

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11:27-25:11.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 11:1-10.

God's View of People

Lesson for October 10, 1948

"YOU can learn more about human nature from reading the Bible than from living in New York," said a Yale professor who had tried it both ways. He was right; for in New York you are likely to see your neighbors only on the outside, while in the Bible you are introduced to people on the inside.



Dr. Foreman

One great value of the Bible is its plain stories about people, all sorts of people—simple, great, wise, foolish, saints and sinners. They lived thousands of miles from here, and thousands of years ago. They dressed differently and many of them spoke in languages now dead. Yet somehow they live in these inspired stories.

Saints

ONE of the great biographies of the Bible is that of Abraham. If you will read it in Genesis you will see it is not like one of our modern biographies; it does not follow a continuous line, but consists of short incidents strung together sometimes without connection.

It is more like an album of pictures than like a movie. Yet putting all the pictures together we get an impression of a remarkable man.

Indeed, Abraham was one of the most remarkable men who ever lived. Without a church, without a Bible, without prophet or priest or tradition, born in a nation and a family that "worshiped other gods," as Joshua said later, somehow Abraham came to know that there is but one God, and not only to know that as a fact but to know that God as a friend. (In fact, Abraham's name among the Arabs to this day is "The Friend.") We must call Abraham one of the great religious geniuses of all human history.

Yet he does not stand alone. The Bible is a book of saints; the letter to the Hebrews calls the roll of some, and ends by saying time is too short to name them all.

Now a saint is not a person who lives totally without sin. A saint is one in whose life goodness is stronger than evil; a saint is one who actually lives as a friend of God, for whom God is the central fact in all his life.

Sinners

THESE are no whitewashed plaster saints, the great and small figures of the Bible stories. They come before us just as they were. Abraham, for example, at times was a coward, a liar, a bigamist, a slave-holder.

We must not suppose that everything any character in the Bible did was right, or is right today. The writers simply tell the stories, seldom using adjectives like "bad" or "good" or "noble" or "mean." We are left to make our own judgments.

We are shown what effects sin has on men, we see how evil spreads by suggestion and imitation, we see how temptation works. God inspired the biographers; but he does not inspire men to tell lies or to cover up evil by calling it good. So do not be shocked to find that even a saint like Abraham had feet of clay. The important things about him are the good, not the bad.

The Light That Shines

FURTHERMORE, when you read these Bible biographies, you can trace a very interesting story through them all: namely the story of the human understanding of Right and Wrong.

But in Old Testament times, as in the case of Abraham, we must remember they were in the dawn-years before the sunlight of Christ had risen. Some of the things Abraham did would get him into jail nowadays; but some of those very acts were then the mark of a gentleman.

Sometime when you are discouraged and think the world is growing worse, all you need to do is to think back to some of these old Bible stories. What the very best people did then, is now by Christians seen to be not always good.

The human race has progressed, and nowhere more than in its knowledge of what is right to do. And even so, a man like Abraham, as good and great as he was, shines with an even brighter light across the centuries, challenging us to rise above our times as he often rose above his own.

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Vishinsky In Paris

Russia's sending of Andrei Vishinsky to Paris as her principal representative, instead of Foreign Minister Molotov, indicates that the main Soviet contribution to the United Nations meetings will be long tirades denouncing the Western Powers.

The Soviet Union's objective at Paris will be, as always, the creation of ever greater confusion over the various matters at issue, and Vishinsky is the logical man to do it. His specialty is vituperation of the most violent sort, with utter disregard for the truth.

If the Soviets had any inten-

tion of aiding in the solution of problems to be considered at Paris, they would not have chosen Vishinsky as their chief negotiator.

Armed Forces Unity

As a result of numerous conferences among leaders of our armed forces over a period of several months, it now appears that a general agreement has been reached concerning the functions of the Army, Navy and Air Force in the event of war.

Ever since the passage of the act of Congress in July, 1947, providing for the unification of the military services under a single Department of Defense, there has been much controversy, particularly between the Navy and Air Force, over the role to be played by each branch.

