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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. St. Matthew 2:10

Christmas 1954

Christmas, the annual religious holiday in which a great portion of the world's population celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace, is near again — time for a renewal of faith in the principles Jesus Christ provided.

This Christmas season is happier than many of the past. A decade ago, United States troops were locked in fierce battle in Germany as Hitler's legions made their last big effort to avoid defeat. It was a bitter time for the men, and a bitter one for their kin at home, dreading the arrival of the fateful telegram. Many telegrams did arrive, some of them in Kings Mountain.

Since that unhappy season, there were holiday seasons punctured by the Korean conflict, no full-scale war, but a war which also produced the fateful messages of casualty and death.

Tensions still are extant, at home and abroad, but, happily, for the second consecutive Christmas season it appears that American fighting men on duty Christmas Day will put in the most routine type of duty.

In spite of the tensions—between the United States and Russia and among other nations of the world—the climate for peace is considered somewhat better this year than last. The policy of our government is one of strength with conservatism. The United States chip is not on the shoulder, and this is good. When the chip is up, there is usually someone to knock it off. Also, the Russian government appears less warlike than in some past seasons.

It remains a tragedy that men cannot emulate sufficiently the policies and practices they honor in celebration of Christmas to avoid the great cauldrons of crisis which intermittently the world has long known.

It is possible man's great advances in science, which have shortened the distance around the globe from years to days, may eventually over-ride the physical barriers of enmity which cause men to shoot each other because of some person's or some nation's greed and envy? It is a prayer all could well make on Christmas day, applicable internationally, nationally and locally.

Drive With Care

The long weekend approaching is Christmas weekend and therefore the most dangerous on the highways of any area, near home or away.

It's the season of the year when the roads are crowded with people going home to mother's, or grandmother's, for the traditional Christmas observance, and some of them will have started too late. They'll be trying to regain the lost time of the late start with heavy feet on accelerators of high-horsepowered motors.

This will not be the only group creating havoc on the highways. Some celebrants will not remember the inherent dangers of mixing drinking and driving.

There will be other careless drivers on the roads who will increase the hazards.

The motto for the next two weeks on the highway should be: Drive slowly, drive carefully, honor the rules of the road, and keep a weather eye posted for the driver behind the approaching wheel.

Though Mrs. Zona Hord Clay, one-time Kings Mountain citizen and school teacher, had not lived here for some eight years, her tragic death in an automobile accident last week saddened this community. Many knew her as she was, a fine woman of intelligence, bright personality, vivacity and ability. The sympathy of all goes to her husband and family.

It's time to buy city auto tags for 1955, now on sale at City Hall.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

A movement was launched last week in Shelby for a \$450,000 county-wide bond election to provide funds for doubling the size of the Shelby hospital and building a new 50-bed hospital at Kings Mountain.

Miss Betty Patrick, a student at Agnes Scott, is spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick.

David Neill, student at Davidson college, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill.

Social and Personal

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

It's time for the Christmas spirit, for Christmas is almost here.

Actually, the youngsters may have all of the best of it at Christmas time, for the coiner of the phrase "Christmas is for children", at least partially was right.

It's not that the young folks get showered (spoiled) with gifts, but that their keen anticipation of what Santa Claus will bring, and if he'll bring it, stretches out the Christmas season for a long, long time. One mother, answering a question the other day if her three-year-old daughter were not just the right age to appreciate Christmas and its glories this year, replied, "Oh, my, yes..... since July."

In the matter of grown-ups, I would guess that the women-folk get the Christmas spirit a bit earlier and keep it longer than the menfolk, though this would not be a hard and fast rule. But then, what femme fatale, 16 or 60, doesn't expect some Santa Claus to provide the Christmas treatment, be it bawdy, or finery, or odorous sweetness, or that sweetness which adds to the waistline? And quite frequently even the most unromantic of unromantic males for 364 days of the year hark back to the earlier years for the popular habit of the surprise gift, the little something extra and unanticipated that softens the most shrewish countenance.

Yes, Christmas is for children, but the age of the children varies by may decades.

Christmas is the relaxing season of the year, though it may not begin 'til duties are done on Christmas Eve. The push, push, rush, rush, get this, buy that, wrap this, label that, all culminate when the tasks are done in a big sigh of satisfaction for a job well done. It's right much like a big dinner. A few minutes of heavy duty with the knife and fork can mess up a powerful sight of labor. Thus it is with all the planning and tedious labor of gift-gathering and gift-wrapping. But isn't it nice?

