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Sunday School Lesson

JEREMIAH, A SPOKESMAN OF GOD

National Sunday School Lesson

For November 27, 1949

SCRIPTURE SELECTION: "Who unthinkingly buildeth his house by righteousness, and his chamber by justice; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, giveth him not his hire."—Jeremiah 22: 13.

Text: Jeremiah 1: 9-10, 19; 22: 1-3; 14-15; 37: 15-17.

Jeremiah was born at Anathoth, a town a few miles from Jerusalem, not very far from the place of the prophet, Amos. In life, Jeremiah came to a place where he was the ally of the Good King Josiah in his efforts to reform the people of Judah.

Throughout the reign of the last kings of the nation, Jeremia-

miah continued to preach the inevitable judgment approaching his countrymen for their sin and reprobation of Jehovah, which culminated with the captivity of Jerusalem and the captivity of a great number who were carried to Babylon. Jeremiah remained in Judah for a few years afterwards, then went into Egypt, where tradition asserts that he met a martyr's death.

In the first chapter of the book, Jeremiah tells of the divine call which he received and relates how he sought to avoid the duty of preaching the destruction of his people by remonstrating with the Lord that he was not a good speaker.

In this respect he was like Moses, who sought to avoid his call to service by saying, "I am not eloquent." Other great leaders of

Israel had done likewise, Saul, Joshua, Paul, Mark, etc. But God knows the hearts and possibilities of men and he refused to accept Jeremiah's excuse, saying to him that he should not be afraid for Jehovah would be with him.

It required a great deal of courage for Jeremiah to accept and carry out his mission, so thankful and unappreciated by those he sought to save. The priests and prophets of his day were corrupt and worldly-minded. The kings and rulers were devoid of the most part, of any serious religious acceptance of Jehovah, and the people, as a whole, had been drawn to the worship of various idols and the neglect of their spiritual well-being.

To these, Jeremiah was asked to deliver a message of condemnation, punishment and sorrow, which by its very nature was a declaration that would array the recipients against him, laying him open to being called a false prophet and a traitor to his country.

Regardless of this, unmindful of his own family, or the punishment which infuriated rulers meted out to him, Jeremiah persevered in delivering his unpopular and rejected message. That required a high moral courage rarely encountered in human beings.

The same great need for courage and frankness in religious matters has been evidenced in the lives of many great leaders, whose words and actions show that they were sustained by a firm assurance that God was on their side. Bishop Latimer was once rebuked by Henry 8th and ordered to apologize for some of his remarks in a sermon. As he began to preach the following Sunday, he audibly reminded himself that he was speaking before the King of England who could take his life, but, further, that he was ambassador of the King of Kings and had orders to deliver his message.

So John Knox declared, "I am in a place where conscience bids me speak the truth," and Luther made his celebrated avowal: "Here I stand; I cannot otherwise; God help me."

Jeremiah faithfully delivered his painful message. At the gate of the temple, on the festival day, at the royal palace, at the gates of the city, or wherever he could obtain the largest audience, this faithful servant of duty delivered the condemnation of God to his hearers. Those who were entrusted with religion had proved faithless and Jeremiah quotes God to them, "the pastors are become brutish and have not sought the Lord."

The expedient and false prophets received this message from God through him, "the prophets lie in my name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them."

Even Zedekiah, the king, received a message from God in all its frankness and condemnation, softened from the mouth of this by sorrowing statesman, for when Zedekiah enquired as to the approaching Babylonian invasion, he was told of the pestilence, sword, famine and captivity that awaited his people. Then, warned Jeremiah, God had said: "I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and a strong arm, even in anger and in fury, and in great wrath." Is it any wonder that such condemnation brought upon him the enmity of those he assailed?

So, accusing him of being a traitor to his people and a blasphemer, just as Jesus was subsequently accused, the priests and prophets arraigned him before the people. Jeremiah's answer was that he uttered the message of God and he reiterated his call that they repent and mend their ways so that Jehovah might relent. But realizing that he was in their power, he warned them that if they put him to death, they would bring innocent blood upon their hands.

So earnest and impressive was his defense that the verdict of the princes and people was that "this man is not worthy to die; for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God." Unfortunately for Judah, however, they did not believe this sufficiently to turn from their evil ways and destruction came upon them.

