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Hallowe'en

Halloween, once observed with mystic rites and ceremonies deriving from the Druids centuries ago, has come to be a sensible and beneficial annual observance in the United States.

Halloween at one time was the night of the year when it was supposed that witches and ghosts were most likely to wander about. This belief went back many centuries and evidences of it are even found in the Bible. Both the ancient Egyptians and humans believed in witches, and the American Indians.

The Christian church, through out history had varying opinions about witches. At one time the churches regarded witches as non-existent and at other times they accepted the existence of them. By the end of the fifteenth century the church had adopted a policy of punishing witches with extreme severity.

The accused witches were tortured into confession and then were burned. In the following two centuries thousands of women were slain after they had been charged with practicing witchcraft and a single judge in France is said to have put to death 800 women within six years. Many persecutions for witchcraft were carried out in America, especially in New England. There were many executions of so-called witches in Salem, Massachusetts.

In our country, Halloween once was a time when young people got into trouble and created trouble and disorder. That custom prevailed until recent years, when the energy and effort of young people was turned into more constructive and helpful channels.

Today youngsters go out on Halloween night to collect funds for charities and good causes and treats for themselves. The result of this work which is carried on all over the country simultaneously by millions of young Americans is highly encouraging.

Instead of the witches the killing and the grief, sorrow and trouble once caused by Halloween we enjoy the mystic spirit, the history of the observance and the fun which goes along with it—while turning our energies to something constructive and worthwhile—a sign of progress and a victory for common sense over suspicion, persecution and cruelty.

Time For Fires

With cold weather approaching, it is well to remind readers that fires—destroying homes and property—will soon be occurring much more frequently than during the summer months.

The loss of life and property

from fires in the United States is still a staggering one, and the average reader would be surprised to know how many people who suffer disaster from fire do not have insurance to protect them from loss.

Speaking of rural citizens, it is often difficult to get adequate insurance of the farm home at reasonable rates and, therefore, many rural homes are not insured against fire. And if a fire starts and gets out of hand, the home is completely destroyed, as there is usually not sufficient time to bring in needed fire-fighting equipment.

Many fires are started by cigarettes. If you are a smoker, keep this in mind in the coming months. Another major cause of fires consists of faulty chimneys, flues and stoves. Faulty electrical wiring is also the cause of many fires.

The main thing to remember in seeking to avoid a costly fire is that one should be careful with electricity, matches, stoves and so on. A few thoughts about this matter in the next few months might prevent a domestic tragedy.

And, turning our attention to the forests of the United States, the monetary loss incurred from forest fires is tremendous each year. These fires are sometimes started by lightning as the reader knows, but more often they are started by the same thing which is responsible for most fires—carelessness.

October Quiz

The days of each week and month have their historical significance. You can test your knowledge of history by using the last days of October.

For what is the 19th remembered? (Answer: Cornwallis surrendered on this day in 1781. John Adams was born in Braintree, Massachusetts—later became the nation's second President. Also, the Maryland Tea Party occurred on this day at Annapolis, 1774).

The 20th—for what is it remembered? (Spain ceded Florida to the U. S. in 1820 on this day. The 21st? It's Will

Carleton Day in Michigan and also the anniversary of the development of the first incandescent light—1879).

The first radio message across the Atlantic, in 1915, fell on October 23rd. The 23rd is remembered as the day the first boat used the Erie Canal and as the birthday anniversary of Thomas Pinkney. Daniel Webster died on the 24th in 1852, and it's Pennsylvania Day in that state on the 24th, in honor of the birth of William Penn at Tower Hill, London, in 1644.

Burden Is New Blue Cross Representative

Graham D. Burden of Edenton has been appointed group representative here for Hospital Care Association, it is announced by John Griffin, manager of the Durham Blue Cross Plan's New Bern District Office. Mr. Burden has already assumed his duties.

Mr. Burden's territory will cover Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Bertie, Hertford and Gates counties. He will be responsible for all Hospital Care group

sales and service work in these counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Burden, the former Katherine Sue Brown, have two daughters, Ruth Michelle and Cynthia Sue S. They are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Burden is a member of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something. —Wilson Kleiser.

