Sunday School Lesson:

Lure Of The City Was Strong, Even When Lot Chose Sodom

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in the long-ago yesterday of Abra- Canaan and Egypt, henceforth to be ham and Lot. We find the same the man scene of the Bible Story. dispute over territory; the ghastly The Garden of Eden region, with consequences of wrong decisions; its great cities and empires, is no the brotherly attitude of one party longer central. Henceforth the to a dispute; and the lure of city little strip of hilly country, with

Abraham and his nephew Lot had settled in Canaan. As their possessions increased, so did frictheir herdsmen. The time came for was to come. an apportionment of territory. Wise and generous old Abraham bade Lot take his choice.

By all the usages of the Orient, Lot should have deferred to his elder relative. But Lot was badmannered and selfish and unstable. So, instead of saying, "After you, Uncle Abraham. You choose first," he looked covetously at the lush green valley of the Jordan, with great cities near at hand and said,

Abraham was a spacious, tolerbade Lot follow his desires.

tives in his return from his unfortunate sojourn in Egypt, where
he had resorted to a cowardly lie.
THE CITY MOOD calling his wife, the beautiful Sarera than all of the schemes of statesmen. Things will get right when men get right with God. It was a converted and consecrated Abraham who was made ready to deal with presumptuous Lot.

What wonderful things would happen to our world were Stalin suddenly to return to the Scriptural teachings he once learned as a theological student; and Churchill were to take his Prayer Book as his guide, and Truman were to stand utterly for the faith of his youth as a Bapitst! The simplicities of religion would solve the complexities of statesmanship. Our Lesson has advanced geo-

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Much of today is wrapped up graphically from Mesopotamia to few fat valleys, that lies east of the Jordan, is to be the middle scene of God's dealings with the tion between their interests and Chosen People. There the Messiah

The Jordan Valley, which Lot chose, is the deepest rift in the earth's surface - 1300 feet below sea level, and of tropical richness.

The Sunday School Lesson for July 22 is, "Abraham's Practice of Brotherhood" — Genesis 13-15.

The Dead Sea, now being utilized by Great Britain as a source of immeasurable mineral riches, was "This for me; you may have the bordered by luxurious and sinful bare uplands." cities. A French archaeologist has identified the site of Sodom and ant character, rather inclined to Gomorrah as on the northeastern have peace at any price. He shore of the Dead Sea. Dr. Melthought more of family loyalty vin Kyle contended for a subthan of his own advantage. So he merged site at the lower end of the lake. By the western shore We find a key to Abraham's mo- are famous mineral springs, the

Lot, a life-long dweller in tents, ah, his sister, to save his own life. felt the alure of the cities. He additions to the church. His shame and repentance for this liked the idea of going to town for sin are easily imagined; for this his shopping. At first he only Bethel, to renew relations with the God of a Second Chance. Thenceforth his life would be guided by the will of Jehovah, the merciful. This wandering, wicked world of the management of the world of the world of the management of the world our needs to make pilgrimage to phistication of city life appealed to him. While his Uncle Abraham ion will do more for this muddled sat under the stars, communing ter Lydia are spending this week. shops of Sodom.

Easy was the next step. Lot Robert Hubbard of U. S. navy, intercession of Abraham saved him Noah Hubbard. from destruction when Jehovah poured out His wrath upon the and son, Charles, returned home citadel of sin.

and country confronts myriads of numerable, and quick prizes, await the young and quick prizes, await Mrs. Ada Cold. the young man in the city. But in Mr and Mrs. Horace Price and the country, human roots strike children spent Sunday afternoon Independence is there, and simple and family of Lawndale. neighborly fellowship, and habits of worship and health for the family. To be close to the soil and Mrs. Everette Lutz and son, means, for most men, to be close

W. Brackett and Jewel, were Mr. Harland Wright Wounded able to eat lightly yesterday.

The corporal has received than 6,000 letters from all par entangled in a city's ways and fate would have been a different man had he abode by his flocks in the fields. He missed life's gold in grasping at its tinsel.

Production of dairy farm machiny and equipment in 1944 had a value of \$36,000,000 compared with Kendall Spangler Drug Co., Paul \$23,000,000 in 1943, and \$22,000,000 in



IN PACIFIC - Lawrence Oliver, Joseph Tarlton Back formerly with the advertising de-

Daily Vacation Bible School On; Peelers In From Portsmouth

week. Rev. J. S. Gibbs of Shelby did the preaching. There were 12

Daily Vacation Bible school is being conducted this week at Kais the one blot against his godly pitched his tent toward Sodom. desh church and the attendance character. Full of remorse and repentance, he left Egypt, and jour-neyed up to his first altar at into the city. Gradually, he made Lutz, Mrs. Walter Dixon and Miss

sat under the stars, communing ter, Lydia, are spending this week with God, Lot lounged in the wine with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown at Flav.

