Talbot Johnsons Tour Scotland With Dr. Donald MacKinnon As Their Guide

Visit Lady Chieftain Of McLeod Clan At

the islands of Islay and Jura, for water jug at my feet.

the Barra "MacNeils" have al
The most interesting man I met the picture "The Tight Little Island" which was entitled "Whis

Presbyterians.

I, however, very much enjoyed 800-Year-Old Castle

Barra, and feel well rewarded for the two days spent on the island.

Following a tour of the Scandinavian countries, Mr. and Mrs. J.

Nearly every one is named "Macnavian countries, Mr. and Mrs. J.

Talbot, Johnson, have been wisit.

Talbot, Johnson, have been wisit. navian countries, Mr. and Mrs. J. Neil," and all were most cordial Tuesday—Doubs Chapel road and courteous to me. One by one, from Donald Garrison home to ing Scotland. Friends here will I visited every store in Castle enjoy Mr. Johnson's account, below, of an "ancestor hunt" which led along the wrong trail, and a mation and lore that I could elicit. Then I winted in the control of the could elicit. Then I winted in the could elicit. Then I winted in the could elicit. meeting with friends who were Then I visited in the homes of p. m.).

Their kitchens are usually com-

Neils." I went there hoping to get ters the kitchen is the warmest some early history on my branch room in the house. It is still very Baldwin store, 2:15 to 2:30; Jug- about, Saints on the some early history on my branch of the McNeill family, but soon learned that I was following the learned that I was followed the learned the learned the learned that I was wrong trail. I should have gone to night, fortified further with a hot

ways spelled their names with one lives on the northerly side of the land," which was entitled "Whis"I", and all are of the Catholic island. He is known by all as key Galore" in this country. He faith, having been isolated from "The Coddy, the uncrowned King also took a part in the picture and the spell of John Knox, and not of Barra." His word is tantamount if J. B. hasn't yet shown this pichaving been affected by the ref- to the law of the island and he ture, I do hope he will wait until ormation. The McNeills of Islay wields a large influence. He looks we get home. and Jura all spell their names much like our Mark Twain and is with two "I's" and all are staunch apparently highly educated. He ruins of old Kismul Castle, reputhero.

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last seen at Old Bethesda Church several of the best informed citizens, where I would be delightizens, where I would be delighted by the wo

Their kitchens are usually combination sitting rooms, dining rooms, dining rooms and place for cooking. It seemed strange to find settees and deep armchairs in the kitchen, but they were most comfortable and spotlessly clean. This custom stronghold of the "Mac-clent stronghold of the "Mac-clent stronghold of the "Mac-clent stronghold of the "Mac-clent stronghold of the term the kitchen is the warmest moore community, 1 to 2. Arthur

I especially enjoyed visiting the ed to be one of the oldest castles in Scotland. It was here, so the Hero Gideon story goes, that the Chieftain of the "Mac Neil" Clan declined an invitation from Noah to sail with him in the Ark, saying "Na man with a successful record. Then, thanks, I have a boat of me own." as now, if a man made good in the Some of them believe this today.

The castle tower is 200 feet high and contains many trap doors from which large stones would fall on the heads of the enemy in time of siege.

In Edinburgh we were joined by Dr. Donald MacKinnon as our guide and Rev. Alasdair Johnston as our driver. Our friends will remember Dr. MacKinnon as the distinguished speaker at our last Homecoming at old Bethesda. He was a superb guide, for he knows Scotland as we at home know Moore county. For seven days we visited points of interest on the mainland and the Isle of Skye, where Dr. MacKinnon was pastor for 20 years and knows every crock and cranny.

Together we virtually retraced the steps of "Bonnie Prince Charlie" from Glenfinn, where he first raised his banner until he set sail from Arisaig for France. We visited the point where Flora Macdonald landed him on Skye in assisting in his escape. We spent one night at Fladigarry, where Flora and her husband, Allan Macdonald, lived for ten years, and where their children were born. The house still stands and in the Old Testament. The people is in excellent state of preserva- loved him and remembered him for tion. We also visited Flora's that one thing above all: he could grave, which is a shrine.

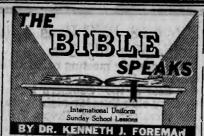
But the most interesting place we have visited was Dunvegan Castle, the ancient home of the MacLeods. This castle is approximately 800 years old and has been eon painted no pictures, carved no in continuous operation through- statues, wrote no poems. But he was out this period, and has been mod- an artist all the same. There is ernized in many respects. Through something artistic about any good the kindness and generosity of workmanship , and it is as true of Mrs. Flora MacLeod, who is "The military campaigns as of everything McLeod of McLeod," the 28th else. Chieftain of Clan McLeod, we were invited for dinner and to Never before have we been so royally or elegantly entertained. Nor have we ever met a more the grinding trap which Lee and his Nor have we ever met a more charming person than Lady Mc-Leod. She has the grace, charm, wit and personality of Eleanor Roosevelt and the same type of brilliance.

