SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 21

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING. Ps. 103; 107; Matt. 6 : 5-15; John 17 : 1-26; Eph. 5 : 18-21; Phil. 4 : 6; 1 Thess. 5 : 16-18; 1 John 5 : 14, 15.

PRINTED TEXT.—Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks. 1 Thess. 5 : 17, 18.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—We do not know when Psalms 103 and 107 were written. The Sermon on the Mount was delivered in the summer of A.D. 28. Our Lord offered His great intercessory prayer on Thursday night, April 6, A.D. 30. The Epistles to the Ephesians and Philippians were written in 64 A.D., the First Epistle to the Thessalonians was written in 54 A.D., and the First Epistle of John approximately 95 A.D.

Place.—The two Psalms of our lesson were probably written in or near Jerusalem; the Sermon on the Mount was delivered not far from the City of Capernaum. The intercessory prayer of our Lord was offered in Jerusalem. Ephesus was a great city of the province of Asia; Philippi and Thessalonica were cities of Macedonia (northern Greece). The First Epistle of John may have been written from the city of Ephesus.

Hypocrites Denounced

5. "And when ye pray, ye shall not be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have received their reward." We need not suppose that the Pharisees went out into the streets to say their prayers, but that, when they were in a public place at the hour of prayer, they were ostentatious in performing their devotions. They were glad to be seen praying, and chose a conspicuous place. As in alms giving it is not the being seen, but the wish to be seen, as to be seen in order to be admired that is condemned. Of all hypocrisies, that of pretending to have intercourse with God, and of making a parade of such intercourse is one of the worst. Christ, of course, does not condemn public worship; it is saying private prayers in needless publicity, in order to gain a reputation for special sancity, that is denounced.

Pray In Secret

6. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee." They reason we are to be alone is that we might pour out our heart without the restraining influence that is bound to be present when others are near by. When we pray in secret, we are interested in nothing but pleading with God.

7. "And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8. Be not, therefore, like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." Just as Christ does not condemn public prayer, but praying in public in order to win esteem, so here he does not condemn all repitition in prayer. We repeat supplications, not in order to secure God's attention, but in order to secure our own attention. God is always ready to listen to his children's needs; but they are not always attending to what they say when they bring their needs before him.

The Lord's Prayer

9. "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father who art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy name." In calling God our Father we imply that we are his children. Therefore, we have a relationship to him. In this relationship we are to be ever sanctifying his name. We do so by ever remembering God is holy, and then by so living that he himself is revealed as a Holy God in our life.

10. "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, as in Heaven, so on earth." A Kingdom implies at least two factors, an area over which the Kingdom rules, and a King who is sovereign. The Kingdom of God on earth is the domain in which God's holy will is done in and among men. We enter this Kingdom by repentenance, by faith, by new birth.

11. "Give us this day our daily bread." Bread is an absolute necessity of life. We are not here asking for delicacies but for that very elemental material by which we may live, in the simplest but most vital way.

12. "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." All transgressions of duty are debts to him, and we need his forgiveness for them not in order to escape the penalties of our wrong doing, but in order that the loving relationship between Father and child may be restored. We must cultivate a spirit of forgiveness towards those who seem to have wronged us, before we venture to claim forgiveness for ourselves.

12. "And bring us not into temtation, but deliver us from the evil one." Of course this prayer would never be prayed except by one who desired to do the will of God. People do not pray to be kept from the evil one, when they have deliberately chosen to live a life of sin.

14. "For if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." The facts that this alone of all the topics of the prayer is taken up a second time, ought to impress upon us very deeply the importance of forgiving if we wish to be forgiven.

Pray Without Ceasing

16. "Rejoice always." Joy springs from the possession of present good. It is an intense delight in God's presence and in fellowship with him.

17. "Pray without ceasing; 18. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God an Christ Jesus to you-ward." Our true aim must not be to work much, and have prayer enough to keep the work right, but to pray much and then work enough for the power and blessing obtained in prayer to find its way through us to me. Christ is surety for our praying without ceasing. Christ teaches to pray by showing how he does it, by leading us to do it in him and like him. In the experience of our union with him, praying without ceasing becomes a possibility, the holiest part of our fellowship with God.

