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METHODIST NEWS

Morning sermon subject: "The City of God's Love". At the evening service we will have our Christmas program. The youth will give a Christmas play "Christmas Comes To The Village". The Junior choir will sing two numbers "A Light In A Candle" and "Away In A Manger". A Christmas "Mass" will be shown just before the arrival of Santa Claus. Bring the children. Young and old alike will enjoy the program.

At either service Sunday you may turn in your checks for the offering. 450 "Your Children" in the Methodist Home are depending on you to make them an enjoyable Christmas by furnishing enough money to feed and clothe them for the year. Your Christmas gift should mean food, clothing, warmth: Yes, and Love, to them for a whole year. Could you expect a Christmas gift to do more. By the way, your gift will warm your heart, so Make your checks to the Methodist Church for the Methodist home.

The 3rd grade Brownies met Dec. 15th with Mrs. Cox and made Christmas cards for their mothers. The Brownies are pleased to have Mrs. Cox work with them.

Those making perfect in reading in Mrs. Conger's room were: Ethel Simpson, Bonnie Lightner, Mack Tubb, Peggy Burkett, Ronnie Joe Middleton, Billy Ward, Gene Sherrill, Lloyd Ward, Truene Blair, Danny Shaw, Jack Locks, Charles Ray, Bolch, Pat Locks, Wayne Shaw, Leon Childress, Wayne Veach, Jerry Simpson.

Mrs. Betty Terry and Raymond had as their guest their son and brother, Bailey Terry, also M. J. Shaffer and Charles Minchey all of Leonard. They also visited the Rex Marshalls of Friona and the Jamie Browns in Mesquite.

The Girl Scouts met Dec. 9th a regular meeting. The Christmas party will be with Roddy Jean Pitts on Dec. 23rd. The chairman for the Dec. 16th meeting will be Kay Platt.

BERRY FLAT NEWS

Perry Flat
Mr and Mrs. Houthouse of Portales N M are visiting her mother Mrs. R I Rains.

Mr and Mrs. Ledbetter and Mr and Mrs. Dick Simpson attended a wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs. Wright at Levelland Sunday. Mrs. W W Stagg and children visited in Lamesa Saturday. Matt Farmer is on the sick list this week.

The Berry Flat P T A meeting was well attended Wednesday night and the members discussed the Christmas tree and program.

Mr and Mrs. Tom Cashion and baby of Coolidge, Ariz and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKeel have returned home from Bogata where they helped to celebrate the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs. M G Leverett, parents of Mrs. Cashion and Mrs. McKeel.

Mrs. Floyd B Myers, who underwent an operation in a Raton, N M. hospital is doing nicely. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Harvey McKeel.

Cub Scouts Den four met with Mrs. S F Johnson last week. A new member joined the group. Tommy Franklin. Those attending were Marshall Barton, Tommy Todd, Tommy Franklin, Avery Doss, Billy Ratliff, Dan Sealy and Cleon Eason.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of thanking my friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown me during my recent illness. Again, a million thanks. Mrs. Jim Gillespie

Mr and Mrs. Calvin Fritz and son visited Mrs. Fritz's mother at Brownwood, who is ill.

Rites Saturday for Pfc Snider at Tahoka

Re-burial services for Pfc. Billy L. Snider, who was killed March 15, 1945 while with the U. S. Army at Ittenbach, Germany, were held in the Stanley Funeral home chapel at 2 p. m. Saturday. Rev. C. T. Aly, pastor of the First Baptist church of Tahoka, officiated. Burial was in the memorial plot of the Tahoka cemetery with a graveside service by the American Legion. Snider was born Feb. 7, 1926 and entered the Army March 29, 1944. Survivors are the widow, and a daughter, Linda, of Big Spring; the parents, Mr and Mrs. T G Snider of Rt. 3, O'Donnell; a sister, Mrs. Oleta Prieor of Amarillo, and three brothers: Dr. J. D. of Slaton, Alton of O'Donnell and Marion of Andrews.

WELLS CLUB NEWS

Mrs. Joe McLaurin and Mrs. Buster Phipps were co-hostesses to the Wells H. D Club Christmas party in the McLaurin home Dec. 7th. The living room was decorated with mistletoe candles and Christmas lights. The group played games and sang carols. The occasion was enjoyed by fifteen club members and visitors. Each brought a gift. The gifts were numbered and a corresponding number was placed in a toy balloon with instructions to inflate the balloon until it burst. The number the guests found was the number of her gift.

Refreshments of sandwiches, red and green lemonade and red and green pop corn balls were served to Mesdames: W. O. Barnes, R A Webb, R G Grogan, W J Jordan, T B Barton, Nell Mills, Grace Webb, Hulon Bolch, Andrew Jordan, Marvin Ratliff, Nola Bolch, Misses Myrtle and Ina Ledbetter and the hostesses. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. T B Barton Jan 4.

FOR SALE Good 17 jewel Elgin watch. See Bill Autry at Wiese.

Harmony News

William Blair, W W Blair and Jess Tisdale spent Sunday at Lovington, N M.

Mr and Mrs. Lemuel Baker and daughter, Earl Walker, Marvin Walker and Mrs. Florence Walker visited Mr and Mrs. Bob Long and family Sunday night.

Mr and Mrs. Jess Gillespie and family spent Sunday with Bro Hale and family.

Don A Platt spent Sunday night with Phil Hardburger.

A A Gillespie is back in the hospital. Mrs. Pat Sandifer was taken to the hospital Saturday. We wish them a speedy recovery.

T B Franklin is sporting a new Buick.

Mrs Chiles Laid To Rest Christmas Lights Are

Mrs. J L Chiles, age 61 and a resident of the Grandview community for 15 years, died at about 6 a. m. Dec 7th in a Lubbock hospital where she had been receiving treatment for leukemia.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday in the First Baptist church in Lamesa with Paul McClung, minister of the Lamesa Church of Christ, officiating. Interment followed in the Lamesa Cemetery under the direction of the Higginbotham Funeral home there.

Survivors include her father, C W Lord of O'Donnell; two sons, Doyle and Carlos Chiles of O'Donnell, one sister, Mrs. M E Greenlee of O'Donnell; six brothers, Jersel Lord of O'Donnell, W W Lord of El Paso, W N and Preston Lord of Los Angeles, L C Lord of Lynnwood, Calif, and L L Lord of the U. S. Army and three grandchildren.

Mr and Mrs. C R Burleson and son spent the week end in Levelland.

Miss Gene Fralin of Lubbock visited in O'Donnell Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. Ed Edwards visited in Slaton Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. T M Pearce and daughter, Emmalee and Mrs. Cecil Pearce and children visited in Mertzon over the week end.

