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Avon Churches To Have Special Xmas Services

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Special Christmas Choral and Organ Service By
The Choir of the Union Congregational Church—Directed by Mr. W. E. Yates
Sunday, December 25th, at 11 A. M.

Organist—Mr. Ed Sterling, Tampa
Soloist—Mrs. Jane Butterfield, of Tampa.

Order of Service
Organ Prelude—Mr. Sterling
Organ Solo—"Hallelujah Chorus" (The Messiah) Handel

Mr. Sterling
Chorus—"We Three Kings" Choir
Invocation and the Lord's Prayer.

Hymn, No. 118—"O, Come All Ye Faithful" Congregation
Scripture Lesson—Luke 2, 1-19

Infant Baptism
Chorus—"And The Glory" (The Messiah) Handel Choir

The Pastoral Prayer—
Solo—"O Thou That Tellest" (The Messiah) Handel, Mrs. Butterfield.

Offering—Consecration of Offering and Choral Response.
Lullaby—"Low in a Manger" Choir.

Christmas Message—Dr. Alfred C. Elliott.
Hymn No. 112—"Joy to the World" Congregation.

The Benediction—
Dismissal—"Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name" Choir.

Organ Postlude—Mr. Sterling.
Mr. Sterling is the well known Tampa organist who delighted his audience with a very fine organ recital in the Union Church last February.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following is a list of the Christmas music to be sung at the Midnight Service at the Church of the Redeemer on Christmas Eve night, at 11:45—"Kyrie Eleison," Barnby; Gradual Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; "Gloria Be to Thee, O Lord"; Tours; Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; Anthem, "O, Holy Night," Adam; Sursum Corda and Sanctus; Camidge; "Benedictus," Morley; "O Lamb of God," Gilbert; "Silent Night," Gurbur; "Gloria in Excelsis," Traditional; Anthem, "Sleep Little Jesus."

Strangers will be cordially welcomed at this service, but owing to its growing popularity we suggest that you arrive early, as the seats are often taken by the opening of the service.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church will observe its annual White Christmas with a Christmas pageant on Sunday evening, December 25th, at 7:30 P. M. Each person attending will bring a gift wrapped in white as their love offering. These gifts will be distributed among the needy of the city.

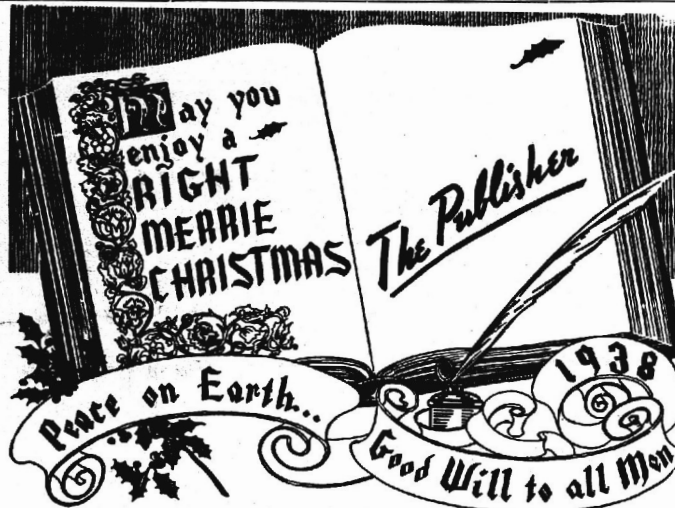
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday Evening, December 25
PROGRAM
Hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful" Congregation.

Prayer—Rev. J. P. Dalton.
Solo—"The Birthday of a King" Mr. E. L. Roberts.

Scene I—Shepherd Scene
Shepherds:
Francis Skipper, Edward Sherman, Felton Causey, Odell Skipper.

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Council Gives Charles Smith Charge of Parks

Upon recommendation of the city park commission, Charles E. Smith, was appointed by the city council Tuesday night as park superintendent at a salary of \$75 per month. Smith is a former employee of the Rex Beach Farms, where he was engaged in horticultural work. C. S. Donaldson, J. S. Francis and Parke Anderson are members of the commission making the recommendation.

The council set aside for park purposes lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 34, Bell and Tulane and all the city-owned lots in block 41 (the city hall block).

An ordinance was passed raising the mayor's salary to \$50 per month. The former salary was \$25 per month.

An ordinance was passed on second reading requiring a permit for use of loud speaking equipment on the streets.

An ordinance was also passed on second reading prohibiting the use of trailers for living quarters for longer than 24 hours, except when parked at duly licensed camps.

Mattie Tompkins, as executrix of the estate of Mary E. King, asked homestead exemption on the south half of lot 14 and south half of lot 15, block 3, section 28, approximately 10 acres. The request was referred to the city attorney for a ruling. Miss Tompkins claimed the estate was entitled to tax exemption because the property was a homestead before the city was incorporated.

Madge Pilcher Wins in Essay Contest

Madge Pilcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Pilcher, was one of the winners in the recent statewide essay contest, conducted by the United States Sugar Corporation at Clewiston. The subject of the essay was "What Sugar Production Means to Florida." Madge received five dollars as her award. Several hundred junior high school students participated in the contest.

Plan To Beautify Road to Hammock

If land for the purpose is donated by the owners, the National Park Service will beautify the road leading to the entrance to Highlands Hammock State Park, it was learned today. Efforts to secure the land will be made by representatives of the Florida Forest and Park Service.

The National Park Service, co-operating with the Florida Forestry board, is ready, it is understood, to make plans for beautification of a 250-foot strip on either side of the hammock road for a distance of two miles, starting at the west end of the Sebring airport and ending at the entrance to the Florida Botanical Garden and Arboretum.

Trees, shrubs and flowers would be planted along the right-of-way and the present ditches relocated to make the parkway one of the showplaces in this section of the state. Lands adjoining the beautiful stretch would benefit from the projected improvements.

Resident Has Word Of Son's Death

Mrs. Ella Hargraves received the sad news this week of the death of her step-son, Carl Hargraves, who passed away Dec. 20, at the Veteran's Hospital in Ottem, N. C., following a long illness. Funeral services were held in Tampa Friday afternoon, with the American Legion in charge.

