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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fall Fairs

These are the days of pumpkins, petted petunias, proud pastries and the myriad items that are on display at this time every year in the smaller communities of Ontario.

These, of course, are the days of fall fairs.

Some of the larger centres prefer to call them exhibitions. There is an upstage quality in the term as if the rusticity of "fair" was something to be deplored and eliminated if possible.

But some of us can still get more real enjoyment out of a day at the community fair than in a week of traipsing around the brassy carnivals that modern exhibitions have become.

There are exhibitions the world over. Brussels has a big one going this year. But fall fairs are something peculiar to this continent. Long may they flourish as such.

Canada's Importance in Wheat Shrinking

Canada has been extolled so often and so long as a wheat-producing nation that many of us may think our country is the world's leading producer. The truth is, Canada is far from that.

Production of wheat in Russia and eastern Europe is hard to gauge accurately. It is believed, in any event, sufficient to fill those countries' own needs.

In the three-year period 1955-57, Asia produced 1,872,000,000 bushels of wheat; western Europe 1,260,000,000 bushels; the United States 1,094,000,000 bushels and Canada 488,000,000 bushels.

An article in the Canadian Trade Department publication Foreign Trade says that during the above three years, Canada, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand produced less wheat than during the previous three years. Western Europe, Asia, South America, Mexico and Africa all increased their wheat production substantially.

Wheat is important to Canada's economy, but Canada's wheat is of little importance to the world economy. It could be withdrawn and hardly missed.

It would be well to remember that.

Earthworms

Earthworms are fine for fishing, but they perform a greater service to mankind. The countless holes they dig through the soil, their transport of earth from one level to another, their "cementing" together of soil particles, all act to produce a well aerated, well drained soil for the farmer and forester.

It has been estimated that the earthworms in an acre of good ground can bring to the surface as much as 20 tons of buried soil a year. This means that they play an important roll in the vital mixing of organic material near the surface with underlying soil particles in the maintenance of productive soils.

Good soil "structure," or the clumping of soil particles into minute units, is important to the farmer, since this is vital to good aeration, drainage and root growth.

Shorter and Stiffer Penal Term Proposed

The average young man brought to court on charges of burglary or car theft is not mean or vicious.

However, authorities have found two characteristics which are common among these offenders. They are lazy and have a low IQ.

Rather than send so many of these youths to reformatories for a year or more, there is a growing belief that some shorter but stiffer type of regimen would prove useful. One suggestion is that those whose health permits should receive a period of military type training. It would be a short, sharp shock treatment likely to be remembered for a long time by the lazy, shuffling youth who has never done a good day's work or been put to rigorous tests.

The system, if it worked, could also save the taxpayer a lot of money. At present it costs \$1,750 to keep a man in prison for a year. The short shock treatment would be more economical and it might also be applied in smaller doses to men placed on probation so that they might have a taste of what would face them if they broke the terms of the probation.

The proposed plan is favored by at least one Ontario magistrate who sees the reformatory dormitories and regimen as "soft treatment," even when compared to some phases of life in the armed forces.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Golly, I guess she wasn't a mermaid after all!"



The Passing of a Saint

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I spent some days in New York and called to see my friends at Harper and Brothers, Book Publishers. The Vice-President, John B. Chambers, was present and apparently in good health. He was a fine man, only 45 years of age, with a gentle disposition, unmarried and living with his widowed mother.

BY ARRANGEMENT, I called again the following day and was amazed to find he had died of a heart attack. He had been stricken while on the way home the previous evening, and the entire staff was deeply moved. The Publishers sent me a copy of the funeral service and with the consent of Harper & Brothers, I print it here. The speaker was Rev. Dr. Harold Thurman and here it is:

