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Meditation

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

St. Matthew 2:

Christmas Seals

The sale of Christmas Seals in Cherokee County is going rather well according to reports, but there are still some letters unheard from.

The folks who have not sent in their checks realize the importance of the Christmas Seal drive and fully intend to do their part and send their checks.

But at this time of the year it is so easy to put off little things like getting a donation in the mail. We are all thinking about our own Christmas plans and our hearts and minds are filled with our own happiness.

That joy can be expanded just a little more by helping others. There is no better way to give assistance than through the purchase of Christmas seals.

Cherokee Chatter

BY THE EDITOR

One of my favorite girl friends, BETTY WEAVER, had a birthday a few days ago and got herself a male Parakeet as a present from her parents.

I know its a male Parakeet because Betty told me she will have to teach it to talk. And whoever heard of teaching a female anything how to talk?

Betty, who just turned 12, sent over some birthday cake. It was delicious. I understand her grandmother made it.

STOCK AUCTION

I got my first look at a live stock auction last Tuesday when NOAH HEMBREE took me over to ED KING'S barn. It was an interesting sight.

I learned a little about stock sales, got my foot stepped on by a heavy-footed calf, saw Noah get kicked in the knee by a frisky little calf and learned how very little a layman knows about live stock.

Ed said he wasn't going to hold a sale this coming Tuesday because it will be so close to Christmas. However, business will go on as usual Dec. 30.

I'll be on hand to see some more. One of these days I'm going to buy one of those critters just to see how it feels. I've never owned a cow. But Ed owns a goat. He was highest bidder on a Billy that showed up in the auction pen.

The Murphy Lions Club Dime Board will be out again Saturday and Monday and Tuesday of next week, President BOB WHITE said.

C. R. FREED will be captain of the group minding the board Friday. D. MOODY heads it Saturday. ALDEN COWARD is captain Monday and W. A. SINGLETON will be in charge Tuesday.

I'm going to be ringing that bell from noon to 1 p. m. Tuesday and anyone who goes by me without leaving some cash will get tripped.

The money is going for a worthy cause. It will be used to buy food and gifts for baskets to be delivered to the needy and blind. A committee will meet at Burch Motors 7 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 23 to deliver the baskets.

Poet's Corner

BY NORA COBB SPENCER

The mistletoe clings to the tall oak bough,
Houses are bedecked with holly now—
Friends and loved ones away in the wood

To gather symbols that are understood,
Glorifying the season each year with cheer,
Awakening hearts to holiness near.

Visions of Bethlehem's star serene
Flash each year on the Christmas scene!

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Around Andrews

BY RUTH SUBSAVAGE

A reporter sometimes gets in hot water concerning the news or lack of news, and I was soundly taken to task by C. S. FREEL, for failing to write up a genuine surprise birthday party that he had for the MRS. Mr. Freel was so very proud of having been able to pull something over on the little woman that he felt that he deserved a little recognition. And I feel that he does, too.

Everyone around Andrews is all excited about the big Christmas party to be held on the Berkshire lawn next Tuesday night. I can't imagine anything that would more truly represent the Spirit of Christmas than for all the people of a community to gather together in one place for the purpose of singing carols and observing holiday fellowship. I hope that absolutely everyone will be there.

The genial and generous DOC PINNED sure-enough TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS on the Christmas Cheer dime board Saturday. Now if the rest of us who have so much to be thankful for will dig in and give as much as you possibly can, the need of the Christmas Cheer Fund will be met when the dime board closes at 5:00 o'clock this Saturday.

All the squeals and "Darlings" you're hearing on the streets of Andrews means that the college crowd is coming in. They just feel like hugging everyone in sight for what can possibly be nicer than seeing the home folks after an absence of several months or weeks? And what can possibly be nicer than seeing them?

The response to the Chamber of Commerce suggestion that we all dress up for Christmas has been for the most part very rewarding. Many people are stopping in front of DAVIS DRUG STORE to admire Elizabeth's artistic touch.

