

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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PAUL CROSSES INTO EUROPE

LESSON TEXT: Acts 16:13-15; Philippians 3:7-14. GOLDEN TEXT: I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus—Philippians 3:14.

Pressing "toward the mark" (Phil. 3:14) well describes the zeal and intense devotion with which Paul lived his life for Christ.

It seems appropriate to consider the two Scripture portions in reverse order, looking first at Paul's declaration in Philippians of his passion to know Christ, and then in Acts of his purpose to make Him known.

I. Paul's Passion to Know Christ (Phil. 3:7-14). There were many things in Paul's life of which he was proud, until he met Christ, and then everything else lost its importance and interest.

All things in life are relative in value and our attachment to them is determined by our heart attitude. Now being spiritually minded and having found in Christ real satisfaction for his soul, the Christian counts as refuse the things in which the world takes such pride and satisfaction.

To "know Him" calls for a depth of experience, sacrifice and of joy which is not easy to describe in words. It begins with a divine righteousness imparted by faith. Self-righteousness will not suffice. This is not a matter of law, but of grace.

It is a resurrection faith and therefore powerful. It is a faith which accepts suffering for Christ as a part of fellowship with Him—not only bearable but glorious because it is in the power of His resurrection.

That fellowship is one day to be complete and eternal, for there is to be for Paul the assured experience of a personal resurrection out from among the dead (v. 11). The faith of a Christian looks beyond the grave.

All this has to do with the present, as well as the blessed future. The man who has this kind of spiritual experience shares the purpose of Paul expressed in verses 12-14. Here there is no resting back in self-satisfied comfort, no pride in one's past victories, no sense of having "arrived."

Paul saw not only the necessity but the blessedness of going from victory to victory. Too many Christians of today are entirely satisfied with what they have attained (and it is usually all too little). There is a prize to be gained, the prize of our "high calling in Christ Jesus." Let us, like Paul, be filled with holy dissatisfaction with ourselves until we reach that blessed goal.

The man who had such a vision was ready for God's call to carry the gospel into Europe.

II. Paul's Purpose to Make Christ Known (Acts 16:13-15).

The story of the conversion of Lydia has many elements of special interest. It presents the turning point in the progress of the gospel, which by the grace and leading of God brought it northward to Europe rather than southward into Africa. Many of us have heard because of the way Paul was led, and one wonders if Europe and America might not otherwise have been the "dark continents" rather than Africa. We are what we are by the grace of God.

Then we note that the first convert was a woman. She was not the last woman to give an attentive ear and a believing heart to the gospel message. The church through all its history has been blessed by the readiness of women to bear and heed the gospel.

We like to note that she set a pattern of hospitality and service which her sisters in the church have maintained (see v. 15). She "constrained" the visiting preachers to enjoy the comforts of her fine home, and thus put forward the work of Christ (see III John 5-8).

It is encouraging to note how perfectly the leading of the Holy Spirit worked out in the experience of Paul and his brethren. The Lord sent His prepared messenger to the place where there was a prepared heart waiting to receive the Word with gladness.

We may confidently go on the errands of our God, knowing that when He leads, He goes before and prepares the way. That does not mean that there will be no trials and difficulties. Paul had plenty of them (see II Cor. 11:23-33). But it does mean that we may go with the assurance of blessed results, in His name, and with the grace to bear whatever comes along the way—for His glory.

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New Book on Balkans

With the Russian armies now sweeping into Southeastern Europe, and speculation rife as to the date when the joint British-American forces will invade the continent enroute to Berlin, major attention is being focused on the historic Balkan countries. The cradle of World War I, the Balkans will undoubtedly be an important battle ground in World War II. And to the picturesque people of these historic countries the current war is a battle for their liberation.

A real understanding of the people in the Balkans; the processes of Nazi infiltration and Fascist dominations; the high admiration for Americans and appreciation for the peacetime aid tendered in bringing Greece and other nations benefits from the western world, and the hope for the United States to be a potent force in bringing and maintaining world peace, is found in Laird Archer's new book "Balkan Journal." It is a graphic story of events in the Balkans during pre-war years and is a "must" for those desiring a behind-the-scenes account of Hitler's methods of conquest.

