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EDITORIAL

THE AMERICAN PICNIC

Picnics are one of our chief American institutions. For the women, who are often tired of the dull routine of cooking food and washing dishes, the meal eaten by the side of the lake or in the woodland glade has an element of novelty, and it also saves labor.

The men sometimes groan about the picnic habit, particularly when asked to lug heavy baskets over some rough path to some nearly inaccessible spot.

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UNDER PAR AT THE WHEEL

Anybody not licensed in previous years who wants to drive an automobile in Pennsylvania must satisfy the State Motor Police that he is qualified to be at the wheel of the car. This by taking an examination which is comparatively simple.

The rudimentary quality of the test is not sparing a large number of persons from failure to qualify. This year, nearly one-third of all the applicants are being rejected. Since the examinations are not unduly severe the high percentage of rejections suggests tests conducted honestly and without favoritism.

Applicants who have found the road to a driver's license difficult to travel may find it even more difficult hereafter, for on the basis of experience and in the light of new needs drivers' tests in Pennsylvania are to be revised soon, and probably upward.

WARNS BUSINESS: "STOP CRYING"

"Industry for the last 10 years has been over in the crying room—always complaining, always sending some one to Washington, always getting up and telling what's wrong with the Roosevelt Administration," declared Frank W. Lovejoy, general sales manager of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., of the Standard group.

"You'll never cure a situation that way and I say that no situation exists," he continued. "The political scene doesn't interfere with markets for a company that has a product and goes out and sells it. You are always going to have taxes. They may some day be less or more but there will always be markets. Industries formerly accustomed to boom-time revenues should have been stirring themselves and adjusting themselves to reasonable, normal profits and without curtailing advertising, as many have done."

E. S. Wilson, vice president of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., predicted the unemployment problem will be solved "by making new things for people to buy."

MEXICANS SUSPECT US

It is worth noting, as an instance of the behavior of unlearned people, that when the Mexican aviator, Francisco Sarabia was killed in this country in a fatal crash, a crowd of Mexicans stoned a building in Mexico which housed an American school.

Responsible Mexican officials and the educated class of Mexicans did not participate in the disorder, of course, but the popular suspicion that the Yankees had something to do with Sarabia's catastrophe indicates a distrust of the people of this country that is only explainable by the ignorance of the unintelligent Mexicans.

Let's not laugh too heartily at the foolishness of the Mexicans. There are people in this country who can see a Red every time the bushes move and others who "know" that Great Britain is making the United States do her dirty work in the world. In fact, what the voting population of the United States can be taught to swallow during a Presidential campaign is more than enough to match the ignorance of Mexico.

REVISING NEUTRALITY LAWS

The neutrality question is now before the Congress of the United States with every indication that a group of Senators think they can talk to death any effort to amend the existing law.

In earlier years the Congress passed a law, making it mandatory upon the President to declare an embargo upon the sale of war material to nations at war. The idea behind this legislation was that it would keep us out of the quarrels of other nations.

While sincere people believe this is true there are other Americans, equally anxious for peace, who have another idea. Besides, there are many citizens who believe that a general war will, sooner or later, engulf the United States and that the best way to avoid war is to help prevent a general war.

It is pointed out, by advocates of revision of the present embargo statute, that aggressor nations are usually armed to the teeth and have little need for supplies from other countries. They are delighted whenever any source of supply is closed to their victims. This was evident in the Spanish Civil War. Germany and Italy, supplying Gen. Franco, were extremely interested in the non-intervention arrangement which prevented the Spanish Government from securing necessary war munitions.

The United States, in a war between nations, like Germany against Italy, or Brazil against Argentina, would no doubt, maintain a strict neutrality. There would be little desire to help either antagonist. Under international custom, however, a belligerent is accustomed to buying war supplies wherever they may be and the war plans of many nations include the expectation of purchasing munitions abroad.

While it is true that the proposed changes in the neutrality measures will work to the benefit of Great Britain and France it is also true that they work to the advantage of Japan. Certainly, the advocates of neutrality revision have no idea of aiding Japan. They think the law should be changed because it has not worked satisfactory as applied to the Spanish and Far Eastern conflicts.

There is, we think, a more powerful argument for revision. Frankly, this is based upon an identity of interest with the so-called democratic powers. There can be little doubt but that the world is today divided into two groups, with Germany, Italy and Japan representing a bloc, antagonistic to democracy, personal freedom and the orderly development of civilization. To contend that the United States is uninterested in the outcome of a possible war between these nations and the so-called democratic nations is to admit that the United States has no interest whatever in world happenings and this, it is apparent, is absurd.

Sunday School Lesson

PAUL REVIEWS HIS LIFE

International Sunday School Lesson for June 25, 1939.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."—II Timothy 4:7.

