SPORTING EVENT IN CHINA

Going places—That is, if this ancient Chinese wheelbarrow holds together. Sergeant Robert Wilson of Wichita, Kan., was one of some American soldiers on leave in Chengtu, China. He took dare to ride in this vehicle through Chengtu streets.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 4

PETER AND JOHN BECOME DISCIPLES OF JESUS

John 1:29-42; Mark 1:16-20

GOLDEN TEXT.— And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Mark 1:17.

Memory Verse: Let us love one another. I John 4:7.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The events described in the passage taken from John occurred in February, A.D. 27; the call of the four disciples, recorded by Mark, occurred in April, A.D. 28.

Place.—The testimony of John the Baptist and the first call of the three disciples probably took place near Bethany, beyond Jordan; the latter call of the four disciples took place at the sea of Galilee, near Capernaum.

The Lamb of God

"On the morrow he seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world!" Christ is everywhere in the New Testament recognized not only as the Creator of the world, but the saviour of the world. He it is who will draw all men unto Himself.

"This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man who is become before me: for he was before me." Undoubtedly John means by these words that Christ first, in point of time, existed before John the Baptist; that he was, in other words, none other than the Eternal Son of God.

Christ Identified

"And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, for this cause came I baptizing in water. And John bare witness, saying, I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven; and it abode upon him." This whole incident is very parallel to the transfiguration. In both, Christ is miraculously glorified previous to setting out to suffer; in both a voice from heaven bears witness to Him.

Christ's Mission

"And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize in water, he said unto me, upon whomsoever thou shalt see the spirit descending, and abiding upon him, the same is he that baptizeth in the Holy Spirit. And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." John designates Christ as being lifted up above all other beings who had ever appeared on earth—whether men or angels.

"Again on the morrow John was standing, and two of his disciples; and he looked upon Jesus as he walked, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus." The word 'follow' expresses the single act as their choice was made definitely for all time.

We Seek God

"And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and saith unto them, what seek ye?" Christ will turn from none who in response to his question 'What seek ye,' can truly say 'We seek God.'

"And they said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Teacher) where abidest thou? He saith unto them, Come, and ye shall see. They came therefore and saw where he abode; and they abode with him that day: it was about the tenth hour." In 'come and see' there is a distinct call to the personal act of faith. Coming to Christ is trusting Him and trusting Him is seeing Him, looking up to Him.

Peter's Character

"One of the two that heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He findeth first his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ). He brought him unto Jesus. Jesus looked upon him and said, Thou art Simon the son of John: Thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)." The word Cephas means stone. The root of Peter's character was firmness, which, however, needed to be chastened before Simon could be the man of rock. He did not always show this firmness, but Jesus holds up to him his ideal that he may ever aspire to it and believe in himself because Christ believes in him.

Fishers of Men

"And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they left the nets, and followed him. And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and went after them."

How shall we become 'fishers of men'? Not by our own cleverness or skill. If we want to be successful fishers of men, we must go to Jesus Christ for the necessary qualifications.

The question is often asked why Christ, for the most part, chose fishermen, and not men in political power, or great scholars. For one thing these men were not bound by the traditions of Judaea, and the Pharisees who dominated there; for another thing, they were men of robust health and rugged nature, who would be able to endure the greatest hardships in their preaching ministry. Moreover, there must have been about these men a certain simplicity which would not only commend them to the Lord, but mark them as excellent channels for the outpouring of God's grace upon the Roman world; men who, once coming to a conviction, would be willing to endure everything to maintain it. Christ, both in His own life and in His teachings, seemed to have the greatest appreciation of the dignity of manual labor.

Practically all the coal found in South America is within the borders of Chile.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

NEXT: June in the life of Lou Gehrig.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

IT'S STILL A JOB

Idaho potatoes, the best in the United States, have been commandeered by the Government, mainly for the use of the armed forces. But the boys won't be impressed by the higher quality unless it can be shown that they are easier to peel.—Windsor Star.

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CHISELLERS

Those thieves who broke into the office of the Ontario Motor League and stole 3,560 new ration books were merely doing in a wholesale way what many chiseling citizens are doing on a smaller scale to flout the spirit of the gasoline-conservation regulations!—Peterborough Examiner.

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AGE OF MIRACLES

The inventor of Britain's new weapon, the radio locator, breaks the amazing news that more than a thousand women were in on the secret, and kept it! Proving that what you hear about the age of miracles being past is the bunk.—Ottawa Citizen.

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UP GOES QUOTA

A Huron County sow produced a litter of 18 piglets and could only set the table for 12. Whereupon the farmer had to go and find a mother sow to pinch hit for the other six. He did, and up goes the quota of bacon for Britain.

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DIFFERENT

In this country folks are driven to work by the share-your-car plan. In Nazi-occupied countries they're driven to work.

Kingston Whig-Standard.

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PARENTS TO BLAME

There might be fewer delinquent juveniles if their parents were less delinquent.

