

### Making the Best of a Flood Near Washington



Several days ago Washington and vicinity had one of the hardest rains in years, amounting to a small flood. Many streets in the small towns of Virginia were turned into rivers. This picture, made at North Rosemont, Va., shows the residents making the best of the flood by using their street as a swimming pool.

### Woodcraft Girls Enjoying Their Camp Life



These are the girls of Pathfinder lodge in camp at Lake Otsego, near Cooperstown, N. Y.—the camp of the "Leatherstocking Tribe" of the Woodcraft League of America. Each of them has an Indian name as an award of merit.

### "HOBO KING" UNMASKED



Here are portraits of Mrs. John J. Roche and her husband, the "Hobo King" of Seattle, Wash., who is disclosed as a hero of the World war, having served with the Canadian forces. Some weeks ago a shabby, mysterious but well-mannered man registered at a hotel in Seattle as "Hobo King." His real identity was hidden for several days until it became known that he had married Mrs. Alice Marie Jordan, widow of the commander of the U. S. S. Dauntless, who was killed in a fight with a German raider off the coast of Mexico in 1918. Following their marriage, it became known that the "hobo" was in reality Capt. John J. Roche, Canadian war hero, author and world traveler, who had made a wager of \$38,000 that he could travel around the North American continent without having his real identity known. Roche would have completed his trip on January 1, 1923, and so lost out by only a few months.

### RECOGNIZE THESE?



Few persons would know the identity of the objects shown in this photograph. They are the new moon with Jupiter above it and Venus below. The picture was made by a 20-minute exposure by a camera with a 24-inch focal length lens.

### Dedicating Sacred Way to Verdun



Premier Raymond Poincare of France dedicating the first milestone, at Bar-le-Duc, on the famous "Sacred Way" which leads from Paris to Verdun.

### This Proves People Are Honest



T. H. Martin, general manager of Rainier National park, believes in the inherent honesty of tourists, so he installed on the souvenir counter in Paradise Inn this open box for the sale of postage stamps. So far the visitors to the park have fully justified Mr. Martin's optimism.

### TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

The breeding of elephants in captivity is exceedingly difficult. Blotting paper is now for the first time being produced in Canada. About 60,000 is the estimated population of Venice, which is built on between 70 and 80 islets. Broadway "beauty salons" are equipped with all the latest electrical inventions for massage. Norwegian explorers find that the European continent once extended far north to Nova Zembla. Nearly 2,000,000 tons of sand is used in the United States each year in making glass. Virginia's Confederate pensioners now number 9,575, about half of whom are women. Web to the length of two and a quarter miles has been drawn from the body of a single spider. A doctor's degree in a German university now costs 600 marks, about \$6 at the present rate of exchange. The French state railways are experimenting with gasoline-driven motors on lines with limited traffic.

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA IN CONDENSED FORM

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

F. H. Gautsch of La Crosse, Wis., has been elected assistant coach at Lincoln high school. Fire in the Seldomridge elevator at Holdrege destroyed the building and 5,000 bushels of wheat. E. C. Bishop, superintendent of the Pradshaw schools, has accepted the superintendency at Fairbury. A total of 5,575 autos passed at the junction of the Meridian and S. Y. A. highways during a count made in one day recently. Practically all of the corn in north Nebraska is reported out of frost danger by farmers who have made a survey of the conditions. The Seventh Corps and officers meeting, with an attendance of about 500 members, closed an interesting session at Omaha last week. The swine herd of John McNair, farmer living near Pawnee, was increased by 101 pigs with the birth of ten litters in one day last week. The elevator of Dinsdale Brothers of Palmer was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin. More than 18,000 bushels of corn and wheat in the building were also destroyed. The bonded indebtedness of Nebraska counties now is \$73,700,187, according to figures by George W. Marsh, auditor of public accounts. Mrs. Andro Varn of Elgin was probably fatally injured when an automobile in which she was riding turned over, pinning her under the machine. Albert Dunning's grain elevator at Shelby burned with 2,000 bushels of oats and wheat. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000, with \$7,000 of insurance. Edward Elsasser, 12-year-old school boy, was drowned while bathing in a sand pit pool near Lincoln. Attempts to recover the body were unsuccessful. Frank Briggs, employe of the Columbus Planing mill, is dead from injuries received when his Ford car started forward suddenly while he was cranking it. The new kitchen at the Nebraska state hospital at Fremont will be used as a model at the annual meeting of the American hospital bureau at Atlantic City, N. J. The fourth annual convention of the American Legion, Department of Nebraska, with an attendance of more than 600 delegates, held a three day session at York. While leading a team of mules, N. Billie of Callaway, suffered the amputation of a finger when the team jerked backwards and the rope severed the finger at a joint. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harper who are leaving Wymore for their new home at Auburn, were tendered a farewell reception by the Dorcas society of the Methodist church. The old project of using the flood waters of the Platte river in subsoil storage in Adams, Gosper, Phelps and Kearney counties, is again being revived, with a good show for success. A commercial potato crop of 7,600 cars for Nebraska is indicated by the September condition of the crop, according to estimates furnished by the bureau of markets and marketing. The ashes of the late Frank Harrison, who died recently in Kansas, and whose body was cremated, were received at Beatrice by parcel post and interred in Evergreen home cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Prawl, pioneer residents of Pawnee City, celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary last week. Mr. Prawl is eighty-eight years old and active. Mrs. Prawl is eighty-two. Fearing that tuberculosis among live stock can be transferred to their children, farmers of Antelope county are co-operating with the farm bureau agent in a county-wide movement to eradicate the disease. When Irvin Schulze, six years old, ran down the streets of Spencer with his clothing on fire, a group of bystanders caught the lad, stood him on his head to keep him from inhaling the flames, and then put out the fire. A physician claims the men saved the boy's life. He caught fire when a gasoline tank in front of a filling station exploded. A huge thigh bone and five teeth believed to be those of a mastodon were found in the bank of Elm creek near Fremont by Howard Paul, 16, son of Robert Paul, of Cedar Bluffs. The largest tooth measured seven inches in diameter. Truman Boston, eighteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Boston of Blue Springs, while playing near the electric washer crept beneath the machine and got his right hand caught in the machinery. The first finger was cut and mashed so badly it is feared it will have to be amputated at the second joint. A new elevator of 30,000 bushels capacity has just been completed at Nora by the farmers' union association. An auto stolen from Peter Reif, farmer living near West Point, August 17, was recovered at Mitchell, S. D. Armed with a club, Clarence Galbraith, farmer living near Fairbury, caught a blue channel cat weighing 87 1/2 pounds in the Blue river on his farm. He struck the fish on the head and dragged it out of the water by its tail. When dressed there was sufficient meat to feed ten families.

