

W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—I understand in handing in these coupons, the amount in meat is allowed to go overseas to hunger-stricken countries. I know it's not much, but if we all saved a few, it would add up wouldn't it? I don't believe a lot of us really realize what hunger is as we are so fortunate in Canada. I thank God I live in a country of plenty. I know you will see that these coupons get into the coupon collection.

A.—You are quite right. The less meat we use in Canada, the more meat can be shipped overseas. Thank you for sending in the meat coupons. They have been turned over to the collection authorities. If there are any other people who can spare meat coupons, they may be turned in at any Local Ration Board office and a receipt will be given for the coupons surrendered.

Q.—When one gives six months' notice to tenants occupying a flat in the owner's house as shared accommodation, should the notice to vacate be given on the first of the month even when the tenants pay their rent on the tenth? Can one give notice any month?

A.—The notice should be given on the day of the month when the rent is paid, on a specially printed form available at any WPTB Rentals office. Yes, under new rental regulations the six months' notice for shared accommodation may be given ANY month of the year. Under former regulations this notice could not terminate in the winter months. Now it may terminate ANY month.

Q.—My daughter is entering Toronto university Sept. 21. On Sept. 19 five sugar coupons in her book come due. How many of the coupons am I allowed to take off?

A.—As this extra sugar is not regarded by the ration administration as canning sugar, but as extra table sugar allotment from Sept. 19 on, you would be entitled to take only one of these coupons.

Q.—I would like to know the ceiling price on powdered lactic acid milk. I paid \$1 a lb. at one store and \$1.35 at another and

BIBLE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Question—What does "amen" mean?

Answer—It means "be it so" or "so it is." It is an affirmation of a preceding statement, which the speaker solemnly makes his own. It is also used as a proper name for Jesus as affirming God's promise. (See Revelation 3:14.)

Q.—Is Italy mentioned in the Bible?

A.—Yes, three times; and Italian once. (See Acts 18:2; 27:1; Hebrews 13:24; Acts 10:1.)

Q.—Please explain Psalm 51:7. What is hyssop?

A.—We quote the text: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." This is a part of David's prayer for forgiveness. Hyssop is a plant that grew in walls and crevices of rocks and was used to sprinkle water and blood in the ceremonial purification of the temple.

Q.—I have understood that heaven is a spiritual condition. Am I right?

A.—Heaven includes a spiritual condition, but it is more than that. Jesus said in John 14:1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Heaven is also a place.

Q.—Is death the end of everything, as lots of people say?

A.—That's an old question. Job asked it more than three thousand years ago. And he answered it too, by inspiration: "If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: Thou wilt have a desire to the work of Thine hands." Job 14:14, 15. Jesus said: "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. So, you see, this first death is not the end of anybody.

Feel that 35c difference is too much.

A.—Powdered lactic acid milk is a pharmaceutical product and has been removed from price ceiling regulations. Each individual drug store may now set their own price and we suggest that you continue to make your purchases at the store where you can buy this product at \$1 a lb.

Potato Crop Outlook Not Too Hopeful

Housewives and buyers who recall the scarcities of potatoes which have prevailed periodically during recent years will be glad to know that the Ontario potato crop shows some promise of a slight increase over last year, says R. E. Goodin, potato fieldman of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, but the overall picture in the Eastern Canada Provinces is not as hopeful, he adds. The dry weather, which was responsible for drying up pastures in Ontario and lessening the output of dairy products, also had a marked effect on potato crops. Locally digging of late potatoes in the Ballantrae section is expected to provide a good yield, at least a good average. Early tubers turned out very good, and late digging should be satisfactory.

Reports from New Brunswick state that their crop will be away below normal and that dry weather until about the second week in August retarded the development of the potato crop in Prince Edward Island. Ontario consumers usually require about 3,500 carloads per year from these two Eastern Provinces, but with a short crop and heavy demands for export to southern countries, it is doubtful if normal supplies will be forthcoming during coming months to Ontario markets. Last year it was necessary to import substantial supplies from the United States to meet consumer demands here.