Among the matters at issue were (1) the retention of its own air branch by the Navy, and the extent to which it should be used in strategic bombing of enemy land bases and cities; (2) the extent to which the Air Force should engage in anti-submarine warfare; (3) the size and

duties of the Marine Corps, which is a part of the Navy.

A settlement of these questions was vitally necessary, not only to define the activities of each branch, but also in order that a suitable allocation of materials, industrial facilities and weapons might be planned for them in advance of a national emergency.

The announcement recently that the joint chiefs of staff have completed and filed with the Munitions Board lists of what they would need in the event of a sudden mobilization indicated that substantial agreements had been reached.

Much of the credit for accomplishing this desirable result is due to the Secretary of Defense, James V. Forrestal, who has labored patiently and determinedly to bring it about.

Sidelights

The story is told of two little girls who had run out of something to play with. Finally, one suggested that they play store. "No, prices are too high," re-

plied the other bright youngster. "Let's play radio program and I'll give away a million dollars."

In a discussion recently on how some men had moved forward so rapidly, one member of the group stated that he was certain that a lot of live wires would be dead ones if it were not for their connections. And he wasn't an electrician, either.

A recent survey shows that today 40 out of every 100 permanents are given at home, while only four years ago 99 out of every 100 were given at beauty shops. Now, if this new thing-amagig being put on the market with which a man can cut his own hair works, those of us, who have but few hairs to cut may be getting somewhere after all.

It was back in the depression days. Things were not so good out on the farm the day the farmer and his wife were standing at the pigsty watching their one and only pig eating what little they could feed it. "John, let's kill the pig," said the good wife,

"tomorrow is our silver wedding anniversary." The good farmer thought it over and then said: "What is the use in murdering the pig for what happened 25 years ago."

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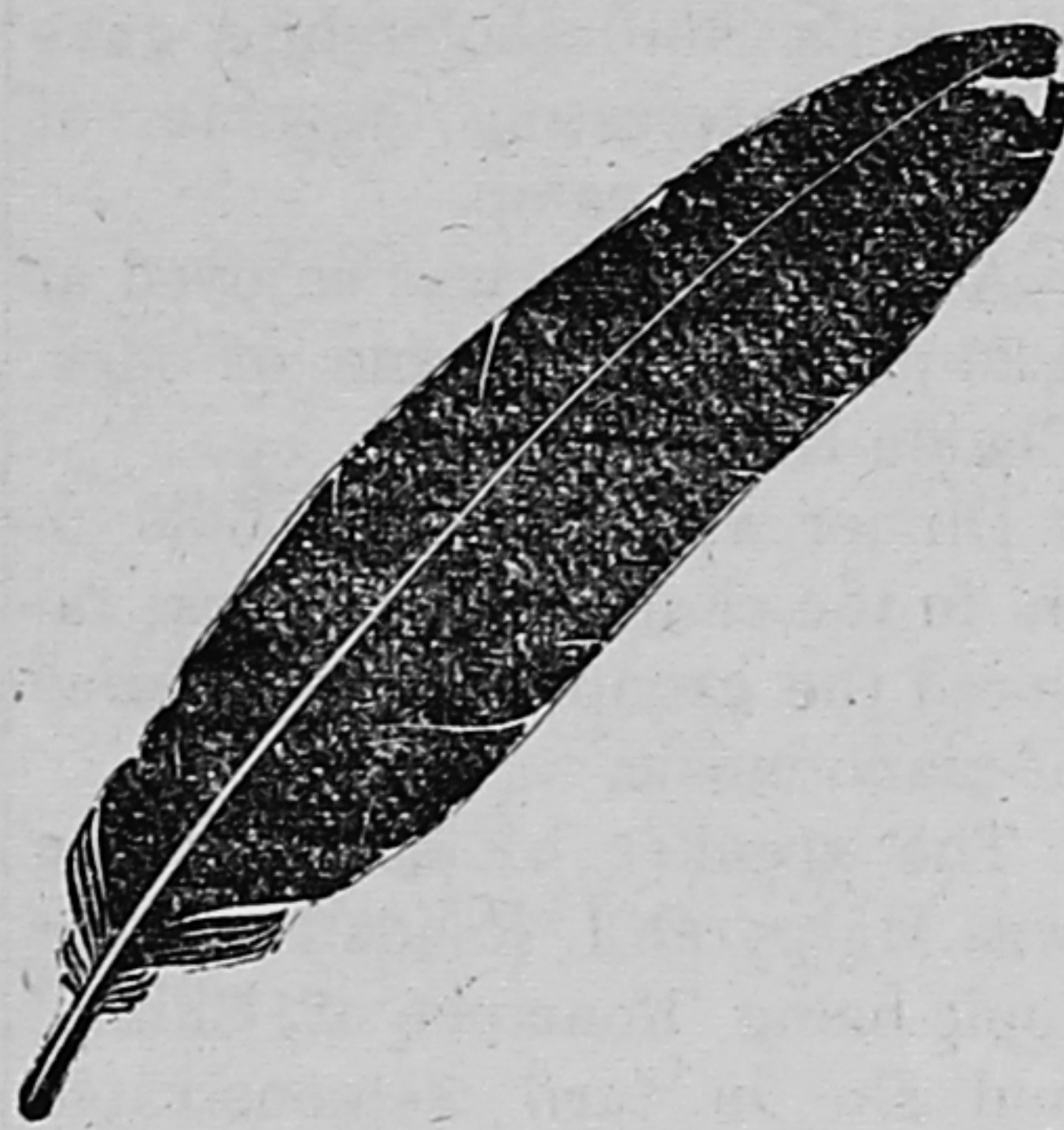
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I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it---for I shall not pass this way again.

