SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 7
BIBLE TEACHINGS AGAINST DRUNKENNESS
I Samuel 30:16, 17; Isaiah 28: 1-4, 7; Galatians 5:19-21

GOLDEN TEXT.—Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. Isaiah 24:9.

Memory Verse: God is love. I John 4:8.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The event recorded in I Samuel occurred possibly 1056 B.C.; Isaiah 28 was written not far from 725 B.C.; Paul probably wrote his Epistle to the Galatians in A.D. 58.

Place.—The city of Ziklag has not yet been definitely identified, but it was somewhere south of Gaza, in southern Palestine. Ephraim is the name of that part of Palestine which can be generally located in the central western section of the Holy Land; here it is probably a synonym for all of Samaria. Galatia was a province in Asia, an area today known as Asia Minor.

"And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the ground, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, who rode upon camels and fled."

Providentially, an Egyptian who knew the place to which the Amalekites had fled, appeared just at the time when David first became aware of what had happened to his property and his wives, and guided them to the place where these marauders were drinking and carousing in celebration of their victory. Discovered in such a state, totally surprised and unprepared, bewildered because of their gluttony and drinking, the whole Amalekite host that had destroyed Ziklag was destroyed by David and his soldiers. Many a battle has been lost for the same reason.

Abiding Beauty

"Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are overcome with wine. Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one; as a tempest of hail, a destroying storm, as a tempest of mighty waters overflowing, will be cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under foot: and the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be as the first ripe fig before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up."

The union of two metaphors, each separately striking, adds double force to the prophet's warning. . . . The proud crown or garland of the drunkards, when the spoiler has torn it from their brows, and cast it on the ground, will be trodden under his feet. Samaria, the glorious beauty or ornament of Ephraim, would be indeed like a fading flower, a wreath withering away; and also like the early fig, which drops when the tree is shaken, and which he who sees it no sooner sets his eyes upon than he devours it with greedy haste.

Effect of Strong Drink

"And even these reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they stagger with strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment." By the influence of intoxicating liquors the priests and prophets were disqualified for the high and holy functions of their office; and the consequence was that the nation was corrupt, and was exposed to the heavy judgments of God.

Works of the Flesh

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you even as I did forewarn you, that they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." This is the first time that these verses, so dark in their enumeration of the sins of men, have ever appeared as a part of the printed text of the International Sunday School Lessons. And yet this passage is a part of the Word of God, a very sober part of the Word of God. It is a word of warning, and it should be heeded. The mere examination of this passage with some care will bow any heart before God, asking for cleansing when it is conscious of being guilty of any of these sins, asking, too, for divine deliverance from each and all of them throughout the years that remain.

is, of course, to have eternal life. It involves all that is ever thought of in the idea of heaven, of eternal peace and joy, of a home above in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. To be shut out of the kingdom of God means nothing less than to be confined to darkness and everlasting suffering. The text does not say that any one who has ever been guilty of any of these sins will never inherit the kingdom of God, for then all of us would be hopelessly lost. No matter what sin any man has been guilty of, the blood of Jesus Christ His Son can wash that sin or can make atonement for that sin and reconcile that soul to God. What it does say is that those who practice and continue in these sins, who persistently embrace them and indulge in them, these will never enter the kingdom of God. There is a difference between a man who lives in sin day after day, and a Christian who in some sudden moment of temptation falls into sin, only to cry to God to be immediately delivered therefrom.

With fingers still nimble at 103, Miss Elizabeth Hoyland, of Yorkshire, England, is knitting scarves for soldiers.

Huns Use Fiendish Phosphorus Bullets

The Germans are using an explosive bullet that is treated with phosphorus, claims the Windsor Star. The purpose of the bullet is to make a jagged hole and spread the phosphorus through the wound. The poison takes effect and there is enough of it to be fatal, if it is not caught in time.

