

"GRANDPA TAKES TO SKIS"

Said Grandpa one day,
As he stood pitching hay
From the loft to the team in the stable,
While his grandson on skis
And much bent at the knees,
Flitted past, with a talent quite able.

"I fail to see why,
When I'm nimble and spry,
And the chores 'round the barn I can master,
It couldn't be me
Who was learning to ski,
And I'll bet you that I could go faster."

So he hurried his chores,
And he stalked out of doors
And he said to his grandson, "Here Sonny,
Just lend me those sticks,
And I'll show you some tricks,
And give you a run for your money."

Then he bent to his knees,
And he fastened the skis,
And took up a pole in each hand.
Sonny gave him a shove,
And asked Powers above,
To watch out where his Grandpa should land.

Grandpa started out nice,
"Till he came to the ice,
That the water had made 'round the pump.
But he held the poles tight,
And stiffened with fright,
He slid over with scarcely a bump.
He was sure he would spill
On the brow of the hill.
But no, he went over the top,
And the first thing did see,
Was the old apple tree,
And Grandpa didn't know how to stop.

To the south it was bent,
To the north Grandpa went;
And the skis—they went east, and went west.
And the words he did say
On that clear winter day,
To not put them down would be best.

Then he gave a few groans,
As he felt all his bones,
And untangled his legs from his neck.
Through his whiskers did blow
As he said to the snow,
"It was great while it lasted, by heck."

Then painfully slow
Up the hill he did go,
On his knees I am sorry to say,
To his grandson said "Fine,
But I haven't the time
To do any more skiing to-day."

As he shook his grey head
On the way to his bed,
That night, he was heard to exclaim,
"If the bull take to flight
I can catch him all right,
Or a wild team of horses can tame,

"Till I go on those skis,
And slid out on the breeze
Why, the rest of my life has been mild.
And I swear here and now
I will stick to the plow,
And leave skiing and such to a child."

LEMONS MAY BE CHEAPER SOON

Italian lemons are now coming into Canada at a rate of at least 25 carloads a month, reports Canadian Grocer. They are a reasonable price now, but with the supply likely to increase, a drop may be expected in the next month or so.

Up until very recently all lemons were being imported from California. Italian lemons, however, can come into Canada at \$1 to \$2 less than the American market demands, so very few are continuing to come from the U.S. now.

Lemons can come into Canada from Italy without affecting buyers' exchange allotments under the quota system in effect on citrus fruits.

15 to 20 below zero weather presents little difficulty to modern aircraft.

King George VI is honorary colonel of the Royal 22nd Regiment of Quebec.

OAKVILLE

As a means of raising money for the food for Britain Fund, the Oakville Lions Club is sponsoring a show at the Gregory Theatre.

Dunbar M. Heddle was elected chairman of the Oakville Public School Board for 1948 at the board's inaugural meeting on Tuesday evening.

Religion was the theme of this week's meeting of the Rotary Club held Monday night in Victoria Hall and Rev. Harry Pawson of St. John's United Church gave the address of the evening.—Record-Star.

GEORGETOWN

Lt.-Col. James M. Ballantine, D.S.O., was buried with full military honors in Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. This distinguished citizen who has resided for the past fifteen years at his farm near Georgetown, succumbed on Wednesday, January 7th to a stroke which he suffered the previous Sunday.

Georgetown will have an austerity program for the next few years, if predictions of Mayor Joseph Gibbons in his inaugural address to council are correct. Major projects undertaken in 1947 will boost the tax rate by 50 per cent. This year, the mayor estimates, and he recommends that only necessary expenditures consistent with essential civic services be contemplated in the immediate future.

Sharing responsibility for a legal error, Mayor Gibbons said he regretted to announce that the band grant of \$1200, voted by the citizens in the December election, is illegal and that a new vote will be necessary before the money can be granted.—Herald.