British Empire Closely Bound

By Malcolm Bingay, In The Detroit Free Press

The word "Empire" is the stumbling block for many who do not understand. There is nothing imperialistic about Canada or Australia or New Zealand or South Africa; or, for that matter, the United Kingdom in these days.

The people of the British Commonwealth have worked out their own family destiny. They do not want the United States as part of their family any more than we want them. That does not mean that we shall not continue as good neighbors and staunch friends in a co-operative movement to restore world sanity.

Sense of Unity

As that great Canadian, Stephen Leacock, said at the beginning of the war: "The British Empire was never so closely bound together as now, never so far from thoughts of dissolution or secession and is moving in its own peculiar path, into a closer, more organic union. . . . This new sense of unity comes over us like a new wave of consciousness. It palpitates in the common thought of the common people . . . they have not time for professional arguments . . . they seize by instinct the larged fact. . . . We just 'belong.' "

The United States and Great Britain do not have to marry to work together. They will be happier and more effective without the possibility of a divorce court. That is why all this talk about a World Government following this war is just so much moonshine.

Call of Duty

The people of Canada are as free and as individualistic as the people of the United States. They did not have to go into this war. . . . They went in offering up their life's blood for a reason which transcends all political documents and treaties. They went in because, to them, it was a call of duty higher than any man-made law, to preserve the traditions of freedom they have found under the British Empire—that Empire which Mr. Churchill says he was not appointed to liquidate.

RADIO REPORTER

By REX FROST

Canadian farms will need men, women and school-age youth, about 100,000 of them all told, during the coming season. To help secure this vast amount of helpers the C.B.C. will shortly inaugurate a weekly series of broadcasts dramatising the need for assistance in harvesting the 1943 crop of tomatoes, fruits, vegetables, grain and other crops. The first broadcast in the series entitled "Help Wanted" will be heard Wednesday evening March 31st at 7.30. The first few programmes of the projected series of twenty-eight will be directed to the parents of high school children, presenting the farm situation, stressing the emergency, and assuring them that the children who volunteer will have official attention and care. The programmes will explain why, unless help in plenty is forthcoming, civilians will go short next winter of many of their customary foodstuffs.

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Calling all Gardeners! Officially, spring is here, believe it or not. Cheer up, it won't be long now before you can get busy with rake, hoe and spade. In order to assist in solving food shortage problems this year, government authorities are urging the development of home, community vegetable plots as a contribution to the war effort. If Canadians want to have their full quota of lettuce and other good garden greens, they will have to grow a few things on the side for their own needs. To encourage the growing of home vegetables, the C.B.C. has just initiated a series of Garden Talks addressed especially to its women listeners. The speaker for the series is Eustella Burke Langdon, well known commentator, amateur gardener and long familiar to radio listeners as the "Herb Lady." Her talks will deal with practical garden problems and will be supplemented by the release of a 16-page booklet "Vitamin Gardening for Victory," to be made available to listeners, upon request. The series can be heard over the C.B.C. network, including CBL Toronto, Monday afternoons commencing at 4.18.

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Also of interest to those who have the spring garden spirit, are the programmes currently being heard via the Columbia Broadcasting System, including CFRB Toronto, Saturday morning 9.30 to 10, under the title "The Garden Gate." In this programme that well known personality, "The Old Earth Dobber," gives interesting and helpful aids to those who, in an amateur or professional way, seek profit from the soil of their Mother Earth.

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For many years the Rev. J. E. Ward, rector of St. Stephens Anglican Church, Toronto, has conducted a special series of Lenten services over CFRB Toronto, supplementing his regular Sunday evening 7 o'clock all-year round broadcast service. His many friends around rural Ontario countryside will again welcome the 1943 series of presentations heard every Wednesday afternoon during Lent 4.30 to 5 p.m.

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Many are the regrets which continue to be expressed as a result of the discontinuation of Amos 'n' Andy's 7 o'clock evening episode. However, now that Vic and Sade have moved into this CFRB broadcast period Monday through Fridays much of the spirit of light dramatic humour characterised by their predecessors has been recaptured. Vic and Sade provide just the light type of entertainment to get the evening's listening pleasure away to a good start.

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Stanley Cup Hockey Playoffs. The third and fourth games of the hockey playoffs will be staged on Toronto ice, and will be broadcast. The fifth game, if necessary to decide the series, will be played in Detroit Sunday, March 28th, and will not be broadcast. If further games are necessary they will be played Tuesday 30th in Toronto, and April 1st in Detroit. Both of the latter will go on the air if the series extends to the sixth or seventh game.

