

Boys Out-Talk Girls in Oratorical Test



Upholding the honor of their sex, three boys out-talked feminine elocutionists to take all prizes in the Ontario School Trustees' and Ratepayers' association public-speaking contest at Toronto. First prize winner Murray Coulter, 14, of Gormley, Ont., displays the handsome McCaffrey Cup, and the smaller cup he will keep. The son of a former British army colonel, the lad took top honours for his colorful description of the flight he made from Karachi, Pakistan, to Canada 18 months ago.

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

"REACHING OUT FROM ANTIOCH"

Golden Text.—We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. —2 Cor. 5:20

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson

As a persecutor of the church, Saul did worse than he knew, and better than he knew—worse than he knew, because he really broke up and scattered the church in Jerusalem (Acts 8:1); better than he knew, because that scattering meant a missionary movement that might not otherwise have been launched (chap. 11:19-21). By the time the church was reorganized in Jerusalem, reports of this missionary movement began to pour in. The most startling of these reports was concerning Antioch of Syria, where a Gentile church had been born through the witness of the Hellenic Jews. That called for inspection. The saints in Jerusalem had not yet learned the mystery of the church, "that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the Gospel" (Eph. 3:6). The church made a happy choice in Barnabas as the one to examine into the new movement. He was such a man of grace, that he quickly recognized the grace of God wherever it operated, and gave the new work every encouragement.

Verse 16.—"Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways." Compare chap. 17:30. The "times past" were the times of God's forbearance with the nations, when God wrought with Israel in preparation for the Gospel. We can be sure that Paul included the call to repentance, as he did to the Athenians.

Verse 17.—"Nevertheless he left not himself without witness in that he did good." All the gifts of nature are in reality the gifts of God, and witnesses of His goodness, calling men to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

Verse 18.—"And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people." It was no easy thing to turn fanatical pagans from their purpose.

Verse 19.—"Stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead." Probably their disappointment and chagrin at having mistaken two Jews for gods pre-disposed them to this contrary action. The Antioch mentioned in this verse is Pisidian Antioch, not Syrian Antioch. The Jews led the riot against the apostles. Paul must have been very close to death to have been left for dead by this infuriated crowd. Some believe he was actually dead.

Verse 20.—"He rose up, and departed with Barnabas to Derbe." Whether dead or near dead, his recovery was miraculous—no hospitalization, no medical attention, no long period of recuperation, but an immediate return to normal strength, so that he carried on without interruption.

The Heart of the Lesson

The "hidden years" in Tarsus were part of the training of this man who was destined to do more for the Kingdom of God than any other mortal. There is a danger among us of being in too big a hurry to get into the work, at the expense of necessary training and discipline. In these days of hasty ordination we need to be reminded of Paul's command to Timothy, "Lay hands suddenly on no man" (1 Tim. 5:22).

In the fullness of time God's place was ready for God's man, and Barnabas sought out Paul for the work in Antioch. A God-called man does not need to go around inviting calls or offering himself as a candidate. God has His own ways of bringing His appointed servants into their appointed place.

Not all are appointed to settle in one place for a lifetime. Frequently a man's "first church" is a preparation for a wider ministry, and churches must be prepared to release their best ministers for the larger field. Antioch was honored by being established as home base for world missions. Happy is the church whose outreach touches the ends of the earth. Think of having the Apostle Paul as your first missionary!

The first missionary journey was rugged going. It was too much for young John Mark (chap. 13:13), but Paul and Barnabas pressed on. At Lystra they were really in heathen territory, and they met with the same challenge to the power of the name they represented as did Peter and John in Jerusalem in the very beginnings of the Gospel (Acts 3:1-11). They could not ignore that man a cripple from birth. Notice, they did not mention the name Jesus in commanding the cripple to rise up and walk. His name was not known here at Lystra, as it was in Jerusalem. Nevertheless they wrought in that name, and the man leaped and walked as if he had been doing so all his life.

The populace could think of no other explanation than that which their superstitions suggested, and only the most strenuous objections on the part of the apostles prevented the sacrifice from being offered to them as gods. In this delicate situation they bore a brave testimony.

The disappointed Lycaonians lent a ready ear to the Jews who came from Pisidian Antioch and Iconium with their malicious pratings against the apostles. To think that they mistaken two wandering Jews for Jupiter and Mercury. They were angry with themselves, and ready to put out their venom on those who they believed had deceived them. So they lent their support to the slanders, and countenanced the stoning of one of their "gods." It is certainly no safe thing to put confidence in men, who are so fickle. They will worship you today, and stone you tomorrow.

"But God..." The stones could not stony God's messenger, much less His message, which is still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"

RINGWOOD

(Thursday, April 9) Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobbs were in Toronto for a few days last week visiting relatives and friends. James and Robert Scott accompanied their grandparents home for a visit. Miss Margaret Hobbs and Miss Dorothy Bell visited New York for the Easter season.

GORMLEY

(Thursday, April 9)

A number of friends and relatives attended the marriage of Lloyd Seth Wideman, youngest son of Mr. Seth Wideman, and the late Mrs. Fraser, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fraser, New Toronto, on Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m., in St. Margaret's Church.

