

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VI.—FEB. 7.
JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
JOHN 7: 1—9: 41.

Golden Text:—I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8: 12.

The Lesson in Its Setting
Time.—All the events in this lesson occurred during the week of October 11—18, A.D. 29.

Place.—All the events in this lesson took place in the city of Jerusalem.

Again therefore Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. In these nine verses we have a declarative statement by Christ, a repudiation of that statement by the Pharisees who heard Him, and a defense of the truthfulness of His words by the Lord Himself.

Jesus therefore said to those Jews that had believed Him, If ye abide in My word, then are ye truly my disciples. "Surrender of mind, heart, and will to the power of Christ's doctrine must be complete and enduring. There must be more than a mere recognition of the striking personality of Jesus. There must be the reception of His word into conscience and heart."

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free:—Later on, the night before His death, Jesus, in praying to the Father, again refers to the word of God as truth (John 17: 17—19). If men accept the truth which Christ teaches, that is, the truth about God, about sin, about Satan, about eternal life, about holiness, about love, men will be free from the power of Satan who deceives, from the bondage of fear, which is due to ignorance, from the power of darkness, from sin itself.

And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. Blindness from birth is a condition which no man could change, especially no man could ever open his own eyes. All the beauty of life is shut out from the world of a man born blind.

And His disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind?—That the man's blindness was due to sin the disciples assumed: the question was, Was the sin committed by the man so afflicted, or by his parents? In one way the question seems foolish, for the man was born blind, before he ever could have sinned. Furthermore, the question is based on a false assumption. Not all suffering or physical handicaps are the consequences of sin: in some immediate ancestor. Parents of most devout faith have been known to have children of imbecile tendencies, while there are parents who have given birth to children while living in scandalous sin, whose children have lived for years without any physical suffering. Ultimately, of course, all suffering results from the fallen condition of the human race.

Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. "The Lord deals only with the special case; and that only so far as it is an occasion for action and not a subject for speculation."

We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work:—"We cannot think it strange that Jesus should connect the man's blindness with his own appearance on earth, born blind in order that Jesus might give him sight."

When I am in the world, I am the light of the world.—There is special reference here to Christ's giving light both to the man's eyes and to his soul."

When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and anointed his eyes with the clay.—"A medicinal value was attributed to saliva, above all, for disorders of the eyes. (See also Mark 7: 33; 8: 23). Neither are we without examples of a medicinal use of clay. Still we must not suppose that, besides his divine power, the Lord also used natural remedies, or that these were more than conductors, not in themselves needful; for other blind eyes he opened without employing any such means (Matt. 20: 30—34)."

And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went away therefore, and washed, and came seeing.—The pool of Siloam was 50 feet long, 20 feet deep, and 20 feet wide, lying in the mouth of the Tyropean Valley. Water was drawn from it for the temple, and it was supplied by the Fountain of the Virgin. "The obedience was that of faith, feeble as yet, but real; and the reward that which is always promised to faith, even feeble, if real."

The neighbors therefore, and they that saw him aforetime, that he was a beggar, said: Is not this he that sat and begged? Others said: It is he: Others said: No, but he is like him. He said: I am he.—Here we have the first words from the man who was blind, "I am he." His testimony must be received. He knew who he was.

They said therefore unto him, How then were thine eyes opened? The question is perfectly natural. It does not intimate any unbelief or skepticism, but a natural inquisitiveness. Anyone would ask this question.

He answered, The man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me: Go to Siloam, and wash: so I went away and washed, and I received sight.—The report of the blind man is vivid, accurate, clear, and ought to be convincing. There are no adornments here. It is a simple statement of fact. He relates what happened, but actually how Christ opened his eyes, he does not know, and no one else does. We do not understand miracles: we believe them.