Miss Ann Morrison of Seminole visited Mr and Mrs. Clyde Frost over the week end.

Pvt Bobby Proctor is home on furlough from Ft. Ord, Calif.

Mr and Mrs. Shorty Vestal of Plainview visited Mr and Mrs. J Barnes over the week end.

Mr and Mrs. H J Land visited relatives in Lamesa Sunday.

Mrs. Hal Singleton Sr spent the week end with Mrs. J M Singleton at Tahoka.

Bill Taylor is in a Lamesa hospital with a broken wrist and other injuries as the result of an accident Saturday afternoon. In trying to close the car door while the car was in motion, the accident occurred.

Mrs. E. Clemage and Mrs. Louis Hochman and family visited in Lamesa Sunday.

Mrs. Hal Singleton Sr and Mrs. Sam Singleton visited in Lubbock Thursday.

The G A Girls of the Baptist Church met Monday afternoon with their sponsors for their Christmas party.

Mrs. J L Adams and son, J. of Levelland returned home after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E T Wells.

E. T. Wells attended the funeral Saturday at Abilene of George W. Murfee, district manager of Higginbotham Lumber Co. He and Mr. Wells were close personal friends.

Mrs. Buck Ellis visited her mother at Amarillo last week.

Mr and Mrs. H L Wood visited Mr. Wood's brother at Tahoka Sunday.

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B K Cooley suffered a painful accident one day last week while working on his windmill. He suffered a fractured rib and pulled muscles.

BRIDE IS HONORED
Mrs. S. M. Minton and Mrs. C L Tomlinson were co hostesses with Mrs. S F Johnson at a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Johnson honoring Mrs. Edward Moore, the former Miss Hazel Shumake. The rooms were decorated with Christmas lights and flowers. The guests were served punch and cookies with Christmas mints from a punch bowl banked with flowers and holly.

Miss Hazel Swinney sang "Santa Is Coming To Town" after which Santa bounced in with his loaded pack; after greeting the guests he left a beautiful assortment of gifts for Mrs. Moore. About sixty guests registered or sent gifts.

Mr and Mrs. Bill Barnes are the proud parents of a fine 9 lb 12 oz baby boy born last Wednesday at a Lamesa hospital.

Mr and Mrs. J W Singleton are the proud parents of a baby girl born in a Lamesa hospital last Wednesday.

J D Reddell of Munday passed away last week; his aunt Mr and Mrs. T M Pearce attended the funeral.

1 per cent discount on State and County Taxes if paid in December. Frank McGlaun, Jr. Lynn C. Tax Collector

FOR SALE: 100 acres Higari bundles; good bundles and good grain 8 c bundle. Hy Conrad rt. 2

LOST or strayed: Male Polen China hog weighing about 225.

Reward, J T Middleton, Sr.

For Sale: Farmall Tractor with all equipment; one two row slide. See Clarence Daniel 2tp

Will make your belts, buckles, buttons, eyelets and button holes at my home 2 blocks north of Fritz Station. Mrs. Oscar Telchik 4tp

A fine Selection of Watches, Rings, Leather Purses, Billfolds Belts and many other Gifts Items.

Orders taken to your Measurements for M L Leddy hand made boots "Best shoe repairs in Town"

JOLLY SHOE SHOP

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ERECTED

This week for the first time in a number of years, O'Donnell has Christmas lights strung across the streets of the business section. The business men made up a "kitty" of \$297 and the Fire Department assembled and erected the lights. James Crumley supervised the job. The Index commends those taking part in this worthwhile project.

THIS WEEK'S PAPER

has been cut short to make room for our annual Christmas edition next week. Santa letters will appear then.

Delight those from 8 to 80 with a Glub Glub dring duck at H. and S. Auto and Home Supply.

INCOME TAX RETURNS Efficient, Confidential S. M. CLAYTON, JR.

Christmas tree lights and decorations at H and S.

MESQUITE NEWS

W A Telchik spent Sunday with Jim Mac Burkett

Patsy Bradshaw was on the sick list last week but is back in school this week

Mr and Mrs. Boots Turner visited Mr and Mrs. Edgar Telchik Sunday

H. and S. is Headquarters for all Christmas Gifts. Shop early

Mr and Mrs. Garland Doyle have moved into their new home.

Nancy Nance spent Sunday with Margaret Bradshaw

Mr and Mrs. J E Nance and family spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. W L Knight of Tahoka

Mr and Mrs. Oscar Telchik and Nancy visited in Wingate Sunday

Nancy Ellen Telchik was operated on for appendicitis last Tuesday

Mr and Mrs. Adolph Telchik are the proud parents of a 7 lb 2 oz baby son born Dec. 13 at a Lamesa hospital; he has been named Kenneth Wayne.

Place your order now for a deluxe model Doodlebug motor scooter at H. and S. Auto and Home Supply. Ask a man who has one; 100 miles gal. of gas

AUCTION SALE!

4 miles west O'Donnell on Wells Road R. L. STOKES, OWNER

THURSDAY, DEC. 16 at 1:30 P. M.

The following will be sold to the highest bidder:

1 - 1948 M - M TRACTOR 4 row equipment, Cultivator and planter; never used, Butane motor

1 1941 M - M Tractor butane motor, 4 row equipment cultivator and planter

1 3 row Stalk Cutter

1 2 row Stalk Cutter

1 2 row John Deere Cotton Stripper with equipment for M - M Tractor

Cotton Pickers Heaters

1 4 wheel trailer

1 2 wheel Stock Trailer

Extra Set of dual tires and rims for M - M Tractors

Twin City Knifing Cuff with discs and plows

1 nice little milk cow and calf, first calf, good one

1 kitchen cabinet, 1 butane stove, 1 kid saddle, 1 cream separator, 3 sets markers, and many other items.

Anyone having anything to sell bring it over and we will be glad to handle it at regular commission.

Col. Houston Glasson, Auctioneer

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING NICE FOR CHRISTMAS?

How About a Norge Refrigerator; Gas or Electric Cook Stove or an Electric Iron?

We have just received one car of sheetrock and 2 cars of cement. You can buy this sheetrock without having to buy anything else.

All kinds of building material, gas and butane heaters and all kinds of plumbing supplies and a good stock of paint.

Come to see us.

Cicero Smith

LUMBER COMPANY

Don Edwards, Mgr.

Men, see us For

The Many Useful and Beautiful GIFTS we have for

The Ladies and the Girls

May we Suggest ----

Nice Luggage Sets

Lingue of famous name brands

Hose in all sizes and shades

All Colors of Headscracs

Blouses; DRESSES; SUITS; COATS; SHOES

And Many Other Items... We Gift Wrap

Thompson's Toggery



Appliance, Department and Furniture Stores Have Electrical Gifts Available Now!

