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Sermons To Carry Theme of Hope of Peace On Earth and Good Will

The theme of eternal hope of "Peace on earth, good will to men," will be woven into the sermons of the ministers of the Farmville churches, Sunday, as they relay the message from the angels to the shepherds, in the Judean hills nineteen hundred years ago, and the choirs in their turn will render echoes of the song of the heavenly chorus.

The spiritual leaders will read from Isaiah's prophecy in the Old Testament and from Matthew and Luke's accounts of the Nativity, and they will stress the wonder of His birth, His life, death and resurrection. His power and teachings will be emphasized as well as the grave responsibility of the faithful remnant in whom lies the hope of the world today.

The town and community are invited to attend each and every one of these services.

BAPTIST

At the morning worship hour, Sunday, the Rev. E. W. Holmes will preach on "Immanuel, God with Us." Special Christmas music for this service will be featured with a solo "The Holy Mother Sings" by Miss Rosemary Holmes. "Christmas Bells," a cantata by Edward W. Norman, will be presented in the evening, at 7:30, by the choir under the direction of Miss Rosemary Holmes, with Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner at the organ.

Special parts in the cantata include: solos—"Make Straight His Pathway," Elbert C. Holmes; "The Angel Choir Came Singing," Mrs. Elbert C. Holmes; "The Love Lighted Star," Miss Seleta Tucker; "Sleep, O Blessed Baby," Miss Rosemary Holmes; Duets—"The Angels' Refrain," Elbert C. Holmes and Raymond Shearin; "The Christ Story," Mrs. Elbert C. Holmes and Miss Rosemary Holmes; and a special chorus—"The Vision of the Shepherds," Misses Seleta Tucker, Ann Moore, Lola Gray Kemp and Joyce Tyson, Harry and Cedric Davis.

CHRISTIAN

At the eleven o'clock worship hour, the minister, Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, will speak on the subject, "Stop, Enjoy Christmas," and there will be special music by the choir with Mrs. Clarence Moye, of Maury, as soloist.

In the evening at 7:30, children of the primary department of the Sunday School will present a program of stories, recitations and a tableau scene under the direction of Mrs. Florence Thorne and with Mrs. George Farr as accompanist. A girls' choir will sing Christmas carols.

EPISCOPAL

On Tuesday night, Christmas Eve, from 11:00 to 12:00 o'clock, a mid-night service will be held at the Episcopal Church, with a timely message by the rector, Rev. J. R. Rountree, and a celebration of the Holy Communion. Mrs. J. W. Joyner will sing Gessu, Bambino, by Pietro Yon.

METHODIST

On Sunday morning at the regular worship hour, the pastor, Rev. E. R. Clegg, will preach on the subject, "Peace on Earth." The choir will render Christmas music and an anthem.

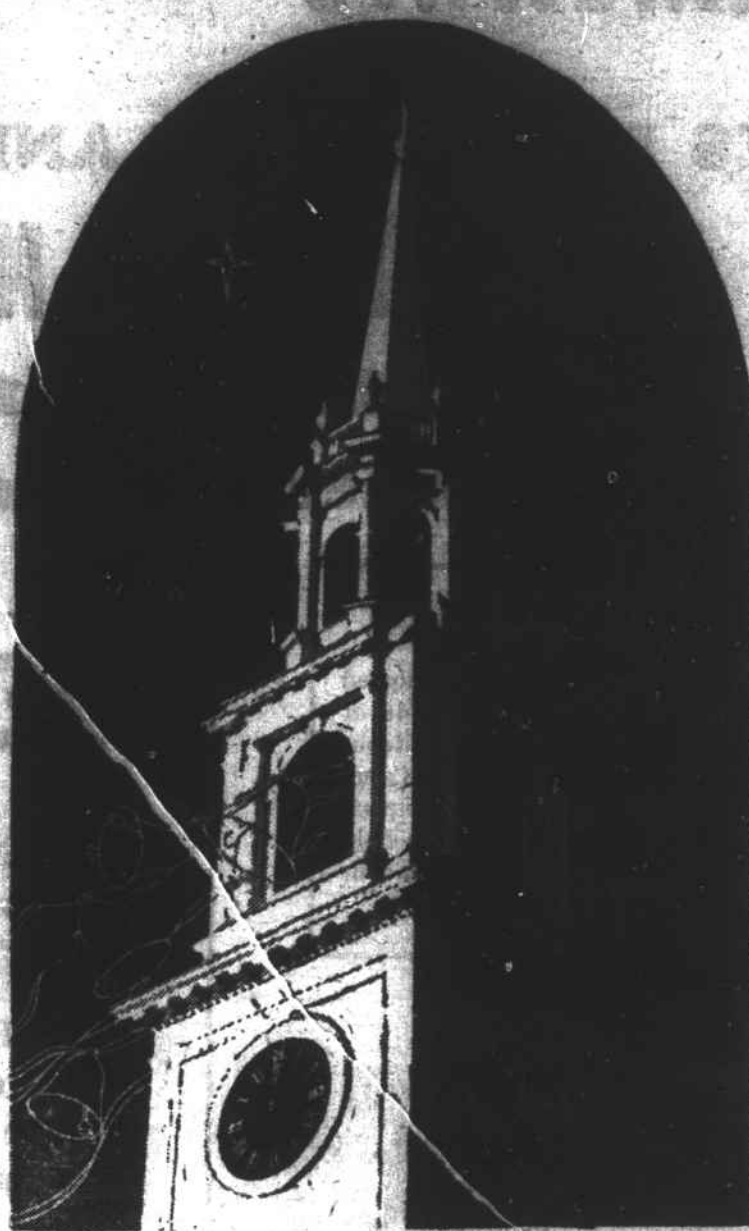
Miss Betty Morris will sing "The Holy Mother" as a solo.

