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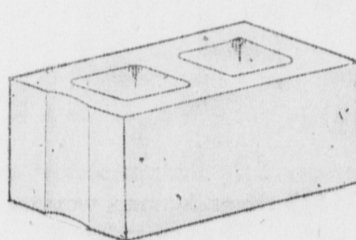
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SHORT STORY

Gun Shy

By
M. J. COLLINS

YOUNG Jack Carr and his dad stood by the kitchen window and watched their dog, Rover, waiting expectantly outside.

"He's really gun shy," Jack told his father, "he'll stay with you as long as you don't shoot. First shot and he high-tails it for home. Aside from that he's a good dog."

"What's the use of a hunting dog that is afraid of a gun?" Any way he looks more like a fox than a dog. His father grumbled, turning away from the window. "We'll get rid of him."

As he pulled up his chair for dinner, he asked: "What are you doing this afternoon?"

"Twenty more posts will make the thousand," Jack answered, taking the dish of mashed potatoes his mother proffered, "then I'm going back into the swamp and do a little hunting."

"Be careful," his mother warned, "that swamp is a treacherous place."

"Don't worry, Mom," he assured her. "I can look after myself."

Less than two hours later he had cleaned up the brush and cut the remainder of the posts. He struck his axe and saw upright in the snow so that he could find them easily on the way out.

There were three hours of daylight left in which to hunt. A short while later he skied into the stillness of the Big Swamp on his hunt.

On reaching the more open stretch he glanced behind. A surprised whistle escaped his lips—the dog had trailed him.

"Here, Rover!" he called. "Here, boy!" The dog floundered along his ski tracks; the snow was not firm enough to support his weight.

As Jack broke out into the clearing, three startled deer, two does and a stag, bounded away toward the shelter of the evergreens. Jack snapped his rifle to his shoulder but couldn't get a bead on the stag because the two does continually got in the way. They disappeared in the bush on the other side of the meadow.

Rover was hot after them and Jack was not far behind. Perhaps he would get a shot at the stag yet. On and on they travelled but the deer did not dally anywhere because he never sighted them. Before he knew it, it was almost dark. A little further and he would have to turn back.

WITHOUT warning the snow underneath gave way and he sprawled into one of the small creeks that criss-crossed the swamp. A sharp pain shot through his right leg.

His leg was broken and he was miles in the swamp. For a moment Rover was gun shy, but just a few weeks ago he had sniffed a rabbit out from under a haystack.

he felt panicky. How long would he have to wait until his father would realize that something had happened and come searching for him? He had no matches and he was wet and slowly freezing. This was serious, but he wouldn't admit it, not yet. There were enough bullets in his pocket to fire the occasional shot so his father could head straight towards where he was, if he could stay awake long enough. Rover came back and nosed up against him.

"You're not much good to me now," Jack told him, "still you're company."

"Not much good to him." Suddenly Jack chuckled. He found his tattered notebook in one of his pockets and a stub of pencil and wrote a brief note, telling what had befallen him and where to find him. Rolling it in his handkerchief he called Rover to him and tied it to his collar.

"Home!" Jack commanded. Rover moved away a few feet and stood watching him. Jack picked up his rifle and fired a shot over his head. The dog turned and fled.

The lights from lanterns roused him from the stupor the cold had caused. Gentle hands lifted him carefully and wrapped him in warm blankets.

"He's gun shy, but he's good enough to keep," Jack murmured. "You bet he is," his father assured him as he patted Rover gently on the head.

Church Notes

NEWS PERTAINING TO ALL THE CHURCHES IN MT. JOY AND THE ENTIRE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

Mt. Joy Mennonite Church
Sunday, January 9
9:00 a. m. Sunday School
10:00 a. m. Morning Worship
Wednesday
7:30 p. m. Bible Study.
Friday
7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting
Evangelistic services will start on January 9th and continue every evening for two weeks. Bro. Jacob Rittenhouse from Lansdale, Pa. will be the speaker.
You are welcome to attend these services.

Mrs. Kate McCull, 78, at Columbia.
Alice, widow of Wm. A. Sieber, at St. Anne Home, Mountville.

Mrs. Lizzie Rambler, 73, from Manheim.

Church of God
Rev. C. F. Helwig, Pastor
Sunday January 9
9:30 a. m. Sunday School
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship
Sermon: Prove All Things, Keep The Best.
7:30 p. m. Week of Prayer Services in the United Brethren Church
Monday January 10
Sunday School Board Meeting at 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday
6:45 Junior Choir Practice.
7:30 p. m. Illustrated Bible Study
8:30 p. m. Senior Choir Practice.

Mt. Pleasant Brethren in Christ Church
Eld. C. H. Moyer, Pastor
Sunday, January 9
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. W. L. Koder, Pastor
Sunday, January 9
9:30 a. m. Sunday School
10:45 a. m. Church Service.
7:30 p. m. Week of Prayer service at E. C. Church.
Monday
7:30 p. m. Ladies Bible Class will meet at Parish House
Tuesday
7:00 p. m. Catechetical Class at Parish House

Trinity Evangelical Cong. Church
L. Dallas Ziegler, Pastor
Sunday January 9
9:30 a. m. Sunday School
10:30 a. m. Worship & Sermon.
8:30 p. m. K.L.C.E.
7:30 p. m. Week of Prayer Service in United Brethren Church. Rev. Thomas McGregor, speaker.
Monday
7:00 p. m. Sunday School Board Meeting
8:00 p. m. Official Board Meets
Tuesday
7:30 p. m. Young Peoples Meeting at the Church
Wednesday
7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting
8:30 p. m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday
7:30 p. m. W. M. S. and Ladies Aid will meet.

