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## Christmas

They were dark days in Judea nineteen hundred and forty years ago. The hand of the tyrant lay heavy on the land and all over the world the armies of the conqueror brought more and more little countries under the sway of the empire. Even in far off Judea, the iron rule was felt. The people were harshly taxed, sudden and arbitrary punishments were inflicted on them, the rule of Herod, the tyrant of Rome, and of his Jewish deputies was cruel.

The mother, huddled on the grey donkey, rode the long miles to Bethlehem. The ruler had decreed that all the people must be taxed to pay for the empire and the great armies that were conquering the world. Each person must be taxed in his own city. She was not well enough for such hard travel, but the Law did not allow for sickness, or mothers, or babies. And so, of those who rode to Bethlehem, there was a woman on an ass.

The town was crowded, the inn was full, and Mary's Baby was born in the stable. She laid him in the manger, made soft with golden straw, while overhead the angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth, Peace, Good Will toward Men."

Perhaps many heard the song and wondered. Perhaps she thought of the land around her, of the crowded town, the weary jostling people trudging here and there to pay their tribute to the tyrant. Perhaps she wondered about the peace of which the angels sang. As she looked about her at the bare stone floor, the straw bed, the lodging so grudgingly supplied, did she ask herself: Was this "good will toward men?" The quiet animals munching their hay beside her showed more gentleness than men; their soft eyes gazed at the Baby with tender sadness. What were this mother's thoughts as the angels sang and the Star looked down on Bethlehem?

Perhaps she knew, as her Son was to know, that often and often through the years to come that scene would be repeated: tyrants would command and armies march, the poor and homeless would flee before them; in the conquered lands the wretched and oppressed would suffer and babies would be born, like hers, in stables, in ditches beside the broken roads, in the stony ruins of towns and little villages.

The days were dark in Judea, yet the Star shone and Christ came into the world.

The Star shines today as it did then, if men will look for it, bringing its message of hope to hearten a suffering world, bringing, too, its challenge to the minds and hearts of men. For Mary knew, perhaps as her Son knew and told His people, that only when the angels' song is heard can men have peace. Only when men give Glory to God in the Highest will there be Good Will among free men on earth.

## STRIDENT CALL FROM THE SOUTH

The rallying call was heard in the Sandhills this past week, a call for action, immediate action, vital action against a common foe.

In a notable address before the Sandhills Kiwanis Club's banquet Governor Hoey cried out for a unified front against "the titanic tread of the dictator." He urged full cooperation with Great Britain, loyalty to

the point of service and sacrifice to our own government.

At a gathering of prominent industrialists, newspaper publishers, economists and authors at the Mid-Pines Club, gathered under the name of the Regional Conference of the Southern Policy Committee, a powerful demand was made upon the President and Congress for "full capacity mobilization of all necessary resources to aid Great Britain; . . . to preserve ourselves and the British Commonwealth in spirit and in truth demands that we recognize that these two remaining strong democracies have a common enemy as well as common institutions of freedom," and continuing:

"It demands that we recognize that we are faced by a military crisis and that speed and coordination are the essence of military effectiveness."

These cries come fittingly from the South. Governor Hoey told his listeners that North Carolina led all states of the Union in enlistments per capita of population; ranked in the first five in enlistments regardless of size. Other Southern states are as well aware that "we must choose and choose quickly, or events may take the choice away from us." The South is doing its part in industrial mobilization, and ready to do more. The President, the Congress, will do well to heed its call.

## KIWANIS PAYS DUE HOMAGE

When the members of the Kiwanis Club gather together for their annual dinner at night and invite the women folks of the family and include a few friends, they pay homage to some citizen who has won distinction in an outstanding manner in the upbuilding of the community through significant effort.

Last Thursday night Charlie Picquet received the vote of honor from a committee which arrived at its decision with spontaneous accord.

When W. D. Sabiston, Carthage attorney, arose to tell the audience why the cup was being presented to the man whose name was still a secret, he didn't set out to argue a case, but merely told in all seriousness of the many self-assumed burdens this man habitually carried in behalf of the sister villages and of the persistent service he has given to every organization and individual in his neighborhood. Sincerity and simplicity are two rare gifts of character. Each was revealed during the banquet scene. One when the speaker made his laudatory address to his enthusiastic listeners, and one when the cup was handed over to the man whose name was inscribed upon it, and Mr. Picquet, emotionally stirred, received his reward.