A Christmas Candlelight Service will be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with adult and young people's choirs taking part and Mrs. Hayward Smith at the organ. The Bird's Carol, by Noble Cain, will be rendered by the adults and the young people will sing Fabert Lord Jesus. Mrs. R. O. Lang, Jr., soloist, will sing Gessu, Bambino, by Pietro Yon. Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck is directing this service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Appropriate music will be used as a setting for the pastor's sermon, "If Christ Had Not Come," Sunday morning, with an anthem, "O Worship the King," by Lorenz, as a feature. The Rev. Edwin S. Coates is the pastor.

On Monday evening, following a pageant, "The Shepherd's Story" by



Wherever A Church Steeple rises to pierce the blue skies of daylight, and commune with the stars of night — there is Peace . . . And as we enter our Church this Christmastide, the full spirit, meaning, and essence of the word shall enter our beings and inspire us to fulfill our own minor role in achieving for all time *Peace On Earth: Good Will To Men!*
O, Come Let Us Adore Him . . .

The Song of Christmas

HE long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem . . . a new Star in the sky . . . heavenly music above the hills of Judea . . . the flutter of angel wings . . . the swift journeying of the Shepherds . . . Mary and Joseph and the new-born Child . . . the coming of the Wise Men, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh . . .

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness. Carols and song upon the air . . . candles gleaming into the night . . . secret whisperings and laughter in the home . . . greetings going from friend to friend . . . deeds of love and mercy done in the name of a Child.

No great symphony or composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet; it sings through the sunlit islands of the South; it permeates the frozen wastes of the Northland. In ever-widening volume its strains echo around the world.

Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendships or forsaken within its sound; under its influence the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are for all men. For the Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.

Gifts Beyond Price

The gifts the Wise Men brought the blessed Babe — wonderful though they were — could not compare to the gifts He gave to mankind.

Jewels of spiritual goodness: rare love and unselfishness — these are the treasures bequeathed to those who know the meaning of His word.

Santa Claus To Visit Farmville December 21st, 23rd and 24th

Good old St. Nick will be on the streets of Farmville's business section during the three week days prior to Christmas — Saturday, Monday and Tuesday — to talk with the children about their presents he is to bring Christmas Eve. The stores are remaining open on these nights also until 9 o'clock.

The Santa Claus parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was the most successful yet staged. Hundreds of people lined the streets of the business section of town to watch the parade. Santa Claus arrived in the fire truck preceded by the colored school band. Gifts were distributed to all children both white and colored. This annual event has grown with the passing of the years and plans are being made for an even bigger and better Santa Claus Parade in 1947.

Masonic Ladies' Night Delightful, Enjoyable Affair

The Farmville Masonic Ladies' Night held Friday in the basement dining room of the Methodist Church, was declared by those present to be among the most enjoyable and delightful affairs of its kind held by the local Masons.

The program opened with the singing of America, followed by the invocation, by Rev. Ernest Clegg. A sumptuous meal of turkey with all the trimmings was then served by the Methodist ladies.

