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Sunday School Lesson

FAITHFULNESS

International Sunday School Lesson for December 29, 1940.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."—Luke 12:48.

Lesson Text: Luke 12: 33-48

Somehow it seems particularly appropriate that we end the year's lessons with an admonition to faithfulness. With a brand new year just a few days off, Jesus' words as to what is expected of his followers ought to be a challenge to all Christians to resolve to live more faithfully in the coming year.

In order to live one's life fully and faithfully as a Christian should, we have to prepare ourselves for living and make ready for dying and the life hereafter. Perceiving the danger that his disciples might become so absorbed in preparing for living, this life by providing for their physical needs (which is proper in its place), Jesus urged that they place his kingdom first and be always prepared for his return.

In order to make his meaning clearer to his listeners, Jesus related the story of the master who found his servants faithful and waiting for him, whereupon he rewarded them. In a similar parable Jesus declared that the master of the house does not know at what hour the thief may come and, for this reason, he must be constantly on guard to protect his possessions. He applied the message of these parables to his disciples in the words: "Be ye also ready, for in an hour that ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

There are two phases in life for which we must be prepared. We must prepare ourselves to live life at its fullest and best. This naturally includes the proper cultivation and development of the three-fold nature of an individual—his body, his mind and his soul. We should not develop either nature, overlooking any other. Many people anxiously watch the development of their physical beings, doing everything necessary to the proper care of their bodies, with never a thought to the culture of their mental or spiritual natures.

There are parents in every community who see to it, even to the point of personal sacrifice, that their children have the necessary

requirements for proper development of their bodies who, apparently, have no thought to the development of their children's spiritual or mental nature.

The second phase for which we must be prepared is Christ's second coming. At times people have become very excited about the return of our Lord, even to the extent of predicting the exact day and time. Some have sold their property, left the everyday world and gathered on a high mountain so as to be among the first to greet him. Luke declares, "The Son of man cometh as a thief in the night." Mark also declares: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."

We do not need to concern ourselves over the time. Our chief concern is that we shall always live so as to be ready when he does come. Readiness for his second coming can be measured by our faithfulness in telling others of his first coming. And, we should remember that we cannot be ready for his coming without adequate preparation. The athlete who has not been thoroughly trained cannot hope to win the race. The Christian who has not given some time and thought to his preparation cannot hope to merit the reward given for faithful stewardship.

Christ urges us to be ready, to be like servants looking for the return of their lord from a wedding feast. We must, of course, first of all take Jesus into our hearts and lives as Saviour and Lord. If we do this, we will sincerely try to live the kind of life that Jesus wants us to live—useful, serviceable lives. A life of this kind will help us face temptation and overcome it and will be a living testimony to the power and love of Jesus Christ.

Some day all of us will have to come face to face with God. Are you preparing for that day?

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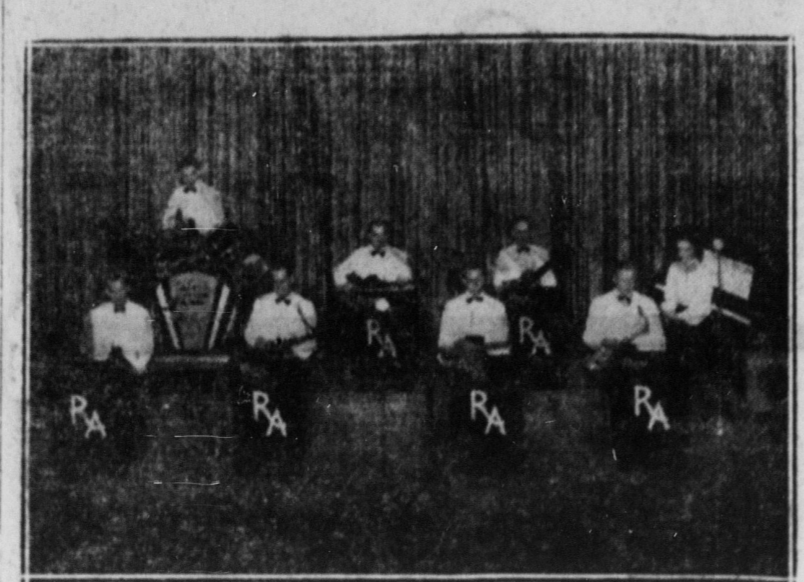
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CENTRE HALL NEWS



Casey's Rhythm Aides Orchestra to Play for Dance

EXPECT LARGE CROWD AT ALUMNI BANQUET

Eighty persons have already expressed their intention of attending the Alumni banquet in the Centre Hall-Potter high school Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

The Ladies Bible Class of the Reformed church will serve the banquet in the newly finished classroom.

