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EDITORIAL

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, le, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for,

behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of

David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone

away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it they made abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are coming to worship

When Herod the King had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him. In Bethlehem of Judea . . .

Then Herod, when he had privily called the Wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also.

When they had heard the King, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him.

And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

PEACE

At Bethlehem the Star shines bright alvoye the Stable door:

By every road the Wise Men come who never came before; The Kings, with all their Caravan, keep watch upon the hill,

While Jesus sleeps upon Mary's breastand all the guns are still. The plunder of the world is heaped about that manger-bed,

Behold! the gifts the Wise Men brought are stained an awful red. Poor Mary's face is white and drawn, and Joseph's grim and set-

For older hearts though slow to learn,

are slower to forget. But lo, the Star of Bethlehem above

the Stable door Shines with a glory in its light that never shone before.

The haggard hosts of shattered men out on the battle plain

Have caught the slogan of the skies, and fling it back again.

"Peace-Peace on Earth!" with shaken hearts across the world they come, No panoply of war is theirs, no flag,

ne rolling drum; But all are cloaked in spotless white-

the garment of His love-And "Peace" their bursting throats now sing, and "Peace" the choirs above.

At Bethlehem the Star shines bright above the Stable door,

By every road the Wise Men come who never came before.

The Kings, with all their Caravan, keep watch upon the hill, While Jesus sleeps on Mary's breastand all the guns are still.

BE THANKFUL

How can you in homes so cheerful and bright Be sorrowful, blue and sad. When many a home with scarcely a crumb Is cheerful, happy and glad.

There's many a home where want is unknown And only the best in store, While others, crushed with the load of despair,

In keeping the wolf from the door. But poverty here cannot be conpared To the woes across the sea.

As death and destruction reign o'er the land Wiping out humanity. Ee thankful our Country is free from war

And no bombers to hear or see. To warn us of misery, pain or death, As we to our shelter would flee.

The children, snatched from their mother's care And sent-they know not where, To a refuge prepared for innocent ones, For protection from the air.

Let us be thankful our boys are here Instead of on foreign soil. Giving their life blood for democracy,

As from horrors they recoil. So count your blessings one by one. They're more than the sands of the sea, And breathe a prayer of thankfulness To the One so mindful of thee.

> MRS. W. J. HACKENBERG. Rebersburg, Pa.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The people are happy and shouting with joy, The children are lively and gay: We forget our sorrow for a little while

Because this is Christmas Day. We have oh, so many things to do,

And there's so much to eat; We sort of hate to open our presents

As they are fixed so pretty and peat. There is a big red rattle for baby Suc.

And here is a scooter for Ned; And what do you think that Santa brought Mary? A little white dolly's bed.

The tree is trimmed and lighted so nice As we stop and think of the way-That people are celebrating and the reason for it-Because Christ was born today.

-MILDRED WHITE.

under our Christtmas tree for you

room suit. I have a brother that

I am a little girl two years old.

Your little girl.

I am a little boy 8 years old.

think the toys at Wolf's Toyland

are wonderful, will you please bring

me a black board, a game and a cow boy suit. Please Santa don't

forget my 3 brothers.

wants a wagen. Thank you,

Pauline Stem.

Please bring me a bicycle, mouth. Please do not forget my daddy and

Snow Shoe, Pa.

William Huntington.

Axe Mann, Pa.

Mabel Ripka.

Bellefonte, Pa.

Hilda Bennett.

I wish you good luck.

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa Clays:

Dear Santa:

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS State College, Pa. Dear Santa Claus. I am a good little girl. I like dolls, will you please bring me a Dear Santa rubber one. Don't forget by babs

of the letter at the Wolf Furniture er. store, West High Street, Bellefonte. The letters are being forwarded to Santa Claus for his further con-

Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Dear Santa: Here are the things I want for X-mas. I know you will bring them, for I am a good boy. My mother said I was. I want a sled, a you will find these toys at Wolf's Toyland Don't forget my little sister wants a doll for Christmas. Your friend. Blanchard Watson.

