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Christmas — 1941

Amidst war, suffering, greed and hate, the 1941 edition of Christmas, it would naturally seem, will have a difficult task in advancing its true meaning. And, yet, in it all surely the foundation for all that which is good and that which goes to enhance the real meaning of Christmas is being laid.

Dark days, equally as discerning and as hopeless as those through which we struggle at the moment, have been lived before. There was Cavalry, followed by persecution, war and turmoil down across the centuries. But out of each emerged a new hope and a brighter day.

The Almighty moves and acts in mysterious ways, and let us hope that as the world moves into fierce battle, it will not snuff out the flickering hope of Christianity. Cold steel and blood may be needed to turn the tide of battle, but the peace—a true and lasting peace—may be turned and molded only after the principles propounded by the Christ on Cavalry. And with that in mind, even in these dark days we can look to the future with a renewed hope.

Austin-Randolph Jackson

Austin Randolph Jackson, Martin County youth, sacrificed his life for his country that you and I might live more abundantly. No man has ever or can ever make a greater sacrifice. Answering the call of his country and expressing the real American spirit, the youth entered the naval service, asking no odds but offering his all.

The tragedy of that Sunday morning, a little over two weeks ago, struck home, and thousands even though they did not know him personally shared with his mother and other loved ones the sorrow regretfully expressed in a message from the Navy Department.

Even though he made the supreme sacrifice there is every good reason to believe that the young man and the other thousands did not die in vain. His death and the death of others served to jerk a slovenly American people to their feet, to fling directly to them a challenge that must be met, not by the "other fellow" but by the everyone of us as individuals.

Austin Randolph Jackson has made the supreme sacrifice. The least we can do is to throw off our bonds of luxury and prepare to answer our country's call to duty whether that duty be in the armed forces or at posts far removed from the public spotlight. Real Americans will see to it that Austin Randolph Jackson will have not died in vain. And in handling that humble and solemn duty they extend to the young man's loved ones their deepest sympathies, imploring them to keep the faith that has made America great.

Our Relationships with Other Nations

I sometimes think I would have given all the wealth of this great hemisphere if I could have been one of that little band that went out to the field of Runnymede in 1215 and extracted from King John that wonderful collection of

human liberties, known as Magna Charta. After liberty had been banished from the world for a thousand years, I repeat, if I could have had the wonderful privilege of being one of that band that thus took the first step back toward human freedom—the first step in that 500-year struggle for Anglo-Saxon liberty—I would have parted with all the wealth of this Western Hemisphere. And I want to see some of that same spirit that finally culminated in our own country in the Revolution and the structure of our free government revived.

We have carried the experiment of self-government further than it has ever been carried in the history of the human race, and yet it remains an experiment. If in this undertaking we should fail, if our civilization should be unable to cope with that age-old problem of self-government, I doubt if it will ever be undertaken again in the future.

So we have the tremendous undertaking today of rebuilding more securely, along political and economic lines, our relationships with the other nations. I think we ought to build upon the solid and broad foundations of justice, equality and friendship. I think, too, that the more we visualize those broader relationships, both political and economic, that should be restored, keeping at all times within the limitations of our traditions and our Constitution, the greater service we will render to ourselves and to other peoples. — Cordell Hull, Secretary

The Silent Bells

By Ruth Taylor.

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet,
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Only in our own land will the bells ring out in free and joyous song this Christmastide. Only on this continent will the sound of ringing bells mean the celebration of the great holiday of the world, which for centuries had brought joy and gladness to all people, even to the humblest homes.

Where are the bells of Germany that once rang out in such joy the Christmas season, while happy people gathered around the fir trees which Saint Wilfred gave as a symbol of Christmas to the Germanic tribes—a symbol of eternal life as opposed to the blood sacrifice of Thor and Wotan. From their hearths no longer rise the merry strains of "Oh, Tannenbaum." Instead, the Horst Wessel song blares defiance to the Prince of Peace.

The bells of Austria are mute. The lovely "Stille Nacht," written by a parish priest for his faithful flock, no longer rings upon the midnight air. Austria lies crushed, with little heart to sing.

The carillons in Belgium, singing from their tall belfries, have been stilled, and there is little hope in Holland this year of the kind Kris Kringle appearing with his bag of toys for good children.

The hauntingly exquisite "Noel, Noel," that sweet carol beloved of all Christmas singers, will not ring through a France saddened, torn by war and a more devastating peace, and threatened both within and without by new dangers.