We shall never forget this occasion and we are so hopeful that we can in some way arrange for her to address one of our homecoming meetings at Bethesda. She says that she will be glad to come if we could arrange for a meeting of the McLeod Clan for North Carolina.

Our sojourn through Scotland has been rendered more pleasant calls out the exclamation: Beautiby reason of the pattern set for us by the Edwin McKeithens. It's Saint Gideon really uncanny how often we have followed in their train. By strange coincidence we rented the of what a Christian should be, most identical Standard-Vanguard car would say No. General Lee said at they had used in their tour two the end of his life that if he had it weeks before. At several hotels in to live over again he would not be a which we stopped we were greet- soldier. ed by the clerk with the information that they had recently had the pleasure of entertaining a couple from "the States," by the name of McKeithen-who, of course, proved to be Edwin and Norman. The same was true in Portree and also at Dunvegan Castle. Now we find we have a room at a hotel in Oban, which is the very next door to the room assigned to them.

I could go on with this offhand cambling for hours, but feel that really must stop right here. With best of good wishes to all ur friends at home let me say,

Sincerely, J. TALBOT JOHNSON.



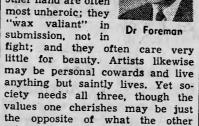
SCRIPTURE: Judges 6:1-8:28. DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm

Hero, Artist, Saint

Lesson for July 20, 1952

THE GREAT TRAGEDY of life is that man has three incompatible ideals. So says a famous thinker of our time. These three are the hero. the artist, the saint. The hero's virtue is strength; the artist's is beauty, and the Saint's is holiness A hero, in the

course of his heroic acts, does things which would stain the honor of a saint and which are too ugly for a sensitive about. Saints on the "wax valiant" in submission, not in



THE WORD "judge" in the Book of Judges usually means what we would call a hero, a military army he was after thought of as an army man. His title and his rank stuck to him his life long.

prizes. Very rarely, the same man

may show traces of artist, saint and

We think of General Grant as an army man, and of Lee as another; though one was President of the United States and the other one a distinguished college president.

So Gideon comes down in history as one of the "Judges" who delivered Israel from a powerful enemy. This time the enemy was the Midianites, a roaring nuisance if ever there was one. Midianites were nomads, they lived where they pleased, and they lived off the peaceful farmers wherever they were.

There were so many that their army looked like a swarm of locusts. They were seen only once a year, but that was enough. They would wait out in the wilderness until the crops were ready for harvest; then they would dash into the country, raid every farm from border to border, and skip out again, leaving the Israelites on the edge of starvation for another year.

How Gideon, a small farmer and a timid soul by nature, became the hero who nearly exterminated the Midianites and set his people free, is one of the most fascinating tales fight!

Gideon the Artist

THERE ARE MORE WAYS than one to be artistic. General Gid-

Incidentally, generals have a temptation to overlook this. At the spend the night in the castle. Battle of Fredericksburg in the American Civil War, when the generals had prepared, Lee remarked that it's a good thing war is so terrible, otherwise we should become too fond of it. He was speaking from the general's viewpoint, of course. The private is seldom in danger of being too fond of war.

At all events Gideon's campaigns were just as "beautiful" in all details as anything Napoleon, Lee, Hitler or Hannibal ever invented.

Can a hero be an artist? In his way, yes; like any other craftsman, he can do a necessary, rough and dirty piece of work in a way that

CAN A SOLDIER be a saint? If you mean by "saint" the ideal

And still, the writer of the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament does not hesitate to list Gideon, and even that half-hero Barak, right along with the rest in his list of high saints, the men and women of

For fundamentally it is faith that makes the saint. And Gideon was a man of sturdy faith. To paraphrase Tennyson, his strength was as the strength of ten, because his faith was pure. So there have been countless men whose profession is arms who have also been men of faith.

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Pope AFB Team Wins Division Title In Air Force Tourney At Pine Needles

The team from Pope Air Force+ base, staying in the lead all the Payton of McDill AFB, Florida, way, last Friday was acclaimed with a score of 287 for 72 holes. winner of the Southeastern Divipayton turned in a sub-par 67 on Needles course.

The division tournament fol- Third place player was Maj. lowed a district tournament, also Chuck Alexander, also of Pope, at Pine Needles, in which the brother of famed golf pro Skip Pope team was the winner. Both Alexander of Durham. His score were preliminaries to the World- of 300 was just one stroke ahead wide US Air Force tournament to of the fourth-place man, Tech.

south of the Mason-Dixon line and 306. east of the Mississippi river, the The two Air Force tournaments Pope players rolled up an aggre- were major highlights of the seagate score of 1,884 for the 72-hole son on the local course. John Semtotal. The team from Elgin AFB, ple is managing the Pine Needles Alabama, was second with 1,938. club during the summer months.

Winner of the individual championship was Staff Sgt. Jack E. PILOT ADVERTISING PAYS

sion championship at the close of the final round to finish 10 strokes a five-day tournament on the Pine ahead of his closest rival, Maj. Walt Davidson of Pope.

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