Farm Problems

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1. Question:—"A farmer has just taken over a greenhouse which contains 25 tons earth prepared for tomato plant growing five years ago, but never used. This soil has been tested, is natural in reaction, contains a fair amount of nitrate, but is low in phosphoric acid and potash. Would an application of 0-12-10 or 0-12-15 at the rate of 25 lbs. per 1000 square ft. put this soil in suitable condition for growing tomato plants this Spring?"—R.W., Northumberland Co.

Answer:—"The addition of 0-12-10 or 0-12-15 fertilizer at the rate of 25 lbs. per 1000 square feet would be equivalent to a little over 1000 lbs. per acre. This is a fair application for outdoor use, but I would be of the opinion that this could be almost doubled for indoor purposes such as you recommend. You do not say whether or not the 25 tons of earth have been kept in a dry place and rain and snow have been prevented from falling on them. Of course, if this soil has been kept absolutely dry and no moisture has been added to it, microscopic life will be at a low ebb in it on account of lack of moisture. In this case, it might take the soil a short time to come back to its normal form. I believe the treatments you suggest would put it in fair shape for tomato plant growing."

2. Question:—"I wish some information regarding the building up of land which is in poor condition. I have 45 acres fall plowing on which

I would like to sow oats and seed down with 5 lbs. of Timothy and 5 lb. of Red Clover, and was wondering if lime and salt would be a good thing to put on the land and if so, how much per acre? There is also 50 acres that I was thinking of summer fallowing and putting in Fall Wheat and the same mixture of grass seed. Would also like to know if lime and salt would be a good thing to put on for potatoes on land in good condition."—M. G., Oxford.

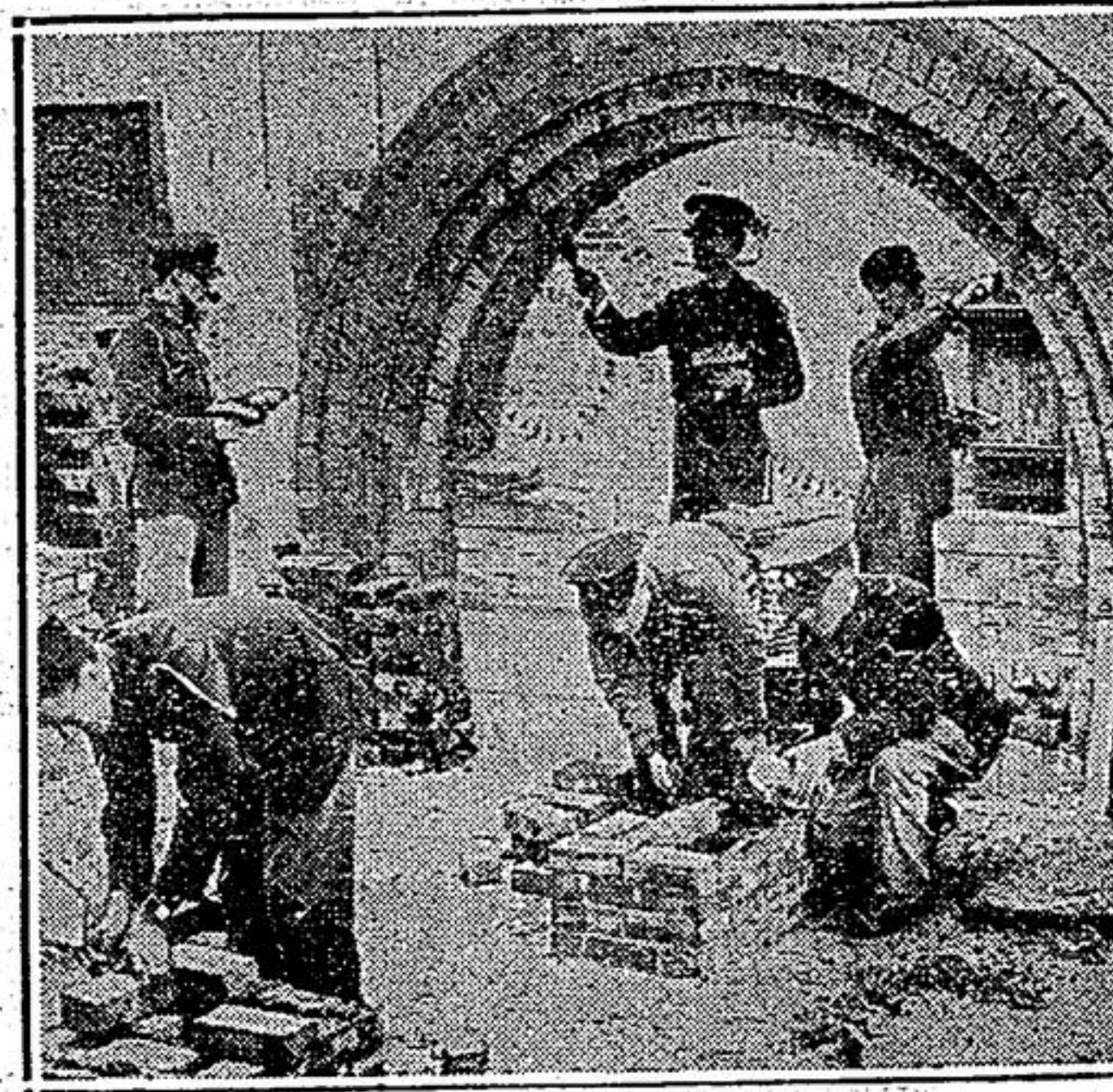
Answer:—"Answering your question regarding treatment of 45 acres of fall plowed land on which you purpose sowing oats and which land I understand is in poor condition. I wish to say that use of lime and salt cannot be recommended. Without testing the soil, it is impossible for me to know whether the soil needs lime or not. If it is acid in reaction (or sour) lime will help. If it is alkaline or neutral, the addition of lime will do no good whatever. The addition of salt merely hastens the robbing of the soil of its fertility. The sodium of the salt displaces the potassium of the soil, hence benefit for a crop or two can be seen, but in general, the use of salt on the land corresponds to the use of the whip on the team. Most often more oats fed to the team give better results in labour which can be obtained from them, similarly, the addition of plant-food to

