

CHURCHES OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

MUSIC BIG FEATURE OF CHRISTMAS EVE

Special Programs Will Be Given Tomorrow, Christmas Day, and Dec. 27

Special music will mark the Yuletide observance in many of the churches and Sunday schools of the city tomorrow at all of the services. Cantatas and programs composed of solos, duets, quartets, carols and many recitations will be given by many of the choirs of the churches.

Among those that have prepared exercises are the Market Square Presbyterian, the Grace Methodist Sunday School, St. John's Reformed, Pine Street Presbyterian, Second Reformed, Bethlehem Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and Camp Hill and many others.

Some of the congregations, including those of the Calvary Presbyterian, Curtin Heights Methodist, Sixth Street United Brethren, Zion Lutheran and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches, will have their Christmas celebrations on Christmas Day either at the morning or evening services.

It is planned to have this as a banner year by the ministers of all the churches and every one will preach at least one sermon on the birth of Christ and its significance to the world. Many of the members, too, will make special efforts to have the day the best one that the city has ever known. In some of the churches, collection of food and clothing will be made for the needy families who will not have any Christmas cheer unless some person remembers them in this way.

Some of the music that will be sung to-morrow was composed in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries by noted musicians and many of the programs have some of the simplest and sweetest melodies in their midst.

Next Sunday, December 27, Mrs. Wilbur F. Harris will sing "Each Christmas Song," "My Heart Ever Faithful," at the morning service in the Market Square Presbyterian Church, and the choir with G. Douglas Andrews will sing "Like Silver Lamps," by Barnby. The choir will sing the cantata, "Story of Bethlehem," by John E. Wert, at the evening service.

A chorus of thirty voices will sing the cantata, "The First Christmas," at the St. John's Reformed Church to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The text is by Miss Edith Bradford Wilson and the music by Ira Bishop Wilson. Those taking part are: Miss Pearl Sowers, pianist; Mrs. Charles Hoke, soprano; Mrs. H. W. Keitel, alto; Christmas song, 7:30; Sunday school, 19; C. E., 6:30.

St. Matthew's—The Rev. E. E. Snyder, "The False Witness," 11; Christmas sermon, 7:30; Sunday school, 19; C. E., 6:30.

Messiah—The Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, "What Christmas Has Done For the World," 7:30; "The Christmas Story," 7:30; Sunday school, 2; Intermediate C. E., 6:30.

Angelsburg—The Rev. Amos Maxwell Stanets, "Going to Bethlehem," 10:30; "The Quest of the Magi," 7:30; Sunday school, 2; C. E., 6:30.

Bethlehem—The Rev. J. Bradley Markward, D. D., "The Meaning of the Incarnation," 10:30; "The Value of the Christmas Idea," 7:30; special Christmas music morning and evening, augmented choir; Sunday school, 1:45; C. E. prayer meeting, 6:30.

St. Paul's, New Cumberland—The Rev. A. G. Wolf, preaching, 10:30; Sunday school, 9:30; C. E., 6.

Zion, Enola—The Rev. M. S. Sharp, preaching, 10:30 and 7:30; Sunday school, 9:30; C. E., 6:45.

Zion—The Rev. S. Winfield Herman, 10:30, "Jesus Christ, Our Lord," 7:30, "The Unfolding of a Soul"; men's hour, 10; Sunday school, 1:45; Senior Catechetical class, 6:30.

Christ—The Rev. Thomas Reichel, Ph. D., morning service, 10:30, "The Mystery of Christmas"; Sunday school, 1:30.

Methodist—Fifth street, the Rev. B. H. Hart, pastor, Sunday school at the tabernacle. All other services at the tabernacle.

Grace—The Rev. J. D. Fox, D. D., 10:30; Christmas exercises by the Sunday school, 1:45, program being prepared by J. Horace McFarland and Mrs. Charles E. Covert; Epworth League Christmas exercises, 6:45; special Christmas music by the choir, 7:30.

Curtin Heights—The Rev. A. S. Williams, 10:30; Sunday school, 11; Christmas sermon, "The Incarnation Joy," 7:30; services at tabernacle.

Coxestown—The Rev. A. S. Harries, preaching, 10:30 and 7:30; Sunday school, 9:30.

them, "Nazareth," carol, "Silent Night;" address, "The Confession of John."

