

# **Improved Uniform SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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## **Lesson for August 27**

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### **ISRAEL'S FIRST KING**

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 9:15-21; 10:25-27; 11:12-15.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.—1 Peter 2:17.

"Well begun is half done," says the old proverb, reminding us of the importance of a good beginning. While it does not guarantee success (see next week's lesson), it is eminently desirable, and truly helpful. Israel had foolishly tired of being a God-forsaken nation and had begun to demand a king.

Samuel was directed of God to the man of his choice, Saul, in a very remarkable way. He entered upon his service as king as an obedient and earnest ruler. (Would God that he had continued in that way!)

We note a number of favorable elements which indicated the possibility of a successful reign. He was—

I. Wanted by the People (9:15, 16).

A ruler forced upon a nation is sure of opposition, but here the people were clamoring for a king to rule over them. The way was wide open to the interest and the affection of their hearts. Saul was just the type to please them. Physically he was head and shoulders above the people—a desired thing in a ruler (see 10:23). He was mentally fitted (10:25)—humble (9:21), spiritually rich (10:6-9), tolerant and kindly (11:13), and a good military leader (ch. 11).

II. Chosen by God (9:17).

All these qualities commended Saul to God as well as to the people. In fact, he was God's choice. A man could not enter upon high office with any more auspicious token for good.

Observe that what looked like a purely chance visit to Samuel, when Saul was on business for his father, was the occasion for the making known of God's choice. Out of a simple experience in daily life came an event which changed his entire destiny.

III. Anointed by the Prophet (9:18-20).

The man of God's choice had met God's man, Samuel, who proceeded to instruct him, and to privately anoint him as king. It was a tender scene. The aged prophet, rejected by the people as God's ruler over them, quietly and sweetly obeyed God's command to anoint the young man to be king.

Public recognition, which came later, was important, but, with Saul as with every servant of the Lord, the personal anointing of God, in the hidden place of communion with Him, was the matter of highest importance.

IV. Humble in Attitude (9:21).

That pride, which was ultimately to be Saul's downfall, was beautifully absent at the beginning of his reign. Although of good family, and well-equipped, he saw himself as poor and insignificant, not ready for such an honor.

That is the right attitude for one who is to serve God. Pride and self-assurance do not befit the man who stands in the presence of the Almighty.

V. Guided by Principle (10:25).

Saul did not enter upon his office, new as it was to both him and to Israel, without a Constitution, that is, without principles of action. Samuel, the Lord's prophet, wrote down "the manner of the kingdom" in a book. How interesting, and how important.

Rulers who imagine themselves so wise that they need no controlling laws, and so powerful that the law may not question their decisions, are certainly not rulers after God's plan. Knowing the heart of man, his weakness and pride, God has provided true principles by which the ruler is to be guided, yes and controlled.

VI. Forgiving in Spirit (10:26-27; 11:12, 13).

Some "worthless fellows" despised Saul and would not recognize him as king. The urge of the flesh was to destroy them, and especially did that seem proper because of their worthless nature. But Saul, in true kingly spirit, said that there was to be no revenge, just rejoicing.

To be of the right spirit toward one's enemies is the hall mark of a Christian character.

VII. Established in Office (11:14, 15).

While there is the secret whisper of God in the heart, and the personal anointing by the Lord's servant, there should be the public recognition which establishes the Lord's servant in the eyes of all people. Saul had this at Gibeon. It placed him among the kings of the earth, and prepared the way for his dealing with other nations as well as with his own people.

Applying that truth to those who serve Christ, we say that there is upon the church the obligation to recognize God's call and anointing by giving that official recognition which sets the testimony and service of the individual free to exercise itself among men in general.

## **RURAL CHURCHES**

**Antioch M. B. C. Church**  
Pastor, Robert McBrier  
Welcome, come worship with us.  
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service, 10:30 a. m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer and praise service Wednesday 7:45 p. m.

**Monroe Methodist Church**  
E. O. Kegerreis, Minister  
Morning Worship 9:30. Sermon "The Borrowed Boat."  
Church School 10:30.  
Youth Fellowship 6:45.  
Evening Service 7:30. Sermon: "Living in a Time Like This."  
Mid-Week Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday Evening, 7:45.  
Read Acts, Chapter 5.

**Decatur Methodist Circuit**  
E. J. Arthur, Pastor  
Mt. Tabor  
Preaching service at 9:30 a. m. followed by Sunday school.

**Mt. Pleasant**  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. followed by preaching service.  
**Beulah Chapel**  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.  
**Pleasant Valley**  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

**Union Chapel U. B. Church**  
Dwight L. Patterson, pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship, 10:15 a. m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.  
Mid week prayer service Wednesday, 8 p. m.  
The evening service this Lord's

day will be held in the First Baptist church of Decatur. The right of Baptism will be administered.