Enjoys Holiday in Sun



Thomas O. M. Sopwith, noted British airplane designer and yachtsman, pictured with Mrs. Sopwith as they sit in the sun at Palm Beach. Sopwith, who has taken up the late Sir Thomas Lipson's mantle, will race two yachts against America's best at Newport, R. I., next summer.

British Tommies Trained for Civilian Life



Preparing for a place in life after they leave the army, British soldiers learn to lay bricks at the army vocational center at Aldershot. After six months training at the trades they have chosen to follow, they are given tools and jobs are found for them.

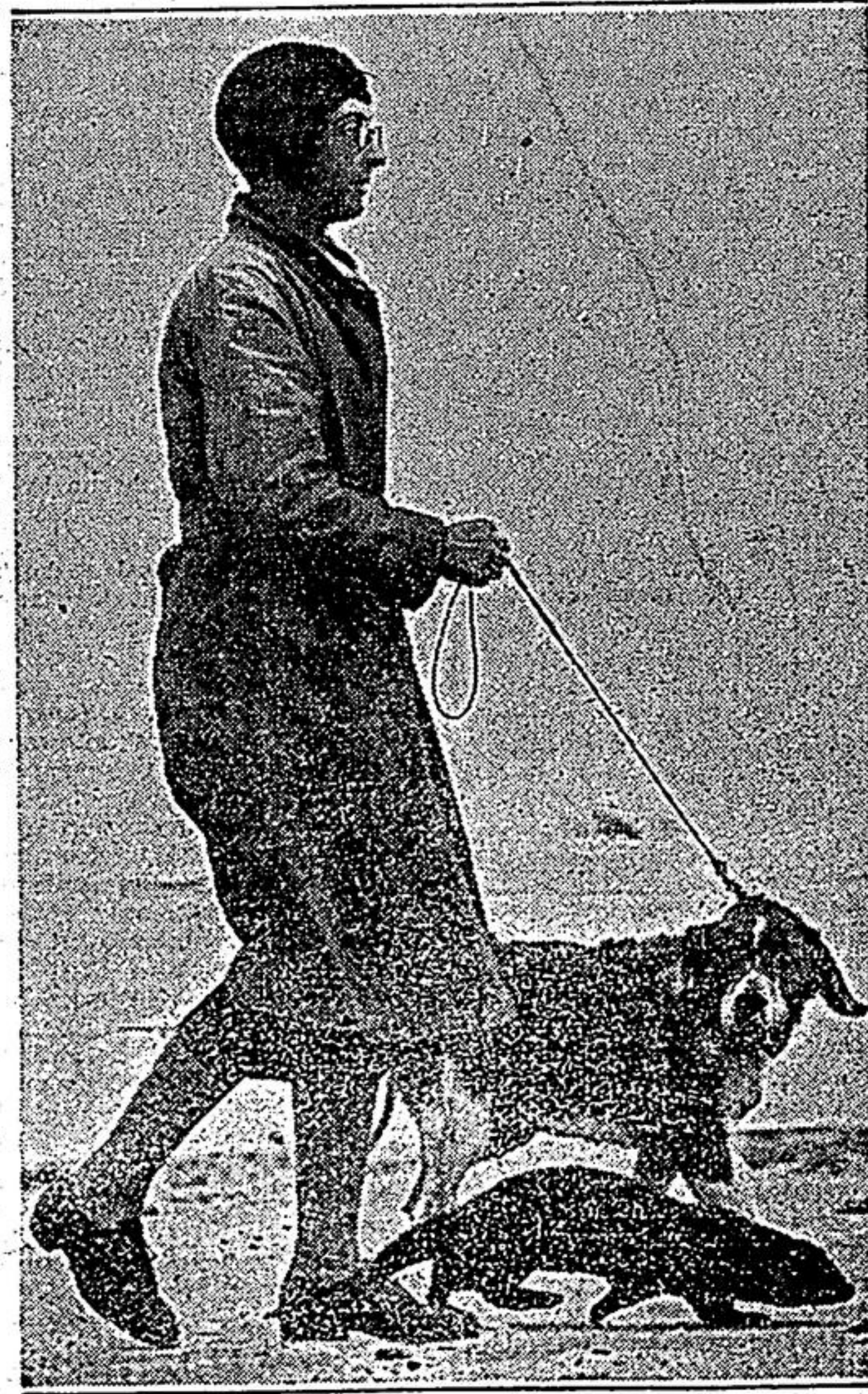
the soil in the shape of manure or fertilizer, or both, will give much better and more lasting results than the use of salt.

With reference to the handling of the other 50 acres, I would strongly advise against putting on lime where you purpose growing po-

tatoes, since lime produces a condition where the potato scab thrives. This fungus disease is common in most of our older soils.

Tsetse flies do not lay eggs; they bring forth living larvae.

You May Be Skeptical, But—



You've laughed at the idea of a hare chasing a hound, but here's irrefutable proof of an otter-hound pining up with his traditional enemy the otter. While hunting with the Bure Valley otter hounds near Aylesham, Norfolk, Eng., Miss L. Townsend caught the young otter which she reared with the aid of a baby's feeding bottle. Named Perdita, it is now a household pet, and follows her about like a dog. Perdita's greatest pal is an old otter-hound—but the young otter is "boss," and chases the old dog sometimes. The strange pair are seen here taking a stroll on the beach with their mistress.