To The Homemaker

Traditionally, no Thanksgiving Day could be complete without turkey and no turkey dinner is complete without smooth, rich brown gravy. To make good turkey gravy, follow this tested recipe.

Turkey Gravy

3 tablespoons drippings
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups liquid
Salt and pepper

Put drippings from roasting pan into a bowl. Skim off as much fat as possible and put three tablespoonsful into a saucepan. Measure 3 tablespoons of flour into the fat. Blend thoroughly. Measure meat juice and add giblet stock, milk or water to make up 2 cups. Set fat and flour mixture over low heat, stirring constantly. Cook until frothy. Add cold liquid all at once, stirring constantly until thickened. Boil briskly about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve boiling hot. Yield: about 2 cups.

Note: Gravy may be cooked in the roasting pan but this is not recommended except for experienced cooks. If it is done, proceed as above, pouring out all the drippings so you can measure accurately the quantity of fat and liquid needed.

*Giblets are simmered to tenderness in seasoned water before last 15 minutes of cooking. Neck adding to, gravy, stuffing, or for any use. Add liver to water the may be cooked with giblets.

Triangle

By Miss Jean Amidon

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Amidon announce the birth of a girl on Nov. 14, 1949 at Alexandria Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Thomas of Arlington visited Mrs. Mary Amidon on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dillon have moved into their new home at Rectory. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amidon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Guntler, Misses Hilda and Joan Amidon and

Mrs. Mary Guntler, of Richmond, visited them on Sunday evening. Master Melvin Amidon spent last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amidon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guntler celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Guntler is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Guntler, a few days this week.

Mrs. Mamie Kincheloe and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper near Manassas on Sunday.

"Robbie" Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Tucker, was on the sick list a few days this week. Miss Sherry Lea Amidon visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amidon, on Sunday evening.

Haymarket

By Mrs. A. H. Meyer

The regular monthly meeting of the P.T.A. was held Tuesday, Nov. 15. The Rev. J. W. Duley opened the meeting with the devotional.

Those attending from Haymarket

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Sunday, November 27

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Monday—Tuesday
November 28-29

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ROUGHSHOD

Also News—Cartoon

Wednesday, November 30

WARNER BROS. NIGHT UNTO NIGHT
—Ronald Reagan, Viveca Lindfors

THE NIGHT HIDES THEIR SECRET
—IT CANNOT HIDE THEIR LOVE!

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Thursday—Friday
December 1-2

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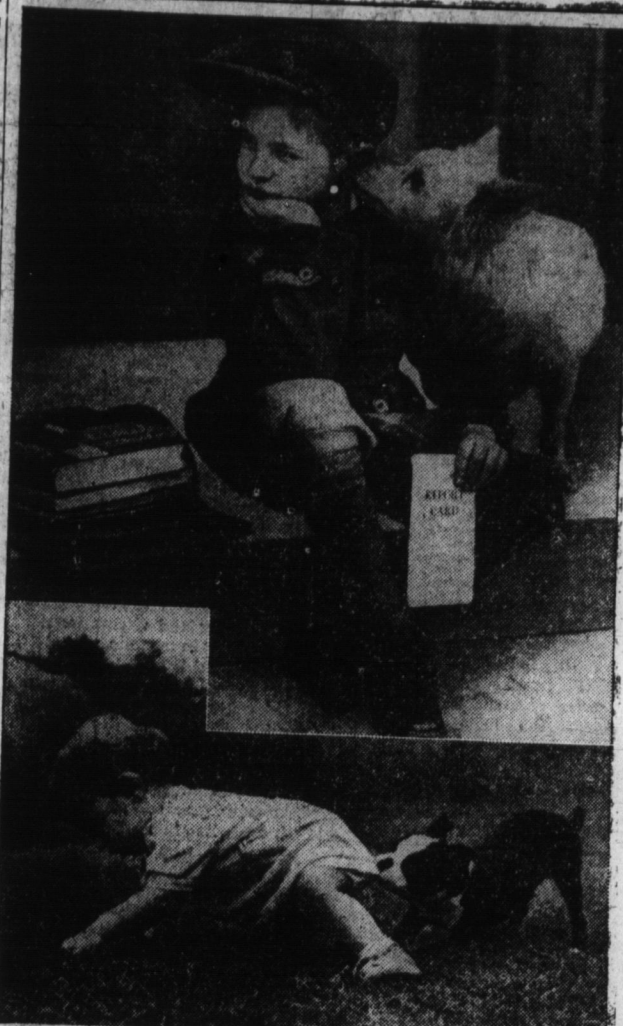
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Also News

FOR THE BEST IN PICTURES ATTEND THIS THEATRE

"When a Feller Needs a Friend"



were Mr. and Mrs. W. Corder, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Carter, Miss Roberta Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Meyer.

