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A Happy New Year!

THE ANDOVER NEWS is pleased to have so many friends to whom it can wish a Happy New Year. Perhaps the word "Happy" may seem a bit out of place in the face of the grim present and in the uncertain prospect of the future.

The people of our country and our friendly nations have much for which to be grateful. True, we have lost sorely needed ships, some of our outposts are heavily besieged and many fall into enemy hands—the road ahead may be long and difficult, but the fact that we are united and working as one unit striving valiantly to replace good where strong evil forces threaten to prevail is a mission as high as it is given man to aspire to. We are trying to win something precious for the world. The American forces have acquitted themselves well. New deeds of valor have been recorded. From every quarter, from every walk of life, comes the question "How can I help?"

That is the spirit that will win. It is impossible to assign at once a definite task to every willing citizen. Things will develop; there will be changes and many opportunities will come to serve. The point is, to do heartily what the demand finds to do and to be ready and willing to accept a more important and definite assignment when it comes. Our New Year may be full of trials but it is also full of promise.

So, Happy New Year!

The Eyes of the Nation

ONE thing every citizen should do these days is to keep his eyes open and his ears alert for sounds which indicate the work of an enemy. In this country there are 1,124,000 citizens of Germany, Italy and Japan, making the greatest potential fifth column to be found anywhere in the world. Fortunately not all of these aliens are in sympathy with the despotic leaders of the countries from whence they came. Attorney General Francis Biddle has said: "So long as the aliens in this country conduct themselves in accordance with law, they need fear no interference by the Department of Justice."

Probably there are as many aliens out of sympathy with Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese militarists as secretly admire these men. But there are others who hold citizenship in this land who do sympathize with the aims of their ancestral states. And so it is wise for every loyal American to keep his or her ears open for anything which might hold the germ of sabotage. Anyone who seems to fear anything which points to a suspect trying to damage life or property should immediately report those suspicions to the police or some defense committee official. But we Americans should not be swayed by suspicion alone in traversing the rights of any individual who is minding his own business.

Our primary aim these days is to make the country strong to win this war. And we want to win it quickly before our strength is seriously sapped. To this end every American should be the eyes and ears of the nation to protect its vitals and husband its strength.

This is about the time of year that most of us begin to yearn for the good old summer-time.

Everybody's Job

WHAT can I do?" That's a question that millions of Americans all over the country are asking today. We who are behind the far-flung lines of freedom—how can we help?

The answer isn't hard to find. Not all of us can fly a bomber or operate a tank. But there are many other ways in which we can—and must—aid our country.

For one thing, we can all work harder at our jobs than ever before and in that way help increase America's production efficiency. We can be more careful and cut down accidents. We can build up our health and our endurance against difficult days that are bound to come. We can avoid waste both at work and at home and help to conserve materials that Uncle Sam needs now more than ever before. We can save waste paper and scrap metals that nearly every household has in the form of unused tools, kitchen utensils and similar articles.

Our plants and factories have long had well organized methods of salvaging such materials. One company saves enough aluminum to build ten two-engine bombers every month from machine shop leftovers alone. Another gets 75,000,000 pounds of nonferrous scrap metal every year from parts of its equipment that have outlived their usefulness. Now it's up to us—every one of us—to work out salvage campaigns in our own homes and save whatever we can that our country needs.

Many of the articles we have been accustomed to buy won't be available any more. Industry will have to cut down on many products to speed the output of weapons. Instead of blaming our industrial system for these shortages, we can accept them cheerfully, keep up our morale and realize that metals and materials that in peace-time we would use, are now building up the best Army, Navy and Air Force in the world.

Court Upholds Handbill Ordinance

FOR a number of years there have been efforts on the part of small cities and villages to restrict the distribution of handbills and other advertising matter from door to door within their boundaries. A number of villages have passed anti-handbill ordinances, only to have them declared unconstitutional by some court on the ground that they denied the freedom of something or other. So the handbill nuisance grew and became more and more annoying to householders. Now the New York State Court of Appeals has decided in favor of the restrictive ordinances. On December 4 that court handed down an opinion upholding an ordinance of the Village of Southampton, Suffolk county, restricting distribution of handbills to persons who have resided or maintained a business in the village for at least six months.