**Calvary Evangelical Church**  
F. H. Willard, minister

Morning worship, 9 a. m. Sermon by the minister.  
Sunday School, 10 a. m. James A. Darr, superintendent.  
Mid-week preaching service Thursday, 8 p. m.

**Monroe Friends**  
Rev. Byron Leaser, pastor  
9:30-10:30 Sunday School; Wm. Zurcher, Supt.

10:30-11:30 Morning worship. Theme: "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

7:45 Quarterly Meeting Youth Conference. Special musical numbers will be presented by young people of the Quarter, and Rev. Charles Glenn, pastor of the Missionary Church of Decatur will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

Wed. 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer and praise service.  
Fri. 8 p. m. Victory prayer band.

## **TOKYO REPORTS**

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lost attack so far on Halmahero, dumped 156 tons of bombs Wednesday on the strategic island 250 miles south of the Philippines.

Many fires were started among supply dumps and bivouac areas. Other Allied warplanes damaged a small freighter-transport off the Celebes and more than 200 fighters and bombers hit enemy positions.

On Sunday afternoon, reports from the county, district and city unions will be heard, followed by seminars led by state officers and departmental superintendents.

Following the vespers service Sunday evening, Miss Lehman will conduct a question and answer period on coordination of counties, districts and state unions, and a demonstration of "Visual Aids in Church Work" will be shown through pictures.

Miss Opal Nance, of Indianapolis will direct the music for the entire retreat, and Mrs. James Jacobs, of Fort Wayne, will be responsible for the devotional periods.

Any local officers interested in attending the retreat may contact the county president, Miss Frieda Lehman, of Berne, for further information. Reservations should be sent by August 28 to Miss Mamie Shepherd, 304 Northern Avenue, Indianapolis 8, Ind.

**HORSES AND HARNESS**  
A good team of Roan Geldings, 7 years old, weight 3300, sound and good workers; Bay mare, 9 yrs. old, good worker. Brass trimmed breeding harness, 23 in. collars.

**HOGS AND SHEEP**  
2 spotted sows due with 3rd litters before day of sale; 2 Chester White gilts, due by day of sale; 2 Chester White gilts open; 12 feeders weigh 150 lbs.

5 coming 2 yr. old Shropshire ewes; 6 aged Dorset and Shropshire mixed ewes; 1 Dorset buck coming 2 yrs. old.

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Trailer with stock rack, load of miscellaneous articles.

**TERMS—CASH.**  
You are welcome to see this property any time before sale, however you enter our premises on your own risk, care will be taken to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur.

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R. S. Johnson and E. C. Doehrmann, Auctioneers.  
T. D. Schieferstein, Clerk.

## **Annual Fall Retreat Of C. E. At Capital**

Sessions Set For Sept. 2, 3 And 4

(Final arrangements are being made for the annual retreat of the Indiana State Christian Endeavor Union Sept. 2, 3, and 4 at the Indiana Central college in Indianapolis. Sessions will begin at 6 o'clock Saturday evening with a supper, and will be concluded Monday noon.

During the first evening, two conferences will be held simultaneously one for "First Timers" led by the state field secretary, Miss Dorothy Lehman, and the other on the subject, "Increasing the missionary interest in Christian Endeavor." In the latter period, Miss Martha Burkhalter, of Berne, who has spent many years in the mission field in India, will be in charge.

Miss Burkhalter will also speak during the missionary seminar led by Miss Marie Fulk, of Bluffton state missionary superintendent.

The sunrise service will be under the direction of Porter district (Adams, Wells and Allen) and will be in charge of Miss Frieda Lehman, of Berne. The vespers service will be conducted by capital district Endeavorers.

Dr. Elmer Becker, of Huntington college, has been secured to give the address during the worship hour Sunday morning, and Rev. George G. Holston, of Linn Grove, will present the Sunday school lesson.

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**CITES NEED TO CUURB**

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they may assert their rights in the proper courts of the land."

"The administrative arm of government has expanded enormously," he said, "and the signs are ominous on Vogelkop peninsula of Dutch New Guinea with 90 tons of bombs."

**Pan Fried Rabbit Sunday, 11 to 2 and 5 to 11. Ehler's Restaurant.**

mistakeable that a vast field of administrative regulation will continue to exist after hostilities cease."

Smith said the new legislation should specifically prohibit any "implied powers" by government agencies. In the absence of congressional provisions of powers to any agency, he said, their "assumption" is "a usurpation of legislative authority and an infringement upon constitutional government."

In previous reports, the committee singled out the OPA for special criticism for "usurping" authority. In particular, it denounced what it called the agency's kangaroo courts where it acts as "investigator, prosecutor and judge" in complaint cases.

