

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for June 15
Golden Text—The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
 —Prov. 10:27
 The Lesson as a Whole
 The four kings who succeeded

Josiah one after the other were all weaklings who had no firm convictions regarding their responsibilities, nor did they have true piety that would have enabled them to stand for God against the encroachments of idolatry. The Lord sent message after message by Jeremiah, calling the leaders, both ecclesiastical and royal, and the people generally,

to judge the evils that afflicted the nation and exposed them to peril because of Jehovah's refusal to identify Himself with them on account of their unfaithfulness. Jeremiah is often called "the weeping prophet" because of his tenderness of heart and the grief that possessed him on account of the defection of his people (Jer. 9:1). But he could also be very stern when rebuking iniquity, as in this present lesson. In these things he manifested the same spirit that was seen in all perfection in our blessed Lord, whose tears and denunciations were in perfect keeping. False prophets have ever had the confidence of those who are ready to accept almost anyone claiming to speak with divine authority, instead of testing him by what God has already revealed. It was true of old; it is just as true now (2 Pet. 2:1-3). Therefore the need of being ever on guard lest one be deceived by unscriptural teachings, which turn one away from the truth and point the way to endless ruin (2 Cor. 11:13). We need to try the spirits whether they be of God (1 John 4:1), for Satan has his ministers who speak plausibly but are really seeking to mislead rather than to edify (2 Cor. 11:14, 15). Justin Martyr wrote long ago: "Many spirits are abroad in the world and the credentials they display are splendid gifts of eloquence and ability. Christian, look carefully. Ask for the print of the nails."

The false prophets in Jeremiah's day ridiculed predictions of coming judgment and prated of peace and safety, when the Judge stood at the door (6:14; 8:11). It is the same today and will be until the vials of the wrath of God are actually being poured out upon the earth (1 Thess. 5:3). Men prefer these soft spoken teachers of error who prophesy "smooth things" (Isa. 30:10) to the faithful men of God who declare unflinchingly the Word of the Lord without fear or favor. But in the day of Christ, when every hidden thing is brought to light, God's true servants will be recognized and rewarded, and the preachers of falsehood will be dealt with in judgment.

Verse 1.—"The Lord sent against him bonds of the Chaldees" and affiliated nations to destroy Judah as Jeremiah had predicted would be the case.
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 Verse 3.—"At the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah.....for the sins of Manasseh." The wickedness of the king had resulted in irreparable harm because the evils he introduced, though temporarily dealt with in Josiah's good reign, had never been judged and turned from by the nation as a whole. Thus idolatry became their ruin.
 Verse 4.—"He filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon." Where iniquity prevails, human life is considered as of little account. The worship of Molech, involving countless human sacrifices, chiefly of babes and little children, had so aroused the indignation of Jehovah that He would not pardon it inasmuch as there was no national movement of repentance.



