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MUSTARD SEEDS

By REV. JAMES J. WILMES

\$150,000 FOR KINDNESS

Officials for the Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York were astonished recently when they received a gift of \$150,000 from a former clinic patient whom they had thought penniless. The money was left by Margaret Pierce because, she said, "I have never met with such kindness!"

A switchboard operator until shortly before her death, Miss Pierce had been treated at the hospital for an incurable cancer. Her will left most of the fortune to the hospital's research department to fight cancer.

There is kindness in each of us if we would only use it. Each person who came into contact with this suffering woman, was partly responsible by the kindness they gave her for receipt of this large gift.

This is the third of the 4 weeks before Advent, representing the third part of the 4000 years mankind awaited and prepared for the Redeemer. We, too must prepare spiritually for Him; and not just count the shopping days till Christmas. Were we to ask St. Joseph, guardian of the Infant how we might best prepare, he might well reply, "By being kind" For the first Christmas eve is still fresh in his mind. He was so anxious to find shelter and comfort for Mary as hour drew near; but all he

found was bright lights, merry laughter, the smell of food, escaping warmth, and always—that look, from head to toe: "They are poor. She is with child. Of course we have no room—for them!" Joseph did not need lips to tell him "No."; but still the word cut deep when it came, just as the look humiliated.

Are we as unkind daily to Christ in our neighbor? Eugene Field, the famous poet, entered a restaurant one day, tired and depressed an impatient waiter reeled off a list of dishes on the menu very quickly. Field gazed at him sadly and said, "Friend, I want none of these things. All I want is a cup of coffee and a few kind words."

All of us, whether at home or work or on the street, can pass along the simple joy of Christ with only a smile, a word or a gesture. This added effort on our part may brighten someone's day, change a life, or even save a soul. We may never know whose; but woe it the year 1 A. D. it might well be Jesus', Mary's and Joseph's.

RESOLUTION: To adopt the mood of our neighbor-rejoice 'ho we be inwardly sad; mourn tho we be happy; smile when it is hard, talk when we'd be silent; be melancholic with the melancholic to gain his confidence and better apply a cure.

PRAYER: Lord, be in my heart and on my lips, that I worthily spread thy joy. "Lo is not a word better than a gift?" Ecclesiasticus 18, 17; Job 4, 3-4.

BACKWARD GLANCE

16 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 16, 1947 Mrs. W. S. Flanagan left Tuesday for her home in Augusta, Ga. after a ten days visit with her mother, Mrs. T. G. Tate.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson will leave Saturday for Kansas City, Mo., to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson Jr. and baby Diane. Mr. Davidson will go later. Leaving Chattanooga at 2:30 on Christmas day, he will fly to Kansas City arriving there at 11 a. m. in time for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Pruden Davidson of Dallas, Texas, will join them in Kansas City for Christmas and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson Sr., will return with them back to Dallas and take a plane back to Murphy.

Frank Owenby and Hugh Roberts of Marietta, Ga., were in Murphy Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Brumby Sr. will spend the holidays in Marietta, Ga., with Miss Ida Brumby.

The Folk School will give the first performance of the Christmas play, since 1942. Friday night, Dec. 19, at 7:30.

The Rev. W. A. Cook filled his regular appointment at the Ranger Methodist Church Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Sneed spent one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Merritt of Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Keenum and daughter of Hiwassee Dam spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kilpatrick.

A Christmas party will be held Wednesday night at 7 at the Ranger Methodist Church.

Mrs. M. C. King and daughter, Birdie, of Copperhill, Tenn., were business visitors here one day last week.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 16, 1937 Mrs. L. M. Ellis of Andrews, was the guest of Mrs. G. W. Ellis Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Milligan of Hiwassee Dam were visitors in Murphy Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Crawford and son, Jack, were called to Beta Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Crawford's father, the Rev. R. L. Cook.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson and mother, Mrs. Grace Cooper spent the week-end in Knoxville.

Mrs. D. W. Petrie will leave Sunday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in Charlotte and Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Witherspoon and Mrs. E. B. Norvell spent Thursday in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hollifield, Bill Petrie and Miss Mary Petrie will arrive in Murphy Dec. 27, to spend a few days with Mrs. Petrie.

Miss Lola Marks will spend the week-end in Monroe, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smallshaw spent the week-end in Knoxville.

P. J. Henn made a business trip to Charlotte last week.

Clyde Sneed spent Thursday in Chattanooga on business.

Jack and Louise Christopher are expected to arrive Friday from

Brevard College to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Christoph.

Mrs. J. W. Franklin and Mrs. Allen Lovingood will be joint hostesses to the Good Will Club at the home of Mrs. Lovingood's, Saturday afternoon at 2.

Miss Arue Lou Stalcup a student at the McKenzie Business College in Chattanooga, will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stalcup.