To correct this situation, the committee today outlined legislation under which the president would name hearing officers to settle disputes between individuals and federal agencies, with provisions for ultimate court review. These officers, it said, "would be independent of the agencies involved in the litigation, instead of being subservient to the agency heads."

One section, apparently an outgrowth of the government's seizure of Montgomery-Ward & Co., would require any government agency to notify in writing under what legal authority and jurisdiction it is proceeding before acting in any case involving the rights or other legal relations of any person.

Members of the committee, beside Smith, who signed the report were Rep. Hugh Peterson, D., Ga., Fred A. Hartley, Jr., R., N. J., John Jennings, Jr., R., Tenn., and Clare E. Hoffman, R., Mich.

## **ABANDON SEINE**

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robot bombs have been spreading death indiscriminately through London and southern England since mid-June, came as four Allied armies crushed through the beaten remnants of the German seventh army with a speed that indicated the battle of the Seine had reached its final hours.

British and Canadian forces from the west slashed as much as 10 miles into the Nazi pocket between the Risle and Seine rivers while the American 1st army crushed in from the south in converging drives that threatened to carry quickly into the great channel port of Le Havre.

Canadian 1st army troops pounded along the channel coast to the outskirts of Honfleur, directly across the Seine estuary from Le Havre and within full view of the port, while the Americans last were reported at Elbeuf, less than 40 miles south of Le Havre, and closing in rapidly.

## **Fish in Shroyer Lake.**

# **RESISTS BORER**

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Bluffton

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**Harold Zeigler**  
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## **PEACHES**

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We will also have PLUMS.

All ring packed No. 1 Michigan Peaches.

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## **Youth Questioned In Conine Slaying**

Ohio Youth Is Held On Loitering Charge

Fort Wayne, Ind. Aug. 25.—(UP)—Doyle Pease, 21, Paulding county, O., held under \$2,000 bond on a loitering charge, was questioned today by Fort Wayne and state police in connection with the unsolved death of Phyllis Conine, 17-year-old high school senior found beaten and stripped in a lonely field, Aug. 6.

Detective Captain John Taylor, in charge of the Conine investigation, said that Pease's background warranted grilling of the discharged soldier, wanted in Allen county on a morals charge. Taylor said that a formal court would be placed against Pease.

City, county and state authorities, meanwhile, awaited further word from Leonard Keeler, Chicago private investigator recently hired to assist on the case, who is conducting laboratory analyses of evidence found near the battered Conine girl's body.

Meanwhile, Capt. Taylor held to his original statement that he believed that Miss Conine had reached the business district of Fort Wayne on Friday, Aug. 4, the day she disappeared. He based this contention on a statement by a department store clerk, who said she was positive the Conine girl came to the store Friday afternoon and attempted to match a sample of lace.

## **ENTIRE BALKANS**

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ed the failure of Germany to promise military help against the Russian offensive. When Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu, since ousted, returned empty-handed from a six-day talk with Adolf Hitler, Ankara said, unrest spread through the army and peace demonstrations broke out in Bucharest.

Faced with military chaos, the army prevailed upon King Michael to seek an armistice, these sources said. Gen. Constantin Sanatescu, the new premier, was identified as a former commander of the 4th army corps and among Romania's

20 highest ranking generals.

A United Press Moscow dispatch said Russian and Romanian authorities were believed to have begun formal peace negotiations on the basis of King Michael's announcement that Romania had decided to accept a Soviet armistice offer.

The Red army was continuing its advance through northern Romania toward Bucharest, however, and

the Soviet foreign commission said in its first formal statement on the Romanian situation that military operations would continue until the Germans had been driven from Romanian soil.

Romanian and German troops already were fighting one another in northern Romania, the British said, while other reports reaching London told of street battles and the Black sea port of Constanta.

# **PUBLIC SALE**

I am quitting farming and will sell my personal property on farm located one mile west of Bluffton on State Road 124, on

**Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1944**

Sale Starting at 10:30 A. M.

## **CATTLE**

**JERSEY**—4 years old, 6-gal. cow, giving 3½ gallon now.  
**BROWNIE**—7 years old, 7-gal. cow, giving 4 gallon now.  
**TILLIE**—3 years old, fresh, giving 5½ gallons.  
**BABE**—3 years old, 5½-gallon cow, giving 4½ gallons.  
**NIG**—3 years old, fresh, 5½ gallon cow.  
**JERSE**—4 years old, fresh, giving 5½ gallons.  
**SPOTTY**—5 years old, 6-gallon cow, giving 4½ gallons now.  
**ANNABELLE**—3 years old, 5-gallon cow, giving 4 gallons now.  
**WHITEY**—8 years old, 6-gallon cow, giving 4 gallons now.  
**JUDY**—2 years old, 5-gal. cow, giving 4 gallons now.  
**ROANY**—3 years old, 5-gallon cow, giving 4 gallons now.  
**PEGGY**—2 years old, 5-gallon cow, giving 4 gallons now.  
**BLUE**—3 years old, 5-gallon cow, giving 3 gallons now.  
**ROAN**—3 years old, 7-gallon cow, giving 3 gallons now.  
**RED**—6 years old, 5½-gallon cow, giving 4 gallons now.  
Three Guernsey heifers, yearlings.  
Five Holstein calves, 6 weeks to three months old.

