

Sunday School Lesson

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

International Sunday School Lesson
For December 20, 1942.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins."—Matthew 1: 21.

Lesson Text: Luke 2: 1-20

According to Dr. T. R. Glover, "It was not till the middle of the Fourth Century that December 25th was chosen for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The day had its own association; it was a Roman festival time when, for a few days, all slaves were free and their own master. It was also over a large part of the world kept as 'The Day of the Unconquered.'"

"There was widespread worship of the sun. After the shortest day of the year and the dark days round about it, the growth of the sun's light is evident on December 25th, and therefore the day was kept as the birthday of the sun. Not a bad day, after all, on which to remember the birth of Jesus, a day associated with freedom, the day that celebrates the birth of light."

The birthplace of Jesus was Bethlehem, five miles out of Jerusalem, in the Province of Judea. Augustus, the first Emperor of Rome, ordered a general census of the empire. While the Roman custom was that each person be enrolled in the place of residence, the Jews were allowed to follow their custom and enroll in their ancestral city. Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth, the little village of Galilee, was descended from King David and, therefore, traveled a little over seventy miles southward to be enrolled in the City of David.

It was while Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, crowded with countless strangers present for the official enrollment, that Jesus was born. Because of the many visitors, there was no room in the inn, and Jesus was born in a cave nearby, customarily used as a stable. Dr. David J. Burrell offers the excuse of the imaginary words: "The man was a mere peasant, a carpenter, as he told me, from the despised town of Nazareth. Which of the distinguished guests in my caravansary—priests, rabbis, wealthy travelers—could I displace to make room for him? Shelter in the cave nearby was better for them than to rest under the open sky. There were cattle

there, and beasts of burden, so that the place afforded shelter from the wind; and there was barley straw to rest on."

The custom of observing anniversaries is widespread, as William Lyon Phelps wrote not long ago: "The birthdays of great men, especially when their lives have been a blessing to mankind, are widely celebrated. We make much of the birthdays of great poets, musicians and statesmen. But of all the millions and millions of individuals who have appeared on this planet, the first place in the hearts of men, women and children is held by Jesus Christ. No person in history has ever had, or ever will have, a birthday celebration like his. Christmas is the supreme birthday. It is celebrated by more people, in more countries, and with more positive rejoicing than is given not only to any other birthday, but to any anniversary of any kind."

The birth of Jesus was announced to shepherds by a group of angels. It was in keeping with his future life that the first notice of the advent of Jesus should be made to humble men, and not to princes and kings. The shepherds were frightened by the spiritual apparition but the first words spoken to them were comforting, telling them not to be afraid. "They have accepted the Christian tidings of a loving Author and Ruler of the universe," says Rev. John Williams Bradshaw, "and have dared to live as if those tidings were true, have found that the exhortation of the herald angel, 'Fear not,' is fully warranted. If this banishment of fear from the hearts of men were the one, sole gift of Christmas to the world, what words could overstate its worth?" The first Christmas carol was sung by the heavenly host, following which the shepherds immediately departed to find the baby whose birth had been told them.

Let us remember that the wonderful spirit of Christmas has no lasting value for us if we do not try to carry it into the coming year. While the observance of Christmas has an especial appeal to the hearts of little children, the feelings of unselfishness and goodwill towards our fellow-men should permeate our lives throughout all the twelve months of the year and should not be reserved for a brief thirty-six hours—during Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.

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Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

For the past two weeks jury commissioners Bow & Akey have been at work filling the jury wheel with new names for the ensuing year. To fill the wheel with men of good sound judgment, honor, and integrity and to select them from each township according to the private vote is not an easy task if it is to be well done.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Charles Yearick, Nitany, and Kate Young, Scotia; Matthew Groland and Bessie Ratcliffe, both of Phillipsburg; Ira V. Gates, Gatesburg, and M. Blanche Wye, Halfmoon; Charles Legg, Lock Haven, and Thressie Mott, Bellefonte; William M. Lute and Eva D. Kerstetter, both of Centre Hall; Alfred L. Ott, Axemann, and Ida M. Koch, Bellefonte; Howard Favorite and Ella Northamer, both of Phillipsburg; Joseph Dunmore, Phillipsburg, and Mardie Dillen, Ansonville.