The opinion came after two members of a religious sect appealed a conviction for distributing pamphlets in the village. The members of the religious sect challenged the constitutionality of the ordinance on the ground that it denied the right of freedom of worship, speech and press.

The opinion of the Court of Appeals calls particular attention to the provision in the ordinance that its provisions do not "apply to any person who has been a bonafide resident of the Village of Southampton, N. Y., for a period of at least six consecutive months last past, nor to any person who has maintained a place of business in the Village of Southampton for a period of at least six consecutive months prior thereto, or his duly authorized representative."

This opinion of the highest court in the State would seem to pave the way for the adoption of ordinances by cities and villages which would protect home owners from the annoyance of having their premises littered with promiscuous handbills and other forms of advertising matter.

Turning Back the Pages
OF ANDOVER HISTORY
TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE ANDOVER NEWS

FIFTY YEARS AGO
DEC. 30, 1891

H. C. Norris, Editor

Mrs. Celia Clark, 49, died at her home in Greenwood Dec. 26, 1891. The cause of her death was apoplexy.

Prof. Thomas H. Armstrong, principal of Andover Union School and Miss Caroline Shourds of Macedon, N. Y., were married Dec. 29, 1891 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Shourds.

The January meeting of the Allegany County Farmers' Club will be held at Belfast Jan. 6, 1892.

Hon. A. C. Barney of West Union has been seriously ill with pneumonia the past two weeks.

A new cheese factory will be built on the farm of C. Mingus. John L. Coyle has leased the land from Conrad Mingus and will commence the building at once.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter of Tioga, Pa., visited relatives and friends in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chase and daughter spent Christmas with friends in Angelica.

There is much sickness, believed to be la grippe, in this vicinity at present. Dr. Stillman, Rev. G. M. Janes, Mrs. J. Cunningham are among the many who have been ill.

Mrs. Daniel Plaisted and child of Penn Yan are visiting her father, C. E. Brown of Independence.

Dea. and Mrs. W. Livermore of Independence spent Christmas with relatives in Alfred.

Miss McCallum of Rochester is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Cochrane.

Are You a Stenographer?

The Government needs stenographers for National Defense. One is prone to think of National Defense in terms of soldiers, sailors and marines. But there are many types of defense work behind the lines. A large army of civilian personnel is now on duty as stenographers in the Government service to take the dictation of the thousands of executives and administrative officers, and transcribe it into typewritten documents. Some of this material is of lasting importance. Some of it will set into motion Government events of historical consequence.

It is estimated that the Government has approximately 85,000 stenographers, typists and secretaries on the payroll. Many young men and women are responding to the call. Thousands more are needed.

The proper application form may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first- or second-class post office or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JAN. 1, 1902

Mosher & Backus, Editor & Publisher

L. O. T. M. Officers

At a meeting of Maple Grove Hive, No. 188, L. O. T. M., the following officers were elected: P. C., Beile Gallagher; L.C., Mary Warfield; St. C., Ida Howland; Record Keeper, Jennie Howland; Keeper, Mary Smith; Chaplain, Clara Crandall; Sergeant, Clara Warfield; M. A., Ida Williams; Sentinel, Mrs. Williamson; Picket, Ida Brewster.

Prof. Wm. W. Pingrey who is teaching in Honeoye Falls came home Sunday for a few days vacation.

Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Erastus Leonard, age 73 years, died at her home in Elm Valley. Funeral services were held New Year's Day, conducted by Rev. S. D. Pickett.

A. O. Tucker, principal of the North Cohocton High School, was visiting at F. M. Lee's over the week-end.

W. E. Baker and family, John Lusk and wife attended the Christmas exercises at the Baptist church Christmas Eve.

This is the first time in 25 years that the Genesee river has overflowed its banks in the month of December.

Married, Jan. 1, 1902 by Pastor Stephen Burdick, Mr. Jesse J. Baker and Miss Jennie Mae Baker.

A happy Christmas party was entertained at the home of G. M. Barney last week. Those from out of town were A. C. Barney and wife of West Union, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter of Rhode Island.

Rev. S. D. Pickett, wife and son C. W. Pickett, H. P. Benton and wife, O. P. Crandall and wife, Mrs. J. E. Rhinevault and Mrs. Ella Bundy ate Christmas dinner with the family of G. B. Herrick.