"I AM SURE that we meet a larger self at death, because sometimes by accident, and sometimes in moments of spiritual exaltation, we occasionally break through to it even now. I believe it is possible in this life to enter into it much more often, and much more vividly than we suspect. This, I think, what Christ taught. His kingdom of Heaven, that life more abundant, was an experience of the present — an intensification of this existence, not something of the far-away uncertain future. Our lack of understanding has pushed this bright and beautiful possibility further from us, until, at last, we have thrust it over the rim of death, there to await us in the next world, while all the time, did we but guess it, it is here at our very elbows. For the most part we go at half pressure through a play world, but sometimes some poignant love, joy, beauty or suffering, lifts up the everlasting gates of our blindness, and the King of Glory comes in. He will never come in a timid, artificial, selfish and ease-loving existence. It is when ease and safety are torn away, and we are stripped to the very bare bones, stripped to the very soul, that the soul emerges triumphant. Better still, it is when we voluntarily strip ourselves of the little selfish timidities for a great cause, that this mysterious King of Glory comes in most radiantly. The saints and mystics knew this. They were not in pursuit of a pale negation; they were furiously and gloriously crucifying the smaller self, that the larger might be set free. They knew that they would never find what they were seeking in a hideous, exotic pursuit of happiness and comfort, or in frightened attempts to escape suffering. It is to be found in love, that splendid and reckless outpouring of self for someone or something other than ourselves. In beauty, when the awakening brings with it a certain wildness and intoxication, a madness of joy, before which all the small hot-house artificialities are swept away. In truth, that deep simplicity which thrusts one down into the still fastnesses of the spirit where God is to be met. And finally, it is found in that courage which knows it is infinitely better to die at full breath of vivid unselfishness, rather than live on in a dreary ease and safety."

"MORE AND MORE frequently individuals are breaking down the hard barriers, and driving through to that increased vitality which is the hidden possibility of us all, and which already many of us have experienced in fleeting moments. With this larger life there must come an ever-growing realization of worlds beyond our present one — worlds which are ours to inherit some day, as the blue sky is the heritage of the unsuspecting caterpillar. With this fuller realization, it is possible that the world-old enemy of mankind, the fear of death, is to be vanquished. The time may not be far off when to lose a friend by death will be hardly more than to have him cross the ocean; when our own passing will be merely the happy setting sail for a new country."

"It may be that at last death itself is dying!"

OUR QUOTATION today is the well-known saying of Jesus: "He giveth His beloved sleep."

For Parents Only —

Introduction to Numbers

by Nancy Cleaver

"Save the pages torn off a calendar to introduce Junior to numbers." Granny advised her daughter-in-law. "You can mount them on cardboard, the size of playing cards, and soon have enough to play a game."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT

GOLDEN TEXT—For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.—Psa. 1:6.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson Throughout this quarter our lessons have dealt with some aspect of judgment. The constant summons has been to fairness and benevolence, whether in family, community, national, or international relationships. As the culmination of the series we are now pointedly reminded that justice is not merely an optional, pleasant goal. It is imperative. Just conduct merits rewards. Injustice spells doom.

God commands His people to be benevolent. He will brook no disobedience. Formal religious exercises are no substitute for genuine concern for the needy. It is vain for hypocrites to call piously upon the Lord. Injustice is a barrier between man and God. If persisted in and unrepented, it leads to eternal disaster.

The judgment scene (Matt. 25:31-46) is not to be confused with the judgment of rewards for believers when they meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:16, 17; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 22:12). Nor with the judgment of unbelievers at the "great white throne" (Rev. 20:11-15) at which all will be consigned to the "second death." This judgment is that of the nations.

Note that when the Lord Jesus returns for the Battle of Armageddon He will "go and make war" (Rev. 19:11). He will over throw the concentrated international hosts arrayed against Him and then institute the judgment here depicted. (For further detail study Joel 3:1-16). Matthew stresses the certainty, criterion, and finality of judgment.

Verse by Verse

Matt. 25:31—"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, . . . then shall he sit upon the throne . . ." The "when" and "then" pinpoint this appearing of our Lord: it is His glorious return as King of kings, when accompanied by saints and angels. He will come to "judge and make war" (Rev. 19:11).