Getting the Christmas spirit is a sometime thing which occurs at different moments for different people, but almost everyone gets it. After all, it's hard to avoid the infectious touch of the handsome, gaily-colored Christmas greetings (prettier this year, I believe, than ever) and the cheerily given personal greeting of "Merry Christmas", a nice substitution in the everyday greeting scheme of "Good morning", "Good afternoon" and "Good evening".

One father remarked the other day that he didn't get very peppy anymore since the youngsters were grown and he'd turned over the shopping chores to the maternal side. Certainly there would normally be some difference and perhaps a let-down for a few years but he can look forward to something even better. A lady was reporting on her father, long a non-shopper at Christmastime, who had long passed out a bit of cash with his "Merry Christmas" and a plain-spoken dictum to "buy yourself something you want". But a grandson is now aboard and the situation has changed. Grandpa now shops for one major present and the task is handled with tedious care.

The fun of Christmas for grown-ups is giving, seeing someone else with pleased smiles and delighted eyes.

Thus the civic clubs do their work, the Jaycees with their food for the needy, the Lions with their visits to the poor of sight, the churches with their remembrances of the ill and indigent. The Kiwanis club, I understand, vetoed a suggestion to handle its Christmas gift work via a welfare agency. The members wanted to get the fun of doing the giving themselves.

Giving need not necessarily be tangible loot nor valuable merchandise.

The friendly gesture, the encouraging word, are typical of the Christmas climate and are operative in all weather.

Merry Christmas!

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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Globe Trotting

ACROSS

- 1—Frigid land
- 2—Moroccan native
- 3—Tonic
- 4—Scottish quagmire
- 5—Cocoa
- 6—Paradise
- 7—Rust
- 8—Cubic drink
- 9—Precipitation
- 10—Easter, Wales (abb.)
- 11—Finland Cabinet (abb.)
- 12—Indian river
- 13—Canadian province
- 14—Adjective suffix
- 15—West Africa (abb.)
- 16—Danish Nationality (abb.)
- 17—Tender
- 18—Country
- 19—Lake
- 20—Man's nickname
- 21—Musical note
- 22—Tavern
- 23—Inquire

DOWN

- 1—African river
- 2—Rust
- 3—Pertaining to an Italian city
- 4—Prefix of joining
- 5—Combining form meaning "three"
- 6—Spanish hero
- 7—Coolness
- 8—English outlying city
- 9—Island famous for wine
- 10—Public announcement
- 11—Sharp sound
- 12—The U. S. "Crescent City"
- 13—Native of U. S. "Backbay State"
- 14—Tomb
- 15—Volcanic mountain (post.)
- 16—Musical note
- 17—American country (post.)
- 18—In reference to
- 19—Low German (abb.)
- 20—City's name
- 21—Chinese unit of measure
- 22—Northern traveling implement
- 23—Neighbor of
- 24—Combustible deposit (post.)
- 25—Lett
- 26—Negative
- 27—Buttle
- 28—Shell
- 29—Chemical symbol for gold
- 30—Crisp process

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

How can we get people to stop throwing things into the street? This is a question that has the town council stumped. As well as anybody who stops to think about it.

We put trash cans, plainly labeled, around the streets. They stand empty while the ground around them is littered with every imaginable sort of trash. (Take a look at the one in front of A and P, if you doubt it. Especially on a Saturday.)

We put boxes on poles along the sidewalk. That's supposed to be easier, but apparently it's not considered so.

At a recent council meeting, one of the city fathers reported the following discouraging remark, which he had overheard as he tossed his empty cigarette pack into the gutter. To which he replied:

"Th'ow it in that little ole box on the pole? What 'yuh mean? a man'd be a fool to put trash in a box when he kin just drop it in the gutter."

Anybody got any ideas? — Southern Pines Pilot

THIS CATALYST WAS NEEDED

It should surprise no one who has spent any time in the woods or sawmills of the Northwest, or on its fishing fleets, to learn that an adequate supply of snuff had to be flown in before the salmon fishermen could shove off from Petersburg, Alaska.

