God Encourages Moses — ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON — By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Exodus 3:13-4:31.

When the Lord finally made Moses see that he was the one to lead his people out of Egypt, he went to his father-in-law, Reuel or Jethro, and asked his leave to go back to Egypt, and Jethro said, "Go in peace."

Moses set his wife and sons upon an ass and started for the land of Egypt, taking the rod of the Lord in his hand, by which he was to prove to the Israelites that the God of their fathers appointed him to lead them.

Then the Lord told Aaron to go into the wilderness to meet his brother Moses, and he met him in the mount of God and kissed him, and Moses told Aaron the Lord's words and all the signs He had commanded him.

Then Moses and Aaron gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel and showed them the Lord's signs and told them that the Lord looked upon their affliction, and they believed.

(GOLDEN TEXT—Exodus 3:12.

GOD ENCOURAGES MOSES

"BRASS TACKS" ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Golden Text

Moses.

"Certainly I will be with thee."—Exodus 3:12.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for July 18 is Exodus 3:13-4:31, the Golden Text being Exodus 3:12, "Certainly I will be with thee.")

The calling of Moses to his great task of leading the Children of Israel out of the land of bondage given a larger space in the Bible than the calling of any of the other persons prominently connected was so important in the history of his nation.

Moses seems to have been very overcome by the high honor of being chosen by the Lord and quite certain that he was not the one to do the work. It took a great deal of patience to convince him that God had ordered well, the right man to do the job.

When Moses came to the children of Israel, who in their bondage were not easily led, he asked: "What shall I say unto them?"

God answered, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."

God instructed Moses that he should gather the elders together and tell them that the God of their fathers had come to bring affliction and would lead them out of the land where they were so cruelly treated. He warned Moses, however, that the king would not let them go, but He, the Lord, would stretch out His hand and smite Egypt with all His wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go."

Told to "Borrow" Clothes, Jewels.

They should not go empty handed, however, but should borrow jewels and clothes from their neighbors so that they would be wealthy. We can only assume that this was not intended as a robbery of the Egyptians, but that the Israelites were entitled to these things as they had earned them by their labors.

Moses was not yet convinced, and asked what token he could show to the people that God had sent him. "What is that in thine hand?" asked the Lord. "A rod." He was told to cast the rod upon the ground and it became a serpent of which he was afraid. Upon putting forth his hand and taking it by the tail, he was told, and it became a rod again because of God.

He was next told to put his hand in his bosom, and when he withdrew it it was white with a leprosy. Put it again in, he was told, and the hand became normal. The last miracle he was to perform to convince people he was God's messenger was to take some of the water from the river in his hand and pour it upon the land, when it would become blood.

Moses still objected saying that he was not a good speaker, but the Lord said, "Who hath made man's mouth? Who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or the blind? Have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say."

Even this did not smooth the way, and Moses asked the Lord to send someone else. At this the Lord became angry and he said to Moses, "Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth and with his, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people."

Moses Is Convinced.

Moses was finally convinced that he was the man and he went to his father-in-law, Jethro, and asked to be allowed to take his wife and sons back to Egypt. Jethro told him to go in peace. Moses set his wife and two sons on a donkey and started for the land had assured him that all the men that sought his life were dead.

Moses' younger son had never been circumcised, and because of this the Lord sought to kill him, but Moses' wife Zipporah, circumcised him and then apparently went back to her father, Jethro, and Moses went on alone. Aaron was told by the Lord to meet his brother, and he did, and they kissed each other affectionately when they met in the mount of God."

Moses "told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him and all the signs which He had commanded him." Then Moses and Aaron gathered together the elders of the children of Israel. It seems that even in their state of bondage they still maintained their organized religion and elected their leaders or elders.

"And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

"And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that He had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their head and worshipped."

So was the leader chosen and the plan set for to free the tribes of Israel from their oppression in Egypt.

