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Editorially Speaking

Peace On Earth

Peace on earth, the dream of man throughout the

Peace on earth, goodwill toward men. Freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom

It is a dream, as far removed as the outer galaxies of

It is a dream, capable of fulfillment only by man's realization of his own responsibilities. The realization by EVERY man, not the chosen few.

Men cannot be coerced into this realization, by any outside force.

It must come from within.

Miracle Of The Hollow Sycamore

by Fred Bauer

A folk tale printed on a Christmas card, worthy of being enshrined with the familiar Christmas legends.

After the angel had appeared to Joseph and he had fled with his family into Egypt, the Scriptures turn mute, leaving another period in Jesus' life behind a curtain of mystery. We know nothing of the Holy Family's activities or whereabouts, only that they stayed there until Herod's death. Yet many legends have filtered down through the ages, including one I like so much about a hollow sycamore tree.

In the Egyptian village of Mataria, near Cairo, lived a cousin of Joseph named Lamius, and it was to his household that Joseph headed with his wife and child. When Lamius heard that the weary couple was on the outskirts of town fleeing Herod's wrath, he set out to meet them.

They had hardly embraced when mounted soldiers bore down upon them from the East. Lamius snatched the baby from Mary's arms and led the way to a grove of trees. He sent Joseph off into a nearby vineyard and ran with Mary to a huge sycamore.

You must hide inside this tree," he said. "My children play games here; this is one of their favorite hiding

With Lamius' help Mary climbed into the tree's hollow bole. Then he gently passed Jesus to her. Before he could move away from the tree, a horse pounded into the grove. The young soldier dismounted and spoke almost before his feet hit the ground:

We are looking for a couple with a small child. They

are fugitives. Have you seen them?"

'I'm afraid I can't help you,' said Lamius weakly. Suddenly, the soldier pushed past him and tapped on the base of the sycamore.

This tree's seen some history.'

Lamius swung around, fists clenched, ready to fight for his cousin's wife and child. Openmouthed he looked at the tree. The entrance to the trunk was closed! Completely covered over by a kind of spider's web as dense as a rug woven from new wool!

'It sounds hollow," said the soldier, "yet it seems

He studied the sycamores leafy boughs for a moment, then remounted his horse. "Shalom," he said and was gone. 'Shalom," answered Lamius in a dazed whisper.

As soon as the soldier was out of sight. Lamius turned and clawed furiously at the heavy web. Pulling it away, he looked into the smiling face of Marv. In her arms, the baby slept unaware of the danger which had just passed.

On the way to join Joseph, Mary told Lamius of the mission Jesus had and she swore him to secrecy saying, In the ripeness of time, God will make known to man the Presence of His Son.'

"He already has," said Lamius softly.

Can She Be Panicked?

We ask you mothers of young high school girls to think long thoughts before you permit them to baby-sit until all hours of the night.

We ask you to inquire of yourself: is your daughter responsible and is she mature enough to know how to take care of herself in a sudden emergency?

Can she be panicked into letting a stranger into the house?

Is there a chain on the door, and does she have instructions to see that it is in place after her employers

leave?

And of the employers we inquire: Do you realize your own responsibility in hiring a

fourteen year old girl to remain with your children until a late hour of night?

Do you see to it that she is safe in your household? Does she have the telephone numbers of police and fire departments clearly printed and easily at hand? Does she know where she can reach your doctor in

case of sudden illness of a child? Does she know where to reach YOU?

Baby-sitting is the accepted form of earning money for a young girl, for an older girl, for a middle-aged woman. It is an easy way of obtaining extra money. and is a wonderful help to mothers who would seldom get an evening off if it were not for the baby-sitters.

In some communities the high school boys are willing to do their studying in somebody else's house, and not averse to picking up a bit of extra money in the process. We know a number of responsible high school boys who

are in great demand as sitters. A strong-arm boy is not ordinarily panicked.

Only Yesterday 30 Years Ago

That concrete link between Eatonville and Sugar Hollow, 3.17 miles of it, in the news again. Looked as if it might even get under way that winter. Contract, said Norman Johnstone, Motor Club secretary, was awarded to a Northumberland

The local American Legion Post was officially named for Lloyd Daddow and Gomer Isaacs. Daddow, enlisting in 1918, died four weeks later of influenza, without ever having tasted battle. Isaacs died at Fort Oglenthorpe, Ga.