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY
JAMES CRUMLEY, Manager

- As displayed above —
- Floor lamps
 - Electric percolator
 - Electric coffee-maker set
 - Electric clock
 - Electric automatic toaster
 - Electric waffle iron
 - Electric mixer
 - Electric cooker
 - Electric blanket, heating pad and foot warmer
 - Portable radio

U. S. Cooling to Chiang Kai-shek; Russians Agree to Blockade Talks; Truman Wary on Deflation Prospect

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.

HOLE CARD: China's Missing?

With stakes terrifically high and the Communists having him beat showing, China's Chiang Kai-shek fingered the pasteborders for a look at his hole card. In a quick double-take, he looked again. Was it gone, or had it dwindled to a deuce?

That's the way poker players might have described the tense situation which faced beleaguered China and her generalissimo. The United States, China's only and all-powerful ally, appeared waning in ardor for the generalissimo's leadership. No less an authoritative U. S. foreign-policy spokesman than Senator Tom Connally (D., Tex.), who will head the senate foreign relations committee in the 81st congress, had spoken.

PUTTING IT BLUNTLY, Senator Connally had said, in effect, that China generally, and Chiang Kai-shek especially, should have done more to help themselves in the battle against Chinese Communist forces before pressing an l1th-hour appeal for American aid.

The senator emphasized his viewpoint: He stated that the visit of Madame Chiang Kai-shek to the United States was "not by invitation of the United States government." He made it clear that Madame Chiang was "just a protagonist of the Chinese government."

WOE PILED UPON WOE for the Chinese. Coincident with Senator Connally's statement, press services carried the following despatch from New Orleans: "William McChesney Martin, president of the U. S. Export-Import bank, said the bank would not even consider a loan now to Nationalist China. He said the Export-Import bank does not have on hand as much money as China probably will want, and that China is a 'poor business risk'."

Why was Connally giving the back of his hand to the generalissimo? Hear the senator: "Chiang is a generalissimo except that he doesn't go out and generalize. . . . If he took command of one of his armies in the field, he would do more to revive the morale of his people than anything else."

The Texas was but voicing publicly what other administration officials have been saying privately—that they are not too keen about Madame Chiang's all-out propaganda drive to divert more money and materials to China, possibly at the expense of the Marshall-plan countries. Connally summed up by saying that he was not prepared at this time to pass any opinion on increasing the aid to China, but added, "I am not in favor of sending combat troops to China."

MEANWHILE, CHIANG'S Suchow garrison was under orders to sally forth in an effort to save Nanking and rescue an entire army group trapped by the rampaging Communists—but gave no indication of heeding the call. The fate of the frightened capital depended on the ability, or willingness, of the 250,000-man Suchow force to quit its fortress 211 miles northwest of Nanking.

While the garrison was deliberating its next move, latest battle-front dispatches said the government's 12th army group, totaling about 140,000 men, was encircled by Communists 67 miles south of Suchow and 145 miles northwest of Nanking. Little defense remained on the route to Nanking.

BERLIN: Blockade Talks Set

Hope for an early end to the Berlin blockade flared upward. Russia had accepted a new formula by the neutral nations of the U. N. Security Council for mediating the Big Four deadlock on the German capital issue.

Juan A. Bramuglia, Argentine foreign minister, announced that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky had agreed to the plan at a meeting with him. It called for the naming of a "neutral" commission of currency experts.

BASIS for the resurgence of hope that the issue could be amicably resolved was a statement by U. S. Senator Connally that he believed the Russian land blockade of Berlin "would be lifted soon."

Senator Connally told a news conference that "there is bound to be a way out" of the deadlock over Berlin. He said the argument over the circulation of Russian currency in Berlin does not justify the cost

Red Mayor



German Communists named Fritz Ebert, son of the late President Friedrich Ebert of the Weimar republic, as mayor of Berlin at a frenetic outdoor rally before Berlin university. The "rump" city assembly, attended only by Communists, voted for the immediate resignation of the acting mayor, Ferdinand Friedensburg.

of the air lift supplying the city, and does not "relieve us of any threats of conflict." He insisted on joint control of any currency distributed in Berlin.

The United States, France and Britain gave approval in principle to the Bramuglia proposal. Bramuglia stated he hoped for immediate formal acceptance by the three western powers and saw a possibility for the new mediation effort to get results.

THE NEW FORMULA of the "neutrals"—China, Colombia, Syria, Canada, Argentina and Belgium—was aimed at meeting western objections to talks on the currency issue under the threat of the Soviet blockade of Berlin. It was also known to contain provisions for a commission of experts to try to unravel the Berlin currency problem in consultation with the Big Four's own experts.

The plan would recommend a complete and final lifting of the Berlin blockade at the same time the Soviet-zone mark is introduced in Berlin as the sole currency.

The four powers agreed on the use of the Soviet mark August 30, but became entangled in a dispute over when the measure should take effect and what kind of currency controls should be established.

DEFLATION: Truman on Lookout

Like the horseman who galloped off in all directions, President Truman is sprinting both to and fro in the vexatious price control rise.

Just as the administration was girding to battle mounting living costs, prices sagged and now its economic experts are debating the need to don armor against deflation. Most economic policy-makers believe inflationary forces still dominate the national scene—but some of them feel these forces are just about spent.

ONE TOP-LEVEL fiscal official declared, "inflationary pressures still outweigh the deflationary forces. But they aren't as great as they were a few months ago."

Inflationary pressures have subsided somewhat in recent weeks, but many government economists have adopted a "wait and see" policy. They want to know, first, how much President Truman will ask for "cold war" spending.

The cost of living is one of the important economic barometers indicating at least a temporary slackening of inflationary pressures. As measured by the bureau of labor statistics, living costs dropped slightly between mid-October and mid-November for the first time in seven months. And department store sales have been below their usual pre-Christmas levels.

However, economists point out that heavy spending for the armed services could quickly change the picture. They expect President Truman's 15 billion dollar ceiling on defense spending to be boosted, and military aid for China and lend-lease arms for western European governments, they add, could swell the cost of foreign aid.

THAT KIND OF SPENDING economists point out, puts more money in circulation and reinforces inflationary pressures by bidding up the price of labor and scarce material.

HOUSING: Realtors Critical

State socialism was the goal seen by the National Association of Real Estate Boards for the promoters of public housing.

A pamphlet published by the board's legislative committee charged a "clever propaganda campaign" about housing has been developed by a coalition of planners, socialists and radicals.