RAINBOW DIVISION FLAG BEARER

Staff Sergeant David C. Rouse, son of J. D. Rouse of Route 2, Mullins, S. C., stands with the South Carolina state flag which he will carry in the activation ceremony of the new Rainbow Division at Camp Gruber, Okla., July 14. The division, famous in World War I, will be made up of men from every state in the nation. Sergeant Rouse is a member of B Company, 242nd Infantry.

City Road Revival Will Run Through Saturday Evening

The revival meeting which has been in progress at City Road Methodist church at North Henderson all week is to run through tomorrow evening, it was announced at the church Thursday evening. A marked response to the minister's messages were had at the Thursday night service.

Rev. C. A. Jones, of St. Paul, is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. E. Worthington, and is doing the preaching. Services each night are at 8 o'clock. Large crowds have been attending.

Rev. Mr. Jones Thursday night preached on the story of Daniel in the lions' den, and his steadfastness to his faith in God by refusing to worship the Persian gods.

In addition to the music by the regular choir, several numbers were given by the children's choir, led by Mrs. Raymond Adams. The adult choir is directed by Wesley Adams.

REVIVAL CLOSES AT MIDDLEBURG CHURCH

The series of revival services which has been in progress at the Middleburg Baptist church has closed, and it was considered very successful with much enthusiasm being shown by the congregation. Three new members were taken into the church by letter, and six by profession of faith.

Rev. Victor L. Andrews, of Mocksville, conducted the services, assisted by the pastor, Rev. John H. McCrimmon.

Baptism will be held at the church Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Fifty million bushels of additional feed wheat have been put on the market to aid poultry and livestock producers.

GIRLS BREAK EXCHANGE CUSTOM

ANOTHER PRECEDENT was shattered when the New York Stock Exchange engaged thirty-six young women for the first time as "carrier pages." Two of the new exchange employes, Edith Geitz and Jackie Beers, pose on the seat of an old trading post. (*International*)

YANKS FINGER SICILIAN SOIL

A COUPLE OF YANKS pick up some Italian soil and let it run through their fingers shortly after they landed on the shores of Sicily. These men and other Allied troops are now pushing inland on the strategic island at many points. Signal Corps radiophoto. (*International*)

DEAR NOAH= DO YOU HAVE TO JOIN A UNION TO BECOME A "FEATHER DUSTER"?
EDDIE MORAN
TERRE HAUTE IND

DEAR NOAH=DOES A DUCK GET "GOOSE DIMPLES" WHEN HE SEES A QUACK DOCTOR?
ETHEL THOMPSON
ERIE, PENNA.

POST CARD YOUR NOTIONS TO NOAH

DEAR NOAH= IS MONEY MIST WHEN A BANK NOTE IS DEW?
MARY DEANE LANEY
MONROE, N.C.

DEAR NOAH= IS NOODLE SOUP SOMETHING YOU MAKE UP OUT OF YOUR OWN HEAD?
BENNY SLATER,
ALTON ILL.

POST CARD YOUR NUMNOTIONS TO DEAR NOAH" IN CARE OF THIS NEWSPAPER"

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GIRAUD CHATS WITH TOP CADETS

