Sunday School Lesson

LESSON IV
Paul Wins Recognition For Gentile CHRISTIANS
Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2:1-10
Printed Text, Acts 15:23b-29; Gal. 2:1, 2, 9, 10
Golden Text — "A man is not justified by the works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ." Gal. 2:16.

The Lesson in Its Setting

Time — The council in Jerusalem was held in A.D. 51; Paul wrote his letter to the Galatians about A.D. 57.

Place. — The council of Jerusalem was held, of course, in the great center of Jewish life, the Holy City, Jerusalem, which twenty years later was to be utterly destroyed. The Antioch of this lesson was located on the Orontes River, in Syria.

The church at Antioch determined, with great wisdom, to send a group of their members, together with Paul and Barnabas, up to the city of Jerusalem to discuss with the apostles and elders there this entire question.

In Accord With One Another

23. The apostles and the elders, brethren, unto the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greeting.

24. Forasmuch as we have heard that certain who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls; to whom we gave no commandment; 25. it seemed good unto us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26. men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning of the Jerusalem conference Paul and Barnabas were being severely criticized by some members of the Jerusalem church; now they are spoken of as "our beloved Barnabas and Paul". The intention of the whole letter is to show the honor which the church in Jerusalem felt was due to these missionary laborers.

27. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves also shall tell you the same things by word of mouth.

28. For it seemed good [illegible] Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things. They boldly treat the Holy Spirit as one of their number, a fellow-counselor, who unites with them in the announcement of a joint conclusion. What a radical revolution would [illegible] in all church assemblies [illegible] the sense of the Spirit's presence were actually felt, and if everything were said and done as in his presence . . . Perhaps no one lesson among all those taught in this book is designed to leave a more deep lasting impression.

29. That ye abstain from things sacrificed to idols. This question of what to do in regard to meat offered to idols often troubled the early church. If these Gentile Christians standing in the liberty wherewith Christ had made them free should be found eating meat offered to idols, which was an abomination to the Jews, they might thereby keep other Jews from accepting Christ as their Savior; [illegible] while they had a right so to eat meat, the church at Jerusalem urges them that they do not stand on their own rights, but think first of their unsaved brethren. And from blood, and from things strangled. The heathen often drank blood at their idolatrous feasts, and frequently mixed blood with their food. And from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare ye well.

Don't Stand on Rights

1. Then after the space of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me. 2. And I went up by revelation; and I laid before them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles but privately before them who were of repute, lest by any means I should be running, or had run, in vain. While there is some disagreement among scholars as to whether this episode which Paul now describes is the same as that found in the fifteenth chapter of Acts, the opinion of the most to-day is that here we have two records of the same event.

This problem of Titus is an important one, and reveals Paul's real attitude toward the whole question of conversion. Paul vigorously opposed all those who taught the necessity of Jewish rites so far as salvation is concerned. But, on the other hand, St. Paul had not serving the law and submitting to circumcision, if they only realized that these things were mere national customs, and even as religious rites, but not as necessary religious rites. He refused to circumcise Titus, for instance, because the Judaizing party at Jerusalem were insisting upon the absolute necessity of circumcising the Gentiles if they were to be saved.

Four Great Men

9. And when they perceived the grace that was given unto me, James and Cephas and John, they who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship that we should go unto the Gentiles and they unto the circumcision. James, Peter, John, and Paul — it was a memorable day when these four men met face to face. Amongst them they've virtually made the New Testament and the Christian church. James clings to the [illegible] and embodies the transition from Mosaism to Christianity. Peter is the man of the present, quick in thought and action, eager, buoyant, susceptible. Paul holds the future in his grasp, and schools the unborn nations. John gathers present, past, and future into one, lifting us into the region of eternal life and love.

10. Only they would that we ourselves should remember the poor; which very thing I was also zealous to do. "'The poor' to whom reference is here made were undoubtedly the needy Christians in Jersualem.