Jay Wood of Cattaraugus is visiting at the home of Mrs. C. M. Wood.

Miss Wilma Wright is home from Harrellsville for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Sarah McElroy of Alfred was a guest of Miss Margaret Mosher Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Perkins and son passed a few days with friends in Almia.

Miss Stella Frair of Richburg is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bassett and other Andover friends.

Miss Helen Hardy of Philadelphia, Pa., is spending her vacation with her parents.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DEC. 29, 1911

J. Harvey Backus, Owner & Editor

The Hawthorne Club will meet at the library Monday night, Jan. 8th.

Andover is to have a new $5,000 Carnegie library building. The Andover citizens voted in favor of the appropriation and work on the new building will commence as soon as the plans and specifications can be completed.

The Lucy Stone Club will meet with Mrs. Flora Cook Deming Tuesday afternoon. Leader, Mrs. E. Stearns.

Married, by Rev. H. B. Williams, Dec. 20, Edward Crawford of Hornell and Miss Esther A. Baker of Andover.

Mrs. Sidney Crandall is caring for Mrs. D. K. Porter who is very ill.

Miss Minnie Mead is operating the linotype at the News office in the absence of the regular operator Lawrence Hunt.

Mrs. Mary Stout Cody's many friends on South Hill will be pleased to hear she has recovered from a recent operation and able to come home to Fulmer Valley of Christmas.

Mrs. Michael Feeley and son, James and daughter Aneita of Hornell were calling at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pardon's of East Valley Tuesday.

Robert Dean and sisters, Mame and Margaret called on friends in Wellsville Wednesday.

The Horan family enjoyed a family dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horan of South Hill, Christmas Day.

William McAndrew and son, Mrs. Bridget Gavin, Mr. and Mrs. John Keough and children of Wellsville were guests at the home of R. McAndrew Tuesday.

Andrew Fuller spent Christmas at his home in Scio.

Frank Gallagher was home from Black Creek for Christmas.

Miss Helen Richardson is visiting friends in Spring Mills.

Vaughan Starr was home from Allentown, Pa., over Christmas.

Jack Smith left Tuesday for Hamburg where he is drilling.

Miss Caroline Reinhart passed Tuesday with relatives in Scio.

Miss Ethel Proper of Rochester spent the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs. G. B. Proper.

Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Hardy visited in Andover from Sunday until Tuesday, enroute to their home in Tecumseh, Mich., after a six months tour in Europe.

Selective Service Briefs

Released by the New York State Headquarters, Selective Service

With the Declaration of War information about Selective Service has increased to such an extent that this week's column must, of necessity, confine itself to a summary of news issued since last week.

Next of kin will be notified of the safe arrival after induction of selectees at Army training camps. This will take care of a situation created by withholding names before induction and communities will have the satisfaction of knowing their men are in service.

General Brown repeated a warning that has gone out before to the effect registrants should notify their local boards of their correct address. Such action will not only assist Selective Service but will protect the registrants who have a specified number of days to reply to orders from their boards.

The holiday season was taken advantage of by General Brown to thank, on behalf of Selective Service in this State the newspapers who have cooperated so willingly and loyally.

War has brought a definite change in the attitude of parents toward deferments. General Brown released the letter of a mother who had appealed to the President for deferment of her student son. After the attack on Pearl Harbor she wrote: "In every way this family is trying to cooperate with our government. My son will soon be in service."

Local boards have been requested to take the preliminary steps toward preparing for the large registration to come. Tentative arrangements for additional registration places are being made and additional volunteer registrants sought. Registration will be accomplished by Selective Service rather than by the election machinery as on October 16, 1940.

General Brown has asked industry to make a survey of its future labor needs and make plans to secure replacements of women and men over 44 to take the places of employees who may be called to the colors.

Members of the State Detachment of the National Guard and of the Enlisted Reserve Corps may volunteer for active duty, if they were not released because of dependency. So far as practicable, they will be given their former grades and assigned to their old units.

Paragraph 420 of Selective Service Regulations has been repealed, cancelling the former practice of posting lists of registrants called for induction. This supplements earlier orders as to withholding information about quotas and calls. Local Boards will continue, however to post copies of their daily classification lists.

