

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4: Luke 15:11-24.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 13:10-17.

## Wild Oats Harvest

Lesson for March 6, 1949

ALL RELIGIOUS teachers of Jesus' time used parables. But the great difference between Jesus' parables and those of his contemporaries, as Rabbi Klausner says, is that his were remembered and theirs were not. People will remember a story which cannot take in a lecture. Jesus almost never told "wonder-tales." His parables are not in the least like Grimm's fairy tales or Alice in Wonderland. Mostly they are about simple ordinary happenings, and practically always about living people or things. If you said "Kingdom of God" to the average religious person of Jesus' time, he would have replied, "Oh, yes, that wonderful time! The time when these Roman soldiers will be blasted off the earth by the terrible breath of God, the time when every grape will yield barrels of wine and a single grain of wheat can be ground into bushels of flour—the Miracle Age!" The Kingdom of God as Jesus proclaimed it—God's Ideal World—was something quite different from that. Jesus illustrated it not with fanciful wild pictures, but with stories from real life, from the field or the farmhouse.

The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of law, not of happen-so-or of magic wands. Jesus was fond of comparing God's Kingdom to growing plants. Every plant is a miracle, it is evidence of God's creative power; but plants do not grow overnight, they grow by the laws which the creator made in them.

## Wild Sowing

AS WE SAW last week, the most important feature of the Ideal World, or of any world, is the quality of the people in it. So most of Jesus' parables were about people, one of the most famous being this one of the "prodigal son." ("Prodigal" of course does not mean wicked or repentant, but wasteful, reckless with money or other things.) You could find many faults in that young man. One of them—the fault that nearly killed him—was that if he had a calendar he never looked at it. If you take a good look at a calendar you will always notice that there is another day after this one—another month, another year. But the prodigal never thinks about tomorrow, only about today. He sows his wild oats because he has fun doing it. He can say "So what?" fast enough but he has never asked the question, "and then what?" Childish, isn't it?

Some people even argue that it is a good thing to sow wild oats, on the theory that the prodigal gets it out of his system and is afterwards a better man.

Nonsense! Is it better for your education to spend several years learning things wrong? Is it better for a garden to let it grow up in weeds for the first three weeks? Is it better for a man's health to spend his childhood years on a sickbed? That's no more silly than to say that a man is morally better for having been immoral for a while first.

## Prodigal Nation

IT HAS EVEN been said that we have a prodigal son civilization. Our generation is pretty busy sowing wild oats. We waste the natural resources of the earth. Drinking has become encouraged by law and made glamorous by the movies. We spend more on liquor than on schools. More money is spent on a single day's horse-racing at a big track than a whole state or province spends on education in a year. The ties of marriage have grown so weak, especially outside the Christian church, that it has not been long since one American city was boasting that its marriage rate had "caught up with" its divorce rate!

## Wild Harvest

THE PRODIGAL son in Jesus' story went home—but he had to reap his wild harvest first. The modern prodigal, whether individual or nation, seems to misunderstand Jesus' meaning. If God is thought of at all, he is pictured as a benevolent Being who after all doesn't mind our enjoying our little thing "He will forgive," said Voltaire, "that's his business." That is a total misunderstanding of God

## RURAL CHURCHES

**St. Luke Reformed Church**  
Honduras  
H. H. Meckstroth, minister  
9:00 Worship service, Howard Beer will preach.  
10:00 Sunday school.  
1:00 Catechetical instruction.  
6:45 Youth Fellowship. Group will attend services at Vera Cruz in a group.

**Rivarre Circuit**  
U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, pastor  
Mt. Zion  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p.m. Preaching service.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Pleasant Grove**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Mt. Victory**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:00 a.m. Preaching service.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Mount Tabor Methodist Circuit**  
Clifford C. Conn, minister  
Mount Tabor Church  
Mr. Donald Colter, supt.  
Worship service precedes the church school 9:30.

Church school convenes at 10:30. Let us be on time. It is a privilege to go to church.

