Sunday School Lesson

LESSON I

Peter Called to Serve — John 1:35-42; Luke 5:1-11

Golden Text — "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Mark 1:17.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — The conversation of Jesus with the three disciples took place in February, A.D. 27. The late Professor David Smith says that the interview with John and Andrew took place on the Sabbath day, and the interview with Simon Peter on the day following. The miracle of the phenomenal draught of fishes occurred in April, A.D., 28.

Place — The interview of Jesus with the three disciples was at or near Bethany, beyond Jordan, near where Christ had been baptized. The miracle of the great draught of fishes occurred on the Sea of Galilee, not far from the city of Capernaum.

The lesson opens at the very outset of the public ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this first chapter of John's Gospel we have recorded the early ministry of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus.

Now occurs an event of the greatest significance. Two followers of John the Baptist, as soon as they heard what their master said about Jesus, turned from the forerunner of Christ to Christ himself.

40. One of the two that heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He Brought His Brother

41. He findeth first his own brother Simon. Andrew in a few hours' fellowship with Jesus had become persuaded that this person Jesus was none other than the Messiah, of whom all the Old Testament writers prophesied.

41. And saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ.

42. He brought him unto Jesus. This was the greatest thing that Andrew ever did. Andrew was not a great man, but he brought one of the greatest of the apostles to the feet of Jesus.

42. Jesus looked unto him. The face of Jesus searched men and discovered the secrets of their hearts. And said, Thou are Simon the son of John. The apostle John in this very Gospel says of Jesus, "He needed not that any one should bear witness concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man." (2:25).

A New Name

42. Thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter). Our Lord, in giving Simon a new name, gave him a new hope.

1. Now it came to pass, while the multitude pressed upon him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; 2. and he saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

The principal industry in Jesus' time was fishing. The nets most commonly used by the Galilean fishermen, when boats were available, were what were called dragnets, each net being hung in a semicircle between two or more boats, far out in the lake, and then dragged ashore.

3. And he entered one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes out of the boat.

"Master"!

4. And when he had left speaking he said unto Simon, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5. And Simon answered and said, Master, we toiled all night, and took nothing; but at thy word I will let down the nets. It was all right for our Lord to take the leading place that day when it came to the mater of the preaching and teaching, but Peter was not quite so keen about the Lord's making suggestions regarding the fishing business, in which Peter had spent all of his working life, and about which, humanly speaking, Jesus was supposed to know very little.

6. And when they had done this, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets were breaking; 7. and they beckoned unto their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. Everything here turns upon the revelation of a mastery of nature claimed by Jesus.

8. But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9. For he was amazed, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken; 10. and so were also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. As with Peter, so with all believers. The hour of the revelation of Jesus' grace and love are the times of the deepest abasement. And those times are for the most part not at the beginning, but in the later progress of the life of faith.

Fishers of Men

10. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. The Lord speaks of the unknown in terms of the known. He uses their intimate acquaintance with their daily occupation to unfold to them the nature of the work to which he was calling them.

11. And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all, and followed him. Jesus would have every Christian be a fisher of men.

Canadian Authoress Dies

A writer of wide renown, Lady Willison died suddenly at her Toronto home. She was widely known throughout Canada and recognized as one of the Dominion's foremost literary critics.

Cancer Causes Every Ninth Death Here

Was Second Highest Cause of Death in Canada Last Year

TORONTO.—One out of every nine people who died in Canada last year was a victim of cancer which is now the second highest cause of death in this country.

This toll of nearly 1,000 a month could be cut to 500 according to Dr. C. C. Ross, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Society for the Control of Cancer, the new organization that has been established under the sponsorship of the Canadian Medical Association and with the co-operation of prominent medical men and laymen in every province.

Half of the present deaths could be prevented if people would see thier medical advisers for early diagnosis of the slightest symptom, submit to a periodic health examination and obtain adequate treatment in the early stages.

