PLEASED AS PUNCH

When it comes to passing the ammunition, Corp. Raymond Elliott, stationed at an Army air base in the New Hebrides, serves it up hot—and loves it. (Official U. S. Army Air Forces photo.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 51
THE BIRTH OF JESUS
Luke 2:1-20
PRINTED TEXT
Luke 2:8-20

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

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—Our Lord was born probably 4 or 5 B.C.

Place.—Joseph and Mary lived in Galilee, but the birth of Jesus occurred in Bethlehem, six miles south of Jerusalem.

THE MESSAGE

8. "And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the fields, and keeping watch by night over their flock. 9. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid." Why should the shepherds be told of the event transpiring in Bethlehem? No such announcement was made in Caesar's palace or to any others in high authority. The shepherds would be glad to hear the message and would act upon it—in other words, their hearts were ready to believe what God said.

Be Not Afraid

10. "And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: 11. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. 12. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." Three titles are given to Jesus by the angel—a Saviour, Christ, the Lord—the first referring to the work of Christ, the second referring to His work as the Messiah anointing Him to be Prophet, Priest and King, and the third referring to His glory.

Gloria In Excelsis

13. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: 14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." Salvation must come from God, and not from man. Salvation must come out of the heavens to the earth; it cannot arise out of the earth and climb to the heavens. Glory to God is a necessity as it is a fact.

Shepherds Answer Message

15. "And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger."

A revelation from God is not only to be believed, but to be acted upon. When, in an hour of spiritual exaltation, we hear God telling us to do something, when we see a vision of something which we know we ought to do, and when the vision is gone, we do not obey it, then the joy which we had in the vision experience will wilt, and that which was meant to be a blessing to us will only become something about which we boast and beyond which we never advance. The shepherds did exactly what they should have done. They went down to Bethlehem to see this Babe. Wonderful as it was to have heard the angel and the angels, it is far more wonderful, a far greater privilege, infinitely more important, to behold the Lord Jesus. What they did, they did instantly.

Bearing Witness

17. "And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child. 18. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds." Bearing witness to what we have seen and heard and experienced in relation to the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour is a natural part of every normal believer's life; a privilege as well as a duty, not only something we should do, but something we feel compelled to do.

Mary Kept Silent

18. "But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart." The word here translated "pondered" means casting together, by which we would understand that Mary compared and considered all these amazing events, testimonies, and acts of worship, overwhelmed as she must have been in the midst of these supernatural manifestations, for she surely knew that her Babe was the Lord of Glory. It was just as natural for Mary, the mother, to keep these things in her heart, as it was for the shpeherds to proclaim what they had seen and heard. She had a different relationship at this time to Jesus than they had. He was her Son, and a wise mother does not proclaim to the world, when her son is still a babe, any tokens of or humanly expressed predictions of the ultimate greatness of her babe.

The Shepherds' Return

20. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them."

Great joy we have in understanding what the Word of God means, believing it with all our hearts, but an even greater joy is experienced, and a deepening of our faith, when the Word of God becomes a living reality, its promises a daily experience in our own life. The shepherds might not have been believed if they had simply told of what they heard from the angel, but they were bound to be believed when they told not only what they heard from one who came from Heaven, but what they had seen in the manger in Bethlehem. All do not have revelations through an angel, in fact, very few, but all may have a definite, transforming, redeeming experience with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hong Kong Captives Get Relief Supplies

The Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Associaion announced last week it had been advised by Geneva that relief supplies for prisoners of war in Hong Kong had been delivered at the Fort Stanley Camp, and partly distributed.

R. Zindel, International Red Cross delegate at Hong Kong, said the goods were received with great enthusiasm. The consignment included 1,000 tons of food, clothing and drugs from Britain and the Dominions.

After Hong Kong fell the Japs reported taking 1,689 Canadian prisoners of the 1,985 Canadian officers and men sent to the Far East. In Canadian Defence Department recent casualty lists, 1,594 Canadians had been officially listed prisoners of war at Hong Kong.

Send Special Gifts To War Prisoners

Christmas Parcels Supplementary to Regular Parcels

Arrangements are being made by the Canadian Red Cross Society and the British Red Cross to send a special Christmas parcel "from the people of Canada" to each Canadian prisoner of war in enemy hands.

The parcels are supplementary to the parcels sent regularly by next-of-kin and the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Chief article in each parcel for prisoners of war in Europe will be a sweater of an appropriate color for each of the services, the announcement said — khaki for army, light blue for air force, dark blue for navy, and blue-black or black for merchant seamen. The parcels, which are being packed in the United Kingdom, will also contain cigarettes, chocolate, soap and other small comforts and extras.

