

### THE SOWER

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"Whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant," said the Ideal Man of the ages.

In our National Calendar one great month of the year is February, in which we celebrate the birthdays of the two most prominent men in our country's history.—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It is befitting that these days should not be forgotten.

We can hardly estimate fully the value of biographical study as a factor in the formation of character, and if any one desires to be influenced by the highest and best type of American manhood, he should study the lives of these two great and good men, Washington and Lincoln. They were great Christian Patriots.

Lincoln was great and good. He was great because he was good. His religious character was the one thing which, above all other features of his unique mental and moral as well as physical personality, lifted him above his fellowmen.

Lincoln was a man of profound faith. He believed in God. He believed in Christ. He believed in the Bible. He believed in men. His faith made him great. His life is a beautiful commentary on the words, "This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith."

It is easy to trace in the life of this colossal character a steady growth of faith. This grace in him increased steadily in breadth and in strength with the passing years, until it came to pass that his last public utterances show forth the confidence and the fire of an ancient Hebrew prophet.

About a year before his death, Lincoln, in a letter to Joshua Speed, said: "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a better man." He saw and declared that the teachings of the Bible had a tendency to improve character. He had a right view of this sacred literature. Its purpose is character building.

Leonard Swett, who knew Lincoln well, said at the unveiling of the Chicago monument, that Lincoln "believed in God as the supreme ruler of the universe, the guide of men, and the controller of the great events and destinies of mankind. He believed himself to be an instrument and leader in this country of the force of freedom." He regarded himself as an instrument, as Moses was an instrument in the hands of Almighty God, to lead men into freedom.

It was after his election, in the autumn of 1860, and just a short time before his inauguration as President of the United States, that he wrote to Joseph Gillespie, he said: "I have read on my knees the story of Gethsemane, where the Son of God prayed in vain that the cup of bitterness might pass from him. I am in the garden of Gethsemane now, and my cup of bitterness is full and overflowing."

Lincoln was a man of prayer. He believed that God can hear, does hear, and answer prayer. He once said in conversation with General Sikes concerning the battle of Gettysburg that he had no anxiety as to the result. At this General Sikes expressed surprise, and inquired into the reason for this unusual state of mind at that period in the history of the war. Lincoln hesitated to accede to the request of General Sikes, but was finally prevailed upon to do so, and this is what he said:

"Well, I will tell you how it was. In the punch of your campaign up there, when everybody seemed panic-stricken, and nobody could tell what was going to happen, oppressed by the gravity of affairs, I went into my room one day and locked the door, and got down on my knees before Almighty God, and prayed to him mightily for victory at Gettysburg. I told him this was His war, and our

### U. S. Navy in 'Unpacific' Pacific



Somewhere in the very unpacific Pacific ocean the crew of a United States naval carrier rushes to re-load planes with bombs and depth charges, during patrol in the Pacific, in readiness for any enemy craft that may be lurking around. This soundphoto was approved by the U. S. navy.

cause His cause, but that we could not stand another Fredericksburg or Chancellorsville. And I then and there made a solemn vow that if he would stand by our boys at Gettysburg I would stand by Him. And He did, and I will. And after that—I don't know how it was, and I can't explain it—but soon a sweet comfort crept into my soul that things would go all right at Gettysburg, and that is why I had no fears about you."

Such faith as 'his will put most professing Christians to blush, and shame their sack of faith.

It was afterward that Lincoln said to General Sikes "I have been praying over Vicksburg also, because we need it, in order to bisect the Confederacy and have the Mississippi flow unvexed to the sea."

John G. Nicaday, Lincoln's biographer, wrote, "Benevolence and forgiveness were the very basis of his character; his world-wide humanity is aptly embodied in a phrase of his second inaugural: "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

His nature was deeply religious, for as Mr. Nicaday said, referring to Lincoln's second inaugural address, "This address has the ring of an ancient Hebrew Prophet. Only a man of faith and piety could deliver such an address. After the struggles through which the country had passed, Lincoln's self-poise, his confidence in God, his belief in and affection for his fellow men, remained unabated."

Stoddard, in his life of Lincoln, said of him that: "His mind and soul had reached the full development in a religious life so unusually intense and absorbing that it could not otherwise than utter itself in the grand sentences of his last address to the people."

"The spirit of Lincoln's second inaugural address is intensely Christian, and it is one of the most remarkable specimens in the literature of the world. In it he took these words: 'The Almighty has His own purposes. We are not to be wiser than He; for He will make of our offenses, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh. If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through his appointed time, he now wills to remove, and that he gives to both North and South this terrible war, as the woe due to those through whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to him? Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with a lash shall be with another drawn by a sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Church-going, worship and prayer constitute God's spiritual sunshine flooding our soul. No hurrying of feet, but life's reservoirs are being filled with the resources which supply strength for the many burdens.

Join the "Go to Church" movement and help increase the spiritual sunshine for your own life and for the multitudes around.

### DOG LICENSE REVENUE HITS ALL-TIME RECORD

More vigilance in enforcement of Pennsylvania dog laws was credited by John H. Light, state agriculture secretary, with boosting issuance of licenses and revenues from this source to an all-time high.

The state last year issued licenses to 602,369 dogs, fees of \$745,765 being the peak since enactment of the control law in 1921. Fines for violations amounted to \$19,469.

Claims paid by the commonwealth for damages done by dogs totaled \$23,581, while enforcement officers collected \$1 each for 26,425 canines killed. Damages recovered from dog owners after payments by the state brought in \$5,900.

Allegheny County led in issuance of licenses with 29,399 while Cameron County's 563 was the lowest. Topping the 1,466 claims for the year were 740 for sheep and 601 for poultry losses.