Verse 32—"Before him shall be gathered all nations . . . he shall separate them . . . as sheep from the goats." Ethnics (nations) probably refer to Gentiles (note contrast between these and the Jewish "people" in Luke 2:32). The returning King will act as judge and divider of the Gentiles.

Verse 33—"He shall set the sheep on his right hand . . . and the goats on the left." Right and left symbolize acceptance and rejection. The "right hand" is the place of honor and preference.

Verse 34—"Then shall the King say . . . Come, ye blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you . . ." The blessed ones "belong" to the Father. They "inherit" as family members, not as workers who earn entrance into the kingdom. From eternity God has His changeless plan for His own (1 Peter 1:4).

Verse 35—"I was an hungry and ye gave me meat . . . I was thirsty and ye gave me drink . . . I was a stranger, and ye took me in . . . I was naked, and ye clothed me . . . I was in prison, and ye came . . ." To visit is to "over-

see," to attend to the needs of a person. Clothing, care, and consolation; these were provided by the "sheep" on the right hand.

Verse 37—"Then shall the righteous answer . . . Lord, when saw we thee an hungry or thirsty . . . ?" The excited Saviour and judge identifies Himself with the needs of His people (Acts 9:4, 5). Care for those in distress should be "unto the Lord." Jesus said that a cup of water could be given in His name (Mark 9:41).

Verse 38—"When saw we thee a stranger . . . or naked, and clothed thee? . . . Men often fail to appreciate the fact that humanitarianism may be a sacred as well as an unselfish privilege.

Verse 39—"Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison . . . ?" The list of merciful activities is repeated four times in this passage. The repetition is impressive, as though the judge's gavel were beaten in solemn, steady cadence.

Verse 40—"The King shall answer . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The A.S.V. reads, "These my brethren even these least." Some reason on the basis of Hebrews 2:11 that "brethren" signifies the human race and that the justice commended is general benevolence. Probably the reference is to the Jews, our Lord's national "brethren."

Verse 41—"Then shall he say unto the everlasting fire . . . for the devil . . ." This is a sobering text. The doom of the wicked involves separation from the Lord.

Verse 42—"I was an hungry and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty . . ." Where one spends eternity depends exclusively upon his relationship to Christ. Of course concern for the Lord's brethren stems from faith in the Lord Himself.

Verse 43—"I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not." The sin of omission is here condemned. Negative failure to show justice to the needy is regarded as positive injustice.

Verse 44—"Then shall they also answer . . . or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? . . ." Unconcern for the distressed is a dereliction both of duty and of glorifying the Lord.

A new technique is unique in that each braid is connected separately, rather than being just one long succession of braids with the color changing at each end.

The Day of the Horse

We recently read a nostalgic "not-weather piece" about the day of the horse. The writer lamented the passing of that day and remarked that modern youngsters could not be expected to appreciate what they never knew.

The writer told of the fast ambulance horses, the street-car horses that started and stopped on bell signals, the horses on bread and milk routes that went the whole way without any guidance, stopping before each customer's house and making all the right turns until the stable was reached once more. There are still a few of these about, of course, but there are not enough horses to slow things down.

Even in the rapidly-changing world of the 'twenties there were plenty of horses on the streets and, in retrospect at least, everything moved at a more leisurely pace. There was not so much talk of coronaries and high blood pressure then, but perhaps that is just coincidence. But things were certainly slow enough for children to have a lot of fun on the streets because even a briskly trotting team drawing an inviting cart or sleigh could be caught by hand running.

But now there are different joys—faster, machine-like, impersonal and more lethal joys. They characterize the age and they foster a different type of individual. Most of us know little else and only remember that other day in a fragmentary way. Nothing can bring it back—except the kind of catastrophe depicted in that scene from the H. G. Wells film in which a Rolls Royce was shown making its way amid the ruins seemingly under its own power until a shift of the camera shows it without tires and being drawn by a horse.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

VINEGAR CLEANS STEEL

If you're painting a house number on a new galvanized steel refuse can, wipe the spot to be painted with a vinegar-soaked cloth. The paint will adhere better to the cleaned surface.