After the meeting which was enjoyable, delightful refreshments were served.

News was received here of a daughter born to Major and Mrs. Marshall Garth of Fort Knox, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garman announce the birth of a daughter born Nov. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Wright, Jr., announce the birth of a son Miss Sue Low was a guest at the Shelter on Nov. 18.

Mrs. Toyn Hutchison of Leesburg, and Mrs. Hill Grubb of Purcellville, visited at the home of their sisters, Mrs. M. Fowell Melton and Mrs. L. E. Thomas.

Miss Viola Gray visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Gregory in Martinsburg, W. Va., last Sunday.

The Rev. Murray Taylor was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fowell Melton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrett spent Sunday visiting Mr. Garrett's mother, Mrs. J. D. Garrett in Falls Church.

The Rev. W. F. Carpenter was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thomas on Sunday.

The Home Demonstration Club met in the Fire House last Friday. A most enjoyable time was had making trays by those who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Herrell were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Uterback.

Greenwich

By Mrs. Newman Hopkins

Mr. John Ellis was sick last week. So many people around have been ill with this stomach ailment.

Miss Helen House was at home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hoffman left Friday for a vacation before he takes over his new job as manager of the Sharet farm.

The stewardship lesson which the Earnest Workers had at their regular meeting on Wednesday evening was very interesting; eleven members had studied pamphlets or books which helped answer the questions that came up. Mrs. Ruth McMichael and Mrs. June Smith acted as hostesses.

The Presbyterian men's meeting which was postponed last week, will be held Tuesday evening, the 29. After supper at 7:30, they will have their meeting to organize the men of the church, if enough of the men wish such a group.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kenny and little girl have been visiting Mrs. Mary Foster for several days.

Mrs. Virgil Hopkins has gone to Gettysburg, Pa., for several days to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Early Nicholson.

The Presbyterian Women of the Church had their regular monthly meetings last Tuesday afternoon with a very good attendance. Mrs. Winn led the Bible discussion, with Mrs. Henry Spittle leading the devotional.

Some members of the church or Sunday school probably are not aware of the fact that there is a chance for young or old to get books to read from the library. Mrs. Ewing McMichael is in charge of the lending and is in the library—which occupies one corner of the large room upstairs between Sunday school and the church nour each Sunday.

Some of the neighbors around gave Sergeant and Mrs. Harry Cargle a housewarming on Friday evening. They have just recently moved to the Will Dodd place, and seem to like it there fine.

In the hurry and scurry of shopping and getting ready for Christmas, please do not neglect to "answer your letter" from your "T. B. Seals Lady." This is something so easily put off—and then forgotten entirely. The Greenwich community responded wonderfully last year—won't you do as well this year?

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hoffman and Freddy are vacationing for several days.

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Catharpin

By Mrs. Wallace Rion

Elmer Robinson, of Warrenton, brother to Mrs. Walter Allison of Catharpin, died last Sunday night after an illness of several months. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Warrenton Baptist Church and burial followed at the Warrenton cemetery.

Mrs. Allison, Edward Allison, Evelyn Allison, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allison of Catharpin, and Mrs. Earl Devaughn of Washington, attended the services. They also visited Adrian Allison of Catharpin, who is ill in the Warrenton Hospital.

Thanks to the continued open house hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pattie, Catharpin friends who enjoyed baseball by television this summer and fall are now keeping up with wrestling and football. Among the group that gathered at the Pattie home on Wednesday evenings for wrestling and Sunday afternoons for football, the following are frequently found: L. J. Pattie, Will Brower, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alvey, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Lawes, J. M. Young and Jimmy Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nelson, Wallace Rion.

Dinner, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lanhams last Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Guiffre, Peanne and Mary Ellen Graves, and Bernice Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph La Scola and their daughter, Margarita, were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Guiffre last weekend.