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LEGENDARY KNIGHT

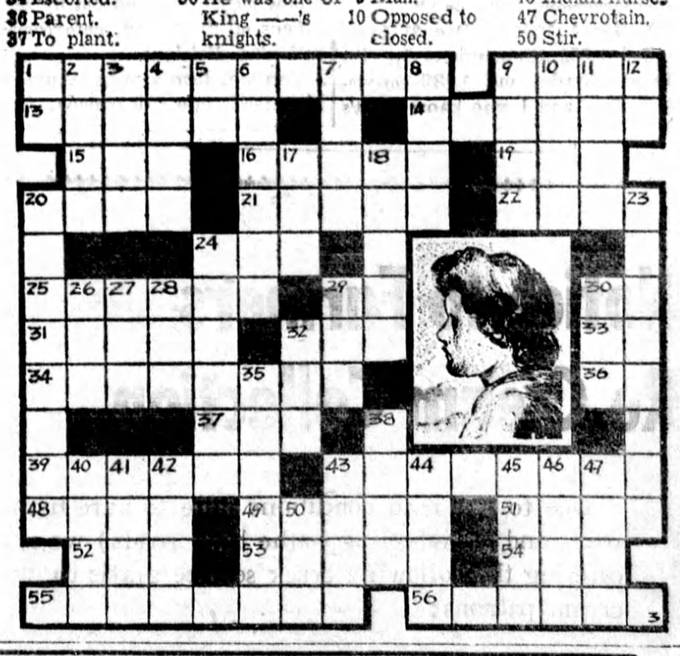
HORIZONTAL

1 Legendary knight of the Round Table.
9 He achieved the quest of the —— Grail.
13 Narcotic.
14 One who runs away.
15 Little devil.
16 Thrived.
19 Males.
20 To kill.
21 To examine accounts.
22 Heavy blow.
24 Expert flyer.
25 Gypsy.
29 Before Christ (abbr.).
30 Street (abbr.).
31 Artless.
32 Sound of disgust.
33 Either.
34 Escorted.
36 Parent.
37 To plant.
39 Builds.
43 Do-nothing.
48 Indian millet.
49 Holy man.
51 Wine cups.
52 Russian village.
53 Proverb.
54 Tree fluid.
55 His father was ——.
56 He was one of King ——'s knights.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

1 Provided that.
2 Timber tree.
3 Fissure.
4 Affected with yawns.
5 Preposition.
6 Bequest.
7 Cowl.
8 Indentation.
9 Man.
10 Opposed to closed.
11 Smooth.
12 Year (abbr.).
17 To regret.
18 To flinch.
20 He was —— or called "The Chaste."
23 Repudiates.
24 Concerning.
26 Cereal grass.
27 Mitten.
28 Farewell!
29 Offer.
30 Anything steeped.
32 Not many.
35 Altar cloth.
38 To slam.
40 Incarnation of Vishnu.
41 Ireland.
42 Corrie.
43 To sanction.
44 Virginia willow.
45 Orient.
46 Indian nurse.
47 Chevrotain.
50 Stir.



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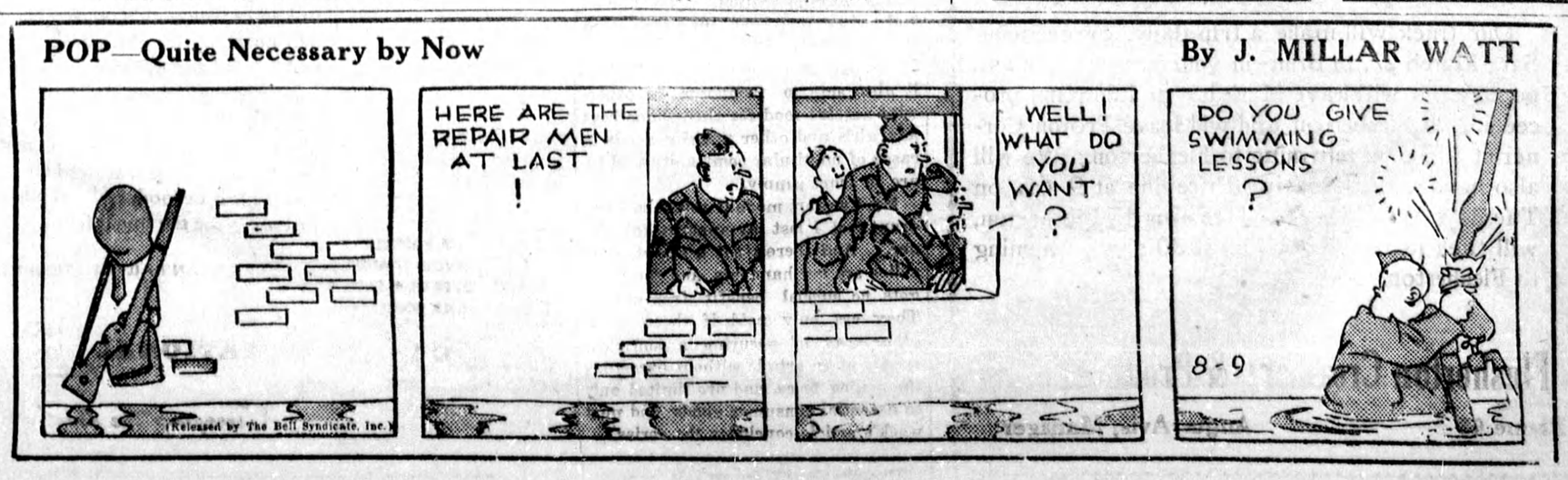
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