Trees Available to Club Members

Belmont, Dec. 20.—New York State is again offering free 1,000 reforestation trees to 4-H Club members who will set them out according to instructions furnished with them, says County Agent Lou L. Burton from whose Belmont office all information desired may be secured. These trees must be set out in the spring of 1942.

Boost your Home Town.

That's Another Matter

"Mr. Swiggs—er—ah, that is, can—er I—will you—?"

"Why, yes, my boy; you may have her."

"How's that? Have whom?"

"My daughter, of course. You want to marry her, don't you?"

"No, sir. I just wanted to find out if you would endorse my note for $100."

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HOW, WHAT AND WHY?

Special to the Andover News

The Andover News has arranged with the Office of Information of the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics to answer questions about problems of farm and home. If you enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mention the name of this paper you will receive a direct reply to your query from the colleges. Do not ask more than one question in one letter or on one postcard. Ask as many questions as you like, but make each one a separate communication.

Wreck the Rafters

J. F. writes: "I would like some information on spraying a cellar. Termites of some kind seem to be eating into the wood, especially the cellar rafters and flooring."

Prof. R. W. Leiby of the entomology department replies: "The samples of wood sent are badly infested with powder post beetles, so badly in fact that the infested timbers may have to be removed and replaced with sound timbers.

"If an infestation is moderate and the wood is not too badly damaged, infested timbers may be sprayed with a chemical known as Orthodichlorobenzene. Two spray treatments, about three weeks apart, will usually kill the small white grubs and the tiny beetles that cause the injury to the woodwork.

"This chemical can be bought from the druggist or from a chemical manufacturer. We have also sent you more information on the habits and control of powder post beetles."

Will Stump Grow?

W. E. L. writes: "We have an elm stump, 30 inches in diameter, inside a building. We wish to pour a four-inch concrete floor over this but want to be sure the stump does not grow. What can be done?"

Prof. J. A. Cope, extension forester, answers: "You can rest assured the stump will not grow, whether you cover it with concrete or not.

"Once a tree is felled the stump as such becomes dead. Sprouts of course may come up from the root collar and grow in time to be new trees, but the old stump will rot. Your four-inch concrete floor over the stump will, of course, prevent the sprouts from becoming established, even tho the stump still has life."

BIRTHS

Dec. 22.—To Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jordan of Bolivar, a son.

Dec. 19.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Merritt of Friendship, a daughter.

Dec. 22.—To Mr. and Mrs. Will M. Wildman of Cuba, a daughter.

Dec. 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. Erman Richmond of Wellsville, a son.

Dec. 28.—To Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Schlade of Fillmore, a daughter.

Dec. 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. David Leonard of Scio, a son.

Dec. 29.—To Mr. and Mrs. Therون Reynolds of Wellsville, a son.

MARRIAGES

Dec. 21.—Miss Nellie Palmer of Scio and John C. Holden of Cuba. They will reside at Cuba.

Dec. 21.—Miss Dorothy Strand and Clarence Gaustad, both of Cuba.

Dec. 20.—Miss Margaret Dish of Bolivar and Albert Weimer of Port Allegany, Pa.

Dec. 20.—Miss Betty King and Claude Lunn, Jr., both of Wellsville.

Dec. 20.—Miss Martha Jane Prior and William McIntyre, both of Wellsville.

Dec. 22.—Miss Enid Perry of Greenwood and Denton Schultz of Carthage. They will live in Carthage.

Dec. 23.—Miss Beth Cross of Wellsville and Glenn Green of Amsterdam, N. Y.

Dec. 25.—Miss Julia May Eymer and Miles Moland, both of Wellsville.

Dec. 25.—Miss Etta Marie Seeley and Edwin Apgar, both of Wellsville.

DEATHS

George E Whitcomb, 68, of Richburg, Dec. 21. His wife, a daughter and a brother survive.

Miss Estella S. Smith, 85, of Bolivar, Dec. 18. A sister and a sister-in-law survive.

Layton D. Appleby, 83, of Bolivar, Dec. 20. Six sons and three daughters survive.

Chapter Votes Bond Purchase

Hornell—The Adelphia Chapter, Ahepas, at a meeting in Wellsville recently, voted to purchase a $100 Defense Savings Bond and donate $50 to the Red Cross War Relief Fund.