Lesson Text: II cor. 11: 16 to 12: 10 Phil. 1: 12-24; 3: 7-16; II Tim. 4: 7-8.

Our lesson this week ends the consideration of the work and labors of Paul, as we draw near to the end of the 3-months course on the spread of Christianity from Palestine into the world.

In our last lesson we found Paul writing to Philemon from his prison in Rome. This was his first imprisonment, which lasted about two years, and was concluded by his acquittal, although he was ordered to depart from Rome. He spent his remaining years traveling and preaching as had been his custom in the past. Some of his movements are a matter of doubt but it is probable that his activity was as follows:

After his release, Paul, with Luke and Timothy, left Rome and went to Ephesus, where he stayed a while, and from which city he probably made other shorter visits. Then he went to Macedonia, especially Philippi, and probably visited other churches in that section. It is then thought that he visited Colossae, where he probably saw Philemon and Onesimus, the former slave.

We also know that Paul went to Crete, because in a letter to Titus he refers to the fact that he left him there. The work of Titus at Crete, just as previously at Corinth, was to secure suitable men in the offices of leadership, to correct erroneous teachings, and to encourage a proper conduct of the church members. From another extract in the Epistle to Titus we learn that Paul intended to spend a winter in Nicopolis. There were three cities

by this name but one west of Macedonia and opposite Italy is probably the one in mind.

From a selection in the Book of Romans, written by Paul from Corinth during his third missionary journey, we know that he wanted to visit Spain. While there is no definite information about this, there are reasons to believe that he finally achieved his desire. If so, it is probable that he made the journey to Spain shortly after his visit to Asia and Macedonia. Somewhere in the course of Paul's travels, a zealous Roman official sought to incur the favor of the Emperor Nero by arresting this prominent Christian and sending him back to Rome. The great fire had taken place and the Romans attributed the burning of their city to the members of this faith. Led by Nero himself, the Romans tortured and killed countless Christians. Paul, as a Roman citizen, could not be subjected to various tortures and capricious methods, but was beheaded.

In looking back over his life, full of sorrows and of joys, of defeats and of triumphs, Paul could truthfully declare, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." After his Master spoke to him on the road to Damascus, Paul had given all of his time, his energy and his marvelous capabilities to the service of Christ. He had utter confidence in the wisdom and goodness of God, believing fervently that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

Paul did more for the Christian faith than any other man. He took it from its obscure setting amid small people and transformed it into a world power. He took its doctrine and philosophies and placed them upon an intellectual standing which has remained unto this day. He worked energetically and wholeheartedly making his life an example to all those who believe as he did. It would be difficult to realize the present status of the Christian religion if it had not been for Paul, the Great Apostle.

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:

I am in a position which I think should have the advice of others.

I am a girl, sixteen years old, 5 feet and 8 inches tall. Due to my height, people think I am about eighteen. My parents object to my having dates, say that they want me to be friendly to boys but not date them. They say I am nothing but a child. If that is so, I think I have too much responsibility for a child. I do lots of the hardest house work and my parents go on visits and leave me at home to care for my smaller brothers and sisters. In fact, I have tended the last two children more than my mother has.

My father has made me go through high school but when it comes to parties and banquets he says it is all nonsense. He objected to me going to the Junior-Senior banquet with a boy so I went with a girl and her boy friend. I felt out of place when I saw all of my friends with partners.

On another occasion a girl friend was spending the night with me and we went to church. We told mother we might come home with some boys and she had nothing to say. After church, about 9:45, two boys we had known at school asked to bring us home. We stopped to get something to eat and got home about 10:30 and found the door locked. Mother began to question us about who the boys were and wanted to know everything. The next morning she and my father

began nagging me, and saying that it better not happen again. They say I can not date until am eighteen and then I must be in at 10:30 North Carolina. V. B.

ANSWER: You asked for a personal letter, V., but there was no stamped envelope enclosed, so I shall answer you through the column. Perhaps it will be better because I think your parents need advice more than you do. I can think of no surer course to bring happiness to everybody concerned than the one they are following.

It is normal and wholesome for boys and girls to like the companionship of one another at your age and I see no reason in the world for your parents to be so unreasonable. I think it was cruel of them not to let you have a date for the Junior-Senior banquet. It put you in an embarrassing position and ruined your whole enjoyment of the occasion. As for locking you out because you came home a little later than they thought proper, that did no good than I can see. Rather it made everybody think less of them and you.

I agree with you that if your parents think you are old enough to shoulder a mother's responsibilities they should think you are old enough to behave yourself for a few hours on a date.

