

Meditorial

By Rev. Jim Paul

The dome of the cathedral of Florence, designed by Filippo Brunelleschi, has a very unique feature according to the June, 1980 issue of Our Daily Bread. A small opening was left in it, positioned in such a way that a shaft of sunlight can stream through it only on June 21. At just the right spot on the floor of the sanctuary is a brass plate, and if the rays should fail to cover it completely, there would be cause for concern. The divergence of the light in any direction would indicate that the structure had shifted its center of gravity, and steps would have to be taken to correct the problem. Brunelleschi, knowing that the cathedral had been constructed on marshy ground, devised this unique method to detect if the great church begins to shift.

An interesting spiritual parallel to this story is that every christian church, whether big or small, rich or poor, is equipped with a built-in barometer that indicates any shift away from God's standard. I'm not referring to the brick and mortar building in which the worship of God takes place, but rather, the gathered people of God. This is the real Church of Jesus Christ. The barometer of which I speak is the Bible — God's revealed will to man. Within its sixty six books there shines the pure light of God's standard for every assembly of believers.

Take a moment and compare the spiritual state of many churches today in the light of God's Word and you will see how far we have shifted in the quicksand of disobedience. A group of churches in Canada have just recently turned a blind-eye to the spiritual commands of sexual purity, by condoning some extra-marital relationships. We have fallen far short of our Creator's Will. Yet, is this any more serious than churches that bind the Word of God with the chains of tradition? How it must hurt God's heart each week to hear preachers who seldom call men to repent and receive Christ as Saviour or, to see people that attend church on Sunday and live like the devil and other six days of the week.

With respect to the pure light of Divine Truth, many congregations are adrift in a sea of insubstantiality. Let's get back to the Bible and the faith of our fathers. Let's not play at religion, but engage all our being in the enjoyment of God and His Word.

Castor Valley Baptist Church



Minister—Rev. James Paul, ph. 821-2144
Meeting in the Russell Public School

9:30 a.m. Family Worship Service

A nursery service is provided!

11:00 a.m. — Family Bible School

There's a class for all ages!

7:30 p.m. — Evening Fellowship in the Kenmore Church

Corrie ten Boom Film to be shown in Russell

A new color motion picture honoring the life of Corrie ten Boom will be presented at the Russell Public School, Russell, Ontario. Entitled **CORRIE: THE LIVES SHE'S TOUCHED**, the film, produced by World Wide Pictures, will be shown on Saturday, October 4, beginning at 8 p.m.

Filmed in Denver before a live audience of more than 2,000 persons gathered to pay tribute to Corrie's ministry of love and compassion, **CORRIE THE LIVES SHE'S TOUCHED** shares in greater detail the events that have taken place in her life.

During World War II, Corrie and her family, residents of Haarlem, Holland, became involved in the Dutch Underground following the invasion of their homeland by Hitler's Nazi forces. They are credited with saving the lives of scores of Jews, by hiding them in a secret room in their home, and by arranging safe passage out of the country. For

their effort, they were arrested in a surprise raid, and sent to prison. Corrie was sent to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp, and is the lone survivor of the immediate family.

According to the Reverend Jim Paul, pastor of Castor Valley Baptist Church, the showing is free and open to the public.

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Sheep to Shape up or shipout

By Thomas Van Dusen

Daphne must go. The ukase, awful in its finality, was received this week from the bylaw officer of Russell Township, an engaging official who appeared almost as perturbed as we by the dreadful grinding of the wheels of officialdom.

Daphne, it will be recalled, is a sheep which my wife, Shirley, and I acquired when we went picking strawberries at Patterson's. People have acquired many things strawberry picking. Usually a sheep is not one of them.

I may have recounted this before. It will bear repeating. For sheer poetry, it is hard to surpass. At Patterson's enjoying a coffee between spasms of berry picking, we encountered Nancy Matthew, proprietor of 70 bounding sheep. The transaction was completed in a trice and we emerged proud possessors of Daphne.

While Daphne has never won a prize, simply because she hasn't been entered, her grandmother carried off a first recently at the Russell Fair.

I will say frankly that my own view of Daphne has always tended

to envision her turning slowly on a spit. My wife who is incurably sentimental toward all living, fur or wool-covered creatures (which lets me out) sees it differently. She has made a pet of Daphne and feeds her Maple Leaf cookies. The company is free to use this in their commercials. The sheep has become incurably addicted and paws (if that is the word) at Shirley's leg if cookies are not forthcoming. She also tries to get in the back door. This shows the folly of making pets of dumb animals. It also shows they are not so dumb.

Daphne also does regular turns on the Fitness Trail. With Shirley at the other end of the rope, Daphne will cover the whole trail in about 18 minutes.

This, then, is the gentle, unassuming creature which an unthinking municipality would have us dispense with. One must ask oneself: What is Daphne's crime? At a time when freedoms are disappearing all over the world, surely the inalienable right to keep a sheep should not be lightly interfered with.

