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Our Baby-God

The thing that fascinates us most about Christmas is the appearance of the Almighty God as a helpless baby, the sight of tiny hands which, we remind ourselves, hung up the moon and rolled the earth into space. And now He's made Himself so helpless, out of love for us. He wasn't really born with a shock of flaxen hair as our Christmas cards represent Him. He was born just like any other son of man, tiny and absolutely dependent on the love of His mother. He would be hungry if she did not feed Him; He would not be clean, did she not wash Him. Now he is close to everyone. He waits in His crib for our adoration. He has not yet assumed the dignity of manhood, nor the majesty of His glorified body; for somehow after the resurrection, His words to Mary Magdalen -- "Don't touch Me" -- rather put us in awe of Him. He could annihilate us with a glance if he would. Our prayers at Easter are addressed in adoration; but at Christmas we want to wrap the Infant Jesus in prayers of love and pity. We want to take Him in our arms, and let His poor little body draw from the abundance of our own warmth and vitality.

But just think of Mary's joy. This Baby is God. Think of how you would feel if you could have God in your arms, sitting at your table, or asleep in the next room. Mary realized the dignity of her Son. She had been visited by an archangel; Joseph's dream had reassured her knowledge, and Elizabeth's greeting had confirmed it. She knew that she was the Mother of God - - yet she did not become vain, nor did she try to use her Son's power for her own ends.

So let's savor the spirit of Christmas to the full. We can build a crib in our souls which need never be torn down. We can hug our Lord to ourselves and Hold Him fast - - so fast that, by His grace, we need never lose Him from our arms.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF Thursday, December 15, 1949, at AUTHORITY of an order of Re- the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Courtsale of the Superior Court of Du- house Door in Kenansville, Duplin plin County, made in that certain County, North Carolina, to the Special Proceeding entitled: "In highest bidder all those certain the matter of Stan North et als" and tracts or lots of land situated in being Special Proceeding No. 2343, the Town of Magnolia, N. C., Dupduly filed in the office of the Clerk lin County, and being described as of Superior Court of Duplin Coun- follows: Said property being known

ty, the undersigned Commissioner will offer for re-sale for cash on



Mine Eyes Have Seen

on for December 25, 1949

WHAT can the old man see in the baby? There must have been to ask that question, as the old, old man Simeon took the little eeks-old Jesus in his arms. To most eyes he was just another baby; but at the touch of him Simeon broke out into words so filled with hope and ec-stasy, so rhythmic emotion, that with words, even to this day, are used as a hymn in all the Christian the of

world. "Mine eyes Dr. Foreman have seen The aged man, already moving across the thin line dividing this world from heaven, could see with the eye of the spirit what was hid from the eye of many a practical man. To Simeon's mind, imbued with the spirit of the ancient pro-phets, the child in his arms was a ter of light.

All the rays from the dim and ancient prophecies came to a focus in this child; and from this child again there shone out to all the future years of man the hope of better world. What the prophets have foretold, is now to be; this child is the hope of mankind.

They have seen a great light THE CHRISTMAS PROPHECIES, our Old Testament lesson text, sing the hope of the Hebrew people. It was a hope that spread beyond themselves, their tiny hillcountry, landlocked and harborless, out to the "Circle of the Nations," n to the world of vast peoples beyond their ken.

In a leaderless world, where men went blindly through life, amothered by the smoke of rches in the wavering hands of the blind, the prophets sang of the Coming One, the Mes-siah, God's chosen Leader, who would bring men out of darkness into light, the Divine ellor.

In the centuries when the serv-ants of God were enslaved by those who worshiped only the sword, the prophets pointed confidently to the time when the leadership of the world would at least be in the hands of those who knew and understood and obeyed God.

Eyes of Flesh

NOW THE PROPHETS did not always fully understand their own prophecies, as we are told by Peter (I Pet. 1:10, 11); and certainly most of the Jews did not. When they heard the word "Messiah" or "King" they could think only of the kings they had known and admired, some now David, great in battle, or another Solomon, in a greater and more golden palace.