Would Improve Cheese Quality

Premier Hepburn Sees Opportunity To Offset Loss On Butter Output

The government is taking steps to safeguard the quality of Ontario cheese through improved supervision of its manufacture, Premier Hepburn said in his budget address before the Legislature.

Canadian cheese is selling at premium in the British market over New Zealand cheese, from which it receives its keenest competition.

"At present we cannot export butter and compete—therefore every effort should be put forth to place our cheese industry upon a basis whereby the demand may be filled with a product of a quality to equal that of our past seasons and up to the expectation of the importer," Mr. Hepburn said.

Continued demand at good prices for Canadian cows and heifers in the United States and British markets is a real compliment to Ontario farmers as breeders and feeders of purebred dairy cattle, he went on.

High butter prices early in 1938 induced not only importations of butter but caused diversion of fluid milk from cheese factories to creameries. The percentage spread in 1938 butter prices was probably without precedent, the Toronto wholesale price of creamery butter falling from 36 cents in March to 21 cents in December.

National Policy For Agriculture

Is Urged By Premier Bracken Of Manitoba—Thorough Organization By Farmers Advocated — Means Of Handling Surpluses.

The way out of the difficulties facing agriculture in Canada was declared by Premier John Bracken of Manitoba, speaking at the Eastern Canada Conference on marketing of farm products to be thorough organization within the industry with such support by the Government of Canada as would give the industry an opportunity to solve its own problems.

"I suggest that organization means the development of a national policy for agriculture," he said, a policy that when once it is formed will have the support of those within the industry. That policy should provide a means of handling agricultural surpluses without impoverishing those who produced them and a means of bringing a larger share of the national income to that one-third of the people of Canada engaged in agricultural industry."

Sees Danger to East

Mr. Bracken, after declaring that the 30 million acres of wheat land in the West formed a potential danger to the 17 million acres of farmland in the East, if the wheat growers were forced to turn to other products, said that there was an immediate threat to the economic foundation of Canadian agriculture that would strike Western Canada first, but it would strike the East second, and just as hard if it was not solved in the way it was meant to be solved when the national policy of Canada was formed 60 years ago.

Seaweed For Cattle

Now comes the news that Canadian seaweed has been proved to be remarkably good for cattle meal, and far away New Zealand has actually come into the market as a buyer. These farmers of New Zealand, some of them descendants of the men who long ago built a ship and sailed to that country from Nova Scotia, know quite a lot about cattle and about dairying, and we know very well that when they ask for Canadian seaweed, made into meal, they are asking for something that will be a benefit to their already powerful and efficiently conducted industry of dairying.

Four Copies Kept Of Magna Charta

Document Was Drawn Up 724 Years Ago Establishing Legal Rights Of English People.

There are four copies of the Great Charter, the document which established the legal rights of the people of England 724 years ago. Upon this document was founded the Common-Law of England, the British Empire and of the United States. The people of England were in revolt because there was no system of law and order and they suffered many hardships and injustices. The barons compelled King John to admit that the Crown owed a duty to the people. The laws were inscribed in Latin on sheepskin, and at Runnymede, near Windsor Castle, the document was read to King John by the only man present who could read — Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury who had drawn it up. The King himself could not read or write. He could not sign his name to it, so he affixed his seal on wax. After that the Charter was taken away and monks and clerks made copies for every important centre. Few were taken care of. The one preserved at Lincoln is believed to be the original. The King put his seal on each one of them. Of the three others in existence, one is illegible owing to fire, another in the British Museum, lacks the seal, and the other was partially destroyed by a tailor who was cutting up old vellum.

Extra Milking

Without any change in feeding or management, an extra milking per day will result in 20 per cent. more milk, according to the Iowa State college. Usually it does not pay to milk cows three times per day, however, because milk is cheap and labor is high in price, relatively speaking. Tests have shown that the greatest amount of milk is secreted immediately after the udder is empty, and that a proportionately decreasing amount is secreted in the hours that follow before the next milking. Most of the high record producing cows are milked three times per day, and some of them four times.

