

# Thief Doused and Mauled Ere He Escaped

Agincourt Postmaster and Wife Provide Hot Reception for Nocturnal Intruder—Loses Hat

Doused by a pail of water and smarting from the blows he had received, a thief whose noisy entrance to the store of Roy Shadlock, Agincourt, Wednesday night awakened the postmaster and his wife, made good his escape early to-day after the couple drove him from the store. Mr. and Mrs. Shadlock were in bed when the intruder was heard in the hallway outside their room. He was trying to open the door leading to the store when Mr. Shadlock heard him. The postmaster found the thief in the hallway trying to get back to the cellar, where he had gained admittance through a forced window. "I began to grapple with the man who threatened to shoot," said Mr. Shadlock. "It was dark and I do not know whether he was armed or not.

# REPORT AN INCREASE IN SUMMER FIRES

But Losses Down Since First of Year

Ontario's fire losses for July, August and September, as compiled by the Fire Marshal, result of 3,978 fires, was \$2,208,936, an increase of \$469,085 over the corresponding period in 1940, when there were 337 fewer fires. For the first nine months of the year, however, losses of \$6,096,392 represented a decrease of \$266,012, compared with last year and 11,949 fires were a decrease of 126. Among causes of fires, smoking (1,057) led all the way, with lightning (654) next. In the quarter, 17 lives were lost and 23 persons injured, due to fire.

Then Mrs. Shadlock, who was right behind me, picked up a pail of water and threw it on him. "The man broke away to find his way blocked by my wife," he continued. "He grabbed her but she broke away when she scratched him on the face. The man ran down the cellar and escaped through the window where he had entered." The man lost his hat in the struggle.

### GRATITUDE

(From Victoria Square) Give thanks, good people of the land, For life and all we hold so dear; For health and strength, for shelter, food, And peace and hope and cheer. And as you offer thanks, then pray: For eyes to see the pure and good, Hearts to love and strength to serve The spirit of true gratitude.

Hearts that love the pure and noble Show their "thank yous" every day; Lips that speak the truth in kindness Gratitude in all things say; Hands that seek to help another Prone their thanks in daily living; Lines that lift and cheer and comfort Are the only true thanksgiving. —M. Lucille Ford.

### AUTO MARKERS BEING SENT EARLY THIS YEAR

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# Sunday School Lesson

October 19

**THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR HELPER**  
Golden Text—As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.—Rom. 8:14.

**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE**  
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It should be with a sense of deep awe and reverence that we consider the theme of the Holy Spirit, who has come from Heaven to indwell believers here on earth, and to take of the things of Christ and show them unto us. In all ages, as now, new birth has been effected by the operation of the Holy Spirit and He has ever been with the people of God. But during the present dispensation of grace He is in them (John 14:17). It is "by one Spirit" we are all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). And by the same Spirit we are sealed as believers (Eph. 1:13), adopted into the full blessing of sonship (al. 4:5), and anointed for enlightenment and service (1 John 3:20, 27). As we walk in the Spirit we are delivered from the power of fleshly lusts (Gal. 5:16), and en-

abled to produce fruit for the glory of the Father (Gal 5:22, 23). We need daily to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5: 18) that our lives may be fragrant with Grace of Christ. For this it is all-important that we realize and act upon the blessed truth that the Holy Spirit is not simply an influence from God, but that He is a divine person, one in the eternal Trinity of the Godhead (Matt. 28:19) who with the Father and the Son, is concerned in maintaining us in the place of testimony and communion here in the world (2 Cor. 13:14).

### The Historical Setting

The passages chosen do not lend themselves very well to an historical analysis. But we might observe that they come to us through three different human instruments. John wrote his Gospel late in the first century of the Christian era. Paul wrote his Epistle to the Galatians about A.D. 58, and Romans several years later. Luke wrote the Acts sometime after Paul's first imprisonment, but probably before his martyrdom. All alike are inspired by God.