Besides Mrs. Hargraves, the deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Hargraves and two children, June and Jack, of Tampa; four sisters, Mrs. J. C. Nash of Savannah; Mrs. Larue Moody, of Indian Rocks; Mrs. E. P. Lane, of St. Petersburg; Mrs. Bill Sepp, of Fort Myers, and one brother, Lloyd Hargraves, of Palm Beach.

CHIMES WANTED

Wanted, to borrow for midnight service at the Episcopal church, any chimes records, which will be used to broadcast chimes from the church tower from 11 to 12 midnight Christmas Eve. Please communicate with M. E. Covington or Fr. R. I. Brown, phone 135.

Beckett Moves To Force Board To Approve Bond

The Board of County Commissioners was served with an alternative writ of mandamus Tuesday requiring them to either approve the bond of W. C. Beckett, Avon Park, publisher, who was elected justice of the peace in the general election, or show cause why they will not approve the bond.

The board instructed their attorney to defend the case on the grounds that the board does not believe that Beckett was legally elected and if they approved the bond it might cause the county unnecessary expense in fees to unauthorized persons.

G. A. Kelsey appeared before the board in regard to the right-of-way for federal route 19 which has been surveyed through his property near Lake Placid. Mr. Kelsey stated that he was willing to deed the necessary land to the state for road purposes but that he would like assurance that his adjoining property would not be damaged through carelessness while the road was under construction. The board assured him every precaution would be taken.

Chairman Jackson stated that most of the land needed for the road has already been deeded to the state but there are several small parcels that must be obtained by condemnation proceedings. The board instructed Attorney McDonald to proceed with condemnation on all the land needed that cannot be obtained otherwise.

Christmas Program at Congregational

A Christmas program will be presented Saturday night, 7:30, by members of Sunday School of the Union Congregational Church. The program will consist of recitations, songs, stereopticon slides of "The Other Wise Man"; presentation of perfect attendance awards, Santa Claus, and distribution of gifts to children. The public is cordially invited to attend this Christmas Eve service.

McNicholas Tells Story of Nativity To Rotary Club

County Judge T. A. McNicholas was guest speaker at Wednesday's Rotary luncheon, delivering a Christmas message that told the simple story of the birth of Christ and what His coming has meant to a troubled world.

The birthday of Rotarian C. H. Walker was fittingly observed, and his biography was read by Francis Shockley, who traced his rise from humble beginnings to the head of one of the largest grove properties in the state, characterizing him as a state leader in the citrus business, and one of the outstanding men who make Florida.

Parke Anderson, program chairman, introduced McNicholas, whose Christmas message follows:

Of all the chronicled events in the history of mankind the most stupendous, far-reaching and decisive occurred in the little town of Bethlehem, in Judea, nearly two thousand years ago. Caesar Augustus, Imperator of Rome, decreed that all the people of the world should be taxed. Such a decree was not at all unusual, but on the contrary the then prevailing method of tax collection. This decree required that all people report at their home town for this purpose.

There was a lowly carpenter, Joseph by name, who was then engaged in his trade in Bethle-hem, accordingly, and in obedience to the decree of his Emperor, he went with Mary, his wife, to Bethlehem, that he may pay his tax. And so it was, while he was there, the days were accomplished when Mary, being great with child, should be delivered.

Now, be it remembered, that when Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying:

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." And when Joseph was risen from his sleep he did as the angel had bidden him, and took unto him Mary his wife; and he knew her not until she had brought forth her first born son, and he called his name, Jesus.

Now when Joseph had journeyed to Bethlehem with Mary he applied at the public inn for accommodations that Mary may rest in ease; but these were denied him. Perhaps from some small molecule of pity the inn-keeper did offer him a place in the stables; and there occurred this momentous event, The Birth of Jesus Christ. And Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them:

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be (Continued on page eight)



Too Late To Classify

RUSSELL KAY

Kenneth Friedman, Florida's "Ripley," has spent a good many years digesting up interesting facts and information about Florida which he cleverly presents in cartoon form under the title of "Florida Highlights." Particularly has Ken pointed out to our tourists and winter visitors, the many interesting and unusual things to see in the state.

Even as a good photograph is equal to a thousand words, a clever well drawn cartoon is equally forceful in making a quick and lasting impression, and during the years Ken Friedman has served his state admirably in presenting her charms and interests in so pleasing and effective a manner as to cause countless thousands of visitors and home folks alike to better know and appreciate Florida.

Now Ken comes forward with something new and unique in the way of a Florida Guide. Getting entirely away from the old stereotyped style of tabulated compila-

tion of more or less dry facts and statistics, he sort of takes the reader by the hand in a jovial manner and fairly leads into a delightful tour of Florida.

While his book is entitled "Ken Friedman's Cartoon Guide of Florida", its relationship to the average so-called guide is distant indeed. Streamlined, breezy, humorous, it presents all Florida in a manner that is both pleasing and authentic.

Tourists and winter visitors will find it worth many times the modest purchase price and will find it a really worth-while addition to their library. Native Floridians even those who pride themselves on a knowledge of their state, will find this little gem of a book can acquaint them with a lot of things they never knew before.

And while we are on the subject of Florida books and authors, there recently came to my desk, a distinctly different kind of a book on titled "Miniature Flower Arrangement" written by Edith Mason and Edith Wans.

The attractive book, charmingly written and beautifully illustrated was printed in the plant of the Record Company, St. Augustine, known for its distinctive work. The binding is in cloth, featuring a floral print of exceptional delicacy and beauty.

While considerable has been said and written on artistic floral ar-

range, it seems that author and authorities have dealt with flowers in general and no one has attempted to cover the arrangement of those miniature or tiny flowers that hide away in field and garden and are usually over shadowed by their larger and often more brilliant relations.

It seems, however, that when given the proper consideration from the standpoint of vase or holder and arrangement, the flower and beauty lover can accomplish some amazing results, and the beautiful illustrations of such arrangement as shown in this delightful book give visual testimony of what can be accomplished with nature's tiniest floral contributions.

This book serves a long felt need and it is fitting that it should come to the world as a Florida product, written, designed, illustrated and printed by Floridians. Every garden club member and all lovers of the beautiful and artistic will find "Miniature Flower Arrangement" a treasure indeed.

From the pen of Tampa's Asa Cassidy, artist and author, comes something entirely new in Florida booklets — "The Rubberneck in Florida". Written in the cleverest rhyme and charmingly illustrated by the author, it recounts the interesting and amusing experience of a mythical tourist family's journey through the state.