I saw one of our ministers standing quietly in front of CITIZEN'S BANK AND TRUST CO. window the other night, obviously enjoying the scene there.

The green and white trees in the A and P Store make a trip there mighty Christmasy.

And there are more and more and more.

I noticed a jolly little Santa just ready to step down the chimney out at HAROLD KATZMAN'S.

The gayly trimmed tree on the second floor of the WILLIAM WALKER residence looks well from the main street.

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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1: 1-7. DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 9:1-7.

God With Us
Lesson for December 21, 1952

WHAT does Christmas mean? It is all wrapped up in one of the words describing Jesus, one of the less familiar names: Emmanuel. (Or Immanuel; the Bible spells it both ways.) It means GOD WITH US.

The Christian religion is not the only religion that believes in God. Many authorities believe that without belief in some kind of God, there is no religion. But a man can wonder about God, or believe that there must be a god of some kind, all his life long, and be no better man for all that. Cruel, lying men have worshipped cruel, lying gods and they grew all the worse for it.

To Live Where We Live
However, some of the higher religions have had sublime ideas about God, indeed many ideas which a Christian will agree are true. The Romans understood there is a justice on high; their gods would see and reward the just. But few Romans ever loved their gods. The more lofty their ideas of God were, the less they loved and the more they were afraid. A holy god (they supposed) must be the enemy of all sinners. In many religions, not the Roman alone, there have been stories of gods who (like the Canadian police) would always "get their man." "Your sin will find you out" is a verse in the Old Testament which many another religion could have echoed.

In contrast to all this, the coming of Christ means that God is with us, not against us. He has come to live where we live, to be on our side.

The bare belief, "God is," brings little comfort. Mount Everest is, and so is the South Pole. But the mountain and the pole are cold and far away. Most men who seek them perish. Only the Christian religion knows of a God who came to earth and still comes to make his home in the hearts of men of good-will.

Spelling God Out
When we say, "God is a person" we can be misunderstood, and we can quickly get into thought-tangles. But if we ask the question, If God were a human being, what sort of person would he be, we have not only asked a very important question, but we can understand the answer: It is Jesus. He is the translation of God into human language.

We needed that translation, too. Jesus was not born into a world of athletes; far from it. There were "gods" everywhere. There were little mean gods and little nasty gods, and they did no one any good. There were vast gods of wrath, and there were high serene gods who went their ways in the sky like great airliners, casting fleet shadows on the farms beneath but not knowing nor caring who might live down there.

He Shall Save His People
Emmanuel means more than that God has visited his people. Your old aunt may come for a visit and stay for two weeks, and all that time never utter a word of complaint or criticism. She lets you do as you please, she gives the children candy and she helps your wife with the cooking and she knits you a muffler.

Some people think God is like that, a sort of handy deity around the house, a god who will hand out anything we care to ask for. "God with us," to such people, means that God is on our side no matter what we may do.

But that is a long way from the truth. For another name of Emmanuel is Jesus, and that means Saviour. We are not told that Jesus will save his people from hell, or from trouble; he will save his people from their sins. When God comes to visit us in Christ, it is not a visit of curiosity. It was no sentimental journey God took to Bethlehem. God is with us; but not to bolster up our self-conceit, not to back us up in anything and everything we may take a notion to do.

He is with us to do what we can never do by ourselves or for ourselves; namely to save us from ourselves. What the best of imaginary gods could never do, what the little gods (even if they had been real) would never do, the true God has done. Could he have done it in heaven? We do not know. What we do know is that our God had something to do for us on earth; and that is why Christ came to Bethlehem.

Never make promises which you do not expect to keep.
Never bribe a child to believe.