His grandfather, father, uncle, brother and two cousins having been killed following riding accidents, Johannes J. Erasmus of Bloemfontein, South Africa, has vowed never to ride a horse again.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

ESTIMATES of the radius of the universe are changing constantly, and various authorities reckon it as being somewhere between 2000 million and 20,000 million light-years. Today we have photographic evidence to a distance of 500 million light-years, and larger telescopes of the future will enable us to penetrate farther into space.

NEXT: To what is the rainbow coloring in a peacock's feathers due?

RADIO NOTES AND NEWS

MADGE ARCHER

QUIZ PROGRAMMES

Quiz programmes have become such an integral part of radio entertainment in the last year or so that their important place in the programme schedule is now freely acknowledged as permanent.

These radio games began with the simple spelling bee. As they gained in popularity so they became more elaborate. Now ideas are being thought out so fast that competition is keen in the race to produce a mental test which will be as interesting and novel to the studio audience as to the listener and in which the listener can take as active a part as those in the studio.

AROUND THE DIAL

A rumor of unusual interest, which looks like becoming a definite possibility as the summer schedules are mapped out, is that Rudy Vallee will substitute for Charlie McCarthy. The story is that Vallee will join the Chase & Sanborn Hour on Sundays while Edgar Bergen and Don Ameche take their vacations. Vallee will carry on his Thursday night programme and stay in Hollywood for the summer. If true, the move will double his salary and keep him working twice as hard.

Winners of the nation-wide drama contest inaugurated by the CBC last November 1, will be announced during the first week in May. The four best plays will be specialy produced over the Canadian network. The authors will get handsome cash prizes, in order of merit $250.00, $150.00, $100.00 and $50.00. Ambitious Canadian playwrights have submitted more than 200 original scripts.

Two new dramatic serials are being considered by NBC to replace Bob Hope's show for thirteen weeks during the summed. The more interesting one will star Burgess Meredith, unforgettable hero of "Winterset," and will be called "Prosecuting Attorney." The other will star Franchot Tone as a young doctor face to face with the trials of his profession. June 20 is the tentative date. MORE—

TO BE HEARD . . . April 21, 8.00 p.m. CBC—Bowling Championships from Toronto . . . 8.30 p.m. CBC—Miss Trent's Children . . . 9 p.m. CBC & CBS—Orson Welles' Playhouse . . . April 22, 4.00 p.m. NBC & CBC—Club Matinee . . . 5.30 p.m. CBC—Saturday Matinee . . . 9 p.m. CBS—Phil Baker . . . 10.00 p.m. NBC-Red—Arch Oboler's Plays . . . 10.00 p.m. NBC-Blue & CBC — NBC Symphony Orchestra and Menotti opera . . . April 23, 12 Noon NBC & CBC—Tabloid version of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" . . . 2 p.m. CBC—"And It Came to Pass" . . . 3 p.m. CBS & CBC— New York Philharmonic Symphony . . . 8 p.m. NBC & CBC—Charlie McCarthy and the Chase and Sanborn Hour . . . 9 p.m. CBC—Hart House String Quartette . . . 10.30 p.m. CBS—H. V. Kaltenborn . . . April 24, 11.45 a.m. NBC & CBC — Dr. William L. Stidger's "Getting the Most Out of Life" . . . 12.15 p.m. CBC—Ontario Region Farm Programme . . . 9 p.m. CBS & CBC—Cecil B. De Mille's Radio Theatre . . . 10.00 p.m. NBC—Marek Weber in "Bohemia" . . . April 25, 9 p.m. CBS & CFRB—We, the People . . . April 26, 8 p.m. NBC & CBC— One Man's Family . . . 9.30 p.m. CBC—Music by Faith . . . April 27, 4.30 p.m. Mutual—Running of the Blue Grass Stakes from Lexington, Ky. . . . 8 p.m. NBC—Rudy Vallee's Varieties.

