytery conference and Settlement Committee, Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, who has been minister of Acton United Church for the past five years will become minister of the United Church at Hanover. Rev. Louis Pickering who has been minister at Hanover for the past ten years will come to the Acton pulpit. Both congregations have extended calls to these ministers during the past few weeks and the transfer will likely take place in July. —Free Press.

BURLINGTON

At the regular meeting of the Lions Club held at the Brant Inn on Monday evening, J. Gordon Blair was chosen as president of the Club for the ensuing year.

The following students from Burlington and district were among those who graduated from McMaster University and received their B.A. degree at the graduation exercises held on Monday: three years course, Ellen Margaret Alton, Ariel Marie Cleaver, Helen Louise Eydt (Aldershot), Jean Isabel Isard (Port Nelson), Patricia Beryl Smith and James Douglas Stevenson (Aldershot). A number from here attended Graduation Day at the University.

The Burlington and district Junior Community Band committee held a meeting on Tuesday evening when many matters were discussed. It was announced that Elgin Corlett, who is becoming a resident of the town, has been appointed bandmaster. Mr. Corlett has completed a course in the instruction of instrumental music at the Dana Institute of Music at Warren, Ohio. He is the only man in Canada to-day that has completed this course and the committee feel they are very fortunate in securing his services for such a worth-while project. —Gazette.

NUTS

A diner ordered and ate four poached eggs, a dozen oysters, a huge steak, and all the extras.

After wading through these he finished off with three pieces of pie and four cups of coffee.

"You must enjoy your meals," remarked the waiter.

"Far from it. As a matter of fact, I hate 'em—but I'm nuts about bicarbonate of soda."

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

WHY NATIONS PERISH (Temperance Lesson)

Golden Text.—For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; But the way of the wicked shall perish. Ps. 1: 6.

Lesson Text.—2 Ki. 17: 5-12; read also 22-23; Isa. 28: 1-4.

Time.—7:12-35 B.C.

Places.—Samaria and Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. Jehovah's Judgment on the Iniquity of Israel, 2 Ki. 17: 5-12.

Verse 9 describes a great company of men and women to-day who are professedly God's children. Israel were God's people and were supposed to obey Him and live for Him, but they did things against Him. They did as "did the heathen." Is not this true to-day of many who profess to be people of God? Is the line of demarcation between the church and the world as clearly drawn as it ought to be. Mark the outcome of this course of procedure on Israel's part, as recorded in vs. 6 and 18. God is just the same to-day. The fact that Israel did these things secretly, or "covered" these things, did not hide them from the eyes of Jehovah. There is no hiding anything from Him (Ps. 139: 1-12; Heb. 4: 13). Not many are trying to-day to take comfort to themselves in the thought that the evil things they do are hidden. There is nothing hidden from God. If we "cover" our sins we shall not prosper (Prov. 28: 13).

If we have sinned, the best thing we can do is to uncover it all to God by honest and full confession, and He will cover it up by His forgiveness and the atoning blood of Jesus Christ (Ps. 32: 1-5; 1 Jno. 1: 9). What "The things that were not right," which the children of Israel did, is given with much fullness of detail. There are four specifications. They were all things which Jehovah had specifically told them they must not do (Lev. 26: 1; Deut. 16: 21; 12: 2, 3; Ex. 20: 3-5; Deut. 4: 15-19, 23, 25). As one reads the record, the question forces itself upon us, how could Israel violate such plain provisions of their law?

It was of His great mercy that He did testify against them (v. 13; Neh. 9: 29-30). It was in order to turn them from their evil ways and thus to save them. But Israel did not relish this testimony of God, rebelled against it and persecuted and slew the faithful prophets and seers who brought it. Sinners and worldly Christians do not enjoy to-day the testimony of God against them by the mouth of His faithful servants but it is God's mercy that sends the testimony. The false prophet who "prophesy smooth things" and rock people to sleep in their sin and worldliness and easy-going indulgence, are their greatest enemies. God's constant cry to Israel and Judah was "Turn ye" (Isa. 1: 16-20; 55: 7; Jer. 7: 3-7; 25: 4, 5; 35: 15; Ezek. 33: 11; Hos. 14: 1). It has ever been God's cry to men through every true prophet (Matt. 3: 2; 4: 17; Ac. 2: 38; 20: 21).

II. The Destruction of the Drunkards of Ephraim, Isa. 28: 1-4.

By the "crown of pride" is meant the city of Samaria (1 Ki. 16: 21). It is compared here to a chaplet of flowers on a drunkard's brow. This chaplet of flowers, says Isaiah "shall be trodden under foot" because of their sin and pride. The people of the northern kingdom as a nation are spoken of as "the drunkards of Ephraim". Drunkenness seems to have been so widespread as to have become a national sin (ch. 5: 11, 12; Hos. 7: 5; Amos 2: 6, 8, 12; 4: 1; 6: 6). The effect of their drink upon them was that they were "overcome" (literally "smitten down") by it. Let us not forget that it was "the native wines of a wine growing district" that did this for Ephraim, and not distilled spirits or unadulterated poisons. Their

beauty" was after all but "a fading chaplet of pride" and "glorious flower." So it is with every chaplet of earthly pride and all the glorious beauty of this present world (1 Pet. 1: 24). The prophet's answer to Israel's confidence in the crown of pride was that Jehovah had a "mighty and strong one." This was the king of Assyria (2 Ki. 18: 10-12). The Assyrians themselves were a "bloody", deceitful and rapacious people (Nah. 3: 1), but they were an instrument in Jehovah's hand for fulfilling His word and bringing judgment upon His backsliding people (Ps. 76: 10). The coming of the Assyrian is described by a threefold figure: "a tempest of hail," "a destroying storm," "a tempest of mighty waters overflowing." The thought contained in these figures is that of widespread and overflowing destruction (ch. 8: 7, 8). Back of all this work of destruction, devastation and desolation was the wrath of God at sin (2: 4-9). This destruction came upon them "because they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah their God" (2 Ki. 18: 11, 12). Jesus uses a similar figure regarding those who hear his words and do them not (Matt. 6: 26, 27).

A BRIDE OF THE EARLY 19th CENTURY

Among the most interesting costumes now on view in the New Acquisition Gallery at the Royal Ontario Museum are those of an Irish bride of 1828 and her bridesmaid, lent by Mrs. J. Y. Ormsby. This is one of the most attractive periods in the history of costume with its hour-glass figures, wide sleeves, and dainty trimmings. Much stress is laid nowadays on the dress that can be used for a variety of occasions by the addition of a jacket or other accessories. This is not new. Both these dresses have two pairs of sleeves, one long and one short, and each dress has a beautiful little cape for daytime wear covering up the low neckline which was suitable for evening functions. Other accessories such as slippers, gloves, stockings, and the bonnet worn by the bridesmaid complete this delightful display, making it one of the most charming costume exhibitions the Museum has had recently.

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