There's Pa and Ma and Sis and Rex and all the little Rubbernecks. You'll love them all and thoroughly enjoy the trip with them. No point of interest is overlooked, and the sparkling humor throughout the book is delightfully refreshing, as this sample will attest in a description of the cypress tree:

"It's queer about those cypress trees, they have no legs but still have knees. Those dwarf-like stumps that grow about, are knees the tree can't live without. And science asks us to believe, it's through those knees, the cypress breathe, to laugh at years and scoff at death, because they can't run out of breath. 'But Pa,' said Rex 'it seems to me, they could get water on the knee.'"

Any one of these splendid books would make an ideal Christmas gift.

All members of the West Coast Pistol League have been invited to participate in a pistol tournament to be held Sunday, Dec. 11, on the Tampa Police range, under sponsorship of the U. S. Immigration Border Patrol.

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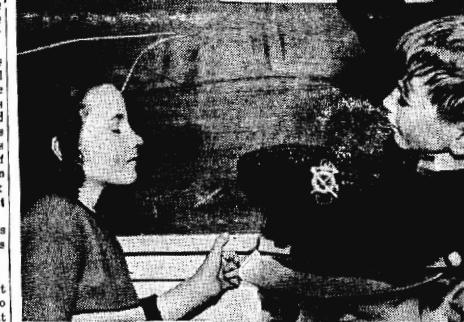


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Lonely North Carolina Town Marks Christmas January 5

RODANTHE, N. C., easternmost town in America, celebrates Christmas twice each year. "New" Christmas comes December 25 but just as regularly on January 5 the inhabitants of this isolated town observe "Old" Christmas, a carry-over from the days before our current calendar was generally accepted. Christmas trees must be imported, for Rodanthe has only one tree (see below), a gnarled oak. But the kids enjoy this plan, because Santa Claus visits them twice. Their parents, fishermen and coastguardsmen on an island that is little more than a shifting sand dune, participate enthusiastically in both celebrations. But around Old Christmas centers most of the tradition.



Boatwain's Mate P. A. Tillet, biggest man in the coast guard service, is Santa Claus for Rodanthe's Old Christmas party. They had to send to the mainland to get red cloth spacious enough for his suit. Each Old Christmas celebration is held in the school building where the only "furriner" is the school teacher.

To the present teacher, a girl from Virginia, Old Christmas is the world's most puzzling custom. But seasoned residents of Hatteras island don't look at it that way. To them, Old Christmas is no more unusual than the Fourth of July. On their isolated island the event has been celebrated by generation after generation, and will probably continue for generations to come.



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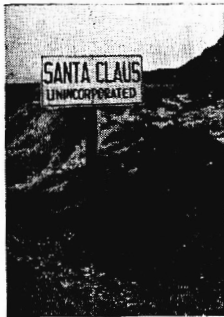
by KENNETH FRIEDMAN

FLORIDA SHRINE
STE. ANNIE SHRINE NEAR LAKE WALES IS FAST BECOMING ONE OF FLORIDA'S OUTSTANDING ATTRACTIONS. HERE AMONG MANY OTHER SACRED RELICS, IS EXHIBITED A PART OF THE TRUE CROSS.



A LAUREL OAK
7 FEET 7.3 INCHES
IN DIAMETER!
THIS GIANT TREE OF THE
HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK,
LAKE WALES, IS THE LARGEST
LAUREL OAK IN FLORIDA

Santa Claus Really Has a Post Office



This is the doorway to Santa Claus land, a real village resting in the Indiana hills which has become world-famous because of its Christmas name and also because Abraham Lincoln lived there from his seventh to twenty-first years. Santa Claus is an unincorporated village but its post office does a land-office business each December because thousands of people send their letters there to be cancelled with the famous Santa Claus postal stamp.



Succeeding James Martin when he died was the present postmaster, Oscar Phillips, forty-one. To him has fallen the duty of making thousands of children happy. Each day he receives hundreds of letters containing enclosures which are to be cancelled carefully with the Santa Claus stamp and sent on to all parts of the world.



For 28 years James F. Martin was postmaster at Santa Claus, taking it easy each summer and working like a fiend during the Christmas rush. Finally the pressure grew so great that his office was rated as a third-class post office, a ranking usually enjoyed only by much larger communities. Above is the Santa Claus post office and general store.



As he should be, the real Santa Claus is the patron saint of this little Indiana community. This 25-foot statue of St. Nicholas stands all year in a little park, attracting visitors from all parts of the country. Yes, Santa Claus does have a post office!

Because bridge bondholders are expected to ask the Supreme Court to review condemnation proceedings on the Indian Rocks bridge, recently condemned and acquired by Pinellas County, toll charges on the bridge will not be removed immediately, county commissioners have decided, but continued until all danger of suit has passed.

For the first time since he became ill four months ago, Governor Fred Cone visited his offices at the state capitol last week. He conferred with cabinet officers and signed a few papers.

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LATEST NEWS



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Clubs and Parties . . .

BY BETTIE H. HETHERINGTON. Social Editor—Phone 55.

Lovely Party On Thursday Afternoon

Mrs. G. A. Stebbins entertained at a lovely children's party on Thursday afternoon. The observance of the tenth birthday anniversary of her attractive daughter, Jeanine. During the afternoon, a variety of interesting children's games were played under the direction of Anne Catherine Carter, Helen Jarrett, Winifred Hood, Betty Moffett and Josephine Brown. The rooms of the home were attractively decorated with bouquets of poinsettias and bou-

gainvillae and a lighted Christmas tree. A pink and green motif was chosen for all appointments of the party.

At five o'clock, delicious refreshments of ice cream cups, individual cakes, decorated in pink and green, and punch were served. The two tiered birthday cake graced the center of the table. The cake was daintily decorated in pink and green frosting, and bore ten brightly lighted birthday candles in rosebud holders. The favors, which especially delighted each child, were gay little red and white Santa Claus boots, filled with chocolate candies. Misses Elizabeth Hetherington and Mary Lydia Stebbins assisted Mrs. Stebbins in entertaining.

