

# Erskine Dale Pioneer

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The front door Harry hailed him and Barbara came running out. "I forgot to get you another suit of clothes last night," he said, "and we were scared this morning. We thought



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you had left us, and Barbara there nearly cried." Barbara blushed now and did not deny. "Come to breakfast!" she cried. "Did you find anything to shoot?" Harry asked. "Nothin' but some squirrels," said the lad.

Then Hugh came in pale of face and looking rather ashamed. He went straight to the Kentuckian. "I was rude to you last night and I owe you an apology."

He thrust out his hand and awkwardly the boy rose and took it. "And you'll forgive me, too, Barbara?"

"Of course I will," she said happily, but holding up one finger of warning—should he ever do it again. The rest of the guests trooped in now, and some were going out on horseback, some for a sail, and some visiting up the river in a barge, and all were paired off.

"I'm going to drive Cousin Erskine over the place with my ponies," said Barbara, "and—"

"I'm going back to bed," interrupted Hugh, "or read a little Latin and Greek with Mr. Brockton." There was impudence as well as humor in this, for the tutor had given up Hugh in despair long ago.

Barbara shook her head. "You are going with us," she said. "I want Hugh to ride with me," said Colonel Dale, "and give Firely a little exercise. Nobody else can ride him."

The Kentucky boy turned a challenging eye, as did every young man at the table, and Hugh felt very comfortable. While every one was getting ready, Harry brought out two foals and two masks on the porch a little later.

"We fight with those," he said, pointing to the crossed rapiers on the wall, "but we practice with these. Hugh, there, is the champion fencer," he said, "and he'll show you."

Harry helped the Kentucky boy to mask and they crossed foils—Hugh giving instructions all the time and nodding approval. "You'll learn—you'll learn fast," he said. And over his shoulder to Harry: "Why, his wrist is as strong as mine now, and he's got an eye like a weasel."

made her shudder. "Papa said last night that several of our kinsfolk spoke of going to your country in a party, and Harry and Hugh are crazy to go with them. Papa said people would be swarming over the Cumberland mountains before long."

"I wish you'd come along." Barbara laughed. "I wouldn't like to lose my hair."

"I'll watch out for that," said the boy with such confident gravity that Barbara turned to look at him. "I believe you would," she murmured. And presently:

"What did the Indians call you?" "White Arrow." "White Arrow. That's lovely. Why?" "I could outrun all the other boys."

"Then you'll have to run tomorrow when we go to the fair at Williamsburg." "The fair?" Barbara explained. For an hour or more they had driven and there was no end to the fields of tobacco and grain.

"Are we still on your land?" Barbara laughed. "Yes; we can't drive around the plantation and get back for dinner. I think we'd better turn now."

"Plan-tation," said the lad. "What's that?" Barbara waved her whip. "Why, all this—the land—the farm."

"Oh!" "It's called Red Oaks—from those big trees back of the house." "Oh, I know oaks well—all of 'em."

She wheeled the ponies and with fresh zest they scampered for home. Everybody had gathered for the noonday dinner when they swung around the great trees and up to the back porch. Just as they were starting in the Kentucky boy gave a cry and darted down the path. A towering figure in coonskin cap and hunter's garb was halted at the sun-dial and looking toward them.

"Now, I wonder who that is," said Colonel Dale. "Jupiter, but that boy can run!" They saw the tall stranger stare wonderingly at the boy and throw back his head and laugh. Then the two came on together. The boy was still flushed but the hunter's face was grave.

"This is Dave," said the boy simply. "Dave Yandell," added the stranger, smiling and taking off his cap. "I've been at Williamsburg to register some lands and I thought I'd come and see how this young man is getting along."

Colonel Dale went quickly to meet him with outstretched hand. "I'm mighty glad you did," he said heartily. "Erskine has already told us about you. You are just in time for dinner."

"That's mighty kind," said Dave. And the ladies, after he was presented, still looked at him with much curiosity and great interest. Truly, strange visitors were coming to Red Oaks these days.

That night the subject of Hugh and Harry going back home with the two Kentuckians was broached to Colonel Dale, and to the wandering delight of the two boys both fathers seemed to consider it favorably. Mr. Brockton was going to England for a visit, the summer was coming on, and both fathers thought it would be a great benefit to their sons. Even Mrs. Dale, on whom the hunter had made a most agreeable impression, smiled and said she would already be willing to trust her son with their new guest anywhere.