The church was prettily decorated in keeping with the Easter season. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina length, white lace over taffeta gown. Her fingertip veil was caught to a lace cap. She carried a bouquet of pink and white sweetheart roses.

Barbara Yule attended her sister as matron of honour. Jean Wideman and Betty Martin were bridesmaids. The three girls were attired alike in lace over taffeta gowns of blue, mauve and green respectively, and carried bouquets of yellow sweetheart roses. Arthur Wideman attended his brother as groomsmen. Ted Wideman and Donald Yule were ushers.

Following the wedding, the reception was held in Good-year Union Hall. The bride's mother received her guests wearing navy dress with navy and white accessories with corsage of yellow roses. Assisting was Mrs. Clara Munro, sister of the groom, wearing navy dress with red and white accessories and corsage of yellow roses.

For travelling the bride chose a grey suit and stole with mauve accessories. On their return the happy couple will reside in New Toronto.

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A member of the RCAF for over three years, L-Ac. Knight was walking along a highway in Ville St. Laurent, near Montreal, when he was struck by the car. A passing cyclist found the young man lying unconscious by the side of the road. Police are trying to trace the motorist. Educated at Ashburn school Knight is now attached to the RCAF base at Lachine. He is not married.

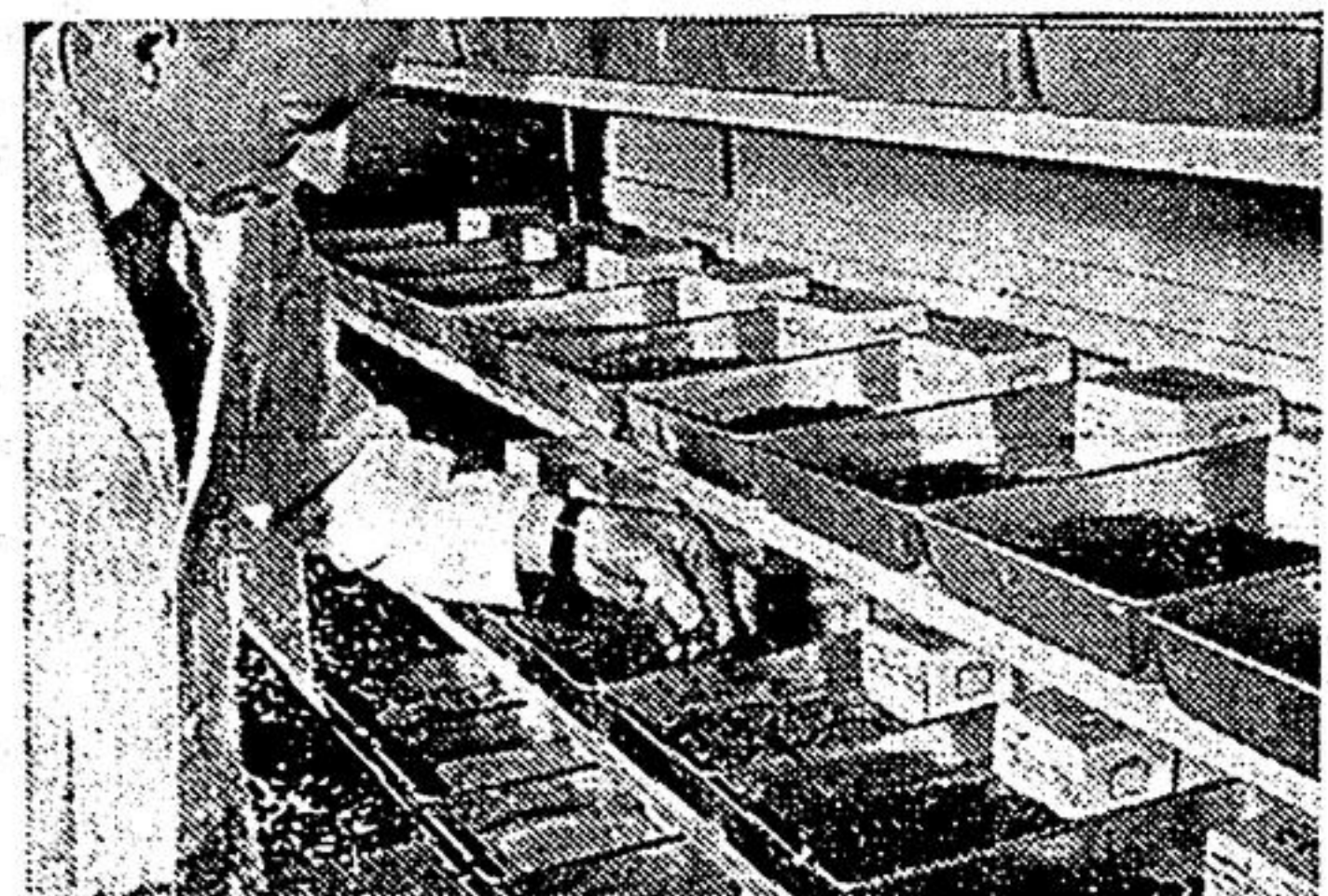
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