Howard, Pa.

Dear Mr. Santa: Please bring me a big sled and a truck. I am in the 1st grade, I like if you would bring me a nice am a good boy part of the time. Your true friend, Glenn Shultz.

Howard, R. D. 2

Dear Santa: Please bring me from Wolfs Toyland, a truck, a drum and anything else you want. Please don't Dear Santa; forget my sister for she wrote my letter. I am only 4 years old old. letter. I am only 4 years old. old. I say my prayers every night. Thank you for I won't get to see too. I want a doll baby and a little

> Clarence Neale Shultz Bellefonte, R. D. 2

Dear Santa Claus: I help by mother and daddy on the if you aren't in a hurry. farm. I like to farm. Will you bring me a toy farm with equip-

Writers of all the letters publish-ed below will be presented a free blackboard by presenting a clipping Please don't forget my baby broth-A good friend.

> Charles C. Wian. Howard, Pa Dec. 16, 1939

Dear Santa Claus: I was in to see Wolfs Toyland organ, airplane, some candy and my three sisters. and I don't know what I want for oranges. I am a very good boy, ? there are so many nice things. 1 years old and bring mother a living will like whatever you bring. I am in the 3rd grade.

Your loving friend Joseph Shultz.

Bellefonte, B. D. 3

Dear Santa Claus: I think you are the dearest old I love you very much. For Christ-fellow that I every saw. You al- mas I want a dolly, dishes, and ways bring such nice toys on some candy and nuts. Christmas Eve. This year I would Your little doll, a book-satchel, a set of dishes, and some games. I won't ask for too much because you dare not forget the other poor boys and girls.

Your friend. Norma Walker.

Howard, R D. 1.

I am a good little girl five years broom, so I can sweep for my sick mother while my brother and sisters are in school. Please re-member my sisters and brother too. I am writing I know lots of nice poems and I'll new coat and hat, a sled and a pair I am a good boy five years old, say them for you when you come of ice skates. That is all. Wish-Lots of love and kisses

Your pal Walter Flynn Howard, Pa. Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

I am writing to tell you I want a ing you a Merry Christmas, Your friend

THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then,

Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

YE GILTED AGE

Ye gilded knight in his Chevrolet And ye princess fair in her negliged Made rendezvous by the castle wall;

Twenty-six stories high, in all. She in her penthouse, he on the street In a scene of enchantment-a moment too sweet.

She cast him a rose, as did ladies of yore,

But it fell on a ledge by the twentieth floor. He threw her a kiss and from windows above

Twenty-nine matrons sighed for his love. He sang her a love song and made such a din A riot squad threatened to trundle him in.

So ye gilded knight of ye modern day Gird up his engine and sputtered away. And ye pent-villa princess entered ye house And spended the evening alone-with her spouse

IRISH POINT OF VIEW

It is a merry Christmas When there is lots of snow, For then through my good shovel Some golden coin I know.

And 'tis a merry Christmas When not a flake is seen, For Christmas to the Irish Is merry when it's green.

THE OLD SOAK'S LETTER

Instead of hangin' up my socks I think it would be slicker If I could hang my turnmy up And have it filled with liquor.

Musta Made the Team

A Northern gentleman was horseback riding through the hills of Georgia. Being very thirsty, and spying an old Negro mammy smoking her corncob on the doorstep of her cabin, he stopped and requested a glass of water of her. The old mammy without stirring yelled to a colored girl inside the cabin, "Diploma, bring dis gem-men a glass of water," The man, thinking the name a strange one for the girl, said:

"Mammy, how did you happen to name that child 'Diploma'?" "Well, suh," said the mammy, "it am like dis. Mah daughter went to back wid her.

