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The Angels and the shepherds.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace

#### Merry Christmas

Once again we come to greet you on Christmas. This year there is a special joy, for with the war over we feel that the message in 1945 has a new and deeper meaning. We can enter wholeheartedly into our greeting in a manner that was imposible when the war clouds hung low over the world.

The sun has come out once again and we are basking in the peace of which He spoke to us when on Earth.

We extend our greetings far and wide, at home and across the seas, for many of our readers are still in the service, waiting for the day when they can join us here and take up life again.

No Christmas wish would be complete without a backward look on the past year and an expression of appreciation to our ' readers, our advertisers and our customers for their support and business.

We are grateful for your aid, and your encouragement and the sincere wish from the owners and publishers as well as every employe of The Mountaineer is that your Christmas be filled with the beauty of the season in all its richness of spirit.

### Singing Together

There is always somethings inspiring about assembly singing. We trust that the community turns out en masse on Sunday evening at the Park Theater for the first event of its kind held here in sometime.

While there was no real reason why these vesper services should not have been held the Sunday before Christmas during the war years, the people in general did not seem to have the heart for such occasions. Now in peace let us turn back to the things that have meant much to us in years gone by.

There is nothing that can give one the Christmas spirit in its heart warming way more than the old carols that we have known and loved since childhood. It is hard to hear a crowd sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" or "Silent Night," without having something of the Christmas thrill steal into your heart.

#### The Christmas Story

(Luke 2:1-20)

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when 'yrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, everyone in his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem: , thecause he was of the house and lineage of

To be taxed with Mary his esponsed wife. being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there. the days were accomplished that she should. be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them is the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their Black by night.

And, lo, the migel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great ay, which shall be to all the people.

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

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God

Clory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shep- light that has so a life thereful and comfort- swip; back into pre-war Christmas with litherds said one to another, Let us go even my beams of over the world since the fall the floor. We read that "more than 20,000,unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is of Germany and Jacan, Even before, in the table deep rate and homeless people are now come to pass, which the Lord hath made sariy spendentha laropean theater the boys. mallog carl and west, north and south, across known to us

made known unto us.

things which were told by the shepherds.

and praising God for all the things that they the rich and the numble, meeting in each the bave gained, but life in America is still good, had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

#### Songs of a World

them concerning this child.

"Give me the making of the songs of a nation," wrote Andrew Fletcher back in the seventeenth century, "and I care not who makes its laws." Today, the Committee for Peace Day in the United Nations, which has just established headquarters in Boston for a national campaign, says in effect: "Give us the making of the songs of a united world, and we care not too much what legal forms international organization may take."

The committee wants to see public affection for peace, as a world-wide reign of law, order, and brotherhood, come so close to the hearts of the people that all around the world they will sing songs in celebration of it on an will never be real ties, there is only the comannual Peace Day holiday. It proposes that fort of Time, which in the end should give travel that we have always loved. Maybe it is modern inventions such as radio, television, and aviation, which serve to draw the world closer together, shall be dramatized on this holiday, and that with impressive pageantry, full of popular appeal, the preamble to the United Nations Charter shall be read, with 

In short, it would use such an annual international holiday to drive home the realization that this is a "people's peace" and not merely a "statesman's peace." On America's Independence Day the people celebrate freedom and abundance which have come from the union of 48 States. The proposed Peace Day would be a celebration of the freedom and abundance which should follow the wider union of nations.—Christian Science Monitor.

#### True Or False

We read recently where a professor at Johns Hopkins University has discovered an adapted spectrometer, an apparatus for measuring infra-red rays, records waves of different length for every variety of precious

This might prove embarrassing if some girl recently engaged was suspicious of the solitaire she had received, if she put the spectrometer to work and found she had been given a faked diamond. However the instrument had its weak points, for it could not tell the difference between true and false affection, which after all is a much more vital point than the stone in the ring. For true love would out last the most precious of stones in the give and take of married life-



# Our Annial Christmas Message

By HILDA WAY CHYN

"I'll be more to thurstmas," has been a tracked by the destruction of warfare, can realized that the day of surrender was near the continent of Europe, with the very young And it came to pass, which the Lord hath at hand. It every hamlet throughout this and the very old beginning to die in droves nation, some boy they written to his home- like national leaves falling." While there are And they came with haste and found Mary Tolks that i.e "would be home for Christmas," thou make in America who will carry forever and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger, in every community in Haywood county, the in their hearts the price of their sacrifice. And when they had seen it, they made message has every. It always carried a non-less is negligent to the European counknown abroard the saying which was told boulde meaning, "There home for Christmas" tries. Let us not however get a smug feeling mount the war would be over and at last we not how backy we are, but with a fervent spirit And they all heard it wondered at those would be able to start back and take up life of cratifude reach out to help those about us again in peace. This message was not re- who are weary with sorrow, and rejoice in But Mary kept all these things in her stricted to any one group. The high ranking our blessings this Christmas. We still have officers wrote home the same cheerful news strife here, and we regret that our petty And the shepherds returned glorifying as did the privace a license to the homes of problems should blemish the world peace we same joyous response. It was akin to the and the main thread is weaving steadily on glad tidings of "Force, Good Will to Man," for it meant power and peace signifies good way thora. It is just like happiness, you take will to men.