Verse by Verse  
John 3:5—"Born of water and of the Spirit." The water symbolizes the Word of God (John 4:14; Rev. 22:17). The Holy Spirit uses the Word to produce the new birth (1 Pet. 1:23-25). He causes it to spring up into everlasting life. Scrip-

ture never teaches regeneration by sacraments, but by the Word itself (Jas. 1:18).

Verse 6—"That which is born of the flesh is flesh." It can never become anything else. Even God Himself cannot change flesh into spirit. There must be a new birth to produce a new spiritual life. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." By this second birth man becomes a child of God, being made a partaker of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).

Verse 7—"Ye must be born again." This is absolutely necessary if one would enter the Kingdom of God (v. 3). Until this great miracle of regeneration by the Word and Spirit takes place, no one is a Christian, or a child of God.

Verse 8—"So is every one that is born of the Spirit." Christ uses the parable of the unseen yet powerful wind to illustrate the work of the unseen Holy Spirit, whose power is manifest in the conviction, conversion, and regeneration of sinners (Titus 3:5).

Acts 1:5—"Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (R.V.) This is not the same as new birth. It refers to special endowment for service, but it is the particular blessing of the new dispensation given to all who obey God (Acts 5:32). It was in the exercise of this power that the apostles were able to bear witness with such marvelous results on Pentecost and after. Preaching, a part from the power of the Holy Spirit, is largely wasted energy.

Rom. 8:26—"The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." The indwelling Comforter is the power for prayer (Jude 20). Even when we are too bewildered to know what is best, He who indwells us is constantly employed in presenting our real needs before God, and Christ presents these petitions as our High Priest and Intercessor above, adding to them the fragrant incense of His own perfection. Thus the answer is sure, and far beyond our poor thoughts or expectations.

Verse 27—"He maketh intercession . . . according to the will of God." Because the Spirit is Himself a person in the Godhead, His pleading on our behalf must be, in accordance with God the Father's will. Therefore His intercession can never be in vain.

Verse 28—"All things work together for good"—not for everybody, but "to them that love God." Nothing will be permitted to come into a believer's life that will not work out for blessing. Faith lays hold of this and triumphs over all obstacles and bitter experiences we may be called upon to endure.

Gal. 5:22—"The fruit of the Spirit," not that Scripture speaks not of fruits, but of fruit. All that follows in this verse and the next is precious fruit produced in the life by the Holy Spirit when He is not grieved or hindered in any way. He delights to make our hearts like watered gardens (Isa. 58:11) producing this lovely fruit for the Lord's own enjoyment (Song of Sol 4:12 to 5:1).

Verse 23—"Against such there is no law." That is, law is not needed to curb the new nature. As the Christian yields himself unto God in glad surrender, fruit bearing becomes a spontaneous thing and the old nature is practically dormant.

Verse 24—"They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh." It was at Calvary that God condemned sin in the flesh. He saw our old man (all that we were by nature) crucified when Jesus died in our place. Faith lays hold of this and reckons one's self indeed unto sins, but living unto God in Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:11). Thus the flesh is crucified practically and its affections and lusts are powerful to control the yielded soul.

Verse 25—"If we live in the Spirit." That is, if it be true that we have received life through the Spirit, in new birth, then we are responsible to be controlled by the same Spirit. We enjoy a life of victory over sin as we walk in the spirit, in obedience to Him as the vicegerent of the Godhead here on earth.

Verse 26—"Let us not be desirous of vain glory." Pride, vanity, haughtiness, conceit, and jealousy are all incompatible with a Spirit-filled life. He who is still characterized by these things is walking in the flesh, that is, according to the old nature, not in the Spirit, who is the power of the new life.

**The Heart of the Lesson**  
The Holy Spirit, a divine person, has been sent to earth by the Father and Son (John 14:16; 15:26) to guide the Church through this present scene. All believers are born of the Spirit and baptized by Him into Christ's body. He indwells them individually and is the One who reveals the truth, makes Christ precious, and enables them to triumph daily over all the power of the enemy. All believers have the Holy Spirit thus dwelling in them, but it is another thing to be filled with the Spirit. He wants to have complete control of the life, that every thought may be conformed to the obedience of Christ. As we yield ourselves unto God in true surrender, and reckon ourselves dead to sin in the death of Christ, the Holy Spirit becomes the power for holiness and guards us from the evil that is in the world.



