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The Christmas Message

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OH, CHRISTMAS BELLS that sweetly chime,
And Christmas lights that gleam and glow—
Oh, silent stars that softly shine
Across the world of frost and snow,
Ye fill the world with joy and light,
What message do you bring tonight?

Oh, Christmas trees with twinkling lights,
And shining branches bending low
With gifts that gladden all our hearts,
And thoughts of loving kindness show,
Ye bear the fruits of pure delight,
What message do you bring tonight?

Oh, radiant spirit of the day,
Thy message thrills the whole world o'er,
It fills the world with hope and joy
From zone to zone, from shore to shore,
Tis meant for every human heart,
And no one need stand alone, apart.

The peace, good will and Christmas cheer,
The shining lights, the magic tree,
The joy that thrills the Christian heart
For all the world is full and free,
The Christmas message from above
To all the world is love, is love.

Glittering Things

By Martha Banning Thomas *

PERHAPS it's a healthy trait that most human beings like and are drawn to bright and glittering objects. At Christmas time this craving is satisfied in a hundred ways.

When we are children we look with awe upon the shimmer of tinsel on Christmas trees. The wings of the angel on the top-most peak seem like the wings of those heralds above Bethlehem who announced the coming of the Christ-child. Our eyes shine half blinded by the glory of legend and expectation.

When we are older we become (as we think) more sophisticated. Tinsel

on a larger scale. Bright lights, beautiful decorations, dazzling entertainment. The same child-like needs transposed into a more worldly manifestation. But we can't quite forget the stars or the moon. They attract us with a strange delight.

And when we are quite old and wise we know and admit that we must rely on something which shines beyond us, a bit out of reach. We remember the breathless moments of childhood and the blazing Christmas tree. We knew wonder in those days and found it precious.

We think of later years somewhat obscured by false values. Something more than tinsel: something less than simple pleasures—glitter, certainly, but little of that quality which yields the magic of happiness.

So perhaps we forget the middle years and go back to the earlier ones, feeding on the first joys of childhood.



The long festoons swinging gracefully among the green branches of the tree! The glimmer of make-believe icicles, the powder of make-believe snow, the cheerful flames of candles and the laughter of people we loved.

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Whoopie Makers
The clouds of many serious men to jingle bells perhaps are inspired by a fear that the world of actuality will catch up with them.—Woman's Home Companion.



Locals and Personals



"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Immanuel!"
—Selected.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Johnson of Etowah Tenn. were week-end visitors of Mr. R. F. Williamson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ballard and little son, of Andrews were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lovingood Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Robert Wells who teaches school near Winston Salem arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. V. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Witherspoon and Mrs. E. B. Norvell were shopping in Asheville Saturday.

Miss Addie Leatherwood and Miss Lebia and Kate Hayes were shopping in Asheville, Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson and daughter, Miss Katherine, were visitors in Atlanta, Friday.

Mrs. M. J. Tate of Tellico Plains Tenn. is visiting Mr. R. F. Williamson and family.

The many friends of Mr. James Williamson, who has been in Norburn Hospital in Asheville, will be glad to know that he returned home Sunday.

Boys and girls returning home from school to spend Christmas with their parents:
Buster and Bill Bayless, Raleigh; Marshall Bell, James Mallonee, Burke Gray, Richard Parker, Chapel Hill; Charles Dickey, Buel A. Sylvan, Clem Thompson, Asheville; Joe Beatty, Henderson; J. M. Johnson, Asheville; Ray Moore, Greensboro; Ann Candler, Knoxville; Kathleen Axley, Mary Weaver, Woodfin Posey, Asheville; Mary Nelle Williamson, Challowice;

Circle No. 2 of the Baptists Women's Missionary Society will have charge of the following program at the church Sunday evening, Dec. 27, 1931.
Topic: The Star Again in the East.
Hymn: Joy To the World.
Devotional: Mrs. C. K. Turner.
Solo: Ruth Deweese.
The Light of the Christmas Star—Miss Sara Cooke.
The Light of the Christmas Street—Mrs. E. E. Adams.
The Christmas Star in the East—Mrs. Clarence Sneed.
Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Wise Women Follow the Star—Mrs. Hayner Rogers.
The Star of Chinese Churches—Misses Pauline Allen and Laura Hamilton.
Where the Star Shines Not—Mrs. Ruth Carringer.
Prayer—
Followers of the Star
Pink Roses for Stones—Francis Dickey.
The "Ah Pah" Church—Ruth Deweese.
Offering.
Benediction.