moved his family into the city - is visiting his wife and daughter with tragic consequences. Only the and his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Peeler Saturday from Portsmouth, Va., This old, old choice between city where they had been visiting their son, Warrant Officer Stough Peel-

Mrs. Ada Gold and Betty, and deep, and character grows strong. with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Price Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. J.

means, for most men, to be close to God. Not all cities are as Sodom and not all rural communities are Mr. and Mrs. Evente Burley and Mrs. Events Grigg and children, David and Elizabeth, of

Sharon community, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hoyle Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Powell and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lutz and children, Jo Ellen and Sylvia, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Elmore at Ca- Two From Here With

Mr. and Mrs. Adjer Goodman of Raleigh, spent the week-end with Mr. Goodman's mother, Mrs. Lou

Miss Catherine Stamey of Cherryville, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sta-

Lt. (jg) Forrest Edwards Peeler and Mrs. Peeler returned to Charleston, S. C., Sunday after spending a week here with relatives. Gilbert Stamey returned home Saturd from Pineville where he spent last week with his brother, Rev. Robert Stamey and Mrs.

DILLON HEADS STATE'S BOARD

RALEIGH, July 20-(P)-C. A Dillon of Raleigh was re-elected chairman of the state board of correction and training yesterday at a quarterly session of the board at Eastern Carolina Training school, Rocky Mount.

Other officers re-elected are Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Winston-Salem, vice-chairman; and Samuel E. Leonard of Raleigh, commissioner. Superintendents were re-elected for each school as follows: S. G. Stonewall school; William D. Clark, Eastern Carolina Training school; Reva Mitchell, Samarcand; Mrs. Maude R. Jimison, Dobbs farm; Paul R. Brown, Morrison Training school, and Mae D. Holmes, Training School for Negro girls.

Commissioner Leonard, in presenting what he termed a "biennial" report to the board, praised the work of the superintendents, all elected during the past two years, and stressed the progress made at each of the institutions since re-organization of the state's program of correction and training in October, 1943. Prior to that time, each school was managed by a separate executive committee and there was no board of trustees for over-all management.

The state's six correctional schools had an approximate total enrollment of 822 boys and girls during 1944-45, Leonard reported.





NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN

James R. Neal In Koblenz, Germany

Pvt. James R. Neal, son of Mr. tain, has informed his parents he is zone. now in Koblenze, Germany, with the 35th division. He has been in service three years and has been overseas for the past 12 months. He is a brother of Arthur Neal of Shelby

pean campaign ribbon with four mong the group.

Lt. Earl Meacham At London Office

headquarters of the port offices.

John Hawkins, Buddy Roberts Enter Navy

John Landrum Hawkins, son of Buddy Roberts, son of Mr. and sical examinations, having previ-Hawkins, who will take a course in short period before entering boot training school.

Charles Eskridge Gets Discharge From Navy

Charles R. Eskridge. who has been serving in the Navy for the Remains Critical past 15 months, has been granted an honorable discharge from service and is now at home with his tioned at Norfolk, Va., where he was on duty until his recent discharge.

Mrs. Myrtle Wright of route 5, wounded on Mindanao island on beri-beri. June 24. No further information was given in the telegram, which stated that a letter would follow.

Pacific Bomber Group

Word has been received here that berator group which has been ber of the governing board of the awarded two distinguished unit ci- society, which is one of London's land and Balikpapan. Pvt. George the practice of law is governed. O. Moon of Kings Mountain and Chaplain (captain) J. C. Reichard British Admiral of the Fleet Sir bomber group, which fought at Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander.

Solomons. They have participated fire, and plan to be in their new in the campaigns covering the building soon. and Mrs. Fred Neal of Kings Moun- fic and the China-Burma-India South, Central and Southwest Paci-

Attends Two-Day Electric School

The use and care of home elecserving aboard a ship for the fleet in the Pacific where he was replace, has returned to the States wiring were among the subjects wiring were mrs. Oscar Morgan, wiring were among the subjects wiring were among the subjects wiring were mrs. Oscar Morgan, wiring were among the subjects wiring were mrs. Oscar Morgan, wiring were among the subjects wiring were among the subjects wiring were mrs. Oscar Morgan, wiring were among the subjects wiring were among the subject wiring were among the subject wiring were among the subject wiring were mrs. Oscar Morgan, wiring were mrs. Oscar Morg in the Pacific where he was replace, has returned to the pace, has returned to the rank of after 16 months service as a madiscussed at a meeting of FSA Wilson and Mrs. Fields Toney.