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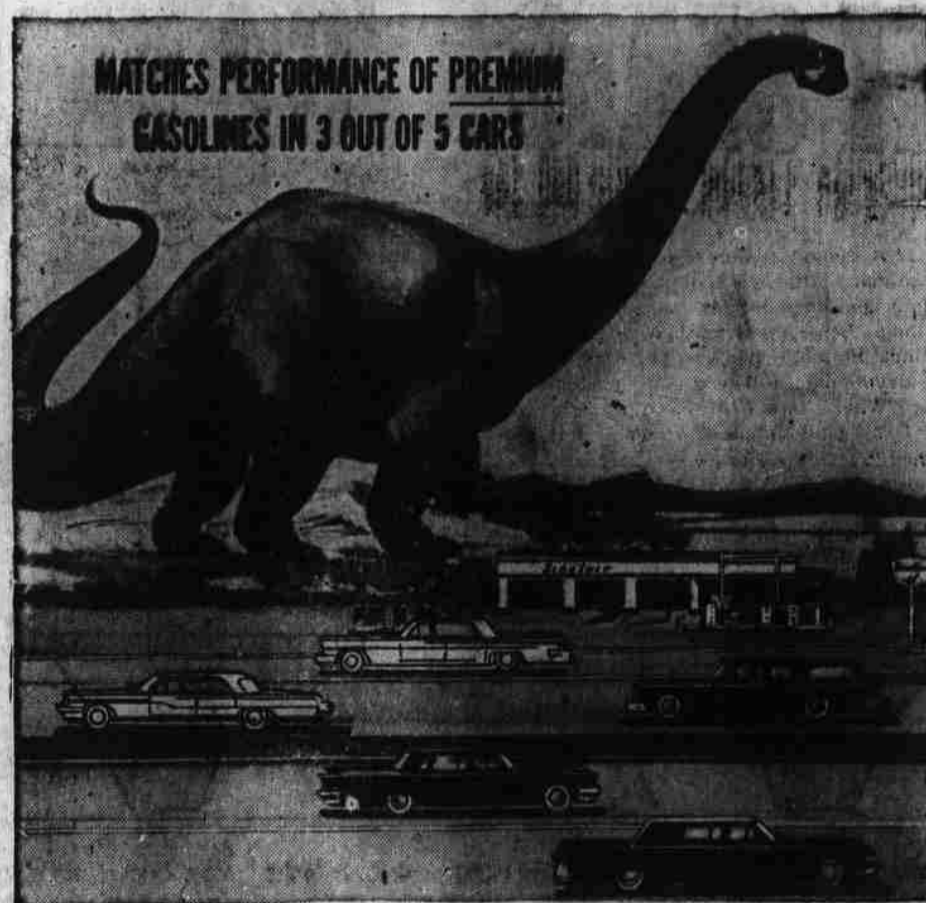
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Sunday School Lesson

THE CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH

International Sunday School Lesson for October 29, 1961.

Memory Selection: "The whole body . . . when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love." (Ephesians 4:16)

Lesson Text: I Cor. III:9.

The question for us to study today is: How does the church help us grow in the Christian life?

Reading our Scriptures, we become aware that spirituality for the Apostle Paul is not an experience isolated from the rest of life; it is not opposed to the material and intellectual. Spirituality is a divine relationship which helps to unify and ennoble all aspects of human experience. Paul turns to the human body for an analogy to illustrate the truth of diversity in unity. The unity of Christians is in Christ. The church, for Paul, is the mystical body of Christ which unites its members with Christ in a living organism.

To understand the importance of what Paul calls the proper working of each part of the body of Christ is to sense what growth can mean to the Christian in and through the church. If every new experience that comes in life helps a person grow, then just think of the areas covered in that experience of growth when the help of the visible Body of Christ—the Church—adds its incalculable and unique gift.

Many of us have somewhat illusory ideas as to what constitutes greatness in a church. Some people assume a church is great if it has a great amount of tradition behind it. Certainly no church need be ashamed of its traditions if it can point to an illustrious record of serving in Christ. But no current generation has the right to stand only on tradition, boasting along on greatness that has gone before, and was not of their making. Some identify greatness in churches with size. But size all that makes a good church? Many of the truly great churches of Christian history never reached one hundred members at any given time.

Others would identify greatness in a church with the pageantry of worship, or the preaching of a dynamic man of God who is blessed with greatness in utterances and prophetic insight. Certainly, many hundreds of us can testify to our own Christian growth because of these things, but are these alone enough to make a church great?

We need to strip our minds of our ideas of what makes a church great. We need to read the story of Simon Peter's confession that Jesus Christ was the Son of the living God. There and then Jesus proclaimed his church on the rocks where the confession of faith took place. (Matthew 16:18). If there is a confession of faith, if there are individuals of faith, then there is the rock upon which a great church is built.

The Christian church is a divine society called of God to perpetuate the spirit of Christ in human society. It creates a new fellowship of men and women which is both the realization and the organ of its purpose in history. The church is a universal fellowship of Christians who strengthen each other with a mutual faith in God and in one another. The church is a community—a community of brotherhood—and is not governed by wealth, position, "social acceptability"—it is open to all, an organ of true brotherly love.

The church gives each of us a chance to serve. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by those whose talents and abilities make possible the great talents they render to the church. We wonder if the Lord needs our humble talents. We can find an answer to this in Paul's homily. The analogy of the human body can help us realize our part in the body of Christ. How small a mechanism is the middle ear. Yet, let it cease to function properly, and we would find it difficult to walk across a room. The point is clear. Great services may indicate our talent and capacities, but the small services indicate the depth and range of our consecration. Christ wants and needs those for whom the church is functioning properly.



When I talk to God I'm sure He listens. I'm too young to realize there is such a thing as a genie.

I admire the convictions of my Mother and Father. They have shown me by their example that they live what they believe.

Because I've learned to trust and depend on those who love me, I haven't any silly illusion of self-sufficiency. It makes sense to trust and depend on God.

I'm proud and happy that I'm a Christian—so I'm not afraid someone might laugh at me for believing the Truth.

But, of course, my faith is no accident. I'm in Church every Sunday to worship God. Religious training is a major part of my education. I'm one of the millions of Christian youngsters who are the hope of this frightened world.

And when I talk to God, I don't just talk to Him about ME. I talk to Him about YOU!

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four main reasons why every citizen should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday Acts 4:22-31	Monday Matthew 6:1-15	Tuesday Ephesians 6:10-20	Wednesday Luke 9:23-36
Thursday I Corinthians 6:17-21	Friday I Timothy 4:8-10	Saturday I Timothy 4:11-16	

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