Laird Archer lived for 21 years in the Balkans. Thirteen of these years were spent as foreign director of the Near East Foundation. It was in this capacity that he conferred with those in throne rooms and embassies, ever keeping an attentive ear to the views of those in peasant cottages. With tolerance and sympathy for a people he loved, the author has caught the spirit of the Balkans and translated it into the printed word for all-time.

"Balkan Journal," one of the really worthwhile books of the year, is replete with stirring stories of the magnificent way in which the people of Greece gloriously resisted the Italians and defied the Germans. The book is of importance to those who seek understanding of the Balkan people in a war-mad world.



A radiogram from the Belgian Congo, Africa, announces the safe arrival there from the United States of Miss Ruth B. Piper, newly appointed missionary of the Methodist Church, who will become a nurse in the Kapanga Hospital among the tribesmen of the famous King Mwato Yamvo. Miss Piper is the daughter of Dr. Arthur L. Piper, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y., pioneer medical missionary in this area and founder of the hospital, and Mrs. Piper, a former New York City deaconess. They have been in the Congo for more than thirty years, and it was there, at Kapanga, that Miss Ruth was born. She has her R. N. degree from the Mountieside School of Nursing, Montclair, N. J., and a B. S. degree from Teachers' College, Millersville, Pa.

Could I have a day off to help with the spring house cleaning? No, I'm afraid not. Thank you, sir, I knew I could rely on you.

Sidelights

The spirit of the "Commandos" really gets into the blood of the youngsters of today whose vivid imaginations transplant them with ease onto many bloody beachheads. But an eight-year-old Allentown, Pa., "Commando" had his troubles a few days ago. He had gone into an important maneuver with a cooking pot jammed on his head to protect him against the hail of "bullets" that met the advance. But when the scuffle was ended a physician was called—and spent 20 minutes getting the "helmet" off.

It was a solemn occasion at a sanctified Negro church near Dickson, Tenn., one Sunday recently, when one of its prominent members had passed to the Great Beyond and final rites were being held as hundreds of his friends crowded the church. Just as the services started, a shot rang out closeby. Someone rushed in and announced that Richard Vann had been wounded in a crap game then in progress just outside the church. Vann was placed in the hearse in which the corpse had just been brought to the church, and rushed to a Nashville hospital, one of his hands having been shot off by Ed Manning, another member of the crap-shooting group. The funeral? Well, we weren't advised how it made out.

An Englishwoman attached to the American Red Cross in London has just received the following letter from a high-ranking officer of the A. T. S.: "I am writing to ask your help on a most peculiar subject, because you are the only woman I know who is in close contact with U. S. troops. I have been instructed by my superiors to find out exactly what the American boys mean by 'necking' and whether the game is fully understood by English girls. It is obviously a point of interest to anyone connected with a woman's service, and as girls everywhere are tending to lose their hearts over the Americans, I am trying to find out how this apparently popular game is played and what rules are considered standard." We might advise the inquiring lady that there are no standard rules and no holds are barred.

Household Hints

Dry coconut can be softened by steaming it in a cloth over boiling water.

A dishmop or a small paint brush is convenient for cleaning coil bed-springs.

Keeping shoes polished makes the leather pliable and preserves it.

To clean piano keys use a soft cloth moistened with denatured alcohol. Soap and water will make keys yellow.

Don't throw away old, stiff paint brushes—place them in a can with enough vinegar to cover, and boil for 15 minutes.

Boil a strong vinegar solution—one-half cup of vinegar to one pint of water—in the teakettle to remove lime deposits.

Pieces of fine, soft wool make excellent dust cloths, while next in usefulness are soft cottons, especially knitted materials and cheese cloth.

In washing windows or any woodwork where it is necessary to reach up, tie a piece of an old towel around the wrist to avoid water running down the arm.

To clean window shades with wallpaper cleaner, lay the shade on a flat surface, start with the top of the shade and rub down in one direction.

WATERLESS COOKING WILL SAVE VITAMINS IN YOUR VEGETABLES

Waterless cooking is one way of utilizing to the greatest degree the healthful qualities Nature has bestowed upon the products of the garden. It saves the vitamins and minerals.

The following chart is intended as a guide. In most cases you will need only enough water to cover the bottom of the pan about a half-inch. Use a tightly covered pan.

"Waterless" Cooking Chart

Table with columns: Vegetable, Weight, Fresh Vegetable, Cups of Water, Maximum Time (Minutes). Lists items like Parsnips, Potatoes, Squash, etc. with corresponding cooking instructions.

