

Sunday School Lesson

THE CHURCH AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

International Sunday School Lesson for December 13, 1942.

Golden Text: "Ye are the salt of the earth..."

Lesson Text: Matthew 5: 13-16; Mark 12: 13-17; 1 Peter 2: 13-17

In our discussion of the lesson for last week we called attention to the comparisons which Jesus used in connection with his followers.

contribution felt in the uplifting and improvement of the moral tone of the place in which they live.

Salt was as necessary in the time of Jesus as it is today. In those days when artificial refrigeration was unknown, salt was a very necessary element in the preservation of foods, especially meats.

However, we are also reminded that there may come a time when if unduly exposed, salt can lose its value—its savor—and then it becomes worthless, only fit to be cast out and trodden under the feet of

men. The warning here is that Christians, the salt of the earth, the saving element in a corrupt environment, must always endeavor to keep themselves "unspotted from the world" in order that they may not lose their helpful influence.

Christians are also compared to a light—something that brings brightness into dark places. What kind of a light are you? If we could remember always that God is the source of all power and that, through prayer, we can link up our lives with that great powerhouse, I wonder if we would be such weak lights for Him.

What is the duty of the church toward the state? Certainly, all thoughtful people agree that it is right and proper that the two be divided, but has the church any responsibility toward the state, and vice versa? Jesus taught that his followers had social as well as spiritual responsibilities.

The church, through its pulpit and through its leaders, has a duty to perform in educating and using its members to take their rightful place in the state. This great nation of ours has great need of Christian statesmen and less need of grasping politicians. Men and women, actuated by Christian principles, should not hesitate to sacrifice personal preferences but should offer their services to their country.

The Government has ordered the manufacture of ice cream curtailed about 25 per cent in December and January in order to provide more butter. The War Production Board directed manufacturers and restaurants to produce only 60 per cent of their October output.

PLEASANT GAP

(From last week)

L. W. Hile, who is chief air observer for this section, wishes publicly given to the following facts: When there are not enough persons to fill both Aircraft Warning Service and Citizens' Defense Corps, priority should be given to the needs of the Aircraft Warning Service in every instance.

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Mrs. Jordan Lewis was hostess to the Garden Club at their Christmas party yesterday afternoon. Gifts were exchanged and Mrs. Butler gave a demonstration on gift wrapping and Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Henry Noll spent Monday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Brungard at their home in Hebersburg, the latter having been quite ill for a few days.

The Woman's Civic Club enjoyed a covered dish supper before their regular meeting Tuesday evening, and after the business session enjoyed a very wonderful talk on Peace by the Rev. D. A. Downin, Jr.

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visit with home folks and to enjoy a few days' deer hunt. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Furl and daughter Sarah of Williamsport, and Mrs. Clara Kautz of Lancaster, visited with parents, and Mrs. Kautz visited her brothers, Michael and John Furl, last Sunday. James Smith of the Uzzel hunting camp, went back along home with them last Sunday.

The Royal Sons and Daughters Sunday School class will meet at the home of Arthur Furl Friday night, Dec. 11th.

Preaching service next Sunday evening at 7:30. Our Sunday school is practicing for a Christmas program.

Arthur Bennett's young child and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Watson's baby are on the sick list and under the doctor's care.

Mr. E. S. Bennett was selected as jurymen for the Supreme Court, held at Harrisburg this week. He left Monday morning.

WOODWARD

On Monday we remembered the treacherous deed the Japs sprang upon our Navy at Pearl Harbor a year ago. Well, they are the same deceitful people today and it seems there is no cure for their acting until they are completely conquered. They're as dangerous as a yellow-

injected's nest. We hope and pray to God that He will give our Army, Navy and Air Forces complete victory. Wherever the readers of the Democrat are, won't you please join your correspondent in prayer to Almighty God for permanent victory to overcome this greedy and world-dominating spirit.

As far as we've been able to find out the following captured their deer: Russell Kossinger, Steward Benner, a 9-point buck weighing 172 pounds; Earl Smith, 10-point buck; Harry Brindle, 6-point buck; and a day hunter of the J. B. Ard crew captured one. If you want good mince pies, just use some deer meat. Boys, it's fine eating when it is well prepared.

William Haines' physical condition has not improved any to date. He is not able to be up at all.

Pvt. Clair H. Kreamer, 'Jocky' as his high school chums call him, arrived home over the weekend for a furlough. His parents and sweetheart as well as his acquaintances were glad to greet him. He returned to his duties on Monday afternoon.

A severe cold wave passed over this locality last week. The mercury took a sudden drop from 28 degrees on Wednesday at 6 a. m. to 24 degrees at 9 a. m. and in the evening of the same day it dropped to 14. Then on last Thursday morning it stood at 13, and at 10 a. m. it re-

ported 10 above zero, with a very strong wind blowing. Well, we're glad to report that Toast (Steward) Elsenbuth is able to do some deer hunting. His leg is improving but he is still quite lame.

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Eight civilian defense areas in the state will sponsor an intensive training program in blackout emergency and blackout driving under the direction of Ames E. Neyhart, administrative head of the Institute of Public Safety at the Pennsylvania State College.

Neyhart will draw his enrollees from teachers of high school training courses, teachers of auto mechanics, truck and bus drivers, and others with good driving records and teaching ability.

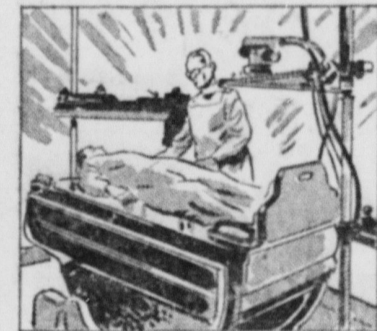
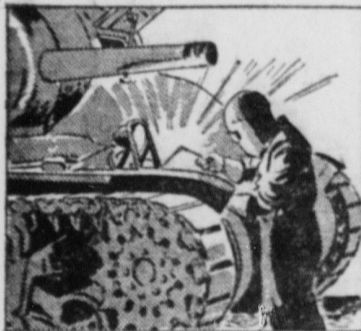
Youth Faces to Death

Sherman Voth, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Voth, of Phillipsburg, Clarion county, froze to death in the woods near his home. Dr. H. M. Wellman, coroner, reported searchers found his body after the youth failed to return Thursday after going to look at some traps he had set. Wellman said the youth apparently became ill and was unable to return home.

For Victory: Bill Robins.

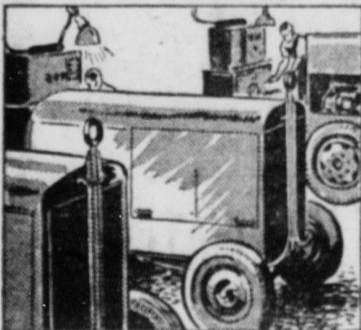
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