



International Sunday School Lesson
For August 17

SAUL—A MAN OF GREAT ABILITIES WHO FAILED

1 Samuel 9:15-27; 10:1; 19:9-12; 28:31

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Character study is always of interest. Opposites in qualities are in all of us. The strife between good and evil was especially marked in Saul, who had everything in his favor at the start but made a most ignominious ending. The few verses indicated above are merely suggestive. Read all in 1 Samuel from chapter eight to the end of that book. Samuel had been the representative of Jehovah among the Israelites but the people, for the sake of being in style with the surrounding nations, wanted a king.

Everyone who has lost something valuable can enter into the spirit of the search for the asses of Kish. Saul the son was sent out with a servant and the hireling might have made a far better king. This young man suggests approach to Samuel, the man who is on speaking terms with God, and meets each objection that Saul puts forth. There are many interesting details about the sacrifice that is booked for that day and how the tender morsels of meat are set before the young man who is enroute to the kingship. The anointing the next day is in private but a formal induction into office takes place at Gilgal.

The modest lad is found among the baggage when he is sought for at the time of the casting of lots. But that is the last commendable trait that can be indicated. He certainly made good in his first battle under the favor of the Lord, but the people soon had reason to change from shouting to groaning. When the Philistines came with their challenge which was voiced by Goliath the giant, Saul was ready to promise a reward to anyone who would kill the boaster, but did not suggest that the honor of trying be accorded to him. David was the victor and the breach between the men started when the maidens, after the victory, sang that Saul had slain his thousands and David tens

of thousands. Jealousy was the undoing of this man who had so much in the midst of which to be both happy and thankful.

Melan-holy was a custom with the king. Instead of snapping out of it, as we would say to-day, he sought to be soothed as David harped for him. Big heart anger was seeking for mastery at the same time, for already Saul "eyed David" in his miserable jealousy. Anyone that cultivates jealousy is nursing a monster into growth and the outcome may be murder such as Saul attempted when he hurled his javelin at David.

Two specific sins must be noted in approaching the downfall. Both were acts of direct disobedience. One was in the nature of impatience. David was assured of victory against the Philistines at Michmash but he was told to wait until Samuel came with a sacrifice unto the Lord. Saul could not be patient beyond a week and then sought to offer his own burnt and peace sacrifices. Sentence was pronounced against him for this. Again when going against the Amalekites, the king was told not to take any spoil for a triumphal procession. Instead of obeying he saved Agag and much for a feast in which he expected to be acclaimed the victor. Then Samuel declared another profound truth which is equally good for us all to-day: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

The end came at the battle of Mount Gilboa when the Philistines were the victors. Saul wanted to be killed by his armor bearer who refused. Then the king ignominiously took his own life when he fell forward on his sword. Saul might have developed true greatness but he would not. The Golden Text has its most significant lessons for all: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Corinthians 10:12.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Little Miss Sara Sue Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Martin, underwent an appendicitis operation at Statesville, Sunday. She is reported as recovering very satisfactorily, having stood the operation splendidly.

EUGENE B. SOMERS OF WILKES COUNTY, DEAD

Young Business Man of Wilkesboro Passes Away; Well Known Here

North Wilkesboro, Aug. 10.—Eugene B. Somers, one of the most popular young business men of the Wilkesboros passed away in a local hospital today at 12:25 p. m., following an operation for appendicitis performed Wednesday morning. For two days after the operation Mr. Somers was reported as getting along fine and both relatives and friends were expecting him to be out again soon. He was taken seriously ill last night, however, and rapidly grew worse until the end.

Mr. Somers was the son of Mrs. Charles H. Somers, of Wilkesboro, and was born there on February 15, 1906, being slightly more than 24 years of age at the time of death. His father deceased, was Clerk of Wilkes Superior Court for sixteen years. In addition to the mother, the deceased is survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. F. C. Hubbard, this city; Mrs. L. R. Bingham, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. G. P. Dockery, Elkin; Misses Nell, Frances and Pattie Somers, Wilkesboro; Sheriff W. B. Somers, Albert and James Somers, Wilkesboro.

The death of Eugene Somers is mourned among a wide number of relatives and friends. He received his education at the Wilkesboro High School, later entering the automobile business. At the time of his death he held a position as assistant manager of Reins Sturdivant, Inc., local funeral directors.

Mr. Somers was a member of the Wilkesboro Methodist Church and Sunday School.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home with Rev. T. C. Jordan, the deceased's pastor in charge of the service. Interment will take place in Mountain Park Cemetery.

Mr. Somers' death will be learned with deep regret by a host of friends here, he having been engaged in the automobile business in Elkin about a year ago and during his stay made countless friends who are grieved to learn of his untimely passing.—Editor, Tribune.

GUY SPARGER IS NEW SURRY ROAD HEAD

U. G. Belton Tenders Resignation To County Commissioners; Effective Aug. 18.

Mount Airy, Aug. 8.—Guy Sparger, of the Stewarts Creek Township, has been appointed county road supervisor for Surry County to succeed U. G. Belton who tendered his resignation to the county officials Monday, to take effect August 16. Mr. Sparger will assume the duties of the office Monday, August 18.

Mr. Belton has served the office for 25 months, he is a Republican and was appointed by a Democratic board of commissioners. Since the Republicans came into power at the last election repeated efforts have been made to oust Mr. Belton, who was appointed by the Democrats presumably as a reward for his influence in helping to win a Democratic victory the previous election. Efforts against him were unsuccessful and his resignation is voluntary. He carries with him expressions approving his work from the commissioners, highway commissioners and B. F. Folger, purchasing agent.

He has built 60 miles of new roads while in office, the county now maintains about 700 miles of roads.

CYCLE NEWS

Cycle, Aug. 11.—Our community is still very dry. There has only been one light shower since about the middle of June, but still our crops look fairly good.

Aunt Sarah Ann Pardue, who has been confined in a hospital at Wilkesboro for several days, with a broken hip, has recovered sufficiently to be brought home Saturday.

Rev. W. V. Brown has returned from the one hundred and fortieth session of the Yadkin Association, and reports a great meeting. The next session will be held at Mountain View church in August, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Pardue have our sympathy in the death of their little girl by lightning Friday afternoon. We learn that a great crowd attended the funeral Sunday at Mountain Grove M. E. church.

Mrs. Isom Brown, who has been ill so long, shows little improvement, we regret to note.

Miss Jennie Pardue visited Miss Hallie Brown, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Cheek were the guests of Mrs. Cheek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Money, Sunday.

Mr. Manuel Cheek is nursing a badly bruised leg, caused by a fall while covering a tobacco barn.

Five airplanes were seen passing over this section Sunday about 2:30 P. M. They were all together and going in a westerly direction.

One of the new bantam cars passed up and down the Boone Trail Sunday. It was so small that it has been the talk of the children ever since.

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SUMMER BUGABOOS

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The family laundry doubles in quantity and wash-day becomes "Black Monday."

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