Turn gas burner on full until water comes to a boil. Then turn down to a small simmer flame and leave until the necessary time has elapsed. This type of cooking is not only conducive to better health, but is patriotic as well, inasmuch as considerable savings of fuel can be made. All fuels have gone to war, particularly the liquefied petroleum gases which we know as "bottled" or "tank" gas.

WE WORK FOR VICTORY TOO! WE ALWAYS PLAY WHERE IT'S SAFE



"We Always Play Where It's Safe" is the subject of the May school poster in the series. "We Work for Victory Too," being distributed to more than 38,000 classrooms in Illinois and Indiana by the Chicago Motor club. The poster strikes directly at one of the major causes of pedestrian fatalities. Designed to emphasize the contribution children make in working for victory, this poster series has been commended by leading educators throughout the United States.

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Physicist's Discovery

Lengthens Light Beam

The United States lighthouse service in peacetime operates 33,000 navigational aids ranging from lanterns hung on posts along our great rivers to the 9,000,000 candlepower beam of a modern lighthouse.

With our entrance into the war, the lighthouse service came under the direction of the United States coast guard and the jurisdiction of the United States navy.

The peacetime operation of a lighthouse was made possible by a 19th century physicist who discovered that lenses and prisms could be so arranged and manipulated that they would collect and concentrate even a feeble flame and multiply it into a tremendous beam of many candlepower.

Typical of what his discovery made possible is the \$20,000 lens of the Navesink (N. J.) lighthouse where a modest 2,400 candlepower lamp is magically multiplied into 9,000,000 candlepower, a light that probes easily through 22 miles of darkness.

This light revolves in a pot of lubricating mercury, six times a minute. It sends beams in two directions at once, giving two flashes to a revolution. It flashes at the same spot every five seconds, thus giving ships near Sandy Hook vital directional information.

Clean Powder Puffs to Prevent Germ Collection

Every woman knows that a clean powder puff is the only kind she ought to use. A soiled one can be a germ carrier. That goes for the puff on the dressing table as well as for the pad in the compact.

Both puffs and pads can be used and reused if given proper washings, so that the small supply on hand now can be kept in service for many months. Puffs that have a filling of surgical cotton, as most of the velour puffs do, can be washed most easily if the stitching is loosened for about an inch and the cotton is removed and thrown away. Shake out as much loose powder as possible, then soak the velour cover in lukewarm suds. If face cream or foundation cream has made the cover greasy, fairly warm suds and light rubbing will be necessary to dissolve the smudges. When the puffs are thoroughly clean, rinse in clear lukewarm water. Pat out the excess moisture on a soft cloth and dry out.

The velour texture can be restored to a large extent by gently fingering the fabric after it is dry. Refill the puff with a little wad of cotton, sew up the opening and the puff is ready. The soft felt-like pads used in compacts can be washed without any special trouble. Simply soak in suds after flipping out as much powder as possible, dunk up and down until clean, and then rinse dry.

Oil From Tomato Seeds

A source of oil that should not be overlooked in the United States is the oil that can be obtained from tomato seeds. Every year huge quantities are processed in the canneries of the United States. Jamieson (1932) states that seeds constitute from .5 to .6 per cent of the tomato fruit.

Recent experimental work showed that the ether soluble material of dried tomato seeds extracted in a Soxhlet apparatus for eight hours amounted to over 20.62 per cent. It was also reported that when the whole residue of tomato cannery waste was extracted an ether soluble fraction of 12.4 per cent was obtained.

The analysis of the residue yielded the following data:

1. Ratio of pulp to seed—approximately 1.6 to 1.
2. Moisture content of the residue—27.1 per cent.

It was estimated 250,000 pounds of oil could be obtained from the residue.

Mud Stains

Mud stains, especially on children's clothes, are among the most frequent clothes cleaning problems in spring time. Mud stains are not difficult to remove if dealt with promptly and properly.