Ed. Shaeffer, who left Bellefonte about two years ago to accept a position at Everett, is now located at Hyndman, Pa. He is secretary and treasurer of the "New Firm Clothing Company," a new firm recently established at that place, and said to be doing a thriving business.

On Monday evening the Bellefonte minstrels had their first complete rehearsal in the opera house. It was strictly private, yet from what we hear the boys will present some very fine music and will acquire themselves very creditably.

Andy C. Loneberger returned from a three weeks' hunt in Cameron county this week. The party he was with captured six deer, one bear, three raccoons and other small game. That was a large haul, and Andy feels good over the trip.

Mr. William Derstine and family returned last week from Illinois, and will remain at Bellefonte. They left here about three months ago to make that their future home, but did not like the country.

Two new lime kilns are being put up at Morris' quarries, north of town. The lime industry of this vicinity is of larger proportions than most imagine, and represents a large amount of capital. James Markle was seriously injured on Tuesday while at work at Jenkins & Lingle's machine shops, this place. A heavy piece of machinery fell on his arm and crushed it badly. The Council has offered a liberal reward of \$500 for the detection, arrest and conviction of any person or persons who may commit incendiarism in Bellefonte.

For many years past it has been the custom of the Logan Fire Company of Bellefonte to hold a grand masquerade ball on New Year's Eve. They will hold the ball this year, but as New Year's eve would come on Saturday, Friday evening has been selected for their annual hop. Good music for the dancing and refreshments will be furnished by the famous Orpheus Orchestra of Bellefonte. The grand march takes place at 9 p. m. and it will be a magnificent combination of handsome costumes, rare makeups and odd masques, all of which will be interesting. As the proceeds are for the benefit of the Logan fire company, everybody should buy a ticket. The Logan steamer has paid for itself time and

Twenty Years Ago

Harry K. Johnson, of Bellefonte, well known marble cutter, was almost instantly killed when a coal truck he was driving was struck head on by a Pennsylvania freight engine. Mr. Johnson was engaged in hauling coal for Miss Julia Grove, of Milesburg, a dealer, when the accident happened. He was backing up a spur railroad track to the Grove coal yard at the rear of the Keystone Power Company plant when the locomotive, the approach of which was obscured from his view by a pile of logs, struck the truck with great force, dragging it for more than 30 feet. Mr. Johnson was caught between the engine and a cement wall, badly mangling his body. He was dead upon admission to the Bellefonte Hospital a short time later. For many years Mr. Johnson had managed the Bellefonte marble yard owned by his brother, M. R. Johnson. His wife and a number of children survived.

A group of men visited Bellefonte to survey possibilities for building and operating a gas plant in Bellefonte. The original gas plant here was a paying business until it was merged with the steam heating plant. When the steam heating plant failed it carried the profitable gas plant with it.

Falling down stairs at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Mellin, of Phillipsburg, Eric Erickson fractured his skull and died a minute or two later. He was in his 88th year, but had enjoyed excellent health. Mr. Erickson was a native of Sweden and was survived by five sons and two daughters.

Earl Musser, manager of the local branch office of the Keystone Power Corp., announced that the power company had leased the rooms in the Harter building, for office quarters. The rooms were to be vacated by the First National Bank, which was preparing to move into its remodeled building.

A wounded wild turkey flew into the grape arbor at the J. Reed home at Pine Grove Mills and since the season was over Mr. Reed called the Bellefonte Hospital and asked whether the institution could use the bird. Upon receiving an affirmative reply, Mr. Reed killed the turkey and presented it to the hospital, which put it in cold storage until Christmas.

The following officers were elected by the Millheim Camp of Royal Neighbors of America: oracle, Mrs. Jeannette Auman; vice oral, Mrs. Marian Stover; past oracle, Mrs. Ada Musser; chancellor, Mrs. Elizabeth Rossman; recorder, Mrs. Lida McCloskey; receiver, Mrs. Nellie Stover; marshal, Mrs. Lena Meyers; inner sentinel, Mrs. Joanna Musser;

again. No property owner should refuse. The admission will be 50 cents. All are invited, but good order will be maintained and improper characters will not be admitted.

A new railroad bridge is being put across the race, at the rear of Ryan's clear store, this week. The old one became unsafe. Last week Philip Hess, of Phillipsburg, was appointed mercantile appraiser of Centre county for 1933. Mr. Hess is one of Phillipsburg's active young Democrats and will fill the position admirably.