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. T. A. McGregor, Pastor
Sunday January 9
9:30 a. m. Church School
10:45 a. m. Morning worship
The Giver of Life
6:30 p. m. Westminster Fellowship
Miss Mary Ann Spangler, leader
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship
Week of Prayer Service at the United Brethren Church The Theme A United and Empowered Church
Tuesday
7:45 p. m. Meeting of Womens Missionary Societies of Mt. Joy and Donegal at Mt. Joy. Motion picture to be presented. My Name is Han. This is an open meeting. All members of both churches are cordially invited.
Friday
Communion Preparatory Service

Donegal Presbyterian Church
Rev. T. A. McGregor, Pastor
Sunday January 9
Tuesday
7:45 Meeting of the Womens Missionary Societies of Mt. Joy and Donegal at Mt. Joy. Motion picture to be presented: My Name is Han. All members of both churches and others are invited.

Mount Joy Methodist Church
Mount Joy, Pa.
Rev. James F. Mort, Pastor
Joseph Shaeffer, Supt.
Sunday January 9
9:30 a. m. Church School.
10:30 a. m. Worship Service and
7:30 p. m. Evening worship
Nursery
7:30 p. m. Closing Service of

Salunga Methodist Church
Rev. James F. Mort, Pastor
Miss Alice Strickler, Supt.
Sunday January 9
9:30 a. m. Church School.
Board of Education will meet following this service.
6:45 p. m. Youth Fellowship
7:30 p. m. Closing Service of Week of Prayer in Landisville Church of God, Dr. Allan S. Meek Speaker.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m. WSCS at the home of Mrs. Walter Peifer.

Newtown Evangelical United Brethren Church
Oscar K. Buch, Pastor
Sunday, January 9
9:00 a. m. Sunday School
7:00 p. m. Evening Worship.
Thursday
7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting and C. E. every Thursday.

St. Mark's Evangelical United Brethren
Ezra H. Ranck, Pastor
Sunday, January 9
9:00 a. m. Sunday School
10:15 a. m. Morning worship.
6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship meeting.
7:30 p. m. Closing service of Week of Prayer; sermon by Rev. Thomas F. MacGregor.
Tuesday
7:30 p. m. Womens Society of World Service at the home of Mrs. Anna Mae Longenecker; Mrs. Wilbur Hiestand, leader. Girls' Missionary Guild in the church; Joanne Brown, leader.
Wednesday
7:45 p. m. Midweek Prayer Meeting.
Thursday
8:30 p. m. Choir will meet.
7:30 p. m. Ushers' League meeting in the church; Mr. H. N. Nissly and Arthur Sprecher, hosts.

John D. Roland Heads Reichs Sunday School
John D. Roland was elected superintendent of the Reichs Evangelical Congregational Sunday School at a meeting held recently at the church.
Other officers elected are as follows: J. Sylvester Shuman, assistant superintendent; Arlene Bowers, assistant secretary; Lau Tressler, treasurer; Martha Roland, pianist; Dorothy Roland, assistant pianist; Jane Waser and Joseph Brandt, librarians; Minnie R. Demmy, supt. of Home Department; Anna Mae Gable, supt. of Cradle Roll.
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Church Starts Classes in Scripture Memorizing
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Mr. Almos Earhart Shelly, 319 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, is teacher at these meetings which are held every two weeks on Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Students enrolled are: Clarence Brubaker, Robert Shank, Beade Strickler, Beulah and Ezra Wolgemuth, Florence Zurin and Mary, Barbara, Betty, Mildred, Miriam, Zula and Rufus Shelly.

Evangelistic Services at Cross Roads Church
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Bishop Charlie Byers, pastor of Chambersburg Brethren in Christ Church and director of the radio broadcast heard over WCHA each Sunday morning, "The Gospel Tide Hour", will be the evangelist.
The services, which will continue for two weeks nightly, begin at 7:00 o'clock on Sunday night and 7:30 week nights.
You Are Welcome To All These Services.

The Orpheus Male Quarter from Elizabethtown College will render a program in the Salunga Church of the Brethren on Sunday evening, January 9, at 7:30, sponsored by the "Women's Work Organization."

Week of Prayer, in United Brethren Church with Rev. McGregor, Speaker
Monday
7:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship with Marie Rider, Leader
Tuesday
7:30 p. m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thursday
7:30 Prayer Service and Bible Study.
The Board of Trustees will meet following the Worship Service on Sunday evening, January 16th. Dr. E. W. Gable presiding

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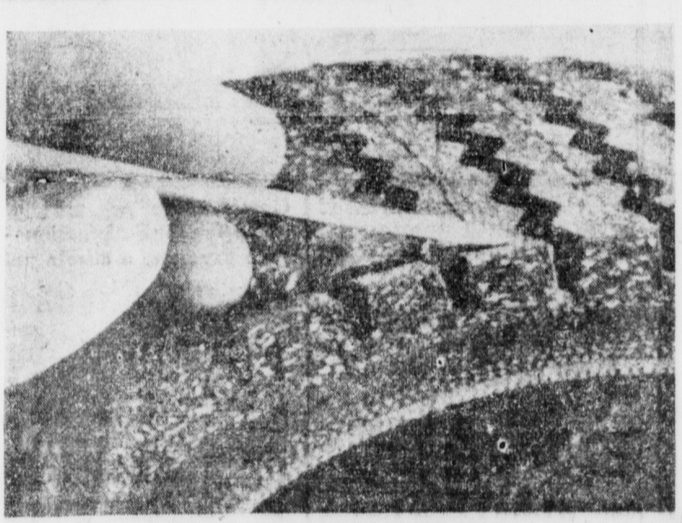
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