The Legion expected to establish a clubroom over the B & B Hard-

ware Store. The new annex to Kingston Township High School was in the works, with help obtained from the WPA. Cost, \$47,000. Ground to be broken January 11, 1937. Work was to provide 300 man-months of employment, give Kingston Township status of junior-senior high school, permit enlargement of curriculum. Six new rooms.

Chris Eipper was carrying the torch for Dallas Township's stand in the matter of tuition costs for Township pupils being educated at Dallas Borough. Borough pupils also being accommodated at Township, four each. Pot and kettle. Heavy mails complicated matters

for RFD carriers. George Raymond Goodwin Jr. Lake Silkworth, died in the hospital after having his leg amputated

following a hunting accident. Dallas Borough seniors were presenting "Tin Hero", with Elsie Johnson the mother and Robert Fleming the bashful son. In the cast were Jane Knecht, Bill Mann, Elsie Culp, Alberta Himmler, Roberta VanCampen, Florence Kelley, William Niemeyer, Leila Cragle, Verna Sheppelman, and Raymond

20 Years Ago

Fourteen thousand foxes were killed through the State since June 1, 1946. Game Commission encouraged the kill to stamp out predators, lead to better hunting. Rabies was also an ever-present

Uncle Frank Ruggles, out Meeker way, celebrated his 77th birthday by chopping wood. Joseph B. Schooley, Harris Hill

Road, died of a sudden heart at-Stanley Davies was about to leave

for study in Stockholm. Lt. Robert L. Fleming was award-

Mrs. C. S. Hildebrant was hostess to the WCTU - on the front page,

their 55th anniversary.

Christmas issue, filled ings, green ink somewhat faded with passage of the years.

10 Years Ago

children. This was before oral vac-cine was perfected. Salk was the Salk vaccine was being given to answer to a mother's prayer, Wipe adroit omissions and innuendos, out Polio. Has everbody forgotten? come to life in so gripping a fashion machinery on the front page, direct- It is a long book, as long as "Advise ly beneath the Christmas Greetings and Consent" and its sequel, "A picture of choir singers carefully Shade of Difference." his annual Christmas present to the With twenty years of journalistic people of the Back Mountain.

the critical list after a heart attack. and the Senate, Mr. Drury has not A drunken driver ran down a small child in Shavertown. The which to build an enthralling story, child was Barbara Brown. (Because but employs without mercy his this is Christmas time, we are not publishing the name of the Noxen

Senator Flack's bill to get tax-

churches, Girl Scouts singing Christ- internationally known columnists mas carols, Brownies flying up, the are thinly disguised. American Legion planning a Christ- The entire fabric of the purposemas party for the children, Christ- ful slanting of the news to achieve mas lights and Christmas music. An- a definite purpose, is woven so skilother chain-letter craze.

Married: Verna R. Lasko to Gary

B. Blies. Barbara Lorentz to Grant Middlestead. Jessie Armitage to Ag. Extension Offers Orin Beckerman. Died: Richard London, 66, Harveys Course In Rushing Lake. Dr. Herbert C. White, 63 Washington. Mrs. Gilda Benscoter,

Mrs. Garinger Fills In Names Of H. C. Class

Sweet Valley

Mrs. Nesbitt Garinger called to will be three more sessions, on sucfill in some gaps on the identifi- ceeding Thursdays, at the same time cation of the Class of 1911. Nesbitt, and place. first row, and his name was omitted. piece of furniture, such as a stool Margaret Bennett LaBar stands to or a small chair.

the left of Althea Garinger. ence Gordon, Ruth Mott replaces how to seat them properly. The Ruby, Elston, and alongside are Alice authentic material is hard to find, Brace and Goldie Hawk. Will Ruby having been largely replaced by the Elston please speak up?

in the other picture?

KEEPING POSTED

December 14: SATELLITE BUG-HOUSE launched for three-day orbit to determine effect of weightlessness on lower forms of life.

BILL MOYERS SEVERS connection with White House to take \$100,000 job in publishing field. MRS. KENNEDY PROTESTS publication of book, Death of a President, for which she gave permission. Takes exception to some of material. Look will start serializing book, volume to come out in

December 15: WALT DISNEY DIES, aged 65. Had lung

surgery a month earlier. UNITED STATES denies bombing residential areas in Hanoi. Photos show strikes well apart from residential areas. Says anti-aircraft missiles could have fallen on city.

HOFFA SAYS CUT OUT a one-day protest strike in Detroit, as courts put on pressure to get him into prison for start of eight-year term.

December 16: GREAT LAKES SHIPPING SEASON ends,

later than usual. GOVERNORS CONVENE at White Sulphur. LOADED FREIGHTER sinks in Montreal harbor, was about to take off.