The Huns are masters of the fiendish arts of war. They use these poison bullets as part of their campaign to spread fear. If anything like it is used against the Germans, Berlin squeals to the heavens that Germany is being the victim of unorthodox punishment.

The Germans used explosive bullets in the last war, too. It is the same old Hun, the same cruel Boche, who wants to conquer and will go to any length to achieve that conquest.

New Process

Raincoats for Canada's armed forces are now being made of ordinary cotton shirting, weatherproofed with a chemical the basis of ingredients of which are limestone, natural gas and salt.

SLAYER

Picture shows assassin of Admiral Jean Darlan, in Algiers. His name was Bonnier de la Chapelle, 20, and he was executed by a firing squad. He was member of patriotic youth organization, Chantiers de Jeunesse.

SCOUTING . . .

The value of Boy Scout training in first aid was shown to good advantage recently at Galt, Ontario. A group of Scouts enjoying an outing on a farm near the city were given an opportunity to test their skill when a lad fell from the roof of a barn, injuring his ankles. They used their knowledge of signalling to call other boys from the nearby woods, and then while one boy summoned a doctor, other boys improvised a stretcher with their coats and carried the injured boy to the farm house, where preparations had been made to receive him by a messenger sent ahead.

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A Nova Scotia Scoutmaster, looking over a picture of a group of his Boy Scouts, taken on a camping trip a few years ago, found that of 14 boys in the group, seven are in the armed forces, two are in war industry, two are studying medicine at University and three are still attending school.

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Out of a class of 48 men who sat for a higher rating examination for Sick Berth Attendants in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the first three places were won by men who had received their first aid and nursing training in the Boy Scouts, a report from London relates.

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Jewish Boy Scouts of Sheffield, England, have set up a good turn service, carrying servicemen's kits between the city's two railway stations. The service was organized entirely on their own initiative, and they take it in turns, working in pairs, to meet each train and carry kits to the other station.

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Official reports from National Salvage Headquarters show that the Province of Manitoba leads all others in the total quantity of material salvaged on the basis of population. It is not mere coincidence that Manitoba Boy Scouts have been among the most active in Canada in the salvage drives.

British, U.S. Envoys Confer With Chiang

The British government announced last week that Field-Marshal Sir John Dill, representing Prime Minister Churchill, and Lieut.-Gen. Henry H. Arnold, representing President Roosevelt, had held a series of conferences with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking and Field-Marshal Sir Archibald Wavell in India.

A complete accord was said to have been reached for "offensive plans" against the Japanese.

The fullest possible co-ordination is to be insured by subsequent conferences of Wavell and General Douglas MacArthur, Allied commander-in-chief in the southwest Pacific, a communique said.

By increasing the output of every acre by five per cent, British farmers will save more than 1,000,000 tons of shipping this year.

More Daylight More Battleships

The lenthening daylight will help Britain's most important war industry—shipbuilding.

During the winter, work in the larger shipyards, which has to be carried out in the open, is handicapped by the blackout.

With the approach of spring the output is expected to rise. A survey by the House of Commons select committee on national expenditure reported, however, that the output per man in tons of steel in British shipyards is already double that achieved anywhere else, not excluding the American shipyards, though the shortage of labor puts an upper limit on production.

Several British shipyards are now building vessels with prefabricated parts which can be made by comparatively unskilled workers. The smaller type of boats such as the rescue craft used for the R.A.F. are made under cover by firms who normally build pleasure launches, and production has been at peak level all through the winter.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

NEXT: Are moon and sun equal in size?