## **HAY**

825 Bales Clover Hay.

## **FARM MACHINERY**

New Idea rubber tired wagon with grain bed; New Idea manure spreader; New Idea side delivery rake; Allis-Chalmers heavy chain tractor for tractor with power lift; two-bottom 14-in. Oliver tractor plan good Back Hawk corn planter, fertilizer attachments, new wire, Deere 6-ft. mowing machine; Dane hay loader; 8-horse grain drill with grass seeder; spike tooth harrow; heavy McCormick 8-ft. tractor disc; new Allis-Chalmers buck rake; three-section spring tooth harrow.

## **MILKING MACHINE**

New Surge two-unit milking machine and pump, less than a year old; new Dairy Maid electric water heater and tub; eight cans; milk bucket and strainer.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

New James Way litter carrier and truck; 18-hole hog feeder, new electric power saw; almost new 1000-lb. Fairbank scale; picket crib, 1900 bu.; emery wheel; 1000-chill brooder stove; cross cut saw hand saws; forks; wheel weights for Allis-Chalmers tractor, four-piece walnut bedroom suite, good as new; other articles not mentioned.

## **TERMS—CASH**

**T. "Alvis" TURNER, Owner**

Ellenberger Bros., Auctioneers  
Vaughn Scott, Clerk.  
Lunch will be served on grounds.

## **NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF TAX LEVIES**

In the Matter of Determining the Tax Rates for Certain Purposes by Adams County, Indiana, before the County Council and Board of County Commissioners by Adams County, Indiana, be fore the County Council and Board of County Commissioners, that the proper legal officers of said municipality at their regular meeting place, on the 5th and 6th day of September, 1944, will consider the following budget:

BUDGET CLASSIFICATION FOR COUNTIES		
Clerk of Circuit Court:	\$4,835.00	All other Op. Expense..... 255.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	County Coroner..... 255.00	All other Op. Expense..... 10.15
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Services Personal..... 430.00	Material..... 255.00
Properties..... 225.00	All other Op. Expense..... 93.00	County Hospital..... 400.00
County Auditor:	Services Personal..... 1,835.00	Services Personal..... 400.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	County Assessor..... 400.00	All other Op. Expense..... 214.00
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	All other Op. Expense..... 400.00	Material..... 255.00
County Treasurer..... 1,335.00	Washington Township..... 50.00	Current Charges..... 255.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Washington Township..... 50.00	Properties..... 255.00
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Services Personal..... 1,335.00	County Commissioners..... 255.00
County Recorder..... 1,335.00	All other Op. Expense..... 35.00	Services Personal..... 400.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	County Assessor..... 400.00	Current Charges..... 255.00
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Current Obligations..... 255.00
Properties..... 25.00	All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Debt Payment..... 255.00
County Sheriff..... 1,335.00	Properties..... 60.00	Total General Fund..... 214,746.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	County Surveyor..... 1,335.00	County Highway Maintenance..... 255.00
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Services Personal..... 1,335.00	And Repair Fund..... 255.00
County Surveyor..... 1,335.00	All other Op. Expense..... 255.00	County Welfare Fund..... 255.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Current Charges..... 255.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Health Nurse..... 700.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
Properties..... 100.00	Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Material..... 255.00
County Agricultural Agent..... 1,335.00	All other Op. Expense..... 1,040.00	Properties..... 255.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	County Court House..... 1,040.00	County Welfare Fund..... 255.00
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
County Sup't. of Schools..... 1,335.00	All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	County Jail..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
Current Charges..... 25.00	All other Op. Expense..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
Properties..... 25.00	County Health Officer..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
County Health Officer..... 1,335.00	County Infirmary..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Services Personal..... 1,335.00	Part II Current Charges..... 255.00
		Total..... 214,746.00

## **ESTIMATE OF COUNTY FUNDS TO BE RAISED**

	Fund	Fund*
1. Total Budget Estimate for August 1, of ensuing year	\$214,746.00	\$171,320.00
2. Necessary Expenditures for Incoming Year		
3. Appropriations Unexpended July 31, of present year	91,000.00	82,155.00
4. Additional Approp. Necessary to be made Aug. 1st to Dec. 31st of Present Year	15,000.00	
5. Outstanding Temporary Loans to be paid before December 31, of present year, not included in Lines 2 or 3		