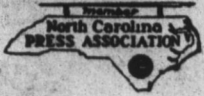


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## THIS KEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT:

GOD RULES:—Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace.—Job 22:21.

## Not News—But Good Reading

Readers of The Herald are receiving their paper a day early this week because of Christmas, and by stepping up a day, naturally as much local news as usual could not be included in this issue. However, we are glad to have in this issue a larger number of Christmas greetings than in previous years, which were inserted by Edenton merchants and business houses.

Each greeting is a direct message from the particular firm designated and we hope every one will be read, for in each instance it is a sincere wish for a merry Christmas from those with whom you do business throughout the year.

## Again Christmas Time

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet . . . Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed, and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him, and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

The above account of the birth of the One whom we will celebrate Thursday is printed, not that it is new, but rather because the oftener it is read and repeated the sweeter it sounds and the more precious it should become, as once again we respond to the spirit of Christmas, a season of joy, that is linked with the observance of the precious religious event.

The birth of the Christ Child has a parallel with the war in which America is now engaged, for you will remember that it was not the purpose of Herod to worship Christ as he told the wise men, but in his heart he sought to destroy the Child. But God had a hand in the matter. Herod was wroth when he learned that he was mocked, even ordering all children killed in the hope of destroying Christ, but the Son of God escaped.

Fresh in our minds is the recent supposedly intention of Japan to bargain with America for peace terms in the Pacific, while like Herod, at the same time plans were under way and actually executed to destroy us.

Though over 1940 years have elapsed since Herod's episode, God still is on His throne and here's hoping America is on the right side, so that a free people will not be dominated by a blood-thirsty, selfish group of dictators who will spare no methods to attain their ruthless ambition.

Even though war clouds hover over us, the happiness and cheer that permeates human hearts at this season makes its presence evident, a product of an unselfish solicitude for the happiness of others and a somewhat

# HEARD and SEEN

By "BUFF"

Of course, the women are expected to get all excited during the holiday rush, but it is apparently affecting the men, too. Take Beanie White, for instance. The other day he and Leroy Haskett went to Elizabeth City to attend to some insurance business, and when they had finished Beanie rushed out of the office and hurriedly threw his brief case and other things into a car, which he thought was Haskett's. He messed around for a while and later he and Haskett met and headed for home. Upon reaching Edenton, Beanie looked on the back seat, but alas, there was none of his stuff there. He twisted the few hairs remaining on top of his head and finally came to the conclusion that he made a mistake and put his belongings into the wrong car. He communicated with the Elizabeth City police and, lucky for him, he picked an honest person's car and later his stuff was returned. Maybe there should not be so many cars of the same color, or else Beanie should buy a pair of specs.

Somebody's just a little mixed up, and it's either Joe Nixon, whom many will remember as school superintendent in Edenton and baseball player deluxe, or else Miss Sue Murphy, newspaper woman in Windsor. Mr. Nixon sent a very nice Christmas card this week which was addressed to the three musketeers—E. T. Rawlinson, Charlie Wood and Paul Olsson. Then about the same time, Miss Murphy sent one addressed to Jim Daniels, E. T. and yours truly as the three musketeers. E. T. is the only one whose name appears on both lists, so I reckon he is one of the musketeers, but we'll have to have a ballot to determine the other two.

Already, I've had an argument with Jimmy Peed, our new job printer, despite the fact that he's a very affable sort of fellow and jumps in to help wherever there is anything to do in The Herald office. The argument all came about because I used his picture on the front page week before last. Jimmy claims that by using his picture I ruined his chances of renting an apartment so that he can move to Edenton, and argues that had I used an ad on the front page instead of his picture, he might have been able to rent a place. But just the same, darn it, Jimmy wants to rent an apartment, so if anyone has one to rent, please let someone in the office know about it.

Gosh, aren't people inquisitive? On Thursday night, just because Paul Olsson and I were gazing into the heavens, several folks noticing us wanted to know what was going on and whether we had spotted an airplane. As a matter of fact, the stars were out in all their glory, and Paul was pointing out and telling me the names of a number of the stars. Besides, he proceeded to give me some astronomical figures, which were just too deep for me to take in, so we dropped the matter.