Far East Prisoners

The parcels for distribution to prisoners of war in the Far East will be purchased in Japan by the delegate of the International Red Cross and will be made up there.

It is not known exactly what they will contain, the department said, but the Canadian authorities have suggested to the International Red Cross Committee that they should be made up as far as possible of foodstuffs, especially canned goods, and warm clothing.

Gifts From Germany

The International Red Cross is also acting as an intermediary to provide Christmas gifts to prisoners of war in Canada. Arrangements now are under way whereby every German combatant prisoner of war will receive a Christmas gift from Germany.

Already some carloads of Christmas packages provided by the German Red Cross have been received in Canada for distribution at Christmas time and the delegate of the International Red Cross is making arrangements to provide a supplementary gift to each German combatant prisoner of war.

Huns Could Land On St. Lawrence

"It is quite possible that a submarine might land a few people at remote points along the St. Lawrence," Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, minister of naval services, admitted recently.

"They landed some in the United States last summer, and General Clark and his group landed in North Africa and got off all right," he said, referring to the saboteurs taken in the United States and to the United States-Anglo group which got into North Africa to make contact with the French and plan invasion.

"If any were landed, it would probably be done with a view to sabotage. There is no evidence that any submarines have landed men to buy provisions along the gulf or river. They would not need to do this, as we know they can carry enough provisions across."

What Is A Boy?

The Big Brother Movement says:

He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started.

He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone attend to those things you think are so important.

You can adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried on depends on him.

Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them.

He will assume control of your cities, states and nation.

He is going to move in and take over your prisons, churches, schools, universities and corporations.

All your work is going to be judged and praised or condemned by him.

Your reputation and your future are in his hands. All your work is for him, and the fate of the nations and of humanity is in his hands.

So it might be as well to pay him some attention.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

WORSE TO COME

The new winter uniforms of the Nazis in Russia appear to be no better than the Fuehrer's promises. Moscow reports that many German troops are shivering and suffering from the cold, are pathetic figures wrapped in bits of shawls and surrender gladly when their captors come upon them. This is only December. What of the Russian winter a few weeks hence?
—Hamilton Spectator.

YOUTH'S STRONG POINTS

The St. Catharines Standard states a military fact when it says the calling of very young men into the fighting forces is based on the realization that "their response to leadership, their quick recovery from fatigue, their aggressiveness, their enthusiasm, and their flair for soldiering far exceed such qualties in other age groups."
—Brantford Expositor.

TIDBITS FOR "TINY"

Goering, who says Germany won't go short of food, is making sure he won't go short himself. From Istanbul comes a report that Goering's personal plane visits that city every Thursday to load up with lobsters and caviar at $7.50 each and $15 a pound, respectively.
—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

LIVING SPACE IDEAS

According to statistics recently published by the City Council of Warsaw, the average number of Jews compelled to live in one room in the Warsaw ghetto has, in the summer of 1942, reached the unheard of number of 14. Hitler has badly warped ideas about living space.—Kitchener Record.

SOME GOOD IN ITALIANS

A Canadian who flew at Malta says the Italian airmen fight "like gentlemen," not like the Huns. Italians as a race have, in fact, a streak of decency which not even Mussolini could wholly eradicate—and decent Italians hate the Germans like poison.—Ottawa Journal.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Manufacturers and merchants who violently dislike the price ceiling may get a different slant on things when they learn that, after the inflation of the last war, over 21,000 small independent merchants and manufacturers went out of business in 1921.
—Chesley Enterprise.

GIVE THEM A CHANCE

An Italian newspaper recently stated that the Italian people have got very little out of the war. The Italian people complain that they haven't got out of the war at all.
—Montreal Star.

THE BOOK SHELF

HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES
By Thomas H. Raddall

His Majesty's Yankees deals with the part played in the American Revolution by the Yankees of Nova Scotia, that maritime province which was to be a refuge for homeless American tories.

With real perspective the author presents a thrilling adventure story, an affecting romance and a segment from the American past which has remained untouched by contemporary novelists.

The story is told by David Strang and recounts his efforts to join Nova Scotia to her rebellious sisters in the south. The story moves through land campaigns and breathless adventures on a privateer, with David Strang's love affair adding counterpoint to the main theme of this remarkable first novel.