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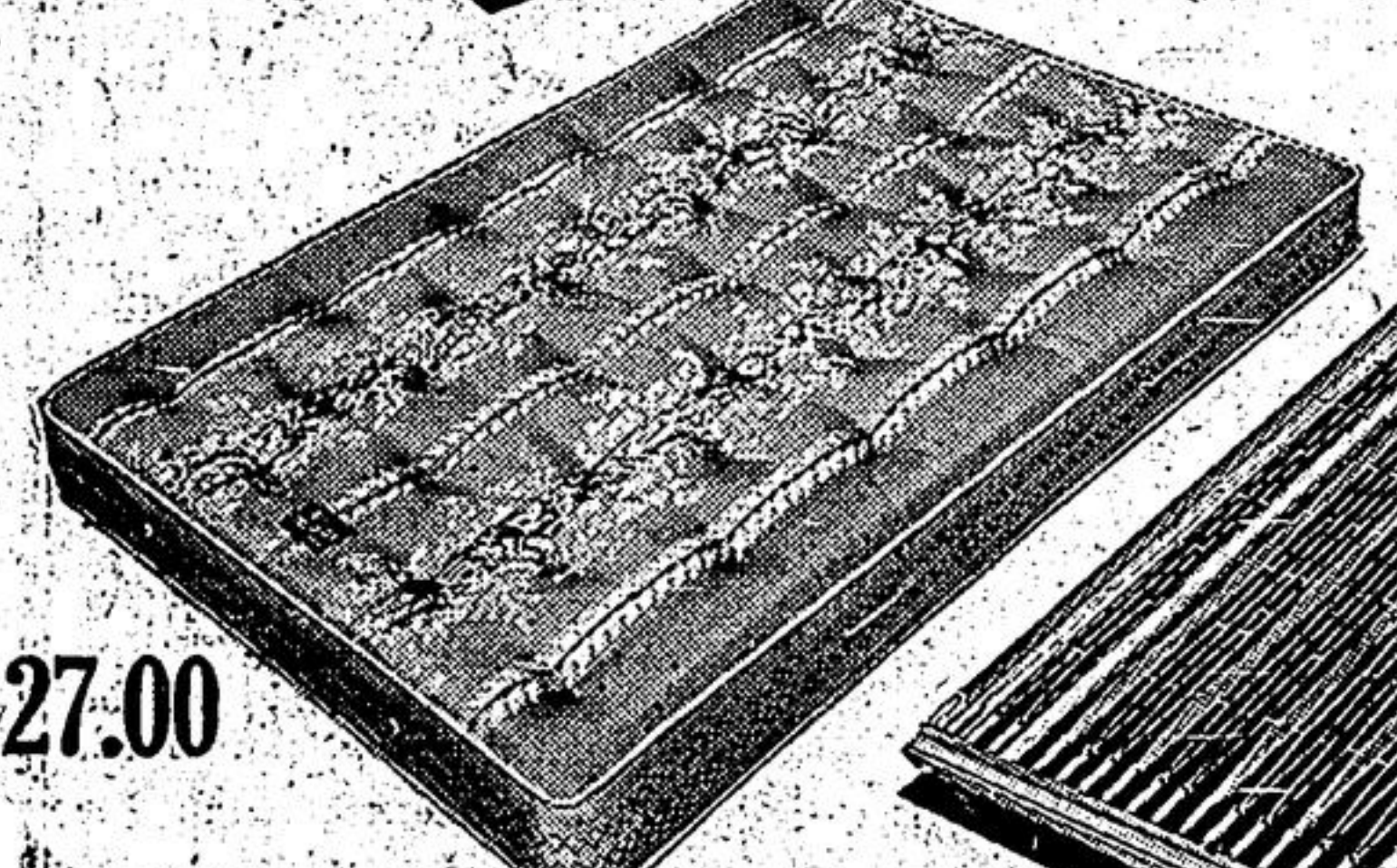
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