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Sunday School Lesson

SAUL'S EARLY PREACHING

International Sunday School Lesson
for April 16, 1944

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."—Romans 1: 16.

Lesson Text: Acts 9: 19-30; II-19-26.

After the interruption of last (Easter) Sunday, we resume our consideration of the life of Paul. The vision on the road to Damascus had changed this rabid Pharisee, the terrible persecutor of the believers into a humble, contrite follower of Jesus Christ.

Following his stay of a year or so in the deserts of Persia, Saul returned to Damascus, with the foundation of his theology firmly thought out and began preaching the gospel of Jesus so vigorously that the Jews there plotted to kill him. Aided by his disciples, Saul attempted to attach himself to the adherents of the new faith.

Naturally, knowing Saul's reputation as a persecutor of believers, they were suspicious, fearing that he was only seeking to entrap them. Barnabas, hearing of this, stepped forward and vouched for his honesty of purpose.

Saul, who never did things in a half-way manner, began proclaiming his new faith in such a vigorous fashion that the Jews in Jerusalem, as in Damascus, plotted to assassinate him and, once again, he was forced to flee for his life, this time to his native city of Tarsus, where he continued to work in behalf of the new cause. How long Saul remained in Tarsus we do not know but the next we hear of him is ten years or more later.

In the Book of Acts, Luke, after telling the story of Saul's conversion and his experiences in Damascus and Jerusalem, reverts back in point of time to recount the early spread of the Christian faith.

The persecution which followed Stephen's death resulted in adherents of the new faith "scattered abroad," the disciples fleeing to various cities, including Antioch, where they preached the new gospel. However, at this time, they confined their missionary efforts to their own race, "speaking the word to none save only to the Jews."

Antioch, in Assyria, had been founded three centuries before on the Orontes River. It was the third city in the world, with a population of half a million, and the terminal of rich caravans from Persia and India, was modern for its day, having a splendid and adequate water system, and its main street five miles long, was wonderfully lighted by night and travelers by day were sheltered from the sun by its arcades. However, morally the city was disreputable; the Roman Juvenal criticizing the evil in Rome said, "The Syrian Orontes has flowed into the Tiber."

Regardless of its evil practices and reputation, Antioch is known as the second birthplace of Christianity. Here it was that the word was first intentionally preached to the Gentiles by Jews having a broad cosmopolitan outlook. These were natives of Cyprus and Cyrene, having lived abroad and broken somewhat with the strict racial code of their brothers in Palestine. In their activities these Jews "spoke unto the Greeks also." Eventually news of this development came to the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem and caused somewhat of a discussion there.

Up to this time the gospel had not been directed particularly to the Gentiles. True, it was that Peter had previously been to Caesarea and received the centurion Cornelius into the faith, which act had been approved at Jerusalem, but no general effort had been made to reach others than Jews. The Jerusalem Christians somewhat concerned about the reports from Antioch, decided to investigate and wisely selected Barnabas for this purpose. He was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, and his character is amply attested in the commentary that "he was a good man."

Barnabas went to Antioch and was so impressed with the activity there that he remained and took part in it. Remembering Saul of Tarsus, who some seven or eight years ago had vouched for his honesty of purpose, and realizing that this was the type of man for the particular service needed, Barnabas set out for Tarsus in an effort to seek Saul. During these years Saul had been waiting, perhaps sometimes questioning why, but nevertheless, undergoing a period of preparation by working in Cilicia for the wider and greater mission which he was to undertake.

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I ever saw. He would have been without a peer had he played in the United States!

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The speeches of politicians abound in general terms and equivocal phrases.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Neesse—Styers
Carrie Elizabeth Styers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lingle, of Spring Mills, R. D., became the bride of Henry F. Neesse, son of Frank Neesse, of Spring Mills, at a ceremony performed March 7 by Justice of the Peace Arthur B. Lee, of Spring Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Neesse are residing at the home of the bride's father.