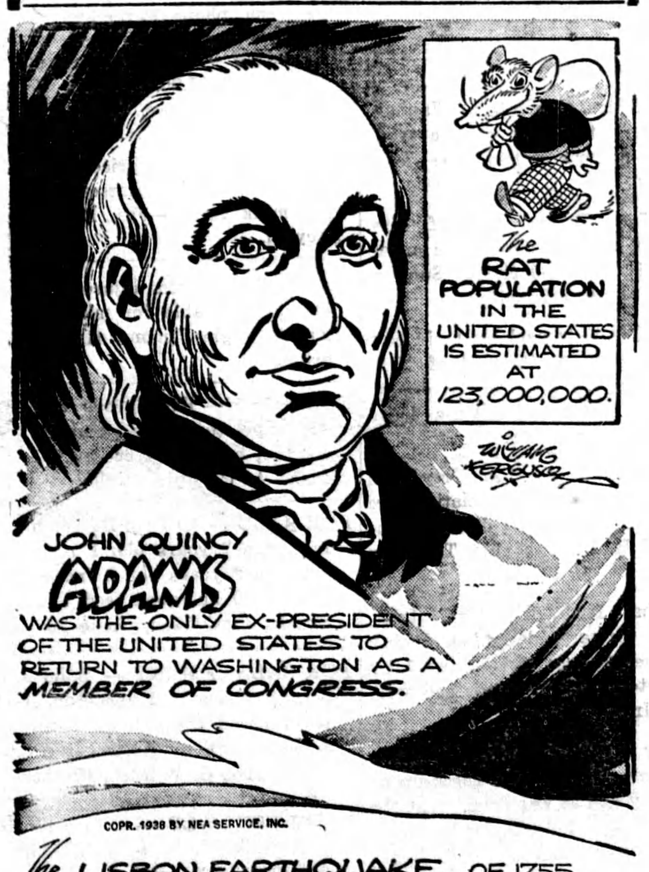
FROM "DOWN UNDER" TO "OVER THE TOP"

More than 600 pilots of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal New Zealand Air Force arrived in San Francisco aboard the SS. Mariposa on their way to a Canadian training field, and eventually to the European air front. Here a group of them cheerfully give good luck signs.

Italians Produce 'Ruins' to Order

Italians are producing historical monuments to order, judging by the published handbooks on air raid precautions in that country which have reached Britain. Here are some camouflage hints they contain: A line of power cable pylons can be made to resemble the ruined arches of a Roman aqueduct. A small reservoir can look like a country church, complete with campanile and "bells" visible from the air. An oil storage tank can appear to be a villa in Italian style with shuttered windows.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



THE U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that rats cause an annual damage of $189,000,000, although the rat population is believed to have been reduced one-half in the last twenty years. About half of the present number of these rodents live on farms.

NEXT: Strange superstitions about toads.

Waste Products Become Gasoline

Amateur Chemist Makes Gasoline From Garbage, Waste Lumber and Farm Products

A building contractor who turned chemist because he became irritated at the ize of his gasoline bills has developed a process to convert garbage, waste lumber and farm products into motor fuel.

J. W. Jean has obtained final patents on the method he developed in a machine shop laboratory. He says tests of his synthetic fuel have shown it has an octane rating of 98.7 comparable to aviation gasoline, and that it has developed 25 per cent more mileage than the petroleum fuel.

The raw material first is fermented into alcohol and then converted into a synthetic hydro-carbon. To produce butyl alcohol cheaply, it was necessary to develop an unpatented bacterian. He met the problem by isolating one from potato peelings.

One hundred and fifty tons of bagasse or sugar cane waste, he said, can be converted into 9,875 gallons of motor fuel, 66,160 pounds of carbon dioxide for dry ice, 2,700 pounds of hydrogen gas from which synthetic alcohol can be produced, and 50 tons of humus for the soil.

By-products include ammonia salts, which, when blended with fertilizer, provide a high nitrogen content. When the fuel is produced from garbage, a superior lubricant is developed.

Among materials from which the fuel can be produced, Jean said, are molasses, sawdust and shavings, waste from paper and sugar mills, old newspapers, potatoes, fruit, nuts and nut shells, and second and third cotton crops, seldom harvested, including the entire cotton plant.

The Gentle Hun!

Although Norway has never been able to produce sufficient food for her own people, she is today being compelled not only to send large quantities of food to Germany but also to feed a German occupation army estimated at 300,000 men.

Recenty Reichs - commissioner Josef Terboven warned the Norwegian people that they must either comply with the Nazi regulations or face starvation. "It is a matter of indifference to Germany," he said, "if some thousands or perhaps tens of thousands of Norwegian men, women and children starve and freeze to death during the war."

Reducing the Weight

Letters to and from the forces in the Middle East reduced by the airgraph process to tiny films, weighed only 500 pounds. Had the letters been sent by ordinary post they would have weighed about thirty-five tons.

RADIO REPORTER

DIALING WITH DAVE:

Amongst radio's favorite comedians is Screen Star and stage actor Frank Morgan. His ready wit and impossible stories headline the Coffee Time program NBC-RED (WBEN) Thursday nights at 9 D.S.T. Meredith Wilson's music — Baby Snooks and John Conte also star on the show.