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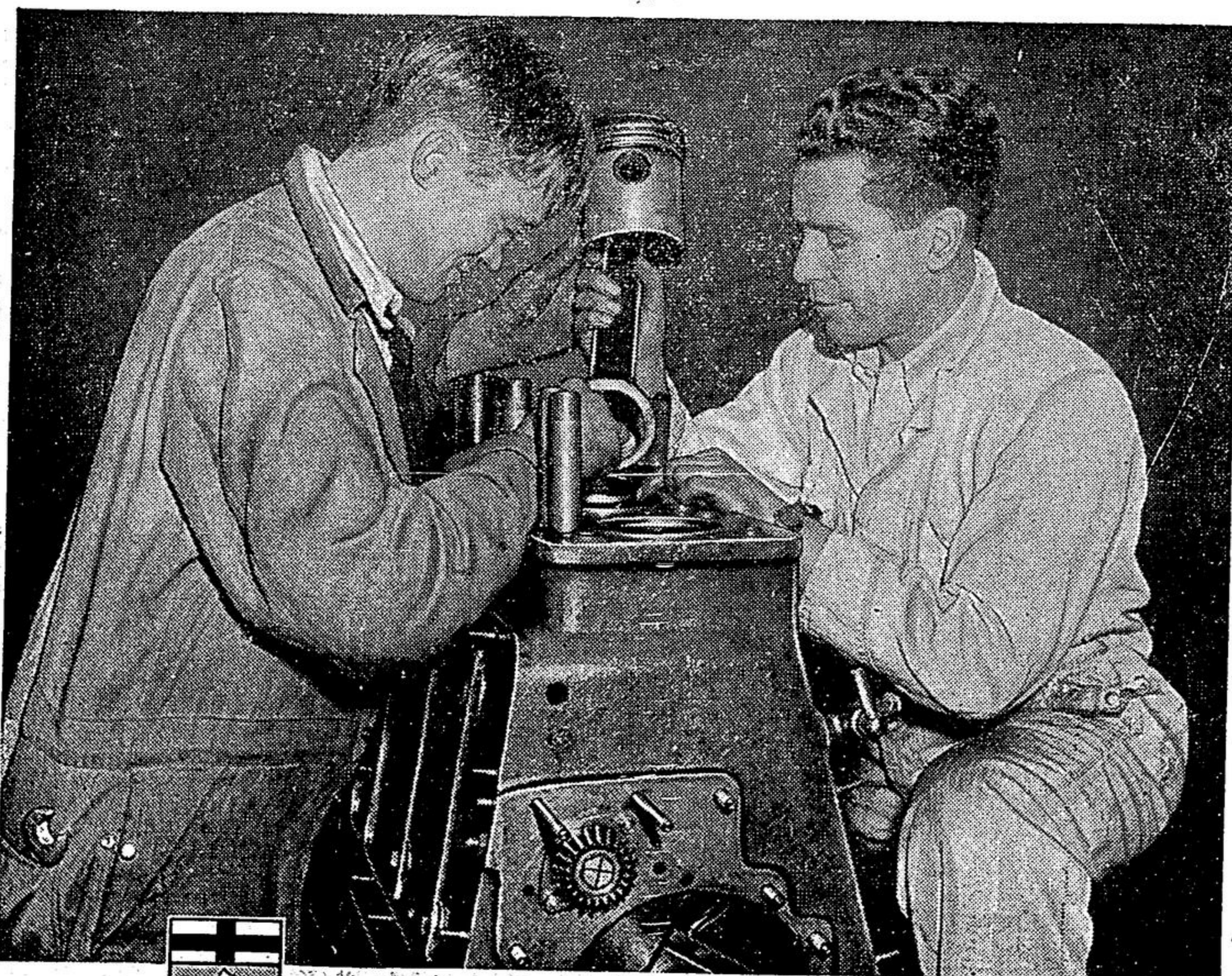
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Mr. Langdon, who is hale and hearty and looks 20 years younger than his age, is in his shop every working day and spends a full day. When asked to what he attributed his remarkable health, Mr. Langdon replied "Liking your work and doing an honest day's work gives one a feeling of satisfaction that makes for mental rest and consequently physical rest ensues."

YORK-ONTARIO FARMERS BETTER OFF THAN MANY SECTIONS

Old friend and resident of this district, Mr. Bruce Morton was up from Glasgow in the Ottawa district last Thursday for the day. Farmers down there Mr. Morton reports, were not able to start seeding, and the Ottawa Experimental Farm indicated this the worst spring for seeding since they commenced keeping records fifty-eight years ago.

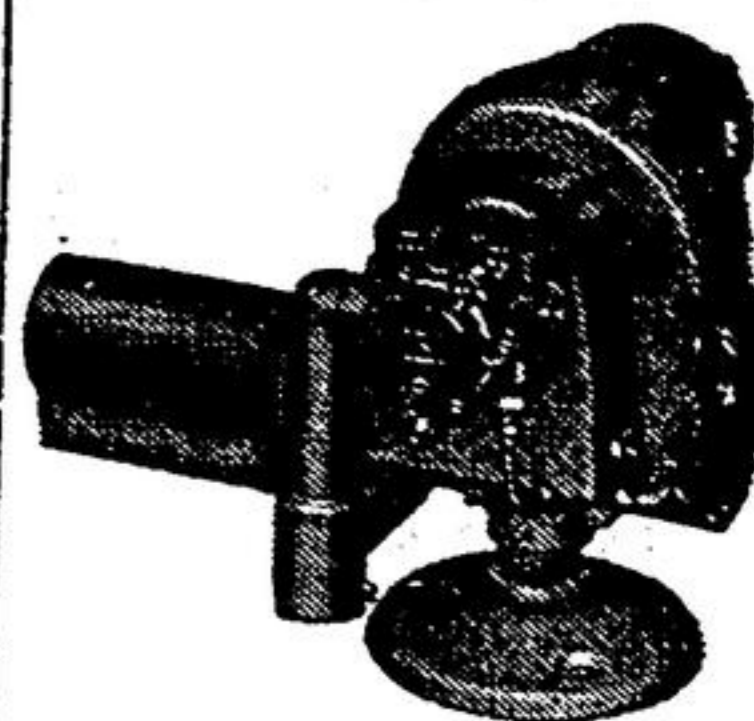
In view of reports like this the farmers and others in York and Ontario counties may consider themselves fortunate. Here, probably fifty per cent. or more of the grain crop was sown and is growing wonderfully well. However, the odd farmer didn't get started seeding, while quite a few were able to complete the job. Lands not sown to grain have mostly been put into roots, and many have sown buckwheat for a late crop.

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