As far as we are aware, there have been no complaints about Daphne. Nor should there be. Her Baaa, or bleat if you prefer, is gentle and inoffensive. When she has a mouthful of grass, she hardly ba-a-s at all. Since she is located in the middle of three acres, it is hard to see who she can be annoying, if anyone.

Are we not getting carried away with this feverish insistence on making the village as much like the city as possible? Surely the last right to be surrendered by free people is the right to keep the gentle creatures of the woods and fields about them. The strength of Scotland was its sheep. Now, apparently, it is illegal to have one about.

Scanning the bylaw, there is nothing about sheep, nothing about animals. What particular reference in the bylaw is the bylaw officer about to enforce? The bylaw speaks about the use of dwellings. Daphne is not in contravention, as far as I am aware. We do not keep the animal in the house. There is a barn on the property.

Quite often, these summer mornings, I am awakened with the distant crowing of a rooster. Is there any better or healthier way to wake up, than at the summoning of nature's alarm clock? Occasionally I hear the moo of a cow. This does not fill me with pent up, insatiable rage, a desire to crush these animals out of existence. Are we to extirpate every vestige of natural life from the surroundings? Somewhere in the confines of the village, we suspect there may be outlaw chickens. Are they to be ridden out on a rail?



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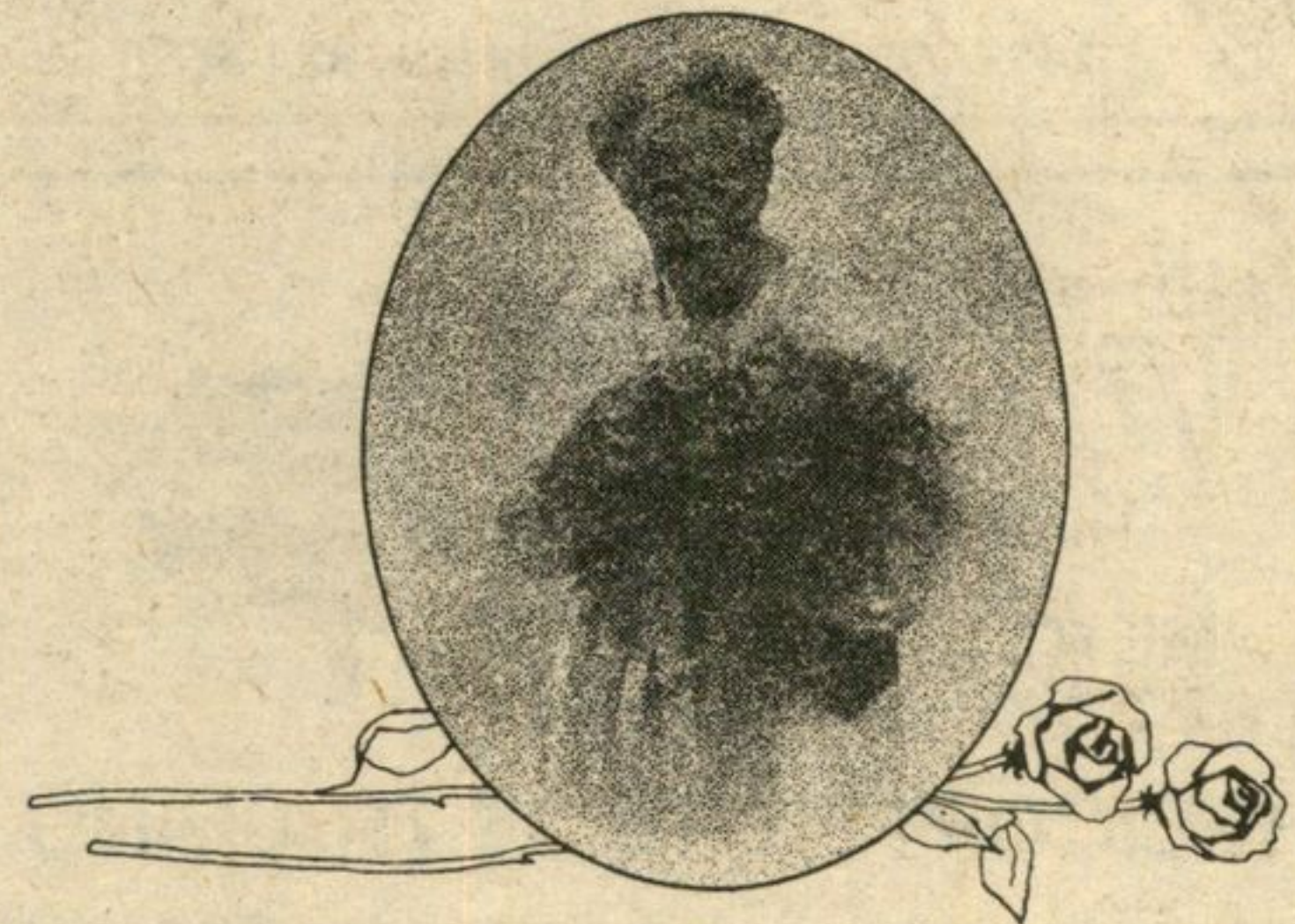
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