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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Rom. 13 11.

WE PRAY FOR AND DECREE A PERMANENT PEACE

As we are entering into the New Year, we find that there is not total Peace yet. Many nations still are quarelling and fighting over details of the great conflict just passed. The establishment of perfect peace is the deep desire of all of us. Let us pour out our faith and our prayers into this great thought current.

Let us begin by making sure that our own thoughts are peaceful and loving and that we are just and righteous in all our dealings with our fellowman. Let's keep our thoughts free of discouragement, and hold fast to the truth that God's law is working in and through all persons and conditions to bring about the ultimate victory of right.

Bless all the nations of the earth and see them united in love and brotherhood.

All of our prayers of those who love God are a mighty force, mightier than any force for war and destruction and will bring peace to the whole world.

There comes a time in our understanding when the blackest night is not too dark, because we have learned the truth that there is a law of good at work in the universe upon which we can rely. God's will for man is good.

When we have faith in this principle of good, every trial will bring us a blessing if we pray through it.

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Happy New Year



(WNU Service)

ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

By H. Grady Hardin.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Infinite God, our Father, who hast set the stars in their courses and hast created the seasons and time, we thank thee for the opportunity to face again the hopes and opportunities of a new year. Strengthen us to turn our eyes to the light of thy truth. Heal us from the scars and wounds of broken spirits. Encourage us to put our faith in those things which are eternal. Guide us in these new paths that lead to peace and brotherhood. Lead us as we face new temptations. Teach us to love thee and all thy children. Bind us together in thine own family. Forgive us when we fail. Save us from the lostness of sin and ignorance.

We thank thee for the faith that thou hast shown in us, grant us new faith in thee and in thy way. May the longings of our souls find that true expression in practices that will please thee. May the hopes of all men be high and the restlessness in our spirits be calmed in that perfect oneness that we can find in thee.

O Father, who seeks us, we would know thy will, give us strength to do it. We pray these things in the spirit of him who gives us the hope of another chance, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ENJOY XMAS LEAVE

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Lt. Robert J. Guy, baritone, sang "Cantique de Noel" and "Jesu Bambino." Miss Nina Lyles was organ accompanist. Episcopal communion services were held at 11:30 o'clock with the Rev. Mr. John H. Rhys of Black Mountain in charge. Noel Vesper Services were slated for 4:15 p.m. Tuesday.

At 3 p.m. Monday afternoon there was a Christmas party for children of all military personnel in the post theater. Alex Houston 13 year-old ventriloquist of Hendersonville, will entertain the youngsters, and Santa Claus will hand out a Christmas gift to all

kiddies present. Children's movies were shown and the kids participated in carol singing.

Red Cross Yule activities included a soldier show Saturday night followed by a dance for the patients and ward parties planned by members of the Asheville Pilot's Club. Open house was observed Sunday night and a Christmas Eve party given Monday night with carols by choral groups from Black Mountain and other nearby communities and the handing out of gifts.

OUR SHORT SERMON

By J. C. Cornelius

But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor. 2:15, 16.

Do you THINK God-inspired thoughts or do you allow your thinking and subsequently your living to be moulded by public opinion, warped by prejudice, limited by outward appearance?

Have you the courage to "stand on your own feet" mentally and spiritually?

A Christian is not a work of opinion; but of greatness of mind." The Christ mind within you gives you the ability to discern the good and the true, to distinguish between sham and reality. When your thoughts are stamped by voices of doubt and discouragement, by negative headlines, or fearsome rumors, you can turn prayerfully to the Christ mind within you and let quite judgment sharpen your sense of values and direction. Divine intelligence is yours to use, and God within you knows the right answer, the wise choice, the Christian attitude.

You can make your tomorrows beautiful and good by shaping today's thoughts according to the Christ pattern so that your life will be not "a work of opinion; but of greatness of mind."

Death By Wine

So fond of wine was the English duke of Clarence that, when he was given the opportunity of choosing the method of his execution after being condemned to death by Edward IV, he chose to be drowned in his favorite beverage.

OLD FORT

LOCALS

An old fashioned Christmas tree with Santa Claus and gifts for all featured the Sunday evening service at the Old Fort Methodist Church. Carols were sung by the church choir. The service began at seven thirty o'clock. Rev. H. O. Huss is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Harry Setzer arrived from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Rhinehardt at Old Fort. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Rachel Harris of Florence, Ala., who will also be a guest of the Rhinehardts.

Mrs. Gayden Swann has resigned her position as town clerk, which post she has held for the past six years, to accept a position with Rockett Motors at Old Fort. Miss Lucile Hyams of Old Fort will succeed Mrs. Swann as town clerk.

Rev. R. L. Smith is substituting at the local postoffice for Mrs. Fred Henley who is recuperating from a recent illness.

Miss Carolyn McIntosh of Washington has arrived in Old Fort to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. McIntosh at. Miss McIntosh went by plane from Washington to West Palm Beach last week. She will come to Old Fort from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan of Old Fort received a phone call on Tuesday night from their son, Sgt. I. L. Caplan, Jr., in San Francisco. Sgt. Caplan has been on duty in the southwest Pacific for the past two years. He is en route home.

Forty-nine large United States cities receive all their milk by motor truck.

Brazil is the only country of Pan America which was an empire for any length of time.

The Hall of Fame stands on the campus of New York University.

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By GENE BYRNES

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