In addition to licensing and handling of damage claims, the Agriculture Department laboratory conducted examinations showing that 104 of the state's dogs had been afflicted with rabies. No trace of the disease was found in 188 others examined.

Total revenue of the animal industry which administered the dog law dropped from \$2,142,508 for the fiscal year ended in 1931 to \$1,278,283 for the past three years. Licenses jumped 2,500 and claims decreased from 3,576 to 4,369 with the amount paid from \$86,278 to \$95,907 in the same period.

License fees of \$1 for males and \$2 for females are fixed by the Legislature and go into the commonwealth's general fund without being earmarked for any certain purpose. There has been no change in the fees and Agriculture Department authorities see no need for any at this time.

"Dog laws in this state must be looked upon as a protective measure as well as a previous source of revenue," declared Secretary Light. "Protection afforded, however, depends largely upon the efficiency of enforcement."

Light has issued a warning to dog owners who have not yet procured the 1942 licenses for their dogs. The old licenses expired January 15. New licenses are obtainable at the office of the county treasurer, or application may be made through any justice of the peace, magistrate or notary public in the district in which the dog owner resides. All dogs six months of age or older must be licensed.

Under the law the license tag must be attached to a collar which must be worn at all times by the dog and the tags are not transferable from one animal to another. Light also pointed out that the tag does not absolve the owner from liability in the event the dog causes damage to property and it is therefore necessary that all animals be kept under control.

### BARNESBORO R. D. YOUTH FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

Raymond Arthur Fetterman, 16, of Barnesboro R. D. 2, was found frozen to death Wednesday afternoon of last week on the fringe of a swamp 500 feet from his home in Pine Top, Indiana County. The coroner said death was due to exposure and that the boy had died early Sunday morning during a heavy snowstorm and extremely cold weather.

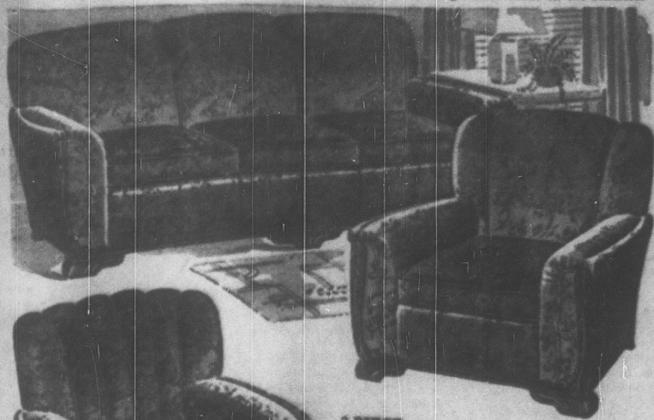
The youth had been visiting friends in Strongstown and had departed late Saturday night for his home. Members of the Fetterman family had believed he remained in Strongstown, and did not become alarmed until they discovered Tuesday he had started for his home.

A brother, Warren Fetterman, made the discovery after a searching party had scoured the countryside for several hours in an effort to find some trace of the missing youth.

More sheep Pennsylvania has more sheep than any other Eastern state. The state's 604,000 sheep valued at \$2,155,000 are an important economic factor in the Nation's woolen industry.

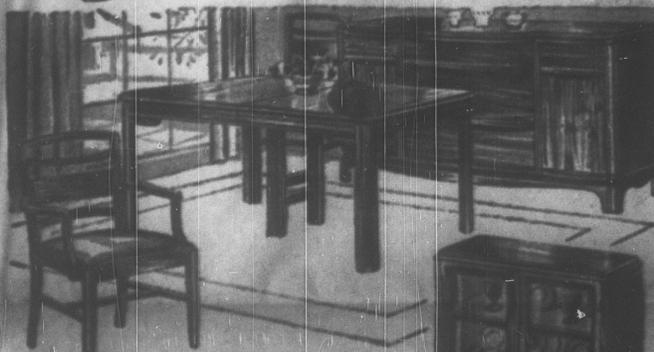
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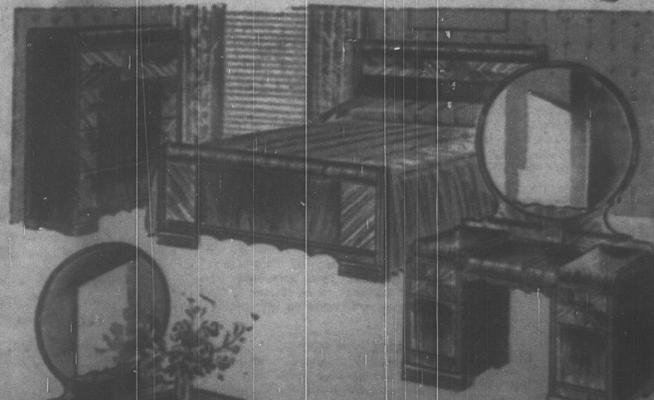


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Church school, 10 a. m. Worship services, 10:30 a. m. & 7:30 p. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Mid-week Bible Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

The alarm clock is an ingenious product of our inventive age, but even an alarm clock runs down. So does man; and like an alarm clock he must be wound up. My automobile battery is a great convenience to work the starter and light the lamps. But it cannot give power and light at one end unless it is connected at the other end to the generator.

We go on the basis that busy days make time for prayer and worship impossible, when it is just the opposite. Busy days make church-going and worship absolutely necessary. Sound and speed have become our criteria of accomplishment. We do not seem to understand that in quiet and repose, the most important things may be happening. The sunshine makes no fuss, but if it should cease its quiet ministry, we should cease to live.