Miss Catherine Thompson is visiting friends at Knoxville, Tenn. this week.

Miss Eloise Fain who has been attending The Columbia Bible School at Columbia, S. C. returned home Sunday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fain.

Mr. Bob Austin of Asheville was a visitor in town, Sunday.

Ensign Harvey Akin of Charleston, S. C. is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Akin.

The Murphy B. Y. P. U. entertained with a party in the Ladies Parlor of the Baptist Church. The room was decorated in red and green and a Christmas tree was filled with presents. Games and contests were enjoyed by all. Prom cards were filled, presents given out, and refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and cakes were served to the following:

Misses Marian Swain, Tommy Coppenger, Mary Kathryn Hensley, Pauline Allen, Cleo and Irene Ramsey, Mary King Maloney, Marjann Gray, Mary Lafayette, Gladys Palmer, Laura Hamilton, Maggie Lovingood, Messrs. Bael Adams, Jerry Davidson, Berlon, Hobart and Glade Lovingood, Jack Wilson, Boyd Cornwall, an Ellis, Wayne Townson, Richard Parker, Clyde Townson, James

the club room Wednesday afternoon with the President, Mrs. T. S. Evans, in the chair. Mrs. W. M. Axley reported the story hours for the children would be held monthly at the Carnegie library, beginning in January. Following the study of Southern writers, Mrs. M. W. Bell, who was leader of the program for the afternoon, read a most interesting paper on Joel Chandler Harris. Mrs. Ralph Moody sang "The Message of the Rose", by Gottschalk, with Mrs. C. W. Savage at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauney of Washington Ga. are sending the holidays with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Derryberry and son, Arnold of Luray, Va. are spending the holidays with Mr. Derryberry's stepmother, Mrs. Mary Derryberry.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hirschaw and family left Wednesday morning to spend Christmas with relatives and friends at Morristown, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Palmer of Canton N. C. will spend Christmas with their mother and sister, Mrs. Dixie and Miss Hattie Palmer.

LAZY REPRESENTATIVE, Big Money, Pleasant Work, De Jac Co., 250 Boulevard, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Percy B. Ferebee on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week was in Atlanta, Ga. attending to business.

Mrs. Lillian Abernathy, nee Miss Lillian Carpenter, of Copperhill Tennessee, arrived in Andrews on Tuesday of this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Carpenter.

Mrs. Catherine C. Martin is spending the holidays with her sister in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Marsh left the last of the past week to make their home in South Bend, Ind.

The following are home for the Christmas holidays after having spent the fall term at School: Miss Jane Cover of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Misses Ruth Morgan and Meredith Whitaker of Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.; Messrs. Mark Boone and Frederick Montoney of A. & E. College, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. Carlyle Matheson of Weaver College, Weaverville, N. C.; Mr. David Mashburn and Miss Mabel Jones of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Mr. Roy Wheeler of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Mr. Steven Adams of Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.; Miss Sallie Bradley and Rebecca Pittman of Eastern State College, Greenville N. C.; Harry Dewar of Georgia Tech College, Atlanta, Ga. and Miss Sallie Dewar from Piedmont College Piedmont Ga.

Messrs. Percy B. Ferebee and D. H. Tillitt were business visitors in Murphy on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. E. Pittman made the trip to Greenville the last of the past week to bring back with them their daughters from Eastern State College. While on their trip they will visit friends and relatives in the eastern part of the State.