In the absence of the master of the lodge, Sam D. Bundy presided as master of ceremonies and welcomed the group with appropriate words to the ladies, to which Mrs. LeRoy Rollins responded in her happy manner. Miss Rosemary Holmes, accompanied at the piano by her mother, delighted the group with vocal selections.

Sam D. Bundy presented his father, J. T. Bundy, who introduced another son, W. J. Bundy, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. For a time the 125 persons present were kept "in stitches" by the stories and jokes bandied back and forth from the father, his sons, and the two brothers. The speaker in a humorous vein spoke on the "Secrets of Masonry."

The group then sang Jingle Bells after which the Grand Master delivered twenty-five year certificates to: Hubert Joyner, Tony Lang, LeRoy Rollins, G. S. Williams, Dr. Paul E. Jones, Aaron Bailey, C. F. Brann, Manly Liles, F. M. Davis, Jr., George W. Davis, D. E. Oglesby, W. B. Gay, Bennie Hayes, R. A. Joyner, J. B. Joyner, Carl Hicks, W. M. Willis, Dameron Fields and Marvin V. Jones. Special guests of the lodge were Mrs. R. E. Bailey, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Brewer, and Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Gray. Recognized also were Mrs. W. J. Bundy, wife of the Grand Master and Mrs. J. T. Bundy, mother of the Grand Master.

Navy Authorizes Yacht Pennants

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized a Naval Reserve yacht owners pennant, which may be flown as a personal pennant by any person who made available to the Navy a yacht or any other craft for service during World War II.

In order that former owners may have documentary evidence of their right to fly the pennant, a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant of their Naval district will be presented to eligible owners.

Application for the pennant may be made by eligible of Georgia, South Carolina and the greater part of North Carolina to the Commandant, 6th Naval District, Naval Base, S. C.

Dr. Mewborn Heads Pitt County Medical And Dental Society

The Pitt County Medical and Dental Society held its annual Ladies' Night meeting Thursday at the Rotary Club in Greenville.

Dr. F. P. Brooks, Greenville, the retiring president, presided and extended a gracious welcome to the doctors' wives. Mrs. D. L. Moore, of Greenville, in her happy manner, responded.

Dr. John M. Mewborn was installed as the new president of the Society and in his remarks of acceptance took occasion to mention the fine relationship existing between the local health department and the physicians and dentists of Pitt County. Dr. B. McKay Johnson, Greenville is the new vice president and Dr. C. F. Irons, secretary and treasurer.

The chief feature of entertainment was the performance of a capable magician.

The hosts, Drs. Fred Irons, Malene Irons, E. B. Aycock, D. R. Armistead and Dan Wright, provided an elegant banquet for the occasion.

Leading Carols

A song which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.

The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday . . . Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America," written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say 'White Christmas' has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

Advocating A Speakers Bureau For Farmville

Sam D. Bundy, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is advocating as a good will feature a speakers bureau for Farmville with programs available to schools, organizations and clubs in this area.

Mr. Bundy says in this regard, "The idea would be to enlist around fifteen people who do public speaking and have them available for out-of-town calls." Traveling expenses could be paid from a special fund of the Chamber of Commerce's treasury.

Beginning in January, Secretary Bundy will endeavor to set up a local credit bureau for the benefit of local merchants and for the purpose of advising the credit rating of customers.

Three new members have been added as of December 1946 Motor Co., Western's Hardware and Farm Groves Dairy. The Chamber has a membership of 101. This association will continue to grow as much and more local business is developed by the Chamber and its members.

Stores To Close Thursday, 26th

Merchants and other businesses of Farmville will observe Thursday, the 26th, as well as Christmas Day as a holiday.

James and Elizabeth Bullock, will be presented in the Church at 7:30 o'clock with the Women's Auxiliary as the sponsoring group and Mrs. Joe Fluke as committee chairman. Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, organist, will be in charge of the music.

ST. ELIZABETH'S, CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass at 9:30 Sunday morning. Special Christmas Mass with sermon by the pastor, Father Mahon, and music at midnight, Christmas Eve; Masses at 9:00 and at 9:30 Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas

Two little words—they've been said over and over again for generations—but no others have been found to express so well the spirit of the season! "Merry Christmas" to you and yours. Even if you don't believe in exchanging costly presents—don't miss the joy of exchanging those friendly words, and the trifling remembrances which make them come true.

