# Sunday School Lesson . .

**LESSON X**
**PAUL PLEADS HIS OWN CASE**
**Acts 21:27—23:11; 24:10—26.32**
**Printed Text—Acts 21:40—22: 4; 24:14-16; 26:19-23.**

Golden Text.—I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day. Acts 23:1.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—All of the events recorded in these six chapters occurred A.D. 58 to 60.

Place.—Jerusalem and Caesarea.

In the former part of chapter 21, we have an account of Paul's reception when he came to Jerusalem on the last visit which he ever paid to the Holy City.

21:40. And when he had given him leave, Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the hand unto the people; and when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, saying, 22:1. Brethren and fathers, hear ye the defence which I now make unto you. 2. And when they heard that he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, they were the more quiet: and he saith, 3. I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers being zealous for God, even as ye all are this day: 4. and I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. The charges against Paul which were made by this multitude were absolutely false.

Felix was a brother of the favorite of the Emperor Claudius, appointed to be procurator in Palestine, who had married the grand-daughter of Antony and Cleopatra. He arrived in Palestine in A.D. 52. The cynical disregard of Felix for justice and his inordinate greed are both brought to view in his treatment of the apostle Paul. How easily and courageously and manfully Paul conducts himself before this Roman officer. From a denial of false charges he proceeds to an affirmation of his faith.

**Talks To Guilty People**

14. But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the law, and which are written in the prophets; 15. having hope toward God, which these also themselves look for, that there shall be a resurrection both of the just and unjust. 16. Herein I also exercise myself to have a conscience void of offence toward God and men always. The apostle proceeds to tell Felix exactly what had happened in the temple; and then he challenges his accusers to contradict with any adequate evidence the statement he has made. This was enough for Felix. He would not himself give a decision this day, but he would wait for further evidence. After certain days the apostle was sent for, and this time spoke not only to Felix but to his wife Drusilla, the youngest of three daughters of Herod Agrippa I, who was married in A.D. 53 to Azizus, the king of Emesa, but who not long afterwards was persuaded by this very person, Felix, to leave her husband and to join him as his third wife. This time Paul did not offer any defense of his actions, but preached a sermon of searching power to these wicked people, on righteousness and temperance and judgment to come.

Once again there is no verdict; charges have not been proved, Paul is not convicted, yet he is not set free. Thank God also, Paul is not broken, nor is he now in any mood to compromise. The longer the trial goes on, the greater a man Paul appears to be.

**Before Festus and Agrippa**

After two years Felix was succeeded by one Jorcius Festus, as procurator of Judaea. The Jews, still seeking the death of Paul, tried to persuade Festus to send Paul down to Jerusalem from Caesarea, hoping to kill him on the road; but Festus refused, insisting that the Jews come up from Jerusalem instead, and bring their charges once more into the Roman court, "which they could not prove." There was nothing else for Festus to do but to accede to Paul's request, and sooner or later send him up to Rome for final trial.

It happened about this time that Herod Agrippa II, king of Chalcis, with his sister Berenice, came on a complimentary visit to the new governor, and stayed some days. Festus took advantage of this opportunity of consulting one better informed than himself on the points in question. Paul was brought before Agrippa.

19. Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: 20. but declared both to them of Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judaea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. All the years since his conversion had Paul tried to do nothing but obey this command from heaven, and yet because of this obedience did the Jews desire to put him to death. 21. For this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and assayed to kill me. 22. Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand unto this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and oses did say should come; 23. how that the Christ must suffer, and how that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles.

And what of the verdict? There has not been a true official verdict passed upon the apostle Paul in all these different trials, and there is no official verdict passed here, but Agrippa and Festus both agreed that this man had done nothing worthy of death or of bonds, and might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar. Paul must go to Rome!

## Chauffeur To The King and Queen

Chauffeur of the governor-general, Thomas Southgate, is shown here at the wheel of one of the cars he is driving throughout Canada as acting chauffeur to Their Majesties during their Canadian tour. Above the windshield of the car can be seen the royal crest and behind it the blue light that will be used to illuminate it at night.