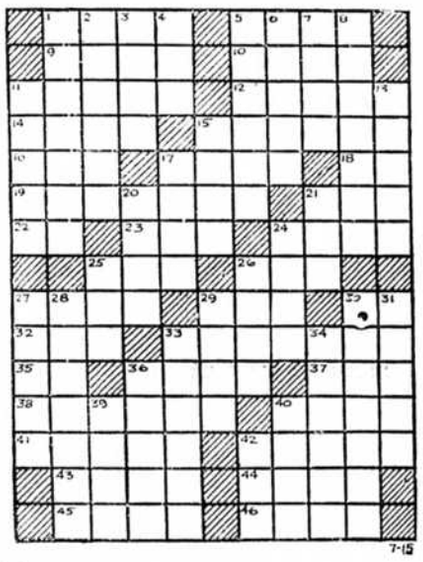
COMMANDER OF THE FRENCH FORCES in North Africa, Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, chats with two regimental cadet officers, after watching a review at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. He disclosed that "some French troops" are fighting in Sicily. (*International*)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS
1. Eager
5. Infrequent
9. Avant
10. English school
11. Medieval helmet
12. Weight
14. Herds of whales
15. Soloist in synagogue
16. Girl's name
17. Comfortable
18. Exclamation
19. Sweet clover
21. Entire amount
22. Like
23. Mountain pass
24. Ship's bottom
25. Pin
26. Fuel
27. Dressed
29. Crowd
30. Exist
32. Place
33. Short jackets
35. Siberian gulf
36. Garden tool
37. Skill
38. Death
40. Blaze
41. Walk furtively
42. Front of cap
43. Otherwise
44. Afresh
45. Feat
46. Headland

DOWN
1. Rubs off
2. Pair of interlocked rings
3. Poems
4. Obtain
5. A meal
6. Want of tone
7. Put to flight
8. Elevate
11. Lizard
13. Comical
15. Lacking in warmth
17. Stop up
20. Frosted
21. Roman money
24. Esker
25. Remunerate
26. Strong wind
27. Lumps of earth
28. Tagged
29. Jest
30. Appropriates for one's use
31. Chemical compound
33. Exposed to sunshine
34. Lifts
36. Cleanse of soap
39. Measure of distance
40. Penalty
42. Carting vehicle



CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

W H W P L T E M G R U G B W N A W O X T S E M L A W G R K X M N N X B W W S — W J P G S G Y W R.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PROVERBS ARE SHORT SENTENCES DRAWN FROM LONG AND WISE EXPERIENCE—CERVANTES.

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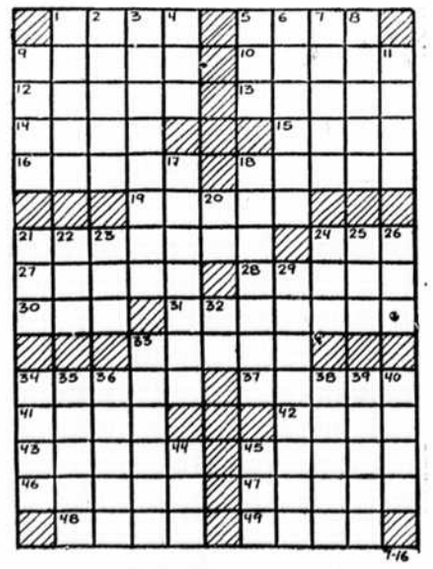
Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS
1. Open widely
5. Spheres
9. Make fast (naut.)
10. Ignited again
12. Eat away
13. Compound from ammonia
14. Granular material
15. Peruvian Indian
16. Underworld
18. Ridge of glacial drift
19. Adam's son (poss.)
21. Arousing
24. Ever (contr.)
27. Defeat
28. Grub
30. Snare
31. Native of Iran
33. Overalls
34. Church parts
37. Put off
41. Debate
42. To plunder
43. Saclike cavity
45. Derides
46. Musical instrument
47. Shore recess
48. Any organism except germ cells
49. Insects

DOWN
1. Hebrew weight
2. Solitary
3. Enclosures near stables
4. Sight organ
5. Anglo-Saxon money
6. Lax
7. Wink
8. Because
9. Girl's name
11. Rip
17. Laymen
18. Division of Great Britain
20. At home
21. Beard of rye
22. Sorrow
23. Skill
24. Silkworm
25. Girl's name
26. Flowed
29. Pertaining to a goose
32. Radium (sym.)
33. Goods cast overboard
34. Large pulpit
35. Causes to flow
36. Variety of sorghum
38. Tale
39. Fencing swords
40. Pause
44. Prescription term
45. Tomcat



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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERY MAN IS LIKE THE COMPANY HE IS WONT TO KEEP—EURIPIDES.

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