The bells of Italy, what could they mean this year to the women left at home, their men gone to spend their lives in aggression against peaceful neighbors? What can the grand motif of "Adeste Fideles" mean to a nation locked in closest bonds to the godless Nazis?

And in England—where the church bells for centuries rang in Christmas from every village green—the bells now ring only to warn of danger and death, instead of the new life which Christmas signifies, sending the children scurrying not to happy family gatherings around the Yule-log, but to deep underground air-raid shelters.

Even here Christmas will have a keen joy tintured with sadness—for though we are still free, the long threatened war is upon us. Our men lie dead thousands of miles from home.

And yet—ring out, wild bells, in the land that is free—ring out your song, for you may reach and revive the hopes of those in other lands whose Christmas joy is dimmed. You may remind all those who hear your cheerful tones of the joys they still possess. You may recall to the world that the good tidings of great joy was promised to all the people, bringing peace on earth and good will to men.

On Earth— Good Will

By REV. JOHN HARDY
Church Of The Advent

By H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER,
Presiding Bishop, Protestant
Episcopal Church

On Christmas Day we celebrated God's answer to man's age-long prayer for help. Religion arises from a sense of insecurity and inadequacy. Man recognized his dire need of aid in the struggle to defend himself against the hostile powers, both natural and, at least in the earlier stages, supernatural, which threatened his welfare. He learned also from experience the inadequacy of his own capacities and resources for the satisfaction of his desires and the attainment of his purposes.

Looking back over the centuries we can find ample cause for gratitude in the blessings which we owe to Him who was born in Bethlehem. What about God's answer to our prayers for blessings to enable us to meet our present problems? Are we not frequently as disconcerted at God's way of answering our pleadings as were those who rejected with scorn Christ's claim to be the long-desired and expected deliverer?

There is one blessing which perhaps all people will unite in asking God to bestow on this Christmas—a just and durable peace. A prayer for peace at Christmas seems peculiarly appropriate, for the angelic hosts heralded the birth of the Saviour by proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

Are we justified in hoping that God answer such a prayer? The song of the angels suggests the condition upon which alone we can expect such a hope to be realized. Their promise was peace on earth to men of good will. Where good will is lacking even God cannot establish a just and durable peace.

We know by sad experience that our own attempts to secure peace by force or by negotiations have proved a failure. The reason for this is not that the force used has been inadequate, nor even that the negotiators were not wise enough to work out proper peace terms. Is not the real cause of the failure of such attempts the lack of that spirit of peace which the angels call good will?

If we ask God for peace, then we need not expect His answer to take the form of a grant of more power to subdue aggressors, nor of more cleverness in negotiating peace terms. What we can expect is that

Bear Grass Goes Over The Top In Red Cross Drive

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Holiday, 25c; Charlie Beacham, \$2; Robert Coltrain, 50c; Jasper Rodgers, 25c; Mrs. R. G. Rodgerson, 50c; R. L. Perry, \$3; H. P. Mobley, \$1; Daney Taylor, \$1; Mrs. Annie Buck, \$1; Mrs. June Harris, \$1; Miss Joyce Harris, 10c; June Harris, \$1; Mrs. C. H. Ayers, \$1; C. H. Ayers, \$1; Plum Jenkins, 25c; Arthur Harrison, 50c; Will Knox, 25c; Mrs. H. L. Harrison, 50c; Mrs. Ernest Ward, 50c; R. L. Rodgerson, 15c; John Cratt, 25c; J. T. Farmer, 25c; Mrs. Rue Cratt, 25c; Mrs. Mollie Farmer, 10c; Mrs. Marie Whitaker, 25c; Luther Cratt, 25c; Billie Cratt, \$1; Arthur Peaks, \$1; Mrs. W. A. Bailey, \$1; Ophus Bailey, \$1; Mrs. Sallie Bett Rodgers, \$1; T. L. Roberston, \$1; J. D. Wynne, \$1; Mrs. J. L. Holiday, \$1; Mrs. Lucian Peele, \$1; Lucian Peele, \$1.10; Mrs. Mary Hodges, 25c; Roy Ward, \$1; Mrs. Hoyt Cowan, \$1; L. T. Holiday, 25c; Mrs. L. T. Holiday, 25c; J. S. Griffin, \$1; Russell Griffin, 25c; Jasper Griffin, 25c; W. O. Peele, 50c; Mrs. W. O. Peele, 50c; William O. Peele, Jr., \$1; E. Slade Peele, \$1; M. B. Ward and family, \$5; Bill Hadley, 25c; W. S. Revels, \$1; Leonard C. Bennett, \$1; H. U. Peele, \$1; Mack Schwarz, Pennsylvania, \$1; Mrs. Lizzie Coltrain, 25c; Mrs. Clyde Revels, 50c; Clayton Revels, 50c; Mrs. Clayton Revels, 50c; K. O. Rodgers, 10c; T. O. Hickman, \$2; Mrs. T. O. Hickman, \$1; Eddie Hickman, \$1; Ruby Elaine Hickman, \$1; F. W. Taylor, \$1; Miss Ruby Malone, \$1; Miss Virginia Shindler, \$1; Miss Virginia Smith, \$1; Miss Madlyn Barnes, \$1; Miss Dorothy Owens, \$1; Miss Doris Davis, \$1; Miss Jean Elliott, \$1; Miss Annie Mae Davis, \$1; Curtis Mobley, 50c; Harrison Rodgerson, 25c; Ruth Evelyn Terry, 50c; Mr. Milton, 50c; W. L. Mobley, \$1; Elder A. B.

