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Towns Should Act

According to the State Supreme Court eight towns in Eastern North Carolina were not discriminated against when the Utilities Commission granted the Virginia Power & Electric Company power to boost rates charged for electric power.

However, the action results in higher electric bills for every customer served by any one of these towns, and according to testimony presented during the hearings, these rates are higher than those charged by competing companies such as Duke Power and Carolina Power and Light.

It is our belief that the people of Eastern North Carolina should not be penalized by having to pay a greater rate for electric power than is offered in other parts of North Carolina and we believe these eight towns should, as suggested by the Chief Justice of the Court, petition for the right of service by one of these other companies in order that power rates become equal throughout the State.

Christmas, 1955

Christmas Day, and the Christmas season, always bring back the sweetest memories of our childhood and impress upon us the high principles of our Christmas heritage. For the youngsters, Christmas has a sparkle and a sweetness unsurpassed by any other time of the year. For the adults, Christmas means the spirit of unselfish giving to others.

There is hardly a family in our land who cannot vividly remember happy scenes, perhaps with those now passed on, around the Christmas tree on Christmas morning, and the emptying of stockings. We celebrate this day as the most important holiday in the Christian year in a combination of ways and customs, originating in many various countries.

The date for the observance of Christmas has never been generally agreed upon and, although we observe the 25th of December as the birthday anniversary of Jesus Christ, it is still a disputed point. January 6th was observed by the Christians in Palestine, and Egyptian theologians fixed the date in May—on the 20th. Other faiths have observed April 19 and 20. Some scholars contend that December 25th is about as far away from the actual date as it is possible to get.

Christmas of 1955 finds us in a period of record prosperity, with no shooting war in progress and with a bright future ahead of us. Certainly, we are able to afford the luxury and wealth of unselfishness more than any other people.

Our customs of observing Christmas come from many areas of the

world. The idea of the Christmas tree itself came from Germany, in more recent times, but there are those who say that the Christmas tree originated, even before that, in Egypt and in Italy. The belief in Santa Claus also came from Germany, where the first Santa Claus was supposedly one who gave three young women, without suitors, bags of gold—after which they were quickly and happily married.

The legend about the chimney, down which Santa Claus descends and ascends, comes from the Norsemen. The custom of using fireworks at Christmas time, so widely followed in the South, comes from the Latin countries—from Spain, Italy and France. They were introduced into this country by French immigrants around New Orleans.

Christmas in the United States is a universal holiday, made up of the customs from many lands and accepted by the American people generally. That is the way it should be, in our country of free men, who originally came from many lands.

4-H CLUB MEETINGS

The 4-H Clubs of Perquimans County held their Christmas meetings as follows: Eighth Grade, Monday, December 12, Hertford Grammar School; Wednesday, December 14, Winfall Grammar School; and Monday, December 19,

Winfall High School. All the clubs had their regular business meeting, after which they played Christmas games which they enjoyed very much. Christmas contests were played following the other games. Mrs. Florence W. Webb, home agent, showed Christmas gifts that could be hand made.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SONGS OF THE SAVIOUR'S BIRTH

International Sunday School Lesson for December 25th, 1955

Memory Selection: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." —Luke 2:14.

Lesson Text: Luke 1:32-33, 46-50; 2:29-32.

Have you ever wondered why music plays such an important part in the celebration of Christmas? For weeks before Christmas day, music fills the air, the stores are often filled with music and the churches are busy preparing special music for this particular season of the year.

Music has always been associated with Christmas and will always be—for music was closely associated with the birth of Jesus Christ. You will recall that the first Christmas hymn was sung by an angel—Gabriel—to an audience of one—Mary. The hymn told this beautiful young woman that she was most favored of all women, for "Thou shalt . . . bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." The angel went on to describe this child which was to be born and to outline his mission in the world. "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

When the angel Gabriel told this stupendous news to Mary, she was, of course, surprised and perplexed, but she did not once doubt the truth of his words. No other woman has been so honored, yet Mary was humble. No woman has been asked to yield more to God's purpose, yet Mary did not hesitate. Her whole attitude of submission to God may be summed up in her own words: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

Awed by the announcement of the angel and perplexed in her mind, Mary hastened to the home of an old cousin, Elisabeth, who was also expecting a child. For Elisabeth, it was a surprise visit. However, through the understanding given by the Holy Ghost, she immediately recognized Mary, the Nazareth maiden, as the mother of the long-awaited, long hoped-for Messiah. Elisabeth was so excited that she exuberantly declared, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

It was then that Mary sang her own hymn of praise to God. Her words of humble thanksgiving are still sung as the Magnificat. Listen to the words: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour, for he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaid: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation." What beautiful words are these, and what humility they portray.

For some reason, the song of the angels at the birth of Jesus is not included among those to be studied in this lesson, and yet, this song to the shepherds is one of our most loved songs sung at Christmas. These angels expressed two of the blessings which Christ's coming brought: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." To those who rejoice in his coming, and who accept him as their Lord, Jesus brings peace—peace of mind and of spirit. And, in Christ we find release from that which binds us and keeps us from living on a selfish, human level. Wherever and whenever men allow the gospel of Jesus Christ to take practical root in their lives, brotherhood, or goodwill toward all men, grows and develops.

The last song given for our consideration is known as Simeon's song of praise. For years, this devout man had looked forward eagerly to God's salvation for Israel. God had promised the aging man that he would not die until he had seen answered the constant prayer of his heart. Simeon, accustomed to being led by the Spirit of God, was in the Temple the day when Mary and Joseph came to that sa-

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CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS

" . . . And so in this way, my children, Christ was born in Bethlehem."

But Christmas is more than the celebration of this event which happened long ago and far away. It is a present reality.

Through the eyes of faith we see ourselves kneeling before the manger. We have come to adore our new-born King.

Through the wonder of faith, the Christmas story becomes alive. The Christ Child is born in our hearts. The angels speak to us:

"Behold I bring you tidings of great joy . . . For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord!"

Our Bethlehem today is our Church and Sunday School. Let us go and take our children to worship our new-born King.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Matthew	1	18-25
Monday	Matthew	2	1-12
Tuesday	Matthew	2	13-23
Wednesday	Matthew	11	1-18
Thursday	Isaiah	40	1-11
Friday	John	1	1-18
Saturday	John	1	19-52

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James O. Mattox, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock
Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
First Sunday, 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
Phil H. Quidley, Pastor
Church services second Sunday at 11 A. M., fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
E. R. Meekins, Pastor
First Sunday:
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.

Second Sunday:
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.

Third Sunday:
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.

Fourth Sunday:
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

Fifth Sunday:
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH
P. M. Porter, Jr.
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Charles Sinclair, Pastor
Church services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
Orval Dillon, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church services, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.
Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. D. Stoner, Pastor
Sunday School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Evening service 8 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
E. Virgil Pike, Pastor
Church School 10 A. M.
Morning worship 11 A. M.
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. Paul Holoman, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.
Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
I. S. Richmond, Pastor
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.
Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11 o'clock.
Young People's meeting at 6:00 P. M.
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Services Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

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11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd Sunday.
11:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday.
7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 4th Sunday.
7:30 P. M., Evening Prayer, 5th Sunday.
9:45 A. M., Church School, Every Sunday.

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Walker Perry, Pastor
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Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. Ralph Knight, Pastor
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Sunday School every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 11 A. M.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
G. B. Lawrence, Pastor
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Evangelistic Service 8 P. M.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN!

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... and to all our friends and neighbors... may you enjoy a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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