**Mount Pleasant**  
Mr. C. A. Sheets, supt.  
Church school convenes at 9:30. Church worship begins at 10:45. Come expecting. God still speaks to them that hear.

**Beulah Chapel**  
Mr. Donald Shady, supt.  
Church school begins at 9:30. God has not a chance against a closed mind. Open up.

**Pleasant Valley**  
Mr. Raymond Teeple, supt.  
Church school convenes at 9:30.

There will not be preaching this Sunday.  
God honors honest hearts. Honest hearts try to be better.

**St. Paul and Winchester**  
U. B. Circuit  
Dale Osborn, pastor

**St. Paul:**  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Christian Endeavor 7 p.m.  
Preaching 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Winchester:**  
Sunday School 5:30 a.m.  
Preaching 10:30 a.m.  
Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Revival beginning March 13 with Raymond Jewel of Bluffton as the evangelist.

**Pleasant Mills Baptist**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School with Donald Burkhardt, supt.  
10:30 a.m. Preaching Service.  
Rev. D. B. Gelures.  
A short business session will be held at the close of the worship service.  
If you are not attending the Lord's service somewhere, come to the friendly church.

**Calvary Church**  
Evangelical United Brethren  
F. H. Willard, minister  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.  
Preaching service, Sunday evening 7:00 p.m.

**Antioch United Missionary Church**  
3 Mi. West of Decatur 1 Mi. South of 224.

**L. W. Null, Pastor**  
John Arnold, Supt.  
Sunday School 9:30.  
Morning Worship 10:30.  
Evening Worship 7:00.  
Bible Study Wed. Eve. 7:30.  
Miss Hallenbeck, returned Missionary from Africa will be speaking in the morning service. Rev. Russell Sloan will be speaking and showing slides of Africa in the evening service. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing

## Public Auction

As I have rented my fields I will sell the following at Public Auction 6 miles South of Monroeville on Route No. 101 then 1/4 mile West or 3 1/2 miles North of the Junction of U. S. No. 224 and 101, on Route 101 then 1/4 mile West, on:

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1949**  
at 12:00 Noon

**CATTLE**—2 Guernsey Cows 4 yr. old, freshened in February; Guernsey cow 8, freshened in February; good yearling Guernsey heifer.  
**HOGS**—3 good Berkshire Brood Sows, litters by side; Boar pig, 6 mos. old.

**CORN & OATS**—30 Bushel Clinton No. 59 Certified Oats; 250 Bushel Corn.

**TRACTORS—CORN PICKER—IMPLEMENTS**

1944 Ford Tractor with step-up transmission, good; McCormick-Deering 10-20 tractor, recently overhauled, in first class condition; Ferguson Cultivators; Ferguson Scoop; Ferguson Weeder; Ferguson Leader; Ferguson Field Tiller; Ferguson Fertilizer Corn Planter; Utility Car; Car Box; Power Take-off and Pulley; Swinging Draw Bar; Tractor Hoist; 2 Bottom 14 inch Breaking Plow; 1947 Woods Bros. Corn Picker one row, on rubber; John Deere Heavy Duty Tractor Disc, good; McDeering Tractor Disc; Blount heavy duty 7 on side Disc, used one season; McDeering cylinder push bar Hay Loader, like new; 2 Section Spike Tooth Harrow; McCormick 5 foot Mower; 4 Row Reel Cultivator; Pair 10x28 Tractor Tires; Oliver Fertilizer Grain Drill, 10 hole; Rubber Tire Wagon & Rack, truck axle; Oliver Hammer Mill, 10 inch; Cross Power Corn Sheller; 2 Wheel Sock Trailer, good; Hog Fountain; 1/2 h. p. Electric Motor; Drive Belt; Good Heating Stove; Small Tools and miscellaneous articles.