His Majesty's Yankees . . . By Thomas H. Raddall . . . McClelland and Stewart . . . Price $3.00.

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RADIO REPORTER By REX FROST

For the next two weeks, the Christmas note will dominate the air waves. Here is one programme the youngsters won't want to miss . . . "The Magic Cord." The stories of "The Magic Cord" were first heard last year over the C.B.C. network on the nine days immediately preceding Christmas Day. Many of Canada's younger generation will have noticed that those popular characters Billy and Bunty, and Topsy, the darling doll, and Scooty, the dear little mouse, together with Cocoa, the clown, and dozens of other fond characters of the nursery tales have already made their welcome reappearance over C.B.C. stations this Christmas season at 6.30 in the evening. The first programmes were heard last Monday, and they will continue to occupy the same spot every week night right up till Christmas Eve. Story-teller Mary Grannan, whose "Children's Scrapbook" and "Just Mary" stories are very familiar to thousands of children all over Canada and the United States promises that her Yule-tide "Magic Cord" series this Christmas will be brighter and breezier than ever. Make sure that the children have an opportunity of enjoying this charming 6.30, C.B.C. prelude to the Season of Goodwill.

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Late listeners will have an exceptional opportunity of hearing a fine rendering of the "Messiah" in the early hours of the morning of Tuesday, December 22nd, 12.05 to 1 a.m. Handel's musical masterpiece is to be presented on that occasion from the Stone Church, Kansas City, Mo. over the Columbia Broadcasting System, including CFRB, Toronto. Another special Yuletide treat is in store for those who in the early hours of Christmas morning tune in the Annual Carol service from 12.05 to 1 a.m. over the same network.

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CFRB announces that this year there will be no curtailment of programmes dedicated to the spirit of Christmas Good Cheer and the interpretation of that motive of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men." In spite of the fact that the world at large is plunged into war, the feeling is that we should maintain and proclaim the spiritual values which long have dedicated the spirit of Christmas to the highest, most humanitarian principles of mankind. So most of the time honoured Christmas programmes will be continued this season. However, in the case of New Year, important changes will be noticed, reflecting the more reserved aspect of a world engaged in the greatest war in history. As long as radio broadcasting has been national and international in scope, the Columbia Broadcasting System has presented an all-night New Years Eve dancing party from coast to coast. But it is to be dropped this year. All stations affiliated with the C.B.S. will curtail their activities, not only to save power, but because also the feeling exists that undue levity at the dawning of a New Year should be restrained in the consciousness of the tragedy of world strife which surrounds us. Stations, including CFRB, Toronto will go off the air at 1 a.m. New Years morning. All-night radio dancing sessions are to be banished for the duration.

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The greatest work in all violin literature is to be heard over the National network of the C.B.C. on Thursday, December 17th at 10.15 p.m. when Sir Ernest MacMillan and Kathleen Parlow with the concert orchestra play the Beethoven Violin Concerto in D. This will be the main programme item of the C.B.C. Concert Hour which opens with the orchestra playing the charming "Surprise Symphony" of Joseph Haydn. Lovers of fine music in general, and of the violin in particular should make a note of this intriguing air performance.