Jeanine received a number of very attractive and useful gifts from her friends invited to share the happy occasion with her, who were, Bobby Sue Yates, Bill Johnson, Frank Camp, Jr., E. C. Weaver, Sonny Hagen, Charles Bennett, Jack Rogers, Sonny Drott, Mel Bass, Jr., Anne Pabor, Bill McRae, Virginia Adams, Helen Welch, Bar-

bara Jean Bridges, Charlotte Orr, Delores Costine, Lynn Longbottom, Roland Dilley, Marjorie Hetherington, Don Gelger, Jackie Dalton, Betty Rose Ford, Donald Ford, Larry Skipper, Kitty Lou Brown, Tabby Brown, John Garber, Gloria Garber.

Roger Sappington, David Foster, Helen Bradbury, Betty Koch, Betty Jo Wells, Jean Hill, Ruth Pendleton, Lena Mae Perry, Ethel Har- den, Patricia Smith, Arden Anderson, Joe McConnell, John Clements, Betty Jean Sandage, Winifred Archer, Yvonne Head, Dorothy Barbara and Margaret Lawhorn, Betty Jean Oliver, Teddy Ward, Marie Basmore, Sarah English, Dickie Reddick, Barbara Jean Prentice, Ivan Brown, Pete Ragdale.

Christmas Party On Monday Evening

Members of the Monday evening bridge club, and a few additional friends, enjoyed a Christmas party Monday evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsemaier. The rooms were colorfully decorated in the holiday motif, and a feature of the delightful evening, was an exchange of gifts from an electrical-

lighted tree. Upon arrival the guests were served a tempting buffet supper, consisting of baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, olives, pickles, hot rolls and coffee.

Guests enjoying the party included Mr. and Mrs. Roland Drott, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richie Green, Mrs. Francis Shockley, Mrs. Edgar Koch, Miss Hazel Cameron, Johnny Jones, C. A. Bexall, Miss Gwendolyn Weaver, H. G. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsemaier.

S. F. Huckabay, Jr., Passed Away on Monday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hetherington and children, Elizabeth and Jimmie, were in Dade City on Wednesday, where they went to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Hetherington's brother, Simeon Franklin Huckabay, Jr., aged 34 years, who passed away on Monday night, with pneumonia. Besides the sister here, the deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene E. Huckabay; his mother, Mrs. Annie E. Huckabay, two other sisters, Mrs. Catherine McIntosh of Dade City, and Mrs. W. O. Gentry of Fernandina, and one brother, W. W. Huckabay, of Dade City.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED
The city ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fireworks will be strictly enforced during the holidays, Mayor M. E. Covington stated to The Sun today. No favoritism will be shown to anyone, the mayor said, and he asked the cooperation of everyone to see that no fireworks are used in the city limits.

Bridge Club Has Enjoyable Party

A lovely party of Thursday evening was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong, when they entertained members of their bridge club and additional guests. The affair was held at the Customers' Room of the Florida Public Service Company, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with bouquets of poinsettias and bougainvillae, in keeping with the Christmas season.

Guests kept their scores for the bridge games on attractive tallies, to which were attached tiny jingle bells. The scorecards and other bridge appointments were in the chosen motif, and at the refreshment hour, each table was laid with a red and white crepe paper cover, finished with ruffled edges. The centerpiece was a miniature Christmas tree. Delicious refreshments of lemon chiffon pie and coffee were served, and punch was served during the evening.

High score club prize, a pretty novelty wood tray was won by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley; second high, a pair of red flower certainers was given to Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, and the guest high award, which was a pair of book ends, was presented to Mrs. Stella Frey. Mrs. Nelson Smith was the recipient of the cut prize, individual salt containers.

Those enjoying this delightful affair were, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. Mifflord Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawler Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feden, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Devon Reddick, Mrs. Stella Frey, Miss Elizabeth Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, H. E. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart.

Enjoyable Party

The Ladies' and Men's Bible classes, their families, and a number of visitors, enjoyed a Christmas party at the Methodist hut on Friday evening. Christmas decorations were used and an exchange of humorous gifts was a feature of the evening's pleasure.

A delightful program, opened with the singing of Christmas Carols, followed by reading by Glenn Mingledorff, Doris Reddick, and Mary Pardee. David Lanier played a piano solo, and a Christmas talk was given by Mrs. W. F. Wyatt. Billie Connell, dressed as Santa Claus, gave a reading, and distributed candy to all the children present.

Later, games were played, and delicious refreshments of cake and coffee were served. Mrs. John A. Taylor was in charge of the entertainment for the evening. About seventy-five attended this enjoyable affair.

MARRIED SATURDAY

Miss Janet Davis and Raymond Williams were married Saturday afternoon in Wauchula, Judge Maddox performing the ceremony. Mr. Williams is employed by John Giddens. The couple will make their home in Avon Park.

Eastern Stars Close Year

The work of the Eastern Star for the year of 1938 was brought to a close Thursday night with the regular meeting, when two new members were brought into Leigh Chapter, Worthy Matron Agnes Cox, presiding. The meeting was followed immediately by the installation of the new officers for 1939, when Mrs. Mamie Lander, E. W. Grand Associate Cond. of the General Grand Chapter took charge. Assisting her were: Gladys Davis, as Gr. Secy., Dist. Gr. Instructor from Frostproof; Winifred White, as Grand Organist, Frostproof; Mary Marsh, as Grand Chaplain, Avon Park; Rachel Farland, as Grand Marshall, Avon Park.

When the installing officers were introduced, they were presented courages by Mary Lydia Stebbins, assisted by little Jeanine Crews, Miss Stebbins' mother having been W. M. of the local Chapter the year Mrs. Lander was W. G. M., of Florida.

The officers also were then introduced, the Worthy Matron receiving a lovely bouquet of gladioli, and the other officers appropriate flowers, which were the gift of the retiring W. M. Officers for 1938 were:

Loca Stuckey, W. M.; Chester E. Yates, W. P.; Estelle Lons, Asso. M.; W. I. Lons, Asso. P.; O. L. Head, Secy.; Blanche G. Williams, Treas.; Ida Collins, Conductress; Lena Clements, Asso. Cond.; Glenn Ora Reddick, Chaplain; Thelma Willis, Marshall; Margaret Mandis, Organist; Sue Yates, Adah; Frances Pitt, Beth; Anna Wolf, Esther; Mary Lulu, Martha; Edith Maddox, Electa; Jennie Gribble, Warder; Estelle Sonnenman, Sentinel. Sister Lander conducted the installation in her usual impressive manner. At the close, she presented Loca Stuckey the very pleasant surprise of an appointment from the W. G. Matron, Beatrice Brandon, as Grand Representative from Delaware, which is an honor for this Chapter. She also presented Mrs. Cox, retiring W. M., the jewel of her office as Past Matron. Blanche Williams then presented Mrs. Cox a Christmas basket of cheer, gifts from the retiring officers, with gracious words and the regular Christmas tree exchange followed, with much merriment, two beautifully decorated trees, being used for preparing the room, which was very beautiful with autumn leaves and flowers.