Potato acreage in Ontario was stepped up considerably this year, but a large portion of the increase was by growers of the early crop in Southern Ontario. The yield per acre of early potatoes was very satisfactory, but practically all that early crop has now been harvested, marketed and consumed. Late potato growers throughout the various areas of the Province have not yet started to harvest their crops on a large scale, but growers report that yields in some areas are disappointing. Practically all Eastern Ontario and parts of Northern and Central Ontario, reports Mr. Goodin, are particularly poor. Supplies are now being provided by growers of intermediate crops, many of whom are anxious to harvest their potatoes so as to sow fall wheat on the same land. Considering all circumstances, the market should strengthen for quality potatoes under ordinary marketing conditions. Weather has not to date been favourable to development of late blight, so consumers may purchase their supplies for winter storage with confidence.

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WARNING AGAINST POLITICAL QUACKS

(By Lewis Milligan)
The other evening we were talking about reading in bed, and there was some discussion as to what were the best "bed books." One man said he preferred detective stories, another the Reader's Digest, and another liked something restful—anything that would divert his mind from the hard realities of life and put him gently to sleep. For my part, I prefer quiet essays, like those of A. C. Benson; such poems as Tennyson's Lady of Shalott, Matthew Arnold's Thyrsis, or to dip into Alice in Wonderland. But there is something to be said for the heavier kind of literature as a soporific.

Take Adam Smith's "The Wealth of Nations," for instance. Who in the world would ever think of taking that to bed with him as an inducement to sleep? And yet on occasion I have found it very soothing, like a prosy sermon—than which there is nothing more conducive to slumber. As a variant, when all others fail, I can recommend "The Wealth of Nations" as a certain cure for sleeplessness. It is so wordy and longwinded that one is lulled by the monotony into sweet oblivion. Try it.

But to appreciate "The Wealth of Nations" one needs to be wide awake, for it had a world-wide influence in and since the author's day, and it has special application to the social problems of our own time. For instance, in dealing with Quesnay's economic system which calls for strict state control in agriculture, Adam Smith contends that such a system would lead to social decline rather than progress and prosperity. He likens the political body to the physical body and says: "Some speculative physicians seem to have imagined that the health of the human body could be preserved only by a certain precise regimen of diet and exercise, of which even the smallest violation necessarily occasioned some degree of disease or disorder proportioned to the degree of the violation." (That is an example of Adam Smith's wordiness). He contends that experience shows that the human body frequently preserves the most perfect state of health under a vast variety of diets and exercises; even under some that are believed to be far from wholesome.

Smith goes on to apply this argument to the political body. He says that some political doctors seem to think that society can only thrive and prosper under a perfect social order, whereas "the natural effort which every man is continually making to better his own condition, is a principle preservation capable of preventing and correcting the bad effects of a political economy, in some degree both partial and oppressive." He clinches this argument by saying: "If a nation could not prosper without the enjoyment of perfect liberty and justice, there is not in the world a nation which could ever have prospered."

In other words, Adam Smith is saying that this is an imperfect world, that human beings are far from perfect, and that this very imperfection is an incentive to individual effort and improvement. If, on the other hand, the State

undertakes to provide perfect security for the individual from want and all the ills of life, the individual becomes flabby and effortless, and society goes backward.

Adam Smith concludes: "In the political body, however, the wisdom of nature has fortunately made ample provision for remedying many of the bad effects of the folly and injustice of man; in the same manner it has done in the natural body, for remedying those of his sloth and intemperance."

This does not preclude the necessity for measures of social and economic reform, but it does warn against the adoption of the economic cure-alls that are being prescribed by political quack doctors and theorists in these days.

BUTTER PRODUCTION STILL DECLINING

Butter production in Ontario in August ran some 15 per cent behind the corresponding period in 1945, reports C.E. Lackner, Director of the Dairy Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture. He expects, however, that recent rains will help to stimulate production, although recovery from the long dry spell is liable to be slow. Butter quality, however, continues to be ahead of last year, and cream quality in July indicated the smallest percentage of undergrade cream for this month on record.

All the samples in the Butter Keeping Quality Competition have been graded and the last tests are being completed, says Mr. Lackner. The butter entered in this competition now remains in cold storage until next March, when it will be regraded and further tests made. Preliminary tests indicate that much valuable information regarding butter for storage will be available to the contestants at the end of the holding period, regardless of whether they are prize winners or not.

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