THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

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Homes for Christ

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WHAT is a Christian home? It is no solemn place, for "solemn" is not another word for "Christian." It is not an "American" home, because while Christians can be Americans, and vice versa, the two words do not mean the same thing. Sending off the little ones to Sunday school every Sunday morning, or even piling the whole family into the car and going to church 52 times a year, will not quite do it. For church-going is only one part, and the easiest part, of being Christian. What about the rest of the week?

Dr. Foreman

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Does Jesus Get Beyond the Front Door?

THE home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, where Jesus often visited, we can think of as in many ways a Christian home. Jesus was welcome there; he dropped in any time, he felt at home.

Now Christ is most at home (as any one is) where people are congenial, where the attitude to the things men live by—work, play, love, worship—is the same as his attitude.

Also in the Bethany home they **listened** to Jesus. It is well to have a Bible in the house; but that alone will not make it Christian. Is it read? Do the children when growing up hear the words of Jesus from the Gospels? Do they hear his voice as often as they hear the voice of Mr. Cassidy or the Lone Ranger?

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How the Home Can Serve

THERE are three ways in which the home of today can serve Christ. One is in connection with the church. Except in rarest cases, every Christian home should be an actual part of some Christian church. A church which has no cooperation from the homes in its community will be a dying church.

The livest churches, on the other hand, are those where homes and church do the best team-work. To take only one example: Does your home work together with your church in the recruiting of ministers?

Ministers have to come from somewhere, and the best ministers don't all come from preachers' homes by any means. How about the boys in your home? If one of them felt an urge to be a minister or a missionary, would the rest of you laugh him out of it?

Another way for the home to serve Christ is in treatment of strangers. When strangers move into your community, or live there for a short time as school teachers sometimes do, is your home open to them? Is your house a "home away from home" for lonely people?

When you have a party, do you invite always only those who can invite you back, or do you (as Jesus suggested) include people who will probably never be able to repay you? A home that prides itself on being "exclusive" has forgotten Jesus' words—"I was a stranger, and ye took me not in."

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Serving the Children

A Christian home, moreover, will serve its own children in Christ's name. In it children will hear about Christ, not as a past figure in history but as a Living One. Parents will teach them Christian patterns of living.

This will not be merely something they hear about in Sunday school, it will be the pattern of life in which they are trained from day to day, beginning even before they can remember. This home, if it serves its children as it should, will show them how to help Christ. The children will know about the church ("His body," said Paul) and what it is doing in his name around the world. From their earliest years they will be helpers in this work. They will not grow up thinking of "missions" in some vague way, but they will know and be thrilled by the great story which that single word carries.

And the children in a Christian home will be helped by Jesus far more than they help him. Even at the beginning of childhood they will learn to say "Dear Jesus, help me," when the mean word or the angry act are just almost exploding. Even as children they will learn something of what in older years will mean much more, the "practice of His presence."

But no one can learn from the ignorant. And children will never learn these things at home without help. A home does not begin to be Christian with the children, but with the parents. Whatever good children learn, father and [illegible] must learn it first.

WOMAN'S WORLD

New Spring Fashions Highlight Fresh, Feminine Look

By Ertta Haley

GRACEFUL, feminine fashions are still here, if we are to believe advance fashion reports. So are handsome, beautiful fabrics which can do so much for fashion as well as all the lovely touches that make fashions so beguiling, ribbons, embroideries and jeweling.

Since, however, these are fashions for Spring, they also have the fresh, crisp touches that spell the season. You'il be seeing an emphasis on the lighter shades of blue, an important color, as well as pastels like pink, and also crisp white accents of organdie and embroidery.

New clothing is delightful and pretty. There is still some Spanish influence evident in some of the collections, but there is much of the French and English influences both in line and decor.

Waistlines are, for the most part, small, delicate and almost fragile. This is achieved in one or several ways, with a boned corset type bodice, fullness in skirts and sleeves which tends to minimize the waistline simply by distributing material elsewhere in contrast to the waist, as well as small jackets which leave the waistline uncluttered.