I think it is a great mistake for girls your age to ride all over the

THE OFFICE CAT
"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

BLOBSBS AND HIS PULLET

In a tiny country village lived our Blobsbs, but all alone; Never wife or chubby children this staid bachelor had ever known. Yet—for hearts must cling to something—he had made himself a pet Of a little snow-white pullet, with her wings just tipped with jet. Daily feeding and caressing, these had won the pullet's heart, Following close her master's footsteps, seldom they were far apart. And his love grew deeper, stronger, with the passing of each day—"Wiser far than any woman," wicked Blobsbs was wont to say. Nearby rose a wondrous structure—architects their brains had racked— Cross between a Chinese temple and a cruet stand, in fact. This the pretty pullet's dwelling, here she hastened every night, Perched on high, became a rooster till the dawning of the light. One sad day a Yankee peddler, sly, persuading, passing by, Gazed at Blobsbs and that poor pullet with a calculating eye. From his wagon's deep recesses drew out, smiling wickedly, "Johnson's Patent Hen Persuader," then to guileless Blobsbs said he: "Here's a marvelous invention. In this box you see a nest; Hens at once will lay an egg here, lured to do their very best. Then, behold, This sliding bottom lets the eggs slide out of view. And the hen, somewhat bewildered, lays at once egg number two!" 'Twould be useless to repeat all that this wily peddler said; This suffices, Blobsbs, unwary, by his spacious tongue misled, Bought the "Patent Hen Persuader," set his snow-white pullet on, Locked them both within the hen house ere he went to town that morn. Business then engrossed him fully, 'till, with numerous cares beset, Who can wonder that the pullet and her nest he should forget? Nothing all day to remind him; but returning late at night, Flashed a sudden recollection, and his cheeks grew pale with fright. Rushing madly from the station, straight he sought the hen house door, Called his pet in tones entreating. Ah, She'll never answer more! Full of gloomiest foreboding, in he dashes, finds the nest Overflowing with its treasures—yes, she's done her level best! Forty-seven eggs! And near them head and tail and wings still lay, For the poor ambitious pullet thus had laid herself away!

TREND OF THE TIMES

He said: "Hi, Lil!"
She said: "Lo, Bill!"
As together they sat on a reef:
She sighed: "My love!"
He sighed: "My dove!"
"Let's get married and go on relief."

Big Laugh Coming

An elderly lady who thought she was going to die soon, asked her niece to have her buried in her best black silk dress, but first to cut out the entire back from which the niece could make herself a modern dress. "Oh, but Aunt Mary," protested the niece, "I don't want to do that. What will people think when you and Uncle Charley walk up the golden stairs with the back of your dress out?" "They won't be looking at me," said Aunt Mary, laughing, "I buried your Uncle Charley without any pants on."

Urgent Call

An African native working on a mission, was chased by a lion and climbed up a tree. On looking up he saw a big snake in the branches above. "Oh, Lord," he cried out, "here's a chance for a miracle, but it must be quick!"

Rough Customers

Storekeeper—"Any orders while I was out?"
New Assistant—"Only one, sir. Two gentlemen ordered me to put up my hands while they took the cash register."

No Entomologist

Diner in a Restaurant—"Heh, what's this in my soup?"
Waitress—"Don't ask me, I don't know one insect from another."

Bank Not Free From Runs

Jane (on street)—"For heaven's sake, Jen, you've got money in your stocking. Everybody's looking at it."
Jen—"That's all right. I like to have my money where it will draw interest."

So Is Ours

The little girl had been gravely regarding her father's head for some time. "Daddy," she said at last, "isn't it funny? Mummy's hair is in waves, and yours is all beach."

Here's a Good Job, Fellows

(Arlington, La., Journal)
Wanted—A steady, respectable young man to look after a garden and care for a cow who has a good voice and is accustomed to sing in the choir.

Not Her Mark

The new maid was entirely make-shift, and the mistress bore with her patiently at first. But on the third day she placed a very unclean dinner plate on the table and patience broke down. "Really, Mary, you might at least see that the plates are clean." "Well, Missus," Mary rejoined, "I owns up to them thumb marks, but that dried mustard was there when I came."

He Knew The Sign

The meek little man was walking back from the funeral of his big and masterful wife. Suddenly a dislodged piece of slate from a roof whirled down and landed with a resounding crack on his head. "Gosh," he murmured, looking up, "Sarah must have reached Heaven already!"

Short Division

We have a definition of mathematical love—two divided by nothing.

Cut Your Fingers

He—"Pretty barbed wire dress you have on, Mae."
She—"What do you mean, barbed wire?"
He—"Oh, it protects the property but does not obstruct the view."

Tasted All Right, Anyway

The little girl walked thoughtfully into the house after being out in the garden. "Mother," said she, "have green gooseberries legs?" Mother laughed. "Of course they haven't, darling. What made you think so?" The child looked more solemn than ever as she replied: "Well then, I've been eating caterpillars." That's all, folks. Chains can't keep anyone from slipping in a parked car. —"SCAT."