Smile Awhile

John—I wish I could afford a car like yours.
 Jake—You and me both.

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Three ghosts were playing poker when a knock came at the door.

Who is it, they asked.
 Rigor Mortis—may I set in?

First Girl—I wonder what soldiers talk about when they are together?

Second Girl—Oh, about the same thing girls talk about.

First Girl—Gee! Aren't they awful?

The young kindergarten teacher bowed to a gentleman on a street car and then suddenly realized he was a total stranger.

Oh, I beg your pardon, she stammered. I mistook you for the father of one of my children.

The dude and the hillbilly were both rank privates and occupied adjoining bunks in the barracks. One day the dude inspected his toilet kit, glanced at his neighbor and demanded: Did you take my toothpaste?

No, I didn't take no tooth paste, came the answer. I don't need no tooth paste. My teeth ain't loose.

An American correspondent called at the Soviet liaison office in Frankfurt. He had his papers ready to go to Berlin.

Of course, said the Russian officer, just pick up your pass at our consulate.

Where's that? asked the reporter.

In Berlin, said the Russian with a smile.

The caller was offering condolences to the widow.

Your husband was a good man with many excellent qualities, she said consolingly.

So they say, the widow replied. You see, I wasn't too well acquainted with him, seeing as how he belonged to four lodges and three veteran organizations.

Wandering aimlessly along a lonely road in Scotland, a G. I. met a kilted Highlander.

Say, pal, exclaimed the G. I. I'm lost.

Is there a reward for ye? inquired the Scot.

No; why? asked the American? Well, replied the Scotsman, walking on, ye're still lost.

President Lincoln, in a message to a general he had sent to replace General McClelland in Virginia, asked the location of the new commander's headquarters.

Headquarters in the saddle, the officer wired back.

That afternoon, in his cabinet meeting, the President remarked: General Blank has his headquarters where his hindquarters ought to be.

After spending two days and nights in a Corpus Christi hotel room waiting for clear weather in order to continue ferrying an airplane to Birmingham, Ala., an Air Force pilot was quite bored.

To relieve the tedium, he opened the Gideon Bible that had been placed in his room. Pasted on the inside cover was a sheet which said, "If you are lonely and discouraged, read Psalms 23 and 27."