Wagner—Bair
Miss Edna Bair, daughter of Mrs. Florence Bair, Mill Hill, R. D., became the bride of cpl. John Wagner of Camp Rucker, Ala., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wagner of Salona, at a ceremony which took place on Tuesday, April 4, at the Evangelical parsonage in Wellsport. The Rev. W. C. Kettner, great-uncle of the bride, officiated.

Auman—Bronder
Rita C. Bronder, of Pittsburgh, and Clair D. Auman, of Spring Mills, R. D., were married on April 3, 1944 by Justice of the Peace Arthur B. Lee, at Spring Mills. The bride formerly was a nurse in the armed forces and Mr. Auman recently was discharged from the armed forces after more than a year's service, because of disability. Mr. and Mrs. Auman are at home at Spring Mills, R. D.

Regis—Swartz
Miss Louise R. Swartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Swartz of Bloech, Pa., became the bride of Pvt. James Regis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Regis of South Renovo, in a double ring ceremony performed at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 6, in Renovo. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bodley of Renovo. Pvt. Regis is with the Army Air Force stationed at Greensboro, N. C. Mrs. Regis plans to live with her parents for the present.

Walley—Goodhart
Miss Margaret Virginia Goodhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goodhart of Johnstown, and niece of Mrs. W. F. Keller and F. V. Goodhart of Centre Hill, became the bride of Alfred Walley, specialist third class, at a ceremony at the Royce Chapel at the Sampson Naval Base, N. Y., on March 30. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles Farr, Presbyterian chaplain, in the presence of 50 naval officers. The only attendant was Charles Blackburn who entertained at a dinner for the newlyweds immediately after the ceremony. The bride will continue her work at the Penn Traffic department store in Johnstown where she has been employed, and the bridegroom will continue his training at the Naval Base in Sampson.

Welker—Cowan
Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cowan, of 243 East Bishop street, Bellefonte, announce the marriage of their daughter, Eleanor, of Ellwood City, Pa., to Charles H. Welker, also of that city. The wedding took place February 26, 1944, in the Trinity Lutheran church, Pittsburgh. The bride was accompanied by a daisymaid, Miss Dorothy Welker, an orchid corsage, and as her only jewelry a string of pearls, a gift from the bridegroom. Mrs. Welker is a graduate of the Bellefonte High School and is employed in the tabulating bureau of the National Tube Company. Mr. Welker is a graduate of the Butler Senior High School and of the Pittsburgh School of Accounting. He is now a member of the administrative staff of the National Tube Company in Ellwood City. Mr. and Mrs. Welker are residing at their home at 731 Massachusetts street, Ellwood City.

Sprankle—Snodgrass
An early wedding was solemnized in Columbia, South Carolina, Saturday afternoon, March 18 at 4 o'clock when Miss Virginia Snodgrass, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snodgrass, Winnabow, Texas, became the bride of Lt. Floyd H. Sprankle, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sprankle, of Tyrone. The double ring ceremony was solemnized by Dr. James W. Jackson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbia. Lieut. and Mrs. M. Y. Taylor, of Chanman, Kansas, were best man and matron of honor, and the other attendants were Lieut. W. B. Berry, Clarkburg, W. Va.; Lieut. M. D. Sholl, Peoria, Ill.; and Lieut. W. D. Soerens, Oostburg, Wis. The bride looked charming in a light blue suit dress with white accessories. Her flowers were white carnations. She attended the College of Marshall, the Sam Houston State Teachers College, and graduated from the East Texas State Teachers College. She has been teaching in the Liberty schools. The bridegroom is a graduate of Tyrone High School, class of 1936. Prior to entering the service, October 16, 1942, he was employed at Middletown, Pa. He is a graduate of the Aircraft Engine Mechanics School of Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute, Glendale, Calif. On February 8, 1944, at the Lubbock Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, he received his pilot's wings and was commissioned as 2nd lieutenant. Following the ceremony a reception and dinner was served at the Officers Club. The happy couple is residing at 2706 Dunesan street, Columbia, S. C.

