

EVERYBODY LOVES THE SHIP'S MASCOT



Every fighting ship of Canada's ever-expanding Navy, seems to have a mascot of some kind. Many have dogs whose pedigree has long been forgotten like the poodle above. Subjected to all sorts of kindhearted rough and tumble treatment from the crew, they very often will never leave the ship's deck in port.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 37

Joseph Sold Into Slavery

Genesis 37, 29-41

Printed Text, Genesis 37, 23-36

GOLDEN TEXT—Love each other. 1 Corinthians 13:4.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—According to the commonly received chronology, Joseph became a slave in Potiphar's house in 1785 B.C., and suffered imprisonment 1785 B.C.

Place—Joseph's home was in Hebron, in southern Palestine. He was sold into slavery at Dothan, thirteen miles north of Shechem, which itself was sixty miles from Hebron. The capital of Egypt at this time, where most of Joseph's years were spent, was Zaan, in the eastern part of the Nile delta.

Joseph Cast Into The Pit

23. "And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him; 24. and they took him, and cast him into the pit; and the pit was empty, there was no water in it." The tank into which Joseph's brethren cast him was apparently one of those huge reservoirs excavated by the pharaohs in the East, that they may have a supply of water for their flocks in the end of the dry season, when the running water falls them. Being so narrow as the mouth that they can be covered by a single stone, they gradually widen and form large subterranean rooms, and the facility they thus afford for the confinement of prisoners was from the first too obvious not to be commonly taken advantage of. In such a place was Joseph left to die.

The Plot Against Joseph

25. "And they sat down to eat bread; and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, their caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spiced and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26. And Judah said to his brethren, What profit is it if we sell our brother and conceal his blood? 27. Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brethren hearkened unto him." As these calloused, heartless men were sitting not far away from the pit, devouring the food brought by the faithful hands of Joseph from the father's home, they saw a band of Ishmaelites coming down upon them, and immediately they agreed to profit by their treatment of Joseph, and sell him as a slave to these Egyptian-bound men.

Joseph Sold Into Egypt

28. "And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard." Potiphar was literally 'captain of the slaughterers' that is, 'the chief officer of the executioners.' The migration of Israel into Egypt had become necessary for three reasons: (1) That they might not excite the hostility of the Canaanites before they were strong enough to resist it. (2) That they might not adulterate their race and lose their distinctiveness by intermarriage with the Canaanites. (3) That they might by contact with a highly civilized people receive an education in arts and a discipline by law and government such as there was little prospect of their receiving in Canaan.

The Lord With Joseph

Joseph was the unconscious pioneer of this great movement. The young slave filled his position to the very utmost of his powers and abilities and he was not surprised to learn that 'the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man.' How could he be prosperous as a slave? The explanation is that prosperity is not due to circumstances but to character, and character in turn depends upon faithfulness to God.

His life soon became evident, for in some way or other his master observed that Joseph's powers must come from a Divine source. It is one of the finest results of true piety when those around us who may not be of our way of thinking, are enabled to see the reality of our life in our daily work and conduct.

U. S. To Call Men

With Dependents

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey of the United States Army said recently that draft boards would be calling men with dependents before Christmas.

The National Selective Service Director reiterated the order in which men with dependents would be called.

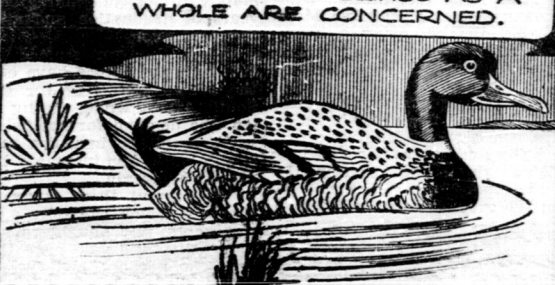
Single men with "secondary" dependents, such as aged or crippled relatives, would be called first, he said.

Next would come married men whose wives work, then men with dependent wives, and finally men with wives and children.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

The MALLARD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL DUCKS, SO FAR AS HUMAN BEINGS AS A WHOLE ARE CONCERNED.



"AULD WIVES' TONGUES" WAS AN EARLY ENGLISH NAME FOR ASPENS, WHOSE LEAVES "SELDOM CEASE WAGGING."

ANSWER: A kite may be any of the first three definitions. WILD MALLARDS, from prehistoric times, have furnished meat for man. In domestication, Mallards are important in the food supply of China and other populous countries.

NEXT: Various snakes in the press.

A KITE IS WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING? 1. A CONTRIVANCE FOR PART OF A WHEEL.

POP—But Going in Reverse

By J. MILLAR WATT

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