**TERMS—CASH.** (Not responsible for accidents.)

**HERBERT WIEGMAN, Owner**

Roy & Ned Johnson—Auctioneers  
Chris Bohne—Auctioneer  
Bryce Daniels—Clerk  
Lunch by Emmanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid. 4 7 10

State of Indiana In the Adams Circuit Court  
County of Adams, ss. February Term thereof, 1949

In The Matter Of The Estate Of Jacob Barger, Late Of Adams County, Deceased

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Harold Barger, executor of the estate of Jacob Barger, late of Adams County, deceased, will sell at public auction the following personal property, located 5 miles North of Bluffton, Indiana, on State Road No. 1, then 6 miles east, or 6 miles west of Decatur, Indiana, on State Road 224 to Magley, then 1 south, or 2 1/2 miles north of Craigville, Indiana, then 2 miles east, on

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1949**  
at 10:00 A. M. prompt

Two Holstein cows, bred; 1 Holstein cow, due to freshen soon; 6 Durham cows, all bred, due to freshen this spring; 4 Durham and Guernsey heifers; 4 Holstein, Guernsey, Durham heifers, bred; 1 Boar yearling bull; 2 Durham yearling bulls; 3 Durham bulls, 3 months old.

**FARM MACHINERY:** Cultivator; John Deere No. 290 tractor corn planter, in good condition; double section spring tooth harrow; spike tooth harrow; cultipacker; 3 single row McCormick-Deering corn plows; Black Hawk corn planter with bean attachment; single shovel breaking plow; 20-hole grain drill; 8-hole grain drill; manure spreader; McCormick-Deering loader, in good shape; M. M. SIDE DELIVERY RAKE; Little Genius double 11-inch breaking plow; binder; McCormick-Deering mower; 2 farm wagons with grain beds; ladders and wagon boxes; Model D John Deere Tractor, on steel.

**47 HOGS**—31 Big feeding hogs; 4 big open sows; 9 bred Hampshire sows, due to farrow in March and April.

**LUMBER**—A lot of new boards, 1x6x14; a lot of 2x4; some new planks; and other miscellaneous lumber; 35 new sweet oak fence post, never used.

**HAY AND GRAIN**—1,000 bushels of good yellow corn; 200 bu. of oats; 50 bu. of beans; 4 bu. of timothy seed; 200 bales of wheat straw; 400 bales of first, second and third cutting alfalfa hay.