Mr. William Gordon Rodgers, of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived in Andrews on Tuesday of this week to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Chas. W. Rodgers, and his sister, Mrs. D. H. Tillitt. After the first of the year, he will locate in Canton, N. C., where he is interested in the Nantahala Hardware Company.

Mr. Don Witherspoon, attorney, of Murphy, was in Andrews the latter part of the past week on professional business.

Mrs. W. M. Webb was a business visitor in Murphy on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Edwin Whitaker made a trip to Asheville on last Sunday where he met his sister, Miss Meredith Whitaker, who was returning from Meredith College, Raleigh.

Mrs. Clyde H. Jarrett was in Murphy on Monday of this week on a pleasure trip.

Rev. L. B. Hayes, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church for the Waynesville district, was in Andrews this past Sunday and at the evening service preached at the Methodist Church. The other three churches of the town gave away their service and held a union service in honor of his presence on his first visit.

Miss Lorraine Mauney, of Waynes Mountain, N. C. is spending some time in Andrews visiting her friends here. Miss Mauney formerly lived in Andrews, leaving three

T. J. Gilbert Writes From Franklin, N. C.

Franklin, N. C.
Dec. 17th, 1931.

Editor of the Cherokee Scout,
Dear Mr. Bailey:
I take this method of answering the many letters I have read from my many friends from Murphy and vicinity since I have been in the hospital at Franklin.

I sure did appreciate each letter I received. I have been here 34 days and don't know how much longer I will have to stay, not many days I hope.

I want you people all to remember me in your prayers for the prayers of the righteous availeth much.

I have had two serious operations since I have been here, but am sitting up in a wheel chair writing this morning. I hope to be home for Xmas if I don't get home by then I wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

I guess I had better hush and go back to bed.
With due regards to all,
T. J. Gilbert

CHURCHES PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE CHEER BASKETS

The Murphy churches are celebrating the Christmas season with appropriate exercises and plans have been made to distribute cheer baskets to the town's needy and unfortunate.

The Presbyterian Sunday School sang Christmas carols Sunday morning, while Sunday evening, the Baptist Sunday School celebrated with a "White Christmas" program under the direction of Mrs. Claude Turner. Many gifts were brought and deposited together for the needy families for distribution on Christmas day.

The Methodist choir rendered a program of Christmas music Sunday evening, and on Thursday evening, observed "White Christmas" exercises with a Christmas pageant presented by the Sunday school.

All the churches will distribute Christmas cheer baskets to needy families on Christmas day.

Members of the Epworth League of the Hampton Memorial Church, a few miles out of Murphy, presented Wednesday evening a Christmas program consisting of a play entitled "Christmas at Guleh," and a pageant entitled, "The Nativity."

CHRISTMAS TREE GRACES SQUARE

As has been the custom for the past several years, a Christmas tree has been placed in the public square and lighted with colored lights. This is in keeping with the Christmas spirit and makes our public square very attractive to the townspeople as well as the visitor.

On behalf of the Woman's club, we wish to thank the Mayor and town council, Mr. T. N. Bates, manager of the Southern states Power Company, and all others who had any part in erecting and lighting the Christmas tree in the public square.

Mrs. T. S. Evans, president
Mrs. C. W. Savage, secretary

Scout Office Closed

In order to allow the force to take a short vacation during the holidays, The Scout office will be closed from December 24th until the first of next year, after which we will be back again and ready to face 1932. Until then—

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Basket Ball Games

Murphy High School basketball girls defeated Oden Friday night and Peachtree Saturday night at Murphy's new gymnasium. They "waled away" from Oden with a score of 25 to 4. They met a tougher team Saturday night but easily defeated them with a score of 21-10.

Line-up		
Murphy	C	Peachtree
Hampton	F	Coffee
Parker	F	Watkins
Ramsey	F	Sudderth
Johnson	G	Sudderth
Coppenger	G	Brooks
Walker	G	Donley

years ago to make her home in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. L. B. Nichols and son, Lee Jr., left Andrews on last Saturday for Villa Rica, Ga., where she will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Candler.

Mr. J. W. S. Davis was a business visitor in Atlanta, on last Saturday.