Polk county's new quarter million dollar courthouse will be dedicated October 10 and opened to the public with a program that will be attractive and in every manner in keeping with the event. The highest figure registered on the fat cattle market at South Omaha in two years time was reached one day last week when a full car of 1,100 pound stock sold at \$11.05 per hundred weight. The fifty-fourth academic year of the State University began classroom work Thursday of last week with a half-thousand increased registration, (including 312 more women) over that of a year ago. Propositions to vote bonds for the establishment of a municipal coal yard and to build a swimming pool in Chautauqua park are being considered at Beatrice. Both propositions may be submitted to the voters in the November election. Ray Wise, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wise of Falls City, swallowed some lye while playing in the kitchen, but quick work on the part of a physician saved his life. The child's throat and lips were badly burned. Fate of two damage suits against the city of Hastings aggregating \$150,000 brought by Otto E. Koehn of Norfolk, hangs on whether the court decides the suits should have been filed against "the city of Hastings" or "the city of Hastings."

Drying up of streams and rivers has become a boon to natives around Clearwater who are spearing fish by the thousands. Enormous catfish have been caught floundering about in the shallow holes of the Elkhorn river, which is extremely low. Byron O. Pickard, rescue engineer of the United States Bureau of Mines, who was in charge of the attempt to rescue the forty-seven miners who were entombed in the Argonaut mine, is a Nebraska boy and a graduate of the Omaha Central high school. J. M. Tingnard, vice president of the Hall Hardware company at Lincoln, is dead from a fractured skull suffered when he stepped into a freight elevator shaft of the store and fell to the basement. He was not raised until several minutes after his fall. J. Ed C. Fisher of Beatrice, was unanimously elected state commander of the American Legion, department of Nebraska, at the closing business session of the state convention of the organization at York. Mrs. E. P. Warner of Norfolk is the new president of the auxiliary. Wayne Brewster, son of Dr. Frank Brewster of Beaver City, has regained consciousness after a lapse of two weeks as the result of injuries received at Almena, Kas., August 13, when the airplane in which Lieutenant Smith and Brewster were riding fell a distance of 600 feet. An interstate treaty between Colorado and Nebraska, to settle a long-standing irrigation water dispute involving the right of western Nebraska water users to avail themselves of the South Platte waters as far east as North Platte, is being drawn up for ratification by the legislatures of both states. A well, dug thirty years ago on the farm of Henry Klein at Stamford to furnish water for the household, is now producing a barrel of oil a day which tests 35 per cent gasoline and the remainder crude oil and kerosene. Oil first appeared on the surface of the water in the well, which is forty-five feet deep, three years ago. L. G. Brian, chief adjuster for the state hail department, is of the opinion that the department will be able to pay 90 per cent of the losses caused by hailstorms. He has practically adjusted all claims and finds that the total loss is \$241,247. The hail visitation during the summer of 1922 was the worst in several years. Three boys—Ardell Cavaness, Clyde Wallace and Russell Beatty—are the pride of Dawson county. They compose the team that won the boys' stock judging contest at the state fair and are to represent Dawson county in like competitions at the Inter-state fair at Sioux City, Ia., and the live stock congress at Chicago this fall. To win the contest the team scored 3,015 points out of a possible 3,000. Cavaness contributed 1,034 points, Wallace 1,008, and Beatty 989. Cavaness was second high individual winner and Wallace third, Wilber Miller of York, with 1,041 points winning first individual honors. A shutdown forced through lack of coal has been remedied at the Superior Cement company plant and the mills are again running. The chamber of commerce of Alliance has requested the state railway commission to do something to help potato growers. A reduction in freight rates is suggested. The commission will take the matter up with the Burlington road with a view to obtaining a voluntary reduction. The price of potatoes is so low that it is doubtful if a lower freight rate will be of much aid to potato growers, but it may help some. Dr. William Taylor was elected president, Dr. J. Preston, of Fremont, vice president, and Dr. George B. Potter was re-elected secretary, by alumni of Nebraska university's medical college who held their thirteenth annual reunion in Omaha last week. To Mrs. A. J. Taylor, of Blair, Legion men believe the honor to be awarded the war mother of the state who had the largest number of sons in the war, will be due, and her name is to be entered in the competition. Five of Mrs. Taylor's sons saw active service on the battlefield, and two were in training camp.

### IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

## Sunday School Lesson

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### LESSON FOR OCTOBER 1

#### BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

LESSON TEXT—Luke 1:5-23, 57-63.  
GOLDEN TEXT—He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink.—Luke 1:15.  
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 4:4-5.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—An Angel Brings Good News.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Birth of John the Baptist.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Preparation for the Coming of Christ.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Place and Work of John the Baptist.

We are today entering upon a six months' course of study in the Gospel of Luke, whose general subject is "Jesus the World's Savior." Today's lesson concerns the birth of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ.

I. The Parents of John the Baptist (vv. 5-7).  
1. When They Lived (v. 5). "In the days of Herod the King." They lived in a day when ungodliness was rife. The priesthood was very corrupt and the ruling classes were wicked. Zacharias and his wife lived in a time when it was not easy to be godly.  
2. Their Character (v. 6). They were righteous before God. To be righteous before God is a high tribute. Many appear to be righteous before men who are not righteous before God. Their lives were so ungodly that they walked in the commandments of the Lord blameless. How beautiful it is when husband and wife are united in the Lord and walk together in fellowship with God.  
3. They Were Childless (v. 7). Though this godly couple were well mated and they possessed the joy of the Lord in their souls, there was a real lack in their home.

II. The Birth of John Promised (vv. 8-17).  
1. By Whom (v. 11; cf. v. 19). The angel Gabriel appeared and made known the good news to Zacharias. This exalted being, the special messenger of God, was sent to make this disclosure.  
2. When (vv. 8-14). While officiating as priest this good news came to him. Zacharias must have been definitely praying about this very matter (v. 13). As he burned incense, which typified prayer, the multitude without were praying.  
3. Characteristics of the Child (vv. 15-17). (1) Shall be great in the sight of the Lord (v. 15). Though the people did not greatly esteem him he was highly esteemed by the Lord. This is infinitely better than if he had been greatly esteemed in the eyes of men or in his own eyes. This is the esteem for which we all should long and pray. (2) Shall drink neither wine nor strong drink (v. 15). The child shall become a Nazarite, separating himself from the sensual things and dedicating himself to the service of the Lord. (3) Be filled with the Holy Ghost (v. 15). The energy of the divine Spirit would enable him to lead the people to repentance (v. 16). (4) Shall go in the spirit and power of Elijah (v. 17). In this power he was to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior and the salvation which He was to bring.

III. Zacharias Asking for a Sign (vv. 18-23).  
Although the aged priest was earnestly praying for the salvation of Israel the gracious promise of the angel, which was the beginning of that salvation, staggered his faith. He was unable to believe that that for which he fondly hoped and prayed would be realized. The angel gave Zacharias a sign. He was smitten with dumbness which was to continue until the fulfillment of the promise. Because he refused to praise God in faith for this gracious promise God caused his tongue to be silent until the promise was fulfilled and his lips could open in thanksgiving and praise. Though he was thus rebuked, at the same time his faith was strengthened by the manifestation of the supernatural. God wants us to trust Him, to believe his promises, no matter how contrary to reason they may seem.

IV. The Promise Fulfilled (vv. 57-63).  
When the time came for the birth of John, Elizabeth brought forth a son and the neighbors rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they circumcised the child and gave him a name according to the instruction of the angel (v. 13). The name John was contrary to the family custom. By means of writing Zacharias made known the name which he would have by divine instruction. At this time God opened the mouth of Zacharias and he offered up praise.

Youth and Age.  
In my youth I thought of writing a satire on mankind; but now in my age I think I should write an apology for them.—Walpole.

Lenity and Mercy.  
When lenity and mercy play for a kingdom, the gentler gamester is the soonest winner.—Shakespeare.

Heaven Often Smiles.  
Heaven often smiles in mercy, even when the blow is severest.—Joanna Ballie.