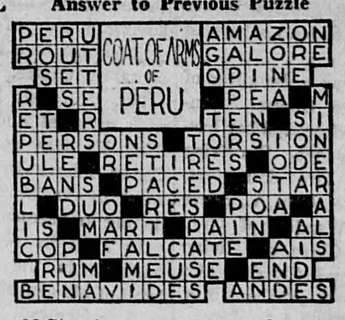
Horseback Across Canada

Pictured as she arrived in Montreal is 25-year-old Mary Bosanquet, of Devizes, Wiltshire, Eng. Miss Bosanquet will spend a vacation in Canada by making her way eastward from Vancouver astride a cow-pony, taking the best part of seven months for her trip.
—C.P.R. Photo

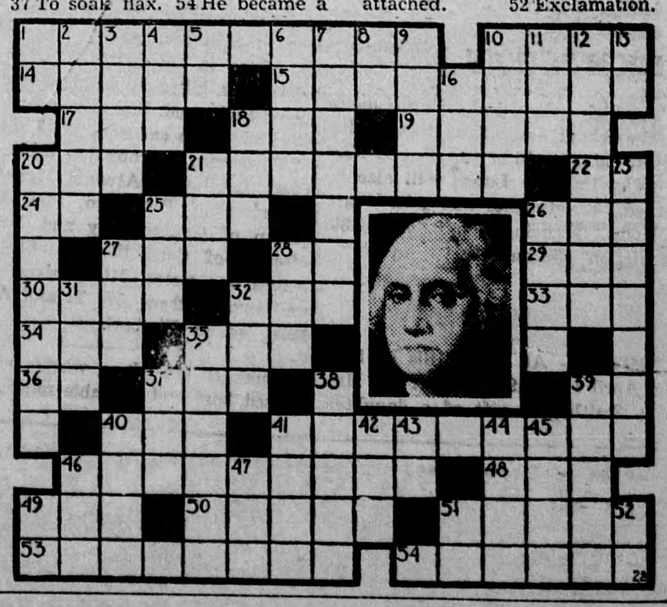
Father of His Country

HORIZONTAL
1 First President of the U. S. A., George ——
10 Bottom.
14 Liquid part of fat.
15 Money.
17 Wrath.
18 Evergreen tree.
19 Makes true.
20 To observe.
21 Slum dwelling.
22 South America.
24 Upon.
25 Skillet.
26 Chest bone.
27 Tennis stroke
28 Measure of area.
29 Prophet.
30 Action.
32 Inlet.
33 Snaky fish.
34 God of war.
35 Insane.
36 Half an em.
37 To soak flax.
39 Street.
40 Swimming organ of a fish.
41 Wedlock.
46 Divided.
48 Stir.
49 Blue grass.
50 Furnished with rattan.
51 Trumpet sound.
53 He was a —— as a young man.
54 He became a man of ——.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL
1 Grief.
2 Stranger.
3 Withered.
4 To hasten.
5 Within.
6 To smile broadly.
7 Gastropod.
8 Bone.
9 Short letter.
10 Crude.
11 War flyer.
12 Permanently attached.
13 Electric unit.
16 Coffee pot.
18 Moor.
20 He gained fame as a ——
21 Small flap.
23 He had great —— as a statesman.
25 Seed bag.
26 Long grass.
27 Meadow.
28 To help.
31 Sea eagle.
32 Rodent.
35 Threat.
37 To tear stitches.
38 Mother.
39 Nose noise.
40 Fright.
41 The hand.
42 To scatter.
43 Road.
44 Evils.
45 Land right.
46 French coin.
47 Beam.
49 Postscript.
51 To exist.
52 Exclamation.



REG'LAR FELLERS—Up to Date

By GENE BYRNES