RADIO REPORTER

By REX FROST

There's romance in the air this month — wedding bells will ring on February 27th for a well known radio personality and the member of a well known Canadian family. Quite a number of years ago a Toronto commercial sponsor was searching for a new singer to star in an early evening broadcast — the search ended on hearing a young lad singing over a Hamilton Radio Station — here was voice and personality that was introduced to the radio listener as the Silver Masked Tenor . . . wonder if any of you remember that early evening series of broadcasts over CFRB about ten years ago? After singing some six months incognito, the grand unmasking was made in a downtown hall in Toronto, and Jimmie Shields was introduced by name to his many radio fans. From that time on, Jimmie has risen steadily to the top — his first big feature spot being on the Neilson Chocolate programme (hold that name Neilson in mind a moment, will you!) From the Neilson show to starring roles in many big Toronto programmes, then across the border to Buffalo and New York, where until a month or so ago Jimmie was singing over the Mutual network. Came the call of the Canadian army and the return of Jimmie to Toronto to sign up with the currently talked of Army Show. But Jimmie came back to Canada for more than an army assignment—he came back to 'the girl he left behind him' . . . who is she? None other than the daughter of the man who put Jimmie into his first big time Toronto radio programme — Miss Audrey Neilson. During Jimmie's absence in the States adding to his singing laurels, his bride-to-be devoted her time to Red Cross work, rising from the rank of private to Lieutenant in the Transport Division. Just recently Miss Neilson switched from voluntary Red Cross work to the active army, joining Jimmie in the Army Show personnel.

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Many rural listeners have been following with interest the travels of the Ontario Caravan, CFRB's recently concluded series of broadcasts which offered opportunities to rural talent to honour their home town. Three month professional contracts with CFRB were offered to the best artists appearing in the series. You'll recall perhaps that Miss Gwen Lambert of Newmarket was winner of the first series, and it's now our pleasure to announce the winner of the second series, Archie Barth of Barrie, a young lad who has studied music for many years with the hope of eventually making singing his career. To encourage him in his ambitions, Archie Barth has an enthusiastic young wife and small daughter, and CFRB joins them in wishing Archie lots of Good Luck and a profitable, successful singing career.

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However, CFRB's musical director, Roy Locksley, has not given up the search for new musical talent. Commencing immediately, Mr. Locksley will present a series of broadcasts to be known as "The Stardust Parade," which will feature young singers previously unknown to air listeners. From experience this Station knows that many a currently famous radio personality stepped up from the ranks of the unknown auditioner to radio headlines. Make a point of tuning in this new CFRB programme, "The Stardust Parade." You may hear the debut of a new radio star. . . Tuesday evenings, 9 to 9.30 p.m. over CFRB.

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"He's not so young as he looks in the movies" . . . this was the opening remark made by Jack Benny when he recently was introduced to some 14,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen at the Exhibition Park Coliseum in Toronto. And it drew quite a laugh. Yes, it's true that Jack Benny tops his six feet of easy flowing humour and merriment with a few more grey hairs than most of us imagine . . . but Jack says he has earned every one of them thinking of humourous gags for his radio listeners. Other surprises were in that sparkling one hour variety show he put on for the boys. Mrs. Jack Benny, better known as Mary Livingstone of poetry fame, proved to be a slim, golden haired, 5 ft. 8 inches of vivacity and personality, obviously sharing her husband's enthusiasm over their recently celebrated 16 years of happy married life. . . as Jack remarked, "That's quite a record for Hollywood!"

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.	1550k
CFCF	Montreal	660k
CFCH	North Bay	1230k
CFCO	Chatham	630k
CFPL	London	1570k
CJCS	Stratford	1240k
CKWS	Kingston	960k
CKAC	Montreal	730k
CKCR	Waterloo	1490k
CKCO	Ottawa	1310k
CKGB	Timmins	1470k
CKSO	Sudbury	790k
CKPC	Brantford	1380k
CKLW	Windsor	800k
CKNX	Wingham	920k
CHEX	Peterboro	1430k
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