Mrs. Mary A. Bierly, a resident of Rebersburg, Centre county, died on Wednesday morning, December 7, at Williamsport, after an illness of several weeks, aged 74 years. The deceased was born in Lycoming county and was the mother of Hon. Willis R. Bierly, now of Dakota.

On Friday evening a blaze was discovered in the old foundry building near the passenger station and at the rear of The Republican office. Its timely discovery prevented it from gaining much headway and was easily extinguished. The origin of the fire is considered to be the work of an incendiary, as the building had not been occupied for over a year. The chief burgess, A. C. Mingle, has offered a reward of \$300 for the conviction of any person guilty of such work in this borough.

The Renovo Record says C. K. Sobier, champion wing shot of the world, exterminated an entire flock of pheasants one day last week in the wilds of Baker's Run. This may seem incredible, but it is strictly true. The number killed was twenty-four, which were placed together on a string and taken to his home in Leesburg. Mr. Sobier has killed hundreds of pheasants in this county, but his last day's hunt surpassed all his former records.

On Wednesday morning when John Miller opened the postoffice he found it filled with smoke, and things were somewhat disturbed. A ladder leaning against the skylight above and the broken glass convinced him that robbers had been at work during the night. An entrance was effected through this skylight in the rear of the room and from the top of the low roof, at the back of the building. Nearly all the drawers in the office were ransacked and the locked ones were forced open. About \$20 worth of stamps were taken from a box and rolled up in tissue paper but were left lying by them. They managed to capture about \$5 in small change from the stamp window department. The money order drawer was forced, but nothing of value to them was found. An attempt was made to crack the safe. A clean hole was drilled from the top and reached the inner departments, but the explosion was not strong enough to break it open, yet the inner door was shattered. The explosion set the contents of the safe and that prevented them from putting in another charge. Water was then run in and it kept the interior from being destroyed. When the safe was opened in the morning it was well soaked with water. It contained no valuables or money of any kind, only postoffice documents, of the value of no more than \$3 for their night's desperate work, and forgot \$20 in stamps they had found.

outer sentinel, Mrs. Viola Bower; manager, Mrs. Sadie Hosterman; musician, Mrs. Beacie Gramley; and physician, Dr. G. S. Frank. Former Postmaster S. W. Smith, of Centre Hall, had been awarded the contract for hauling the mail from the railroad depot to the postoffice in the town. The Keystone Power Corporation was extending its lines from Rebersburg to Smullton. The 14th child was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Day, of Rebersburg, and all 14 children were living. The latest arrival was a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bassett returned to their home in Washington, D. C. after spending a week in Bellefonte with Mrs. Bassett's brothers, Prof. James R. Hughes and Charles Hughes. Mr. Bassett, a noted chemist, was called to Bellefonte because of the serious illness of Prof. Reiter, who had undergone an operation in the Bellefonte Hospital. An effort was made to secure Mr. Bassett as chemistry instructor at the Academy until Mr. Reiter was able to resume his work, but the necessary arrangements could not be completed.

The Allison estate accepted bids on the pine woods north of Potters Mills, which was one of the finest pieces of original pine in this section. Since the Allison retained the privilege of rejecting any or all bids, it was not known whether the woods would be sold.

The following persons attended a party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Flack in honor of their daughter, Hannah's birthday: Elizabeth Andrews, Helen Chandler, Ruth Myers, Florence Newman, Kathryn Myers, Ruth Newman, Edith Wilson, Sarah Holt, Margaret Holt, Helen Myers, Leda Hall, Marian Myers, Alice Bauder, Forest Bauder, Robert Leathers, John Wilson, Delawn Andrews, Clark Ingram, Boyd Myers, Edward Myers, Joe DeLallo, Joe Toner, Vance Sampell, Walter Ray, Dillard Ray, Rex Lilledahl, Herbert Miller, Carl Miller, Frenchy Wolf, Nathaniel Spicer, Charles Gordon, Ward Markle, Margaret Flack, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams, James Robinson, Orlando Williams, Walter Chandler, John Flack, William Flack, Mrs. Jack Myers, Joe Biddle and James Biddle.

Ebon Bower, assistant manager of the G. F. Musser Co., went to Renovo and North Bend to transact business for that company. State tuberculosis clinic or dispensary was opened in the room in Bellefonte used by the Red Cross Nursing Service. The clinic was to be open every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p. m. and was to be in charge of Dr. David De, with Miss Ethel Campbell as nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Malin and son departed for Asbury Park, N. J., to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Malin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Meyers.

