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A Costly Menace

Forest fires, in the next few months, raging over valuable timber lands, will cause damage that may run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. Last year many thousands of square miles of forest lands were burned over, and the presumption is that the area devastated this season will be much larger, unless adequate care is taken to prevent the carelessness to which most of the fires are attributed.

Readers of the Weekly should realize that eighty per cent of the forest fires which destroy so much valuable timber are caused by the action of man—one-fifth of which is attributed to careless smokers.

The carelessness of American people in such matters is a source of great amazement to peoples of other lands. It takes an emergency to make American citizens realize that conservation of natural resources should be the practice in this country.

Tough Old Adenauer

The Soviet Union has stepped up its campaign for a German peace treaty in a major diplomatic turn. In a note to the Bonn government recently the

Soviet Union called anew for an end to the thirteen-year division of this country.

Such a plea is close to German hearts, for the one thing most Germans want more than anything else today is unification of their country. Therefore, when the Russians call for an end of the thirteen-year division, they are certain to appeal to many Germans.

On the other hand, their plea does not fool Konrad Adenauer, the eighty-plus year old Chancellor of West Germany. For Russia has said, and still insists, that a German peace treaty be signed, clearing the way for the removal of all troops from Germany, after which the East Germans and West Germans can conclude an agreement to end unification. The only catch to this is that this would deprive West Germany of all Western forces, while the Soviets would still control East Germany.

Replying to the latest Soviet plan, Adenauer spoke in typical vein:

"We do not want to deal with the Moscow lackies," he said, adding, "I am ashamed to call these Soviet lackies Germans. We want the German people to

express their political decisions in freedom."

As long as Adenauer is around, it seems, West Germany, which is fifty million of some eighty-eight million Germans will be strongly allied to the West and will resist the Communist powers to the utmost and with a firm resolve.

BRIDAL PARTIES

A number of parties were given prior to the Kerfoot-Cook wedding in honor of the bride-elect, Miss Nora Grace Cook and members of the bridal party. Hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Beay, who entertained at a rehearsal party; Mrs. Bobby Ray Spence and Mrs. W. B. Whitley; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bray, who entertained at a barbecue dinner and a floating shower held at the home of the bride's parents.

Unbroken happiness is a bore. It should have ups and downs. —Moliere.

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Sunday School Lesson

THE MESSIAH—FULFILLMENT OF HOPE

International Sunday School Lesson for October 12, 1958.

Memory Selection: "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." —(Luke 2:30-32).

Lesson Text: Luke 2:1-40.

This lesson has, as its aim, that of helping adults sense the full meaning of the birth of Jesus, the Messiah.

In studying our lesson text for today, we are studying the familiar story of the birth of Christ our Saviour—a story which we have learned by heart from our childhood days into adulthood, and one which we pass-on to our children, with special emphasis each Christmas as we celebrate the Christ child's birth with enactment of the manger scene in every church and Sunday school classroom—a story which loses none of its beauty and meaning through repetition.

Another facet of this chapter in the Book of Luke, which is an integral part of the story of Jesus, is the story of the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple. Only Luke gives us the story of this presentation. In studying these passages we see that Jesus was subjected to all the requirements of the Jewish religious culture, and that his whole earthly life involved a divine errand. We read of the ancient Simeon's joy when he received in his arms "the consolation of Israel." Simeon, a devout and spiritually sensitive man, was profoundly certain that he would live to see the Deliverer whom God would send to redeem his chosen people, and also to redeem all mankind. His words on the occasion of the presentation of Christ in the Temple reveal plainly his conviction that this Child of the Highest not only would reflect glory on Israel, but also would shed holy light upon all the rest of mankind. And the words of Simeon to Mary, the mother of Jesus, set in focus the difficult role of the Messiah; some of his own people would not acknowledge and acclaim him — some would actually scorn him. And his obedience to God would have to eclipse his relationship even to his mother. We see how this prophecy was borne out when, returning from Jerusalem from the feast of the passover, Mary and Joseph missed their son, and, going back to search for him, found him seated in the Temple, hearing the elders speak, and asking them questions, astonishing all who heard him with his understanding and answers. Upon Mary reproaching him for all the fear and anxiety she and Joseph had gone through while they were searching for him, the child answered: "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:19). Thus we see that Jesus, himself, saw himself not as a Messiah to the Jewish nation, but a Saviour to all mankind.