A surprise stork shower for Mrs. Robert Alvey and a white elephant sale for the benefit of CROP were features of the regular Catharpin Home Demonstration Club meeting held last Monday afternoon in Annadale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stoner. The Stoners are owners and former residents of Hardly-Able Farm, Catharpin, and Mrs. Stoner is still a member of the Catharpin club.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Alvey in an attractively decorated basketette prepared by Mrs. Gordon Pattie. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. N. M. Lightner and Mrs. Macon Piercy of Haymarket, Mrs. J. W. Alvey, and Mrs. Leslie Bell of Catharpin, Mrs. Gladys Hewitt of Eastport, Maine, and Mrs. Earl Devaughn of Washington.

Donation of proceeds from the white elephant sale to CROP represented the last community service to be carried out by the club under the presidency of Mrs. J. M. Young, who retires in December. Other club services during the year were initiation of community library service in cooperation with the Virginia Extension Library, 4-H camp scholarship, and cooperation with health drives and services in cooperation with the Virginia Extension Library, 4-H camp scholarships, and cooperation with health drives and services in the area.

Attending the Virginia-Tulane game in Charlottesville last Saturday were the following from Catharpin: Mr. and Mrs. William O. Hutchison, Mrs. Bertha Stamm, Angel Lanhams, and Dalton Carpenter. They sat with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin (Alfreda Larson), who secured the tickets for the party. Mr. Martin is a student at the University of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alvey plan to drive their son, Lynn, back to V. P. L. Blacksburg, after the Thanksgiving holidays, and they will stop in Roanoke to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alvey, Jr., and their little daughter, Gayle.

Following a deer hunt at Clifton Ford Monday and Tuesday with a party from the Rod and Gun Club of Northern Virginia, Raymond Webb of Washington yesterday joined Mrs. Webb (the former Muriel Ellison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ellison of Catharpin) in Covington, Kentucky. They will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. Webb's family in Brownsville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Etta P. Lynn, devotional leader, spoke of the superiority of spiritual wealth to material gains at the regular meeting of the W. S. M. S. of Sudley Methodist Church last Wednesday evening at Stone House.

About fifteen members attended the meeting, and discussed plans for improving kitchen facilities at Sudley Church. Mrs. George H. Ayers, hostess, served refreshments during the social hour that followed the business meeting; at which Mrs. Robert Wheeler, president, presided.

Sudley Church W.S.M.S. meetings are held regularly on the third Wednesday evening of each month.

Among those visiting in Catharpin for the Thanksgiving holidays are the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boothby and Mrs. A. L. Young of Chevy Chase, Md., and Janet Young, freshman at Mary Washington College, with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young at Oakwood Farm.

Miss Elaine Pattie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pattie of Triangle, with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pattie.

Billy Brower, Jimmy Harrover, and Lynn Alvey, cadet students at V. P. L., with their families; hunting and Thanksgiving dinner guests from Washington at Mrs. R-R Ranch with Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey Light.

Frances Huffman, freshman at Sullins College, Bristol, with her mother, Mrs. F. L. Huffman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Polen, their daughter, Marjorie Polen, of Pittsburgh, and their son, Dick Polen of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C., with Mr. Polen's cousin, Mrs. Etta P. Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lynn.

Lloyd Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Finlay MacLennan and their son John, and Miss Celia Saugen, all of Washington, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Casey.

Byron Woodside, freshman at George Washington University, with his family.

Mrs. Jewel Widmer entertained with a luncheon at her home near Stone House last Thursday for the following ladies of Sudley Methodist Church: Mrs. George Ayers, Mrs. Robert Wheeler, Mrs. Etta P. Lynn, Mrs. Sam Moss, Mrs. Sara Caton, Mrs. Anstine, and Mrs. Entwistle.

Judson Huffman, who was injured in an automobile accident August 26, is recovering steadily. At home for several weeks from Warrenton Hospital, this week he has been able to go out some.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lynn and their daughter, Elizabeth, visited Mrs. Lynn's brother, Murray Metz,

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I am a girl of eighteen and I am madly in love with a man twice my age. I had been dating him over a year and he wrote to me real often. Now he doesn't write at all. He didn't have any cause to get mad and I am too proud to write to him until he writes to me.

Please tell me what to do. Write him or try to see him, or try to forget him? I am not jealous but he is very jealous. He is going with another girl but he still seems to love me. Should I start going with other boys?