Of course, compliments of the season have been, or will be received by every Herald subscriber and reader of this column. But here's asking you to accept another one from the fellow who each week tries, and sometimes very hard, to fill this column, a wish from the heart for a happy Christmas. Of course, there will be reason spontaneous surge of the spirit of helpfulness.

There are many exhibitions of this commendable interest in other human beings as is evidenced in baskets of food and toys which will be distributed to bring joy into homes where little mouths might otherwise be empty, and hundreds of toys distributed to bring happiness into the hearts of little children who would otherwise be forgotten by Santa Claus. Then, too, we notice a generous response to the appeal of the Red Cross, Christmas Seals, Stocking Fund, Salvation Army, orphanage offerings and similar appeals, all of which opportunities give expression to the best teachings of the founder of our faith by exhibiting a spirit of tolerance, based upon an abiding love of and for mankind.

So at this time one's thoughts inevitably turn to the song of "Peace On Earth" associated with the angels of long ago. That the world is far from a realization of this happy augury must be admitted but that a spirit of peace is the ultimate aim of our great nation in its war against international gangsters is an omen of hope to which the eyes of men and women all over the world can turn with faith and even in these warring times each individual has an obligation to so conduct himself as to bring closer the day when peace shall live in all human hearts.

And so in this spirit The Herald again wishes, despite turmoil and strife, a Christmas of joy and peace as He whose birthday we celebrate would have you enjoy.

for sorrow and disappointments in some cases, but when it is remembered that He whose birth is being celebrated underwent far more hardships than any of us can endure, and all for our sake, we have every reason to experience profound joy irrespective of our several positions and circumstances in life. Let us all be joyful and thankful that things are as well with us as they are. So here's wishing a very merry Christmas to you all.



Fred Ashley  
AGENT FOR  
News and Observer



We hope you spend Christmas with all your heart. Laughter, kindness, simple cheer, peace of spirit, and gifts galore!

We are grateful to you for your kind patronage during the year, and look forward to a continuance of our pleasant relationship.

DIXIE  
SERVICE STATION



The same old greeting, but with the added fervor of many years' repetition.

It is our sincere wish that each member of your family will enjoy the most bountiful and happiest Christmas ever!

And may we add a word of thanks for your much appreciated patronage during the year.

Ed Habit  
Master Cleaner and Dyer

## Greetings

We desire to extend to you Greetings of the Christmas Season and to express our sincere wishes for your prosperity in the coming year. May the cordial relations existing between us continue.

SPIVEY STORES, INC.

## Christmas Would Be Incomplete

if we did not avail ourselves of the opportunity to express our appreciation to our loyal friends and customers for your patronage. To you we wish the best of Christmas Joy and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

M. G. BROWN LUMBER COMPANY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MERRY words cannot begin to bring you the many good wishes which we hold for you and your family. As a they takes of our high regard for your patronage and friendships during the past year, and as a renewed pledge of the service which we constantly strive to offer, may we take this occasion to send you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things of life.

C. E. BYRUM MEAT MARKET

# NOTICE!

The Service Stations Listed Below Will Be Closed On Christmas Day

Due to the fact that our employees have so little time off, we have decided to close for business on Christmas Day in order that our employees may have the opportunity of spending the Christmas holiday with their families. We thank our customers for this year's patronage and sincerely hope that our closing will cause them no inconvenience.

All of us join in wishing our customers and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BRIDGE TURN SERVICE STATION  
GULF SERVICE STATION  
W. J. YATES SERVICE STATION

## Christmas Our Wish for You . . .

Our genuine "Merry Christmas to All" . . . our friends and customers. Pleasant times like Christmas always remind us of the pleasure we have had in the privilege of doing business with you. May good luck attend your every wish this Christmas! And may holiday good cheer brighten the hours of this glorious season!

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LEGGETT & DAVIS  
DEPENDABLE SERVICE FOR OVER 40 YEARS

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Christmas 1941

# WISHING YOU ★ A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We choose the simple, age-old greeting, "Merry Christmas," to hail you, our friends, in this joyous holiday season. We choose these time-worn words because we believe them best qualified to carry the full quota of sentiment and Christmas good will that we want to convey. To have served you from time to time has indeed been an enjoyable experience, and we will strive to merit a continuance of your patronage and friendship during the coming year.

CHERRY'S GROCERY