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BIBLE THOUGHT

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy...

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

HAYWOOD FARMERS AGAIN ABLE TO PAY TAXES

Haywood County farmers will have two sources this year in which to get money to pay their taxes. The cattle which was shipped from this county brought approximately \$200,000 to the stock raisers.

Haywood County is indeed fortunate in having these two revenues to depend on. Perhaps no other county in Western North Carolina or the state will be in a position to pay their taxes as will the residents of this county.

This is one example that it pays to depend on more than one money crop. Diversified farming has always paid.

We are always talking of business getting back to normal, what is normal? Is it the time when we don't have to work, but just wait for the coin to roll in?

Some parents object to their boys playing football but will turn around and give them a high-powered car to race up and down the highways in like wild maniacs, endangering their lives and others.

Roger Babson, noted statistician, hit the nail on the head when he said, "Prosperity will return as soon as 51 percent of the people go right spiritually."

Three stages of the Christmas season—worrying over what to get—worrying because you got it—worrying over paying for same—merry after Christmas is all over.

Manufacturers of rope plan expansion campaign to begin soon. Perhaps they have a contract to furnish the election cigars again this year.

News item in this week's paper states that 200 cars of cattle shipped out of county during past season—that's cattle and not just bull.

Its a pity that some of these professional knockers around town could not have shipped out of the county with those 200 cars of cattle.

An inexpensive worth while Christmas suggestion everyone can afford—a genuine smile.

If everyone was fined \$5 for using the words "hard times" this nation would soon be having another boom.

One of the best and cheapest ways to feel good is to purchase a few hundred Christmas Seals.

We can't figure out but one reason for this warm December weather and that is, Congress has just convened.

People who think Haywood County has been hit by the depression should visit nearby counties.

Let us hope that all Christmas spirits this year will be mental instead of liquid.

At this time of year we must remember it is better to give than to receive.

Some people think because they have a horse laugh that they have horse sense.

Dear Santa Claus:—Bring Waynesville a fence for her football field next year.

INTERPRETING CHRISTMAS

Most youngsters believe that there is a benevolent old saint somewhere, far to the north, who locks up his toy factory on Christmas Eve and travels around the world with a bottomless pack of toys.

They remember that he has stood on the corner and asked them exactly what they wanted. He has pocketed their letters. They saw him do it. Secure in their dreams they go to sleep.

But a great many children are going to have lumps in their throats when they waken on Christmas morning unless we get busy. They are going to be hurt and baffled when they find limp stockings where they had expected them to be so plump and gay and merry.

And ever after the tinsel gleam will mean nothing. A world in which Santa Claus will take all of his toys to somebody else can never be quite so lovely to a little boy or girl again.

It is up to us to see that no wistful youngsters wonder why Santa Claus crossed their addresses from his calling list. If we interpret the spirit of giving as we should, every stocking will be fat and every child's voice will be as lifting as a Christmas carol.

The large number of children who are dependent on our generosity for their faith in Christmas brings back the thought that this is a season of giving, not of exchanging. The wise men didn't give their gifts to each other. They brought them to one who couldn't repay them in like coin.

It takes such a little to make a child happy. A doll or a horn or spinning top and a candy cane for the top of the stocking. But he won't forget. After a while when he is older and understands that Santa Claus is only the spirit of Christmas, he will remember gratefully that life didn't fail him. He won't be afraid to trust it again.

But if his stocking is bare not all the tinsel glamour of all the evergreen trees in the whole wide world can ever quite bring back the charm.—Hendersonville Times-News.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The spirit of Christmas is here again. It brings with it the custom of giving gifts, a custom that is as old as the holiday, a custom that gives ourselves and others pleasure.

In the December issue of "Woman's Home Companion" the editor says, "Christmas is above all the time of remembering. No other day in the year adds so much to the span of friendship. We call our gifts 'remembrances.' And memories of many Christmas Days contribute greatly to the sense of continuity and growth in our lives.

While Christmas is primarily of spiritual significance, our materialistic world has found itself unable as yet to give adequate expression without the aid of materialistic things. Hence, the importance and necessity of gifts. But it is the placing of the gifts in the category of "remembrances" that takes them out of the realm of materialism and lifts them into the true spirit of the occasion.

Therefore the importance of gifts is as great as it ever was. And while we may find our purchasing power somewhat lower this year, we may take heart in the fact that retail prices are at a lower level and therefore give more power to the holiday dollar than perhaps at first thought. Anyway the point is to give, whether it be a post card or an automobile. Necessity may perhaps require a limitation in the size and quality of the gift, but the number of "remembrances" may well remain the same.—West Asheville News.

YOU AND YOUR DEBTS

Recently Clarence Roberts of the Oklahoma Farm-Stockman gave this advice to debtors:—"No farmer should permit his creditors to push him for payment, one at a time, trying to work out of his situation by putting off each in turn. Beat them to it. A policy of frankness is always best. For his own peace of mind, if for no other reason, every man with more debts than he can at once pay should make out a list of all his obligations, work out a plan that will enable him to stay on the farm, and submit the plan to each creditor in turn. The average creditor will appreciate such a business like way of handling the problem. Only a few will refuse to cooperate."

The Progressive Farmer-Ruralist reprints this advice and makes the following comment:—"These suggestions simply square with accepted principles of honest business dealing. They present the only practical, indeed the only honest, way to handle the problem of indebtedness when payments are due that cannot be met promptly. If a creditor is convinced of the absolute sincerity of the man who owes him money and that payment cannot be made without forcing undue hardship, the attitude in many cases will be one of helpfulness. On the other hand let a debtor start dodging and he is in for harsh handling. Pay up if you can. If you can't, don't dodge. Absolute frankness is indeed the best policy."