Blonde.

and my husband has never given me a birthday or anniversary present during those years. He always says that he doesn't know what I want, so to buy what I like for five dollars and he will pay for it. I think he is just plain lazy and doesn't want to bother himself. He certainly could find out what I wanted if he tried and it would mean a great deal more to me to have a real gift than a donation. Half of the time I am so resentful that I don't get anything. Please print this letter in The Journal.

Wife.

Answer:

If men knew how much women

Answer:

Why do you think he still loves you under the circumstances. Has he acted in such a way to make you think so? Did you do anything to make him jealous and to make him lose faith in you?

For if you have given him no cause to treat you as he has, he must have realized that he didn't love you enough to marry you and thought it would be better to stop before he became more involved. Or perhaps he fell in love with this other girl.

You could write a note to him and ask if you have done anything to make him angry, but don't put yourself in an embarrassing position in case he has tired of you.

Good luck.

LOUISA

Dear Louisa:

I have been married ten years in Duley, Md., Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pattie for turkey dinner Sunday were the families of Mr. and Mrs. John Pattie, Triangle, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pattie, Catharpin.

Candlelight services for Christmas morning and community singing of Christmas carols on Christmas eve are scheduled by the Gainesville-Sudley Church Methodist Youth Fellowship, according to Elizabeth Lynn, outgoing president.



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Let Us Return Thanks

On Thanksgiving Day many reverent Americans, looking with thanks to God, will give testimony to their belief in a supreme being, interested in the welfare of men and the development of saints.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed with deep emotion by many believers in God. There will be many others, however, who, despite a fundamental belief in a supreme being and a ready acknowledgement of divine blessings will not bother themselves with the special services held in the churches of the land.

Among the things for which the people of this country should be thankful is the freedom which has come to American men and women. We live our lives under no compulsion but our own willingness to attempt to approach the divine spirit in relationship with other struggling human beings. At the same time, we are not required by the law of the land to make any obeisance except that dictated by our consciences.

The United States, above all the nations on earth, and the American people, apparently above all other living groups, have been abundantly blessed. Surely, if a benign providence has a hand in the affairs of man, there is occasion for reverent appreciation and grateful thanks.

There will be some to return thanks for their worldly goods, others for their sound health and still others for the general good that has come to them in life. The original Thanksgiving Day was designed to commemorate bountiful harvests, which assured early Americans sufficient food for the sustenance of life. The day represents, by proclamations of the President and the Governors of the American states, a special occasion set aside for a public expression of thanks to Almighty God!

Education Widens Its Scope

The process of education in Prince William County has made tremendous strides since the ancient days when the "three R's" were supposed to include the curriculum of a modern school. While it is true that the fundamental problem of our institutions of learning is to give the student a proficiency in the use of so-called tools of the brain and, if pursued long enough, to acquaint the mind with the broad outlines of man's progress from savagery to civilization, the scope of the modern school has been widely expanded. Not only are our schools expected to perform the rudimentary task of educating pupils, but, in addition, to train them for democratic processes to teach them to get along with other human beings, instruct them in a trade for their economic livelihood and, in addition, take the task of the home and church in the development of morality and conscience.

When one considers the vastly extended ramifications of the process of teaching, there is no occasion to wonder at the increased cost of "education." Nevertheless, when we think of the expense involved, we should also bear in mind that ignorance is the most expensive luxury ever enjoyed by a careless people.

Gives Money While He Is Alive

It might not be amiss to call public attention to the example of James Powell, an ill man of 74, who recently distributed some \$350,000, with the request that his name be withheld and that the donor be identified only as "an unknown soldier marching away."

Mr. Powell gave \$25,000 to the City of Aurora, Illinois, to start a fund for an auditorium. He gave \$50,000 for the erection of a new high school, or addition to the present one. Other gifts were passed out to various individuals to make them happy "while I'm still alive."

Newspaper dispatches say that the real estate man had no immediate family. Naturally, this left him free to be generous to the community in which he lived and, in which, we presume, he made much of his fortune. It is to be hoped that other wealthy and moderately wealthy individuals will follow his example, not only in Illinois, but elsewhere throughout the nation.