yeoman, third class. He does chine gunner in the European home management supervisors from 30 counties who met with freshments were served by the hostesses. Mrs. D. C. Beam, Mrs. he was awarded the Purple Heart representatives of Duke Power hostesses, Mrs. D. C. Beam, Mrs. for wounds received in combat company at Hickory, says Mrs. Della Wright and Mrs. Gettys against the enemy, the combat in- Lena W. McGill, home supervisor Bingham. fantryman's badge and the Euro- for Cleveland county, who was a-

with Miss Charlotte Mobley, home turned home Wednesday. service advisor for Duke Power Mrs. Hattie Beam has returned Word has been received here that Co., and Mrs. Doris Hovis, local home after a visit with relatives Lt. Earl Meacham of the Navy, husband of the former Miss Mon-able county FSA home supervisors DRUG STORE OPENS able county FSA home supervisors DRUG STORE OPENS trose Mull of this place, is now at to give rural families better ina navy port office in England. These struction. Discussions were led by for business with the exception of BELWOOD - Revival services offices were operated during the war Charlie Stone, Paul Tysinger, Joe fountain drinks. were held at Kadesh church last against Germany to handle prob- Howard and Miss Mobley to help lems of the armed guards. Lt. Mea-home supervisors to aid FSA bor-cham is on duty in the London rowers using electrical appliances days' treatment in the Charlotte for the first time to adjust and Memorial hospital.

> the home. day usefulness that can be passed mily. along to FSA borrowers were Mrs. Joe Kara of Staten Island, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawkins, and learned at the meeting, which con- N. Y., spent several days this week sumed a day and a half," said Mrs. with her sister, Mrs. Austin Roys-Mrs. Charles Roberts, went to Ra-McGill. "The importance of using ter. leigh yesterday for their navy phy-'blow out' were points especially ously volunteered for naval service. stressed by the company officials." Lem Williams Sunday. The session the second day was radar, went to Great Lakes, Ill., for devoted to a film on nutrition, a Harris of Walnut Cove, spent last immediate training, while Roberts discussion of laundry equipment, operational care of major appli-ances, modernization of old lamps Tuesday supper and a summary of the program.

Newman Condition

FORT WORTH TEXAS, July 20 -(AP)— The condition of Corp. wife and two children here. After James E. Newman, who contracted training at Bainbridge, Md., and tuberculosis and other diseases tuberculosis and other diseases Norman, Okla.. Eskridge was sta- during three years in a Jap prison near Belwood. camp, remained critical today.

Newman, who fought on Bataan The corporal has received more than 6,000 letters from all parts of

the nation.

London Lawyers Honor Eisenhower

LONDON, July 20 -(AP)- Gen. two Cleveland county men are with Eisenhower was elected an hon-13th army air force in the orary bencher of the Lincoln's Inn Philippines, serving with a B-24 Li- Society today. A bencher is a memtations for raids over Woleai is- legal organizations through which The same recognition is given

Shelby are members of the Andrew Browne Cunningham and

Planning for TELEPHONE PROGRESS in Rural DIXIE

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DIXON STORE NEARLY READY

FALLSTON - The new brick store building of W. J. Dixon and son is nearing completion. They continued business in the C. C. Falls building after the disastrous

The revival meeting is going on at Friendship church. Rev. C. G. Isley preaching at 11 in the morning and 8:30 in the evening. Rev. Furman Wright is directing the

AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of Friendship church met in the hut Wednesday afternoon. The devo-tional was given by Mrs. Evan Wilson. Mrs. Grier Martin had charge of the program. Those as-

Loyd Wilson joined his wife and family who had been spending The meeting was arranged by several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Miss Margaret F. Fuller, area FSA O. E. Hamilton near Dunn and home supervisor, in cooperation spent the week-end. They all re-

Fallston drug store is now ready

Mrs. C. C. Falls returned home

repair them and adequately wire Reid Harris of Walnut Cove spent the day recently with his "Many practical things of every- sister, Mrs. Evan Wilson and fa-

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Deal of Le-

noir-Rryne, visited Mr. and Mrs. Misses Shirley and Willie Lou week with Misses Lavada and Ber-

Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Martin were Rev. C. G. Isley, Mrs. Hattie Isley, Rev. Furman Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clay and son, and Mrs. Oscar Morgan and children. Miss Phylacia Gold of Shelby is spending this week with Mr. and

Mrs. Floyd Cline. Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dixon were Mr. and Mrs. Taft Putnam of Lawndale, and Mr. and Mrs. Carmie Elam of

Miss Minnie Mae Cline has returned home after visiting her and made the death march, was aunt, Mrs. Ralph Wise of near HONOR WRAY LEWIS

Capt. Geo. L. McConnell and S-Shelby, has been informed by the War Department that her son. Pfc. Harland P. Wright, was slightly ach and from the after-effects of J. C. Lewis Tuesday. They came Sgt. Francis X. Calden of Camp to pay an honorable tribute to Lt. Wray Lewis who was killed in service. Dr. and Mrs. Austin Lackey,

Rev. C. G. Isley, Mrs. Hattie Isley, now at the home of parents near Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Gray and North Brook.

Austin Lackey, jr., Mr. and Mrs.

Leroy Hull were also dinner guests.

A business trip to Salisbury Tues-

Mrs. Rochal Costner is sick at day. Mrs. Stough Beam has returned

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