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Christmas Eve Good Night



A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas the happiest and surmest moment of fond anticipations is fast drawing near, and ere many more hours bury themselves with the sands of time the joyous occasion will be upon us, filled, as it generally is, with numerous thoughts of what we are going to give some dear friend, relative or some one not blessed with worldly goods.

Christmas to the kiddies means nothing else but snow laden buildings, trees, landscape and well-filled and brilliant lighted Christmas trees, profusely decorated in harmony with the season of the year and an unlimited amount of toys and every character of nick-nacks known to the predominant an inimitable mind of Kriss Krinkle. The kiddies always anticipate the coming of Yule-tide with a kind of nervous tention, and when at last the moment arrives for the advent of Santa it is hard for the diminutive little creatures to effect a conciliatory situation with their minds, as the long moments of anticipation and exptation; the occasional reference as to the exact date for Santa to arrive; fond visions of toys and brilliant trinkets burning their eyes, and, the real fireplace which Old Saint Nick will decide to come down, are truly things that quite naturally impress themselves on the juvenile mind to so such an extent that it is for we larger flocks to consider and ponder over, and at the same time recall the cherished fancies that we once had of the same nature.

Christmas to the older person though it has lost very little of the charm that it possesses during our childhood days, today contains something of more serious character: something of a more decided and definite purpose; of a far greater meaning, and delineates before our material senses the coming of the Christ, and the great day, many and many hundreds of years ago when there was born to the world in an humble manger the Christ the true son of the living God, who we today worship as the supremest and the mightiest in ascendancy.

Easily can we picture the wise men as they follow the beautiful Star of Bethlehem on that far off evening, and as the picture expands and unfolds the entire scene we can readily see that Yule-tide joys have a meaning that is greater than the average mind coniders. Today the ancient and far of occurrence of the manger, though still remembered and still enshrined in sacredness by many of our people, is nevertheless, forgotten by many in the wild and eluding roar of the worldly conflict. It is only remembered by few, for the mighty waves of commerce have swept the normal thinking mind from its equilibrium, and today finds it suspended in mid-air like a pendulum—swinging from one side to another in opinion and pleasure.

We all enjoy the occasion. It is one of the greatest seasons of the year throughout the entire glob, and those who revel not in the joys of the season, are, indeed, deprived of the supremest happiness of the materialistic.



THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

SLOGAN: "IT'S YOUR TREE; IT'S MY TREE; IT'S EVERYBODY'S TREE"

Let the entire citizenship of the own and community come out to the Christmas tree celebration and join in heartily with the singing. The tree has been erected at the intersection of Main and Spring streets where the exercises will be held. In the event that the weather is bad the Baptist church will be heated and the program carried out. The church bell will ring at 6:30 and the exercises will begin at 7 o'clock p. m. Saturday, December 23rd. The committee has arranged to have a box of candy given to each child who comes. The people from the adjoining county are most cordially invited to be present.

An interesting program has been prepared consisting of a sacred pageant representing the "wise men" and the shepherd's scene.

The following songs will be sung.

HYMNS

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart pre-pare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nation prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love.

Hark! the Herald Angels

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful all the nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King.

Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright 'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace,

2. Silent night, holy night, Darkness flies, and all is light; Shepherds hear the angels sing: Alleluia! hail the King! Jesus the Saviour is here.

5. Silent night, holy night, Wondrous Star, O lend thy light! With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King! Jesus our Saviour is here.

CLAY HILL ROAD

Location to be Changed at an Early Date

The citizens of the county will learn with pleasure that the County Commissioners have agreed to do the right thing about Clay Hill, the steep incline out on the Wilton road near Dickerson station.

It is understood that Commissioner Wyatt E. Cannady will have charge of the work. The thing that should have been done years ago will now be done—namely, relocate the road so as to avoid the steep incline. The necessary material is at hand to make it a high-class road and the work will commence in a few days and be pushed to completion.

peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerent, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

WILSON'S PEACE MOVE

BELIEVES HAVEN OF PEACE IS NEARER THAN IS KNOWN

He Does Not Offer Meditation or Propose Peace But Merely Asks That a Statement of Terms Each Nation Will Ask for in Peace Proposals.