30 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 16, 1927

Mrs. E. C. Mallonee, Mrs. Spurge Christopher, Miss Josephine Heighway and Mrs. Reid Mallonee spent Thursday in Gainesville, Ga.

Mrs. Willard Cooper and little daughter returned last Friday from a visit to Asheville.

The Regal Hotel had two very distinguished guests one day this week in the persons of Count Fedlitz and wife of Germany. They were on a pleasure trip through the United States and left here for Florida and Georgia points thence to San Francisco, where they will board ship for the East.

Misses Mabel Ellis and Della Meroney and Messrs, Wade Massey and Bob Austin were among those who attended the basketball games between Murphy and Bryson City one night this week in Bryson City.

Misses Eloise Fain and Della Meroney spent the week-end in Statesville with friends. They were accompanied to Statesville by Mr. Bob Austin who visited relatives at Albermarle.

Miss Mabel Ellis visited friends in Asheville over the week-end.

Mr. D. H. Tillitt was a business visitor in Murphy Wednesday of this week.

Rollman's Views

Editor's Note: This is the thirty-second in a series of articles by Heinz Rollman, industrialist, Waynesville, N. C.

It is just a few short months ago that for the first time since the history of mankind each child, woman and man living in a country had an average income of

just about \$2,000 for anyone in a 12-months period. Mind you, this \$2,000 even included all our mothers-in-law and all the relatives; in fact, the

whole gang.

This is 4 times more than anywhere else in the world and 40 times more than most other countries. As you may have guessed by now, the \$2,000 are for the people of the United States, while the \$50, for instance, are for the people who are living in India. To be sure, inflation has something to do with it. However, even though prices have gone up, the most important thing is that in our kind of semi-controlled, semi-governed inflation (for that is what we have), we can buy more today than we ever could before, since we make dollars, though each and every dollar does buy a little less from year to year.

Now, we know very well that if our income would go down from \$2,000, for every person living in

Mr. R. C. Moore of Topton, was in Andrews Tuesday of this week on business.

Mr. W. T. Holland was in Bryson City Monday of this week in connection with his lumber corporation.

our country, to \$1,000, for instance, and if prices would not go down accordingly, then we would get into a miserable fix. Our standard of living would go down. We could not purchase the goods any more that are being produced; unemployment would begin. In other words, our wonderful standard of living would be jeopardized.

Now, the same is true for the whole world. It is the only way we have to take out insurance for our children and our children's children if, as sensible people, we watch the average income per person all over the world.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

In the matter of the last will and testament of Luther M. Nicholson, deceased, late of Cherokee County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Andrews, N. C., on or before the 14th day of November, 1938, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 14th day of November, 1937.

Evelyn Russell Nicholson, Executrix of the estate of Luther M. Nicholson

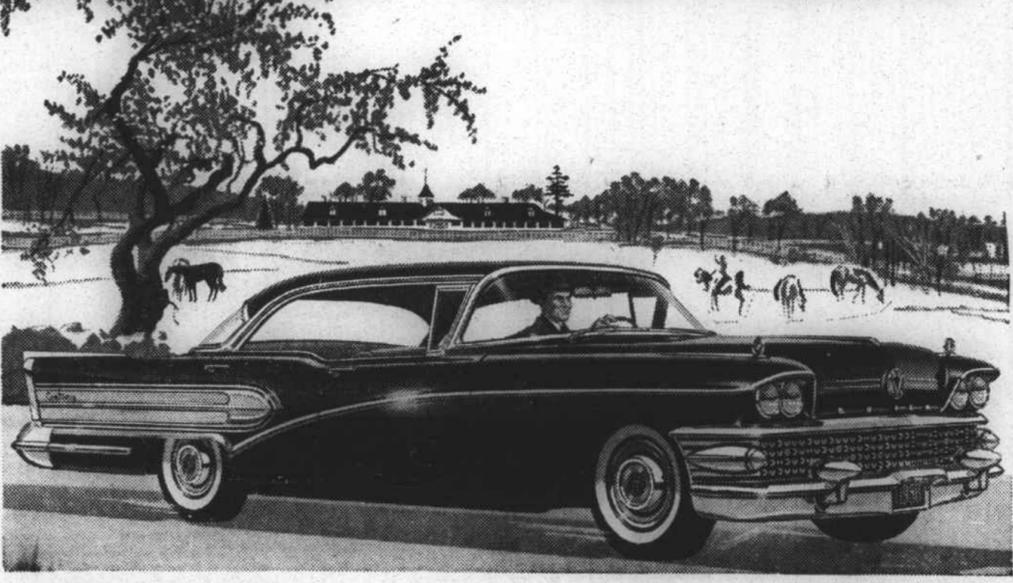
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