



The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

Today—The tragedy of Christmas is that we don't carry through the year the good will and love and generosity toward our fellowmen that we capture for a season. The fact that we can retain this mellowness in our hearts for a few days or weeks is proof it longer—if we will. It is also proof that there is a quality in mankind that transcends atom bombs and war.



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If anything will save the human race from headlong destruction, this quality is it. The Chinese have a saying that "The longest journey begins with the first step." Before you do

anything you must take that first step—you must begin. Have you ever stopped to think that today, now, is the future that you were looking forward to a few years ago, and in which you had planned to do so many wonderful things—begin so many things? Yesterday is gone, you may never see tomorrow, today is yours. Use it to begin, to take that first step on that journey you so eagerly planned yesterday. Begin—nothing can be accomplished, nothing can be completed that doesn't first have a beginning. And now that 1958, the new year, is here, there is no better time than now to—begin!

Yesterday—One of the strangest funfights ever to take place in the Old West, was between Clay Allison, gunman, and another unknown gunman. As the story goes, each agreed to dig together

a long grave, and each to stand at one end and shoot it out. The gunman coming out of the fight alive was to cover up the other in the grave... Allison shoveled in the dirt.

An interesting fact about the West: Colonel Joe Miller, owner of the famous 101 Ranch Wild West Show, owned a saddle which he valued at \$10,000.

Tomorrow—A current magazine article, after recounting the wonderful inventions and discoveries of science that had taken place in the last ten years, further elaborated by prophesying in glowing and confident terms the many wonders we may expect in the next ten years... The fate of civilization will be decided in the next ten years and we are still thinking in terms of better automobiles, gadgets and super TV sets.

use but seed samples were distributed to various county agents in the peanut area for field trials. The skin on the kernels of these two varieties is quite light in color. Buyers and millers observing the samples indicated that when these peanuts are mixed with standard varieties of darker colored skins it will appear as a mixture which might not be desirable to some end users. However, they stated that generally in the end the skins are removed from the peanuts and there would be no difference to the consuming public. "We believe these new strains show considerable promise and in the field trials showed distinct resistance to the stem rot and pod rot disease," says C. W. Overman, county agent.

CORAPEAKE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell had all their children home for Christmas dinner. They were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Byrum and children, Sandy and Wayne of Richmond, Va.; the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Harrell and daughters, Angel and Treasure of Greenville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Taylor and children, Ronnie and Carlen and Michael of Sunbury; Lt. and Mrs. Walter M. Harrell and Ronnie and Robbins of Greenville, S. C.; WO and Mrs. Luther B. Harrell, Jr., and sons, Stevie and Ricky of Alexander, Va.; Sgt. and Mrs. Carl Barrier of Edenton and sons, Eddie and Randia, and John and Ravenal Harrell of Sunbury.

The Rev. Roy Harrell preached at the prison camp near Gatesville Christmas afternoon and had 18 boys to confess Christ. Mrs. Roy Harrell and Mrs. R. L. Byrum and John Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Luther B. Harrell all attended the services.

Plans are already in the making for a very delightful program for the DSA Award Banquet, and it is hoped every Jaycee will be able to attend.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in the Masonic Temple Monday night, January 6, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Margaret Stanton, worthy matron, urges every member to attend the first meeting of the new year.

Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

At each tick of the clock some soul somewhere slips off into eternity without ever having heard the name of Jesus. Sixty each minute, 3,600 each hour, 87,000 each day—lost, condemned, because no one ever was concerned enough to tell them the good news of salvation and redemption. There are more people in the world today who have never heard the Gospel than in the time of Christ.

It is the responsibility of the individual Christian, and of the Christian Church as a whole, to make known the Gospel. The one purpose for which the church was founded was that it might be an instrument through which the lost would hear the Gospel. The church is not to be a social organization, not a fashion show, not a haven of rest, but a lighthouse in a dark world, pointing the lost to Him who is the Light of the World. The individual Christian is left living in the world after his conversion that he might be an ambassador for Christ. As Christians, our homes are in heaven, the earth is alien to us; we are here as representatives of our King, and we have no business in anything that is not His business. In other words, the Christian who is not a soul-winning Christian has no purpose for living here on earth, he might as well depart and be with the Lord.

Do you spend much time in prayer for the lost persons about you? Our Lord would arise while it was yet dark that He might spend some time alone with His Father. If Christ felt the need of prayer, how much more should we! Too busy? John Wesley spent an hour in prayer each day before breakfast. Someone once asked him what he did on days he was too busy to pray. "Then I spend two hours in prayer," he answered. "Too busy? You have plenty of time to watch TV, to read the newspaper, to visit with your friends. You are not too busy to pray. If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy period."

How long is it since you witnessed to some unsaved person about his need of Christ? How long is it since you knew the joy of leading a lost person to the throne of Grace? Or are you ashamed of Christ? I marvel at so-called Christian folk who are so zealous for some lodge or club or political party, and so unconcerned about the need of the lost about them to be saved.

How much do you contribute to the support of your local church? A tithe? The tithe is the Lord's; to return less to Him is to steal from God. For example, if you make \$100 a week, \$10 of that belongs to God. If you give only \$5.00 to the work of your church, you are stealing \$5.00 from God. You don't begin to give until you have returned the tithe. You can't afford it. You can afford a late-model car, a TV set, cigarettes, good clothes. You can't afford it. You can't afford not to tithe. It is a clear teaching of the Word of God that if we do not give in proportion to our income, God will reduce our income in proportion to our giving. The person who steals from God will be burdened with

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