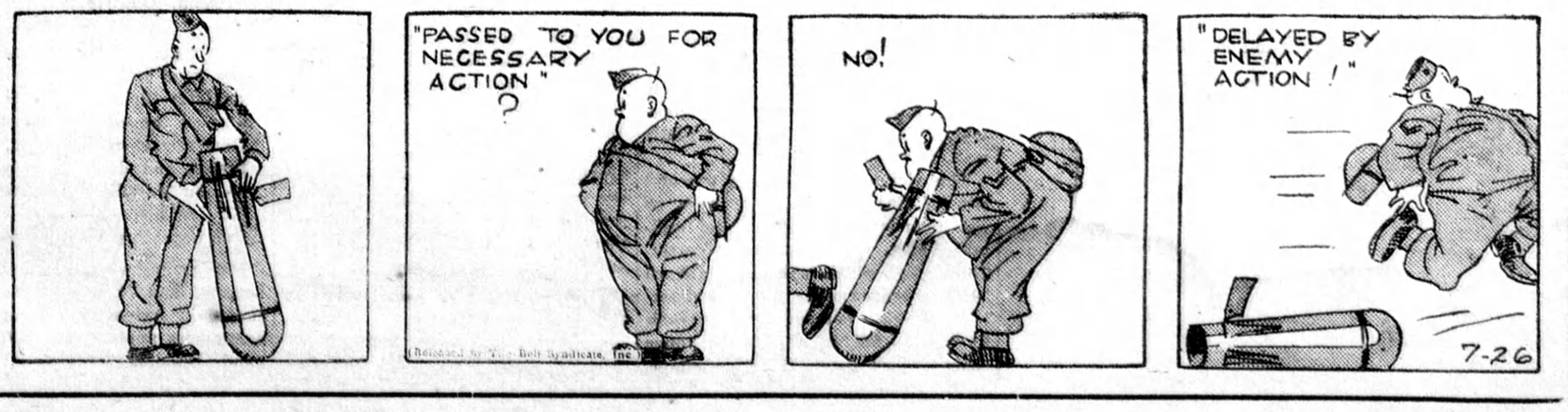
SHORT WAVE		
GSB	England	9.51m
GSC	England	9.58m
GSD	England	11.75m
GSE	England	11.86m
GSG	England	17.79m
GSP	England	15.31m
EAR	Spain	9.45m
RAN	Russia	9.60m
RNE	Russia	12.00m
PRF5	Brazil	95.00m
WGEA	Schenectady	15.33m
WCAB	Phila.	15.27m
WCBX	N. York	11.83m
WRUL	Boston	15.15m

NOTED AUTHOR

HORIZONTAL
1, 9 Writer who created d'Artagnan.
13 Poem.
14 Perfume.
15 Chum.
16 Principle.
17 Night.
18 South Africa (abbr.).
20 Till.
22 Mongrel dog.
23 Alleged force.
24 Aspiration.
26 Lock opener.
29 Lures.
32 Southeast (abbr.).
33 Shoelace holes
35 Onward.
36 Right of holding.
38 Decorous.
41 African tribe.
42 Beret.
44 Grief.
45 To recede.
48 Spanish dialect.
51 Strife.
53 Chamber.
55 Hindu queen.
56 Flower holder.
57 Card game.
58 Fence stairs.
59 Wrath.
60 He and his son were —— novelists.
61 They also wrote —— or plays.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL
2 Act of lending
3 To redact.
4 Form of pollination.
5 To scold.
6 Eighth ounce.
7 Vigorous.
8 To eject.
10 Above.
11 Mother.
12 Too.
16 He wrote "Three ——s".
19 His stories abound in ——.
21 Generous.
25 Husband or wife.
27 Orb.
28 Coin.
30 Verb.
31 Therefore.
32 Male offspring
34 To haul.
37 Acid used in tanning.
39 Female sheep.
40 Company (abbr.).
42 Animal.
43 Skin.
46 Knife.
47 Sound of a cannon.
49 Previously.
50 Embryo plant.
51 Opposed to cold.
52 Toward sea.
54 Bird.
56 By way of.

POP—None of Pop's Business

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