LARGE MIRROR CAN BE USED AS BOOKCASE

A bookcase, chest of drawers or other large piece of furniture often can serve as an attractive and useful room divider when a large mirror is fitted over the usually unsightly back of such furniture.

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IN OUR MAIL BOX

Wroxeter, Ont. Sept. 17, 1958

Editor, The Tribune, Dear Sir,

I much appreciated that one-inch picture on your editorial page the other day, paying your respects to one of our top farm products, thus: "No food is complete, all-purpose food. But milk comes closer to being so than does any other food, because milk contains more nutrients needed for good nutrition than does any other single food."

We are hearing a lot, these days, about a tendency for our great and good neighbor to the south to "take Canada and its 17 million people for granted." As to this, I haven't the facts on which to build an opinion—but I do think there is plenty to be said on both sides of such a question.

At the moment, I feel like saying that there is a somewhat similar problem closer to the home front, namely, that there is a widespread tendency to take the Canadian farmer, and his vital services to the 14,000,000 Canadians in town and city, "for granted." At any rate I'm pretty sure that the financial writer who recently concluded that: "The fact is that agricultural income is no longer a major determinant in Canada's prosperity," has never missed a meal in his life; or if he did, it was one of the inescapable hazards of his young life, in this "material paradise"; and it didn't take him long to determine to make tracks for his mother's kitchen, and inquire, "What's cooking, Mom?"

I much prefer Prime Minister Diefenbaker's forthright words: "My pledge to farmers in all parts of Canada, is: To assure that the farmer shall receive his fair share of the national income. My desire is to correct the social inequity and the inferior economic position into which agriculture has been allowed to fall. The Progressive Conservative policy has as its purpose the assurance of a

From Our Early Files

The Tribune, Oct. 6, 1932

The Stouffville United Church Choir is assisting in the anniversary service at Locust Hill Sunday afternoon.

On Thursday evening of last week there was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fleming, on the 6th Concession of Markham at Cashel, a real old-time house warming party, to mark the occupancy of the Fleming family in their newly built dwelling.

Uxbridge Township potatoes are selling in Pickering at 75c per bag, while Pickering potatoes command a price 10c under those from off the sandy loam.

In Uxbridge on Saturday, however, the murphies only netted farmers 35c a bag with little offering and no buyers.

The large red brick residence, one door west of the Canadian Bank of Commerce building, has been sold by Mrs. Noah Hoover to Mr. Leslie Rowbotham. The new owner has already started on the extensive alterations he intends to make.

On Friday evening the Stouffville Baseball Club tendered a banquet to the local team, who this past season won the York Ontario Championship, and were bowled out by Barrie in the first round of the O.B.A. About 20 players, officers and friends enjoyed the function, which was a suitable climax to a successful baseball season.

The town domestic water supply which gives us long spells of uninterrupted service was shut off for a time on Friday morning when a change was being made in the hydrant on Main St. just west of the rail-

A Definition of "Flu"

On waves and waves of dizziness You're introduced to "flu". No matter what's your bizness It soon envelops you,

And then consigns you to a gulf Of dark and deep despair, Where you are forced to gasp and gulp— Four days you languish there.

The days are long, the nights are worse; You count the hours with care, Hang on for dear life to your nurse, A tower of strength found there.

And when the four long days are past, You say with sheepish grin, "I think the flu has gone at last, Good riddance now to him."

Then quickly you bounce up in bed, Keel over on your back And straightway all your hopes have fled And all the world is black.

"Hold on there, not so fast, my girl, The doctor's kind advice, Just take it easy for awhile, Impatient one," he sighs—

You pick yourself up with a groan With all your shattered pride, And then you say with muffled moan, "Flu will not be defied."

—E.R.W.

way tracks. Because of the Ontario Government's action in making a 10 percent cut on all school grants this year, the Stouffville board will drop over \$200. In view of the fact that teachers' salaries are set and all other expenditures provided for before the government's intimation was made, there is no opportunity to effect any saving, and the loss in grants will have to be met by the tax payer.

—RURAL CANUCK