Movie-radio

gossip

By DOROTHY

There was a rather funny reaction to an interview that Edward G. Robinson gave a reporter for an Italian newspaper some time ago. He praised the work of Frank Capra, the director, who is Italian by birth, saying that Capra refused to direct gangster films.

He remarked that he thought it was because Capra did not want to make pictures which showed his own people in a bad light. When the storm burst it hit, not Capra, but Robinson. Seems the Italians thought gangsters were something like senators—an American institution of which the Americans were proud!

The long discussion over which actress would play the mother role in "Stella Dallas" has been settled at last. It goes to Barbara Stanwyck, who does seem a bit young for it, but of course, there's always the make-up. An anyway, the part is to be rewritten to fit her.

At the moment the "Gone With the Wind" pursuit of a heroine is still raging, but no doubt that will be settled in the same way—some attractive, dependable actress whose screen work is known to the public everywhere will get it.

Phil Baker, who has long been one of radio's favorite comedians, has learned a lot from what has happened to other men like him when they consented to make a picture. And he is profiting by what he has learned. He knows, that, when the picture is released, the comedian's part may have been cut and cut until there is practically nothing left of it.

Both Samuel Goldwyn and Paramount want him to do his specialty in pictures, but he has held out, even to the extent of refusing \$12,000 to do his stuff.

The very funny Ritz Brothers, who can be relied upon to send movie audiences into gales of laughter, encountered something that was not so very funny to them, when they had to learn to skate for "One in a Million," the Sonja Henie picture that's all about skating, with Miss Henie doing five big numbers.

The brothers simply could not learn to skate. They could not even stand up on skates. Finally the difficulty was solved by having special skates made for them.

Speaking of romantic stories, even the movies can't beat the one of Wallace Ford's long search for his mother and his finding her, just before the Christmas season. It's about 33 years since she had to put him in an English orphanage, and Ford found her living in an automobile trailer, and the wife of a blind match seller. Now he is going to do all the things for her that he has planned during the long years when he was trying to find her.

Head of Trust



L. R. Lord (above) recently was appointed manager of the \$10,000,000 Nuffield Trust for the Special Areas, Lord, who is 40 and until recently the managing director of the Morris organization and Lord Nuffield's right hand man, is regarded as a production genius. It is believed that an important scheme for industrial developments in the distressed areas, for which Lord Nuffield gave the trust as a Christmas gift, is being prepared.

Probably nobody will ever be able to explain why certain radio programs succeed, any more than motion picture producers can tell why some pictures, smash-box-office records and others that seem just as good flop terribly.

There is a delightful radio program that has been going well for considerably more than a year. It's called "Dot and Will." And so far no sponsor has bought it. Yet the company has actual proof that thousands of people listen to it.

Apparently a lot of old stories are to be re-made during 1937. "Ben Hur" is up for discussion—maybe with both



Clark Gable

is up for discussion—maybe with both Clark Gable and Robert Taylor in it. There was a time, when, if three featured players were in a picture, it was advertised as having an all-star cast. Now the producing companies put several of their biggest stars into one picture and just take it as a matter of course, r. do the audiences.

ODDS AND ENDS—Hollywood is still regretting the death of Irene Fenwick, Lionel Barrymore's wife; their's as an exceptionally happy marriage, and Miss Fenwick was very popular—Now that Bette Davis is back at work they are working her so hard that she barely has a chance to breathe, to make up for the time lost when she was battling with the company—"After the Thin Man" is just as funny as "The Thin Man" was—so don't miss it.—And you'll surely want to see "Beloved Enemy," with Merle Oberon and Brian Aherne—And "That Girl From Paris"—Tilly Losch, who did a bit as a dancer in "Garden of Allah" may appear in re-makes of some of Greta Garbo's old pictures.

Bridge Addicts

There are about four million bridge players in America—a very respectable total which needs no exaggeration. The estimate is based on the number of bridge cards sold per annum, divided by the average number of decks used per family. Compare this, if you please, to the one million golfers, 100,000 registered chess players and three million tennis players.