Santa Claus — Jack Frost and all the other characters of the Christmas season so dear to the youngsters, come to life on the air from CFRB every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 5.30 D.S.T. With lots of special sound effects — plenty of action, and a great big bundle of the Spirit of Christmas, these thrice weekly Santa Claus shows are looked forward to by young and old alike!

On the Sunday Nov. 2nd program of Songs the Soldiers Sing (5.30 D.S.T. CKOC) listeners were invited to write in for the words of a dramatic skit featured frequently on the show, "The Londoner and the Hun". When the Saturday morning Nov. 8th mail had been counted, the week's total had reached 954 requests. The program, featuring the stirring march and ballad tunes of the Empire, is widely listened to throughout Ontario.

Clifton Fadiman's (MC. Information Please) new show is American Defense effort "Keep 'Em Rolling." Aired Sunday nights on Mutual, show is top-flite all the way thru, (WOR, WGR-11.30 DST.) Rudy Vallee's Thursday night NBC show has been renewed for another six months — which is mighty good news. John Barrymore is the maestro's foil on the show, (WBEN).

Among the great weekly dramatic shows on the networks is the CBS Screen Guild, Sunday night at 8.30 D.S.T., WGR, WJR. Got musical ability? WGN's "Chicago Theatre of the Air" on Mutual is offering $10,500.00 for an original All-American Opera.

DIALING AROUND 1150

The Saturday morning children's corner — Good Deed Club at 9.45; Once Upon a Time, 10.15 a.m.

Sundays at one — and NBC's famed singing trio The Ranch Boys, dedicated as much to YOUR War Savings effort as Hamilton's — The High School Shows, Friday at 8.00 — the All-Star Show Wednesday at 8.00.

For a fine evening of balanced listening, catch Thursday from 6.15 till 9.30 D.S.T. on CKOC.

OUR RADIO LOG

TORONTO STATIONS		
CFRB	860k, CBL	740k
CKCL	580k, CBY	1010k
U.S. NETWORKS		
WEAF	N.B.C. Red	660k
WJZ	N.B.C. Blue	770k
WABC	(C.B.S.)	880k
WOR	(M.B.S.)	710k
CANADIAN STATIONS		
CFOS	Owen Sd.	1400k
CKOC	Hamilton	1150k
CHML	Hamilton	900k
CKTB	St. Cath.	1230k
CFCF	Montreal	600k
CFCH	North Bay	1230k
CFCO	Chatham	630k
CFPL	London	1570k
CJCS	Stratford	1240k
CFRC	Kingston	1490k
CJIC	Sault Ste. M.	1490k
CJKL	Kirkland L.	560k
CKCR	Waterloo	1490k
CKAC	Montreal	730k
CKCO	Ottawa	1310k
CKGB	Timmins	1470k
CKSO	Sudbury	790k
CKPC	Brantford	1380k
CKLW	Windsor	800k
CKNX	Wingham	1230k
U.S. STATIONS		
WEBR	Buffalo	1340k
WHAM	Rochester	1180k
WLW	Cincinnati	700k
WGY	Schenectady	810k
KDKA	Pittsburgh	1020k
WBBM	Chicago	780k
WBEN	Buffalo	930k
WGR	Buffalo	550k
WKBW	Buffalo	1520k
WJR	Detroit	760k

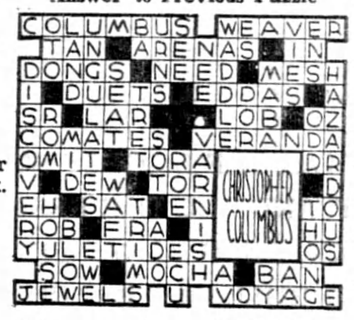
SHORT WAVE		
GSB	England	9.51m
GSC	England	9.58m
GSD	England	11.75m
GSE	England	11.86m
GSF	England	15.14m
GSG	England	17.79m
GSP	England	15.31m
GSV	England	17.81m
EAR	Spain	9.48m
EAQ	Spain	9.86m
RAN	Russia	960m
RNE	Russia	12.00m
RV96	Russia	15.18m
WGEA	Schenectady	15.33m
WCAB	Phila.	15.27m
WRUL	Boston	15.15m
WCBX	N. York	11.83m