At a late hour members and guests were served a delicious chicken salad course and all voted this meeting the satisfactory culmination of a prosperous year.

Two Are Hostesses at Candy Pull

Misses Willa McGiboney and Marjorie Williams were hostesses on Monday evening at a "candy pull", the affair being enjoyed by a number of friends.

George Ansimopoulos will spend Christmas in Ocala with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stalageannis and family.



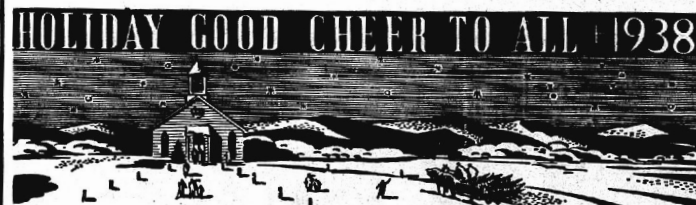
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BARNETT BANK of AVON PARK



to you . . . and you . . .
and you!
MAIN STREET CHEVROLET CO.

Personals

Harold McClelland and Billy Martin, Tampa University students, are spending the holidays at their homes in Avon Park.

Rev. and Mrs. Loys Frink, former Avon Park residents, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lawton on Saturday.

Donald Todd, who is attending Bolles Military Academy at Jacksonville, is spending the holidays at his home, having arrived last week-end.

Mrs. Ben T. Stewart, who is teaching in Crescent City, is spending the holidays at her home in Avon Park.

A. B. Wells of Inverness, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wells.

Mrs. Mary McArthur arrived Sunday afternoon from Slocum, Ala., to spend the winter with her son, H. G. McArthur. She is located at the J. L. Collins home.

Mrs. McArthur spent last winter in Avon Park, and has many friends, who are pleased at her return.

Miss Furlow Anderson is the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Anderson, in Tampa, for the holidays.

Mrs. G. W. Laycock of Cocoa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kipp, for the holidays. She will be joined for Christmas by Mr. Laycock.

George Elwell of Pittsburgh, arrived Tuesday afternoon, to spend the winter with his son, A. McKee Elwell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hancock of Tampa, are the Christmas guests of Mrs. Hancock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kinsey.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Douglass of Newark, Ohio, are spending the holidays in Avon Park, with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kipp and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kipp, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are located at the Jacaranda hotel while here.

Vernon Lanier, student at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., arrived home last week-end to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier.

Cecil Clements, who is attending Auburn University at Auburn, Ala., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lena Clements and family.

Mrs. G. A. Stebbins and daughters, Mary Lydia and Jeanine, and Barbara Lawton, were in Wauchula Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Boyne McManus will arrive today from her home in Lonaconing, Md., to spend Christmas with her father, C. W. Wood, and her sister, Mrs. R. E. Lawton and family.

Miss Eunice Willis of Tampa, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. F. Longbottom and family. Mr. and Mrs. Longbottom will also have as their guests on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Willis of Tampa and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Longbottom and son, Bobby, of Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mabie of Palmdale Park, New Jersey, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Mabie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Reinhart. Mr. Mabie is an illustrator and cartoonist for New York City newspapers and current magazines.

Mrs. J. E. Crosby and daughter, Delores, and Margaret Dilley, spent the day in Lakeland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Clark are spending the holidays with relatives in Bradenton.

Mrs. L. M. Orr and daughter, Charlotte, were in Tampa on Monday for the day.

Mrs. Joe Lander and son, Joe Allen, of Raiford, are holiday guests of the former's mother, Mrs. L. E. Bass and family. They will be joined on Christmas by Mr. Lander.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pope are spending the holidays in Bradenton.

Ben Hagan, Mrs. Lucille Camper, Somy Hagan and Frank Camp, Jr., were in Tampa on Monday.

Miss Helen Beckett arrived last week-end from Birmingham, Ala., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Beckett.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Woodson of Memphis, who are winter guests of Mayor and Mrs. M. E. Covington, will have the pleasure of a Christmas visit from their son and his family from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. R. P. Woodson, Jr., will be accompanied by Mrs. Woodson and their son, Richard Peyton, the third. Mr. Woodson was in three engagements overseas with the 23rd Engineers, a volunteer company, and was also, an engineer for the Panama Canal for two years. The Woodsons will be at the Jacaranda during their short stay.

Mrs. James Malone, widow of the Hon. James H. Malone, a former mayor of Memphis, who is wintering at the Jacaranda, will have her son-in-law, T. M. McKnight, and grandson, T. M. McKnight, Jr., of Davidson College, N. C., as her guests over the holidays.

Dr. O. H. Hauptmann, professor at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and Mrs. Hauptmann are spending the holidays in Avon Park with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hauptmann. The Hauptmanns also have as their guest, Mrs. Blanche Ratcliffe of Daytona Beach.

AVON CHURCHES

(Continued from page 1)

Angels: Betty Touchton, Willa Pearl McGibney, Martha McNicholas, Mary Clements, Marjorie Wells, Martha McCord, Frances Engle.

Scene II. Manger Scene Mary—Miss Mary E. Coan. Joseph—Mr. J. L. Greene. Shepherds.

Scene III. Joseph's Prayer Mary and Joseph. Solo—"The New Born King" Harold McClelland.

Scene IV. Visit of the Wise Men. Mary—Joseph. Wise Men—Mr. Harold McClelland, Mr. Charles Sherman, Mr. E. L. Roberts.

Hymn—"Joy to the World"—Congregation.

Notice of Application for Purchase of Tax Sale Certificates including Subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes and all State Certificates and Taxes unpaid through 1938 on Property Described Below in Accordance with Committee Substitution for House Bill No. 236 of 1937 Laws.