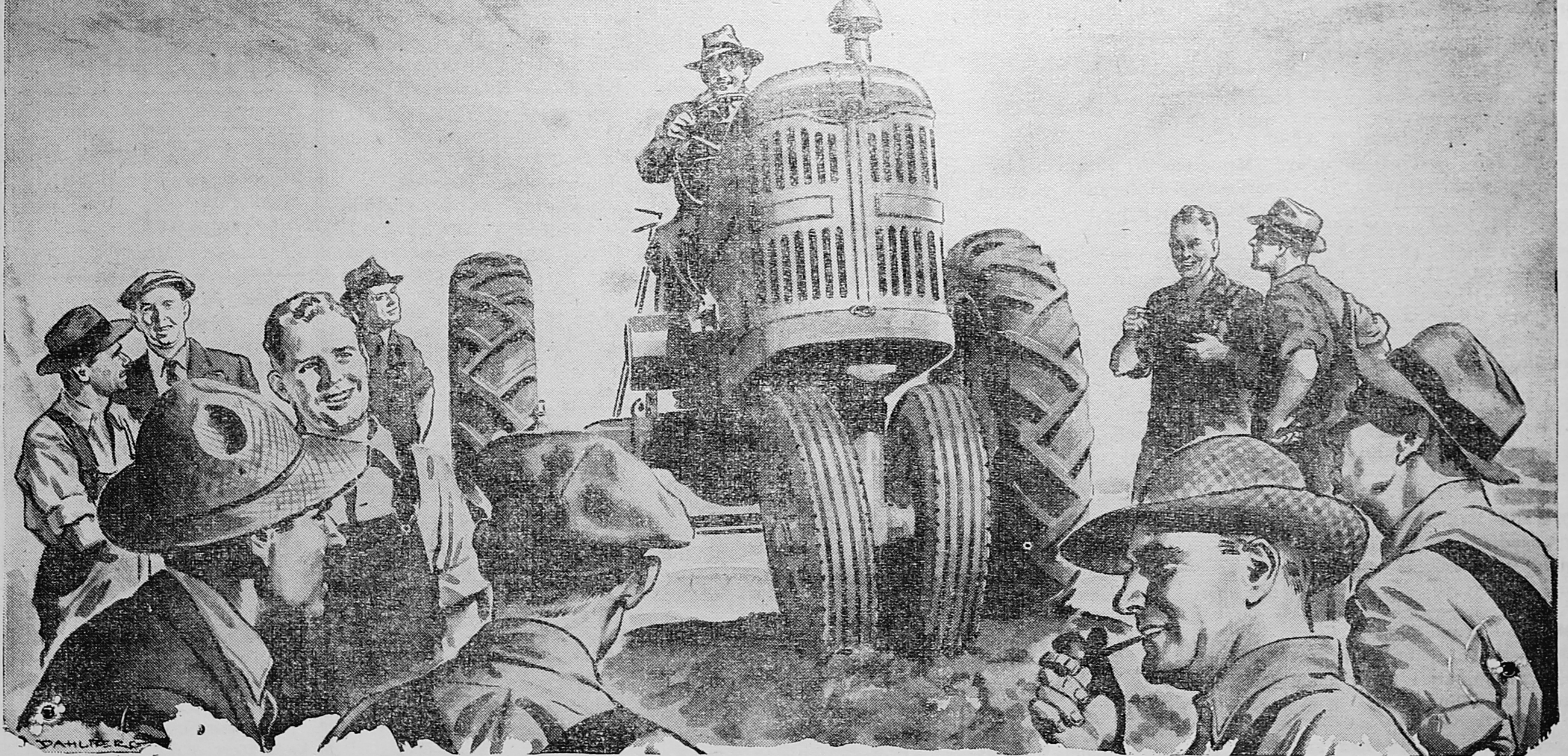
Clothing specialists advise letting the mud dry, then brush off as much as possible with a stiff brush. If the mud is on a wash garment, soak in clear cold water then wash with soap and warm water. If the garment is not washable, sponge the stain with denatured alcohol. For rayon and colored clothes use diluted alcohol. Twice as much water as alcohol is the proportion.

Mud often does more damage to leather than to fabric. If left to dry on shoes it may make a permanent stain. It should be removed at once with a wet cloth or stiff brush. Polish shoes when dry.

Wash Dress

If an old dress shows no holes and is color-fast and reasonably shrink-proof, start washing with a good tubbing in lukewarm sudsy water. Wash each dress separately, even if several are to be given the soap-and-water rejuvenation treatment. For both wools and rayons, use lukewarm water throughout the laundering and rinsing. Support wool and knitted rayons with two hands whenever lifting from one tub to another to avoid having the weight of the water pull them out of shape. After the last rinse, roll quickly in a large cloth to remove excess moisture, unroll, and dry on a dress hanger.