We know of no individual in Prince William County who is likely to leave as much as \$300,000 to any public use. Nevertheless, if our residents, who have been fortunate in financial affairs, would seriously consider the possibility of putting some of their money, when they have no further use for it, to work for the good of the people of this area, the process might be duplicated and, in time, much good accomplished.

Buy Seals to Fight T.B.

While the fight against tuberculosis has made great progress, medical experts expect that new drugs will make possible the abolition of the disease, we should not overlook the fact that nearly 50,000 persons die every year from tuberculosis. The disease is the seventh greatest cause of death in the United States. This should emphasize the importance of the annual sale of Christmas seals for the purpose of securing funds with which to accelerate the fight on the great White Plague. The National Tuberculosis Association estimates the annual cost of tuberculosis at \$350,000,000. They think that a disease, known to be curable and preventable, should be prevented by a nation as alert as the United States and, when it occurs, should be cured.

When residents of Prince William County buy Christmas seals, they contribute their money to the great undertaking.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

What They Say Whether Right or Wrong

Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense: "We are just working on unification and it is coming along."

Clarence E. Harbison, pioneer dog psychologist: "If a dog is unmanageable, the owner is always to blame."

Harry Bridges, president, International Longshoremen's Union: "If our Union gets out of the CIO, it will be because it is booted out."

Harry E. Byrd, U. S. Senator from Virginia: "Every time your watch ticks, the Federal Government will be spending \$210 more than it takes in."

Herman Stinkraus, president, U. S. Chamber of Commerce: "Women actually control and operate the economy of this country."

James Clark Moloney, psychiatrist: "Grandparents today are better parents than the parents themselves."

Harry S. Truman: "Unless men live by their faith and practice that faith in their daily lives, religion cannot be a living force in the world today."

Moshe Piyade, Yugoslavian Official:

"The internal situation in Russia is still very confused. Not even Russian citizens know anything very clearly."

Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of New York: "In our democracy, which holds periodic free elections, government inevitably remains the servant of the people."

Dean Acheson, Secretary of State: "The Communists promise the hungry, distressed people food and material comforts if only they will accept slavery to the State in return."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Health Advice

Health and beauty counselors agree that everyone should eat a big, hearty breakfast and thus catch the later, less-crowded bus.—Hartford Courant.

Plagues Somebody

The Agricultural Department announces it will buy 3,800 tons of dried prunes for its national school lunch and institutional feeding programs. That should please prune growers. Whether the lunch line-ups will like it is something else again. But anyway, most of 'em can't vote.—New Orleans Times Picayune.

Tact

A demonstration of tact discovered in an Arkansas newspaper by the editor of Balance Sheet: "Miss Hannah Smith, a Batesville belle of 20 summers, is visiting her twin brother, James, who recently celebrated his thirty-second birthday."—Boston Globe.

Statistical Note

If all cigarettes manufactured were placed end to end, smokers would get a light that way and quit asking for a match.—San Francisco Chronicle.

We Know

When a woman occasionally does take a back seat she drives the automobile from it.—Arkansas Gazette.

Most Generally

"Married men ought to wear something to indicate plainly that they are married," says a novelist. They generally do—the suit they bought the year before last.—The Humorsist.

That's-A-Fact Dept.

"Don't spend all you make," one of the nation's leading bankers advises Americans. Some folks get it mixed up and don't make all they spend.—Brunswick (Ga.) News.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Cleanness of body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God. —Bacon.

Who does the best his circumstances allows. Does well, acts nobly; angels could no more. —Julius Hare.

White shall not neutralized the black, nor good compensate bad in man, absolve him so: Life's business being just the terrible choice. —Browning

Alas! regardless of their doom. The little victims play! No sense have they of ills to come Nor care beyond today. —Gray.

Character must be kept bright, as well as clean.—Lord Chesterfield.

Advertising is known by the company it keeps. Your business message in The Journal is welcomed by the best families in Prince William County.

The Russian arms census would be based upon the unchecked reports of the nations, including Russia, but the question is, can anybody depend on the accuracy of the statistics?

From The Journal Files

Forty Years Ago
Upon last Saturday night occurred one of the most atrocious crimes in the history of Prince William County, when Miss Ellen Smith, known far and wide as a lady imbued with all the sweetness of cultured Virginia womanhood, was foully murdered and consumed by a fire which burned to ashes the home that had been her constant shelter during her life.