"The objective of this powerful coalition is simple," the pamphlet continued, "state socialism with all its dangerous implications. Control of housing is their first and logical step."

THE PAMPHLET, entitled "The world owes me a living," appeared to be an attack on public housing features of the Taft-Eliender-Wagner bill. President Truman is committed to ask congress in January to revive and enact this measure.

The bill failed to pass in the 80th congress. It would lay down a long-range housing program, including incentives for private industry, and federal subsidies for construction of 500,000 units of low-rent housing.

The real estate group pointed out that many people think meat costs too much. Yet few of them, the pamphlet added, would propose that the government go into the meat business.

YET, ALL OBSERVERS of the situation were agreed that no answer would be forthcoming to the continuing and aggravating national housing shortage until more rental units were constructed.

NO MONEY: No Draftee

Army draft calls for January and February were reduced more than two-thirds when military officials realized this was necessary if limits on defense spending fixed by Mr. Truman were to be observed.

THE JANUARY QUOTA was cut from 20,000 to 10,000 and the February call, which had been set to take 25,000 to 30,000 men, was lowered to 5,000.

The army stated simply that the proposed budget for next year isn't big enough to build the 900,000-man army authorized by congress.

The armed forces had asked for 23 billion dollars for the fiscal year beginning July 1. President Truman set a 15 billion dollar ceiling on defense spending.

Of this total, 600 million dollars must be spent on stockpiling strategic raw material. The balance of \$14,400,000,000 will be split among the armed forces, with the army expected to get about 5 billion dollars.

BECAUSE OF THAT, the army figures it will have to limit its strength to 677,000 officers and men. This is 223,000 (24.8 per cent) under the 900,000 authorized by congress last summer.

Army officials saw in the budget difficulty probability of sharp reductions in later draft calls, too. Instead of some 225,000 or 250,001 men marching off to the colors this fiscal year ending June 30, prospects were that the total would be but a fraction of either of those two figures.

Embattled China



Map shows how U. S. marine reinforcements from Guam (lower right) were moved to Tsingtao (1), American evacuation center. Safe conduct for evacuating Americans was considered imperative as the desperate battle for Suchow between Chinese Reds and Chinese Nationalists went into its final phase. Suchow (2) is the hot spot of China.

WARNING: Doctors Must Offer

It's up to the nation's doctors themselves whether they'll be drafted. Physicians attending the interim session of the American Medical Association in St. Louis were warned they must volunteer in sufficient numbers or face a special draft.

Dr. James C. Sargent, chairman of the AMA council on emergency medical service, said "many doctors are going into uniform in the months ahead—make no mistake about that." Sargent said a special draft would be undesirable, but that it may have to come. "We must provide adequate medical care for our fighting men," he said.

HUNGRY FED: U. S. Great Sharer

America's millions shared with the hungry of the world in record amount during the past crop year, and yet managed to feed themselves better than in all their previous history.

Exports during the crop year ended July 1 totaled 19,347,000 long tons. This is the largest quantity of food ever shipped by any country in a single year. It topped American exports of the previous crop year by 187,000 tons.

Washington Digest Christmas This Year Finds World Still Without Peace

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WASHINGTON. — I've been looking over old Christmas cards!

Christmas, 1945! The message I sent you that Christmas came from amidst the rubble and the ruin of shattered Nuernberg where I experienced the saddest Holy Day season of my memory. It was spent with the ugly symbols of "man's inhumanity to man" all about me, the bitter negation of our Saviour's teachings.

I was in uniform, the uniform of a non-combatant correspondent but I felt unhappy in it, though I had dreamed of wearing what we called "olive drab" in 1918, once again. My "assimilated rank" was undervalued. Young men had fought, survived or fallen, finishing a job that I and my generation in high-necked "blouses" and wrapped leggings had only started.



BAUKHAGE

On that day, Christmas, 1945, I wrote:

"I was as homesick as any young soldier in a lonely outpost with the threat of battle about him. I pictured my own hearthside, my wife and the others about the happy tree, my own tinselled packages unopened and my empty hands reaching out for them vainly over the oceans too wide to span."

Everywhere I looked that cold, damp day I saw, not war, but something more tragically eloquent—stunned, cramped souls in pinched bodies, hurrying amidst the wreckage of a city which had seen the blossoming of art and handicraft in stone and canvas and parchment which had enriched the world for centuries.

Now—1945—what is Nuernberg? Seat of the trial of Nazi war criminals.

That was my Christmas, 1945! Christmas, 1946!

"The second one in seven years when one could really talk about 'peace on earth' without shamed and downcast eyes." That's what I wrote in this column then and I went on:

"While armies struggled who could think of the message to the shepherds from the angel's chorus promising peace on earth for all men of good will."

There was, indeed, much to be thankful for and much to be hopeful about on Christmas, 1946.

Then came—Christmas, 1947!

I was far away from fields whitened with snow. No bright red of the holly berry. Instead, the burning hibiscus and beyond it the feathery tops of the Royal palms.

The day started not with the creak of shoes over the frozen snow or a wind which "checked mid-vein, the circling race of life-blood to the sharpening face," but with the soft lap of water against the prow of our little boat which lulled me to lazy reminiscence.

We slipped along the river and into the inlet. High above coursed a flock of graceful, never-lighting, man-of-war "frigate" birds. To see them so far inland, said my nature-wise companion, meant a rough ocean. These tireless creatures, it seems, prefer to hunt in the ocean unless the white-caps are breaking too wildly.

Out sweeps a fish-hawk. In close pursuit, an eagle, who prefers a pilfered meal to one he must work for. The fish-hawk darts ahead, holding his dinner in his bill. The eagle sweeps down but the kingfisher banks and turns sharply. The big bomber must make a wide circle before it can change its direction. On the straight course he gains but loses again at each turn.

This goes on until finally the eagle, disgusted, gives up the chase and the kingfisher fades, fat meal in mouth, to a tiny spot in the sky. The man-of-war come back, high above us, even at this distance, with their seven- to eight-foot wing spread. There is poetry of motion! They

are gone and my eyes drop to the rushes. A tranquil water turkey!

We slow down and pull in toward the shore, close to an island swamp, its edges laced thick with mangroves, whose mysterious plants whose grim brown fingers clutch deep into the water as if they sought some invisible and ghoul-like enemy in the depth of the water. Low tide leaves them skeleton bare. The sun and part of the sky is overcast but the rest is robins-egg blue and the water about it is tinted lilac.

Trout begin to bite. And the snook! We are very busy for a while. Then the fish begin to elude me so I take up the camera. A stubborn crane lures us on but always manages to hide behind the mangroves out of focus. One more cast! A fine, fat trout—and it's time to go in.