Norman C. Good, one of the clerks at the Bellefonte postoffice, had completed ten years of continuous service there, and during that time had not missed a day of work because of illness.

A 300-pound black bear tied across the front of a car parked on the Diamond in Bellefonte attracted the attention of many Christmas shoppers. The animal was shot by Edward Hess of State College, in Potter county. Mr. Hess was a member of the Fleetfoot Hunting Club, of State College, which killed six deer in four days before going to Potter county to hunt bear.

State College Selectees Drawn

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Edward R. Boob, Lancaster; Leon K. Parker, State College; George B. Harpster, State College; Eugene S. Homan, State College; Thomas A. Ballenger, State College; Robert F. Hockenberry, Bellefonte; Charles H. Goodman, Harrisburg; Leonard A. Robinson, Bellefonte; Samuel E. Page, Lemont; Byron B. Bland, Clairton.

Allen E. Richel, Woodward; Carl G. Conway, State College; Harold E. Poorman, Millheim; Gerald J. Sechler, State College; Harry F. Brightbill, Ebensburg; John E. Sarson, State College; Maynard W. Kephart, Osceola Mills; Robert C. Heckman, Spring Mills; Lester T. Kerstetter, Coburn; Paul Stoner, Boalsburg; Anthony J. Riglin, Bellefonte; Edward F. Miller, Niagara Falls; Marlin W. Houser, N. Warren; Frank R. Fraser, Jr., Lemont; Carl W. Dorman, Pleasant Gap; Paul W. Jackson, State College; Clarence M. Hoy, Bellefonte; Harry G. Brandt, Millheim; John D. Diehl, State College; Boyd L. Harvey, Stamford, Conn.; Charles W. Rimney, Centre Hall; William H. Fraser, Jr., State College; Carl W. Dorman, Pleasant Gap; William S. Dye, III, State College; James L. Callahan, Spring Mills; Robert W. Kerns, Baltimore, Md.; Daniel M. Fisher, Washington, D. C.; Simon A. Miller, Spring Run; William M. Kennedy, Pleasant Gap; Lovell W. Churchill, State College; Robert B. Blazer, Niagara Falls; Fern R. Michael, Williamsport; John W. Krumrine, State College; Walter E. Stine, Washington, D. C.; Henry J. Rosenkranz, Jr., Bloomfield, N. J.

Horace B. Gulden, State College; Boyd E. Kerstetter, Coburn; Richard W. Thompson, Sinking Springs; Robert H. Horner, Johnstown; Jerome Weinstein, Harrisburg; Walter E. Colpetzer, Penna. Furnace; Hubbard, O.; Gerald M. Smith, Altoona; Laszlo J. Hetenyi, State College; Harold E. Hoy, Bellefonte; Harold F. Walker, Dundalk, Md.; Dean C. Knoffsinger, Pleasant Gap; Roy E. Rinka, Spring Mills; Kenneth H. Walker, Bellefonte; Kenneth C. Brown, Bellefonte; James F. Klinefelter, Millheim; Doyle E. Poorman, State College; William L. Coble, Coatesville; Garth N. Kreamer, Williamsport; Harold R. Penney, Spring Mills; Robert G. Shaffer, Bellefonte; Harry L. Miller, Josephine; Harry D. Smith, Spring Mills; James F. Klinefelter, Millheim; Matthew Frantz, Port Matilda; Elmer C. Dugan, Jr., State College; Aaron Druckman, State College; Wesley Kern, State College; Louis G. Bailey, State College; Harry G. Boyuka, State College; James L. Lezi, State College; Alex. P. Romerowitz, State College; Steve A. Salamon, State College.

showed marked improvement in their grades. The following are on the honor roll for this grading period: Jean Deitrich, Elery Walker, Dorothy Wills, Rebecca Coder, Rachel Coder, Glenn Rogers, Madeline Harter, Eleanor Miller, Merle Yearick, Miriam Vonada, Dorothy Vonada, June Bierly, Phyllis Deitz, Evelyn Miller, Mildred Yearick, Sara Dunkle, Esther Ingram, Emily Johnstonbaugh. Nineteen students on the honor roll is more than at any previous time this term.

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