With an exhausted reservoir Warrenton faced a crisis in her history last Monday night, when flames swept over her western part and at a time bade fair to reduce the whole town to ashes, causing a loss estimated at nearly \$100,000. Dr. R. B. Larkin and Mr. Arthur Herrell are both convalescing from their recent attacks of pneumonia. The huge, four-story factory of the Hopkins Company has been brilliant with electric lights until a late hour each night this week, as evidence of the fact that the company is handling its usual rush to turn out the extra supply of candy.

Thirty Years Ago

A number of breeders and others interested in the development of of Berkshire swine met at Clover Hill Farm on Saturday and effected an organization to be known as the Prince William Berkshire Breeders' Association.

One home in Manassas is quarantined for smallpox and two homes are quarantined for diphtheria by order of Dr. J. C. Meredith, town health officer.

Miss Isabelle Hutchison is teaching at Cannon Branch School during the illness of Mrs. Robert M. Weir.

Mr. F. M. Smith, Jr., has moved his real estate office from the M. I. C. Building to the Peoples Bank Building.

The usual Thanksgiving Day football game was played here yesterday between a Manassas team and a team from Alexandria.

The home team won 6-0. Miss Mary E. Fryer, of the Virginia Anti-Tuberculosis Association, was in Manassas this week in the interest of the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals for the support of health work in Virginia.

Mr. J. R. Linton, of Buckland Hall Farm, has returned from a short visit to Canada.

Twelve Years Ago

The Ruffner - Carnegie Library will ask the Manassas Town Council for an annual appropriation of \$200 to use in purchasing books for the use of the general public.

Mrs. Sedric Saunders, Mrs. Stewart McBryde, Jr., and Misses Conner and Ratcliffe, will be guests of Mrs. McBryde's mother in Culpeper tonight and will attend the University of Richmond-William and Mary game in Richmond tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cross and family will spend the holiday with relatives at King William.

The exercises at the High School Friday morning, in connection with National Book Week, were quite appropriate and much enjoyed by the group in attendance.

The library which was originally established by Mr. George Round now has some 3000 volumes according to Miss Eugenia Osbourn, who is in charge of this work.

PEOPLES BARBER SHOP
Manassas, Virginia

WHO KNOWS

1. How many persons are on the Federal payroll?
2. What is the present active sea force of the Navy?
3. How many homes were constructed in the U. S. in 1948?
4. Where did the first successful plane flight occur?
5. What is the area of the German Western Federal Republic?
6. What is the area of the German Eastern Democratic Republic?
7. Who is the new Secretary of the Interior?
8. Name the largest U. S. corporation.
9. Name the two new members of the U. S. Supreme Court.
10. Identify: Halle Selassie.

THE ANSWERS

1. Emperor of Ethiopia.
2. German Minister and Tom C. General Motors.
3. From 1838-46.
4. Dayton, Ohio.
5. About 100,000 sq. miles.
6. Slightly smaller than New England.
7. 17,000 sq. miles.
8. At Kelly Hawk, N. C.
9. At July 1.
10. Approximately 14,000,000.

The Reader's Forum

Nokesville, Va.
Route 2.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing two dollars, my renewal to The Journal, and I do enjoy The Journal, as there is a great deal of sentiment concerning it with me, as it has been coming to my house since December, 1938, when Mr. Manuel and I were married.

He was taking it then and as long as he lived.

Just a few days before he died in April, 1927, he sent to the office and had it renewed, just for me, I know, as he was fully aware of his very bad condition then.

So I have continued on until now, as it seems to be the one link that was not broken in my family when he died. And I am so glad you have the Sunday school lesson in it. I enjoy them, and all the other news.

So here is wishing you and The Journal prosperity and all success. May the Lord greatly bless your efforts, in whatever way or manner they are put forth.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. IDA MANUEL,
c/o. Mrs. John Moore.

Editor's Note: We greatly appreciate Mrs. Manuel's letter and hope that we may live up to her praise.

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Washington Notes

RENT CONTROLS

As a result of the current boom in home construction, Federal rent controls may end when the present rent control law expires next June 30th. New dwelling units are going up at a million-a-year pace, thus easing the housing shortage which has existed for the past few years.