So when the little boy Jesus in the dark stable under the hill, it was not everyone could see what Sime that now the hop

West 149 feet to a stake; South 76-30 West 16 feet to a stake thence North 13-30 West 51 feet to a stake; thence North 76-30 East 106 feet to a stake an old line; thence as old line South 16 East 200 feet to point of beginning and being Lot No. 1 of J. A. Mathis property and being a portion of lands as described in Book 131, page 358, of the Duplin County Registry, also see will Book 5, page 413, of the office of Clerk of Superior Court.

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Lot No. 2: BEGINNING at a stake on the Northern edge of Main Street in the Town of Magnolia,

located South 76-30 West 100 feet from Mrs. R. P. Stokes corner, formerly, (now Archie West heirs cor ner) and runs thence as Northern edge of Main Street South 76-30 West 65 feet to a stake on Main Street; thence North 13-30 West 149 feet to a stake; thence North 76-30 East 65 feet to a stake on line of Lot No. 1; thence South 13-30 East 149 feet to beginning and being Lot No. 2 in division of J. A. Mathls property, and being a portion of lands as recorded in Book 131, page 358, of the Duplin County Registry, also see Will 3ook 5, page 413, of office of Clerk of Superior Court.

Lot No. 3: BEGINNING at a stake on the Southern edge of Faison Street in the Town of Magnolia, N. C. said stake being a corner of Lot No. 4 and runs thence as Southern edge of Faison Street North 76-30 East 99 feet to a stake; thence South 16 East 252 feet to a stake corner of Lot No. 1; thence as line of Lot No. 1 South 76-30 West 106 feet to a stake; thence North 13-30

West 252 feet to point of beginning and being Lot No. 3 in division of J. A. Mathis property, and being a portion of lands as recorded in Book 131, page 358, of Duplin County Registry, also see Will Book 5, page 413, of office of Clerk of Superior Court.

Lot No. 4: BEGINNING at a stake on Southern edge of Faison Street in Town of Magnolia, at a ditch, and runs thence as Southern edge of Faison Street, North 76-30 East 1221/2 feet to a stake, first corner of Lot No. 3; thence as line of Lot No. 3 South 13-30 East 114 feet to a stake; thence North 82 West 32 feet to a stake on ditch; thence as ditch North 55 West 130 feet to beginning and being Lot No. 4 in division of J. A. Mathis property, and being a portion of the lands as described in a deed to J. A. Ma this as recorded in Book 131, page 358, of Duplin County Registry, se also Will Book 5, page 413, of the office of Clerk of Superior Court.

A ten per cent deposit will be re quired of the successful bidder as evidence of good faith. Advertised this the 30th day of claims against said estate to pre-



THE SUN reflects the spirit of Christmastide as it beams down on the pleturesque chapel at Sun Valley, famous Union Pacific resort village in Idaho. The late afternoon scene was taken by Sun Val-ley's photographer, George Long, Jr., who experimentally "shot" his picture directly into the sun. The strong rays of the sun streaked the film but the result was a rare star of Bethlehem effect and a beauti-lation the characterizing the sniritual richners of the Christmas season.

November, 1949.

H. E. Phillips, Commissioner 12-23-4t. HEP EXECUTORS NOTICE

The undersigned, having quali-

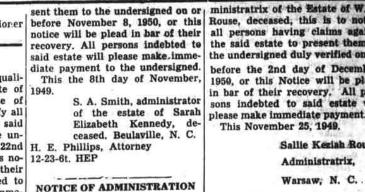
fied as Executor of the estate of Isaiah Branch, deceased, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of November, 1950, or this notice will be plead in bar to their

recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 22nd day of November 1949.