Capello—Osman
Miss Sarah Louise Osman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Osman of Bellefonte, and Pfc. Walter B. Capello, USMC, son of Mrs. Kate Capello, of Steelton, were married at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the Bellefonte Evangelical church with Rev. H. H. Jacobs officiating. Russell Sheets of Steelton gave a 15-minute organ recital before the ceremony and played the traditional wedding marches. Miss Gertrude Osman of Bellefonte, sister of the bride, and Arthur Capello of Harrisburg, brother of the bridegroom, attended the ceremony. William Osman of Bellefonte and William Capello of Steelton, brother of the bridegroom, were ushers.

They'll Learn About Tanks From a War



A model for instruction in the operation of planetary gears in tanks is given its finishing touches by Pvt. Eloise Sanchez in the workshop of the instructional aids division of the Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Query & Answer Column

A. E. L.—Who owns the railway mail cars?
Ans.—Mail cars are owned by the railroads but are built according to Post Office Department specifications.
L. E. A.—Why did George Washington choose Valley Forge as a winter encampment?
Ans.—The site was chosen for strategic reasons. Its high ground commanded roads from Philadelphia to Iron works, gunneries and powder mills. Also it was necessary to prevent the British from making a move against Congress then sitting at York.
P. D.—Where did Babe Ruth first play baseball?
Ans.—He first played baseball in the Industrial School (St. Mary's) in Baltimore, and was considered by the instructors to be such a good player that Jack Dunn was urged to come out to watch him play. He was signed to play with Baltimore. At that time he was 19.
K. D. C.—Is there ever daylight from pole to pole?
Ans.—Daylight extends from pole to pole at the time of the equinoxes. On account of refraction the sun appears slightly above the horizon at both poles, when it is at the equinox.
C. G. E.—What is the purpose of the British organization known as the Band of Hope?
Ans.—A Band of Hope is any of many local temperance associations in the United Kingdom. The first was organized in 1847.
T. E. B.—Which are the more numerous, the harmful or beneficial bacteria?
Ans.—The majority of types of bacteria are not only beneficial but many kinds are indispensable for plant and animal life.
W. D.—What is the origin of the phrase "sardonic laughter"?
Ans.—Sardonic is traced to Sardinia, the island on which grew a herb believed to make all who ate of it die of laughing.
T. U. E.—What are the names popularly given to persons who have crossed the equator?
Ans.—Shellbacks are persons who have "crossed the line." Those who have not done so are pollywogs.
A. N.—How many chinichillas are there in this country?
Ans.—There are about 20,000 of these animals on 150 fur farms in the United States. They sell for \$2000 a pair.
A. N. K.—Did Secretary Stimson serve in the First World War?
Ans.—He served in France as colonel of the 51st Field Artillery.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL IN THE WEEK'S NEWS

Monday of last week. Admitted: Robert H. Woodring, Bellefonte; Mrs. O. P. Smith, Aaronsburg; Charlotte I. Shaaver, Centre Hall, R. D.; Charles Curtis Wagner, Bellefonte; M. Glenn Stamm, Woodward. Discharged: Mrs. Reeder J. Shearer, Centre Hall, R. D.; Mrs. Ralph W. VanSant, State College; Miss Renee Snyder, Hedges, R. D. 1; Miss Doris Ebbas, State College; Emeline Ream, Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Michael Repasky and infant son, Clatskanie, Ore. Tuesday of last week. Admitted: Gaynell Platt, Pittsburgh; Clark B. Young, State College; Thelma Burris, Centre Hall, R. D. 1. Discharged: Mrs. Robert H. McCormick and infant son, State College; Mrs. Ray B. Johnson and infant son, State College. Admitted Tuesday and discharged Friday: Russell McKivison, Spring Mills, R. D. Wednesday of last week. Admitted: Mrs. James Gulswhite, Centre Hall; Blair Bumbarger, Bellefonte. Discharged: Mrs. Roy C. Ripka and infant daughter, Pine Grove Mills; William Witmyer, Bellefonte; Mrs. Boyd Willis, Lemont. Birth: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Williams, Julian, R. D. Thursday of last week. Admitted: Mrs. Isabel McCool, Bellefonte, R. D. 1. Discharged: Mrs. Earl Gehret, Bellefonte, R. D.; Carl Ream, Pleasant Gap. Admitted Thursday and discharged Saturday: Mike Jurkovich, Bellefonte, R. D. 1. After a breakfast held at the Brockhoff Hotel for the wedding party and members of the couple's families, they left on a several days' wedding trip to New York City. The bride, who was escorted to the altar by her father, wore an ivory satin gown with val lace edging a sweetheart neckline, tapering sleeves and long bodice. She wore a half-hat of satin caught at the sides with small orange blossoms and from which hung a finger tip veil of tulle. She carried an arm bouquet of snapdragons and paper whites centered with an orchid. The bride has been employed at the Middletown Air Depot for the past three years and expects to continue her work Pfc. Capello, who entered service in May, 1943, will return to his duties at Polkville Field, New Bern, N. C.