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- Keep unnecessary lights switched off.
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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1948

GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS

Golden Text. — We are fellow workmen for God. 1 Cor. 3: 9.
Lesson Text.—2 Cor. 5: 20-6: 10.
Exposition. — I. The Christian as an Ambassador, 5: 20, 21.

An ambassador is one who represents his government or his sovereign in the court of an alien power. He is never supposed to represent himself. He is always a person who bears the views of his own country in its relations with another country. This was Jesus' view of His mission (Jno. 17: 8). It was the one He impressed on His disciples (Jno. 20: 21). They were not to be representatives of themselves, but only of their Lord (Ac. 26: 16-19).

In order that there shall be no mistake as to what is meant, emphasis is laid upon the ambassador's objective. It is that sinners shall be reconciled to God. To be reconciled to God means to bring one's heart and life wholly into obedience to Him. Fellowship with God is impossible as long as there is sin between the sinner and God. God's righteousness makes demands upon us we never meet but they are met in Christ (Rom. 8: 1-4). Both the righteousness of God and the penalty of our sins are met in Christ. That is what v. 21 means. Christ is the sinner's representative sin-bearer (Isa. 53: 4-6; 1 Pet. 2: 24, 25). Just as in the pattern shown to Moses in the Mount (Heb. 8: 5), when the day of atonement was observed a substitute for the sinner was furnished in "two kids of the goat for a sin offering" (Ex. 16: 5-10), so Jesus is the Lamb of God to take away our sins (Jno. 1: 29). But, in addition Christ adds to His suffering for us the gift of that righteousness which is perfectly His (Rom. 3: 21, 22).

The word "become" in v. 21 implies that there is not merely the righteousness of Christ imputed to us but we are expected to embody in our living and actions all that His righteousness implies (2 Pet. 3: 18). A child of God should not only be a redeemed sinner, he should be a holy character. He is not merely forgiven, he is forgiven to be a saint. So that by life as well as confession, we glorify God (Rom. 1: 6-8; 1 Thes. 1: 4-10).

II. Workers With God, 6: 1, 2.

The marvel of being a Christian is that we may be co-workers with God. The eternal and infinite God will use as instruments and servants converted men and women, boys and girls. This is how the witness of God is sustained in the world (Ac. 1: 8). God has an enabling grace for every service. If He calls you to preach or to teach, He will bestow His gifts upon you, so that, as you apply yourself to His work, you have the sense of God's presence. If you are called to go as a missionary, you will not go alone for He will be with you (Matt. 28: 20; Ac. 16: 6-10). If He commands you to serve Him in factory, store, office or on the farm, there will be grace and wisdom given for all that must be done.

Note the urgency in v. 2. "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." Is it not so. Thousands die every hour in our world. People are rushing on to a Christless eternity without God and without hope. Ours is the task to bring the knowledge of salvation to lost people. How willfully wicked it is for a Christian to fail to do for others what someone has done for him. Jesus lived under a sense of urgency (Jno. 4: 34-39). In three short years, He finished His life work, but did more than all others of His time put together. We must recover the sense of urgency. Christians are responsible for the saving of souls by bringing them to the knowledge of Jesus.

III. The Worker's Discipline, 3-10.

All true work is better done under discipline, either that which we impose upon ourselves or that which may be imposed by others (Eph. 6: 5-9). Look at the rigid but wholesome discipline Paul describes in the Corinthian passage, "Giving no offence . . ." a safeguard very necessary for ministers and Christian workers. How carefully speech, manners and habits should be purified so as to truly honor Christ (Col. 3: 17). "Approving ourselves as the ministers of God." No Christian worker can have satisfaction in his or her work as long as they cannot approve themselves. If our own hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts (1 Jno. 3: 20). Positively, we are to endure conditions which may be distressing because we are always to be seeking God's best under all circumstances. We may even be poor, but we have a great capacity to make others rich (v. 10; Ac. 26: 29; Rom. 15: 13). It is the lot of many in Christian work to be confronted with great difficulties, to cope with which they require considerable patience. This is not to be wondered at. The world and its people are no friend to grace. Jesus was often opposed by those who should have helped Him (Jno. 6: 66; 7: 48; 8: 43, 44; 10: 37-39; 18: 1-5). While Christian work in this world has many

English Industrialist Urges That People Come to Canada

Much of Europe's distress could be alleviated by encouraging the emigration of peoples from Europe and Britain to countries which grow more food than is domestically consumed. In other words, instead of taking food to Europe, bring Europeans to the food.