As Pharaohs Saw Things

Second in an unusual series of pages on which are reproduced in full color extraordinary paintings from the ancient tombs. Don't miss this feature in the July 2nd issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

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LOUISA.

A columnist is an editor writing for people somewhere else to read.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: What is it that explodes without making an audible sound and does no damage to anything except to destroy itself? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

H. E.—Is there any formula or sign by which a person is enabled to remember the various colors of the rainbow?
Ans.—Yes. The two words "E-Y V-I-G-O-R" is a good standard for remembering the colors of the rainbow. The letters are the initials for blue, yellow, violet, indigo, green, orange and red.

F. W.—What was the nationality of Alexandre Dumas, the author of "The Count of Monte Cristo?"

Ans.—Alexandre Dumas was born in France. His father was a mulatto, who was the son of a full-blooded San Domingo Negro, his father being a white man. Therefore Dumas was a Frenchman by birthright and a quadroon by blood.

P. V.—Why is there more fog in smoky cities than in the clear air of the country?

Ans.—Because the little particles of smoke and dust in the air serve as something for the water molecules to condense on. It is easier for the molecules to get together and form droplets if there are already a lot of small solid particles in the air.

Tea hee—How long is a string?

Ans.—A string is twice as long as it is from the center to the end.

O. T.—In Central Park, New York there is a large obelisk that is literally covered with Egyptian hieroglyphics. How did it come to be erected there?
Ans.—There were two obelisks taken from Heliopolis by Rameses II and erected in Alexandria, Egypt. These were known as Cleopatra's Needles. One of these was removed to London and the other to Central Park, New York, both being presented to the respective governments by the Khedive of Egypt in 1836.

J. G.—Can you tell me who the Vikings were?

Ans.—The Vikings were the younger men of the Northmen, or Norsemen. In English the name means "Sea-kings." They were warlike, and carried on marauding expeditions to regions far remote. They operated around Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia as early as the eleventh century.

F. Y.—Can a President of the United States be elected to a third term?

Ans.—Yes. But as yet it has never been done. A President may be re-elected as often as the candidate gets the necessary votes. There is no law forbidding a third term or more.

D. B.—In what period of time did Sir Isaac Newton live? And what was his profession?

Ans.—Sir Isaac Newton was born on Christmas Day, 1632, and died March 20, 1727. He was a philosopher and mathematician. When he died he was master of the mint in London, England. He was the discoverer of the laws of gravitation which hold the bodies of our solar system.

J. G. McM.—How much does it cost to stop an average passenger train?

Ans.—The cost of stopping and starting a 560-ton passenger train traveling at a speed of fifty miles per hour varies from about eighty-four cents to \$2.80.

W. J.—Do tornadoes ever occur in the Eastern States?

Ans.—Tornadoes are liable to occur in all portions of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, and they have occurred at rare intervals even to the westward of those mountains. While these storms are less liable to occur in the Atlantic Coast States, than in the great Central Valleys of the country, yet many have occurred in Pennsylvania and other Eastern States.

J. Z.—Please give some information about the song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

Ans.—The words are by E. E. Rexford. The music is by H. F. Danks, who was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1834. The musical setting to "Silver Threads Among the Gold" was inspired by his love for his wife. In 1873 he became estranged from her. She died in 1924 in Brooklyn, alone in a rooming house. Danks died on November 20, 1903 in a cheap Philadelphia lodging house. The news story published when Harriet Danks died speaks of her as having been estranged from her children by the very song which she had inspired.

S. L. J.—Was Tennyson handsome?

Ans.—Carlyle describes him at the age of 33 as: "One of the finest looking men in the world. A great shock of rough, dusky, dark hair; bright, laughing, hazel eyes; massive aquiline face, most massive yet most delicate; of sallow brown complexion, almost Indian-looking, clothes cynically loose, free-and-easy, smoke infinite tobacco." He was extremely tall and in later years possessed a rather terrifying air of somber majesty.

J. L.—What is the origin of the song, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight?"

Ans.—In 1886 Theodore Metz composed a march called "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" for McIntyre and Heath's minstrel show. In 1896 Joseph Hayden wrote words for the music and the song was published. It became the favorite rallying song of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba, and later was the campaign song for Colonel Roosevelt.

B. O. L.—Is there a satisfactory method of cleaning the exterior painted surface of a frame house?

Ans.—No method is very satisfactory for cleaning the exterior painted surface of a frame house. When the house looks bad enough to need cleaning, it probably needs repainting.

P. S.—What is the candlepower of the Sun?

Ans.—According to Flammarion, sunlight is equal to the power of 1,575,000,000,000,000 candles.

R. K. J.—How many automobile radio sets are sold annually?

Ans.—In 1938 more than 1,000,000 radio sets for automobiles were sold. Answer to problem: A soapbubble.

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