When Jesus came into the world redemption took on a new dimension. It was for everyone, not just a chosen few. How can we forget the rebuke Jesus thrust out to those who felt spiritually secure when he said: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick." (Matthew 9:12). Both his words and his actions throughout his life constantly showed that his heart was filled with love for all mankind. Jesus revealed God to all people—to the lowly as well as to the highest in the land.

The essence of Christianity is that God became flesh in order that men may behold the glory and grace of God. It is through the Incarnation that God expressed himself. Jesus, through entering the flesh, proclaimed that God is among us, and that our bodies, too, may become God's living temples. The Word, in becoming flesh, pointed to the spark of divinity in our own lives.

We would do well to pause and ask ourselves if our church is doing its share in witnessing for Christ. Are we holding fast to our sense of Christian fellowship? Are we passionately concerned, as a body of Christians, for the salvation and welfare of others? When Simeon said that Jesus would bring glory to Israel, it was because Israel would help show the TRUTH to the Gentiles. Likewise in our own day the church's sharing of our gospel with others brings to us the only lasting glory. We want to more...

To: Bobby's Church School Teacher
From: Bobby's Parents



'You're O.K.' That's the highest praise in our Bobby's vocabulary!
You must be as busy as we are... keeping house, raising a family, meeting all the challenges of parenthood.
Yet you volunteered to teach a dozen boisterous boys the great truths of Christianity.
You sacrifice hours every week... in preparation, in prayer, in patience.
But, because you are part of the Church—the one institution which lives to serve God and man—we have taken you for granted.
We'll be at worship next Sunday, Bobby wants us there. And seeing what the Church means to him, we want the same spiritual foundation for our own lives.
Thank you! We marvel at all you have done for Bobby without our help and example. How much more we will accomplish together... Bobby's parents, Bobby's teacher, and OUR God.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH... The Church is the greatest factor... Table with columns: Day, Book, Chapter, Verses

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- HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH James O. Mattos, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Evening Worship, 8 o'clock. Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
- BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST Joe Beckhouse, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 A. M. First Sunday 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.
- BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH A. J. McCallan, Pastor Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings.
- PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES Rev. Albert Gore, Jr., Pastor Cedar Grove Church: 1st Sunday 10 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Epworth Church: 1st Sunday, 11 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Oak Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M.
- NEW HOPE WOODLAND W. E. Pickett, Pastor Worship services 1st and 3rd Sundays 11 A. M., at New Hope, 7:30 P. M., at Woodland. Second and 4th Sundays 11 A. M., Woodland, 7:30 P. M. New Hope Sunday School each Sunday at 10 A. M.
- ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH Church School, 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M. second and fourth Sundays.
- WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH Lowe A. Norman, Pastor Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M. First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
- UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH Orest Dillan, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M. Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.
- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH Bryan Holloman, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.
- FINNEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH Earl Redding, Pastor Church School 10 A. M. Morning worship 11 A. M. Young People's meeting 7 P. M.
- WHITEVILLE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. Paul Holman, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday. Church services, 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.
- HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH J. A. Adman, Pastor Church School 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M. Evening worship, 7:30 P. M. Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
- BAGLEY SWAMP PLYGRIM M. M. Holmes, Pastor. Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship 11 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 8:00 P. M. Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week Services Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
- HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Paul E. Shultz, Pastor Church School weekly at 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship weekly at 11:00 A. M. Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M. Fifth Sunday Services and Holy Days as announced.
- SIREA CHURCH OF CHRIST Neal Pickett, Minister Bible School Sunday 10 o'clock. Church Services First and Third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. evening services first and third Sundays at 7 o'clock. Communion is served each Lord's Day morning.
- CHAFFELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. Paul Holman, Pastor Sunday School, every Sunday at 10:00 A. M. Worship services every second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M. BTU every Sunday at 7:30 P. M.
- CHURCH OF GOD Rev. L. E. Howell, Pastor Sunday School 10 A. M. - Woodville at 11 A. M.; Evansville at 7:30 P. M. Meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, and CA Service Friday night at 8 o'clock.
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