Dress and suit lengths have not changed much since fall, although some of these items look just a trifle longer.

There is not quite as much fullness in evidence as there was last season, mainly because fabrics are manipulated a bit more cleverly with pleating and folding and smart seam work. Materials softer than crinoline are being used underneath skirts and this prevents them from billowing out as much as formerly.

New skirts are gracefully full . . .

Fabrics are still in the news-making class, for finer than ever materials are being constantly found. Inspiration for designing them comes from far-flung countries.

Spring Suit Picture Shows Infinite Variety

For the woman who buys a suit for Spring, the choice will be difficult to make. Should she choose some of the light, interesting woolens, or should she invest in one of the enchanting silk suits?

Worsted and suitings are very handsome and elegantly tailored for the woman who likes distinguished elegance in her clothes. However, the silks with their myriad colors and patterns, as well as their treatments are so fascinating, many designers feel that no one can resist them.

Dress-like softness is still the style in most of the suits, whether they have a slender or full silhouette.

Parasol Pleating

The softly feminine look is revealed in this new Spring suit in its gracefully pleated skirt which gives a parasol effect. Parchment beige wool fashions the suit, while matching bone buttons form an ace of diamonds closing on the jacket.

Stitched pleating, pin pleating and pin tucking are seen in the fuller skirts, while the slim ones which are always becoming have fluid and graceful lines as well as walking ease.

Blouses and jacket linings are exceedingly important in the picture, with blouses often tied to the lining of the jacket in color or fabric or both. Pastels as well as prints for both are important.

You may choose small, single-breasted jackets or double-breaste[illegible] ones, whichever looks best. Yo[illegible] find bolero styles still in full fash[illegible] strength. But boleroes are [illegible] brief, indeed, showing Spani[illegible] Italian influence.

while waistlines show slenderness.

Sleeves are very important, and full, bouffant type sleeves are having their reign, especially in the silk suits. Deeply cut armholes on some suits make for comfort as well as good styling. Like many skirts and jackets, you'll find that sleeves are lined and stiffened, too, so their lines can be kept the way they were intended in designing.

Texture Interest Rates High in Coats

Gracefully-shaped coats are enhanced by the suppleness and richness of the materials used. Some are ribbed and nubbed, especially if woolens are used, while others are airy and light. Lacy tweeds are lovely, and so are the silk and worsted and silk brocatelles.

One of the biggest Spring fashions is the white coat, a greatcoat designed with great casualness. It's fleecy, collarless and a bias box-pleated version that shapes beautifully with or without a belt.

Many coats which are intended to be combined with dresses make a point of contrast. Rustic woolens team with fragile-looking silks. Nubby, lightweight fleece or boldly patterned tweeds mingle with silk shantung dresses or coat linings. Soft colorings and delicate prints are also favored.

Daytime Dresses Offer Elegance

The woman who feels saturated with suits can be very happy with daytime dresses for these are elegant and nicely tailored, but still interesting enough for some of the feminine decor. The dresses look slender in outline.

Chic plus beauty and masterful tailoring are evident in these dresses. Most of the decor comes from the beauty of the fabric used, deep, sturdy, sensuously textured silks, silk surrah, silk-like cottons, fine, twined, almost silky linens and lustrous-textured silks.

Necklines are still open, but seem more delicately moulded than before with good manipulation of the fabric. It's also accentuated whether round, swirled, draped or deep-throated.

Deceptive Simplicity Eliminates Much Trimming

As long as so many beautiful fabrics are used, you'll find an absence of trimmings as such. No needless accessories are essential to play up the fashion and most designers recognize this.

Clutter and trimmings as such give way to the use of lovely material and perfect cutting and finish. The touches of trimming as such are in exquisite taste such as a velvet touch on a collar of mink brown taffeta, or the bosom of a violet print silk, a touch of linen faille, pique or organdie, button details on collars, cardigan necklines, torso jackets, cuffs or pockets or ruffle on a cuff.