The organization, composed of Greek-Americans from Wellsville, Andover, Cuba Hornell, and vicinity communities, has voted to sell defense stamps at each meeting as part of its contribution to National Defense.

Each member has also pledged to buy a $100 Defense Bond in addition to the one purchased from the lodge's funds.

Observer

Youth: "I've never seen such dreamy eyes!"

Sweet Young Thing: "You've never stayed quite so late before."

Church Services

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

Rev. Walter L. Greene, Pastor

Sabbath services at 2:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Holding Up the Torch."

Bible School at 3:30 p. m. Clifford Burdick, supt.

Annual business meeting of the church Sunday, Jan. 4. Church dinner at 12:30 followed by the business session and election of officers.

Independence

Morning worship and sermon at 10:30. The pastor will speak.

Sabbath School at 11:30. Mrs. Grace Spicer, supt.

The annual business of the church will be held Sunday, Jan. 11.

"Face the sun, and the shadow is always behind you."

"The non-church goer makes the non'going church."

PRESBYTERIAN

Morning worship at 10:30 as usual; the pulpit will be supplied.

Sunday School at 11:45.

Choir practice in the church on Friday evening at 7:30.

The annual congregational meeting of the church will be held after service on Sunday, Jan. 11th. See church notice next week for further particulars regarding arrangements for this meeting.

BAPTIST

Rev. Lloyd L. Tebo, Pastor

"Thy years O God, are thruout all generations. Of old didst Thou lay the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; As a vesture shalt Thou change them; and they shall be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end."—Ps. 102:24-27.

There will be a business meeting of the church Wednesday evening, Dec. 31st at 9:15 o'clock. This is a special business meeting called by the pulpit committee of the church, as the year of our pastor expired Dec 29. A large attendance is desired at this meeting.

New Year's Eve Watch Night service will follow immediately after the business meeting. After the social hour we will see pictures of the Holy City, enjoy a vibraharp solo. Evangelist Merle E. Tebo will bring the message, followed by prayer as the old year passes out and the New Year comes in. Kindly tell your friends and may we see the church filled.

Friday afternoon at 3, the World Wide Guild girls are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. Eggleston. Each girl is asked to bring her needle, thread, thimble and scissors.

Sunday morning worship at 10:30 followed by Communion service.

Sunday School at 11:45.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30, Catherine Perry, leader.

Evening service at 7:30.

The art of numbering our days: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—Psa. 90:12.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Mr. Clarence Seguine, Pastor

Wed. Dec. 31—Watch Night service 10 p. m. to 12 a. m. Subject Resolution or Revolution.

Thurs. Prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Walton.

Friday: Young Peoples services at the Church hall, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday services:

Sunday School at 2 p. m. All welcome.

3 p. m. Communion Service served by Rev. Henry Stanb of the C. M. Alliance Church of Wellsville. Rev. Stranb will also speak.

7:30 p. m. Evangelistic service.

Tuesday Jan. 6, Day for Prayer. 10 a. m. to 12 n. and 2 p. m. to 4.

METHODIST

Rev. Helena L. Champlin, Pastor

Wednesday, Dec. 31, Watch Night Service from 9 p. m. to midnight. The program is expected to include as special features: plenty of music: pictures shown on the screen by Miss Ruth Robinson; a rarely beautiful program entitled, "Each With His Own Brush," and based on the lovely Nativity scenes to be shown on the screen from the art of many nations; recreation and refreshments, and finally an impressive candle-light service. The official board is asked to come for a brief consultation at 8:30 p. m.

Wednesday afternoon the Women's Society of Christian Service will meet at the home of Mrs. Chas. Ruger on Baker street.

The program, on the theme of "Home and Family," is in charge of Mrs. Erwin Lewis, Mrs. Glenn E. Bretsch, Mrs. Robert Common and Mrs Lawrence Corwin.

The Watch Night Service will take the place of Church Family Night this week. Then on Jan. 15 there will be a special church family gathering and supper in connection with the first quarterly conference to be held by Rev. H. W. McIlnay our new district superintendent. All the membership and constituency of the church is requested to set aside this date now, and make this occasion a really delightful and hearty reception to Mr. and Mrs. McIlnay.

Sunday, January 4, as the first Sunday of the New Year should be a spontaneous Loyalty Sunday. There will be reception of members and observance of the Lord's Supper.