Just In Case

Look your prettiest this Christmas! Pin flowers in your hair. Mistletoe, dipped in silver powder, makes a beautiful "frosted" hair decoration! You won't have to stand under the mistletoe—you'll be under it, just in case!

What Makes A Christmas?

What makes a Christmas? Is it place, or time, A Christmas card, a holly wreath, a rhyme? Is it a gift tied up with ribbons gay, Does it mean Christmas when you "Merry Christmas" say?

The bells may softly chime "O Holy Night!" The Christmas tree may glow with candle light, The table may be spread with festive cheer And yet no Christmas spirit hovers near.

No, Christmas is from all these things apart, It needs but a warm and open heart; And sorrow, pain, and fear are swept away When Christmas comes into the heart to stay.

For Christmas is love, faith, and trust, and love, A lifting of the eyes to Him above— The Christ who came to earth to set men free, God's gift of love supreme to you and me.

Add as the angel choir their anthems sing, The story of God's love to men they bring, The promise of abiding peace impart— The Christmas when Christ dwells within the heart.

Santa Writes Grown-ups a Letter This Year

Listen folks! Let's keep this confidential! If I'm a mysterious character, it's only because I want to help Christmas make the world of childhood and the grownup world share that kinship which must often be set aside in the usual year-round run of things.

Let your children go to progressive schools, and "express themselves"—but please folks, let them believe in me. And you—keep on believing in the children's right to live in a land of make-believe just as long as they can.

If it weren't for small boys and girls, Christmas wouldn't be the wonderful holiday it is. So how about a little cooperation, folks?

I'll keep right on handing out Christmas cheer and coming down chimneys—if you'll keep right on making every child's heart happier—come Christmas time.

Eye now,

Santa Claus.

MRS. MOYE HONORED ON BIRTHDAY, SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Moye were hosts at a surprise family dinner on Sunday, the occasion being the 79th birthday of Mr. Moye's mother, Mrs. Metelle Hardy Moye, well known and highly esteemed Pitt County citizen.

The table was centered with the birthday cake with candles spelling the birth date. A sumptuous dinner was served, buffet style.

Guests were the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moye and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moye, Mrs. Esther Tucker and C. L. Hardy, of Maury; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moye and children, of Tarboro; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moye, of Scotland Neck; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moye and Joe Moye, of Farmville.

At The Rotary Club

Bill Rollins, program leader at the Rotary meeting, Tuesday evening, presented as guest speaker his sister, Mrs. Bennett R. Fields, who, in her inimitable manner, related a story with a Christmas setting, which proved to be a strong plea for real appreciation for those who made the supreme sacrifice for peace in the two World Wars and for their maligned and injured families who "are with us yet."

Frank Dupree was the attendance prize. Visitation R. C. Worley, of Ballou, Conn. from and the Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, a special guest, were extended a cordial welcome.

Ray "Swinging Reel" of Haver, N.C.

The Enterprise Will Take A Holiday 27th

The Farmville Enterprise will take a well deserved holiday next week and will not make its appearance again until January 3, 1947.

The Editor and entire force
**WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
— and —
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
IN THE NEW YEAR.**

Greatest Stamps Of Entire World

Officials estimate at least 100,000 items are saved each year—in America alone—by funds made available by the annual Christmas Seal campaign against tuberculosis.

In 1903, a Danish postal clerk—Finar Holboell, by name—conceived the idea of a voluntary tax on Christmas greeting cards which would benefit the underprivileged. Specifically, Holboell visualized establishment of a fund to build a hospital for tubercular children. The ministry granted Holboell permission to sell his seals at post offices and the Christmas Seal campaign was launched. In many countries, the seal campaign is conducted largely in co-operation with postal authorities and, in some instances, the seals are parts of special postage stamps.



The American Red Cross became

WELCOME BACK SANTA, WITH YOUR PACK OF GOOD CHEER!

Welcome back, Santa, with your pack of Christmas cheer. That's something we can all use a lot of right now: cheer to spur us in our daily work; cheer to spread to other nations; food to sustain them and morale to help them keep up the fight until peace that has been won is made universal and everlasting.

Welcome back Santa. We're sure no one in the whole world—at least no one who has the human instincts of love and peace and whinny—will forget about your coming. Unload your year's supply of Christmas cheer for Farmville, right here . . . and we'll do our level best to distribute it for you.

Come another Christmas—we hope the nations may be united in their plans for security and that the angel of Peace will top the world's Christmas tree.