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BIBLE THOUGHT

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, to men of good will.—St. Luke 2:14.

Peace

The glory that came to the shepherds
The night of the Christ Child's birth
Was radiant Love from the Father
To men of good-will on earth.

And Peace is the fruit of His coming
When men will but open wide
The door of their hearts and adore Him
That He may come in and abide.

Abide in our hearts, Lord Jesus,
We cast out all hate and care.
We welcome good-will in Thy Presence;
Be Guest and our Master there.

—A. Rufus Morgan.

What Does Christmas Mean?

WHAT DOES Christmas mean to you? Is it just an old custom, an annual routine of cash and credit, of eating and holidaying?

Christmas is a tradition linking us with the past. The enemy of Christmas may out-Herod Herod but he will never be able to root out the memories of Christmas which have spread through long centuries.

Christmas is romance. Christmas brings back to us our childhood's thrill, its anticipations and realizations. The romance still clusters there for grown-ups.

Christmas is good will. Often unconsciously, good will rises to the surface of our lives. Some of the selfishness is overshadowed. We are in a mood to love everyone.

Christmas is giving. But no ordinary giving. They are the enemies of Christmas who only celebrate as if with fireworks—a flash, and it is over. Christmas must be exalted to the Eternal. We make it an eternal Christmas when by God's help we match His Gift; He forever Flesh of our flesh; we forever spirit of His Spirit.—Selected.

"Remember Me"

LAST Sunday in the central prison auditorium in Raleigh Governor Hoey addressed a memorable Christmas message to North Carolina's 10,000 prisoners. The radio carried the speech into other prison camps of the state.

Because this message is one that most citizens will value and all citizens would do well to ponder, we are quoting some of the governor's words. Speaking after a group of Negro prisoners had sung "Remember Me", he said:

"North Carolina does remember you. Your state is not a vengeful state. Your state does keep you in mind. But your state must uphold the law, must restrain violence, must protect society. That is why you are here today, not because your state is a vengeful state. . . ."

"Your state wants to rehabilitate those in prison. During my years as governor, we have established a probation system designed to give a man a chance after he has been convicted without having to send him to prison. . . . We also have the parole system. That is to help society, to help the prisoner, to help his family. I have paroled more than 2,600 in my four years. And remember, almost 20,000 men pass through our prison system every year."

The New British Ambassador

AT first glance Viscount Halifax presents a striking contrast to the late Lord Lothian, whom he has been appointed to succeed as British ambassador to the United States. Lothian was so democratic in manner as well as in spirit and so thoroughly at home in the American scene that he appeared to belong as much to our country as to his own. Halifax has the reserve usually associated with his island and is unknown on this side of the water save by reputation. But his fitness for the Washington ambassadorship is cordially recognized. As Foreign Minister in the critical period that led up to the war and during the months of deepening relationships between Britain and the United States he is most familiar with the vital matters of diplomacy now in hand. His appointment is greeted by Secretary Hull with hearty satisfaction and doubtless will commend itself to the American public as the high character, the sterling abilities and the fine sincerity of Lord Halifax are revealed.

—Atlanta Journal.



Bob Wiggins Of Smith Bridge Township Increases Corn Yield

Bob Wiggins, unit demonstration farmer of Smithbridge township reports increased yield on corn. Mr. Wiggins says he obtained this yield by following good farm management practices, according to T. H.

Fagg, assistant farm agent. Mr. Wiggins has three and one-half acres of bottom land on which he turned a two-year sod of lespezea in the fall of 1938. This lespezea had been phosphated at the rate of 100 pounds of triple super-phosphate per acre. This land was seeded to rye and turned under in the spring of 1939. At this time two tons of lime was applied per

Otter Creek School

Pupils and faculty of Otter Creek school held their annual Christmas party in W. J. Carpenter's room last Friday. The fifth grade presented a Christmas play in rhyme, "Santa Claus' Helpers," under the direction of their teacher, Ray Moses. After Santa Claus had distributed the presents around the tree, the students and teachers joined in singing Christmas carols. Christmas eve, the high school students helped distribute the Christmas baskets to families in the Otter Creek community.

The school's new gymnasium is rapidly nearing completion and should be ready for service by the first of the year. Built jointly by NYA workers and the people of the community, the materials from which it is constructed were secured from an abandoned CCC recreation hall in Horse Cove. The gym will have a standard basketball court, dressing rooms, and will have a seating capacity of 300. It will also serve as the school lunch room and as a recreation center for the community. The Otter Creek school basketball team has games pending with Hayesville, Murphy and Bryson City after the holidays.

Muse's Corner

Upon a cold gray winter day
I saw a wondrous thing—
A gray tree in a garden gray
With gray birds blossoming!
—Charlotte Young.

acre and the land seeded to soy beans. This was turned in the fall of 1939 and planted to corn in 1940. Mr. Wiggins states that he had never harvested more than 10 bushels of corn per acre from this

CARD OF THANKS
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Caba and family wish to take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude for the manifold kindnesses shown them by their many friends at the death of their son and brother, Orland Caba.

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We wish to express appreciation to our friends for the kindness shown us at the death of our mother, Mrs. Florence Meroney Porter, and for the beautiful flowers.
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter
Mr. and Mrs. Worth McKinney

A. B. O'Mohundro To Leave For Costa Rica

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Mohundro will leave here Christmas day for Port Lemon, Costa Rica, where Mr. O'Mohundro is to begin work the first of the year for the public road administration under the Federal Work Agency. The O'Mohundros are to sail from New York City December 28 on the S. S. Cheriqui for Costa Rica. They plan to make their home there. Mr. O'Mohundro, a highway engineer, has worked at Sparta and, more recently, at Spruce Pine. He returned here a few weeks ago.

land. This fall he harvested 150 bushels of corn from the three and one-fourth acres. Lime and phosphate on legumes and cover crops, according to Mr. Wiggins, are the principal reasons for this increase in yield.

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