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NOTES and COMMENTS

Why Not Leave Them Vacant

Fourteen unfilled senatorships in Canada at the present time. Why not leave them unfilled, and save the country a cold hundred thousand dollars a year.
If the people had the "say" in this matter; and not parliament, the vacancies would go on forever. Then, too, Mr. King didn't see fit to fill them.

Strange Thing Comes to Light

In the disclosure of a dead body being found in an unused basement room in the Ontario Mental Hospital at Whitby that had been there for five months, leaves much to ponder over in the minds of the public. The girl was a patient who was allowed more freedom than is accorded many others, suddenly disappeared and an intensive search failed to find her. An electrician or somebody who had occasion to go into a room always kept locked since dangerous or live wiring was exposed there, found the body which must have been in a badly decomposed condition.

Evidently reasonable precaution had been taken to keep inmates out of the air-conditioning room, as they called it, but how a decomposed body could remain there for five months and not be discovered, is something few people can understand. Surely had an innocent skunk gotten in there, he would have been hunted down and removed, because of the odors that must have emitted from the place. Yet here was a human body lying there for five months, and "nobody noticed."

Horse in the House

There is something impressive about the charge, we read from the Old Country the other day where a resident was fined for "maintaining a nuisance." The nuisance was that of keeping a horse in the house. Neighbors told the police and when the officer knocked on the door the horse stuck its head through the window and neighed.

It has been suggested that the animal must have performed in a circus sometime or other since it put on such a good trick. However, keeping a horse in a home was the offence, but in the early days in England it certainly was no offence, and one is impressed by the fact that such a charge should emanate from the country where Old Dobbin lived closer to the family kitchen than he ever did in Canada.

The writer of this column recalls being with a press party in England visiting the home and birthplace of Robert Burns at Ayr. We haven't forgot that the famous poet slept in a bit of hallway separated from the family cow by only a slim partition. We thought as we looked at the set-up where the stable adjoined the house was like being in the next room, that health authorities would never condone the layout today, but health or no health laws the condition gave the world a Bobbie Burns.

Farmers Want One Milk Price

Milk producers in the Toronto area who ship their milk to city dairies have long been forced to accept two prices for their product. Top price is paid by the dairies for milk they sell for fluid consumption. Milk used in the manufacture of various milk products brings considerably less.

The farmers have now decided that this two-price system must be revised. They are determined to do away with the graduated prices and establish one price for all the milk they sell. Since the dairies oppose the change, it has been necessary to refer the matter to a board of arbitration. The farmers point out that it costs just as much to produce milk used in the manufacture of milk products as it does to produce milk sold in the fluid state.

The present price for fluid milk is \$4.05 per 100 pounds. The price for so-called manufacturing milk is only \$2.90 per 100 pounds. In many cases, as much as 20 per cent. of a farmer's total production is sold at the secondary price. This means, in effect, that the farmer is penalized for increasing his production beyond a certain point by having to accept a lower price.

The dairies, in opposing the request for a uniform price, claim the farmers' demands would lead to an increase in the consumer price of standard milk. Spokesmen for the farmers dispute this. They argue that an increase in the price dairies pay for secondary milk or manufacturing milk need not affect the price of fluid milk.

Whatever the merits of these respective claims, one salient fact stands out. Milk production is falling. And it will continue to fall until farmers receive what they consider a fair price. The very fact that milk production is falling is evidence that present prices are not attractive.

Truman and Canada

Whatever else may be said about the victory of President Truman, states The Financial Post, there are two important things in this event for Canada:

There will be no delay on important international matters such as would have occurred if a new President couldn't get his hands on the helm until after the January inaugural, and until after a widespread changeover of senior officials had been accomplished.

Secondly, there is now much less uncertainty here about U.S. policy on matters of the utmost importance to Canada, particularly mutual trade and defense.

