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Notes and Comments

Strong Desire for Hall Now

This paper is aware that there is a good deal of patience being exercised, especially by the members of the Stouffville Women's Institute, because the work of providing a community hall or music hall is not going ahead right away. The municipality is in good position to pay for such a hall, with such private aid as will be forthcoming, but it would be impossible to obtain materials for such an undertaking at this time, even if a permit was granted by the government to do the building. A permit will not provide material.

However, the day is fast drawing nigh when we will be prepared to call for tenders after deciding on a plan of building, which above all must include modern kitchen facilities and wash rooms so that our women's organizations shall have attractive and convenient quarters to meet and work in.

It is a good sign to note the anxiety on the part of so many people to get on with the job, for it will make it all the easier when the right time to build comes, if the promoters have the citizens behind them.

A Job that Needs Doing Will Be Done

The Municipal Councils of Whitchurch and Uxbridge are to be commended for the attempt they are making to utilize the splendid gravel deposits hidden away in Gravel Hill on the townline north between these two municipalities. The undertaking presents a maze of complications in order to get the job underway, but it is all worth the effort: the two councils are putting forth. Not only will a valuable gravel deposit be utilized, but a steep hill, detrimental to the locality, will be reduced to a four per cent grade.

The undertaking is one of those things called, "killing two birds with one stone." The township roads will get the gravel as cheaply as from any other pit and at the same time the section of the country will get rid of an unwanted hill.

Too bad for poor old Dobbin that it wasn't done when he alone did all the climbing. Of course it is only in recent years that suitable machinery for such work has been available, also trucks to haul the gravel to the distant parts of the municipalities concerned.

Help to Fight Inflation

(From Niagara Falls, Evening Review)

It is generally believed that the fight against inflationary tendencies has been more successful in Canada than in most countries. By ordering ceiling prices, freezing of wages and other measures, a good work has been done here to prevent dangerous changes in the price structure. A great deal has been done by the government and its advisers, yet in the last analysis, the fight against inflation is one which must be waged by the people of Canada themselves. People can help by cutting down unnecessary spending, by refusing to patronize black markets, refusing to hoard goods which, from time to time become scarce; by

not demanding higher wages and prices and by buying Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates, with the money so saved.

The Butter Situation is Closely Watched

The usual seasonal increase in the production of butter in Ontario is expected during the month of May, although production is still lagging considerably behind that of last year, says the monthly official report for April.

One of the reasons for the decline is the difficulty which many creameries are experiencing (although not a problem in Stouffville) in securing qualified butter-makers, but temporary help for the busy summer season is a problem. The return to operation of cheese factories in Eastern Ontario is also diverting many creamery patrons back to the cheese factories. In some sections of Western Ontario the dairies are unable to absorb all the milk available and surplus supplies are being transferred to the creameries.

Most creameries are being affected by gasoline shortage but are endeavouring to plan their routes to meet that situation. If the weather remains cool, many plants will continue once-a-week pick up as far into May as possible so long as cream quality is not affected.

Farm Subsidies Provide Headache

The Financial Post is more confident than many farmers that the multiplicity of farm subsidies provides a big headache and will have to be cancelled gradually, an orderly liquidation adopted in some measure. That the subsidies were needed and still are needed is a unanimous decision of the farmer and all who are in close touch with rural problems, but there is much in what the Post has to say on the matter especially the suggestion that simplification is most desirable.

The Post says:

"In an official government bulletin that arrived from Ottawa a few days ago almost a full newspaper column is taken up with a summary of government price supports and subsidies on various farm crops and wool. And this list is incomplete. There is no mention of eggs, milk, butter, cheese, hogs and many other farm items that are also subsidized. In fact on practically every single thing produced on the farm today some sort of government assistance is forthcoming.

The principle was adopted early in the war in an official effort to expand certain and sometimes competitive lines of production and also as an alternative to widespread demands for higher prices. Prices, however, increased anyway and, as the war continued, so did the list of items on which subsidies were made available.

Without the support undoubtedly farm output in Canada would not have increased so much or as quickly as it has done but, it has added almost countless complications and excessive costs to the business of marketing.