> absent but their manifies may sleep in peace world at the expense of Uncle Sam, and he will "be home for Christmas" next year. joice. To those who have memories which

We wender if we are as grateful this Christmas in America as we should be. But fortunately in some form, the Christmas

Christmas is a personal thing as it has alit or have it, just suit yourself. Christmas is Of course there will be many an empty a "hall!" we might say, for many of us. chair on their times Day for hundreds of boys. Marke you feel "what's the use," but most of we do the Christman tree decorations. There this Christmas I ald and know that all is may be a bit tarnished, they may be a bit well, which will not true last year. He is dulled, but somehow when they are on the not under the now. He is perhaps impatient- tree, and their colorful notes blend in with ly waiting in some overseas center for his the covenery and lights they go toward their massage house. May be he was sent over as a part in making Christmas. After Christmas replacement to the Pacific. But cheer up. It's magic of childhood one is pretty ant the war is over, and he is seeing a bit of the to have a disillusioned attitude, but thank morniness most of us, no matter where we are, or how little or big the celebration can still Your heart can be easy. You can still re- space to get a thrill out of the day if we try. Maybe it is a note from some old friend who still remembers. Maybe it is a Christmas solace in their doing for others, as those who the face of a little child with that radiant expectant look, maybe it is someone who needs our help.

Thristmas in our each, secure country, un-spirit, to most of us it comes, with that glow

by. It was a land which held There was the spot where Jacob hen his beloved wife Rachel was fields where Ruth, in the early to reap barley and walk with Naom a centle breok. It was to this la " v. re coming, the early home of the er David, who had kept his father in and had learned to sug the sones of the betown, over the dusty glare of gre the last of their journey and was a at least to alight from her donkey and go up and short through a low gate, she and Jose structure town of Bethlehem.

of Bethlehem, hardly more tha

y a single street in length, had be mall domes, and were snuggled in

Fig. groves and vineyards ado

the simplicity of life made the passi in the homes. To bring water at once the local to feet, dusty with the Eastern sandals lehed and ledging for himself and h and the traveler was made to feel served protection of his host. However and a lary reached Bethlehem every house w hat faces be had been journeying there in great r e. The concus. Even the Inn, which was build a line stang of a single empty room, on the

they could find shelter was in an el which has been fault in a natural hollow, or cave, or The deep break the was in darkness. The deep break appear collie, cows and donkeys warmed the

soon and a comfortable place for them to sleep. However, the dim light of his lantern was soon end by a great illumination from heaven. The of was presently filled with light, and beams as radian who had high largest of getting home will be the seem to bring out the Christmas spirit like sum shows all about. A wonderful thing had happened chair to he have and Mary His mother had wr in a It tay adding clothes and laid Him in a man gentle runtle of wings was heard in the air and so angels hovered over the manger. With joyous s general the little messenger of mercy and love-th Child-whom God had sent to the world; the little K had been born in a lowly stable and laid in a cradle

Has was the wn about and with the aid of his lanters

The sleeping hills were now flooded with celestials An angel of the Lord, in an intense sheath of light, can heaven and surprised a group of shepherds mar the watchlower of Eder, announcing to them the but Holy Child. Multitudes of angels sped the sky, spret ings of joy afer. Music rang throughout the land. the angel host. The great gospel anthem fell upon t in all its divine beauty and thrilling force. Glory to the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward me shepherds can up the steep road to Bethlehem and so star that God had placed over the stable, found the Glory and worshipped Him with adoration manne fro

The same star that burned over the sacred manight had brought other men from a far off count Men from the East. They, too, had seen the heralding the birth of a King. The star had mountain, valley and parched deserts, till at Bethlehem. Their camels walked one by narrow streets, bearing their rich burden. Im kings of great wealth. The star pointed camels knelt before the open door and the Wa the treasures they had brought; boxes of fumes and rare spices. They laid their galls smiling infant in the manger, and fell upon their fervent worship of Jesus the Saviour.

lucto here there is Christmas on own nerves relaxing our streets-if we only take time serene and gently to let 9 register. There are shop- your respect by pers laden with packages, no mai- you forgot to the ter what the gifts are they repre-sent thoughts of others. Then take the Lights dime board, and stop to late to aid Major realize that the money will find its her co-workers in way to families who will need help in the isolated sec front others to make their Christ- county. mas. Then there are the Salvation Army workers. Did you ever see a Salvation Army worker who was the least bit out of spirit? You may pass them by hurriedly without a centribution. You may drop only few pennies in the kettle, but they remain the same. They are cheerful. They seem to possess a calmness of spirit that is soothing

in a busy shopping area. The next

that him is like a lone star in our time you pass one mas fund last ti

Maybe you have the perience. Each year we touch of human inte usually comes from and fairy like faith of a gives us that spark of the mas spirit that takes us with the extra energy need physical and spiritual. The (Continued on Next P



