

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

TESTING HABITS BY THEIR USEFULNESS

International Sunday School Lesson for June 2, 1940

GOLDEN TEXT: "By their fruits ye shall know them."—Matthew 7: 16.

(Lesson Text: Ezekiel 15:1-6; Matt. 5:13-16; 7:16-20; I Cor. 10:6-7)

It is difficult for us to overestimate the importance of habit in our every-day life and the part that must be assigned to it in the explanation of both thought and action. As a matter of fact, in the adult, practically no act is independent of habit. Habit frees the individual from the need of constant thought and enables him to devote himself to the general ends to be attained and to the acquisition of new skill.

Granted the supreme importance of habit for the individual and for society, it is evident that it is essential that right rules be followed in order to develop suitable habits. Every act of an individual leaves its mark upon that person's nervous system, and these marks, in the end, make the man. When a habit is recognized as good, every occasion possible should be utilized for executing the habit, and, of course, vice versa. It is important for the development of a good character that the individual endeavor to choose good habits and to check the bad. Gradually through repetition, a stock of habits will be acquired that will determine one's manners, morals and efficiency.

The social results of evil habits are clearly revealed in history. Events have certainly proven that righteousness exalteth a nation but that the path of wickedness leads to defeat and death. Ezekiel, who lived and labored among the exiles in Babylon, wrote about the sins of his people. The children of Israel had formed the habits of forgetting and disobeying God, of disregarding ethical principles and of participating in various kinds of evil practices.

As a result of their sins, Jerusalem was razed, the beloved Temple despoiled and desecrated, and the Israelites themselves were driven into exile in Babylon. The prophet declared that the Lord had made their land a desolation because of the abominations which they had committed. The only promise that he could give them was that "if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby." (Ezek. 33:19).

We should watch ourselves very closely, realizing that if it is possible for us to form habits which are

helpful and uplifting among our fellowmen, then we shall need to form the habits of worship, work, kindness, honesty and sincerity. Such habits as these help us to resist temptations, to be steadfast, and to be dependable. Such habits as cheating, lying and moral dishonesty are impediments to noble living and to every kind of high endeavor.

The test of character is conduct, and our conduct is controlled by our habits, good or bad. William James declared that ninety-nine hundredths of our activity is purely automatic and habitual, from our rising in the morning until our lying down to sleep each night. Therefore, the formation of good habits should be clearly apparent.

Jesus declared, "Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:16-20). While we may pretend for a while and deceive some people, in the long run our habits will betray us if they are not what they should be. Jesus also declared that his true disciple does the will of the Father, and his moral behavior is like salt and light—salt that saves from corruption and light that shines in the darkest places, bringing brightness and cheer.

The world is judging Jesus Christ by the lives and habits of Christians. Let us examine ourselves closely and see just what picture of Christ we are portraying to the world. Jesus had the habit of prayer—of regularly and often communing with his Heavenly Father. Do you have this habit? Jesus regularly attended the services in the synagogues and joined in reverent worship of prayer and praise. Do you? Jesus formed the habit of sympathetic understanding and helpfulness, sharing the burdens others were bearing, performing acts of kindness everywhere as they presented themselves. Have you formed this habit?

Local Boy Honored By College Year Book

R. Tim Brinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brinn, has received additional honors as he closes his senior year at Duke University.

Young Brinn has been honored by the book, "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" for the outstanding record he has made as a student at the Durham school, while majoring in his favorite subject of History.

The book lists Brinn as president of Kappa Alpha; Y. M. C. A.; Senior Class officer; editor of Freshman Handbook; editor of Student Directory; advertising manager of Archive; chief marshal 1939 Graduation; Social Board; member of Omicron Delta Kappa; student Religious board; official board Duke Church;

Freshman advisory council and church socials.

County Girls Elected Baptist Student Council

Two Perquimans County girls, Blanche Chappell and Margaret Broughton, have been elected to the Baptist Student Council of East Carolina Teachers College next year. Miss Chappell will continue her work in the same position she has held this year, president of the Young Woman's Auxiliary. She will lead the Baptist students in mission study and help them to get a vision of the world and its need for Christ.

Miss Broughton, as second vice president, will direct the social activities of Baptist students on the campus. With her committee, she will try to provide wholesome, clean fun for all.

Both girls are outstanding students and take part in many college activities.

Campaigners Were Very Considerate Of County Voters

Political Rallies and Stump Speeches Is Thing of the Past

For the first time in recent years, if not in the entire history of politics, candidates did not take the stump in Perquimans County and toot their horns in behalf of their candidacies during the campaign which came to a close Saturday.

In years past as many as six or seven political speeches were made in the course of a campaign by candidates for high and low offices. It is possible that the day for political oratory is about spent as far as the people of Perquimans County are concerned.

