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**Notes and Comments**

**Attend Church Regularly**

According to the Canadian Census of 1931 3,331,446 persons recorded declared they were either Baptist, Presbyterian or United Church members. Against this we refer to church year books which indicate that not more than a third of these people go to church. The figures are rather startling, yet when we think carefully they are only what one might expect.

Right here in the home community not more than a third of the people attend church services with any regularity at all, while a considerable number never darken the door of a church.

This paper conducted a Go to Church campaign two years ago, issuing a series of advertisements putting forth reasons why everyone should attend some church. Beginning this week a similar campaign is starting again. We have no sponsors for this undertaking and put it forth as a mere goodwill campaign for what it is worth.

The situation around Stouffville is no different than elsewhere only two out of three attend church. What would this country be without the church? Down in Oshawa a "Go to Church" campaign is being sponsored by the three service clubs in the city. If all its members set an example themselves at least some empty pews will be filled. Now turn over the age and read our advertisement.

**White Washed the Cock Pit**

Seventy-eight game birds seized in an Etobicoke raid on a cock fighting joint were resold to the owners after fines had been imposed. One man was assessed \$200 on a charge of operating, and another found guilty of aiding was fined a similar amount. These fines would be readily made up from the profits of the cock fights staged illegally. But what the public will wonder about is why the birds were allowed to be resold to their original owners. They were too tough to eat, and were bought for only one purpose, of course, of becoming fighting birds again. Surely the law "winked its eye" when it carried out such a white-wash of a cruel, low-down type of sport. The owners of the cock-pit were allowed to repurchase the birds again, it is apparent, to continue the cruelty on them from which the birds were rescued. A protest from the Humane Society would have been in order against the resale of the goods to the law-breakers that will enable them to continue their crime.

**Farmers Demand Attention**

One branch of the Government wants the farmers in 1943 to produce 28 per cent more hogs, nine per cent more cattle, 12 per cent more sheep, 29 per cent more eggs, 11 per cent more potatoes, and six per cent more milk. Another branch would draft the young men from farms, a similar branch would have young farm women join the auxiliary services, and still another branch is trying desperately to keep prices from rising.

Unless the desperate situation on the farms as regards help is considered, and something done about it, the program set above will add up to a food shortage. We can count up a goodly number of farmers in the immediate district who have sold off their herds of milk cows, and others who have given up entirely because they cannot pay the wages offered by war plants that have absorbed the available help from the farmers.

Spring seeding is not far away, and unless the farmer can see help to take off his crop, he is not so likely to plant it. Prompt and vigorous action to assure the farmer the same help the war plants receive, should be coming now.

**Public Business (Newmarket Era-Express)**

Listowel town council recently agreed to hold a committee meeting once each month to discuss fully problems coming before the regular council meetings. No by-laws or resolutions would be passed at the committee meetings but the council would put through the necessary resolutions and by-laws at its regular meetings with a minimum of discussion.

It was apparently the mayor's idea, and it was also the mayor's idea that the press and the public should not be present at the committee meetings. Some of the councillors did not understand this side of the plan apparently, and when they did, and when other citizens expressed criticism, the council gave up the whole idea.

The point is that the public is entitled to know not only what decisions are reached by a public body, but also what are the reasons for the decisions, whether the questions have been thoroughly discussed, whether pros and cons have both been brought out, what particular members think about each question, and the extent to which various members of the public body have influenced the decision.

Public business is not like private business. It is sometimes a handicap to have to decide public business in public for possibly if a single individual could make the necessary decision and conduct the business for the town (in dictator-style) he could often drive shrewd bargains on behalf of the corporation. But public business remains public business. It is the business of every citizen, and

**Sunday School Lesson**

Lesson for Feb. 14th, 1943  
"JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND"

Golden Text—"One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I can see.—John 9:25"

The Lesson as a Whole

In this chapter we have a wonderful "pilgrim's progress" from sightlessness and utter penury to the worship of a clear-eyed, delivered soul, at the feet of the One who had manifested His power and grace so marvelously.