The card game next in popularity to bridge is pinochle, which is substantially confined to cities and towns with a preponderantly German or German-Jewish population. Player statistics are unavailable, but a reasonable estimate can be made from the sale of pinochle decks, which is only a fractional percentage of those used in bridge, somewhere in the ratio of one to fifty.

It might also surprise many to learn that 35 per cent of all American bridge addicts still play auction. The percentage is rapidly decreasing, however, and is largely confined to the country towns.

As to the earnings of professional bridge players, any expert, will answer truthfully, albeit sadly, unless he happens to be one of those who wish to convey the impression that they are very "big shots" indeed. Any player who thinks he can earn a decent income by gambling at bridge is a fit subject for my definition of an expert—"an unbalanced mentally super-imposed on a mispent life."—The American Mercury.

Fifty Dollars To Europe

Leo Cox, in Canadian Business writes—Plans for the much mooted fifty-dollars-to-Europe ships are now being matured. Two 30,000-ton liners, specially designed for the purpose are to be built at Barrow-in-Furness. It is said. Contracts for the new vessels will be signed early this year by a company to be known as the Atlantic Steam Navigation Company which will be popularly known as the Atlantic Line. Its headquarters at present in London, will be located in Liverpool. Accommodation will be available for 500 cabin passengers at about \$100 per trip, and for 1,000 tourist passengers at \$50. Passengers will have a choice of taking regular table d'hote meals or of using the ship's cafeteria.

The two liners will fly a white burgee with a blue-lined swallow tail. They will operate between New York and Liverpool, via Dublin, making the voyage in under a week on a regular schedule every ten days west-and east-bound.

The original plan for such a service was discouraged by the British Government because it involved competition with vessels in which the Government was indirectly interested. It is alleged. Major Frank Bustard, sponsor of the scheme now says "we're not going to jry to take a share in the present attenuated traffic. We are catering to an entirely new traffic."

Whether the operation of these vessels on such a small return will ever be profitable remains to be seen. Evidently the sponsor, are banking on a mass patronage of cheap means of travel to and from Europe. Most lines agree that it is all they can do to operate their ships on present rates, let alone on further reduction.

Father Has To Pay

Writes the Peterborough Examiner: There are a good many sons who drive father's car, and for that reason alone there ought to be a good many fathers interested in a judgment recently given in a case where a son under 16 years of age was driving his father's car.