At St. Paul's M. E.—At the morning service of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, Vine and Front streets, to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. Robert W. Runyan, pastor, will preach on, "Mary, the Mother of Jesus." The Rev. Mr. Runyan will try to answer the question as to whether it is right to pray to the saints.

Next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock a children's rally service will be held at St. Paul's church with the idea of bringing the young people converted at the Stough campaign into closer connection with the church. In the evening a rally will be held for the older folks who "hit the trail" during the Stough revival which is now about at an end.

Communion services will be held next Sunday, Dec. 27, when the converts will be received into full fellowship of the Methodist church. Revival services will be held beginning December 27 to "follow-up" the work of the evangelistic campaign.

Stevens Church to Care For oor of Allison Hill

Members of Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will observe "Christmas giving" day to-morrow afternoon. Every class in the Sunday school will make a donation.

Early next week a committee will distribute the food and provisions to the poor and needy and in the Hill district. In addition to this special day it will be the first afternoon session of the Sunday school since the Stough campaign started.

In a card sent to all members Al. K. Thomas, superintendent of the Stevens Sunday school, urges an attendance of 800 and announces special rally day services as well as the Christmas offerings. Last year this Sunday school donated two tons of groceries and provisions.

Sunday school services will start promptly at 2 o'clock.

LUTHERAN

Memorial—The Rev. L. C. Manges, D. D., 10:30, "The Passing of Moses and the Coming of Christ"; men's prayer meeting, 10; Sunday school, 2; Junior League, 5:30; Senior Luther League.

Coly Communion—The Rev. John Henry Miller, 10:45, "Advent Joys"; 7:30, "The Lord Added to the Church"; Sunday school, 9:30; Luther League, 6:30.

Redeemer—The Rev. E. Victor Roland, 10:30, "The Witness and Confession of John"; 7:30, "The True Church of Christ"; Sunday school, 9:30; Junior C. E., 2; Senior C. E., 6:30.

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ST. ANDREW RECTOR BACK IN HIS PULPIT

Rev. James F. Bullitt, Ill Since Early in November, Has Regained Strength

St. Andrew's, Protestant Episcopal Church, Nineteenth and Market streets, will have its rector, the Rev. James F. Bullitt, at service to-morrow morning for the first time since early in November. The Rev. Mr. Bullitt has recovered almost completely from his recent illness and is able to resume charge of his parish with the Christmas season.

While the Rev. Mr. Bullitt expects to be at service to-morrow morning he probably will not be present in the evening and the evening services will be conducted by the Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, rector of St. Stephen's Church. St. Andrew's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Willis Geist Newbold, will sing hymn, No. 36, "Dies Irae," to-morrow morning in the offertory. This hymn was sung in the same way last Sunday morning.

EPISCOPAL

St. Stephen's—The Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, 8, holy communion; 10, Sunday school; 11, morning prayer and sermon by the Rev. Floyd Appleton; 4, evening prayer and address.

St. Paul's—8, holy communion; 11, morning service and sermon, last of a series of Advent sermons by the Rev. R. A. Sawyer, rector of St. Stephen's Church; 2:30, Sunday school; 7:30, evening service and sermon, the rector will preach on St. Thomas.

REFORMED

St. Matthew's, Enola—The Rev. W. R. Hartzell, preaching, 7:30; Sunday school, 9:45.

Fourth—The Rev. Homer Skyles May, 10:45, "The Church, the Strength of His Spiritual Life," 7:30, "Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus"; Sunday school, 9:30; H. C. E., 6:30.

Salem—The Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, preaching, 10:30 and 7:30; Sunday school, 1:30.

Second—The Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler, preaching, 10:30 and 7:30; Sunday school, 1:45; Bible class, 1:50; Y. F. S. C. E., 6:30.

St. Andrew's, Pottsville—The Rev. W. R. Hartzell, 10:30, "A Birthday Greeting"; Sunday school, 9:30.

St. John's—The Rev. G. W. Hartman, 11, "The Saviour's Birth"; 7:30, a chorus of thirty voices will render the cantata, "The First Christmas"; Sunday school, 9:45.