NOTICE is hereby given that Avon Florida Citrus Corp., Avon Park, Fla., has applied to this office for purchase of Tax Sale Certificates for subsequent Omitted and Levied Taxes due on the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lakeland Subdiv. of Lake Letta, Sec. 31, Twp. 23 South, Range 23 East Lots 11 to 19 Inc. Bk. F. Lots 1 to 8 Inc. Bk. G. Lot 1, Bk. G. Lot 2, Bk. G. Lot 3, Bk. G. Lot 4, Bk. G. Lot 5, Bk. G. Lot 6, Bk. G. Lot 7, Bk. G. Lot 8, Bk. G. Lot 9, Bk. G. Lot 10 to 16 Inc. Bk. G. Lot 1-2-3-4 & 5, Bk. H. Lot 1-2-3-4 & 5, Bk. J. Lot 1-2-3-4 & 5, Bk. K. Lot 1-2-3, Bk. L. Lot 4-5-6, Bk. L.

The sale of the certificates and subsequent omitted and levied taxes on the above described property is to be in accordance with Committee Substitution for House Bill No. 236 of 1937 Laws, and such sale will be held 11 o'clock A. M. at the Court House door on January 11, A. D. 1939.

Witness my official signature and seal this 15th day of December, A. D. 1938.

W. E. CARSON, Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla. BY PROCTOR E. MCDONALD, D. C. Dec. 24, 1938.

FOR SALE—Grapefruit, oranges, satsumas, kumquats, lemons, limes, by the dozen, peck or bushel. Will pack bushel assorted to order and deliver to express office as low as \$1.00 per bushel. A. W. Forbes, 114 E. Bell street, Avon Park, Florida, 1 block south of the school house.

D. M. Barnett of Jacksonville, was a business visitor in Avon Park on Monday. Bill Lacy of College Park, Ga., was the guest of friends Sunday and Monday. The Lacy's are former Avon Park residents.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, IN CHANCERY. IN RE: Helen A. Reaber, Petitioner. This cause coming on to be heard before me upon petition of Helen A. Reaber after considering the testimony and report of the Special Mas-

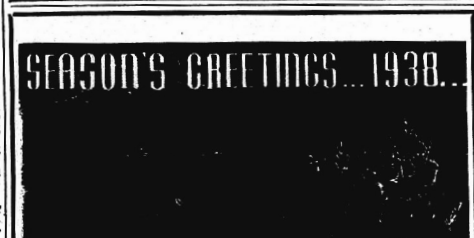
ter, it is therefore considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that Helen A. Reaber has the capacity, competency and qualification as a married woman to take charge of and manage her own estate and property and to become a free dealer and she is therefore granted a license to take charge of and manage her own estate and property and to become and be a free dealer in every respect.

And that the report of the Special Master and Conclusion be and the same is hereby confirmed. DONE AND ORDERED by me, in Chambers at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 19th day of December, A. D. 1938.

W. J. BARKER, Judge. Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21



Wishing You the Season's Happiness
R. F. SAPPINGTON



Not just a gesture, but a truly sincere
MERRY CHRISTMAS
MANDIS DAIRY



To Our Old Friends and New
A Merry Christmas
OTT & SON



And the Wish of Joy, Peace and Contentment from
ABRAMS
The Store of Advertised Merchandise

ENGLAND

Bringing in the Yule Log, a famous old custom in the land of scolding, mummery, the boar's head and plum pudding.



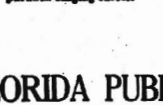
SWEDEN

Dovdill in which the Yule Pig has been cooked is left on the fire where everyone goes to dip a piece of bread.



PHILIPPINES

After early morning services, children march in floral parades singing carols.



AUSTRALIA

The climate is warm and Christmas is celebrated by picnics and parties out of doors.



HOLLAND

Children await St. Nicholas on December 5. He writes names of good children to receive presents in a golden book. Black Pete, his servant, takes care of bad children.



And We wish You the very happiest of holiday seasons.



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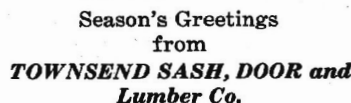
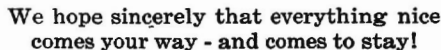
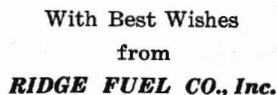
The Piñata, a huge one-bowl filled with presents is hung where blind-folded guests are given chances to break it open.



FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for what you brought me last Christmas. I enjoyed playing with my wagon and my Cowboy suit. I enjoyed playing with my other

**WARD'S 5-10-25c STORE**

Dear Santa Claus, I want to thank you for the things you brought me last Christmas. I want to tell you what I want this year. Please bring me a pistol, a holstered and a bicycle. That is all I want this Christmas. Don't forget my little brother and sister too. Your friend, Wayne Newsome.

NO. 215
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1ST, 1938.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AUTHORITY HEREOF, THAT THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK shall be the sum of \$50.00 per month, payable on the first day of each month, commencing on the first day of October, 1938.
The City Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance or parts of ordinance in the official newspaper of the City of Avon Park, Florida, and the same are hereby repealed.
Signed: E. W. HARTT,
President of the City Council.
Attest:
R. D. REDDICK,
City Clerk.
The foregoing ordinance was submitted to me and duly approved this 26th day of October, 1938.
M. E. COVINGTON,
Recorder.

Range 28 East—80 acres
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$

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NEW ORLEANS	\$16.10
EL PASO	\$36.75
HOUSTON	\$24.25
LOS ANGELES	\$51.28
SAN FRANCISCO	\$51.28
JACKSONVILLE	\$4.50
TAMPA	\$1.65
ST. PETERSBURG	\$2.75

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CHRISTMAS
Joy
and Happiness
in the New Year**

CARTER'S MARKET
Bill Carter

Banker Plays Role of Santa For Prisoners

Distributed Money to Charity Under Name, "Mickey Finn"

SIoux CITY, IOWA.—A mysterious Santa Claus whose identity was revealed only at his death early in 1937, will be remembered here each Christmas as one of Sioux City's most beloved characters.

His name was Ed T. Kearney, a real estate man and banker who brought Yuletide joy to hundreds with anonymous contributions to inmates of prisons and missions. His gifts were always accompanied by poorly written letters bearing the signature, "Mickey Finn."