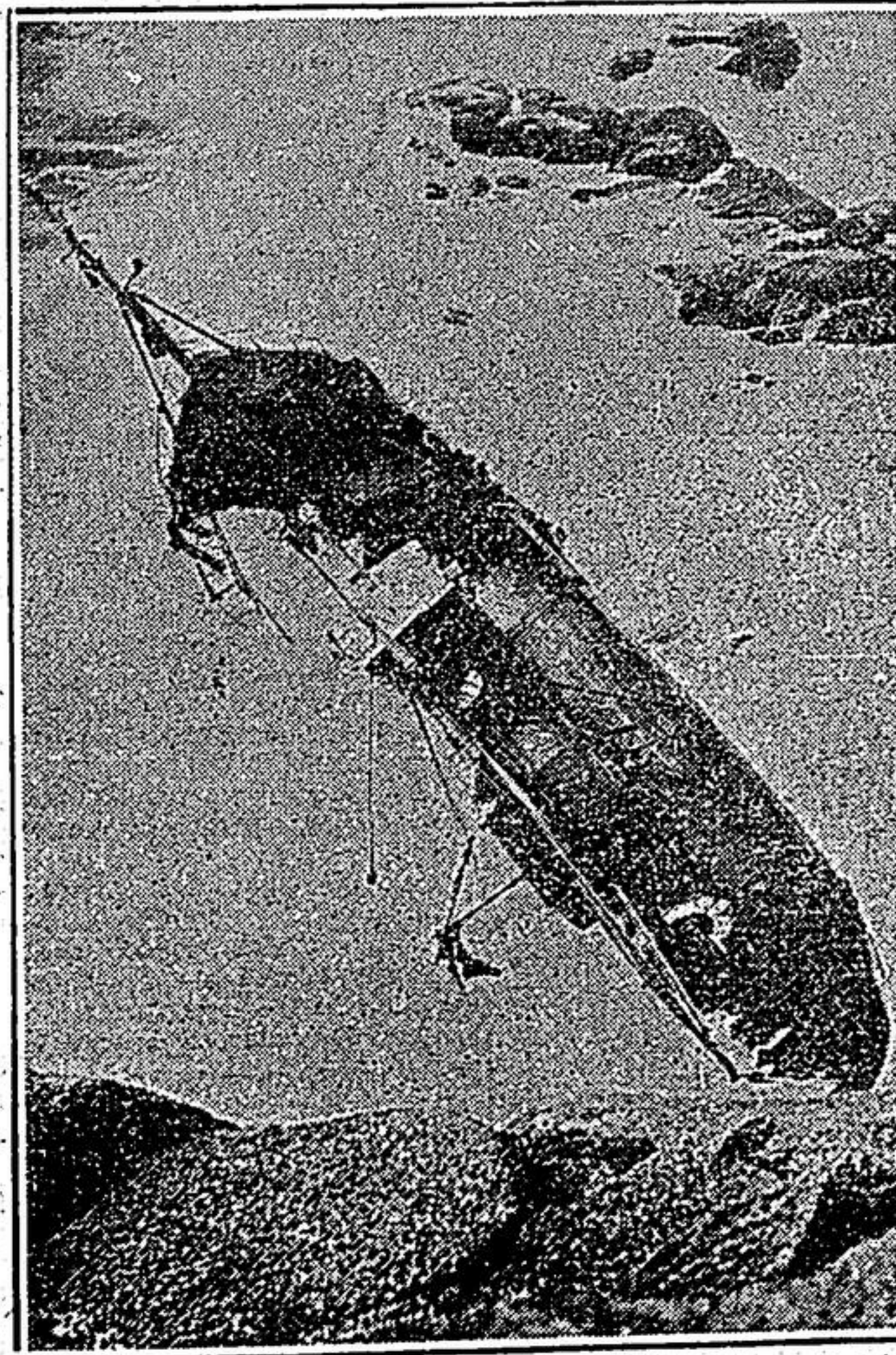
James J. Denny was the owner of the car, and he carried insurance with the Guildhall Insurance Co., Ltd. The son under 16 years of age, was in an accident with another car and a young man was injured. Action was instituted for \$7,000 damages. The insurance company fought the case in court and secured settlement by paying \$1,065.

The next step was taken by the insurance company when it brought its case to court, claiming it should be reimbursed for the payment because Denny, in allowing a boy under 16 years of age to drive the car, had actually broken the contract with the insurance company. At Osroode Hall the answer was given and Mr. Denny was told he was liable for the amount and would have to pay it to the insurance company.

Neither fathers nor sons are apt to think often of such affairs when the juniors want to take the car out, but that decision is sufficient to cause a little cool consideration within the family circle.

In the modern dairy barn the floors are concrete, and ample gutters are provided. Most new barns which are being built have sanitary steel stanchions. In other words, the cows are given a chance to stay clean. Chutes are provided, so that hay, bedding, and feed can be taken into the stable without raising a great amount of dust. Many large windows provide ample sunlight. In this kind of barn odors are reduced to a minimum. Nothing worse could happen to milk than to have it contaminated with foul stable odors.

Sea Beats Its Prey



Angry seas seethe and hiss at they roar across the deck of the Belgian trawler, Pierre Marie, which was flung against cliffs at Lamorna, Cornwall, England, in recent gale. Four of the crew were drowned.