HISTORY OF SCOTIA

(Continued from page one) he had just got a new jug and asked for a pint, and Aaron wanted to stall them off for a few minutes, but they told him that they didn't want any watered stock. Aaron remarked, "Well, boys, I guess I am in it this time and I will have to dish out the pure stuff."

The colored population of Scotia at one time numbered about sixty. Not all of them worked at the mines. Some worked around among the farmers in this vicinity such as the Meeks, Matterns, Grays and others. These people had drifted into Patton township before Scotia existed, and after the mines opened up the majority of them moved to Scotia. The younger generation had practically all worked around the mines until they closed down and finally all drifted away to other parts of the country.

In a conversation with one of these old colored men one day I asked him how he ever came to get into Scotia. Here is his story: "I was born a slave in the South. My father and mother were slaves, and our master was a very mean man, especially with my father. I have seen him whip my father until the blood would come through his clothes, and I told my mother that if I ever got a chance I would fix the master for that. She told me not to do that for she might kill me. I told her if he ever whipped my father again like that I sure would fix him, so one day I did something and master gave him an awful whipping. I watched my chance and the next day mother sent me out to the woodshed for some wood and master was out there. While he was stooping over doing something I saw my chance and grabbed the axe and hit him broadside on the head with the axe. He fell over. I was scared and ran into the house and told mother what had happened and she told me I had better get ready and leave. She fixed me up a little bundle and told me to go away for a while and kissed me good-bye. I ran across the fields into the woods, for it was almost evening, and there I hid until dark when I started and walked all night. In the morning I walked only a short distance and came to a cabin. I knocked on the door and an old colored man came to the door and I asked him if I could come in. I related my story to him. He told me to stay there that day but warned me not to leave before I had my things. I left that night and I asked him the way into Pennsylvania and he directed me the best he could. I traveled all night and part of the next day and was so tired I laid down in a woods and fell asleep. When I awoke it was dark and I heard dogs barking and the first thing I thought of was bloodhounds. I kept still for a while and then continued on my journey and finally landed in Hollidaysburg a couple of days later. I worked at Hollidaysburg a while and I finally drifted into this section and when the mines opened up I began to work at Scotia." (To be continued.)

PINE GROVE MILLS MAN CITED FOR WAR WORK

Lt. Don Kepler, son of J. W. Kepler, of Pine Grove Mills, and one-time Penn State baseball star, has been cited by Admiral Hardison, Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, for his work in organizing and conducting the Navy's Survival Program.

During a recent inspection of the Chapel Hill Pre-Flight School, Admiral Hardison included in his official report a commendation of the Naval Survival Program, which is under the supervision of Lt. Kepler, and twin Lieutenants John and Bob Craighead, two former Penn State wrestlers.

"The Survival Program appeared to be particularly well-organized and conducted," the Navy air chief announced at the end of his tour of the training base. Under Lt. Kepler's course of training for Navy fliers, each man is taught how to survive under the most adverse battle conditions. Pilots are instructed in methods that should be used when forced to land in jungles or at sea.

Co-author of "How to Survive on Land and Sea," Kepler describes how men lived on wild berries, animals, and fish when lost after crash landings. The book, published by the U. S. Naval Institute, is used in training programs throughout the country.

While a student at Penn State, Kepler played varsity baseball, later joining independent teams throughout the country. Prior to his entrance into the Navy, he was playing minor league teams. Lt. Kepler graduated from Penn State in 1931.

