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And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:30-33

A Gift To The Giver

Through the Christmas Seal, men and women in all walks of life have participated in the campaign to eradicate tuberculosis in the United States, have helped bring about an 80 per cent reduction in the tuberculosis death rate since the early part of the century.

In terms of human life, this lowering of the death rate represents a saving of 4,000,000 lives—lives of people who would have died of tuberculosis if the TB death rate of 1907, when the first Christmas Seals were sold in this country, had continued to prevail. Many factors are involved in this lowering of the death rate, but undoubtedly the people themselves have made an outstanding contribution through their support of their local tuberculosis association and its program to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, financed entirely by the sale of Christmas Seals.

We cannot, however, afford to rest on our laurels. Progress has been made but there is much more work to be done before tuberculosis ceases to threaten the health of our people. Tuberculosis still takes the lives of some 53,000 Americans a year. It is still the first disease cause of death in the age group between 15 and 44.

We cannot call off the battle against tuberculosis until complete victory is ours. For our own protection, and for the protection of our children, we must continue to support the campaign against tuberculosis. We must continue to buy Christmas Seals.

Actually, when we buy Christmas Seals we are giving ourselves a gift—a gift in health protection.

Making Santa Happy!

Unless the authority of a new state-wide law is challenged, the popping and banging of fireworks will be absent from the holiday scene in Sanford and elsewhere in North Carolina—and we don't believe anyone's heart will be broken because there will be no explosions to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

"Buying or having in possession fireworks or pyrotechnics of any description is now a violation of a state law that was enacted by the last General Assembly after much public demand. The action against fireworks, which are a threat to life and limb any time of year, was supported by this newspaper. Now that the erstwhile noisy season has come, with peace, quiet and safety in prospect, we are moved to commend the lawmakers for their ban.

"Aside from the incongruity of fireworks in connection with the religious significance of Christmas, we don't believe they'll be missed in the more fanciful and folklore aspect of the holidays. We feel quite sure, although we've never asked him, that Santa Claus does not approve of fireworks at Christmas.

To be sure, he wouldn't let fireworks keep him away (because we know he visited North Carolina during past explosive holidays) but we think he'll be more at ease, and maybe stay a little longer in the Tar Heel state now that the

INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON. — Federation and aviation industry officials are plainly worried as winter's foul weather, which resulted in a rash of crashes a year ago, comes whistling 'round the corner.

Many safety aids have been installed since last year, but the situation is still fraught with peril.

Last winter almost broke the airlines. They lost about 25 million dollars in cancellations as accidents drove passengers to the railroads. This traffic was not won back until mid-summer.

The government's instrument landing system has been installed at about 50 airports and some progress has been made on approach lighting. However, developments promised to assure reliable all-weather flying are still in the future.

Some reasons for this are: Government reluctance to permit use of ground-controlled-approach, a landing system competing with the federal ILS system.

Lack of congressional appropriations for additional safety aids.

Opposition of the railroads to federal financing of safety aids for one mode of transportation at the expense of another.

STUMPER—Scientists are plagued with one of the most important problems of atomic energy since atomic power was discovered—what to do with radioactive waste?

So far, they've studied numerous methods of disposal, but no way has been found to get rid of the potential menace.

Radioactive waste can't be placed in the ground, ocean, air or, apparently, any other place without becoming a threat to human life many years hence.

The reason is that radioactivity remains for years and the problem is to dispose of these atoms so that they will be sealed forever.

Scientists have examined many types of cylinders. So far they have found none that they feel will withstand the test of time. Any cylinder that corrodes and eventually breaks apart poses dangers for future generations no matter where it may be placed.

RED TOAST—Newsmen covering the Russian embassy's reception in honor of the October revolution which boosted Lenin to power chortled over a Soviet army officer's subterfuge.

Vodka and other alcohol flowed freely but the party was progressing dully. Then came the time for an all-out toast to "The Revolution."

The burly officer sidled up to a bartender with an empty glass. A brief conversation ensued. The bartender filled the glass with a sparkling liquid and returned it.

Came the toast. The Red officer downed the contents of his glass at a gulp and without a shudder. Probably for the first time the Revolution had been toasted in plain water.

NO RENT RUNAWAY — Landlords and tenants can expect renewal of rent control beyond March 1, perhaps for a full year. The temper of Congress appears to indicate extension of controls, in view of the alarming price spiral.

Chief irritant to congressmen, facing an election year, is the resentment certain to be felt by tenants who agreed to "voluntary" increases in order to get long-term leases under terms of the current extension.

Best bet is that some general increase will be allowed.

BANKIN OUT?—The fieriest congressional advocate of "white supremacy" appears to be on the way out. Political observers believe that the dismal showing of Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi in the recent election to fill the Senate seat of Theodore Bilbo portends his defeat in the 1948 general election.

Rankin, whose constituents have returned him to Congress 11 times, lost even the counties he represents in the senatorial contest where he ran fifth in a field of five.

explosions are silent.

"We have a friend who was told by an acquaintance who knows a man on intimate terms with some one very close to the Big Boss at the North Pole that Santa used to complain, after he'd returned each year, that the firecrackers in North Carolina were making his reindeer mighty nervous.

So could anything better be done than to make Santa happy?"—Sanford Herald.

ANNUAL HOUSEWARMING



The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Stubbornness is determination gone to seed. It is determination without reason. It carries people to absurd lengths, breeds misery and unhappiness for all concerned. Recently the Associated Press released a picture of an old grey mule which stubbornly held its ground for four hours in the middle of the Huey Long Bridge across the Mississippi River at New Orleans while train after train lined up on the lengthy approaches. Finally an officer from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals dispatched the animal with a bullet. The trains could pass over and normal traffic was resumed.