"A little common honesty and courage in handling debts will produce a very fine crop of self respect. In times like these it is doubtless well enough to remind ourselves of these age old virtues that form the fundamentals of good character."

20 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

December 16, 1910.

The Board of Stewards of the Methodist church and their wives had a business and social meeting with Mr. Burchfield and is selling cheap merchandise and is selling cheap refreshments.

Mrs. Clarke advertises greatly reduced prices on all trimmed hats.

Among the front page ads: S. W. Burchfield carries groceries and general merchandise and is selling cheap for cash. His stand is "between the railroad crossing and the bridge."

Mitchell-McCracken Co. has ladies hose, in Christmas boxes, 6 pairs for \$2.00, guaranteed for 6 months.

From the "Big Batch of Brief Items:"

Miss Lillie Satterthwait is the guest of Miss Louise Muller in Asheville this week.

Messrs. Felix Alley and Coleman Gowan, two prominent attorneys of Webster, are spending several days in Waynesville.

The bridge club was postponed until after Christmas.

Miss Alice Quinlan spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Mrs. Hugh Love and Miss Lena Alstraetter were Asheville visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Perry and Mr. David Miller will arrive next week to spend Christmas with their father, Mr. W. C. Miller.

Guy Brock Auto Wreck Victim Is Buried Monday

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ing to Sheriff Lowe, he was told by witnesses, that Fred Tittle and Paul Brock had the smell of whiskey on them at the time of the accident.

Mr. Ruel Noland, was said to be the first man to visit the scene of the accident.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Brock, and Jasper Brock, all of Hazelwood. Two sisters, Miss Florence Brock of Greer, S. C., and Mrs. Chas. Palmer.

The father and two sons were employed by the England-Walton Company, owners of the Junaluska Tannery at Hazelwood.

The funeral services were held at the home and were conducted by Rev. R. L. Hooper of Hazelwood. Interment was made at the Green Hill cemetery.

Legion To Give Dance Dec. 31st

The American Legion Post here will give a benefit dance on December 31st at the Armory on Depot street, for the benefit of the Drum and Bugle Corp.

C. Bell, string band will furnish the music for the dance. At midnight the dancers will celebrate the coming in of the new year.

Local Men Open New Fruit Market Here

D. D. York and R. H. Duckett, of this city, have opened a fruit and vegetable market in the stand formerly occupied by the Blue Bird Ice Cream Stand.

The owners truck their produce direct from the groves in the south each week. Both owners are experienced fruit men.

Their business is reported as doing "better than was expected."

H. H. Plimmons is assisting them as salesman.

HAZELWOOD NEWS

Mr. Clinton Mehaffey arrived Sunday night from Chillicothe, Mo. where he has been in Business College, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mehaffey on Fairview Road.

Mrs. Hubert Limer and Miss La Rue Bowman of Olean, N. Y. left Tuesday for Atlanta where they will spend a few days.

Mr. Charles Calloway left Friday for his home in Concord where he will spend the holidays with his family.

Mrs. M. A. Poteat and children, Edwin and Mary were Asheville visitors Monday.

Mrs. T. L. Blalock and Mrs. John Blalock were Asheville visitors Saturday.

Grins and Chuckles

No Credit Wanted Speaker on platform (roaring) — Why don't you men give your wives more credit?

Man in front row — Because they want cash.

The Right Idea "Say, don't you ever take a vacation?"

"I feel that I shouldn't leave my job."

"Way, can't the company do without you?"

"Yes; that's just what I don't want them to find out."

She's Master

"Why don't you show your wife who's master of the house?"

"She knows."

Female Storm

Lampson—Have you ever been at a telephone in a storm?

Harrell—Oh, yes, my wife occasionally calls me up.

Yes, He Will

Freshwed: My wife likes coffee for breakfast, while I like tea.

Oldwed: You'll soon get used to coffee.

Obituary

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

ROBERT L. UNDERWOOD Whereas God in His infinite wisdom and providence has taken from us our brother Robert L. Underwood...

resolved by this Order: FIRST: That in the presence of our brother Underwood, not only the state lost a good citizen, but the Waynesville community...

neighbor and friend, but the Waynesville community lost a good citizen. M. has suffered a distinct loss. We greet deeply his passing.

We knew the deceased was, an honest, upright, God fearing man. He was not only in the Council of the Order, but by the entire community.

Second. That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this Order, a copy sent to the Waynesville Mountaineer for publication and one to the family.

W. C. MEDLEY, T. L. GREEN, J. R. BOYD

Mrs. Grasty Burried Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Grasty were held Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. Frank Leatherwood...

the service. Mrs. Grasty was ill for some time. The community feels the loss of one of the best.

Mrs. Grasty is survived by her husband, Mr. John Grasty, and sons and a daughter, Floyd and Mrs. Buchanan all of Asheville.

To Our Friends And Customers:-

Since we cannot have the pleasure and privilege of talking each of you by the hand while expressing Greeting of the Season, we are using this method of saying to you that we very deeply appreciate the patronage given us during the past year as well as the years gone by.

It is your friendship and loyalty, that has made us feel so grateful, and with our hearts overflowing with gratitude, you and your families have our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Merry Christmas and continual happiness and prosperity through the New Year.

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