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Letters To SANTA

Marble, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1952

Murphy, N. C.
Box 104

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have been very good and I would like for you to bring me a teddy bear, trucks, cars, a capbuster, riding horse, and some clothes, some oranges, apples, nuts and candy for Christmas.
Merry Christmas!

Your Friend,
Howard Coffey

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get a toni doll with blond hair I would like a big bride doll, a kitchen cabinet, a big playhouse, a toy watch, Alice In Wonderland, and a sled, toy bedroom suits, a red book bag, a little toy store.

Sheilah Sneed
I'm 5 years old.

PERSONALS

BY MRS. C. W. SAVAGE

Mrs. Frank Pool will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Costello.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Burgess spent last week end in Asheville.

Mrs. John Branham and small son, Ruffin, of Raleigh spent a few days here this week with Mrs. H. Bueck. They were joined here Wednesday by Mrs. J. Walter Branham and son, Bucky, who were returning from Warm Springs, Ga., where Bucky has been for a routine check-up. The four of them returned to Raleigh Thursday.

Mrs. Dixie and Miss Hattie Palmer were guests of friends in Asheville last week end.

Mrs. Geraldine Meadows will go to Canton, Ohio this week end to spend Christmas with her husband.

H. Bueck attended the Haywood County Lions Club party for blind children held Sunday afternoon in Waynesville.

Mrs. R. H. Foard, Mrs. J. B. Gray and Miss Hattie Palmer were in Atlanta last Saturday.

A. H. Myers and family of Tryon, Ga. were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton and family.

Mrs. Cora Watkins of Andrews spent last week end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Ray and Becky Jo.

Mrs. A. M. Brittain of Atlanta visited her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Cover in Andrews Sunday, and came to Murphy Sunday night to hear "The Messiah". She was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Buel Adams.

Mrs. Hugh Putnam left Saturday for her home in Cherryville after spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Hoover and family.

Looking Over



A Four-H Clover

BY FRANCES PUETT AND M. B. WRIGHT

"THE GREEN YEARS"

"The Green Years" was the theme of the 4-H Achievement Program held Friday evening in the Murphy Primary Auditorium and sponsored by the County 4-H Council.

The famous saying, "When we're green we grow," has its importance to 4-H Clubbers. "Green" symbolizes to them the "living."

The unique 4-H clover with each H in the four leaves is more than "good luck" but the development of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

Thanks to Tommy Moore, the Wolf Creek A group, and Jerry Ruth Smith for their contribution to the program through music.

We were glad to look back over the year and know that the following boys and girls had achievement in their work and become county winners and six had become district winners: Jackie Wilson, most animal; Billy Parker, poultry; Ned Stewart, field crops; Christine Elliott, canning, garden-

ing, district gardening; Shirley Carver, clothing, district citizenship; James Smith, dairy achievement; Charlie Mills, dairy calf; Joy Collect, dairy foods team demonstration, health, district health; Barbara Barton, dairy foods team demonstration, farm & home electric; Emma Jean Shields, dairy foods demonstration, dress review, food preparation, district dairy foods; Ralph Jordan, farm & home electric; Fred Van Horn, forestry, public speaking, health, wildlife, district public speaking; Jerry Ruth Smith, poultry, rural arts & recreation, district rural recreation; Clara Hughes, public speaking; Carol Elliott, wildlife; educational exhibit, Laura Bailey, Claude Hurt, Billy Killian, and Juanita Graham. And the high honor of having Dorothy Shields, I. F. Y. E. Delegate.

Mr. O. H. Phillips, Ass't. State 4-H Leader, came breezing in from Asheville to attend our program with the cold wind but received a warm welcome.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

Application Form
Mail to Scout Office

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
Lawn & Roof (Check One) Window & Door _____

Rules:

- 1.—Application must be filed.
- 2.—Decoration must be up before Dec. 18 and application filed.
- 3.—Decorations Must Be Visible From Street.
- 4.—Home must be inside town limits.

THIS CHRISTMAS
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WITH A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

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