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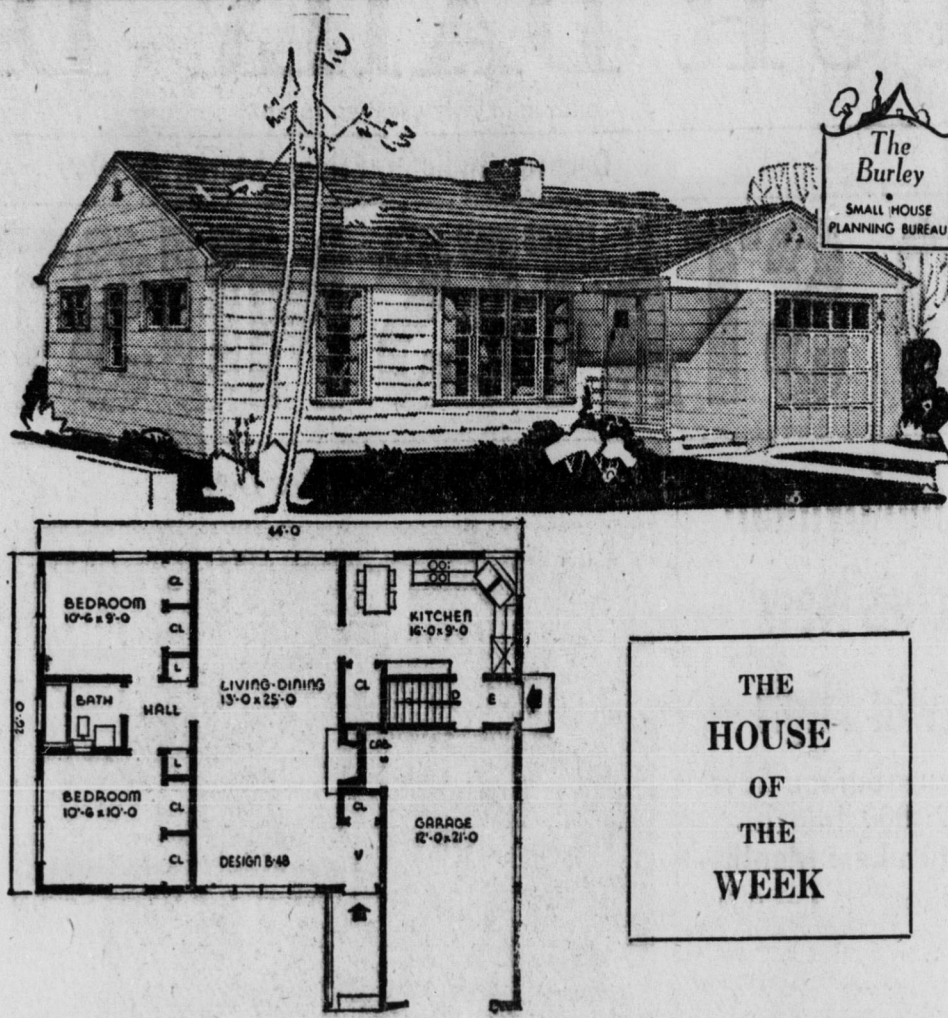
**SHOP TOOLS AND MISCELLANEOUS**—Hand drill press; blacksmith forge; saw; vice; a lot of good shop tools, wrenches, saws, hammers and miscellaneous; platform scale; tanking mill; copper kettle; cream separator; hog feeder; 30-ft. extension ladder; 46-ft. extension ladder; double set of work harness; road grader; and 1,000 other articles too numerous to mention. A so fireproof safe.

**TERMS—CASH.**

**HAROLD BARGER**, executor of the estate of Jacob Barger, late of Adams County deceased

**HUBERT R. MCLENNAN**, Attorney for estate.

Ellenberger Bros., Auctioneers  
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Clerk.



## THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

**THE BURLEY** has a combination living-dining room which divides the service part of the house. This includes the sleeping rooms and attached garage.

To increase wall space, there are two high double-hung windows on one wall of each bedroom, in addition to a standard window. Each of the rooms, also has twin wardrobes. The bedroom hall has a linen and a general storage closet. The kitchen has corner windows which give a two-way view over the sink and L-shaped storage cabinet on the inside wall and space for a breakfast set under the wide window. The Burley's side vestibule serves as a buffer

between the garage and house proper. It leads directly into the basement. A coat closet in the front vestibule and garage complete the storage space on the first floor.

The exterior walls of The Burley are finished with siding or shingles. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

Overall dimensions are 44 feet by 26 feet. There is a full basement. Exclusive of the garage, the plan contains 982 square feet and 19,140 cubic feet.

For further information about THE BURLEY, write the Small House Planning Bureau, St. Cloud, Minn.

them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. All are welcome.

**Union Chapel**  
Evangelical United Brethren Church  
L. T. Norris Pastor  
Sunday School, T. I. Drew Supt.

Morning Worship 10:15.  
Evening Services:  
Junior C. E. Mrs. Carl Hurst 6:15.  
Adult C. E. Nile Williamson Pres. 8:45.

Youth Fellowship, Janet Brown Pres. 6:45.  
Worship, 7:30.  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening 7:30.  
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**SALE CALENDAR**

MAR. 5—Russell Sine, 1 mi. N. of Mon'peller, Ind. Unusually Fine 19 Acre Farm and Livestock. Farm Equipment and Household Goods. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sammann, Auct.

MAR. 5—Aldie Heckler & Son, 2 1/2 mi. W. and 1 mi. S. of Monroeville. Close out personal property. Glenn C. Merica, auct.