Snuff (pronounced "snocs" and spelled "snus" by the Scandinavians who introduced it) is the catalyst that transforms a husky woodsman or fisherman into a wonderfully efficient machine. With an index-fingerful of snocs in his lower lip such a man will spend endless hours at the end of a crosscut saw, amidst a torrent of boards on the green-chain, or tugging at a wet and heavy net in a bobbing boat. Deprive him of his pacifier, however, and you've got a mighty big problem on your hands.

A constantly refilled pot of black coffee on the stove, with maybe some brannin with which to lace it when it's cold, is essential, too. But definitely that takes second place to snocs. The management was wise not to order the fishing boats out before the plane with its precious cargo got in from Juneau. — The Oregonian

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

Although everyone talks about shopping early for Christmas, and many do it, there are many more who wait until the last minute, and it is these people who constitute what is known as the last minute rush that get shoppers and clerks alike into a nervous dither on the eve of Christmas.

There are many reasons for shopping early. And one of the best reasons is, selections are better and service on the part of the store personnel is less hurried. The shopper has more time to decide than if hustled and hustled around by huge last-minute throngs.

But this Christmas, as every Christmas, the thought pops into this writer's mind that it is a good thing everyone does not shop early. You will note by many of the advertisements that every store advises this practice. But suppose (and we mean every-one) took the shop early advice, and attempted to do all their gift buying in the first two weeks of December rather than doing it in the last two weeks. If so, we'd have the traffic jam usually apparent nearer Christmas, except we'd have it earlier, and who

MEDICAL ADVICE FOR THE NERVOUS AGE

When the American Medical Association selected a North Carolinian — Dr. Karl B. Pace of Greenville — as America's "family doctor of the year," the honor appeared well deserved in the light of statements made by the physician in expressing some of his ideas about his profession and people.

While his record of service as a general practitioner was the basis for his selection from among nominees from every state in the union, his comments about changes he has observed in the practice of medicine during the past 40 years are significant.

"Forty years ago," he said, "only about ten per cent of my patients had some psychosomatic or emotional trouble. Now it's easily 60 per cent." And he went on: "Physically there's little or nothing wrong with them. The doctor has to be a family counselor to learn the psychological cause of their aches and pains. You can help by listening sympathetically to their story in detail, then draw up a plan to help them solve their problem."

This stress and strain of a faster tempo of living have affected the practice of medicine by creating problems during a period when Dr. Pace has seen malaria, typhoid and diphtheria virtually abolished.

Dr. Pace has done more than simply recognize the changes which have come. He has developed a certain philosophy as the best medicine against the nerves and tension. Hear him:

"Live each day as it comes — don't worry about next week. Learn to live instead of trying to get rich. Never stay mad. Start out by liking everyone you meet. Take a siesta after lunch to help you relax....."

"And if marital quarrels are causing your ulcer, headache or other pain, I tell a husband or wife — if either one of you tried one-twentieth as hard to make a go of your marriage as you do finding fault with each other, you'd probably have no problem. And never go to bed mad at each other....."

This good advice from a 66-year old physician who has just been acclaimed the No. 1 family doctor in America should be heeded by fast-moving Americans for a longer, healthier, happier life. — Morganton News-Herald

What is meant by shopping early is, in truth, a bit puzzling. Perhaps it means for people to space out shopping so all wouldn't arrive at the store at one time, whether in the first week of December or the last week. If there was some way to space out the Christmas shopping to six weeks, and then some way to get one sixth of the shoppers to take the first week, and another sixth the second, and so on down the line, then the problem of what to do with the Christmas rush would be solved. But knowing human nature as we do, we doubt it.

Like Santa Claus and reindeer, holly and trailing cedar, the Christmas rush is something we will always have with us. — Belmont Banner

BADLY NEEDED

A boon to mankind is the new traffic signal device which shows how much time is left before the green light changes to red.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your rosiest dreams of Christmas all come true and may you and yours enjoy the happiest New Year ever.

CHIEF and MRS. HUGH A. LOGAN, JR. and FAMILY

Happy Christmas

Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness.

WARE & BURTON GROCERY
218 Railroad Ave.
Paul Ware — R. H. (Doc) Burton

Merry Christmas

The joy of giving... the thrill of receiving... all the warmth and good will of the Christmas season, we sincerely wish for you and yours.

THANK YOU for your patronage for the past seven years while operating Phoenix Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Payne and Curlee Jenkins

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our friends and patrons, we wish all the pleasures that come with a joyous Holiday Season.

10 BRIDGES HARDWARE

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