View Lumps With Suspicion

Cancer of the lip, he said, occurred mainly in men and usually among pipe smokers. If a pipe smoker developed a soreness, hard spot, crack or ulcer on his lip which would not heal, he should at once see a doctor. Cancer of the mouth occurred among people who did not keep their mouths clean, he said.

Lumps, swellings or masses appearing anywhere on the body should be viewed with suspicion. Perhaps not at first cancerous, they might change in time and become cancers. Warts, moles and birthmarks were harmless unless they suddenly started to grow. Sudden indigestion in people past forty, who had had healthy stomachs all their lives, was the commonest symptom of cancer in the food passages.

King Will Speak Very Little Here

Public Addresses to be Reduced To Minimum During Tour

King George is desirous of cutting his speech-making on his Canadian tour to the irreducible minimum, it is understood.

Presumably, when the King does speak, briefly, for five or ten minutes on occasion, arrangements will be made by the C.B.C. for carrying his words across the Dominion, to the United Kingdom, to the British Dominions and possibly also to other parts of the world.

The King will likely make at least four short speeches, at Quebec when he lands, at some function at Ottawa, at some point in the West and at Halifax before he sails with Queen Elizabeth for home.

Queen Elizabeth, it is recalled, made a favorable impression in both the United Kingdom and other parts of the Commonwealth with her speech in substituting for King George during the Czecho-Slovakian crisis at the launching of the Queen Elizabeth, sister ship of the Queen Mary, in Scotland this fall. Possibly an opportunity will be afforded Queen Elizabeth also to speak over the air while in Canada.

May Learn Even Better at Forty

Dr. E. A. Corbett, of Toronto, director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education, speaking last week before the Women's Canadian Club of Sudbury, said he believes that "adult education is as old as the wisdom of man, but it is a term that has been in use for only ten or fifeen years."

Sweeping the World

Dr. Corbett declared that adult education "is a movement which is sweeping the world, and a movement that is most urgent in the Dominion of Canada." The speaker traced the movement from its conception in Scotland as a modern school about 150 years ago, adding: "We know now that education is not static, but progressive, that a man may be better able to learn at 40 than at 20."

Must Recapture World Markets

Economist Says Prairie Agriculture Will Have to Stage a Comeback if Full Employment is to be Achieved in Canada

Full employment will not likely be achieved in Canada until prairie agriculture has once more a profitable relationship to world markets, Dr. W. A. Mackintosh, professor of economics at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., said in an address at Winnipeg last week.

Relative importance of the west in the Canadian economy had been lessened since the war by expansion of the plup and paper and mining industries in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia, he said in a paper delivered before the prairie markets conference.

Our Dependence on West

It was unlikely, he added, that the west would resume its former dominant position. Nevertheless, the west continued to hold a vital relationship to the national economy.

"Whole sections of manufacturing industry, transportation and of a great many other industries are dependent for substantial portions of their markets on western Canada," he said.

Electrification Of Rural Areas In Nova Scotia

Is Being Provided at a Cost Less Than That in Any Other Canadian Province

Rural electrification services in Nova Scotia are being provided at a cost less than that in any other Canadian province, J. J. Doolan, general superintendent of the light and power division of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company told the Halifax branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Contrasting the amount and method of Government aid to utilities companies of Ontario and and Nova Scotia, Doolan said that Ontario gave a grant-in-aid of 50 per cent. of the cost of the completed line. And needed addition to the service charge also was assumed and loans for wiring made farmers.

$2.50 Per Kilowatt Hour

By the Nova Scotia Rural Electrification Act, domestic service charges over $1.25 were bonused and the Provincial Treasury paid extra costs in servicing any district where there were three customers per mile and a potential of six customers.

Rates in Nova Scotia were "particularly good." In Ontario the cost for a small farm was about $2.80 a kilowatt hour. In Nova Scotia the small farm could get the same service for $2.50.

Making Probe Of Marketing

Farm Problems Are Under Survey at Ottawa in Preparation for the Coming Season of Parliament

Canadian agricultural marketing problems are now being specially studied by leading officials of the Dominion Agricultural Department at the request of Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister. After Mr. Gardiner receives the report of his officials he will consider whether a general marketing act is to be introduced at the coming session of Parliament.

