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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AMERICA'S HOPE. 2,000 Leaders Convening at Erie, Oc- tober 14-15-16 Will Discuss Better Methods.

Dr. Gilbert Loveland, in his recent Mission study book on "Training World Christians," makes the statement that it is clearly the task of America to christianize the world but that America can never christianize the world until she becomes christianized herself.

A great Japanese newspaper writer recently has said: "It is in the power of America to rescue the world or to lead it to ruin."

Four million of America's choicest young manhood gave themselves without reserve ten years ago "to make the world safe for democracy." We have learned to our sorrow that America can never be safe for democracy, nor the world safe for democracy, until the world is christianized, and on almost every platform and in every great magazine of recent day emphasis of different character have been given but none stronger than that of the place of christian education in American democracy.

There is no question but what the American Protestant Sunday school has produced a brand of citizenship that can be definitely counted on in crucial times, as was evidenced by the great percentage of Sunday school young men who entered the world war.

Judge Reno, president Judge of Lehigh county, has made the statement that out of 158 youths brought before him for misdemeanors and felonies not one was a Sunday school pupil, and out of 4,000 juvenile criminals in New York city only 3 were Sunday school pupils. Out of 1,092 paroles there were none that were regular attendants at Sunday school who violated any part of their parole. It has become a common thing for Judges in paroling juvenile delinquents to make one of the stipulations "regular attendance at Sunday school."

In recent years the work of the church vacation school and week-day religious educational agencies have greatly augmented the work of the Sunday school, so far that from year to year there has been an increasingly larger percentage of youth of America who are receiving definite religious instructions. In Pennsylvania now nearly three million children and youth were enrolled in the Sunday schools, the church vacation schools, and in week-day religious educational schools two and a quarter million pupils, officers, and teachers being enrolled in the Sunday schools alone.

The 10,643 Sunday schools which form constituent parts of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association are the biggest asset in Pennsylvania. They are beacon lights of christianity and democracy and can be found in every city, town, village and hamlet.

Not only is the Sunday school reaching out into increasingly more communities and enrolling increasingly larger proportions of the population, but their program has had an appeal to the adults. In the last few years which was lacking some years ago, and no longer can it be said that "this is an institution for children and women," for more than half a million of voters of Pennsylvania are now enrolled in the organized adult Bible classes of the State, and they are recognized as a force to be counted when any moral issue is before the people.

In the last few years the Sunday school has become in a very real sense a school, and now one-third of all the teachers (of which there are more than 150,000) have had some special training for their task and recognize it as worthy of their best thought and preparation.

Graded lessons, suited to the growing needs of growing children, have become an accepted thing in two-thirds of all the Sunday schools in Pennsylvania.

The time given to the Sunday school is gradually being increased until now there are as many Sunday schools with a session of an hour and a half on Sunday, or longer, as there are meetings for only an hour or less.

These changes in Sunday school work, all of which indicate an appreciation of the magnitude of the task, are due to a growing desire for greater efficiency, and there is no doubt at all that this growing desire for greater efficiency is the direct product of the Sunday school organization. The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association has a well-working, thoroughly organized Association in each of the sixty-seven counties, and each of these counties divides its field of operation into District Associations, of which there are more than nine hundred in the State.

County and district Association officers, local pastors, superintendents, teachers, and leaders will convene in the sixty-third annual convention at Erie, October 14th, 15th and 16th. The morning sessions on each of the three days will be given over to the transaction of the necessary business and the discussion of principles and methods as they apply to the whole school.

The afternoon sessions will be given over exclusively to conferences where problems of the local school and the organization will be discussed more intimately with leaders who are best qualified to discuss these specific needs. The evening sessions will be almost entirely inspirational.

Six of the largest Protestant churches in Erie have thrown open their doors to take care of the hosts of Sunday school people who will go from every county in the State to attend this great convention.

Credentials and Railroad certificates, enabling accredited delegates to purchase round-trip tickets at their local stations for fare and one-half, can be had from the county secretary of each local Association, or direct from the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association office at 1511 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

STATE DEER LAWS ARE CHANGED.

Last winter a committee representing sportsmen and farmers prepared and sponsored legislation which they believe necessary to relieve farmers and fruit-growers from inroads on their crops and orchards by deer in various sections of the State. The department of agriculture then reported that material damage had been done by deer in about twenty counties of the State, and urged relief from these depredations.