Pockets are sometimes used, especially on the slimmer skirts, but even these are very much a part of the dress or suit. They follow the natural curve of the hipline.

Bold balancing of colors is another feature which adds a decorative note to the fashions, even if they are black and white. Red is seen as an accent color, as well as one of the main colors in some of the collections.

You'll be seeing many stripes, too, in the new dresses. There are beautiful Roman stripes, gay tri-color flag stripes and free-hand printed stripes.

ONCE OVER

Explaining an Expanded Economy

By H. I. Phillips

DEAR Hi: The more I read about this "expanding economy" of ours the more I am puzzled. Can you explain it? Baffled Reader.

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Glad to. An expanding economy is an economy in which a country over its head in debt and not knowing what to do about it phones its economy expert and orders another round of rainbows for the boys in the back room.

It is an economy arrived at by talking through your hat, figuring with invisible ink on a greased slate and arriving at conclusions by tea leaf reading in a mystic maze.

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If you have ten apples and give away nine apples you really have one apple left under old-fashioned American economy, but in an expanding economy you have a paper bag full of imaginary apple trees and a statement assuring you that your overall apple outlook is good if you are unselfish.

An expanding economy depends upon the same routine as that employed by the janitor when he says the heat is on full when the apartment thermometer registers zero.

When you fall overboard and keep bumping your head on the bottom of the boat every time you come up for aid, you may think you are in trouble. But don't worry. You are enjoying an expanded water carnival.

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If the till is empty, the money belt in hock and the cashier's office full of I.O.U's. don't fret. Your basic economic strength is splendid and there are two explanations: Either your global view is faulty or you are a Republican.

To simplify. Once upon a time when the cow failed to give milk she was a sick cow. Today, it is all right as she owes the milk to herself. Should a cow give a promisory note instead of milk and merely moo when asked for another gallon she may not be much of a cow, but everything will be all right if she reduces inflationary pressures and avoids major dislocations.

In pappy's day if the hens stopped laying it meant he was short of eggs. Today you would know you were in an era of expanding henneries, facing new frontiers unafraid, and that both you and the hens were experiencing a healthy economic growth.

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Not clear yet? Listen, move closer, please! If you have a hen on a setting of six real eggs you are in the poultry business. But if it is a rooster on a setting of a dozen china eggs, a recipe for eggnog and a poem on peacocks you are in an expanding economy and doing swell.

Yesterday when a man found himself in economic trouble he said, "This doesn't look good." Today, he takes an expansive posture, phones an expansive economist and gets the answer, "Boy, are we in clover!"

Once when your books couldn't be balanced, your adding machine began giving wrong answers and your wallet had sprung a leak you worried. Today, forget it, bub; you have achieved a material well being never known before.

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Joe Stalin now forbids any foreign diplomats to travel more than 25 miles from the center of big cities.

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Jose Ferrer is in a New York hit called "The Shrike" and Ima Dodo in describing it says, "I shraw The Shrike at the Scort Theater and it shruck me as a big shuckcess."

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Elmer Twitchell says that every time Harry Truman unrolls a budget message four Keyserlings roll out of it.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

Rights of Children are Forgotten

NOTHING that ever happens to a married woman is quite as fascinating as an unexpected love affair.

When, at the club lunch or cocktail party, some new man pays her sudden attenti[illegible]

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cruelty, [illegible] Peggy's own husband is nice [illegible] too, but Lee is dull, after 12 years of wedlock. Reason, experience, loyalty, duty have all gone overboard; they had nothing to do with the thrill, the excitement that Peggy feels.

Each Man Dull

And if the affair develops, and goes far enough, she gets a divorce, and goes right on to find another man faulty, unreasonable, dull, unsatisfactory in his turn. She says (1) that quarreling is bad for children, (2) that why not have two persons happy instead of four miserable, and (3) that lots of people have always thought Lee was queer.