Today actual quoted prices for farm products are almost meaningless. This government assistance which may take the form of cash bonuses, payment of freight, certificates permitting the growers a share in final export profits, or a combination of several aids, must be considered.

The system developed piecemeal and was never intended to be more than a temporary device for speeding expansion of certain needed lines. Now that this has been achieved we should plan to get rid of it. Some forms of assistance, in view of higher prices now prevailing, could be abandoned altogether; some may have to be absorbed in straight price increases; a little in modified and much simpler form. In any case the assurance of good farm markets from now until at least a year after the war, provides an excellent opportunity for an orderly liquidation with no real hardship for any one. If we wait too long we are risking being saddled with expensive and needless regimentation and something that may become political or financial dynamite."

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Wing Com. Henry "Hank" Dow, Toronto, Ontario, has been chosen to command the R.C.A.F. Iroquois Squadron overseas. He enlisted in September, 1940, and went overseas in February, 1943, as a flying officer. "His bedroom was always cluttered with model planes. Henry has always been air-minded since he was knee-high. But he was going through for a chartered accountant," his mother, Mrs. Harry Dow, commented on the news.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Small Tax Payer Hit Too Hard

Dear Editor:

It may be news to many people that the income tax exemption of \$108 per child we hear about includes the saving portion, so the actual allowance is really \$54 per year.

If it weren't for the payroll deductions the small taxpayer would have been in for a further surprise as there seems to be a nigger in the wood pile. The tax for a married man is figured on income over \$660 and apparently exemptions for dependents are reduced by other factors as we find that for a \$1,300 income the rate with one child is the same as for the childless, \$31 fixed and \$31 savings. Not until the taxable income is over \$1,560 does the exemption amount to \$54 for a single child, and with three children an income of over \$1,860 is required in order to benefit to the extent of \$54 each.

Instead of \$108 as we thought, the chart shows outright allowances for each child to be much less on the lower incomes:

Income	One Child	Two	Three
\$1,300	none	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.33
\$1,400	30.00	22.00	19.33
\$1,500	45.00	37.00	29.33
\$1,600	54.00	54.00	54.00

I think the married man with a wife at home bringing up a family should be entitled to a little more consideration. Don't you?

Yours very truly,
J. W. GILBERT,
HANOVER.

loving us. As we ponder and appropriate these precious things, we are filled—not exactly "with"—but into "all the fullness of God," just as a basin might be placed on the sand as the tide comes in. It would soon fill into all the fullness of the ocean, even though its capacity was but small.

The Heart of the Lesson

The Ephesian believers were like all others who are saved by grace. In their natural state they were away from God and dead to spiritual realities. Awakened and led to trust in Christ, they became members of His body and were sealed by the Holy Spirit. Unable to save themselves by good works, they were now called to walk in good works as an evidence of the reality of the work God had wrought in them. Grace does not do away with responsibility, but puts it in its right place.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for June 4

Golden Text.—We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.—Eph. 2: 10

The Lesson as a Whole

Approach to the Lesson

After evangelizing in Macedonia and Achaia, and establishing churches in Philippi, and Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth, and possibly other cities, Paul and his companions made their way back to Antioch and there reported to the church the progress of the Gospel. Thus his second missionary journey had come to an end. (Acts 18: 22; 23) Shortly after this, the apostle started forth upon his third, and last, journey prior to his arrest in Jerusalem. Apollon, "an eloquent man, and mighty in the (Jewish) scriptures" (Acts 18: 24), had been led in fuller light through Priscilla and Aquila at Ephesus. He left there and passed over to Corinth, where he was received as a teacher of the new faith and where he gave valuable ministry of an edifying character. While he was still laboring there, Paul, after visiting various places between Antioch and Ephesus, came to the latter city and contacted the group of Apollon's disciples and was used of God to lead them into clear Gospel light.

The Epistle to the Ephesians, which was written from prison in Rome, gives the fullest opening-up of truth in connection with the new creation and the Church as the body of Christ that we have in the Word of God.

Verse by Verse

Acts 19: 8.—"Things concerning the kingdom of God." In the synagogue at Ephesus Paul was permitted for three months to hold forth, boldly proclaiming the mess-

age of the Kingdom of God in its spiritual form, as set forth by the Lord before He ascended (Acts 1: 3). This was a call for men to recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as rightful ruler, and by receiving Him as Saviour to enter into that realm where He holds sway.