CORN

In its semi-final crop report of the year, the Department of Agriculture estimated the corn crop at 3,358,000,000 bushels, a decline of 3.4 per cent, or 119,000,000 from the forecast made a month previously. While the crop is the second largest in history and 20 per cent above average, it was said to be slightly below the level where the Government would be required by law to prop up rigid marketing quotas next year to prevent surplus production. No final decision on quotas is expected, however, until after the department issues its final crop estimates in December.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

The Federal Government is now making regular, direct payments to 14,000,000 of its citizens, either as employees or beneficiaries under various acts of Congress, according to Senator Harry F. Byrd, chairman of the Joint Congressional Economy Committee. Of this total, about 2,011,000 are on the Executive, Legislative and Judicial payroll as employees. Of the remainder, the largest group is those on the military payroll, 1,600,000.

AIR RESEARCH SITE

The Air Force has announced the selection of a middle Tennessee area for its air engineering development center. Camp Forrest, 66 miles southeast of Nashville and near Tullahoma, is the site Congress has authorized a \$100,000,000 development. Within a 200-mile radius of the Tullahoma site lie the atomic energy plant at Oak Ridge, the aluminum plants at Alcoa, the phosphatic fertilizer plants of Muscle Shoals, Ala.—all embraced by the Tennessee Valley Authority power system.

U. S. PAYROLL

Raises granted by Congress in the last session increased the Federal payroll to a scheduled \$10,200,000,000-plus for this fiscal year ending June 30. That figure is about \$227 for each Federal income taxpayer. Government records disclose the payroll includes \$3,575,000,000 in pay and allowances for uniformed members of the armed forces and \$6,640,000,000 for civilian workers. The portion of the total payroll representing military expense actually runs up to 62 per cent of the total, because the armed forces employ 925,000 or 47 per cent of all Government "civilian workers."

"MOTHBALL FLEET"

Figures recently compiled show that as of Nov. 1st, the Navy has pulled 395 major combat vessels out of the Atlantic Fleet and 332 out of the Pacific Fleet, a total of 727, placing them in the so-called "Mothball Fleet." By next July, the total of major fighting ships in active service will be down to 237 including three new submarines and a light carrier.

INCOME

Approximately eight million American families and individuals in 1948 received cash incomes of less than \$1,000, according to a compilation just submitted for the use of the Congressional Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

RESERVE FLYERS

The Air Force has ordered its field commands to start releasing 2,454 flyers who are not in the regular Air Force, in line with the economy program. An additional 1,401 reservists will be given the choice of taking non-flying duties in the Air Force or leaving active service.

HIGHWAYS

The Public Roads Administration has appropriated another \$22,000,000-plus for the construction of Federal-aid primary secondary and suburban routes in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota for the next fiscal year, starting next July. Counting unspent funds from previous allotments, these states now have a balance of nearly \$31,000,000.

PEOPLES BARBER SHOP
Manassas, Virginia



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Watch Out For The Symptoms!

Laughed out loud when I heard Hoot Davis was down with Chicken Pox. A man of forty-five catching a kid's disease!

So I went to see him, armed with jokes about "second childhood" but forgot them fast when I got there. Hoot looked terrible and had quite a fever.

While we talked, I came to think of how Chicken Pox is a lot like other "diseases"—diseases of the character, such as intolerance, self-righteousness or just plain ignorance. They're excusable in children, but when they come out in

adults they're ten times as bad—and can be mighty "contagious." From where I sit, we should all watch out for the "symptoms"—little things like criticizing a person's preference for a friendly glass of temperate beer or ale. We've seen personal freedom wither away in other countries when individual intolerance was allowed to get out of hand and become a nation-wide epidemic.

Joe Marsh

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"DEAR SANTA: DON'T BE A DOPE!"

EVERY YEAR you flounder around 'mid the whimsies and the flimsies for something gay and glamorous to give me for Christmas.

"Dear Santa—if you only knew it, there's nothing more glamorous than leisure and convenience... the two things you can give me with—Electrical gifts!

"I want a toaster that's not temperamental. I want a mixer to whip up those cakes you love so much. A new automatic washer would give me 52 free Mondays a year. We'll need a new lamp to go by the new chair I'm giving you!

These are only a few possibilities. If you can take a hint, Santa, I'll be glad to leave the rest up to you and our Electrical Appliance Dealer!"

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The Manassas Merchant's Mart

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