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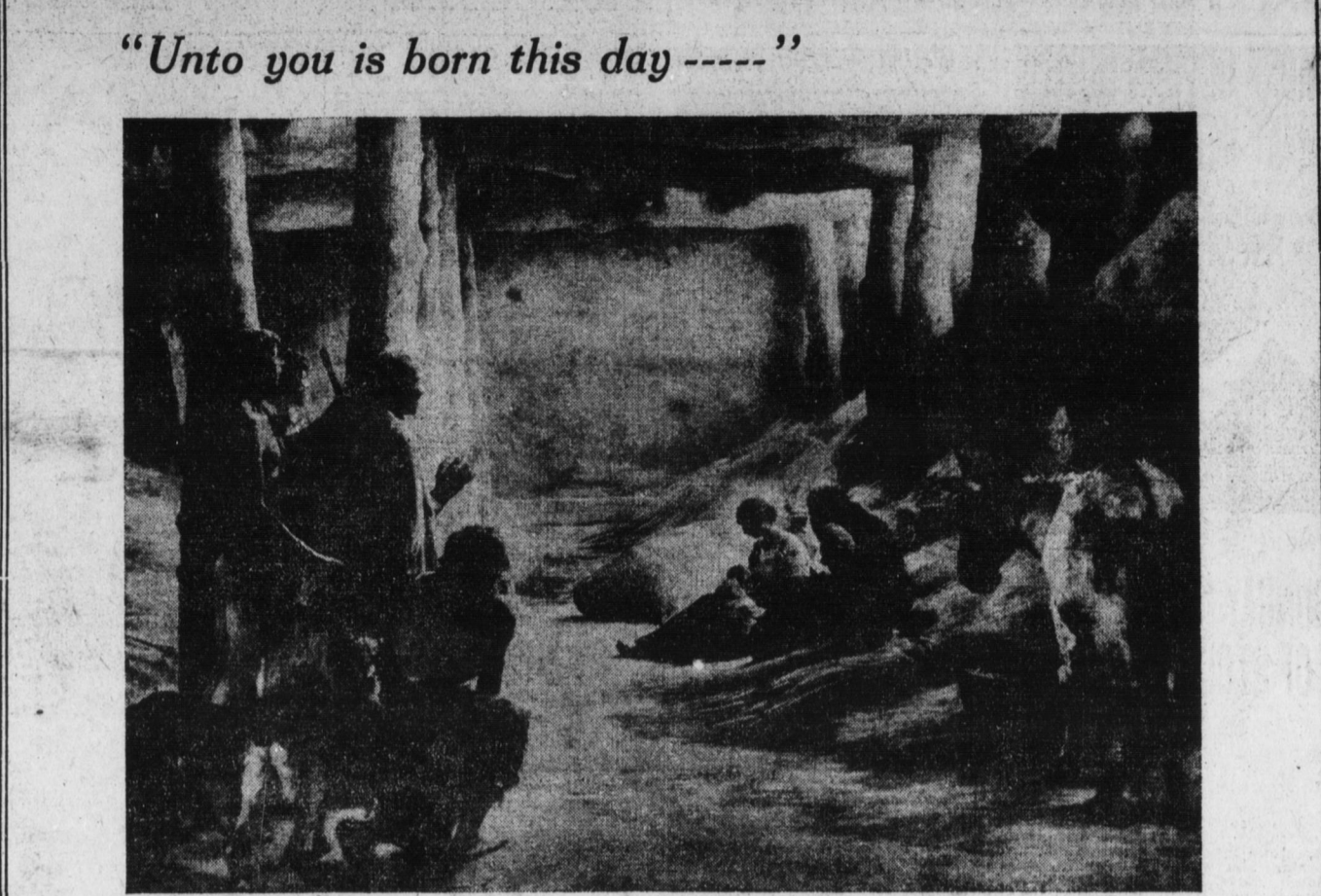
Calvary—The Rev. Frank P. MacKenzie, "What the Shepherds Saw," 10:15; "No Room for Christ," 7:30; Sunday school, 9; C. E., 6:30.

Covenant—The Rev. Harvey Klaer, 11, "The Prince of Peace and a World of War"; Sunday school, 10.

Olivet—The Rev. W. O. Tates, 10:30, "The Blessedness of the Holy Spirit"; evening service; Sunday school, 9:15.