# GARDENING

Dahlias, tomatoes, large cosmos or nicotine, young shade trees, new climbers, all benefit from some artificial support while they are getting started.

For tall individual flowers or tomatoes, 6-foot stakes of wood or steel are advisable and the plant is tied to these loosely with soft twine or raffia. Stouter and perhaps longer stakes will be used with shade trees, and correspondingly shorter ones for the smaller flowers. With vines getting ready to cling to fence or wall, string is used or perhaps adhesive tape or staples where it is impossible to tie.

FILLING IN

It is a good plan, old gardeners state, to use started annual flower plants of the kinds mentioned above for planting among tulips and other spring flowering bulbs which will be past their best in a few more weeks. They need something to hide dying foliage. Then again quick growing annuals will always be useful for filling any blind spots in the perennial beds where Winter has been unusually severe.

GARDEN PESTS

Garden insect enemies are divided into two groups,—those that eat holes in the foliage and those that suck out the juices. For the first named, poison is usually applied, while the suckers are attacked with a burning spray which penetrates. Often when both are present, a combination of poison and something that burns, such as lime sulphur and arsenate, gives the best results. The damage from the biting insects is usually quite apparent, but the presence of the other kind is only shown at first by a wilting or withering of the foliage. For sucking pests, chief of which are the aphids or plant lice, spray with whale oil soap, a quarter pound of soap to a gallon and a half of water; nicotine sulphate, or 'Black Leaf 40', or any other repellent secured from a reliable seed store.

## Ontario Explores Northern Fields

**75 University Geologists and Students Will Search Out New Mine Areas This Summer**

Hon. Paul Leduc, Ontario minister of mines, has announced a diverse and widepsread program of geological investigation by more than 75 workers this summer.

**Trained Men Obtained**

Nearly 60 students recruited from the departments of geology and mining engineering at Ontario universities will participate.

Among others Dr. A. Brant will conduct a geological and magnetometer survey east and west from the producing mines in the Little Long Lac Belt, near Geraldton in the Thunder Bay district. This will be the biggest geo-physical examination ever conducted by the department.

Dr. M. E. Hurst, provincial geologist, wil investigate recent developments in the Porcupine area and examine properties in different parts of the province.

Dr. Hurst said he thought the 1939 exploration program was as large as last year, which set a record for provincial survey work.

# How Can I?

BY ANNE ASHLEY

Q.—How can I stop the squeaking of the porch swing?

A.—Wrap a small piece of leather, cut from an old shoe, around each hook of the swing, or other similar moving article, and it will stop the squeaking.

Q.—How can I give a golden brown color to coffee?

A.—Instead of using cream in the coffee, bring some milk just to the boiling point, and pour it while steaming hot into the hot coffee. Use just enough of the milk to give the coffee a golden brown color.

Q.—How can I clean leather goods?

A.—Leather can be very nicely cleaned by rubbing with one part vinegar and two parts linseed oil, then polishing with a dry cloth.

Q.—How can I lessen excessive perspiration under the arms?

A.—Dissolve one-half teaspoon of ordinary cooking soda in a small cupful of water, and apply. This solution is very cooling.

Q.—How can I remove the burned edges of a cake?

A.—Use a fine grater and rub lightly over the black parts, and remove the crumbs. Place the icing on the new surface and no apologies will be necessary. Do not put icing on a cake that is burned on the edges.

Stiff silks are continued for afternoon wear by Vionnet. Most surprising is the use of a considerable quantity of black taffeta for afternoon dresses. Another afternoon idea is a grosgrain coat of violet-blue with collar edging of eyelet topping a chiffon dress in banded colors of violet blue, mauve-pink, and soft light blue.

A saucepan which has been out of use for some time and which has become rusty can be cleaned with olive oil. Rub the saucepan well with the oil and leave it on over night. Scour thoroughly with a flannel dipped in bathbrick, wash in hot soapy water, and then rinse out with boiling water.

# THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

NO other flight of a homing pigeon compares with the remarkable 24-day return from Arras, France, to Saigon, Indo-China, but there have been many that are so phenomenal as to be beyond human understanding. A United States army pigeon made a flight of 2100 miles, from Vanceboro, Maine, to San Antonio, Texas.

**NEXT: What is the absolute zero?**

# RADIO NOTES AND NEWS

UNSUNG HEROES

Few people on duty in connection with the royal visit to Canada are working harder and under more nerve-racking conditions than the announcers who are describing the various events for radio listeners. Day in and day out these men follow the royal party to detail the ceremonies and other events so they may become word-pictures surmounting time and space and giving the royal tour the form of a vast, vivid panorama of sound that spans a continent.

These commentators work without a script. Beyond a few notes jotted down quickly on a piece of paper, they are thrown upon their resourcefulness as improvisators. They have a rough idea of what is going to happen but mostly they must describe the details, many of them unforeseen, instantaneously. And Their Majesties have been winning Canadian hearts by doing unforeseen and spontaneous things. The radio commentator must be all prepared for them.

He is also expected to be a walking encyclopedia of information. He must know something of the intricacies of royal ceremony, the details of uniforms. He rarely knows in advance what dress the King will wear, whether he will appear as an admiral of the fleet, full dress or undress, field marshal or honorary colonel. The commentator must be prepared to describe at a moment's notice the exquisite and elaborate gowns worn by Her Majesty, the Queen.

He is, in short, one of the unsung heroes of the tour.

AROUND THE DIAL

Don Voorhees, popular band leader, conducts the Ford Sunday Evening Hour beginning July 11 . . . Hildegarde rejoins Raymond Paige on June 14 . . . Phil Baker leaves the air for the summer on July 8 . . . "District Attorney" goes on the half-hour schedule starting July 27.

Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra will be sponsored next Fall. The backing will come from a co-operative effort on the part of those represented at the New York World's Fair.

TO BE HEARD: June 2, 3 p.m. NBC — U. S. Navy Band . . . 7:00 CBC — Their Majesties visit Edmonton . . . 8:00 CBS — First Nighter . . . June 3, 5:00 p.m. CBC Their Majesties visit Saskatoon . . . 8:30 NBC — Avalon Time . . . . 10:00 NBC — Arch Oboler's play . . . June 4, 11:30 a.m. CBS — Major Bowes Capitol Family . . . 2:30 p.m. CBS — Words Without Music . . . 8:00 NBC — Chase and Sanborn Hour . . . 9:50 CBC — Their Majesties at Sioux Lookout . . . . June 5, 6:50 p.m. CBC — Their Majesties in Sudbury . . . 7:30 CBS—Eddie Cantor's Show (new) . . . . June 6, 8:00 p.m. CBS — Edward G. Robinson in "Big Town" . . . . 8:30 p.m. CBC — Their Majesties at Windsor . . . 8:30 NBC — Information Please . . . June 7, 3:30 p.m. CBC — The Royal Party in Hamilton . . . 7:30 CBC — Their Majesties at Niagara . . . 10:15 on CBC — U. S. Secretary Cordell Hull escorts Their Majesties to the United States . . . June 8, Noon, on NBC, CBS, CBC — President Roosevelt welcomes the King and Queen at Washington . . . 9:00 p.m. NBC, CBS and CBC — Special concert of English and American music honoring the royal visit.