LAOS UNVEILED as base of war for thirteen years. Forces for war against communists have been quietly there for years. FOUR MAJOR AUTO manufacturers cut back

production, say government safety measures impossible to meet. December 17: NEW PLEDGE of China to aid North Viet-

CHANCE OF SETTLEMENT OF HASSLE over book on Kennedy.

December 18: SPANISH TRAIN WRECK takes 25. ROMNEY SAYS HIS SNUB of Goldwater will not affect his prospects as a presidential candidate.

December 19: U.S. ASKS U-THANT to start peace feelers. SHOPLIFTERS BUSY as Christmas nears. POSTOFFICES HANDLING half billion pieces of

> B-52 RAID on neutral zone. BILLY BAKER to go on trial January 9. GRACIOUS LIVING for the Clayton Powell clan being investigated. SOVIET-AMERICAN agreement on nuclear ban

> HIIGE NIICLEAR BLAST underground in Nevada. STAR FIGHTERS stand idle in West Germany. NO U.S. AGREEMENT on wheat for India.

December 20: GREEK GOVERNMENT FALLS. Reason, blamed for tragedy in sinking of Greek ship. 230 lost in Aegean Sea.

IIN WINDS IIP 21st session. REPORT VIET CONG controls 80 percent of roads in South Vietnam, surface supply hazardous.

Significant Political Novel, ed his permanent citation for bravery in rescuing two wounded airmen adrift on life rafts. Drury's "Capable Of Honor"

Review by Hix

"Capable of Honor" is the latest come, "Preserve and Protect," now The Jacob Travers were marking book by Allen Drury, third in a in the making. book by Allen Drury, third in a in the making.

So come on Dallas have the dress of series that will embrace, when com
Few books leave the reader with shop come in, let some of our local

This new political novel, to be at the very beginning, to be sure women earn. had at the Back Mountain Me- that no points have been missed, morial Library, is about as pointed and that each situation builds inan indictment of the press and of evitably toward the next. book.

as could be written. Linear was installing heavy that it is difficult to lay it down,

omposed by Jimmie Kozemchak, And in it, Mr. Drury comes of age. career as a back ground, during Arthur Kushke, Elmcrest, was on which he coverer national politics

There are places in which the ation out of Meadowcrest was not punch is telegraphed, and with grim purpose. You KNOW exactly what Miners National Bank announced is going to happen, and WHY. This its annual dividend, 85 cents per is the art of story-telling at its

Christmas observances in all the The television commentators and

fully that the reader finds himself Mrs. Grald Stout headed the Book swept breathlessly to his own conclusions, shuddering, but helpless. There is a fourth volume yet to

A course in the rushing of chairs is being offered by Janet Miller, 51, Muhlenburg. Bruce Long, 74, Idetown. Mrs. Emma Frace, 88, Home Economist for Luzerne County Extension. Trucksville. James B. Robinson, 55,

with no work contemplated, is A session for discussion only, scheduled for Thursday, January 5, at 1:30, at the home of Mrs. Leroy Brown in Lehman

If the program is launched, there

seems, was on the end of the Women are asked to bring a

Those who have Hitchcock chairs And in the row headed by Flor- in process of stencilling may learn Kraft brown paper fiber. Mrs. Mil-How about those smaller children ler hopes for a source of supply of the natural rush.



Safety Valve

APPEAL GENEROUSLY MET

Dear Mrs. Hicks: We would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those good people of Fernbrook who responded so generously to our appeal for funds.

It was our desire to help bring Christmas to those among us who had such need.

Owing to the warm hearts of our community and the spirit displayed by them, we can assure all, this has been done.

May each and every one of you have a blessed Christmas, for because of your generosity some child's eyes will glow come Christ-Sincerely,

Fernbrook Neighborhood Committee

WANTS SEWING PLANT

Dear Dallas Post: I read an article or 2 in the paper about the sewing factory. I'd like to give you my thoughts about it.

I've lived in the Back Mountain nearly all my life. I have six years as an experienced sewing machine operator. I work in Luzerne. Because of that, on my lunch hour I run over to Luzerne Bank to have a Christmas Club, and saving account. I haven't been in Grace Caves in over a year, because its so handy to go to the Globe on my lunch hour and save my precious time after work to hurry home to Dallas where my husband and children are.

the things for my men. Yes I know I run in Buddies Men Shop to buy Joe Hand has a lovely store merchandise about the same price. If I worked in Dallas, I'd shop here, but as long as I'm down the line I shop there. I was in Joe's just once this year 1966. Twice aweek I stop at the Giant for grocerys.