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

No Taxes There
He was a pilgrim pale and tired,
He stopped a passerby;
"I seek a taxless spot," he cried,
To rest before I die.
My house and lot and car are taxed,
The things I wear and eat
And buy and sell, alas, as well
As water, light and heat.
Is there a place where I can dwell
From all taxation free,
Where what I owe and what I earn
Alike belong to me?
The man accented pointed up;
"Right there is your location,
On yonder cloud—one dollar, please,
My charge for information."

You Finish It
There was a young fellow named Weir,
Who hadn't an atom of fear.
He indulged a desire
To touch a live wire.
("Most any last line will do here.")

Silly, Isn't It
Two horses were talking things over. One of them said to the other:
"You know, I'm getting tired of this life. I'd like to settle down, be a radio and movie star like Silver."
"Yeah, me too," said the second horse. "I'm tired of this milk-pulling job. I think I'd have a better future in the movies or on the race track."

Well Qualified
Sentry—"Halt, who goes there?"
Voice—"American."
Sentry—"Advance and recite the second verse of 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'"
Voice—"I don't know it."
Sentry—"Proceed, American."

Classified Ad—1944 Style
WANTED—Owner of Ford would like to correspond with widow who owns two tires. Object matrimony. Send pictures of tires.

Isn't It Fun?
Life begins at 40, and so do fallen arches, lumbago, bad eyesight, and the tendency to tell a story to the same person three or four times.

Final Alibi
Tombstone Dealer (after several futile suggestions)—"How would just a simple 'Gone Home' do for an inscription?"
The Widow—"I guess that will be all right. It was always the last place he ever thought of going."

Dried Apple Pies
(By Wm. Billie Gates, Nitany)
I loathe, abhor, detest, despise,
Abominate, dried apple pies.
I like good bread, I like good meat,
Or anything that's fit to eat;
But of all poor grub beneath the skies
The poorest is, dried apple pies.

(Second Spasm)
Give me toothache, or sore eyes,
But don't give me dried apple pies.
The farmer takes his knottiest fruit,
Tis warty, bitter and hard to boot;
He leaves the hulls to make you cough,
And don't take half the peeling off.

(Last Time Around)
Then on a dirty cord it's strung,
And in a garret window hung;
And there the flies delight to roost and sigh
Until they're made up in apple pie.
Tread on my corns, or tell me lies,
But don't give me dried apple pies.

At Long Range
Spider Snath was a notorious henpecked husband, and although he was almost to the limit of the draft age, had a kink in one knee, and was thirty-seven pounds underweight, he managed to sneak into the Army.

Finally Spider got to the front lines in Guadalcanal; but still he kept receiving nagging letters from his big, bossy wife back home, giving him more pieces of her mind.

After serving on the firing line for two months and getting a couple of close shaves, Spider finally got up enough gumption to write his wife a piece of his mind for a change.

"Please, dear," he wrote with trembling hand, "don't send me any more letters. Let me enjoy this war in peace."

Announce Engagement
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steven Richmond of the Bluff City Road, Bristol, Tenn., have announced the betrothal of their daughter Mary Jane, to Captain Kenneth L. Royer, Army Air Corps, Langley Field, Virginia. Miss Richmond is the fourth of the five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, and is a junior at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is a graduate of Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, and Bluff City High School. Captain Royer is the son of Mrs. Pearl E. Hackman of Madisonburg, Pa., and was educated at Penn State.

Our own idea is that the vast majority of labor has performed well; that most of our industrialists have served the nation; that both labor and industry have been injured by the misdeeds of some of their groups.

The cross-channel invasion of Europe will require the blood of many brave American soldiers. They will fight for their country, even as some of us complain about discomforts on the home front.

Major Gerald JOHNSON
ON ONE TRY HE LED A FLIGHT OF NEW PILOTS
TO MAKE A BOMB STORY
RICH RED BLOOD
If your system is lacking in blood-building material, and if you feel run down, below par, from overwork, stress, lack of sleep, etc., take Luchert's Iron Tonic Tablets...