In the first seventeen verses we have the story of the blind beggar and his healing. The question was raised by the disciples, "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" We might wonder at the suggestion that congenital blindness could be the result of the individual's own sin. But some of the Jews held that a child might sin before birth, basing their strange view upon the words, "He took his brother by the heel in the womb" (Hos. 12:3). The disciples were obsessed with the same idea as that which Job's three friends advocated, that all sickness and misfortune are the direct result of sin and sent by God as punishment. Our Lord negatives this idea, and by His miraculous power frees the poor mendicant from his handicap. But it was on the Sabbath Day, and at once the Pharisees are incensed, because the law of the Sabbath seemed to them to be violated. So they put the healed man "on the spot," as we say today, and endeavored to have him give evidence against Jesus.

Verse by Verse

John 9:18—"The Jews did not believe... that he had been blind." So incredulous were these legalists that they would not or could not believe a genuine miracle of healing had been performed. They persuaded themselves that possibly the man had never been actually sightless, so they called his parents to give testimony concerning him.

Verse 19—"Is this your son, who ye say was born blind?" Note the innuendo involved in the form of the question. They as much as implied that the parents had been participants in fraudulent representation regarding the affliction of their son, as a means of moving the hearts of compassionate people.

Verses 20, 21—"We know... he as born blind... but... who hath opened his eyes, we know not." They feared to tell all the truth because of the enmity of the leaders, so they concluded with, "He is of age; ask him." He was fully competent to "speak for himself."

Verse 22—"The Jews had agreed already that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue." The man's parents dreaded the results of a frank confession. Only divine power could give sight to the blind. This was one of Messiah's authentications (Luke 4:18). But the Sanhedrin had determined to excommunicate any who confessed Jesus to be the Christ. This was a sentence dreaded by every Jew.

Verse 23—"Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him." So they referred the questioners to their son, whose keenness of mind and sharpness of tongue soon became embarrassing to his inquisitors.

Verse 24—"Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner." They could not deny the reality of the miracle, but they insisted that the Lord Jesus Christ was not the direct agent. In their eyes He was a sinner because a deceiver of the people.

Verse 25—"One thing I know, O Lord, whereas I was blind now I can see." He wisely refused to be drawn into their theological quibbling, but insisted on testifying to the great thing that had taken place in his own experience. He knew he had been blind. He knew it was so no longer. They could draw their own conclusions.

Verse 26—"How opened he thine eyes?" Betrayed by curiosity and inability to overthrow the facts in wonder-working Teacher, yet He had demonstrated His power in a most marvelous way. It was up to them to discover for themselves who it was that was in their midst.

Verse 31—"We know that God heareth not sinners." In so saying, he was but agreeing with them. It was not a denial as God ever hearing a sinner's prayer, but a recognition that He did not honor sinners by working miracles in response to their words. But He does so hear and recognize those who worship Him in truth. The man was a good theologian after all!

Verses 32, 33—"If this man were not of God, he could do nothing."

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**SAVE 'EM ALL**

Little bits of rubber— Nothing is too small— Build a mighty weapon To make the Axis fall.

Bits of dried erasers, Cast-off rubber heels; The apron and rubber pad too old. For the one who kneels.

The sponge that falls to pieces, The rubber glove that's torn; The fruit jar ring that's lost its spring; Air cushions weak and worn.

Little bits of rubber— Save them each and all— Give them to the salvage man When he comes to call!

**EXTEND REGISTRATION**

Labor Minister Mitchell has announced extension to March 1 of the period for registration of single men in age groups subject to military call-up who have not yet received notice to report for medical examination.

The registration affects men who were single as of July 15, 1940. It also applies to widowers, divorced men, and men separated from their wives since July 15, 1940, who are classed as single men if they have no dependent children.

Verse 30—"He hath opened mine eyes." Triumphant, the man turned their words back upon themselves. They who were supposed to be authorities on the Law of Moses and usages of Israel knew not this

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every citizen is entitled to know all about it.

On the other hand, it is usually a great advantage to the town and to those conducting the town's business that they work in a glass house. When citizens know what is being done, how it is being done and why it is being done, they pay taxes more promptly and cheerfully, and they vote intelligently at the end of the year. When there is a capital expenditure to be made the citizens, if they have the say, will invariably turn it down if they haven't been taken completely into the confidence of the spending body. If they have been kept fully informed, and the spending body is right, they will not be slow to give their approval.

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