Four young persons in an eastern city recently went through these experiences simultaneously. One gets used, these days, to a good deal of marital shifting, but I've never heard of anything quite like this.

". . . some new man . . ."

The Beagles and the Yeagles—call them that—moved into adjoining homes, in a sparsely settled district. At first sight, it appears, Mrs. Yeagle and Mr. Beagle fell in love, and were smitten with the conviction that they were destined for each other. The Yeagles have four children, the Beagles three, all seven very young. After awhile Mrs. Beagle and Mr. Yeagle also discovered the grand passion, and the four met and discussed the situation. They took what seemed to them "the honorable way," and after divorces on grounds of mental cruelty, Mr. Beagle went next door, to be stepfather to the Yeagle children, and Mr. Yeagle reversed the process. One husband works in a garage, the other in a grocery. They are plain, unpretentious folk, and they claim that they wanted to do what was right.

Now apart from the guileless stupidity of four persons who could think that any possible happiness or security could follow this extraordinary performance, and apart from any moral consideration, can any woman imagine a situation more filled with utter confusion, and eventual misery? Both fathers surrendered their children; two mothers declaring that they could not "have drawn a breath" without their children.

New Daddy

So to four bewildered children the familiar Daddy of the children with [illegible] ery day pres- [illegible] their new [illegible] next [illegible] addy [illegible] n [illegible] rightful [illegible] feet away in another house, is facing the troubles of a different bunch of babies—and that the rightful father of those babies is right here in her room with her!

I knew of a similar case of changed partners, years ago, but that took place after an all-night drinking bout in Europe, between rich persons who thought it would be a great joke. The joke turned out pretty sourly, with one divorce, one suicide—a minor's—and one lawsuit, in the years that followed.

But these other four, just how high will they have to pay for the simple vanity and selfishness that brought on all this talk of sudden passionate love, talk of which most high-school girls would be ashamed? Just what is each woman getting out of the decision of those fluttered weeks when it seemed to both women just too breath-takingly romantic that a new man—a man quite unlike good, tiresome Harry or humdrum Van, should actually want to make a change? It is really pitiful to think about the inevitable squabbles.

Freed Libya Is A Danger Spot

All African Colonies Now Demand Liberty

WHEN LIBYA became a sovereign power, with a king all of its own, under the auspices of the United Nations recently, there was great rejoicing among its million citizens. The elder powers who made this independence possible smiled benignly.

But the smiles already have been replaced by worried frowns. For the new kingdom has become a problem child—a child who has been given a present by a bevy of loving uncles and is flaunting it before the neighboring children causing these ungifted ones to howl, but loudly, for some of the same.

The deepest frowns are worn by France, who is foster mother to three of these neighboring children, Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria. Tunisia and French Morocco are nominally independent monarchies, but France exercises protectorates over these countries because of old treaties. Algeria also comes under the rule of France, but the citizens of all three enjoy far less political privileges than any resident of Montmatre. So the new sovereignty of Libya has added fuel to the flame of nationalism along the Mediterranean coast of North Africa.

Household Hints

Canned Ham

Canned hams can come to the rescue when you plan to serve many guests. Although they cost more in the beginning there is less waste. And since they are precooked, the baking time is cut to about one and one-half hours, depending upon the size.

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Linoleum

If you clean your linoleum floor with a long-handled sponge mop, you know how annoying it is to bend over to clean spots that the mop won't touch. Here's a easier way—dust baking soda on the spot. Soda can't scratch linoleum so you can be liberal. Then scrub with the damp mop and the spot is gone.

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Old Time Knife

Do you pamper a prize knife—one made not of stainless steel but of old-fashioned high carbon steel? If so, you know rusting is a problem—especially if you let your dishes "drain dry." Rust-removing baking soda cleans without a bit of scratching.

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Fire Rule

To put out a burning grease fire, use salt or sand, but never water!

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Trick Petticoat

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