"I shall take good care of him, madam," said Dave with a bow. Colonel Dale, too, was greatly taken with the stranger, and he asked many questions of the new land beyond the mountains. There was dancing again that night, and the hunter, towering a head above them all, looked on with smiling interest. He even took part in a square dance with Miss Jane Willoughby, handling his great bulk with astonishing grace and lightness of foot. Then the elder gentlemen went into the drawing-room to their port and pipes, and the boy Erskine slipped after them and opened enthrallment to the talk of the coming war.

Colonel Dale had been in Hanover ten years before, when one Patrick Henry voiced the first intimation of independence in Virginia; Henry, a country storekeeper—bankrupt; farmer—bankrupt; storekeeper again, and bankrupt again; an idler, hunter, fisher, and story-teller—even a "bar-keeper," as Mr. Jefferson once dubbed him, because Henry had once helped his father-in-law to keep tavern. That far back Colonel Dale had heard Henry denounce the clergy, stigmatize the king as a tyrant who had forfeited all claim to obedience, and had seen the orator caught up on the shoulders of the crowd and amidst shouts of applause borne around the court-house green. He had seen the same Henry ride into Richmond two years later on a lean horse; with papers in his saddle-pockets, his ex-

pression grim, his tall figure stooping, a peculiar twinkle in his small blue eyes, his brown wig without powder, his coat peach-blossom in color, his knee-breeches of leather, and his stockings of yarn. The speaker of the Burgess was on a dais under a red canopy supported by gilded rods, and the clerk sat beneath with a mace on the table before him, but Henry cried for liberty or death, and the shouts of treason failed then and there to save Virginia from the king. The lad's brain whirled. What did all this mean? Who was this king and what had he done? He had known but the one from whom he had run away. When he got Dave alone he would learn and learn and learn—everything. And then the young people came quietly in and sat down quietly, and Colonel Dale, dithering what they wanted, got Dave started on stories of the wild wilderness that was his home—the first chapter in the life of Kentucky—the land of dark forests and cane thickets that separated Catawbas, Crocks and Cherokees on the south from Delawares, Wyaodottes and Shawnees on the north, who fought one another, and all of whom the whites must fight. How the first fort was built, and the first women stood on the banks of the Kentucky river. He told of the perils and hardships of the first journeys thither—fights with wild beasts and with men, chases, hand-to-hand combats, escapes and massacres—and only the breathing of his listeners could be heard, save the sound of his own voice. And he came finally to the story of the attack on the fort, the raising of a small hand above the cane, palm outward, and the swift dash of a slender brown body into the fort, and then, seeing the boy's face turn scarlet, he did not tell how that same lad had slipped back into the woods even while the fight was going on, and slipped back with the bloody scalp of his enemy, but ended with the timely coming of the Virginians, led by the lad's father, who got his death-wound at the very gate. The tense breathing of his listeners culminated now in one general deep breath.

Colonel Dale rose and turned to General Willoughby. "And that's where he wants to take our boys."

"Oh, it's much safer now," said the hunter. "We have had no trouble for some time, and there's no danger inside the fort."

"I can imagine you keeping those boys inside the fort when there's so much going on outside. Still—"

Colonel Dale stopped and the two boys took heart again. Colonel Dale escorted the boy and Dave to their room. Mr. Yandell must go with them to the fair at Williamsburg next morning, and Mr. Yandell would go gladly. They would seek the Lord. Because he rested upon the Lord, God gave him victory over his enemies.

Lesson 2. Athaliah attempted to destroy the seed royal and then usurp the throne. Jehoiada checkmated her by hiding away Joash for six years. At an appointed time Joash was crowned king and the usurper slain. Every attempt to thwart God's purpose fails.

Lesson 3. Jesus arose from the dead, showed himself to His disciples and sent them forth as witnesses for Him. Certainty of the resurrection of Christ is essential to witness for Him.

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Lesson 6. Isaiah foresaw the end of all strife in the world through the establishment of Christ's kingdom. Peace and restoration shall come to the earth when Christ shall come and remove from men's hearts the cause for strife.

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Lesson 8. Through the repairing of the temple the law of God was found. When it was read before the king it brought penitent sorrow. God accepted his penitence and postponed the evil day.

Lesson 9. Jeremiah was arrested and brought to trial because he boldly proclaimed God's word to the nation. The one whom God calls to proclaim His word should faithfully discharge his duty regardless of what men may do unto him.