A sample of Kearney's unusual letters has been uncovered in the note written to the sheriff of Cook county, Ill., in 1930:

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pLEAsE uSE thE sMAl cHEcK InClOseD
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dRINK eVY bUdE fOR thE rOSt In tUr wE
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dRINKs IT.
I bIn sIcK an kAnT gIt mUcH wOrK
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The identity of "Mickey Finn" was not discovered until Kearney was in a Sioux City hospital during his last illness. A daughter, possessed of some circumstantial evidence, confronted her father with the question and he confessed that he was "Mickey Finn." When his private papers were examined clippings were found substantiating his confession.

The character of Mickey Finn was created early in the 1900s when Mr. Kearney was president of a bank at Jackson, Neb. He met many bankers from over the country at conventions and when he started his Santa Claus role in the person of "Mickey Finn," he simply wrote his name. When his private papers were examined clippings were found substantiating his confession.

Ancient Holly Still Spreads Holiday Cheer

In homes throughout America this Christmas the holly plant will carry on its age-old duty of spreading Yuletide spirit, a custom that dates back to the pagan tribes of continental Europe.

Originally the holly grew wild in the United States over a range from Massachusetts to Missouri and south to Florida and Texas. But too much harvesting in northeastern United States has destroyed much of the natural growth. Today most holly is grown from Norfolk, Va., to Florida within 50 or 60 miles of the Atlantic coast, and westward in the Gulf region to Louisiana.

Current popularity of the holly is a continuation of the custom of the Druid feasts which honored the mistletoe and holly in pagan rites. In Europe the tribes under Roman rule sent holly branches to each other as



evidence of good will. Homes and churches were decorated with holly laden with crimson berries when the pagans celebrated the feast of Saturnalia, the "turning on of the sun."

Yuletide, the feast made to the Celtic sun god, Yafoul, finally became the celebration of Christmas, and the holly tree, known as the holy tree, became the sacred tree for decorations at our Christmas festivals.

Holly does not bear berries until it is five years old. Before that time the male and female trees cannot be told apart. There are more than 300 species of the plant, all of them native to the temperate and tropical regions of both hemispheres.

Only the American and English holly trees have rich green leaves. These are outlined with sharp spines or teeth, and the fruiting branches have round crimson berries.

Christmas Toys



KEENE, N. H.—This community is toyland each Christmas season as workers in the toy factories rush to put last-minute touches on miniature locomotives, automobiles and even auto trailers!

American Turkey Has Foreign Name

You'll eat your turkey and like it this Christmas, but do you know where this festive bird got its name? The turkey is the only species of poultry native to this country. Its name is attributed by some to its call notes, "turk-turk-turk"; others believe that its head ornaments, resembling the feathers worn by natives of Turkey, gave rise to its name.

Another explanation is seen in the fact that the first turkeys from America were sold in Spain, largely by Hebrew merchants. Since the bird was frequently confused with the peacock, it is said that the Hebrew traders called it "tukki," their name for the peacock. With the widespread use of this name in English, it easily became the present "turkey."

Christmas Celebration Dates Back to 354 A.D., Roman Records Show

The earliest celebration of the birth of Christ, December 25 of each year, took place in the Fourth century, and the custom spread from the western to the eastern church. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's nativity and baptism took place January 6.

First mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian calendar," in the year 354, and the first English celebration of the festival was in 608, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In 567, the Council of Tours, France, declared a 12-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and later, from 961 to 1016, the laws of Ethelred ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. In Germany, Christmas was established in 812 by the Synod of Mainz, and in Norway by King Hakon the Good, in 950.

I SHOULD BELONG TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — Because, it helps create and express sound opinions on questions affecting the welfare of the city and community.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SENATE BILL NO. 163. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That W. R. Cannon, Late Plaintiff, holder of 1/3 of Tax Certificate No. 1035, issued the 7th day of July A. D. 1938, has filed same in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate embraces the following described property in the County of Highlands, State of Florida, to-wit: Lot 4 Block 5 Lake Sirena Add. No. 1 Sec. 6, Twp. 37 S., Range 20 E., East. The assessment of the said property under the said deed is shown in the name of UNKNOWN. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder at a sale to be held on the first Monday in the month of January 1939, which is the 2nd day of January, 1939. Dated this 2nd day of December, 1938. W. Z. CARSON, Clerk Circuit Court of Highlands County, Fla. By F. E. MACDONALD, D. C. (REAL) Dec. 2-10-17-24, 1938.

His Last Dime

By Katherine Edelman

DAN DRISCOLL was broke. Well, almost broke. He had one thin dime, hiding in the dark depths of a purse that had once held bills of three figures.

He had held it for 20 years, ever since he had found it while ploughing on his father's farm. His lucky dime—that's what he had called it. Dan laughed grimly at the thought. Lucky! Had anyone ever been so unlucky as him? Here was the whole town preparing for Christmas, shopping, spending oodles of money, and he was a penniless, weary wanderer. A lucky dime!

A little place around the corner caught his eye. Dan entered, his nostrils quivering under the tantalizing odors. He looked around with greedy eyes, his mouth watering with longing. Soup, roast fowl, potatoes, luscious mince pie! But he mustn't think about such things. He had just one dime—the price of a cup of coffee and a doughnut, or a hamburger. Which would it be? The

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Free Theatre Tickets

If your name appears in one of the ads appearing in this issue of The Sun, you will receive a free ticket to the Park Theatre good for either Monday or Tuesday, Dec. 26 and 27. Clip ad in which your name appears and take it to the box office and see EDWARD G. ROBINSON

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324 Pine Street



Wishing You Every Joy and Happiness This Holiday Season and a Prosperous NEW YEAR

J. C. DESHONG



May the Joys of the Season be Multiplied for You this Christmas

AVON PARK CAFE
Gus Carratt

McNICHOLAS

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a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Thus I have given you as it is recorded in Holy Writ the story of that momentous event when the Saviour of mankind assumed the image and role of man to redeem a lost world. Phrophecy had foretold his birth and even the place thereof. Kings trembled upon their thrones from the knowledge of this and they sought to destroy the babe that they may perpetuate their rule on earth. But Kings and prophets and all misinterpreted the prophecy—the meaning of His coming. He came not, as they thought, to seize the temporal power of earth and set up a physical kingdom; he came not even to teach the old Mosaic law, of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; but he came to teach a new law, a new dispensation, embodied in and encompassed by the one small word, LOVE, Love of God and Love of Man.

