

Spices Mentioned In Both Testaments

With Christmas almost here, thoughts turn back to Bible times when spices were precious and often had a religious significance.

The first mention of spices in the Bible is in the Book of Genesis, chapter 37, in connection with the story of Joseph:

"And they lifted up their eyes and looked and behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead

with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going into Egypt."

Later, after Joseph had been sold into Egypt, and had become a powerful man, Jacob sent his sons to Egypt for corn to keep his people from starving. And Jacob said to his sons: "Carry down the man a present, a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and almonds."

In the book of Erodus, spices are mentioned in the story of the wanderings of the children of Israel.

Solomon derived a part of his wealth from spices.

Spices are not mentioned as frequently in the New Testament. When Jesus was speaking to the Scribes and Pharisees, he said, according to Matthew 23: 23: "Ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy and faith."

Again in Matthew, Jesus also speaks of the power of faith "even if it be no greater than a grain of mustard seed."

Mrs. George White Auxiliary Hostess

The November meeting of the Helen Blair Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. George White. Mrs. Arbie opened the meeting with a poem followed by prayer. The devotional was given by Mrs. Heard.

Mrs. George King, the guest speaker, gave a very inspiring message on "What is Christian Citizenship?" The meeting was closed with prayer. Lunch was served.

District Agricultural Societies Hold 1955 Convention Here

District No. 5 of the Agricultural Societies met at Milton on October 27. A joint meeting was held at 10 a.m. in the Oddfellows Hall.

The meeting was opened by the chairman, Charles Boynton. The secretary - treasurer's report was given by Mr. Crosby, of the meeting in Elmvalle in October, 1954.

Mr. Whitelock welcomed everyone and gave a report of Milton fair. He especially mentioned the numerous and very good exhibits by the Juniors. Mr. Boynton gave a very interesting report on the fair he had visited. A few words were spoken by Mr. Lashley, secretary of Agricultural Societies for Ontario.

Mr. Comfort, president of Agricultural Societies of Ontario, was present and brought greetings. A general discussion was held and proved very interesting to the ladies as well as the gentlemen. The meeting was adjourned for dinner at 12:30 in the Agricultural Hall, Scotch Block Women's Institute catered and a very delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Mayor Heslop brought greetings from the town of Milton.

At the afternoon session, the ladies met and Mrs. Harold Watson opened the meeting by everyone repeating the Lord's Prayer. The secretary, Mrs. Smith of Collingwood, read the minutes of the meeting held at Elmvalle in October, 1954. Reports were given by the fair boards represented. A general discussion on a variety of subjects concerning hall exhibits took up most of the afternoon session.

At approximately 3:30 the men rejoined the ladies. An invitation from Barrie to have the 1956 convention was accepted.

The following are the officers for 1955-56 - Men's Division: Mr. C. Boynton, chairman; Mr. Roy Currie, vice-chairman; Mr. Crosby, secretary-treasurer; Ladies' Division: Mrs. Harold Watson, chairman; Mrs. Frank Chisholm, vice-chairman; Mrs. K. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Hospital Planning Stressed by Speaker

The November meeting of Hornby Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Galbraith with 19 members and one visitor present. Mrs. Russell King presided. The opening ode was sung and the Mary Stewart collect repeated. It was decided to cater to a banquet to be held after Christmas. A sum of money was voted to be given to the School for Retarded Children, Milton. As is usual at the December meeting an exchange of gifts will take place.

Mrs. Clifford Wrigglesworth, convener of Canadian Industries, had charge of the program. Mrs. Stanley May gave the current events. The roll call was Name one of our newer Canadian industries and tell where located, which was well answered. A demonstration of weaving was given by Mrs. Frank Chisholm and Mrs. J. E. Whitelock, who had taken this subject at night school. This proved very interesting and several articles, complete and incomplete, were shown.

The speaker was Eric Curwain, who is the Public Relations official in connection with the new Milton District Hospital, which is being planned for this area. Mr. Curwain gave some statistics in hospital construction and mentioned the forethought which must take place before entering into any hospital building operations. On behalf of the meeting Mrs. Wrigglesworth thanked Mr. Curwain for his enlightening address.

Mrs. Wrigglesworth read a paper on fairly recent developments of the newer materials which have come in to being in the past two years. Mrs. Milton Brown thanked all who had taken part in a very pleasant afternoon meeting. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Archie King and her committee.

Track mileage of Canadian railroads at the end of 1953 totalled 58,694.



(Intended for last week)

Last week-end was a truly memorable one for Milton Branch 136. Saturday evening, November 12, 210 members and wives dined on turkey and trimmings and enjoyed an evening's fun. On top of this 61 paid admission to the dance, so that the Legion Hall was filled to capacity. Our thanks to the loyal members of the Lorne Scots Pipe Band and their wives, who thrilled us all with their music and an exhibition of Highland dancing.

Sunday afternoon, November 13, brought forth the best Legion Parade ever held in Milton, when 300 marched to the Cenotaph for the Armistice Day Memorial Service. We wish to commend all who turned out to make this parade such an outstanding success. Particularly the Ladies' Auxiliary deserve our praise for their part in the week-end festivities.

Monday, November 14, a regular meeting was held. New members Harold W. Coulson, Lloyd C. Mathies, George W. Winney, Thomas Gray, John D. Beattie and Albert G. Munro were piped in by pipers of the Lorne Scots for the initiation ceremonies. All chairs were filled and there was lively discussion of business. Next meeting will be Monday, November 28 and all members are urged to appear for the Nomination of Officers for the coming year.

The Legion wishes to support Milton town council in the projected purchase of Milton Arena, in line with our previous service work among the children of our town. We need a community centre and the Arena can be the beginning of a Milton community centre to keep our children off the streets and off the pond. If we can save the life of one child our work will be worthwhile. Any other organizations wishing to support this project are invited to contact the secretary, Mr. S. E. Wood.

Voting Inquiries Are Light On Open Night

For the benefit of the working man, the town officials decided at a recent council meeting that the clerk's offices in the town hall should remain open one night, so that any persons not sure whether or not their name was on the 1955 voting list could enquire. This, the officials felt, would provide a time when the average working man could take advantage of the opportunity and see whether there were any errors or omissions which might prevent him from voting.

As a result, the offices of the clerk were open on November 10, Thursday night of last week, with three officials present to go over any difficulties. There were six people who took advantage of this opportunity to check the list.

If this is an indication that the people of Milton are satisfied with the way the voter's list has been drawn up, then there should be no reason for any complaints on the day of voting.

Shooting Prohibited In Toronto Township

Hunting in Toronto township became a sport of the past last week when the township council passed a by-law prohibiting shooting anywhere in the township.

A previous ban extended from Lake Ontario to the base line, two miles north of Cooksville. The ban has been extended to a point one mile south of Brampton.



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