In the past, it was always the Republicans who sponsored higher tariffs and other restrictions which did so much to cripple our flow of exports to the United States. While Governor Dewey made it plain that he was opposed to reinstating that sort of policy, there were many who doubted whether he could control the element of his party which held other views.

At best, with a Dewey win we could hope that there would be no sudden reversal in the Hull-Roosevelt-Truman program of lowering tariffs and other trade barriers.

But that would not be enough if Canada and the United States are to prosper as they might and should. There must be a further removal of these barriers if these two countries are to buy freely of each other's goods, if they are to become full partners in the development of our joint North American economy and defense.

With a Truman win there will be less uneasiness on this point and others where Canada and the United States must work together. On mutual defense, on aid to Europe, on a military alliance with those other world democracies which think as we think, we have reason to believe the Truman administration will continue its past policies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for December 5
Golden Text—Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.
—Matt. 28:19, R.V.

The Lesson as a Whole
Approach to the Lesson

The Book of Acts is the great historical book of the New Testament, setting forth the rise and progress of the Church during a period of about thirty years. In the first part, chapters 1 to 12, Peter is the outstanding leader. In the second part, chapters 13 to 28, it is Paul who occupies the pre-eminent place. The reason is plain. In the beginning, God was dealing specially with Israel; for although as a nation Israel had been set to one side because of the rejection of Christ (Matt. 23:37-39), yet the Spirit of God gave abundant testimony in order that individuals from among the once-favored people might renounce the sin of the nation and find salvation in Christ. In the second part, we see the Gospel of grace going out to the Gentiles largely through the ministry of Paul and his associates. In preparation for the carrying on of the great missionary enterprise, our attention is first directed to our Lord's promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower His servants to preach with conviction and assurance, so that the world might believe that their message was from Heaven.

Following the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ a great change took place, which was not clearly predicted in the Old Testament. Israel nationally having rejected her Messiah was set aside by God for the present age. Any who repented and turned to Christ for deliverance found salvation, but not as Jews—rather as poor sinners needing a Saviour. These were, by baptism, separated governmentally from the nation as such, and formed the nucleus of the Church, or assembly of God, a new company, united to Christ by the Spirit in the present age of grace. Of this the Book of Acts treats in its opening chapters. Then the stream of grace broadens to take in believing Gentiles, and as the wonderful story unfolds, we see Paul, a chosen vessel, and other workers reaching out to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Historical Setting
For a period of forty days after His resurrection our Lord remained in this scene, though not revealed to the world. He appeared to His disciples and taught them and left them with the promise of the Spirit, which was fulfilled ten days later, on Pentecost, the fiftieth day. This was in the spring of A.D. 30. Luke's account ends some thirty or more years later with Paul a prisoner in Rome.

Verse by Verse
Acts 1:8—"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The clearest reading here is, "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you." In view of their witness testimony they were to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Then they would be prepared to begin the work of evangelization, which was destined to spread from Jerusalem into Judea, then Samaria, and thence to the uttermost part of the earth. In other words, they were first to proclaim peace to those who had crucified the Lord of Glory, if they would repent and believe in His name, and the circle of blessing was to grow wider and deeper until it took in all mankind.

Chap. 4:1—"As they spake unto the people." This was some days after Pentecost, when a great throng gathered about Peter and John following the healing of a lame man at the gate of the Temple in Jerusalem. Among these were many priests and other leaders, many of whom were Sadducees.

Verse 2—"Being grieved that they taught the resurrection from the dead." The Sadducees were angry when they heard Peter proclaim the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This, if true, nullified their whole materialistic philosophy (Acts 23:8).

Verse 3—"They put them in ward" (R.V.). Arresting Peter and John, they were placed in a temporary prison until they could be brought to trial on the following day.

Verse 4—"Many...believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand," or, literally, became five thousand, so many had been won for Christ in addition to the three thousand who were baptized on Pentecost. Thus God's Word was reaching multitudes in spite of persecution.