There are a number of persons from the Back Mountain where I work. One lunch time last week a lady from Chase said to a woman from Dallas, do you shop in Dallas much? Her answer was no and her reasons some as I mentioned above There was a women from Fernbrook sitting there she smiled and said that's why she doesn't seem to get use Shavertown, or Dallas stores. like to spend that extra hour a I was going to send you something business get some of that money the enjoy the paper.

I can't see why Dallas is bucking it. Just as they were against Dr. the television coverage of events "Capable of Honor" is such a I think that would have been very Jacobs opening a convalescent home. good for our town of Dallas.

From-

Pillar To Post... Look like a White Christmas, an answer to prayer for those the garage, hoping for snow on Christmas.

parents who have been hiding bright new sleds under old rugs in

And for those ski enthusiasts who have been viewing the mild fall weather with a premonition of rain instead of snow. It's difficult to suit everybody, weather-wise.

Snow looks handsome on a Christmas card. It's the ticket for kids with new sleds and for those people of a slightly more advanced age who will go churning down the ski-slopes, given a bit of luck, and may possibly wear that badge of heroism, a plaster cast on a broken leg, accepting court from other skiers, momentarily more

In these climes, you get used to snow, and to winter driving. After all, it's the only kind of driving there is available.

Truck-drivers from Florida, on their first trip to the Pennsylvania hills in the winter time, are apt to go into a panic when confronted with that long five-mile hill on the East End, even when the snowplows have rendered it completely passable.

On a stormy night, with snow swirling across the windshield, and the landscape dropping away in a horrifying manner, curve after curve, mile after mile, and with icy spots concealed under the white blanket, it is not too much wonder that southern drivers yearn to be back on level ground, rolling through the citrus groves in bright sunshine or even in one of those terrific downpours that whip in from the Gulf and blot out vision.

That East End Boulevard is no joke in a snowstorm, but neither is the road into town from the Back Mountain, especially since the speed limit has been increased to 55, and trucks sail by at 60, leaving a small car rocking in the wind of their passing, and looking as if it were tied to a post.

Sometimes we wonder how the trucks and the interstate buses get away with their speed. We've never seen either a truck or a bus stopped by the side of the road, with the driver getting the business from the State Police.

Tuesday was pretty bad around here, with the snow topping off a freezing rain. Roads were plowed and cindered, but no apparatus could keep up with the situation, and by mid-day, with the snow still coming, drivers were stalling on the hills and sliding hopelessly backwards. All the makings of front page accidents.

Some years ago we had a good solid two feet of the stuff, but most people had brains enough not to start out, and there was an astonishing lack of accidents. If you don't drive, you can't run into

Usually we get all set for a White Christmas, saying to ourselves, THIS year we're really going to make it. We'll go jingle-belling all over the place, the carol-singers will stamp snow off their feet as they go trooping into the church basement for their hot chocolate after going the rounds, and on Christmas morning we'll wake up to a silent world, with cardinals against the snow, and bright sunshine streaming over the drifts.

And then, two nights before Christmas, it starts to rain, and the grass appears under the melting snowdrifts.

One week later, on New Year's Eve, the temperature drops like a plummet, the roads glaze, and winter is really here at last.

The folks who have had one for the road, end up in the ditch, or force somebody else into the ditch, and the front page is filled with three-column cuts, wrecked cars with X marking the spot.

You can always count on that zero night. That's the night the kids roar in and out, leaving the front door open in their haste to get to where they are going next, after polishing off the Happy New Year refreshments.

And right after New Years, the Back Mountain can go into hibernation, watching the mercury shrink down into the bulb, and throwing another log of apple wood on the open fire. Something pretty nice about winter, after all.

Mrs. L. Tabloids - Circulars In Many Designs

The Dallas Post

All of us working mothers would HAP HAZARD SAYS

lay in our own back yard.

Bless you of Dallas Post. I always don't like to return things to me, so T' Hix wid yez! Ah, g'wan — Hix

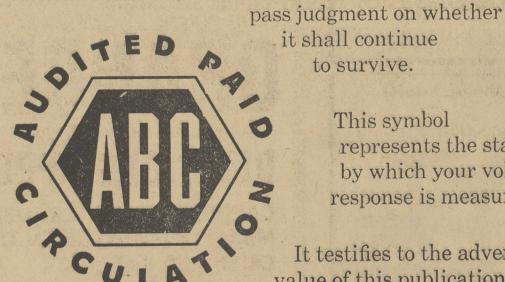
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