Lesson 10. Jehoiakim tried to destroy God's Word by burning it. Trying to destroy God's Word will not avert His judgments.

Lesson 11. Because of Jeremiah's fidelity to God he was cast into prison. Casting the prophet into the dungeon will not turn aside God's judgments.

Lesson 12. Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem and carried away the people captives. Though God's judgments tarry they eventually fall.

working on clues which they believe will lead to arrests.

Queen Victoria of Spain is a great lover of children and takes care of her youngsters personally, instead of having nurses and tutors.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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### LESSON FOR JUNE 25 REVIEW: JUDAH'S PROSPERITY AND ADVERSITY

GOLDEN TEXT—"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."—Ps. 33:12. PRIMARY AND JUNIOR TOPIC—Men Who Obeyed God. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—True and False Leaders of Judah. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Some Lessons From Judah's History.

#### I. Central Thought of Each Lesson Gathered Around the Key Words of the Day's Lesson Subject, Namely, Prosperity and Adversity.

A good outline is the following from Crannell's Pocket Lessons:

1. Judah's Prosperity. Based on— (1) Reliance on God, lesson 1. (2) Courageous Venture for God, lesson 2. (3) Business Methods for God, lesson 3. (4) The Vision of God, lesson 5. (5) The Law and Leadership of God, lesson 7. (6) Wise Leadership Back to God, lesson 8.
2. Judah's Adversity. Due to— (1) Presuming Upon God's Blessing, lesson 4. (2) Presuming Upon God's Purpose, lesson 9. (3) Rejecting God's Word, lesson 10. (4) Persecuting God's Messenger, lesson 11. (5) Disloyalty to God and Man, lesson 12.

III. Golden Text Review. Assign the texts to your class the preceding Sunday and ask them to show how the lesson illumines the text, or ask the class to prepare on all the texts and have the members of the class draw the text and give the answer.

III. Character Study or Portrait Review. Assign the following characters the Sunday before: Asa, Joash, Jehoiada, Uzziah, Isaiah, Hezekiah, Hilkiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, Jehoiakim, Ebed-melech, Zedekiah.

IV. The Summary Method. This method calls for the salient facts of each lesson with a statement survey of its outstanding teaching. Note the following suggestions:

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## GENERAL NEW SNOTES

Matters of Interest Gathered From All Over the World.

—Kansas City, Kan., June 19: Three white men and two negroes took \$7,000 from the Quindaro state bank here today and escaped in an automobile.

—Norfolk, Va., June 19: Maria Savage and Mabel Drummond, negroes; are dead and six other negro women are in a serious condition following a drinking party Friday night in which they are believed to have drunk liquor containing wild alcohol.

—New York, June 20: Cantaloupes in the wholesale market cost only a little more than half of what they sold for yesterday, due to heavy shipments from California and Georgia. Georgia crates fell from \$2.50 to \$1.50 and some were turned back for the railroads to dispose of.

—Portland, Me., June 20: Senator Frederick Hale, Republican, without making a personal campaign, won an easy victory in the state primary yesterday. The votes cast for him was larger than the total of his two opponents, former Congressman Frank E. Guernsey and for State Senator Howard Davies, and his plurality over Guernsey was nearly 20,000. Davies was a poor third.

—St. Paul, Minn., June 20: A woman has been nominated for the United States senate by a major political party for the first time in the history of the country. This became apparent tonight when returns from half the precincts participating in Monday's primary election showed Mrs. Anna Dickie Olsen had won the senatorial nomination of the Democratic party over two male opponents.

—Pascoag, R. I., June 19: Robert Pollard, 40 years old, of this town, died tonight of hydrophobia nearly a year after he was bitten by a dog. The dog later died of rabies. With four other men, Pollard was bitten by a dog in July of last year. The five took the Pasteur treatment. The other four felt no ill effects of their experience. Two months ago Pollard complained of weakness and early tonight died in agony.

—San Francisco, June 19: Police chiefs numbering about 400 were here today for the opening of the twenty-ninth annual convention of the International Association of Police Chiefs. Subjects to be discussed included the establishment of a national bureau of identification at Washington under government supervision; passage of uniform vehicle laws and broadcasting of police information by radio.