Speakers at the banquet will include J. P. Wetzel, high school principal, and Clay Reesman, of Cambridge, N. J., class of 1898.

The association will hold a short meeting between the banquet and dance, to elect officers and to plan a project for 1941.

Casey's Rhythmaires orchestra which is scheduled to begin at 9 o'clock.

Plans for this annual affair are under the supervision of Donald Coldson, general chairman.

M. E. Coldron and his decorating committee: Alfred Crawford, Newton Crawford, Carl Burkholder, Harold E. Bradford and Kenneth Frank, have decorated the auditorium with evergreens and red and green streamers.

Other committee chairmen are Reuben Rickett, advance ticket sales; Robert Bradford, pre-arrivals; Chester Wagner, floor; and Mrs. Roy S. Jamison, entertainment.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT REFORMED CHURCH

In a candle-light setting decorated with evergreens the Evangelical and Reformed junior and senior choirs and the pastor, the Rev. D. R. Keener, presented the annual White Gifts Service Sunday evening.

An instrumental prelude including "Largo" by Handel as an organ and piano duet, and Christmas carols on the organ with a calms accompaniment, Mrs. Della R. Keener, played the organ, Miss Helen Gdenkirk, the piano, and Miss Betty Seaton, the chimes on the blanchenspiel.

The choir entered the auditorium singing "Angels From the Realm of Glory" as a procession. This was followed by the singing of three carols, "O Come All Ye Faithful," "I Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and "Silent Night."

The Rev. Mr. Keener then read the scripture and offered prayer. Antiphonal singing of these numbers by the choir followed "Russian Children Song," "The Christ Child Lay on Mary's Lap," "Russian Carol," "What Child Is This?" and "The Christmas Sun Shines."

Soloists for this group of carols were Mrs. J. F. Wetzel, Mrs. W. P. Campbell, David Booser and Joyce Bradford.

The Rev. Mr. Keener then read the story of "The Other Wise Man" by VanDyke. The reading was interspersed with the singing of these hymns: "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "The Eastern Mountain," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "When Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

The benediction followed the carol "Come Ye All to Bethlehem," and the choir sang "Joy to the World" as a recessional.

The decorations for this service were arranged by Robert Bradford.

TUSSEYVILLE CLASS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Young Peoples Bible class of Tusseyville met at the Ralph Harshbarger home on Thursday, December 12, in the form of a class meeting and birthday party for the host.

The business of the meeting consisted of electing the following officers for the new year: president, Ralph Harshbarger; vice president, Mrs. Kenneth Wert; secretary, Miss Martha Rimmer; and treasurer, Paul Lingle.

Others who attended the meeting were: Miss Mary Eunice Rimmer, Mrs. Luther Wert, Mrs. Mary Dashem, Miss Lois Rimmer, Ralph Walk, Dean Wert, Charles Rimer, William Rimmer, Mrs. Hawley Krebs and daughter, Miriam, John Portney, Miss Esther Hastings, Miss Marian Brown, John Wimer, Kenneth Wert and daughter, Mary Aime, and Mr. and Mrs. James Harshbarger.

After a social hour refreshments were served the group.

ALL PUPILS TAKE PART IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

All pupils of the grade schools and the Centre Hall-Potter High school participated in a Christmas assembly program in the high school auditorium Friday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock.

The program opened with a group carol song directed by Donald Shupe. A short play, "Santa Claus' Land," by all the pupils of first and second grades, followed. George Johnston and Marlene Coldson represented dancing dolls and other children were cast as clowns, cats, a jack-in-the-box, and other toys. Those pupils taught by Miss Helen White

concluded their part of the program with a song.

Third and fourth grades, directed by Miss Geraldine Hoover, also presented a short play including nearly the entire enrollment and had several recitations and songs.

"Santa's Necktie" was the title of the play presented by the fifth and sixth grades, under the direction of J. Ernest Wagner. The cast included: Ruth Spiker, Mrs. Santa Claus; Omer Michael, Santa Claus; and three elves, Charles Bloom as Puffy, Richard Myers as Poky, and Shirley Garlick as Teeny. Miriam Poist and Margaret Spota each gave a recitation and the group sang a number.

The program by the seventh and eighth grade consisted of a number by the Girls' Glee Club, "Silent Night," by the grade school band, and three one-act plays.