Raymond Branch, Executor of the estate of Isaiah Branch, deceased, Mount Olive, North Carolina. H. E. Phillips, Attorney 12-30-6t. HEP

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, having qualified as administrator of the estate of Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy, deceased, late of Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having



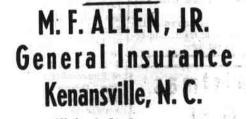
Rouse, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned duly verified on or before the 2nd day of December 1959, or this Notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All per-sons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This November 25, 1949. Sallie Keziah Rouse

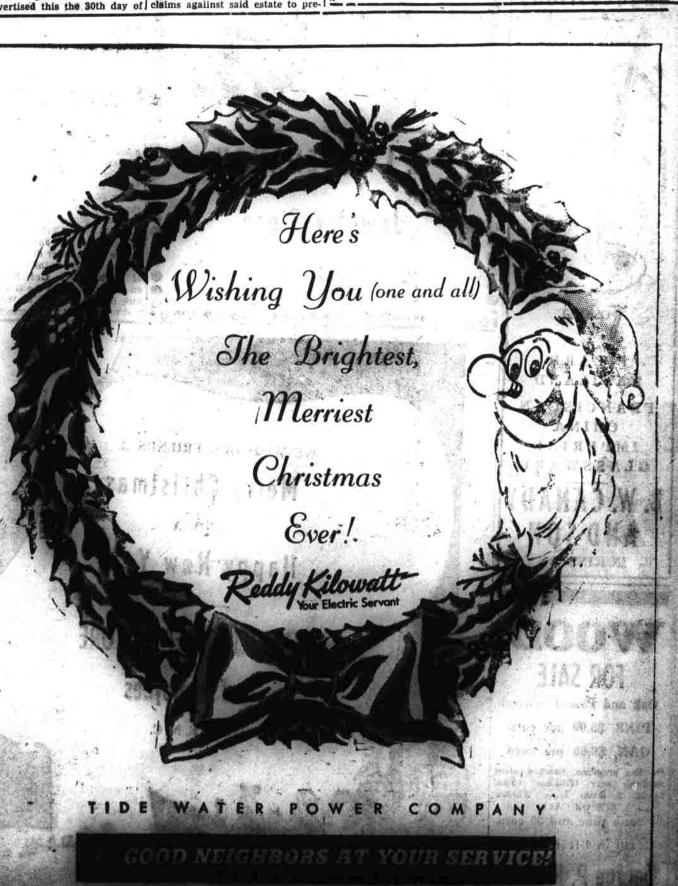
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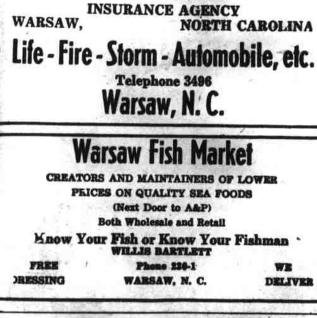
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prophets were coming true, now the Kingdom of righteous-ness and peace, the Realm of All Nations, was to begin.

What Simeon's fading human eye could see was no great thing—a belpiess infant from a peasant carpenter's home. It was only Simeon's inward eye that saw the truth.

Eyes of Faith

WET THE EYE of faith can see WET THE EYE of faith can see more. The salvation God is bringing to the world has only just begun. As in Simeon's day the salvation and the light were barely at the horizon, so now it is still but sunrise. The colors of sunrise may be mistaken for those of sunset, by those who have been long saleep. It is only those who have watched It is only those who have watched through the night who know the sunrise for what it is.

The songs of Christmasilde are songs of hope, and not only songs of remembrance. It is not the hope of feels, for the world of today is brighter than

Who would turn back this works, for all its wretchedness and frus-trations, into what it would have been had Jesus never been born? At Christmas time we rejoice, not that all things have been accom-plished or that all the prophecies of soud have come true; we true of good have come true; we re-joice rather that the God-sent Leader, the Messiah, the Saviour, has come, and that with his com-ing salvation and light and glory

A. MATHIS property in Mag-Lot No. 1: BEGINNING at a stake