EPISCOPAL

Mount Calvary, Camp Hill—The Rev. O. H. Bridgman, evening service, 7:30; Sunday school, 2:30.



BEFORE another week passes by the world will celebrate the birth of Christ--Saviour of mankind. The story of the splendid simplicity of that birth will be told thousands of times this year. It is an old, old story; ever new, ever inspiring.

No birthday on the pages of history holds an importance comparable to the birthday of Christ. For it marks the birth of a Man--one who loved His fellow-men more dearly than He loved life--one who gave His life that through Him mankind might have salvation and redemption.

Christmas commemorates the anniversary of the greatest gift to the world--the means for the redemption of man. The spirit of giving has lasted through all the years to the present time. It is an occasion of joy and festivity over all the world. It is a period upon which particular stress is laid in things religious. We turn aside from the world and worldly things to greet the King--the Saviour of man. But in our festivities and giving, let us not forget that

THIS YEAR THERE IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GIVE WORTHILY

As Christians and a Christian nation, let us remember that over all the world there is need of us, and of our services. Make Christmas mean something more than just a lot of personal or selfish pleasure. Remember and aid the man less fortunate than yourself--the charitable institutions of the city, the great works of mercy in other lands, the people who will have no Christmas unless you give it to them.

Such are the works of the King whose birthday we will celebrate within the week.

"For He gave His life to the world that through Him, the world might be saved."

The lessons and thoughts drawn from the Christmas story will be the theme in many churches to-morrow. And it is a season when everyone should be in some church welcoming through presence and voice the coming of the King. It is a homage that we owe to our Saviour.

You will be more thoroughly in accord with the spirit of Christmas if you

Go To Church To-morrow

CEDAR TREES NEED TO BE ELIMINATED

Dr. Surface Suggests That They Be Used Instead of the Ordinary Christmas Tree

Fifty youngsters of the poor will be given a big turkey dinner next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the social room of Messiah Lutheran Church by the intermediate department of the Messiah Sunday School.

Each of the boys and girls will be given a Christmas present following an informal little entertainment of the Yuletide sort. The Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, pastor of Messiah, will address the children the story of the Christmas. Special music will be a feature of the program.

It is a very serious and conspicuous disease in the southern and southeastern parts of Pennsylvania, and from there southward through the United States. While it can in part be prevented by spraying with fungicides during the summer time, it is known that this particular fungus generally has what is called an alteration of hosts. In other words, it lives part of its life in the form of round balls on the branches of cedar trees, where it is commonly called "cedar apples." These produce spores which blow to the leaves of the apple tree, and there they develop into orange yellow blotches now known to fruit growers as cedar rust. They in turn produce spores which again float back to the cedar tree to produce the knots known as "cedar apples." The best means of controlling this disease is in the destruction of the red cedar trees. There is no reason why they should not be used for Christmas decorations purposes, and thus aid in the preservation of more desirable evergreens.

Prussia, was excessively annoyed because his soldiers persisted in wiping their noses on their coat sleeves, even when on dress parade. So he ordered the military tailors to sew buttons on the coat sleeves as a means of discouraging this habit. The buttons are still with us. The French use identification cards stitched inside the tunic. The French once made use of mental identification badges, but these proved an irresistible attraction to the savages whom the French faced in Africa, so the cards were substituted. Austria still uses a badge of gun-metal in the form of a lock with parchment leaves inside. Of the nations at war, Turkey alone has no identification badges for her soldiers. Edhem Pasha once explained this omission: "A dead man is of no use to the Sultan; why, therefore, trouble with him?"--The American Boy.

Have you ever wondered as to the way of the buttons that are fastened in the middle of the back of the Prince Albert coat that Deacon Smith wears on Sundays, or the long-tailed cutaway that Lawyer Jones dons when he tries a big case? Ordinarily those buttons were intended to keep a sword belt from sagging--The American Boy.

IDENTIFYING THE DEAD. When a German soldier falls in battle, he is identified by a little metal disc which he carries. This disc bears a number, and this number is telegraphed to Berlin. There the soldier's name is determined. This system is as effective as everything else connected with the German army. The British use an aluminum disc that contains, besides marks of identification, the soldier's church affiliation. The Japanese system is similar, each soldier wearing three discs, one around

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