Verse 9.—"Divers were hardened, and believed not." The same sun that softens the wax hardens the clay. While some were brought to repentance and saved, others resisted the message of grace and were hardened in their sins. So today we speak of some as "Gospel-hardened." They have heard and refused the message so often that it no longer makes any impression upon them. Such as these often become bitter enemies of the truth. In this instance, they reviled the preacher and the message, and, as a result, Paul decided the time had come to meet in an independent building, a schoolhouse used by a man named Tyrannus, a Gentile.

Verse 10.—"All they which dwell in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus." The entire province was stirred by the great gatherings in Ephesus, and the Good News carried by converts and others who had heard it penetrated into every part of Asia. Thus, when His own time had come, God enabled Paul to accomplish in two years what might otherwise never have occurred at all—an entire province was evangelized.

Eph. 2: 4.—"God, who is rich in mercy." This is the source of all our blessing. Out of the storehouse of His infinite mercy came the salvation which He planned for all who would trust His Son. His love was told out in the gift of Christ (John 3: 16).

Verse 5.—"We were dead in sins." This is the condition of all men by nature. While thoroughly alive to the things of the world, we are without spiritual life until we are

"quickened (made to live)...together with Christ," and thus saved by grace.

Verse 6.—"Raised...up together, and made...to sit together in heavenly places in Christ." God sees all believers as linked with Christ in His resurrection and now associated with Him in His glory. It is representation here. We are seated in Him. Some day it will be actual fact, when we shall be seated with Him. "Heavenly places" is the Canaan of the new dispensation—our inheritance in Christ.

Verse 7.—"That...he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace." The word rendered "show" is that from which we get our word exhibit. In the coming ages God will have a glorious exhibition of what His grace has wrought, and we who are saved will be those through whom that grace will be displayed.

Verse 8.—"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves." Grace is God's free, unmerited favor to those who have deserved the very opposite. By faith we lay hold of this. Faith is not something we work up in ourselves. It is given to us through hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10: 17). No man need be without faith, if he be but willing to listen to the Word of God (Rom. 10: 17). No man need be without faith, if he be but willing to listen to the Word.

Verse 9.—"Not of works, lest any man should boast." If salvation could be merited, then each man would be entitled to glory in his goodness as the procuring cause of his blessedness. But all boasting is excluded because all is of grace (Rom. 3: 27).

Verse 10.—"We are his workmanship, created unto good works." Salvation is altogether of God. It was He alone who wrought in the first creation. It is He alone who brings in the new. But believers are created—not by good works—

but unto good works. A godly life is the evidence of the change within.

Chap. 3: 14.—"I bow my knees."

In verses 14 to 19 we have Paul's prayer for these believers. Another prayer is found in chapter 1: 15-23.

Verse 15.—"The whole family in heaven and earth." Note where all the family of God are found—either in Heaven or on earth. Those who have died are in Heaven; the living are still on earth. There is no room here for a purgatory after death—nor any place for what is called soul-sleeping.

Verse 16.—"According to the riches of his glory." This is our divine endowment. It is not out of His riches, but according to His infinite wealth that He now lavishes blessing upon us, giving all needed strength through the indwelling Holy Spirit, that we may glorify Him in our daily behavior.

Verse 17.—"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." Christ Jesus is personally present as the glorified Man in Heaven at the Father's right hand (Heb. 1: 3), but faith apprehends Him as dwelling now in our hearts. Thus we become rooted (like a tree, a living thing) and grounded (like a building, a stabilized edifice) in love. And God is love (1 John 4: 8, 16); so we are to be rooted and grounded in God Himself.

Verse 18.—"To comprehend...the breadth, and length, and depth, and height." It is the purpose of God in the unfolding of His love that is before us. Notice the four dimensions. The natural has but three. The fourth is spiritual.

Verse 19.—"To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." This seems paradoxical. How can one know which is beyond knowledge? Just as a babe knows its mother's love, but cannot understand the reason for that maternal affection, so we know we are the objects of the love of Christ, but we cannot fathom His reasons for so

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