Chap. 13:2—"The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul." It is the prerogative of the Holy Spirit, Christ's true vicegerent, to qualify and send out laborers into the great harvest field. He indicated to the church His will that these two men should be set aside for the special work of evangelizing the Gentiles.

Verse 3—"They...laid their hands on them (and) sent them away." When the mind of God was revealed, the church acquiesced, and after a season of waiting upon Him in prayer and fasting they

expressed their fellowship with Barnabas and Saul by the laying on of hands, a sign of identification and commendation, and sent them forth with their confidence and blessing.

Chap. 16:9—"Come over into Macedonia, and help us." These words came to Paul in a night vision, in which he beheld a man in Macedonian garb pleading for assistance. It was God's way of indicating to His servant that the time had come to carry the Gospel message into Europe.

Verse 10—"We endeavoured to go into Macedonia." The use of the pronoun "we" indicates that Luke, the writer of Acts, had now joined Paul's company. From this time on he was almost always with the apostle in his various missions.

Chap. 28:16—"We came to Rome." Paul had looked forward to visiting Rome for some time (Rom. 1:10-12). After waiting for some years he went there as a prisoner and it might have seemed that he would be unable to witness for Christ under such circumstances.

Verse 30—"Paul...received all that came in unto him." God in His providence had so arranged that Paul, although a prisoner awaiting trial, should not, at this time, be confined in some almost inaccessible dungeon, but was permitted to live under guard in a rented house, where he was free to preach the Gospel and expound the Scriptures to all who came to visit him.

Verse 31—"Preaching the kingdom of God." It is important to see that the Kingdom of God as now proclaimed is the recognition of the divine authority over the lives of all who were born again (John 3:3). It is not the establishment of a new world order, as many claim, for we read, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17).

The Heart of the Lesson

In the Book of Acts we have the history of early Gospel days—the ever widening stream of blessing going out into all the world. The grace of God overleaps all boundaries of nation, race, or religion. His glad tidings are for all men everywhere because "God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all" (Rom. 11:32). No matter how ignorant and degraded men may be on the one hand, nor how cultured and morally advanced on the other, it remains true that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Seeking the lost, Jesus came into this world (Luke 19:10). He came "not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). His sacrifice on Calvary was for all men everywhere. He "gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Tim. 2:6). Now as the risen and glorified One, He sends His messengers out as ambassadors from the high court of Heaven to beseech those living in enmity against to be "reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20). We who know His saving power are guilty of gross disobedience to His Word if we are neglectful of the tremendous responsibility that rests upon us to give the Gospel to all who are within the circle of our influence.

City school teachers in Canada stay on one job for an average of ten years; rural school teachers move from one school to another or out of teaching altogether every two years or less.

"The mechanical lie-detector is not more than 75 per cent efficient," says a police commissioner. It isn't nearly so efficient as the original lie-detector rigged up centuries ago out of a man's rib.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Wants Wardens Elected By Secret Ballot

York County Council last week went on record favoring a secret ballot for the election of a warden and other top-ranking officers elected annually by county councils. Under present legislation secret ballot is prohibited, election must be by a show of hands or by standing vote. Reeve Vern Griffin sponsored the resolution.

People who laugh and grow fat don't think it's anything to laugh at.

A live wire has the chance to live brightly, says a banker. Especially when he has good connections.

No one could suggest why such legislation is on the statutes, but



Santa Claus Parade

at STOUFFVILLE

on Saturday, Dec. 11th

Auspices of the Stouffville Business Men's Association



LEGION FOWL BINGO

Yes Bob we'll Save Hydro

HOW?

Why that's simple - everybody for miles around will be at the Veteran's Memorial Hall for the big fowl bingo.

WHEN?

Why Friday night, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 of course, at 8.30 p.m.

WHAT FOR?

Don't be silly - Lovely fat turkeys - Delicious plump ducks and Big tender chickens of course - Yum Yum - Be early to get a seat. See you at the Vets' Memorial hall Stouffville, Friday night at 8.30 sharp.