This was the argument advanced by Lord Barnby, president of the Monarch Knitting Company Ltd., at a press interview in Toronto. In Canada on his annual inspection of the company's plants, the tall English peer declared that one of the first steps in the European relief program should be the stimulation of world trade by dispersing peoples from places where they cannot make a living to places where they can do good work and where they are needed. These people would help to produce more food to send to the millions still left in Europe.

Answering a question with regard to insufficient shipping, Lord Barnby said that there was considerable shipping laid up in the United States and that the U. S. should make "as its very first contribution to world recovery the reconditioning of these ships preparatory to turning them over for this movement of peoples to food, clothing and jobs."

A member of the British government's Overseas Settlement Board and always a strong advocate of greatly increased emigration from the U.K. to the dominions, Lord Barnby said that it was no secret that the British High Command were apprehensive of the task of feeding more than 45,000,000 people if the Isles were cut off from food sources in the event of a future war. "The problem is a tremendous one and 'it will not get less,' he said. 'But the problem could be solved to some extent by encouraging more people to emigrate to Canada and Australia and other dominions. It was immigration which built up the Commonwealth and there is nothing unpatriotic about advocating a continuance of the policy.'

He commended the Ontario government for its air immigration policy and thought that if a more co-operative policy were pursued between the British government and the federal governments of all the dominions, then the resulting increased immigration would rebound to the benefit of everyone. He also felt that Canada should open its doors to what he termed "the many desirable people from Northern, Western and Central Europe."

Before the war there was some opposition to immigration, particularly from some labor groups, he went on. "There was a feeling that more immigrants meant only more competitors for jobs. 'This was a mistaken idea,' he said. 'Actually, immigration produces more employment and hence, for unions, more dues.'

Labor was now changing its mind, particularly in Australia, he declared. New Zealand was also rapidly changing its attitude, and in South Africa there was a movement afoot to bring in, not only immigrants, but whole industries. It would be just as good for Canada, he felt, to have projected into it the accumulated experience of generations of British and European industry.

"The best policy for all concerned," the Monarch Knit president said "is to disperse the best immigrants to the places where production and prosperity can be increased. By pursuing that policy, Canada in the west and Australia in the east can better meet the problems of the future. We in England can also better ourselves that way, more so than by keeping the people at home."

FERTILIZER USE UP

Use of fertilizer in the United States more than doubled during the war years. In 1946 about 15 million tons were used compared with the annual pre-war average of 7.3 million tons. In 1946 American farmers used five million tons more than they did in 1942.

The increase in consumption in Canada has been just as great and 650,000 tons of all kinds of fertilizers were used in 1946-47 compared with 1939-40.

inspiring compensations—there is no joy like that of leading a soul to Christ, or reclaiming a backslider or teaching a child or youth the way of Christ, or taking part in a great missionary cause — yet it frequently happens that, like their Lord, Christians are caused much suffering and even martyrdom. But all this is a needed test of our faithfulness (1 Pet. 2: 19-25).

Not only so, but this world is inimical to God's purposes in Christ Jesus. He aims to deliver man from sin and many do not want to be so delivered. Because of that they do not care to have God in their knowledge (Rom. 1: 21, 28). But we are to be soul winners just the same (Daa. 12: 3; Jas. 5: 20).

BANK LOANS AT NEW PEAK

Current bank loans in Canada rose \$125 millions in November, states The Financial Post. This was a new high of \$1,985 millions. Total represents an increase of \$554 millions in a year, and reflects increased demand for loans, due to larger inventories, higher prices and increased industrial operations.