THIS WAR IS SURE DOING THINGS FOR FARM EQUIPMENT!



BONDS TODAY WILL BUY IT TOMORROW!

OUR implement industries engaged in the war effort are learning a lot. Today, this growing knowledge is going into the tanks and planes and guns with which our boys are doing such a magnificent job on the fighting fronts. But when the war's over, that "know-how" will go into new equipment for you. The tractors and cars and machinery which will replace your present equipment will be more efficient, easier to use. The manufacturers' post-war catalogs of new lines will make your mouth water!

Well, you'll be able to order as much as you want—if you have War Bonds stored away with which to pay the bill. On farms and ranches all over the country, wise, foresighted owners and tenants are keeping track of all the places where money will have to be laid out when the war is over. And against these future expenses they are

salting down their dollars in War Bonds.

Your boy is learning a lot while he's away fighting. When he comes home he's going to know what first class equipment is, and he isn't going to be satisfied unless you have it. Right now, of course, the War Bonds you buy *help back the attack* and hasten the day of victory. But after the war, the money you invest in them will come back, for you and the boy to use together on the farm.

War Bonds are backed by Uncle Sam. That makes them just about the safest thing in the world. They're the easiest way to save your money, because you can buy them at bank or postoffice or Production Credit Association. They come in large or small denominations, and in different kinds, to suit your needs. The important thing is—keep on buying them!

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37.50	50.00
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The Broadlands News

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. When was slavery first introduced into Illinois?

A. 1722.

Q. Under whose jurisdiction was slavery in Illinois at this period?

A. The King of France.

Q. What was the status of slavery in Illinois under the British period?

A. By proclamation it was declared that the late subjects of the King of France should enjoy the same rights and privileges "the same security of their persons and effects" as formerly. Slavery was at that time recognized in her colonies by Great Britain.

Q. What were the regulations governing slavery while the Illi-

nois country remained under the State of Virginia 1778-1787?

A. "That the French and Canadian inhabitants, and the other settlers of the Kaskaskia, St. Vincents, and the neighboring villages who have professed themselves citizens of the State of Virginia, shall have their possessions and titles confirmed to them and be protected in their rights and liberties." This was interpreted that the right of property in slaves should be recognized and protected.

Q. How did slavery fare under the Northwest Ordinance of 1787?

A. Although slavery was prohibited in all the territory the ordinance contained the clause: "saving, however, to the French and Canadian inhabitants and other settlers of the Kaskaskias, St. Vincents, and neighboring villages, who have heretofore

professed themselves citizens of Virginia, their laws, and customs now in force among them relative to the descent and conveyance of property."

Q. What was the reaction to the prohibitory slavery clause of the Northwest Ordinance?

A. It was variously interpreted as guaranteeing slavery, that it freed children born after 1787, and Gov. Edwards contended that the entire Ordinance was unconstitutional.

Q. What was the result of the controversial attitudes concerning the slavery clause?

A. General Harrison was induced in 1802 to call a delegate convention to consider the question.

Q. Who were the delegates from the Illinois country?

A. Shadrach Bond, Jean F. Perry and John Moredoch, from St. Clair County, and Robert

Reynolds from Randolph County.

Q. What was the result of this convention?

A. Congress was memorialized setting forth the great benefits which would flow to the people from slave-holding, and praying for the repeal or modification of the sixth article of the Ordinance of 1787.

Q. How was the memorial reported out of congressional committee?

A. The committee, of which John Randolph was chairman, reported in March, 1803 "the labor of slaves is not necessary to promote the growth and settlement of colonies in that region."

Al—A three letter man at college! What were they?
-Phil—I. O. U.

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Stranger (at party)—Dull, isn't it?

Other—Sure is.
Stranger—Let's beat it for home.
Other—Can't, I'm the host.

Grandma, if I were invited out to dinner, should I eat my pie with a fork?

Certainly.
You haven't got a piece in the house that I could practice on, have you grandma?

I understand, said a young woman to another, that at your church you are having very small congregations. Is that so?

Yes, answered the other girl, so small that every time our rector says "Dearly beloved," you feel as if you had received a proposal!

Remember Pearl Harbor!