—Washington, June 19: A recent survey by the United States public health service showed there were 1,200 lepers at large in twenty-five states. Dr. C. H. Lavinder, assistant surgeon general, announced in a statement today. There is only one means of preventing further increase in the number of cases, Dr. Lavinder said, and that is by providing isolation facilities large enough to take care of the present cases.

—Chicago, June 20: Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees today received his third lay off of the season when President Ban Johnson of the American league suspended him for his argument in yesterday's game at Cleveland with Umpire Dineen. No time limit was set on the suspension, the duration being indefinite until Mr. Johnson receives a full report of the affair. Ruth was out of the game at the start of the season as a result of a suspension by Baseball Commissioner Landis and recently was given a one-day lay off and a fine by Mr. Johnson for an argument with an umpire at New York.

—Washington, June 19: Men and women prominent in official life, members of the business world and stars of the theatrical world, united Sunday in paying tribute to the memory of Lillian Russell Moore at memorial services held in Keith's theatre. Similar services occurred simultaneously at all Keith theatres throughout the country. Attorney General Daugherty, Secretary of Labor Davis, Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, Chairman Lusk of the shipping board; Senator Hiram Johnson and Senator Samuel M. Shortridge of California, were among those who either in person or through statements gave voice to their sentiments.

—Atlanta, Ga., June 20: J. R. Humphries, Ga., is the owner of a cow that has become the new junior four-year-old champion of Georgia, and has won a silver medal awarded by the American Jersey Cattle club. The cow is known as Raleigh's Zilla of Brookhill 389,671. She started her test at four years and one month of age. She has produced 13,383 pounds of milk and 945.64 pounds of butter fat. In April, 1921, she produced 1,391 pounds of milk and 65.52 pounds of butter fat. She qualified for the 50-pound list for the first ten months on test. Zilla is by Raleigh's combination 107,229, with eight daughters in the register of merit and out of Zilla of Lee Farm, 216,840.

—Syracuse, N. Y.: Miss Agnes E. Campbell has specialized as a Sunday school teacher with the same degree of thoroughness that a teacher in the secular schools studies for educational work. She holds the state Sunday school teachers' certificate and able theologians say there are very few students as familiar with Bible lore as she. In fourteen years there has been only one week during which Miss Campbell has not attended a Sunday school session, and on that occasion she failed simply because she found the church door locked on account of an epidemic. She holds a gold bar and a star for different periods of attendance. Miss Campbell, whose home is at Walton, N. Y., is a junior in the Syracuse University college of business administration.

—Chicago, June 19: A sordid picture of modern civilization was painted for the students at North-Western university, by former Gov. Charles E. Osborne of Michigan, who delivered the commencement address: "The white race," said Mr. Osborne, "is predatory and epileptic. When it is not preying upon and existing on the blacks, browns and yellows, it slashes its own vitals in unwitting social hari-kari for the chance to gorge itself in economic cannibalism. During the last 300 years the white race, as represented by the recently allied powers, seized three-fourths of the area of the earth and placed two-thirds of its population in tributary slavery. Unless Americans learn the way of life and human justice, this country will go the way of Babylon and Greece and Rome. It shall be a part of your sublime task to blaze a new trail of life and lead the march."

—Atlanta, Ga., June 20: Pitting his mind against the tribe of burglars, robbers, snark thieves and hold-up men to find a safe place for the money the store had taken in during the day, the manager of a local cigar store at night pitched the contents of the company's cash register into the trash box, reasoning that the lawless gentlemen



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would overlook this in their search. The manager was so sure that he had outwitted any possible burglar which might fancy his store on that night and was so sure that the \$100 was safe, that he went home and slept peacefully, dismissing the matter from his mind. It remained dismissed. When the manager entered the store and prepared for the business of the day, he threw the trash box and its precious contents into the refuse can, which is the first step on the way to the city garbage pile. So far as is known, the cash box completed the journey, for when the memory of his burglar-folling deed came to the store manager, the money had forever disappeared. Police believe "The Mystery of the Trash Pile" is fated to be one of the unsolved cases in police annals. Was the money found in the refuse can by some wandering hunger-stricken tramp? Or did it go the way of the other trash of a great city? Only one thing is sure, and that is the statement of the store manager that hereafter he will take his chances with the burglar.

## THE CITADEL

The Military College of South Carolina. SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION On July 14th a Competitive Examination Will Be Held at York to Fill One Vacancy in the Citadel Scholarships for this County.

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