

### 19th Century Tree Displayed

A Christmas tree decked with all the trimmings of the 19th century is giving a festive look to the lobby of the Museum of the Albemarle during the month of December. Cookies, bows, popcorn and cranberry chains, and wooden toys cover the boughs of this old fashioned tree.

Small beeswax tapers in tiny tin holders, counter-balanced with a silver walnut, add both scent and light, while cookies of every description pull down the branches. Some of the gingerbread men and sugar cookies look good enough to eat. Other cookies have been carefully cut and painted to resemble wise men, angels and toys.

Plush red velvet bows and fancy wrapped packages give a rich look to the tree topped by the cornhusk angel of an Albemarle craftsman.

The tree stands at the entrance of the "Toys of Christmas Past" exhibit. Heralded by a brass weathervane angel, this delightful toy display, containing more than 100 toys from years ago, will be shown at the Museum of the Albemarle during the month of December. Everyone is invited to add an old fashioned note to their Christmas this year by visiting the Museum of the Albemarle.

#### Her Wasted Life

As he was under orders to go abroad, the ardent young soldier begged his girl friends to marry him at once.

Rather worried about it, the girl sought advice from the maiden aunt who brought her up.

"Tell me, what you'd do, aunty," she asked. "I suppose you think it wouldn't be sense to marry because I'm so young?"

"Well, dear," said her aunt, "I dunno! If I had my time over again, I think I'd get married before I was old enough to have sense not to."



19th CENTURY YULE TREE

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Dear friends,

There are increasing signs that nations are at long last growing weary of war and strife and are turning toward Christ's hope of Peace on Earth... Good Will to All Men.

Let us hope and pray this Christmas Day that the balm of tolerance and charity is truly extending across the earth.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Marion Lubinski*

## Make Church - Going A Habit . . .

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

International Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 29

Memory Selection: "He said unto me, it is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."—Revelation 21:6.

Lesson Text: Revelation 21-22.

As we study our lesson for today, it is perhaps symbolical that the Christmas season is behind us, and ahead of us lies a brand New Year—on the pages of which we, ourselves, can inscribe our destiny.

For the words of John bring home to us, graphically, the vision of things to come, reminding us that, just beyond our journeying in this life, lies a blessed experience of joy for those of us who accept, unreservedly, the doctrines of Christ, and apply them diligently to our daily lives.

John asserts, unequivocally, that God dwells with men. He dwelt with the children of Israel as they journeyed for forty years toward the Promised Land; He watched over them, giving them leaders of His own choosing, in His wisdom; He saw them through many hardships and disillusionments; He chastised them for their sins; He rejoiced in their victories. He was, in fact, intimately concerned with each and every one of them.

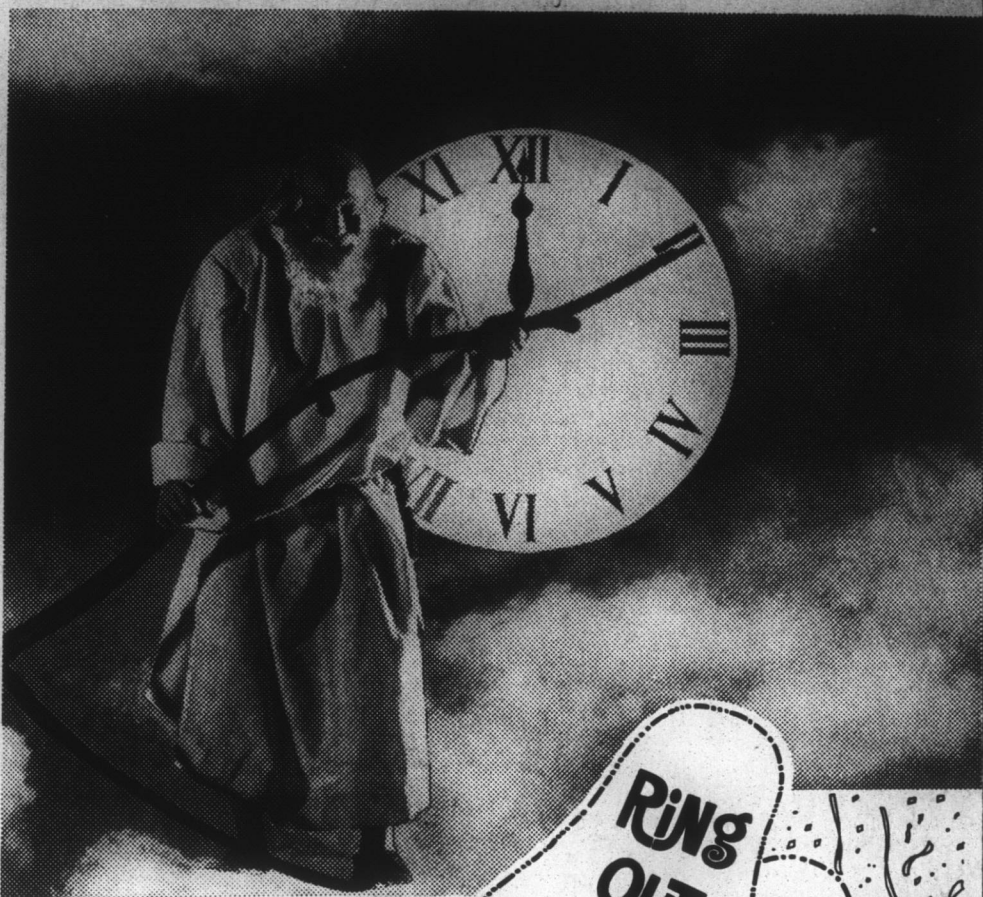
He still is intimately concerned with each and every one of us today. Each and every tragedy that befalls us is a lesson for us at God's hands; it is a testing of our spirit, of our faith—it is a strengthening of us. And to sustain our faith, He has given us words of comfort, of reassurance. These words are contained between two covers—the covers of the Bible. No matter what calamities befall us, there are words in the Book that sustain us. No matter what joys become ours, there are passages that humble us.