He turned to the 23rd Psalm and read it through. Turning to the page to read the 27th Psalm, he noticed a pencilled note in the margin, written in a feminine hand:

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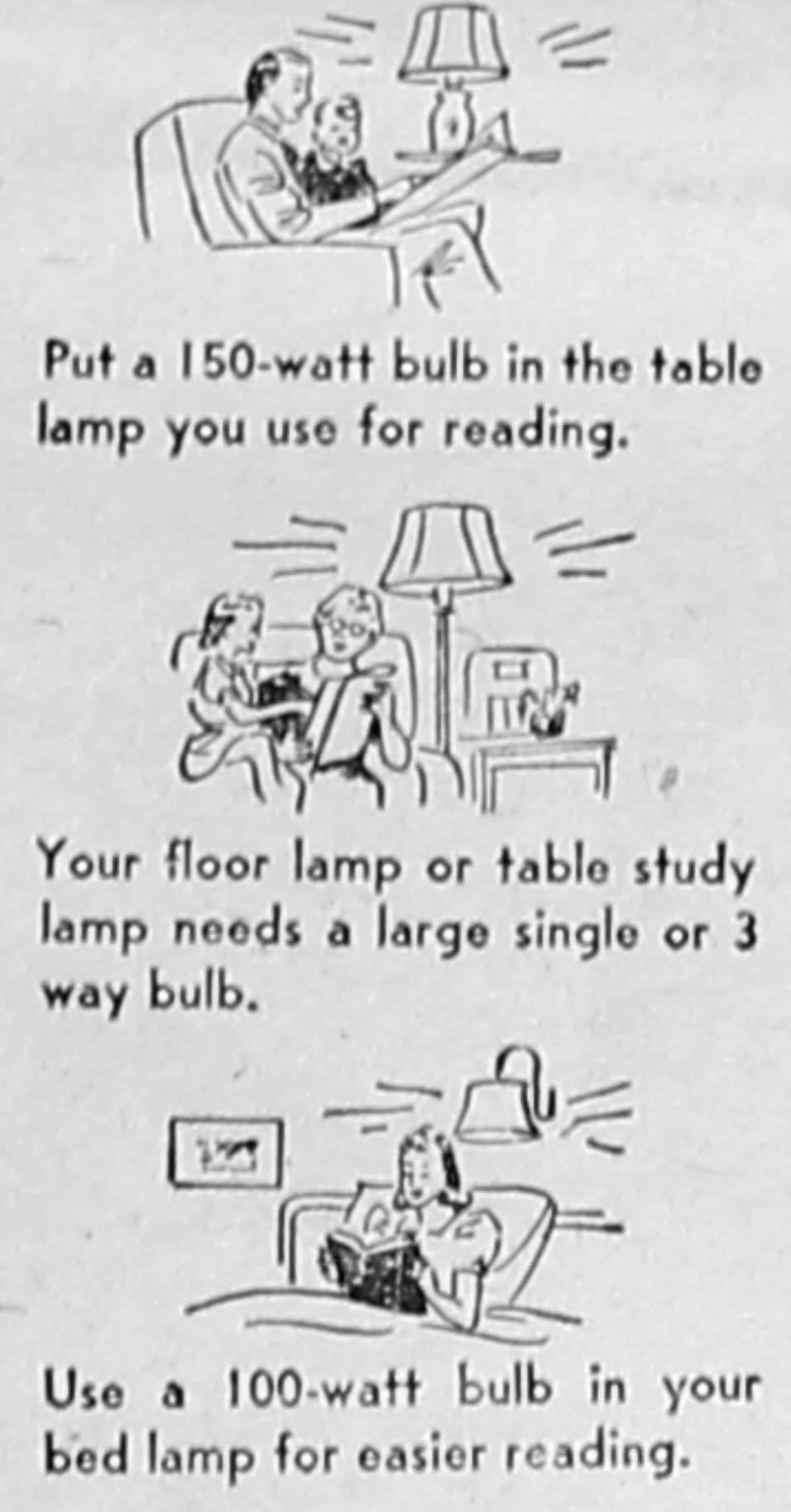
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Joe Marsh

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Local and Personal

Wanted—A doctor at Broadlands.

