

The Ten Commandments for Christmas Giving

By HARVEY PEAKE

- THOU shalt love the giver of the gift, because he has sent the gift.
- THOU shalt remember first the very young and the very old.
- THOU shalt buy within thy means, remembering the spirit of the gift and not the value.
- THOU shalt not become a party to the mere exchange of gifts. Let thy heart go with each and every greeting or present thou send out.
- THOU shalt make such gifts as thy skill may warrant, inasmuch as the work of thy hands gives added value to the offering.
- THOU shalt tie up no bitter remembrances with a gift, but only peace and good will.
- THOU shalt have thy gifts ready several days before the time of delivery, that the immediate days before Christmas may be filled with peace and happiness, and not with turmoil and frenzy.
- THOU shalt seek the abodes of the poor and friendless with such wholesome gifts as may cheer and nourish their hungry bodies and hearts.
- THOU shalt not gush over thy gifts. THOU shalt show thy gratitude in more sincere ways.
- THOU shalt, at earliest opportunity, give written or verbal thanks for such kindnesses as thy friends may have bestowed upon thee at Christmas.

TWO TOTS IN A TOY SHOP

Little Denny Was Almost Beyond Hope in the Eyes of His Older Sister, Aged Six.

She was six if she was a day; she had a little fat back in a little black coat and her wisps of red hair matched her red tam-o-shanter. In her firm hand she held a struggling boy about a year younger, and they were getting into the elevator at a big department store and making for "toys."

Children are not allowed, unaccompanied by guardians, in most large shops, but such was her air of responsibility, of decorum, that it would have been a bold floorwalker who dared to question her.

Nor, evidently, was it her first visit. The boy, still held in leash, ran in front and made straight for the space devoted to Santa Claus, his reindeer and his sleigh, piled with toys.

There was a background of fir and cedar and a huge Christmas tree, but the pair sat down before the fascinating old fellow in his red robe, his long white beard, holding his big whip, and from his face the small boy did not turn from worshipping in solemn adoration.

Across the room was a crèche; also a wonderful and beautiful thing. The infant Jesus in the manger, the mother in her blue robes, St. Joseph, with his staff, the three kings resplendent.

The children had been perfectly still for fifteen minutes looking at Santa Claus, when the little girl whispered to the boy. He squirmed, struggled, but she was too much for him. She dislodged him from his seat, dragged him to the crèche, and with motherly, Irish piety, pressed him on his knees.

Reverently she described the holy group, then would inlite devotion from a more human motive.

"See the cow, Denny; you mind the cow we used to milk last summer at the farm when we went on the fresh air? See the goat, Denny; you mind the goat in our alley? It's his pitcher." But Denny whined and pulled and pulled to be back again to his idol.

The little girl looked up. Her sigh was that given by every woman since the beginning, for every man for whose soul she holds herself responsible.

"Denny," she said, "Denny likes Santa Claus better than he likes God."

It is time to hoist your stocking high
And let your notes to Santa fly
Straight up the chimney
far away
So you'll get your presents
Christmas Day

May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like him who, at that time, became a little child for our sake, more simple-minded, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God.—J. H. NEWBORN.

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Home Made Presents.

"I thought I'd be economical this year and make my Christmas presents myself, instead of buying them," said Mrs. Harlow; "so I bought a book of instructions and went ahead."

"How did you make out?" asked Mrs. Brown.

"The materials footed up to \$43.58, and I put in a month's hard sowing and cutting."

"How did that compare with last year?"

"Last year I bought all I wanted for \$35."

First Christmas Card.

In December, 1844, Mr. W. A. Dobson sent the first Christmas card.

DENTON NEWS

Mr. Ross Cameron, of Cid, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cameron.

Mr. T. J. Ellis, of Star, was a business visitor here last week.

Mr. Geo. T. Marefield, of Salisbury, spent a few days here last week on business.

Mr. Leonard Snider has moved into his new residence near Denton high school.

Mr. J. F. Yates, of Caraway, is moving to Denton this week.

Miss Eunice Penny, superintendent of the canning club of this county, will establish a class here in Domestic Science, beginning in a few weeks. She is now engaged in teaching similar classes at other places in the county.

Mr. Baxter Morris, of Handy, will move his family to Denton in a few days.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell, on November 21, a son.

Mrs. E. E. Harris, who underwent an operation at the high point hospital a few days ago, is improving nicely and will be able to return home in two or three weeks.

WORTHVILLE AND RANDLEMAN ROUTE 2 NEWS

Miss Sallie Bostick, of Greensboro, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bostick.

Mr. Causey Freeman, of Steeds, spent a few days in town visiting friends last week.

Mr. Will Hurley, who is teaching at Ulah, spent Saturday at home.

Mrs. D. M. Meredith, of Greensboro, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Williamson.

Mrs. T. E. Millikan has returned from several days visit to friends and relatives in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Newlin, of Randleman, spent Sunday evening at Mr. W. C. Hishaw's.

Mr. Tom Bostick, of Spencer, is spending a few days with his parents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Groce—a son.

Mr. Chas. Sheffield accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Albright, of near Seagrave, spent Sunday at Mr. Nathan Sheffield's.

Mr. Zeb Nixon made a business trip to Asheboro Saturday.

D. L. Brown, a well-known restaurant keeper, of Salisbury, was sentenced in Superior court at Salisbury Monday to serve a term of 15 months on the roads and to pay several thousand dollars fine for selling liquor.

As a result of a head-on-collision late Monday on the Central of Georgia railroad six miles west of Columbus twenty persons are reported dead and thirty injured. The wreck was due to the misunderstanding of orders on the part of the passenger train which collided with a special train carrying a circus.

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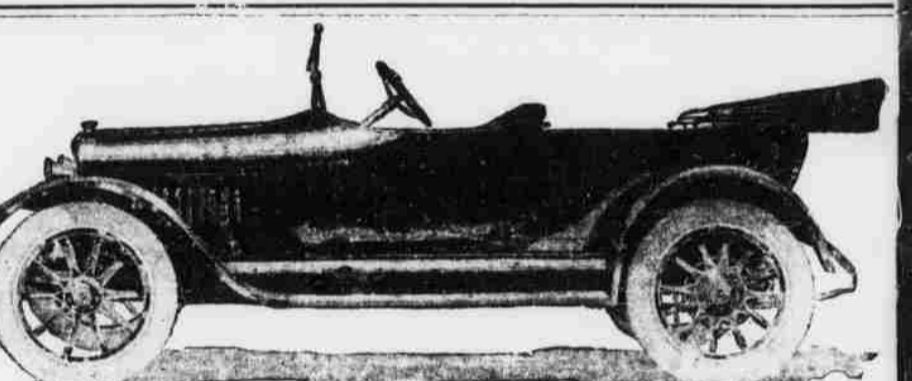
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