While it was ruled ultra vires of the Federal Parliament by the Privy Council, the Natural Products Marketing Act is still on the Dominion statute books.

Livestock a Problem

One agricultural marketing problem which is engaging the special attention of departmental officials is that with regard to livestock about which there has been so much talk in recent years. The problem is of special interest to the Prairie Provinces, as well as Ontario.

A rabbit which chases a dog is owned by Jack Harris, of Elstow, Sask. When Sandy, a Scotch terrier owned by Dave Doney, trespasses the rabbit goes after him and Sandy doesn't stop to argue.

Germany now leads the world in the number of bicycle owners, there being 15,000,000, while Britain has 10,000,000, France 7,500,000, Japan 6,000,000, and Italy 4,000,000.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

THE word anthracite is derived from the Greek anthrax, meaning "coal." Since it is a noun, it is incorrect to say "anthracite coal." When referring to hard coal, the word anthracite is sufficient. Bituminous, however, being an adjective, should be followed by the word coal.

NEXT: Of what are the great polar ice caps formed?

Illustrious Jurist

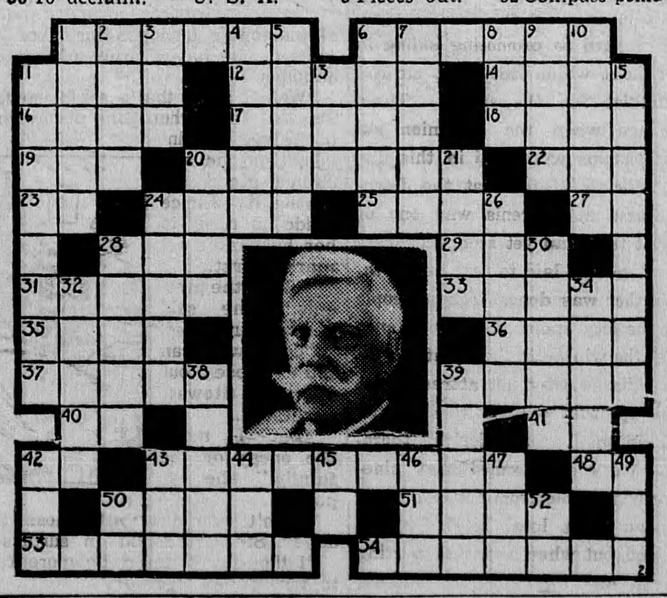
HORIZONTAL

1. 6 Famous American judge.
11 Street car.
12 Citrus fruit.
14 Related by blood.
16 Large stringed instrument.
17 Sheaves.
18 Fairy.
19 Kind.
20 Spinning machine.
22 Measure.
23 Northeast.
24 His father was the famous —— of the same name.
25 To pierce with a knife.
27 Southeast.
28 Sailor.
29 To weep.
31 To choose by ballot.
33 Mohammedan nymph.
35 To declaim.
36 Oak.
37 Opposed to lee.
39 Fragments of wood.
40 Within.
41 Nay.
42 Form of "a."
43 Aristocratic.
48 Musical note.
50 Starch.
51 Plant shoot.
53 He was justice of the U. S. A. —— Court.
54 His middle name.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

1 Pope's scarf.
2 Small bird.
3 Little devil.
4 To run away.
5 To relax.
6 Cornets.
7 Assault.
8 Geographical drawing.
9 Pieces out.
10 Male ancestors.
11 He was a liberal —— all his life (pl.).
13 Males.
15 He was in his —— when he died.
20 To classify.
21 Reckless.
24 Compacts.
26 Covered stall.
28 Mortise tooth.
30 Engraver's tool.
32 Classical language.
34 To pot again.
38 Theater platform.
39 Linked necklace.
42 Sloths.
43 Nominal value
44 Male cat.
45 Provided.
46 Frozen water.
47 To bow.
49 Sick.
50 Spain.
52 Compass point.



Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE

Slants Here and There

Anthony Eden was an interested spectator at Sophie Tucker's recent broadcast. La Tucker became acquainted with Eden while she was playing in Europe and the meeting was in the nature of a re-union.

Elsie Thompson, CBS organist, has been bitten with the composing urge and spends her spare time turning out ditties.

NBC Conductor Frank Black is an ardent worshipper of the classics, but one of his novel quartet arrangements of "Dinah," which he created for The Revelers in 1924, made The Revelers famous the world over.

Rosemary Stuart Lambright, 19-year-old NBC actress who has just been added to the cast of Kitty Keene, Inc., is a direct descendent of Mary, Queen of Scotland. Only 19, she has been on the air for two years.

Fanny Brice

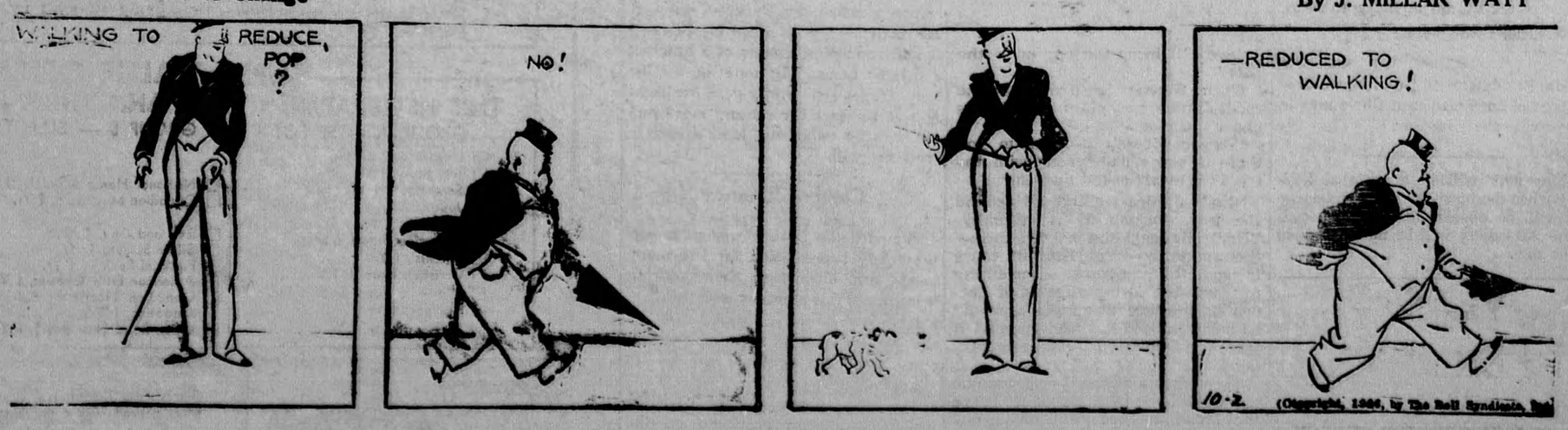
Fanny Brice, the Baby Snooks of NBC's Good News of 1939 program, is intensely interested in interior decoration and supervised the furnishing of her new home in Bel Air, California. In her spare moments she indulges in portrait painting.

Baton Swung By Girl

All the batons in radio are not swung by men. Out in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a pretty girl in her early twenties is music director of Station WOWO, NBC affiliate. Her name is Jeanne Brown and she's been boss of music at WOWO since the station opened its new studios.

Old Country Stations

The new interest created, in listening to foreign radio reception over short-wave, is really amazing. This is the result of the new DeForest Crosley Spread-Band dial which has six individual spread-bands "stretched" out to approximately 9" wide (five of these devoted to each of the short-wave channels). This of course, makes foreign stations as easy to tune in as New York or Chicago. Owners of these new 1939 "Music Master Series" DeForest Crosley Radios are getting a renewed kick out of "long range" reception.

POP—A Matter of Change

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