MAR. 8—Jacob Barker estate, 6 mi. W. of Decatur, then 1 mi. S. Sale of personal property, 10 a. m. Ellenberger Bros., aucts.

MAR. 8—Wilmer D. Rekeeweg, Admr. and Mary Ellen Young, 1 1/2 mi. S. of Edgerton, Ind. on the State Line Road. General farm sale. Johnson, Johnson and Liechty, aucts.

MAR. 11—Gaylord Thomas, 6 mi. N. and 1 E. of Columbia City, Ind. Well improved 181 Acre Farm, Modern Home, Personal Property. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sammann, Auct.

MAR. 12—Herbert Wiegman, 6 mi. S. of Monroeville on route No. 101, then 1/4 mi. W. or 3 1/2 mi. N. of the Jct. of U. S. 224 and 101, on route 101 then 1/4 mi. W. Complete closing out sale. Johnson & Johnson & Bohne, aucts.

MAR. 14—Leverly Tucker and Carl Schroeder, 3 mi. E. of Mendon, Ohio on River road, then 3/4 mi. N. of Church of the Brethren; 5 mi. W. of Spencerville, O., on No. 117 then S. 1 mi. on No. 116, then 2 1/2 mi. W. and then 1 mi. S. Complete farm sale. Johnson, Johnson & Liechty, aucts.

TO DEDICATE

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contract.

Members of neighboring congregations have been invited to attend the service, which is open to the public.

Consignor's Implement Auction

TUESDAY, MARCH 8—12 NOON

ALSO MARCH 22

Sellers have been well pleased with prices brought at our other implement sales. We especially need tractors for this sale. Have plenty of buyers for all harness, horse-drawn machinery and implements of every kind and description.

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Miscellaneous Sale Saturday Evening

March 5 — 7 P. M.

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Upon graduation they will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the regular service or in the reserve, depending on the needs of the corps and the desire of the individual. Full information may be obtained by writing to Capt. Haverly at Room 404, post office building, Indianapolis.

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## Prof. Conkling At Methodist Church

Speaks Here Sunday During Vesper Hour

Prof. Fred R. Conkling, of Manchester college, will speak at the First Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 during evening vesper. Mr. Conkling is head of the English department of Manchester. In addition to his responsibilities as a professor, Rev. Conkling finds time to pastor the Congregational Christian church of



that city. He is also well known as a debate judge and critic.

This is the first of a special series which the First Methodist church is presenting in observance of the Lenten season. The Rev. Dale Stackhouse, pastor of the Forest Park Methodist church, Fort Wayne, will be the guest minister March 13. Dr. C. A. McPheeters, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Detroit, Mich., will preach March 20. Dr. McPheeters recently completed an engagement in the city when the churches united in the "Spiritual Emphasis Week." Dr. P. B. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist church, Hammond, will speak on the last Sunday in March. The other speakers will be announced at a later date.

The chairman for the day will be Russell Owens. Mr. and Mrs. John Doan head the fellowship committee. The other members serving on that committee are: Mr. and

Mrs. Albert Beery, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hetrick, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tyndall, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Archbold, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Steele. The following young men will serve as ushers for this special service: Dan Mills, Robert Pribble, Curtis Jones, David Owens.

## DEATH

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garian information to American and British officials and of treason and black-marketing activities.

Sentences are expected to be announced Monday.

The four leading defendants are: Vassil Syapkov, religious representative of the United Evangelical churches in Bulgaria and representative of the Congregational Evangelical sect.

Yanko Ivanov, deputy representative of the United Organization and supreme supervisor of the Methodist church.

Nikola Naumov, president of the high council of the United Organization and secretary of the Baptist church union board.

Georgi Chernov, chief of the Pentecost church.

**ARMY CHAPLAIN**

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being of a servant status, he said. The program was in charge of Harold Engle, who knew Father Schmitt's son, a boyhood friend when both lived in Celina, Ohio. Father Schmitt was discharged from the army with the rank of major.

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