God will send into our hearts the spirit of Him whom we call the Prince of Peace. If we will surrender ourselves to the guidance and influence of that spirit, He will develop in us the good will which as the angelic song suggests is the only basis of a just and durable peace. Let us, therefore, approach this Christmas not only with gratitude for what God has done in the past, but with the confident expectation that if we dedicate ourselves to Him, He will qualify us to take our place among those concerning whom our Lord said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
B. T. U., 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, 7:30 p. m.
Student Night will be observed in our church Sunday evening. The boys and girls who have been away to school and teachers who are home for the holidays are especially invited to this service. It is planned for you.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Christmas Day.
The Collect
O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son, Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when He shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.
Mid-night celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas Eve, at 11:30 P. M. It is hoped that as many as possibly can will plan to attend this great service.
Celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Christmas Day.

Holy Innocents, Sunday after

Christmas.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.

ST. MARTIN'S, Hamilton

Candlelight service and sermon at 7:30. Our friends of the community are cordially invited to worship with us in this most impressive service.

Ayers, \$1; N. R. Rogers, \$2; C. U. Rogers, \$3; E. C. Harrison, \$2; J. C. Gurganus, \$1; LeRoy Harrison, \$2; Elizabeth Bailey, \$1; Lewis Bullock, \$1; Bill Bailey, \$1; D. L. Peele, \$1; J. B. Whitaker, \$1; Robert Leggett, 25c; Alton Harrison, \$1; Mrs. Nathan Rogers, \$2; Noah Gardner, \$1; Mrs. Verona Rogers, \$5; Mrs. Effie Rogers, \$1; Mrs. Rena Whitehurst, \$1; Henry Gurganus, \$1; Gilbert Rawls, 50c; Elder Ben Cowan, \$1; W. A. Brown, \$1; Lum Gurganus, \$1; Roland Harrison, 50c; Henry Harrison,

Farmers Of County To Support War Program

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in Europe are getting as few as four and five eggs a month in England and not any in some other areas, and it would seem that the egg market outlook is promising to say the least.


\$1.50; Jay Price, \$1; Kneezor Harrison, \$1; Mr. Ayers, 10c; Lester Terry, 25c; Mrs. Johnnie Wynne, 50c; G. A. Harrison, 10c; C. C. Whitaker, 25c; Mrs. Bill Wynne, 25c; Mrs. Charlie Hoell, 50c.

Bear Grass Colored

Augustus Reddick, 25c; Leroy Hopkins, \$1; Almer K. Reddick, \$1; Vance Whitfield, \$1; Nathaniel Boston, 25c; J. W. Rogers, \$1; James Rogers, 25c; Eli Bell, \$1; Henry Rogers, \$3; Arthur Rogers, 25c; Charlie Brown, \$1; Rosa Goddard, 10c; Claud Williams, \$2; Hattie Mason, \$1; Geo. Bonds, 50c; Ben Mason, 5c; Grifflie Mason, 25c; Ed Bowen, 50c; Jesse Bowen, 25c; Earnest Bowen, 25c; W. H. Rodgers, Jr., 25c; James Bowen, 25c; George Allen, \$1; Raymond Bowen, 50c; Plum Williams, 10c; Jack Biggs, 25c; Buck Land, 50c; Henry Land, 25c; Aaron Brown, 50c; Rosa Stokes, 25c; Mary Clark, 10c.

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