We push back through the twilight. Into the truck and we bounce back to a gay little tree with the familiar decorations on its branches—branches which never knew the kiss of a snowflake, although the spot where I cut the pine tree the day before, a sandy flat, shone as white in the sunlight as a snowbank in Maine. (A photograph could fool you.)

People Await Peace on Earth

My thoughts weren't on the news that Christmas a year ago, but as I look back over what David Wills (who was broadcasting in my place) said, I read this line:

"The collapse of the London conference of foreign ministers is a tangible result of the mistrust pervading the world," broadcast Wills, "for the conference adjourned without having taken those essential and decisive steps along the road to peace for which the people of the earth are waiting in anguish."

The aftermath of that collapse is still with us and the path which the nations have trod since has led us to an "uncertain" peace at best.

On Christmas eve a year ago the pope, delivering his annual message from the Vatican, spoke of a Europe "shivering and feverish from economic difficulties and social chaos." He talked about "the lie" "The deliberate lie," he said sadly had become an established weapon of international relations.

The lie of "garbled word or fact," part and parcel of the modern technique in the art of forming public opinion or controlling it and of making it serve the political ends of those bent on winning at any cost the battle of ideologies.

That was a not-too-happy Christmas for all the world (despite my selfish pleasures and perhaps yours, too) but, if the past year has not greatly changed that picture, it has changed it a little for the better.

It has given us some satisfaction to know that one idealistic concept has materialized. We have successfully prevented the spread of the powers against which the Christian world has been struggling. The Marshall plan, so far, has been a success.

Between last Christmas and this we saw Russia's cold war offensive stopped. Stopped at the Adriatic, stopped along the Seine, stopped in the low countries. Within that time the theory of an economic campaign moved from an idea to a blueprint, to the active and effective European cooperation administration, an efficient business organization headed by an efficient businessman, Paul Hoffman.

That is America's Christmas gift to humanity.



Two of the world's architects for peace, President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall, were the chief figures in the launching and implementation of the Marshall plan to aid Europe and curtail Communism. It was America's Christmas gift to the world in 1948.

The Cross Triumphant

Church Operates Underground in Russia

Millions of Christians are worshipping God in Russia despite Soviet opposition. The Rev. Kurt Szkalia, who recently visited Moscow in disguise, said that during his travels through Russia he discovered that Christians of all faiths, opposed to what he called the Moscow orthodox church, have formed a "cave church."

They are active, he said, in the western part of the Soviet union, particularly along the Don and the Dnieper rivers. He said the underground church has millions of followers, but he does not believe the time ripe to reveal details concerning the movement. Its leaders, he said, are being vigorously prosecuted by Soviet authorities.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

- The Questions
1. How many different kinds of birds are there?
 2. Who invented bifocals?
 3. How many words are there in the English language?
 4. How many teen-age girls lipstick?
 5. How many ships in the world have been damaged by World War II mines since the end of the war?
 6. What kind of electricity does an electric eel generate?
 7. How much perspiration does a person give off in a day?
 8. How fast does a toy top spin when you spin it?

The Answers

1. More than 14,000.
2. Benjamin Franklin.
3. More than 700,000.
4. Ninety-nine per cent of teen-age girls use it.
5. Two hundred and fifty.
6. An electric eel generates a terminal direct current.
7. From 25 to 70 ounces. Drinking very hot weather, even more.
8. A thousand times a minute at the top of its spin.

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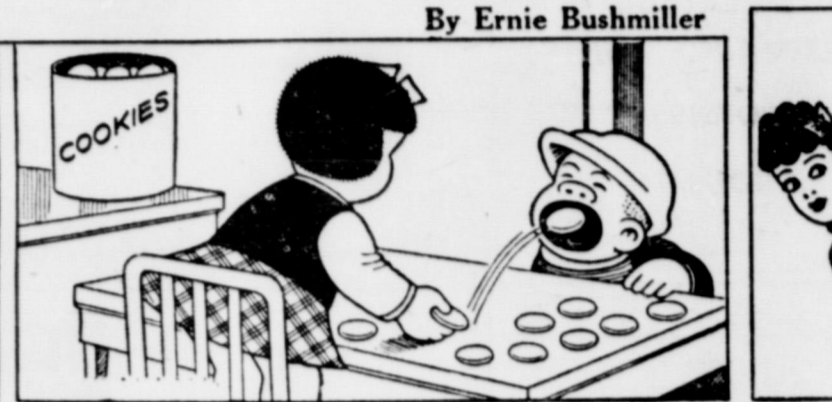


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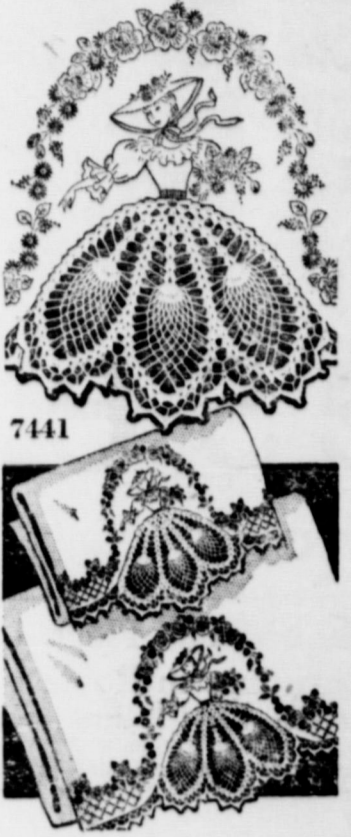
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 But Henry Ford had the grain of an idea and the courage to see it through. America was a nation that encouraged such things. With an original investment of \$28,000, he put the nation literally on wheels. Mass production was brought into its own, and costs came down. Ford wanted to make only a small profit on each car, and this sold millions of them. Competitors had to offer good values, too.

Jobs and Payrolls
 Tin Lizzie and her imitators called for roads. Dozens of new industries came into being, in the building of roads. Our highways would circle the globe 41 times. Lizzie and the others had a thirst for gasoline. America's petroleum industry grew enormously. Filling stations had to quench that thirst. All these things made jobs. America became an industrial power, with this Ford-inspired motive power all the while adding to her efficiency and activity.

This new mass production created great industrial empires; mines for coal and iron, rubber plantations, timberlands and saw mills, hydro-electric works, chemicals, glass, textiles. The result was more and more jobs, bigger and bigger payrolls, more and more goods and products that people wanted. Then, with our cars we became a touring nation. All our states became neighbors. We came to know the face of America, the beautiful.