There are unfortunate people who act just like this old mule. From time to time I hear of them. One has a misunderstanding or quarrel with another. Both then refuse to speak to one another, sometimes for years. Occasionally this impossible situation continues until death, if both of them are stubborn. Each waits for the other to make a move towards reconciliation.

Such an attitude is more than silly. It is absurd and often tragic. As time goes on, others are affected.

There is a vast difference between determination or persistence and stubbornness. Stubbornness is pure and unadulterated selfishness, unwillingness to see the other's side. There's nothing like a good apology to tone up the emotional life. It is a sort of mental and spiritual purgative. All of us make mistakes. I once saw this motto on an office wall, "He who makes no mistakes does nothing. He who makes too many loses his job."

A stubborn person, by his attitude, is unwilling to admit personal wrong-doings. If there were no wrong-doings, there would be no sin. The Bible reminds us that none of us are without sin. If there were no sin, there would be no need of a Saviour, and there would be no Christmas.

Christmas is the birthday of Christ who came as the Saviour of the world, the Saviour from sin. What a fine time this Christmas season affords for reconciliation of old differences and misunderstandings. Jesus Christ came as the great Reconciler of men to God. Suppose God had stubbornly held out against sinful and wayward mankind? Suppose Christ had not come? Suppose there had been no Christmas?

Some of you who read this column may be standing stubbornly on some bridge which leads to happiness. Like the old mule, you may be impeding the flow of happiness in your home and plate of business. Why wait to be driven from an unreasonable position by the crushing blows of circumstance? Christmas spells giving and forgiving. What a time for righting old wrongs. Charles Dickens wrote

A succulent feed for a dairy cow is one with a high water content. Good examples are: pasture, silage, and soiling crops. Such feeds furnish a cheap source of feed nutrients and because of their succulence tend to keep the digestive system in good order. It is important that one be included in the ration throughout the year.

Methodist To Give Christmas Program Sunday Afternoon

The Christmas program of the Sylva Methodist church will be given on Sunday afternoon, December 21, at 4:30 o'clock. It will begin with a carol concert by the Lyric Choir. The congregation will be asked to join in some of the carols.

The mystery play, The Nativity, by Linda Ekman and Elizabeth Fyffe, will be presented as pageant and cantata. The Choir, the Youth Choir, and certain departments of the Sunday School will all participate in the acting and music. Main characters are Mary; Margaret Candler; Joseph; Mr. Grigg; Inn-Keeper; Dee Parker; Slothful Shepherd; Dr. Harold McGuire; Angel; Mrs. Dan Moore; Wise men; T. N. Massie, Boyd Sossamon, Paul Kirk. Mr. Beacham is directing the music, Mrs. Paul Ellis is accompanist, and Mrs. Dan Tompkins is the Narrator.

Trumpeters are Robert Allison, Jimmie Stovall, and Lloyd Kirk. Clarinets are Pat Montague, Leah Sutton. Drums: Janice Holden and Linda Moody.

Assisting in the preparation of the program are Mrs. Dan Tompkins, Mrs. C. Z. Candler, Mrs. C. Z. Candler, Jr., Mrs. O. E. Monteith, Mrs. Jake Bales, Mrs. George Evans, Mrs. Louis Haire, Mrs. Frank Crawford, Mrs. Raymond Stovall, Mrs. Bob Long.

Lights and property: Posey Cathey, Jake Bales, and Frank Cowan.

All who will be requested to bring White Christmas gifts to be distributed by the Welfare committee of the church.

The public is cordially invited.

Funeral Services For Pfc. Lyman Jones

Funeral services for Pfc. Lyman L. Jones, 36, of Gay, were held last Thursday afternoon at 2:00 at the Zion Hill Baptist church with the Rev. Joe Bishop, pastor, and the Rev. Bill Sorrells, of Franklin, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pfc. Jones was killed Nov. 25, 1944 in the battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Maybell Jones and one son, James Jones. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Jones; two brothers, Lonnie and Weaver Jones; two sisters, Mrs. Johnnie McHanan and Mrs. Albert Fox all of Gay.

Pallbearers were: Eldon Watson, Mack Bingham, Jess Collins, Lester Woodard, Monroe L. Wilson, Taylor Collins, Britton Moore, Weaver Fox, Sam Beck, Bill Buchanan, Clifton W. Crisp, L. H. Higdon, Howard Taylor, Fred Bumgarner and Glenn Hooper.

The flower girls were: Mildred Bishop, Evelyn Hyatt, Victory Deitz, Peggy Bishop, Geneva Franks, Villa Mae Woodard, Pauline Hyatt, Ona Bee Deitz.

The American Legion had charge at the graveside.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Vann of Norfolk, Va., announce the birth of a daughter on Monday, December 15. Mrs. Vann is the former Miss Aloha Farmer, daughter of Mrs. Olive Farmer of Sylva.

and the cast sincerely hopes to bring the Christmas story in great beauty and blessing to the hearts of those who attend.

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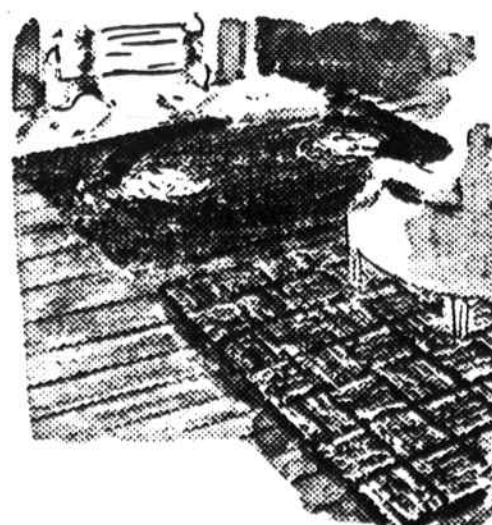
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