The Legislature provided several methods of relief. The old law permitting land owners to kill deer to send to charitable institutions when doing material damage was continued, and in addition the State Game commission was required to designate the sections of the State where deer are committing serious depredations, in which designated areas the law allows landowners, under certain stipulated conditions, to retain and use in their own house-holds all edible portions of the carcasses of deer killed instead of sending them to charitable institutions.

The game commission then made a careful survey of the deer damage question in each county. It was found that in many instances the herds of deer causing the most trouble are composed almost entirely of does, which, because of absolute protection for eighteen years, have lost their fear of man and his surroundings and have become semi-domesticated; also that these animals have in many cases, by choice rather than necessity, changed their usual food habits and place of abode. It was also found that a few years ago probably only one old doe visited certain farms. Later, finding the farmer's dogs were strictly controlled by law and not molesting her, she reared her fawns in a nearby farm woodlot, away from the dangers of forest enemies, and she and her offspring remained in that locality. After five to ten years, instead of a single half-wild doe, a herd of from ten to twenty-five deer, practically fearless of human beings, regularly visit and feed upon these same farms and orchards. Being unable to secure relief from the State or to help remedy the situation legally themselves, many of these farmers and other nearby rural folk took no interest in preventing illegal killing of deer at all seasons of the year in their vicinity, whereas since there is a legal way open for relief those same folk are now trying to assist the board to secure proper law observances.

In their study of the problem, the game commission also found that in a number of sections of the State the breeding ratio is much unbalanced as there are from fifteen to twenty-five large does for every breeding-age buck with the result that deer have deteriorated in size; and there is grave danger of disease epidemics, since Mother Nature has a way all her own of dealing with man's interference with her.

Trapping surplus deer from these sections affected areas for stocking elsewhere is too slow and expensive to secure prompt relief by this method as has already been demonstrated by the board. Trapping will, however, be continued as rapidly as possible in several sections.

The game commission, after deciding upon a constructive plan of action on July 13 took the first step toward relief from depredations by herds of tame deer and designated seventeen counties as having within their borders segregated or scattered areas in which deer are doing sufficient damage to warrant allowing landowners, whose lands are open to public hunting and whose crops are actually being injured materially, to retain the carcasses of deer killed as provided by law, the district game protector to be the judge in the matter of damage. This action of the board does not authorize killing of deer anywhere else in said counties, neither does it authorize the killing of any other kind of game to be retained for food.

During a period of about a month prior to July 13, a total of eight deer, four bucks and four does, were killed and the carcasses either sent to charitable institutions or buried because they were then unfit for food.

Since July 13, a total of sixteen deer, twelve does and four bucks, have been reported killed in six of the twenty counties designated by the board. One deer was killed in each of Adams, Huntingdon and Perry counties, and two deer were killed in Cumberland county; four deer were killed in two townships of Clearfield county, and seven deer were killed in three townships of Lycoming county. The deer killed in most instances, were said to be leaders of herds causing most of the trouble. Of these sixteen deer killed since July 13, ten have been retained for food by the farmers whose crops were being destroyed, and the other six have been used for charitable purposes as heretofore.

It is pleasing to note that this killing is very little greater than during the same period in 1924, the only difference being in the disposition of the carcasses. The inroads on the large herds of deer through the killing of this limited number is not at all serious. It is reported that most farmers retaining carcasses as permitted by law have stated they do not intend killing additional deer and retaining the carcasses, but prefer to have sportsmen help thin out the surplus deer during the special season which

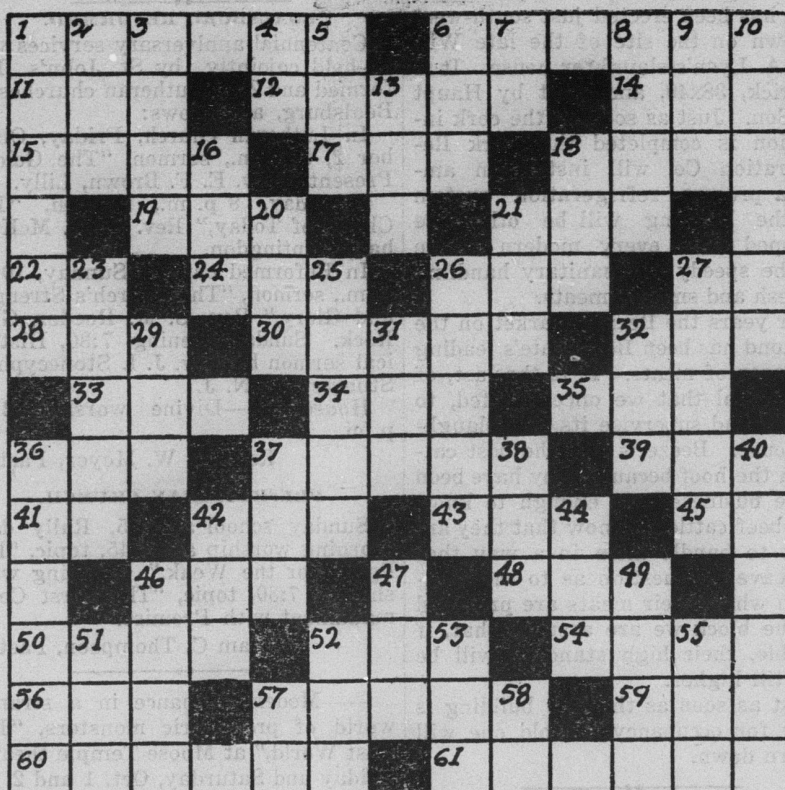
Solution of Crossword puzzle No. 1.