# Champion Tennis Player

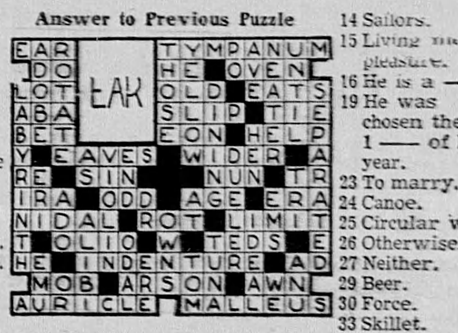
**HORIZONTAL**

1,6 Pictured tennis champion.
11 Olive shrub.
12 Threefold.
13 Kind of sponge spicule
15 Goddess of youth.
16 Scarlet.
17 Paid publicity.
18 Striped fabric.
20 Being.
21 Musical note.
22 To soak flax.
23 He won three championships at —— this year.
28 Harbor.
31 Lubricant.
32 Prickly pear.
35 To ignore.
36 Onager.
37 Angry.
38 Bronze.
39 To decay.
41 Aurora.
43 Mesh of lace.
44 Hops kiln.
46 Wine vessel.
48 To scatter.
50 He was a member of the Davis Cup —— (pl.).
53 Raven's cry.
56 Ulcer.
57 Fungus disease.
58 Heavy blow.
60 Act of shaving the head.
61 Russian empress.

**VERTICAL**

1 To accomplish
2 Ancient.
3 Requires.
4 Ridge.
5 Crown.
7 Indian.
8 To preclude.
9 Swimming bird.
10 Half an em.
14 Sailors.
15 Living in pledsure.
16 He is a ——.
19 He was chosen the No. 1 —— of last year.
23 To marry.
24 Canoe.
25 Circular wall.
26 Otherwise.
27 Neither.
29 Beer.
30 Force.
33 Skillet.
34 Supped.
40 Animal.
42 Kilns.
44 Poems.
45 Joker.
47 Acidity.
48 Also.
49 Eagle.
51 Before.
52 Witticism.
54 Blackbird.
55 Tumor.
56 Street.
59 Sun god.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



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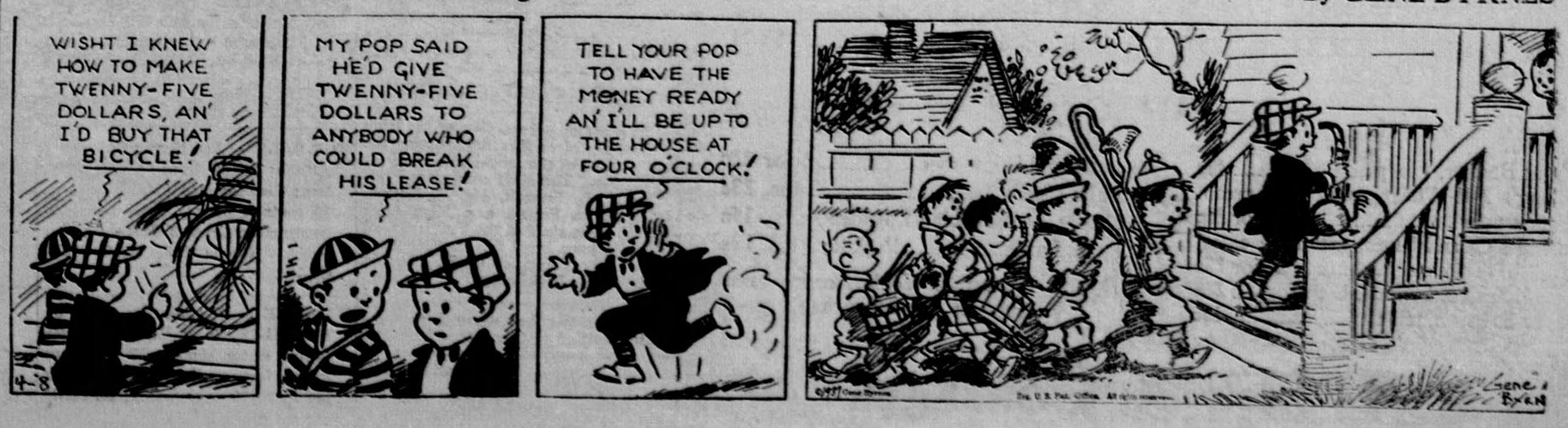
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