Leven Words-No More, No Less

The new minister was coming to call on one of the church families and was going to stay for supper. So they coached their little girl carefully to answer the questions the minister always asked every little girl. The questions took the form of "What's your name?" "Are you a good

little girl?" and "Do you know where bad little girls go?" Nancy, the young daughter, was evidently overtrained, for when the reverend visitor began his questioning she gave all the answers at once-"Nancy, sir; six years old; yes sir, you go to the devil, sir."

Here's How We Heerd 'Em

Said the Lavalliere-"I'm between two temptations." Said the Doormat-"They all walk out on me." Said the Locomotive-"Gee. I've a tender behind." Said the Garter-"I confess-it was a holdup." Said the Stocking-"Well. I'll be darned."

Said the Garbage Pail-"I get all the dirt."

Believe It or Not Here's one Bob Ripley never heard about: A Western farmer left his team standing in the field one day last summer and went for a drink of water. When he returned the grashoppers had eaten the horses and were pitching horseshoes to see who would eat the harness.

He Trusted Her A greatly acitated a rushed into a drug store with an infant in her arms, and cried: "My baby has swallowed a dime. What shall I

"Give him this dose of castor oit," replied the proprietor who was a Scotchman; then added, "ten cents, please." 'I haven't any more money with me, only what's inside the baby,

cried the frantic woman. "That's all right, lady," said the druggist, calmly, "I'll wait,"

Just Have to Get Along Wifie-"I can't afford an operation now."

Hubby-"No, you'll just have to talk about the old one for another her a big bottle of milk that will do Did She Bite 'Em?

It is related that a nearby Bellefonte woman who is noted for her

skill in the culinary art had some company for dinner the other day.

When dessert was passed, one of the guests remarked upon the beautiful appearance of the pie, and inquired how she got such a pretty "scallop" on its edge. He nearly fell dead when she replied, "Oh, that is easy; I use

my false teeth " Isn't It So? A clergyman who recently resigned his pastorate to take up the practice of law assigned as one reason for his change "that the average man will pay more to keep out of jail for one day than to be kept out of

This is Getting "Rocky" Here's a marriage notice that appeared in a western paper: "Married new necktie. I've been looking for t Flintstone, by Rev. Windstone, Mr. Nehemiah Sandstone and Miss Wilhemia Whitestone, both of Limestone,

That's all, folks. A husband is all that is left of a sweetheart after the nerve is removed.

Dec. 16, 1939.

hades for eternity.

I am 8 years old. I am in third brother. There will be some candy grade and make good marks. I want a play doctor kit and if you want to bring me anything else. I would be glad to have it.

I help my sisters with the work

Spring Mills, Pa.,

Good-bye Santa Claus. I hope

Buddy Noll.

Milesburg, Pa.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll cart like I saw in Wolf's Toyland and some as God took our mother from us candy and nuts. I have been a good girl and I help my mother the house work every Sat-



Query and Answer Column

B. Y .- What is the class of mail for postal cards and picture post-

Ans .- Both postal cards and picture postcards are transmitted as

A. G .- Can you answer me as to who it was that said "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes?"

Ans.—This famous admonition was given by General Putnam to the colonial troops at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775.

C. L.-Which President of the United States had the largest number

Ans.-John Tyler. He had eight sons and six daughters by two marriages. His immediate predecessor had ten children-six sons and four daughters, all full brothers and sisters.

E. T.—Can you tell me how long parrots live to be? Ans.-It is very difficult to determine the natural life of a parrot. It

is known that the macaw parrot in Italy has lived in captivity over 200 years. African gray parrots in Europe have been known to live 100 years. The Mexican parrots, those most common in this country, average about 20 years in captivity.