Plowed-Back Earnings
 Out of that \$28,000 and his idea, Ford developed a great industrial empire, with factories and assembly plants and branch offices. Yet, aside from the factories and the equipment that he owned, Henry Ford probably never owned more than 2 per cent of the wealth that he created. He was called a billionaire, but he counted his resources in buildings and machinery, not in money.

Ford was free to plow back his earnings into an industrial empire that created jobs and produced wealth, mostly for other people. There were no personal income taxes to penalize individual effort. In fact, corporation taxes did not begin until Ford's industry was five years old, and then the tax was only 1 per cent. It did not exceed 13 per cent any year until 1932. Today, taxes are a multi-million dollar item on many a company's books.

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JOHNNY WAS WRONG

By DONALD HUNTER

He had placed his teacher up on a pedestal because she was "different"...

JOHNNY was as quiet as an empty classroom in Mrs. Morner's class...

love ties to his mother had been broken off one by one by her absent-minded attention...

He had to know how she felt. But he couldn't ask. He could feel that lump in his throat...

She laid her papers aside to smile at their giggling, excited chatter. Maybe he had been wrong...

He knew about flowers, too! His mother's flower beds—her constant talk about them...

are. You're here for punishment—not reward!

"Punishment, not reward!—Punishment, not reward!" The words settled from bright lightning flashes...

Even the girls felt it, and excused themselves quietly, leaving the room so he didn't hear.

But he was bad. And he was wrong. He didn't need any defenses now. Those love ties were broken...

There was a faint stir of his old, dying feelings. How could he tell her how he felt about her?

"That's all, Johnny," she said at three-thirty. "You may go now."

"Don't worry!" he said. He did smile at her soft tones. He wondered if the pleasant smile was a part of her punishment and reward...

"But you're wrong, Johnny!" he told himself as he closed the school room door behind him...

"You're wrong, Johnny!" His heels punched sharp, ominous sounds in the empty vastness as he walked down the hall.

"You're wrong, Johnny!" he told himself again. And all the rest of his life he kept telling himself he was wrong...

One!

TEEN QUEENS

How many queens have you crowned in your high school this season? In Oklahoma high schools every society and organization...

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WOMAN'S WORLD Simple Holiday Decorations May Still Reflect Yule Spirit

By Erta Haley

CHRISTMAS and New Year's may be the most important holidays of the year, and the former is especially hard on the purse...

In many homes, this is the time for nativity figures to come out of their white tissue paper wrappings...

Another traditional decoration for many a holiday table is the frosted gingerbread house set on a blanket of white cotton.

If you're looking for something that can be made out of a scrap of cardboard or two, a few sprays of holly, a candle and length of ribbon...

A simple but effective decoration for the table consists of a yard and three-quarters of six-inch red satin ribbon, a fat white candle and some holly.

Yellow silk fringe may be used for the hair and lace paper doilies for the collars. If you wish, add some cotton clouds to the top sides of the mirror and a few paste-on stars.

If you like to put on welcome signs on the outside of the door, you might like to try some red quilted cotton mittens, fringed with white cotton.

Double cornucopias on the door are decorative and get away from wreaths and sprays of greenery with bells on them.

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Chinese evergreen leaves set in water may be used with ivy and pepperonia with red berries to add color. Use a shallow round bowl for this arrangement.

Magnolia leaves, if they are available to you, may be shellacked and used without water. Arrange them on the table with sprigs of cedar and then make an arrangement of large cones, red, silver, blue and green ornaments against the greens.

If your black velvet skirt needs a bit of refreshing, wrap scotch tape around a glass and run this over the material.

Now that rich fabrics are back, look for much manipulation of the material itself, especially in evening wear. Taffeta and other crisp fabrics lend themselves to shirring and ever so many types of puff drapes.

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what he thought of her. She was the kind of lady the knights of King Arthur used to risk their lives for—she was the greatest lady of them all.

But when she finally spoke his name, it was so softly that he turned around to see who else was named Johnny.

She didn't try to hurry his speech, didn't excite him—and he could answer her almost without a halt.

He came out of his dream, with a sharp voice in his ear.

"Johnny!" It was her voice. He felt his stomach jerk up in a tight knot beneath his chest—pressing—so he could hardly breathe.

"You'll stay after school tonight, young man!" she said.

The empty room that night gave him mind space to wonder. He tried to force his eyes and attention to his history book, but only his eyes were there.

Johnny's father was dead, and the

there. They were all talking about flowers.

He plunged desperately toward his answer, without thinking. He knew thought brought fear.

"Da—Dah—Dahlia," he began, "and—zinnias—"

His voice was cracked, sharp. It scared him in the sudden silence of the room.

He stopped. His throat was closed. There was not a pinpoint of welcome.

That will do for you, young man!" Her voice was hard, but no longer strange.

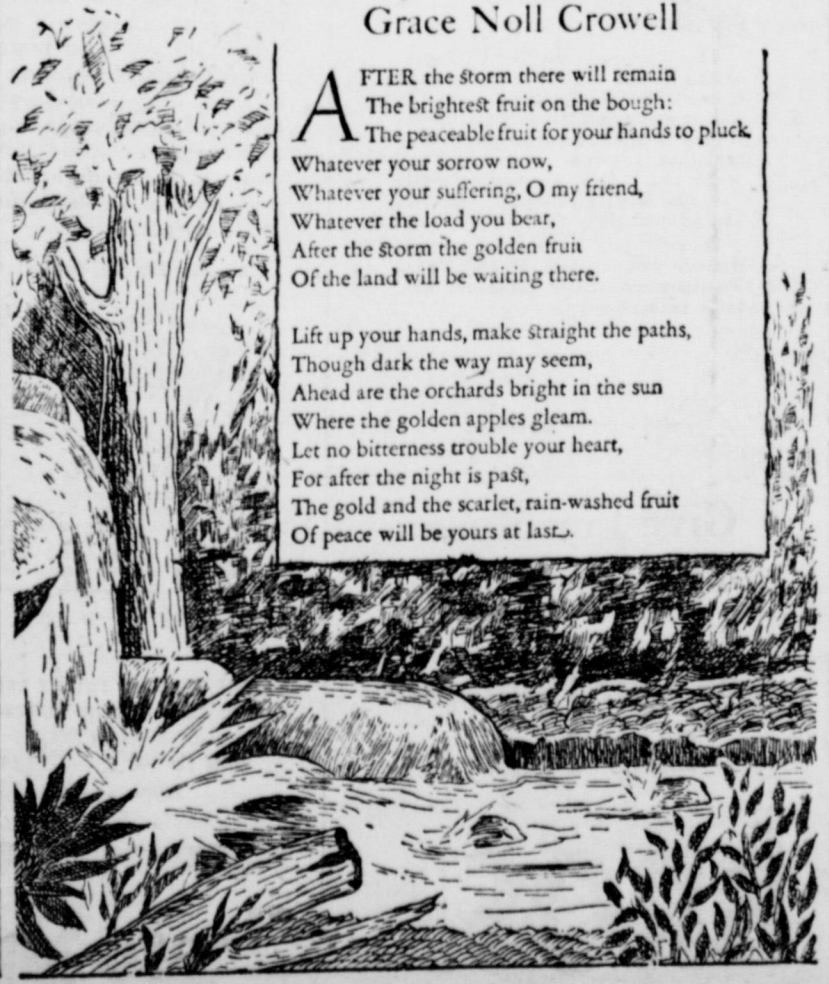
The Peaceable Fruit

Grace Noll Crowell

AFTER the storm there will remain The brightest fruit on the bough: The peaceable fruit for your hands to pluck.