In view of the fact that Premier Lloyd George is not averse to settling the war in Europe on honorable terms, President Wilson on Wednesday appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace.

Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the President has sent formal notes to the governments of all the warring nations suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Summarized in the President's own words as contained in the notes, his attitude is as follows: "The President is not proposing

THE MAXIMUM OF SAFETY

A FEW CHRISTMAS DON'TS SUGGESTED BY MAYOR MITCHELL

Most Fires Are Caused By Ignorance and Carelessness, Says Oxford's Chief Executive.

With a view of securing the maximum of safety during the holiday season, Mayor W. Z. Mitchell enjoins the people to be extremely careful with fire. The following warnings are issued as a result of experience extending over many years throughout every part of the country where disaster has followed Christmas celebrations:

Churches and other halls having Christmas bazaars and entertainments should provide at least one approved fire extinguisher.

All decorations should be immersed or sprinkled in a solution of phosphate of ammonia and water in the proportion of one to ten, so that these decorations will at least be fire resistant.

In both homes and churches do not permit lighted candles on Christmas trees.

Do not place flimsy decorations near open gas flames or around electric bulbs.

Do not look for tree ornaments in the garret or cellar with lighted matches or lighted candles.

Do not use cotton for snow. Represent snow with asbestos fibre or mica which is almost as cheap and absolutely safe.

Do not allow matches to be in reach of the children.

Do not permit careless smoking near the tree or while decorating the tree.

Do not use toys operated by alcohol or inflammable liquids near the tree.

Do not use celluloid moving picture films in what are called "toy moving picture machines." These films are highly inflammable.

Be especially careful of the tree after Christmas; the longer it remains in a heated room the more inflammable it becomes.

Do not allow children in Christmas cantatas to carry lighted candles for effect or toy sparklers or any other open light.

Remove all rubbish and paper boxes when the decorations have been completed.

Do not allow the accumulation of rubbish. Many fires have been caused during the past year by rubbish conditions.

Do not allow hasty or faulty electric work.

Do not permit smoking in the store

COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All Internal and External Evidence Available Point to a Wholesome Condition

No one who glances over the statement of the financial condition of Granville county, which is published in this issue of the Public Ledger, can but be impressed with the wholesome condition of affairs in the county.

The receipts for the fiscal year ending December 2, 1916, amounted to \$98,067.39; expended \$88,033.79; bonded debt \$185,000; on hand at close of year, December 2, 1916, \$10,033.60. Every penny is accounted for and there is abundant evidence that it was applied with the utmost care and for the benefit of the whole people.

The county management for the past year makes a good showing for efficiency. However, it would be well if the business men who are the reliance of the county's continued prosperity and the tax-payers who are the partners in a common enterprise should take the time and trouble to give the county statement that critical reading and analysis which their interest justifies. It is a big business that we, the people of Granville County, are running.

OFFICER HUTCHINS ILL

Pneumonia May Claim the Fearless Officer

Special officer J. A. Hutchins lingers between life and death at his home on New College street pneumonia of the lungs being the immediate cause. In the discharge of his duties the fearless officer faced the snow storm for several hours, which snapped his vitality and he went home and retired to his bed. He was totally unconscious all during Wednesday night, and Dr. Watkins is making a stubborn fight to save his life.

especially where crowds congregate around the counters.

Do not allow fire extinguishers or buckets to remain empty.

Do not overlook a rigid inspection of the store at night, especially Saturday, December 23, when the stores close after the holiday rush is over.

Do not allow carelessness due to the rush of Christmas business to wipe out the entire year's receipts, or the lives of customers or employees to be sacrificed.

PAY YOUR TOWN TAXES NOW

Two per cent penalty will be added to all not paid before January 1, 1917. R. B. HINES, Town Tax Collector.



NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The Public Ledger force has been quite busy during the past twelve months. We feel that a little rest will do us good; therefore we will skip next week and move the dates of all subscriptions up accordingly. Here is hoping each and every one a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Xmas Services at Rehobath Christmas exercises will be held at Rehobath church, near Watkins, Wednesday, December 27th promptly at 12 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.