Local campaigners in particular have been very considerate of Perquimans County voters, but there's a second primary in the offing, and it is possible the political battle will establish a front somewhere within the county boundary lines.

Why the rally plan was abandoned this year is not quite clear. The rallies in New Hope, Belvidere, Nicanor, Winfall, Bethel and Hertford, always provided more amusement and cat-calls and heckling than irrevocable statements of platform, but nevertheless had always been popular in Perquimans County.

Pasquotank, it is noted, conducted the precinct rallies this year as usual. And ordinarily Perquimans would have heard Evans, Leary, Hughes, Gatling and Holmes, as much as three or four times as well as the five candidates for representative and the nine for county commissioners.

It is possible that the number of candidates would have made it difficult to give each of them more than three minutes to be heard. The rally drew a crowd, however, and there are those who feel there was no election without precinct rallies.

Local Camp Will Celebrate Fiftieth W.O.W. Birthday

The local Camp of Woodmen of the World will take an active part in the nation-wide celebration of Woodcraft's 50th anniversary on June 6, it was announced today. Nearly all of the Society's 8,000 Camps situated in 44 of the 48 states, will participate in the celebration, with parades, log-rollings, picnics, initiations and other activities.

At Omaha, Nebraska, national headquarters of Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, the board of directors will meet on June 3, 4, 5 and 6, which are the corresponding days on which, fifty years ago, Joseph Cullen Root and his associates met and organized the Society. One of the board's sessions will be held in the same room in which the fathers of Woodcraft first assembled.

National headquarters will conduct an open house for visitors on the anniversary day, followed by a parade featuring adult and junior drill teams, employees, members and elaborate floats. Woodmen Circle is assisting in this phase of the celebration, it was announced.

A program will be held in the Omaha city auditorium the evening

CAN DEATH RAYS BE USED IN WAR?

Interesting discussion of the discovery of powerful forces which some scientists declare will be useful in war to destroy the enemy. One of many features in June 9th issue of

The American Weekly the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore American On Sale at All Newsstands

of June 6, with the Society's own radio station WOW, originating a national broadcast over the NBC basic blue network and supplementary stations. Speakers will include Mr. Harry Root, son of the founder, and Hon. De Emmett Bradshaw, president of the Society. From coast to coast, Woodmen of the World Camps will join this Omaha celebration through the medium of radio, building their own program to include the official broadcast. Suitable activities will be held by the local camp, notice of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Caleb T. White, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford, N. C., Route 3, on or before the 16th day of April, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th day of April, 1940.
MRS. ANNIE LEE WHITE,
Administratrix of Caleb T. White
apr.26,may3,10,17,24,31

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Virgil A. Holdren, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford on or before the 14th day of May, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of May, 1940.
EVA L. HOLDREN,
Executrix of Virgil A. Holdren.
may24,31,june7,14,21,28

NOTICE
The undersigned will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Hertford, Perquimans County, N. C., on Monday, June 17th, 1940, at 11:30 A. M.:

That certain tract of land with buildings situate in New Hope Township, Perquimans County, adjoining lands of Hazel C. Hoskins, Chas. Banks, Joseph Haskett, J. A. Russell, and the New Hope Road, containing 63 acres more or less, and being the Benjamin Hoskins home place and

being all the Benjamin Hoskins lands except that portion deeded and willed to Hazel C. Hoskins.

Right to reject all bids is hereby reserved.

This May 20th, 1940.
BAKER HOSKINS
NELLIE H. PIERCE
B. S. HOSKINS, Jr.
By Chas. Whedbee, Att'y.
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NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed on the 16th day of December, 1931, by J. W. Nowell and wife, Sallie Nowell, to T. W. Wilson, trustee, and recorded in the office of the register of Deeds for Perquimans County, N. C., in Book 17, page 564, default having been made in the conditions of said deed of trust, and by mutual agreement of the parties, the undersigned trustee will on the 22nd day of June, 1940, at the court house door of Perquimans County,

N. C., at 11:30 o'clock A. M., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

First Tract: Bounded on the north by the land of G. W. Nowell, on the east by the lands of H. C. Wilder, on the south by the lands of A. B. Nowell and on the west by the lands of Patrick Hollowell, G. W. Nowell and W. E. Billups, containing 80½ acres, more or less.

Second Tract: Bounded on the north by the lands of A. B. Nowell, on the east by the lands of H. C. Wilder, and on the south by the State Highway No. 321 leading from Winfall to Belvidere, and on the west by the lands of G. W. Nowell, containing 15½ acres, more or less. A five percent deposit will be required of successful bidder.

Dated and posted this 22nd day of May, 1940.

T. W. WILSON, Trustee.
By Chas. E. Johnson, Attorney.
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