Mrs. Lloyd Donley was a Danville visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Lucy Sullivan, Mrs. Lula Pearson and Mrs. Eloise Hillary were Danville visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scamihorn of Roselle were weekend guests in the Alonzo Zantow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of Decatur spent the weekend in the home of the Howard Clems.

Mrs. August Wiese has been confined to her home by illness the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Anderson were business callers in Mattoon, Monday.

Miss Joan Donley left Friday for a visit with friends at Gary, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hillary of Sidell were Sunday dinner guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Pearson.

Gene Lite, Al Jackson and Russell Hancock of Champaign spent the weekend here with Max Henson.

Mrs. Harold Anderson and Mrs. Hattie Dicks left Tuesday for a few days visit with relatives at Indianapolis.

Mark Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Guthrie spent Sunday with the former's son, Jack, at Blackburn college, Carlinville.

Mrs. Hans Biesterfeld and Mrs. Walter Seider visited Mrs. Curry Voss, a patient at Lakeview hospital, Danville, on Tuesday.

Miss Alma Kroeger of Grand Island, Neb., arrived Wednesday of last week for a ten day visit with her aunt, Mrs. Margaretha Kracht.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood and daughter, Nancy, were weekend guests of Mrs. Wood's sister, Mrs. J. D. Latta and family, in Chicago.

Mrs. Veras Turner and daughter, Sharon, of Champaign, and Mrs. Clyde Maxfield of Villa Grove were supper guests in the Clark Henson home, Saturday night.

Mrs. Nora Griffin, who has been ill for several weeks, and who entered Mercy hospital on Sunday for observation, returned home Wednesday. Her condition is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Rayl, Mrs. J. P. Rayl and children, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiley Jr., in Urbana. Upon arriving there they were met by a number of friends who had planned a birthday dinner surprise for them. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The Allerton Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Ed Baker, with Mrs. Herman Rohl as co-hostess.

Members from the Homer club were guests, and gave special music in songs and piano solos. The program was "Club Institute," by Mrs. Eli Hurt.

Mrs. Lucy Sullivan entertained six of her nieces and nephews at dinner, Sept. 30. Those present were Miss Cora Savage and Mrs. Emma White, of Homer; Mr. and Mrs. Fay Moore, Urbana; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner of Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Sullivan had not seen her relatives from Spokane since she resided in the state of Washington thirty years ago.

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(Thelma D. Kraft, Reporter)

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Warnes and Clara were Sunday dinner guests in the Roy Williams home at Philo.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks of Champaign spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nohren.

Messrs. and Mesdames Edw. and James Carleton attended the railroad fair at Chicago Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easton of Humbolt were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Warnes.

Frank Dalzell spent Sunday afternoon with his brother, Wm. Dalzell of Newman who is home after a minor operation in the Paris hospital.

Miss Glenna Hood had the misfortune to fall at school on a wet floor and break her left shoulder blade, which is causing her much pain.

Mr. and Mrs. James Warnes entertained the Pinochle club on Saturday night with three tables in play. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Warnes held high score.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ringo and Heritha Ringo of Champaign spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ringo.

Mr. and Mrs. Montell Siders spent Sunday with the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buker of Rockville, Ind., and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buker at Hillsdale, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Keller, of Spencer, Ind.; and Mr. and Mrs. Markus Smith of Coal City, Ind., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Smith and daughters; Mrs. Robert Cresap and son, Seymour; Mrs. Daisy Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Duncan of Chicago, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Duncan of Frankfort, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mason of Chautauqua, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and Mrs. Hazel Davies of Danville, spent Friday in the Will Warnes home. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Jones are sis-

ters of Mrs. Warnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis entertained at a fish fry Friday evening the following and their families: Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Warnes, Merton Parks, Clarence Dyar, Delbert Warnes, Don McQueen, Ted Dyar, James

Warnes.

Mrs. Russel Smith entertained the Friday bridge club Saturday afternoon with four tables in play. Mrs. O. D. Struck held high score; Mrs. Lawrence Keefe second; and Mrs. Edw. Carleton, low. Miss Shirley Smith held

high, and Mrs. Dale Churchill low, for guests.

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