A "Quiz Kid" program was the high school contribution to the performance. J. P. Wetzel was master of ceremonies and David J. Graybill, Miss Sarah Kehler, James A. Myers, Charles D. Stonaker, and Russell John were judges. The questions had been submitted previously by high school students and were answered by volunteers from the school. Winners were paid in pennies.

This program launched the Christmas vacation which will end December 30.

GLEANERS CLASS HOLDS ANNUAL XMAS PARTY

Mrs. George Johnston entertained the Gleaners class of the Evangelical church at her home Friday evening. The occasion was the group's annual Christmas party.

A special feature of the program was a reading "Annies and Willies Prayer," by Mrs. George Sweeney. An exchange of gifts then disclosed the "secret sisters" for 1940 and names were drawn for next year. After the social hour Mrs. Johnston served refreshments.

Those present besides the hostess were: Mrs. Harold E. Bradford, Mrs. P. P. Geary, Mrs. David J. Graybill, Mrs. William Hanna, Mrs. Lawrence Hartley, Miss Ruth Hartley, Mrs. W. K. Hosterman, Mrs. R. S. Jamison, Mrs. George Ralston, Mrs. Hayes Ralston, Mrs. Reuben W. E. Glenn, George Sweeney, Mrs. Paul Venrick, and Mrs. John Whitman.

At the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Geary, officers will be elected for 1941.

CHURCH SERVICES

Evangelical, The Rev. W. K. Hosterman, pastor. Spring Mills, election of officers 9:15. Sunday School 10:15. Lenton: Sunday School 10. Election of officers 11:00. Bethesda: Church Worship 2:00.

Lutheran, The Rev. C. C. Otto, pastor. Centre Hall: Sunday School 9:30. Church Service 10:30; Spring Mills: Sunday School 9:30. Church Service 7:30. Tusseyville: Church Service 9:00. Sunday School 10:00.

Methodist, The Rev. W. E. Glenn, pastor. Centre Hall: Church Service 9:30. Sunday School 10:30. Sprucecreek: Sunday School 9:30. Church Services 10:45.

Presbyterian, The Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, pastor. Boalsburg: Sunday School 2:00. Church Service 3:00. Lemont: Sunday School 9:30. Church Service 7:30. Centre Hall: Sunday School 9:30. Church Service 10:30.

Reformed, The Rev. D. R. Keener, pastor. Spring Mills: Church Service 9:00. Sunday School 10:00; Farmers Mills: Sunday School 9:30. Church Service 10:30; Centre Hall: Sunday School 9:30. Church Service 7:30.

Gates-Glasgow, Miss Mary Elizabeth Glasgow, daughter of Mrs. D. S. Glasgow, and Paul Calvin Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gates, of Pleasant Gap were married by the Rev. Della R. Keener at the Reformed parsonage Saturday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

Others present at the marriage were the attendants, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lose, and the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gates will occupy their home on Hoffer Street recently purchased from Robert Smith.

PERSONAL MENTIONS

Mrs. William Campbell and Miss Helen Gdenkirk attended a kitchen shower Friday evening for Miss Jane Campbell who will be married New Year's Day. The hostess was Mrs. J. H. Musser of State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bloom and family spent Saturday in Altoona. Fred Spiker, a student at Chicago Theological Seminary, returned home Thursday for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Stonaker and son, Michael, left Saturday for Upper Darby to spend the vacation with Mrs. Stonaker's parents, Gloria Brooks, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks, spent part of the weekend with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Reiber.

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Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Mrs. Solomon Wert, an elderly lady of Ayrburg, died Sunday the 14th, aged 85 years.

Ex-Gov. Curtin is slowly improving from his recent illness which overtook him while in New York.

Last week a fox was shot on a tree near Coleville, and the tree was lying on the ground, either it is an unusual thing to find foxes climb trees.

Col. J. L. Spangler and wife moved into their new residence on last Saturday. With everything so tastefully arranged and so splendidly equipped they will be content and happy.

The record of Mr. Sober for seven years past in pheasant shooting is as follows: shot in 1884, 95; in 1885, 87; in 1886, 108; in 1887, 49; in 1888, 117; in 1889, 116, and to December 13, 1890, 142, or a grand total of 705 birds.

All the old reliable, sure-popover fall when the people we've consulted of late predict that "we will have a cold winter. As these prophets all agree, we have hauled out all our old flannels, had them patched, and are prepared for the worst.