MARCH APRIL
U AREA OILED
TO YAWL GLARE
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SHAWL SNAP NU
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PI RING GREED
PRE ROOT TAR
LOAM BARE RIP
ENSUE LISP NO
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LEMON UNCLE

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill all the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill all the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2.



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- Horizontal.
- To gulp
 - American monetary unit
 - Atmosphere
 - A second time
 - To spill over
 - Alcoholic drink
 - To cut with a scissor
 - Crooked
 - Printing measure
 - Kind of wood
 - To put on garments
 - Note of scale
 - Heavy weight
 - Mythical king cursed with gold
 - Skill
 - Close to the ground
 - Plot of ground
 - Period of time
 - Fur-bearing animal
 - Young goat
 - Possesses
 - Title of respect
 - Conjunction
 - A Serbian
 - Measure of cloth
 - Straighten the hair
 - Same as 35 horizontal
 - A criminal
 - Pertaining to the teeth
 - Trunks

Solution will appear in next issue.

- Vertical.
- Packing for a joint
 - Enemy of friction
 - Forehead
 - Note of scale
 - Hen fruit
 - Noise
 - Preposition
 - To droop
 - Blackbird of cuckoo family
 - To do over again
 - To be affected with pain
 - Prefix meaning in behalf of
 - Prefix meaning against
 - Sweet potato
 - Distress signal
 - A tooth
 - Part of Scotch highlander's costume
 - Engagements (coll.)
 - Slender
 - Period
 - Historic houseboat
 - Pursued
 - Two-wheeled vehicle
 - Caustic suspicion on
 - Center of a wheel
 - Bird of fable
 - Broken coat of a seed of grain
 - Everything
 - Heavy weights
 - Before (poetic)
 - Snake-like fish
 - Piece of ground
 - Ullulation of a cow
 - Note of musical scale
 - Negative answer

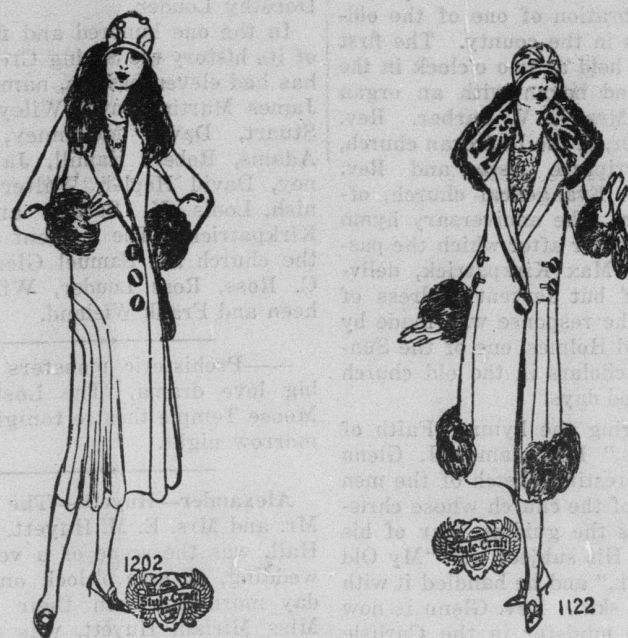
the game commission has power to declare.

The board will at a later date announce the several sections in which the deer damage problems have been most acute and from which a number of surplus deer are to be removed by

sportsmen under special deer license during a special season declared by the board after the middle of December.

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