D. T .- Is it true that William Penn, the Quaker who founded Philadelphia, was a slave-owner? Ans,-Yes. William Penn was the owner of Negro slaves at the time

of his death. This was before slavery was restricted to the southern

J. H .- On which side of a country road should a pedestrian walk if there are no side paths? Ans.-In the interest of safety, pedestrians should walk on the left side—facing on-coming vehicles. This is recommended by all traffic regu-

W. K .- Does the United States have any National Parks besides those on the mainland? Ans .- Yes, One in Hawaii which was created in 1916, and one in

Alaska, which was created in 1917. The one in Hawaii is situated in the south central portion and contains two active volcanoes. C. J .- What do ostriches eat? I am told they will eat anything in-

cluding meat, jewelry, etc. Ans.-By nature ostriches are herbivorous. Those in captivity are usually pastured on alfalfa in the summer; in the winter they are fed alfalfa hay, wheat bran, barley, oats and corn. They require grit, too, and they have a voracious appetite for stones, gravel, granite and pieces of bone. They will not eat meat unless forced by extreme hunger

M. G .- I would like you to tell me why a ship pumps oil when it contemplates a rescue? Ans.-Oil has a tendency to calm and quiet a rough sea. From this get the old saying "pour oil on troubled waters."

C. T. B .- What is the origin of galoshes? Ans.-The galosh or golosh was originally a wooden shoe or clog, but later came to mean an overshoe. As early as 1688 they were referred to in that sense: Galloshios are false shoes or covers for shoes. The word is one of dem Booker T. Washington colleges, an' dat am what she brang adapted from the French galoche, from Low Latin, galopedium, a wooden

S. J. B .- What is the name of the famous bridge on which men spend their entire lives painting?

Ans.-The Firth of Forth railroad bridge in Scotland has a permanent staff of thirty painters. When these men die their sons take their places. It requires three years to paint the bridge from end to end and fifty tons of iron paint are used. The work is continuous. J. L.-What section of the United States holds the record for the

coldest weather? Ans.—The lowest winter temperature recorded in the United States is -66 degrees Fahrenheit, at Riverside Ranger Station, Yellowstone Park, on February 9, 1933. J. H .- What type of tobacco contains the least nicotine?

Ans .- Burley tobacco has less nicotine than any other type. This is the variety from which chewing tobacco is ordinarily made. E. C. M.-Was Edgar Guest born in this country?

Ans.-The poet was born at Birmingham, England. T. G.-How many men held the number 258, which was the first number drawn in the World War draft in this country? Ans.-There were 4474 men who held that number.

C. T. B .- Who originated the chain store system? Ans.-The chain store system was begun by the Great Atlantic and

Pacific Tea Company, which had twenty-five unit stores by 1865. T. R. P.—What are the most dangerous sports? Ans.-Football is by far the most hazardous of games, producing

more injuries than polo, wrestling, lacrosse, soccer, crew, and boxing, which follow in that order. W. J. H .- How much money is collected in the various States for

Ans.-In 1938 fees collected amounted to \$10,220,787.73.

urday. I am 8 years old. Anna Shay. Jacksonville, Pa. Dear Santa:-Will you please bring me a truck and a drum and I have a wee sister and if you just bring

for her. Just another pal Jerry Allen Dietz.

Howard, R. D. 2 Please bring me a tractor, a roller, a cow-boy suit. My sister wants a pair of skates. Thank you for I won't be up when you get here,

Sonny Fetzer. Pine Grove Mills, Pa. Dear Santa Claus:

I am a very good boy, and work hard every day. I think I deserve a new Packard, an easy chair found in Wolf's Furniture Dept. and a you in all the stores.

Allen Beatty.

Your Friend.

Bellefonte, Pa. I'm a postoffice employe and have you will have a lot of snow to travel been a good boy all year. Since I'll have to help handle all your danged letters and packages don't you think

you could bring me a nice present? Heaps of love. Willie Rowe.

CENTRAL CITY

Central City school will give its annual Christmas entertainment this Thursday and Friday P. M. Dec. 21st and 52nd. The principal number on the program will be "Welcome Home Jimmy" by the 8th grade. A fine drama in 4 acts. A silver collection will be taken to defray the expenses and to purchase song books. Everyone is in vited

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