

# SNAP SHOTS

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For a long long time  
We've wondered why people  
Do some of the crazy things  
They do.  
For instance  
Why will a bald-headed  
Man pull a few straggly  
Locks from the lost column  
And drag them across the  
Top of his head until  
It looks like a custard pie  
Fenced in with slats?  
And why will a woman  
With seemingly good sense  
Spend half a day and a  
Tired sales lady's time  
Buying something with the  
Firm intention of bringing  
It back to be exchanged  
Or credited?  
And why does a lovely girl  
Tell her escort to come  
At eight and then wait until  
Eight before she  
Even starts the  
Transformation process?  
Why does a business man get  
His stenographer to call  
A telephone number to tell  
The listener to  
"Please hold the phone"  
While he holds an executive  
Session or goes out  
To lunch or on a trip  
Or something?  
And then angrily wonders  
Why the listener has quietly  
Passed away in the interim?  
Why do friends meeting  
On the street hold their  
Conclave right smack dab  
In the middle of the sidewalk  
And then throw pitcher eyes  
At you if you happen to  
Push just a little as you  
Wade through the gutter?  
And WHY capital letters  
Does anybody write such  
Piffle as this when there  
Are so many important  
Things to write about?

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## God's Promise of a Nation

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for July 29 is Genesis 17, 18, the Memory Verse being Genesis 12:2, "I will bless thee . . . and be thou a blessing.")

ABRAHAM whose name has heretofore been spelled Abram was 99 years old when our lesson today begins. He was an old man when God appeared to him and said, "I am the mighty God, walk before Me, and be thou perfect."

That seems to be expecting a great deal of a man, but that is what true Christians should strive to be—perfect. Abraham fell on his face before God and the Lord told him that he was to be the father of many nations. "Neither shall thy name be Abram any more, but thy name shall be Abraham," adding that he, one of the radical letters of the name JHVH, which is translated Jehovah. His wife's name was then-Sarah, to be Sarah, not Sarai, as heretofore, also among the sacred letters.

Abraham was to keep the Lord's covenant, and according to this covenant every male child was to be circumcised, the infant when he was eight days old. Of Sarah, Abraham's wife, the Lord said, "And I will bless her, and give thee a son; and she shall be the mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her."

In his heart, Abraham laughed at this promise, for Sarah and he were both old. In the previous chapter of Genesis the story of Sarah and her handmaiden, Hagar, an Egyptian, told Sarah so much desired to have one by Hagar, which she did. But when this child was to be born and named Ishmael, Hagar despised her mistress and fled, bearing so unpleasant that Hagar ran away. The Lord found her wandering in the wilderness and sent her back to Abraham's tent, telling her to submit herself to her mistress. There Ishmael was born, and at this time he was 17 years old, and Abraham was evidently very fond of him.

Lord Blesses Ishmael  
Abraham, father of the boy, and the Lord promised to bless him and make a great nation from him. "Twelve princes shall be begotten."

get," the Lord promised.  
"But My covenant will I establish with Isaac"—which was to be the name of Sarah's son—said the Lord.  
One day Abraham was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day, when he saw three men approaching. Abraham went to meet them and asked them to sit, saying he would have water for them to wash their feet and food for them to refresh themselves. He undoubtedly realized they were not ordinary travelers, but the Lord and two angels.  
They accepted his hospitality and ate the food that was prepared for them. Afterwards they asked where Sarah was. "Behold, in the tent," Abraham answered. Again the promise of a child was repeated, and Sarah, hearing it as she stood partly concealed by the tent door, laughed to herself because she thought such a thing could not be.

"And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?  
"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Sarah denied she had laughed, being frightened.  
Threaten to Destroy Cities  
The men then rose and looked toward the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the Lord said they were wicked cities and He was going to see if they really were as wicked as had been reported. Abraham went with them as the Lord had said, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?"  
Lot, Abraham's kinsman, lived in or near Sodom, you remember, but Abraham did not mention him when he asked the Lord, "Wilt thou destroy the righteous with the wicked?" Suppose, he said, that fifty righteous persons should be found. The Lord said He would spare the city for the sake of the 50.  
Asking forbearance of the Lord for his boldness, but without fear, five more times Abraham interceded for the few righteous persons who might live in these cities. If there were 45 good, or 40, 30, 20, even 10, would they perish with the guilty? No, said the Lord, if there were but 10 guileless ones the city would be spared.  
"And the Lord went His way, as soon as He had left communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place."

Placed in class 1-A, subject to call for active duty: Floyd Edward Rathbone, William Theodore DeWaele, James Ellis McMahan and Carroll Lee Smathers.

Placed in class 2-A were: Lloyd Bradley, and Ralph Shoe Kuykendall.

Placed in class 4-F were: Romda Daton Henderson, Max C. Witt, Mack Arnold Garland, Robert Fields Haynes, George Clifford Styles, Noble Jonas Wyatt, and Roy Wallace Green.

Placed in class 2-C (F) were: Jack G. Rector and Jack R. Ferguson.

Placed in class 1-C (inducted):

## Reclassifications For Past Week Listed By Board

Among the thirty-six men reclassified during the past week by the local draft board were the following in class 1-A, subject to call for active duty: Floyd Edward Rathbone, William Theodore DeWaele, James Ellis McMahan and Carroll Lee Smathers.

Placed in class 2-A were: Lloyd Bradley, and Ralph Shoe Kuykendall.

Placed in class 4-F were: Romda Daton Henderson, Max C. Witt, Mack Arnold Garland, Robert Fields Haynes, George Clifford Styles, Noble Jonas Wyatt, and Roy Wallace Green.

Placed in class 2-C (F) were: Jack G. Rector and Jack R. Ferguson.

Placed in class 1-C (inducted):

## Pfc. James R. Wright Reports To Kelley Field

Private First Class James R. Wright has recently returned to

were: Spencer Walker, Elmer D. Hendrix, Angus M. Best, James D. Kellet, R. L. Ledford, Bob Rogers, Roy E. Arrington, and Frank Bolden.

Continued in class 2-A (F) were James Davis Smith and Edgar Lon Ammons.

Continued in class 2-B were: Herman Ervin Lowe, Edward Earl Messer, Oscar Teaster, Virgil Oliver Sizemore, Woodrow Wilson Beasley, William Dacus Pitts, Virgil Cecil Lee and Gay Wilson Manus.

Continued in class 2-B (F) were Roy Fate Sherrill, Robert Lee Davis and James Edgar Moore.

Continued in class 2-C (F) was Jarvis Dewey Messer.

Kelley Field, Tex., after spending a 30-day furlough with friends and relatives in Waynesville, Sylva and Norfolk, Va. He has returned to the States after 13 months spent in Italy.

Miss Ethel Wright has returned to Baltimore, Md., after spending two weeks with friends and relatives in Norfolk and Waynesville.

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