Comparisons are often quoted as being "odious." Such is not so in God's language. John depicts two cities—one (Babylon) riddled by sin and self-seeking; one (the new Jerusalem)—a bride, adorned for her husband. Babylon, the city of earth, is the city of death. Jerusalem, the city of hope, the city of perfect brotherhood, of perfect worship. It is the city of light, of perfect life, of perfect dominion. It is to symbolize the complete fulfillment of the reign of Christ.

The second coming of Christ is the theme of these chapters in Revelation. When—and how—this will come about is still a mystery—but it is a PROMISE—and mankind will do well to prepare for it.

For the logical way of Christians to affirm their belief in the glorious second coming of Christ is to live their lives each day as if it were their last day on earth, that they may not be denied entrance into the new and holy Jerusalem—for it is written that nothing that defiles

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The old year wanes. The last sands trickle down the hourglass as the old man totters into irrevocable past and a lusty infant year begins.

Bells ring in church steeples, confetti rains, horns blow. People sing and shout and maybe shed a tear. Cries of "Happy New Year" fill the ears and fall on happy hearts, or sad.

To some, the old year brought joy and happiness. To others it held sadness and despair. Thus, men greet the new year differently; some with mockery, some with resolution, still others with a smile.

Whatever your feelings about the year ahead, there is one way to be sure of its promise. God is the source of all goodness. Make Him and His Church a part of your life and you will find the strength and inspiration to make each day prosper.

The sum of its days shapes the year.

**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.

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Genesis 50:15-26	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	II Chronicles 7:1-10	Job 2:1-10	Psalms 34:1-10	Matthew 5:1-16	II Timothy 2:1-15

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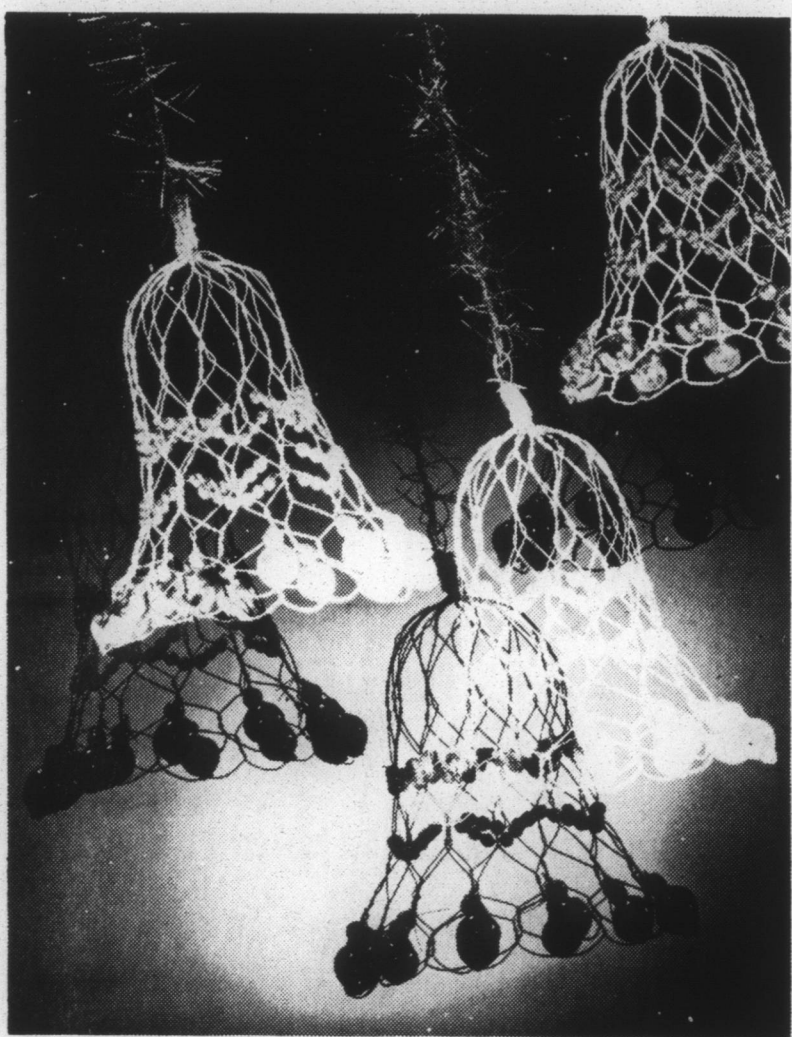
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