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No one in the food business can control the wholesale price of food. Only the government of the United States has power to do this, and for the protection of our people this power in the government is now a necessary power.

Today, with the nation at war, we believe that no private interest has any rights in conflict with the general public interest.

The armed forces of the United States are today receiving more and better food than ever before in our national history. It is equally important that all of our people working and living behind the lines, men, women and children, shall be better fed and better nourished than ever before in our national history.

JOHN A. HARTFORD, President

MATTHEW, MARK AND LUKE
(The Synoptic Gospels)

International Sunday School Lesson for January 4, 1942.

Golden Text: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."—I Timothy 1:15.

Lesson Text: Matthew 1:1-17; Mark 1:1-14-15; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-8.

With the beginning of the New Year, we begin a new series of lessons. For the first six months of 1942, we will study the records of the Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. The first three months will deal with the early life of Jesus and his Galilean Ministry, as recorded in these three Gospels. The second three months will deal with his Perean Ministry and His Last Week.

For our first lesson in the series we study the three Gospels themselves, stressing their likenesses and their essential differences. While it is impossible in brief space, to give a full discussion of this lesson, we will try to point out the main points leaving the student to further study.

While the Gospel of Matthew is the first Gospel in the New Testament, it was not necessarily the first Gospel written. In fact, the Gospel of Mark is thought to have been the first record made of the acts and doings of Jesus while here on earth.

Since in the time of Christ, Jews, Romans and Greeks were living in Palestine the Synoptic Gospels were evidently written for these three races: Matthew's for the Jews; Mark for the Romans and Luke's for the Greeks. We do not include the Gospel of John in the Synoptic Gospels because it has so little in common with the first three that it cannot be arranged in systematic parallel columns. John's Gospel was written for all Christians of all ages.

Of Matthew's Gospel, Tarbell writes: "The whole effect of Matthew's Gospel is to present the picture of the Messiah-King to the Jews and to the world at large—the Messiah of promise and prophecy, the Messiah proclaiming his Kingdom, instructing men in spiritual parables and convincing them by his mighty works; the Messiah also as the Man of Sorrows, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross."

The Gospel of Mark, while almost identical with that of Matthew excepting for not more than 25 verses that are not found in either Matthew or Luke, differs very plainly in tone and method from either of the other two Gospels. What it lacks in warmth, this Gospel of Mark gains in precision, directness and force. What Mark has to say he says without any unnecessary descriptions or generalities. The word which typifies Mark's Gospel is a word that is used over 40 times in his Gospel, 20 times in the first five chapters—straightway. His is a Gospel of action and of power.

Luke's Gospel emphasizes the humanity of Jesus, without in the least discounting his divinity. We see not so much the promised Messiah, or the powerful miracle-worker, but the Son of Man, Jesus, the sympathetic Helper, the noble Teacher, the Great Physician healing the bodies and souls of mankind.

More than half of the Gospel of Matthew consists of the teachings of Jesus. Matthew contains five great addresses by Jesus: The Sermon on the Mount; his address to the seventy; parables on the Kingdom of Heaven; Jesus' discourse on humility, forgiveness, etc.; the warning against hypocrisy or pharissaism, his lament over Jerusalem and the parables of the judgment.

In Mark's Gospel, we find the parable of the Seed Growing Secretly and the miracles of the healing of the deaf and dumb man and of the blind man of Bethsaila, none of which is recorded in the other Gospels.

Luke records in more detail the birth and boyhood of Jesus. His Gospel alone gives the five great hymns, so beloved by the Church: Ave Maria or the Angel's Salutation to the Virgin Mary; the Magnificent or the Song of Mary; the Benedictus or the Song of Zacharias; the Gloria in Excelsis, or the Song of the Angels, and the Nunc Dimittis, or the Song of Simeon. Luke, who is believed to have been a Greek physician, is the writer who alone records all of the seven greatest events in the life of Jesus: his birth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, death, resurrection and ascension. About half of the entire Gospel is not given by either Mark or Matthew but space does not permit mentioning the many parables and incidents which Luke records.

From time to time, during the consideration of the lessons to follow, more information as to these Gospels will be given. Earnest students of the Bible will do well to follow closely the lessons for the next six months.