Lift up your hands, make straight the paths, Though dark the way may seem, Ahead are the orchards bright in the sun Where the golden apples gleam.

Let no bitterness trouble your heart, For after the night is past, The gold and the scarlet, rain-washed fruit Of peace will be yours at last.



Tricks for Teens

by NANCY PEPPER

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Refreshments, a thin sandwich and two olives, had just been served at the town dance in the hill country.

"Is your program filled?" asked a local Romeo of a hillbilly belle when the dancing was resumed.

The night was dark and the hour was late as a solitary wayfarer passed along the deserted street.

Three to one is powerful odds, but the wayfarer held his own. One by one his assailants landed with a thud on the ground, battered and bruised, their clothing torn.

"Fine work!" he said, addressing the hero, who was calmly lighting a cigarette. "Ju-jitsu?"

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 "When a cow risks her neck to get grass on the other side of the fence," he declared, "she is showing good sense. She does this because the neighboring grass not only looks, but is greener. She is instinctively seeking grass from soil high in protein producing elements."
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fertility. Dr. Albrecht said. Declining soil fertility means a decline in the health of our livestock, our crops and ourselves.
 Dr. Albrecht warned that widespread loss of "life-giving elements" from the soil is becoming more serious.
 Rebuilding the soil's fertility strength so that it can produce crops with body building values, said Dr. Albrecht, depends on proper soil management. That includes liming, the growing of deep-rooted legumes regularly in the rotation, the use of phosphate and potash fertilizers and the return of barnyard manures and green manures to balance fertility losses through crop removals.
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 Other new developments along this line include the use of small hot water radiators which are connected to standard dairy water heaters, and



Arthur Miller of Union, Ill., admires the new heater recently installed in his milk house.
 the conversion of electric milk cooler compressors into heat pumps.
 Most farmers, however, are interested primarily in "spot heating"—that is warming only the specific places in which they happen to be working at the moment. This is a relatively simple job and can be done by placing heat lamps directly above or adjacent to the space to be warmed.

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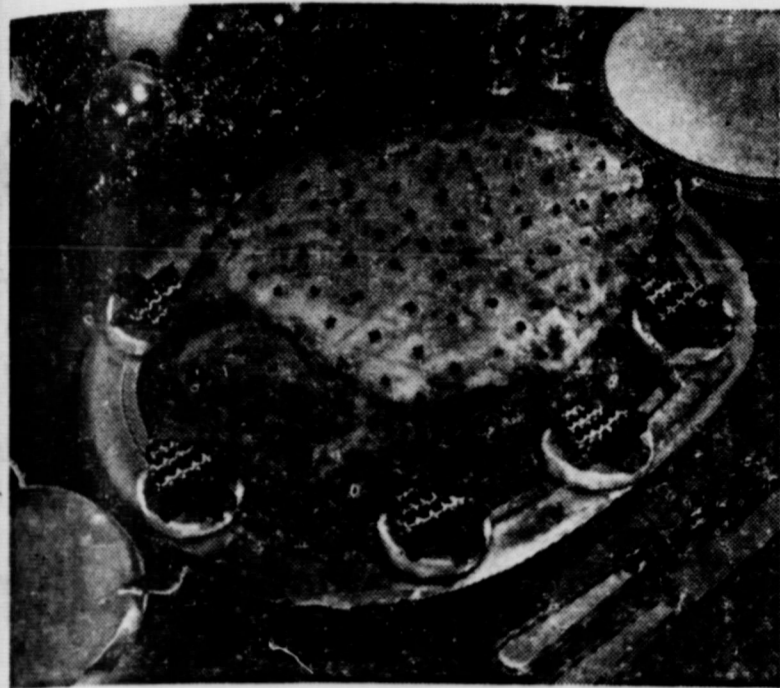
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS

by Lynn Chambers



Let Ham Grace the Yuletide Table
(See Recipes Below.)

Star Attraction

FROM YEAR to year we look forward to Christmas dinner as one of the most notable meals of the year. I've planned this year's menu with special care, with an eye to the delightful red and green color scheme, and particular consideration for the most taste-tempting recipes. You're certain to receive plenty of compliments on it!

Since the foods for the menu are star attractions, have the table setting as simple as possible.

START OFF the menu with a mouth-watering soup, so delicious from beginning to end, you'll want to serve it often. It doesn't take long to make, and the cooking time is short.

***Tomato Richard (Serves 6)**
6 cups tomato juice
1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup coarsely shredded carrot
1/2 cup thin sliced celery
1/2 cup shredded green pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon sugar
2 bay leaves
6 tablespoons real mayonnaise

Simmer tomato juice, vegetables and seasonings for 10 minutes. Remove bay leaves. Stir a little of the hot mixture into the mayonnaise. Then blend all together. Top with the following: Whip one-half cup of heavy cream and add to it one-quarter cup of real mayonnaise and sprinkle with chopped chives.

A HOLIDAY HAM is a wise investment in this season where there are plenty of sizable inroads on your budget; the ham will not only fill the bill for Christmas dinner but will also pad out other menus during the holiday weekend. The leftovers can be the base for a main dish gelatin mold to grace the buffet table; for a main dish salad; and the "final finale" can go into sandwich spreads for lunches during the Yuletide vacation.

Serve your ham, resplendent on your best platter, with a garnish of orange slices topped with cranberry Christmas trees. To make these, cut canned cranberry sauce, chilled to make sure it's firm, in one and one-third inch slices. Cut out a paper tree pattern and place on slice of sauce; carefully cut around pattern with point of knife. Place the tree on orange slices. Cream a small amount of milk with cream cheese; put through pastry tube on to trees in scallop pattern to resemble Christmas tree garlands.

***Baked Ham**
Place ham, fat side up, in an open roasting pan. Do not add water and do not cover. Do not baste. Bake in a slow (325° F.) oven, according to the time given below. If you have a meat thermometer, insert it through outside fat into center of thickest part of ham so that the bulb does not rest on bone or fat.