The proud distinction of being the oldest man in Huntingdon county is claimed by Mr. Houck, the father of the Rev. W. A. Houck. He has lived for over seventy years in a house at Newburg, Trough Creek Valley, and is reported to have celebrated 98 birthdays. He is still in vigorous health.

Last Thursday morning the hands of the town clock pointed to half-past four—it was snowed up. Snow had lodged on the dial and remained there until washed away by the Logan hose steamer. On Tuesday it was concluded to start it again and it has been going ever since. There is no excuse for such indifference on the part of the parties in charge of it. It should never be allowed to stand idle a day when it could be started.

Mr. Joel B. Ellinger, of Milton, was in town on Saturday. He holds a patent for an improved iron-washer cutter and is negotiating for the manufacture of the same at Jenkins & Lingle's machine shops. This place, besides being an inventor and practical machinist, is a thorough musician and an author of band music. He is director of the famous Milton Military Band, which won first prize at Atlantic City last year. There is some probability of Mr. Ellinger locating in Bellefonte.

Miss Caroline McClure had resigned her position as teacher at the Forge school near Bellefonte to accept a clerical position in the Titan Metal Company offices. Forge pupils were attending the Bush Addition School.

James H. Bickerhoff, of Salona, lost one hand at the wrist as the result of having the member caught in a corn shredder on the farm of his father-in-law, S. H. Shoemaker. The hand was amputated at the Lock Haven Hospital.

A crew of men from the Sunbury shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad worked from 7 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Sunday installing a new bridge across Spring Creek near the match factory, Bellefonte. A number of local persons watched the work.

Reuben Cronemiller departed for Savannah, Georgia, to spend Christmas and part of the winter months with his son, Max, who was employed there. Mr. Cronemiller was contemplating making his permanent home in the southern state.

John Armasag, who resided near Waddle, was brought to the Bellefonte Hospital for treatment after he had been struck by logs which rolled off a pile at a lumbering operation in the mountains above Waddle. It was found that one leg was severely bruised where the logs had struck him.

Farmer John H. Swartz, farmer residing near Beech Creek, reported that a crow wearing a bell around its neck, was frequently seen in that area. He declared that about 2,000 other crows followed the bellied crow and that the flock made short work of corn fields. Reports had it that the crow was one in captivity at Howard, but had escaped.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: William Judson Alkey, of Curtin, and Lela May Letch, of Howard; Lester Lee Leathers and Alma Irene Solt, both of Howard; Gilbert S. Sowers and Bessie A. Savercock, both of State College; Raymond J. White, Beech Creek, and Reida Confer, of Howard; William E. Klingler, Bellefonte, and Julia R. Dearmitt, Mingoville; Elery Roy Shreckengast, of Coburn, and Sarah Emma Martin, of Woodward.

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CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL IN THE WEEK'S NEWS

Monday of Last Week Admitted: Miss Marion E. Multhead, of Clarence; Mrs. Melvin B. Lucas, of Howard, R. D. 2. Discharged: Mrs. John M. Picher and infant son, of State College. Admitted Monday and discharged Wednesday: Miss Lottie McCool, of Millheim.

Tuesday of Last Week Admitted: James P. Parson, of Fleming; Thomas R. Hosterman, of Port Matilda, R. D. 1; Michael Bonchak, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3. Discharged: Mrs. Harry DeArmitt and infant daughter, of State College, R. D. 1; Miss Virginia Gordon, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Frank E. Morton, of Bellefonte.

Wednesday of Last Week Admitted: Mrs. Pauline Page, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Harry E. Zolénroth, of Millburg. Discharged: Harry J. Williams, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Maude Rishel, of Rebersburg; Norman Zetzel, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Charles D. Jeffries, of State College.

Thursday of Last Week Admitted: Charles Lewis Gates, of Bellefonte. Discharged: Mrs. J. Willard Barnhart, of Bellefonte; Miss Ruth E. Wert, of Sunbury; Miss Eleene Lucas, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Blaine P. Hoy, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3.

Friday Admitted: George N. Dreilbeis, of Pine Grove Mills; Howard A. Orndorf, of Howard, R. D. 2; Miss Dorothy Henning, of State College. Discharged: Mrs. Andy Fomich and infant son, of Clarence; Mrs. Gerold L. Zimmerman and infant son, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2; Mrs. A. R. Kirch, of Williamsport; Miss Kathryn E. Swiers, of Millburg; Mrs. Vaughn Rider and infant son, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1.

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