He came to wipe from the hearts of men all hate, all malice, and all evil and instill and plant into their hearts and souls the doctrines of Peace and Love.

His coming brought to mankind the dawn of an ampler life; the beginning of a new era of peace and good will. It changed the whole character of man; it remodeled the face of the earth. He came truly the Prince of Peace, and we saw his teachings take a hold in the hearts of men; and yet because he was the gentle saviour we saw him crucified; we saw him look down with a blood-stained face beneath a crown of thorns from Calvary's Cross, and in his agony cry out for us "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

We saw Him laid in a borrowed sepulcher, and on the third day rise again as foretold by the prophets of old. And we heard that same gentle voice from the Mount hand down to us the sermon of all truth, and right and justice, giving to us the precepts and formula of Christianity.

Only a little while ago we thought most surely that the spirit of the Prince of Peace had embedded itself into the hearts of men; we thought that civilization's Gethsemane had passed and the allaying of the guns of Flanders

betokened the dawn of Peace on earth, good will towards men.

That the war drums would throb no longer and the battle flags would be buried.

In the Parliament of Man—the brotherhood of the world only to be cruelly awakened to find it all an Utopian dream.

But today in his Heavens he must look down upon the tragedy of a world at strife.

The war drums still throb and the battle flags still wave. Those whose father's so long maintained his cause, now cry out unashamed "there is no God"—the religion he taught they revile and term a mere opiate to bolster a soulless body. His own people executed for the atrocious crime of being born a Jew.

Even the streets of his own loved Nazareth run crimsoned with the blood of those he called "My Children"; every foot of the land he made holy—where he taught his doctrine of peace and love—are now the arena of hate and war.

Temples built to glorify his name smolder into ashes, and the bodies of little children he would have suffered to come unto him beseege the land; scant evidences that the doctrines of hate and murder have cast aside his Peace and Love.

And among it all we must wonder if he looks down upon the sad scene in pity for his children. We must wonder if he still pleads our cause—if still he pleads "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Yet we know that whenever the world has forgotten, he has forgiven; and he offers now, as he did then, the only solace, peace and consolation for the sorrows of this transitory life, and the Hope of a better one to follow.

There is no peace, no love, in a land where God is forgotten; where men mad with the lust of temporal power may decree the death of any bold enough to oppose their insane views. There is no peace where God is mocked and man cannot bend his knee or bow his head save first in obedience to a tyrant's commands. The first obedience of man is to God—not to men—and when this is denied, civilization has fallen to the plane of savagery.

It should be the fervent hope and prayer of the Christian world that those of our struggling brothers in Europe shall become again infused with the spirit of Christ and thrust aside these mad leaders who would crucify Him again; rise to the battle cry of onward Christian Soldiers, and lay in the dust the banners of atheism, communism, nazism and all others which seek to desecrate the temples of God, and to destroy the very heritage and birthright of mankind.

Dictators forget that the laurel wreaths of victory through might soon fades. Calvaries and crucifixions take deepest hold of humanity—the triumphs of might are transient—they pass and are forgotten—the sufferings of right are graven deepest on the chronicle of nations.

So long as those rights are grounded on the principles of right and justice as taught by the Prince of Peace they shall endure, and like truth crushed to the earth shall rise again to send to deserved oblivion those usurpers of human freedom. The same principles of right conduct and justice which govern individuals govern

nations. The measure of a nation is the character of its people.

If we seek peace and happiness in this life, it is to be found only in following the teachings of the Prince of Peace. We cannot find it by following the demagogue, dictators and tyrants of the earth.

For the alleviation of the trials and tribulations, the hate, envy and malice of men towards men on earth there is but one Hope; there is but one star to follow, the star that led the wise men of the east to Bethlehem of Judea. A fool may learn by mere observation that where men, either as nations or as individuals, put away or repudiate the teachings of the Lowly Nazarene that only the four horsemen, War, Pestilence, Famine and Death follow in its wake.

No human tongue can eulogize the greatness of Christ. He is incomparable. The human mind, the spoken language, cannot conceive fitting words to sing his praises. They are written in the starlit skies by night and shine in the brightness of the noon day sun. The templed hills—the snow-capped mountains towering to the skies—the rolling, sounding seas all proclaim the eternal anthem of his glories.

When I contemplate the plight of the people of other lands, I wonder if our people realize that America is His favored land, and we His chosen people. No where on earth has he bestowed such abundant blessings; no land is so rich, no land is so fair, no people more generous and kind. Here liberty and freedom are not mere words, but actualities, which no man dare assail. We are a charitable people; whenever the cry of distress has been heard, whether from gentile, Jew or pagan we have liberally given of the richness of our fields and the gold of our mountains. May we ever be so, but in our charity to the rest of earth let us not forget that our peace, our happiness, our prosperity comes from Him, and we must preserve the endowment He has given us by a due recognition at all times of the Gracious Giver—vouching to our children the heritage of a people who in the love of God and man have builded a nation on the foundations of Christianity, consecrated to its principles of right and justice.

Let us hope that those across the seas, in every land where hate and murder dwell may catch the appeal of this holy season, of that silent, still night of two thousand years ago or hear the plea from Calvary's cross and take into their hearts the love of Him who came to save them; let them realize that He was in fact born, crucified, has risen and sits now at his Father's right hand; that the prophecies have been fulfilled; God's in his heaven and all's right with the world,—the wrong alone is with them.

Our fathers put their trust in Him, and upon it wrought and have since maintained your liberties. Let us keep that trust sacred and inviolate. Whatever course others may pursue, let America keep its eye ever on the star that gleamed o'er Bethlehem's manger, and keep its ear attuned to the heavenly choir singing "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

And Him, in whom we place our trust, as a nation, Will throw the light of His peace and grace Upon a flag with its stripes untarnished And every star in its place.

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CHRISTMAS JOY

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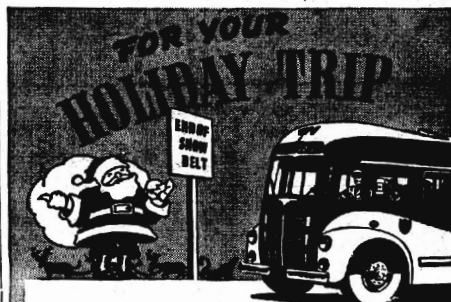
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