LYNN SAYS:
Use These Last Minute Tips for Christmas

If your plans include mincemeat tarts, use a small star-shaped cookie cutter on the top crust after rolling. Youngsters will enjoy this novel touch especially if you insert a small red candle in the cut-out when serving.
Sweet potatoes, mashed and seasoned with butter, brown sugar and chopped nuts are flavoursome. Bake in a casserole with a topping of marshmallows, if desired.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

- *Tomato Richard
- Crackers Assorted Relishes
- *Baked Ham Garnish
- *Sweet Potatoes and Apples
- Buttered Green Beans
- Fruit Salad Hot Rolls
- Plum Pudding *Sauce
- *Recipe Given.

Roasting Time Table (For Ham)

Oven temperature: 300° F.—325° F.	Thermometer Minutes Reading	Per Lb.
Ham, whole, uncooked	160° F.	18-20
Ready-to-eat	130° F.	10
Ham, half, uncooked	160° F.	22-25
Ready-to-eat	130° F.	10
6-8 lbs. Picnic (shldr.)	170° F.	30-35
Boneless Butt	170° F.	40-45

These times are given for ham at room temperature. If ham is just removed from refrigerator before starting, allow a little longer time.

One-half hour before cooking time is completed, remove ham from oven, peel off rind with sharp knife and score the fat surface. Place a whole clove in each section. Glaze with the following sauce:

- *Tabasco Orange Sauce
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup white corn syrup
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon tabasco sauce
- 1 cup orange sections

In a sauce pan, blend cornstarch, brown sugar and salt. Add water and mix until smooth; add corn syrup. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture boils. Remove from heat; stir in orange juice and tabasco sauce. Add orange sections and return to heat until sauce is hot. Serve with ham.

***Sweet Potatoes and Apples (Serves 6)**

Peel 6 medium-sized sweet potatoes and 4 medium-sized apples. Slice potatoes, slice and core apples. Place alternating layers of potatoes and apples in a greased casserole. Sprinkle with one-quarter cup brown sugar and three tablespoons butter. Pour one-quarter cup water or fruit juice over all. Bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for one hour or until potatoes are tender.

- *Plum Pudding Sauce
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 pint cream, whipped
- Flavoring

Mix well beaten eggs with sugar; add butter and cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cool, then fold in whipped cream. Flavor as desired. This is not only delicious on plum pudding but also on ice cream.

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If you're making pecan rolls for Christmas be sure to place a half candied cherry on top of each roll along with the nuts so the rolls will look more festive. When serving the rolls cold, sprinkle them with powdered sugar to make them look frosted.

Bring individual plum puddings to the table covered with sauce with a red or green cherry perched on top of each one.

Having muffins for the holidays? Drop in some dates and nuts to make them more delicious.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Christian Sunday School Lessons
By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-2:12; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 2:1-20
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Best News

Lesson for December 19, 1918

WHAT kind of news is good? Christians always have called the heart of their religion "Good News," for that is what "Gospel" means. We do not call it "Good Resolutions" or "Good Ideas" or even "Good Ideals." Just Good News. But what is good about it? It is a fair question to ask at Christmas time, for the story that Christmas brings is the beginning of the Gospel.



Dr. Foreman

News of Peace

ONE of the best kinds of news there is to learn that someone we thought was an enemy, is actually a friend. The end of misunderstanding, of estrangement—what a rush of warmth to the heart it brings!

That is the news of the first Christmas—that God is our friend. Christ did not come to assure men that there is a God. That was well known, indeed few doubted it. He did not even come to announce that there is but one God, for that was already known to the wisest sort of men. Neither did his coming unveil the God of justice. The Greeks and Romans, as well as the Jews, knew such a God only too well.

No wonder a Roman poet, looking about on the religions of his time, concluded that fear is the great god-maker. His notion was a mistake; but it was a natural one. For all the religions of the ancient world, even the religion of the Jew, were attempts to ward off the anger of offended gods.

The coming of Christ was to put an end to all that. This was more than a friendly gesture, it was an act of love. Those who have discovered God in Christ have found that God is not only our Maker but our heavenly Father and Friend. There is no better news!

News of a Gift

IT IS good news also when we hear of a legacy or gift of some sort, especially when it is something we could not have expected. And the story of Christmas is the news about God personally entering the life of man. It is God giving us himself. True, the world is full of the gifts of God.

In the Child of Bethlehem, in the Man he was to become, in the work he was to do, there was a new thing—the self-giving of God. That is one reason why Christmas means infinitely more to a Christian than to any one else.

For the non-Christian, the story of Christmas, for all its charm, is only another story of a child born to poverty, doomed to pain—another chapter in the long agony of man. For the Christian, the story of Christmas is the Good News of how God gives himself, for our sake.

News of Rescue

MANY Americans, caught in the war, starving behind electric fences for years on end, caught their first news of victory from seeing American planes roaring high overhead. No words were needed. It was news, good news, the news of rescue, of freedom.

So it is with man. Caught in the long war between good and evil, a prisoner in the enemy's country behind the high fences of frustration, plodding heavily through the freezing mire of barren sins, man despairs of strength or freedom.

To all mankind, to each one who will listen, the Christmas story is good news of rescue. A Child is born, but more... "a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

From a Far Country

IT IS good news when from a far country, until now dark and unknown, we learn that it is a land of friends who send us welcome across the miles. So the meaning of Christmas is good news from a far land, the land beyond what we call death. "Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (II Tim. 1:10).

As on the first Christmas, so ever since, the Gospel of God is not alone the good news of a God who loves and forgives and who brings us the victory, it is the news of God who stands at the end of our dark journey to welcome his children home.

Good news! The world has none to equal the news of Christmas.

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FIRST AID to the AILING HOUSE

by Roger C. Whitman

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QUESTION: I intend to put in a new cement walk in the gangway, and need to know the amount of sand, gravel and cement that I will need.

ANSWER: There is much more to be said about laying a sidewalk than the proper mixture of cement, etc. For complete information on laying concrete walks as well as proportions and amount of necessary material, ask the Portland Cement association, 33 West Grand avenue, Chicago, to send you a copy of their booklet on this subject.

QUESTION: We had planned to use a creosote stain on a white cedar rustic fence, but understand that this would be injurious to the adjacent shrubbery. What type of paint would you recommend?

ANSWER: As the cedar is resistant to deterioration, it will hardly be necessary to apply any kind of finish unless you have a special reason for doing so. A liquid wood preservative that can be brushed on could be used instead of the creosote, or else a good spar varnish.

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