INQUISITIVE CREATURE

HORIZONTAL

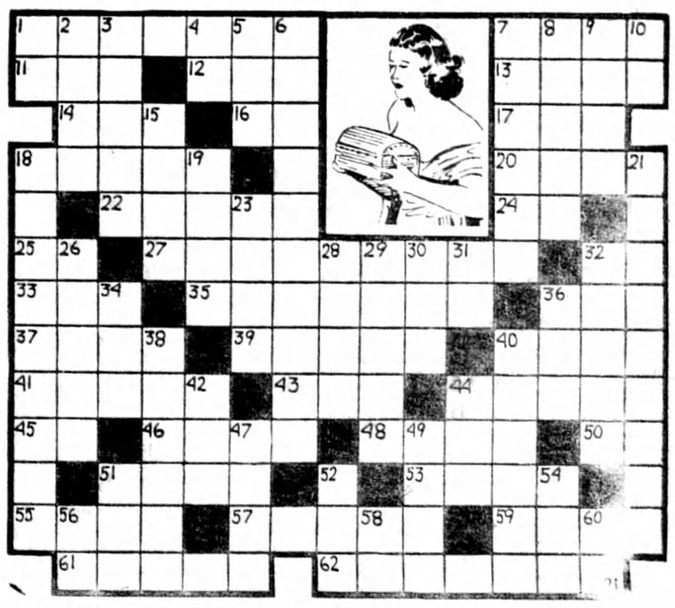
1 Inquisitive woman of the Greek Myths.
7 Bow.
11 Striped cloth.
12 Distant.
13 —— gave her a closed box.
14 Flour box.
16 3.1416.
17 Little devil.
18 Turned pale.
20 Flat plate.
22 Fat.
24 And.
25 Ell.
27 Blotches.
32 Hour (abbr.)
33 Vigor.
35 Additional performances.
36 Capuchin monkey.
37 Always.
39 Genus of slugs
40 Finch.
41 Stair post.
43 High mountain.
44 Grows dim.
45 Transposed (abbr.)
46 Swift.
48 Shirt button.
50 Note in scale.
51 Fortified place
53 Mischievous.
55 Agent.
57 Accustomed.
59 Breezy.
61 The box contained all —— ills.
62 When she opened the box, the ills ——.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1 Parent.
2 Father.
3 Brads.
4 Preposition.
5 Knock.
6 Person of rank.
7 Hydrozoates.
8 To send money.
9 Mugs.
10 Bone.
15 Gains.
18 Precluded.
19 To drug.
21 —— made her open the forbidden box.
23 Arm bone.
26 Glandular organ.
28 Work.
29 Harvests.
30 Female fowl.
31 Corpse.
32 Seraglio.
34 Cage for hawks.
36 Grass.
38 To improve.
40 Reckless.
42 Gibbon.
44 Sable.
47 To benumb.
49 Powder ingredient.
51 Feudal fee.
52 Billiard rod.
54 To hurry.
56 Sound of surprise.
58 While.
60 Road (abbr.).



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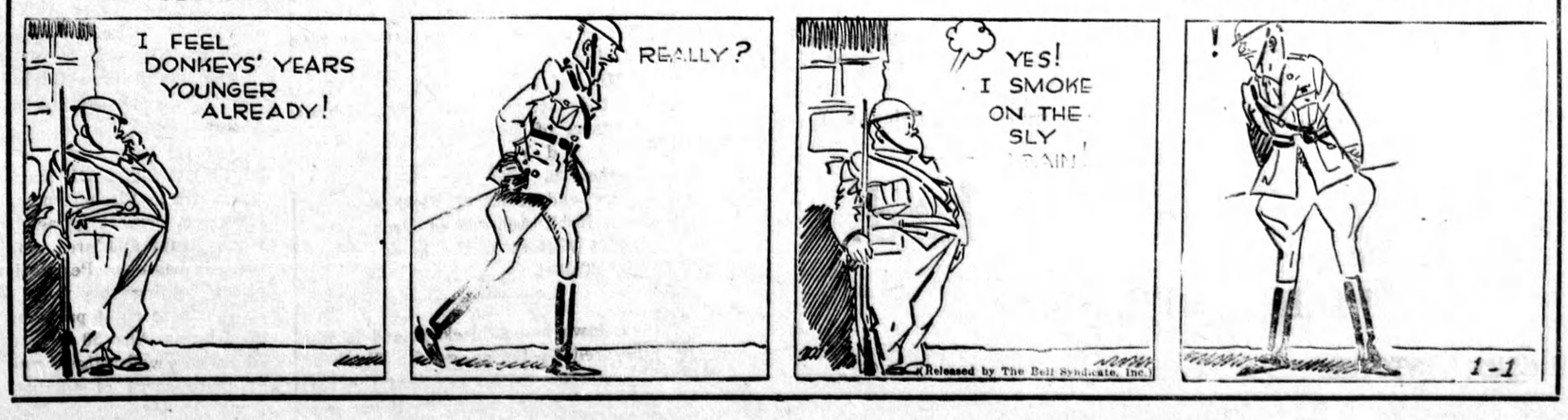
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