A SPANISH KING

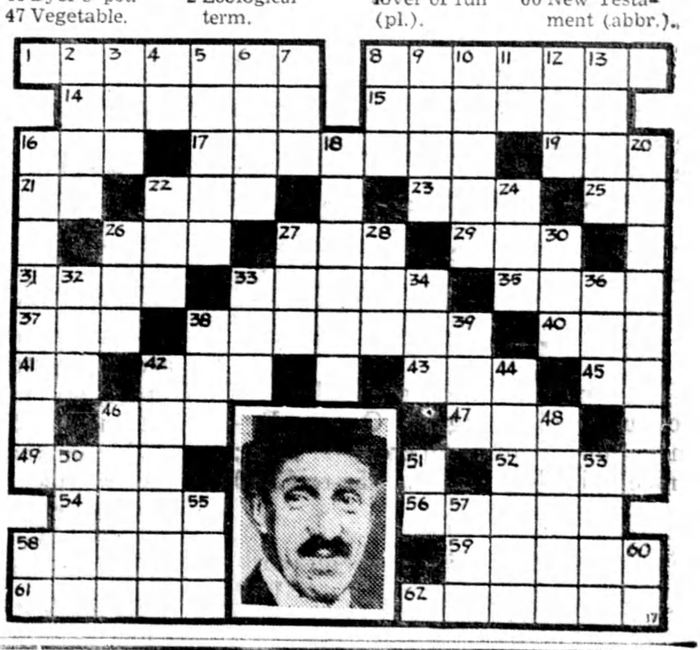
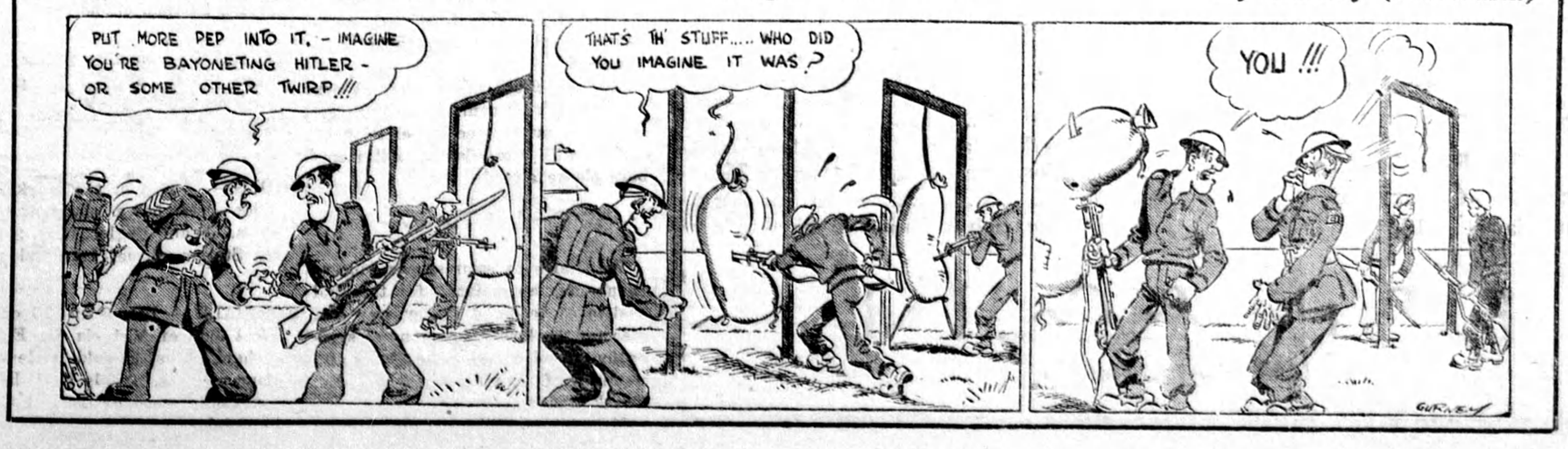
HORIZONTAL

1 Spanish king who died an exile.
8 He designated his son, ——, his heir.
14 To appoint.
15 Reluctant.
16 Curious inspection.
17 Latticework for plants.
19 Epoch.
21 Musical term.
22 Chewed.
23 Eye tumor.
25 Bone.
26 To handle.
27 Genus of blue grass.
29 To harden.
31 Cry of distress.
33 Street boy.
35 Wheel hub.
37 Harness part.
38 Side conduit.
40 Baking dish.
41 Magic syllable.
42 Short hair cut.
43 Dog's foot.
45 Paid publicity.
46 Dyer's pot.
47 Vegetable.
49 Asterisk.
52 In bed.
54 Olive shrub.
56 His country was recently torn by —— war.
58 His —— started at birth.
59 Fortification.
61 Summed up.
62 Father.

VERTICAL

2 Zoological term.
3 To cook in fat.
4 Alleged power.
5 Neat.
6 Male ancestor.
7 Single thing.
8 Split pea.
9 Genus of sheep.
10 Birds' homes.
11 Junior (abbr.).
12 Custom.
13 Pertaining to air.
16 He was known as a —— or lover of fun (pl.).
18 Wove.
20 He —— the throne at 16.
22 High mountain.
24 Japanese coin.
26 To place.
27 Butter lump.
28 Ozone.
30 To make lace.
32 Intention.
33 To gossip.
34 Pile of cloth.
36 By way of.
38 Quantity.
39 To drink dog-fashion.
42 Gauzelike fabric.
44 Maker of cloth.
46 Founded on fact.
48 To dwell.
50 Having toes.
51 Before Christ (abbr.).
53 Enthusiasm.
55 Connecting word.
57 God of war.
58 Sun deity.
60 New Testament (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Bluey and Curley of the Anzacs — **"Imagine that now!"** — **By Gurney (Australia)**