Charlie Picquet has been a valued asset in the Sandhills for

## Grains of Sand

Trousered One of gentler sexing. So pedestrianly vexing

As you stroll the streets without restraint.

You may think you're most enchanting

In that masculinist panting—

You may think you are but—well, you ain't!

Following the good example set by Mrs. Mudgett in providing Christmas tree lights for the Southern Pines postoffice, Max G. Backer stepped up to Postmaster Buchan last week and offered Christmas greenery for the entrance. The result: well, we don't want to influence the Jun-

a long time. And during a certain proportion of these years he has worked pretty much on the basis of a missionary, and like many other envoys, he too often found his efforts non-supporting. As everyone knows, Charlie has not stacked up any great material wealth, but he has accumulated a great many things money can never buy.

The Pinehurst Fair, the Horse Shows, the Gymkhanas, Kiwanis affairs, the fine musical features and plays and entertainments of various sorts never would have been the success they were if Mr. Picquet had not been enthusiastically behind them. And as head of the Theatre Owners Association of the Carolinas for many years he made a constant struggle to keep his stage on a high plane and free from the sordid and objectionable and second rate grade. It wasn't all easy sledding, as many occasions left an uncomfortable balance at the box office window that was all but discouraging. But he takes his losses and tries again, just as he will do tomorrow and the next tomorrow. But it isn't all entertainment that makes up his world of interests. He has turned his shoulder in support of more than one religious institution. When the struggling Presbyterians were without shelter he gave the Southern Pine theater for a place of worship until the congregation could move into its own building. And there, when crude wooden benches provided the only seating capacity, Mr. Picquet gave a block of seats from the theatre to take the place of the plank benches. Today he is directing the choir of the Congregational Church.

This isn't a requiem. Charlie Picquet's work is not finished, and it never will be as long as he lives and Nature gives him strength to carry on.

The Kiwanis Builder's Cup is "presented in recognition of unselfish service in the upbuilding of the Sandhill section." It was with harmonious agreement that some two hundred people saw Charlie Picquet come into a small part of his reward here on earth.

—H.K.B.

# THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE



INDUSTRY HAS DEVELOPED BRAKES ON THE MODERN CAR THAT ARE 5 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN THE AVERAGE AUTO ENGINE

THE "GOLD'S BRIDE" AN IRON FRAME THAT FITTED TIGHTLY OVER THE MOUTH AND PREVENTED TALKING, WAS USED AS A PUNISHING DEVICE IN OLD ENGLAND—WOMEN WHO GOSSED TOO MUCH WERE TIGHTLY "MUZZLED" FOR A WHILE TO "TEACH THE VIRTUES OF SILENCE"

NO SNAKES INHABIT NEW ZEALAND, AND THE IMPORTATION OF THE REPTILES EVEN FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

RESEARCH BIG FACTOR—ONE U.S. CHEMICAL COMPANY ALONE EMPLOYS MORE THAN 600 TECHNICIANS—SCIENTISTS, CHEMISTS, ETC.

MANY INDUSTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO DEFENSE WORK—BATTLESHIPS ARE 93% STEEL, BUT COPPER, LEAD, ZINC, ALUMINUM, CORK, WOOD, ASBESTOS, CEMENT AND GLASS ARE ALSO NEEDED

or Chamber of Commerce judges of Yuletide decorations, but they'll have to look twice.

"More S. A. for 1941," we understand, is the Junior Chamber's 1941 slogan.

If all the money sent mail order houses from Southern Pines at Christmas time each year was spent locally, what stores we could have. And the unemployment problem would be solved.

It's Christmas time—

The Yuletide;

And unless

You're a better man than I am,

Gunga Din,

You're stuck.

The list says Ma 'n' Pa,

Brother, Sis

'n' Eloise,

'n' Auntie Min—

But what to give 'em? You go

To stores and you look

And you price

And you say "No,

That won't do."

You try again,

The Five and Ten—

It's just the same,

There's nothing new.

What to do—

Whew!

Ha, a good idea.

She can read; she likes the news

Of the Sandhills.

Why not send

From a friend—

Yes, the Fate

Would dictate

That it's my lot

To subscribe

For the whole darned family

tribe.

To THE PILOT.

(Send dollars two—we'll see it through.)

## CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE SUNDAY IN PINEHURST

A Christmas Carol sing and candle lighting service will be held at the Pinehurst Community Church Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. A tree will be placed in the vestibule of the church and around it may be left packages of clothing or food to be placed in the Christmas baskets which will be distributed by the church.

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