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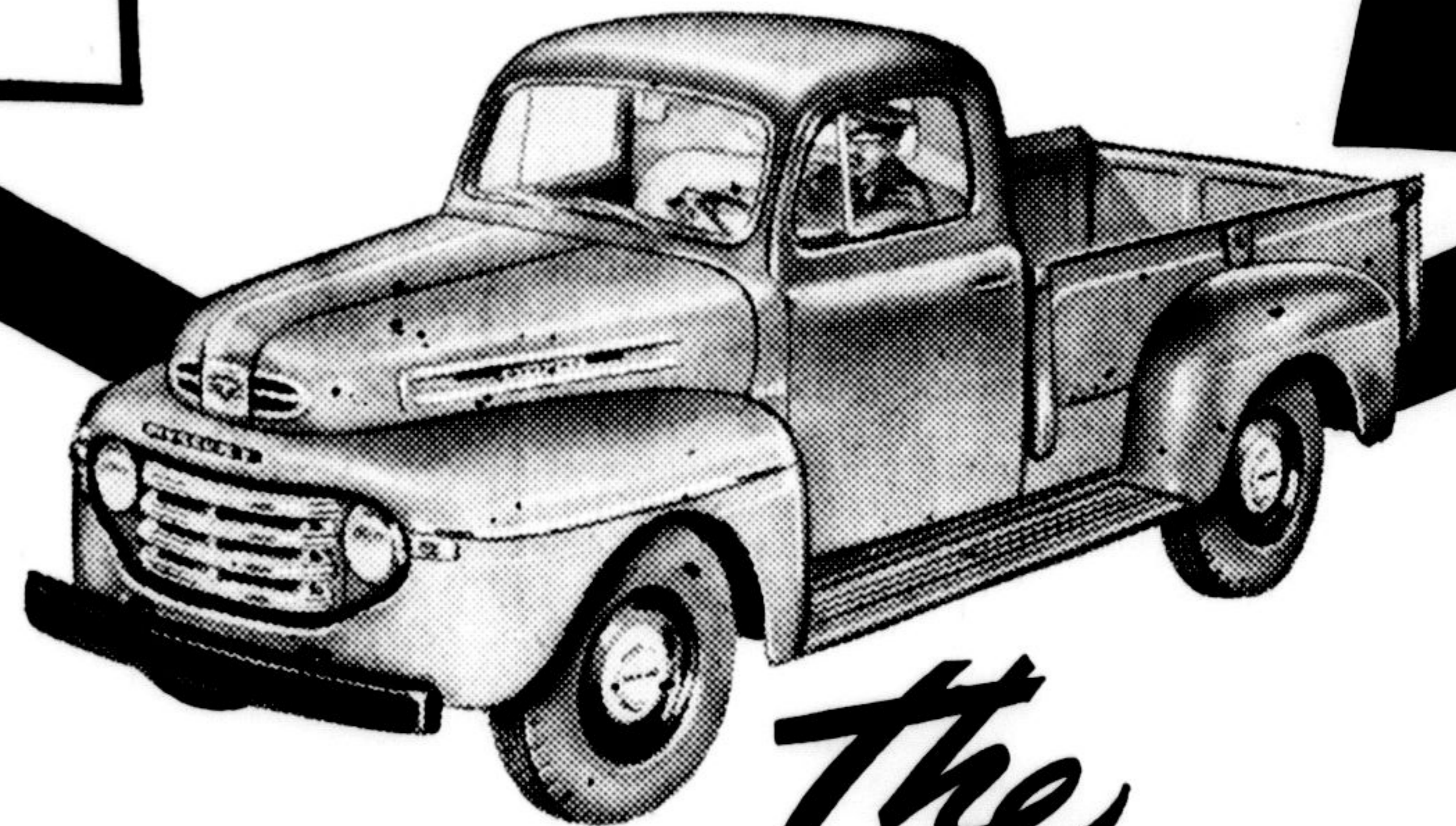
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