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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Tonight I lit a candle,
All long and smooth and white,
And placed it on my window sill
Where it is burning bright.

It's bright and warm inside my room,
While outside it is snowing;
And through the dark and silent night
My Christmas candle's glowing.

Its bravely shining light is cast
Across the glistening snow;
And when the night wind whistles past,
It wavers to and fro.

I realize that very soon
My candle's flame will die,
And I'll be left within the dark,
To hear the night wind sigh.

And so I kneel and softly pray,
As the candle light grows old,
Lord, keep my candle glowing
In the window of my soul.
—Carol Besant

KEEPING CHRISTMAS

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the surmery of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to see his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you, to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, than your duty in the foreground, to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy, to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life, to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand that those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your unty thoughts and a garden for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But you can never keep it alone.
—Henry Van Dyke



Here and There

By Haywood E. Lynch

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be a good little editor during the past year and I will appreciate it if you will do a few things for me. First, I want you to bring peace and contentment to me loved ones back home of the men in the armed forces everywhere, as I have seen tears fall from the eyes of mothers, sisters, sisters and sweethearts when mention is made of the absent members. Next, please bring a word of cheer to the fighting men themselves, let them know that we back home are constantly conscious of what they are doing for us. We haven't forgotten them, no not by a long shot, but we can't let them know that we are too sad, because then they can't fight but and shorten the time they will be back with us. And now I, a man from the North Pole you have thrilled the tiny hearts of tots for generations and in so doing you have filled the hearts of adults with joy and happiness, so please bring a beautiful portion of understanding to the rank and file of home so that they will do their all to aid in the victory, not only for us now, but also for the little folks to come. Please, Old Saint Nick, come right down in the toes of the stockings, put confidence, let us know that with our resources, our leaders, our determination and with the power of right on our side that we just can't lose, if every home that you visit tonight will step in and do its part.

Now, Santa Claus, if you will do these things, we will have, not the happiest Christmas, not the merriest Christmas, but the most everlasting Christmas, and the entire world will be a better place tomorrow morning.

Your Lifelong Friend,
Here and There

Boy Scout Recruiting Campaign

With competition still so close that the winners will be anybody's guess, the Boy Scout Troops of the Piedmont Council, including this area, entered the last week of council-wide recruiting campaign sponsored by the Catawba County Scoutmasters Club.

Since the contest started November 1, 252 Scouts and 24 Cubs, a total of 276, have been enrolled in the council's eleven counties.

Troop No. 5 of Statesville holds the lead with 11 recruits; Troop No. 1 of High Shoals, which has gained 10, is second; in third place is Troop No. 1 Ramo, No. 10 Cherryville, No. 3 Morganton, and No. 1 Cliffside, having an increase of 3 members.

Troops attaining the "Victory" honor by adding at least five recruits now total 16. Newest additions to this select group are Troop 14 Gastonia, No. 1 Tryon community, and No. 3 Bessemer City.

To the Troops placing first, second, and third in the competition the Catawba County Scoutmasters Club will present prizes of valuable equipment; and similar awards will go to the individual scouts, recruiting the three largest totals in the drive ending Dec. 31.

Stressing the slogan, "More Scouts, More Service," the increase in the Council rolls will make available more Scouts for important war work. Scout Executive R. M. Schiele of Gastonia stated.

—Buy Defense Stamps And Bonds—

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A. G. Stewart, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:40 o'clock.

Morning Worship at 11:00 o'clock with a special Ordination Service.

The annual "Student Night" program will be presented at the evening worship hour at 7:30 o'clock.

S. T. U. 6:30 o'clock.

Choir practice Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Bessie Classroom.

There will be no regular officers and teachers meeting of the Sunday School on the 30th of December.

Boyce Memorial

A. R. P. Church

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10:00 A. M. Bible School, J. E. Gamble, Superintendent.

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship and Sermon: How to Use a Waste Basket.

11:00 NOON Young People's Christian Union.

Monday 7:30 P. M. Mary Kennedy Circle with Mrs. N. F. McGill.

Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Evening Vespers.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

J. G. Winkler, Pastor

10:00 Church School, Smyer Williams, Supt.

11:00 Worship, College and University Students will have charge of service.

6:00 Youth Fellowship and Junior Choir Practice.

7:00 Evening Worship.

Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Evening Vespers with Choir Practice.

Presbyterian Church

10:00 A. M. Sunday School, Mr. C. F. Thomason, Supt.

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship

Sermon: Life Dedication.

3:00 P. M. Sunday School at Dixon School, Mr. J. G. Darraent, Supt.

6:45 Young Peoples' Vespers.

7:30 P. M. Evening Worship.

Sermon: Goals for 1943.

Monday 7:00 P. M. Boy Scouts, Mr. Carl Davidson, Scoutmaster; Mr. Broadus Moss, Asst. Scoutmaster.

Tuesday 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting at Margrace Community House.

WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

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one, a new deal which will put one man in the armed services for every five men in the civilian labor force.

Principal points in the Manpower schedule which will have a great deal to do with the Foodpower job include:

1. Allocation of manpower to arm ed forces, war industries, agriculture and other essential civilian activities;
2. Efficient use of labor for war industries;
3. Mobilization of the nation's labor reserve;
4. Transfer of workers from less essential activities to the support of the war;
5. Provision of labor needed for essential agriculture.

White Secretary of Agriculture

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator for the estate of Mary Brown, deceased, all persons are hereby notified to file any claims which they might have against her estate to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of December, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please pay same immediately.

This the 23rd day of Dec., 1942.
Bright D. Hatterren,
Administrator for the estate of Mary Brown, deceased.
adv—Jan 14—D.



Findings of Joy

We thank you for your loyalty to us during the year. May you experience every joy during this blessed Yuletide of 1942.

THE PHENIX BELL STORE

Charles E. Wickard, new Food Control administrator "any complete solution" to the growing shortage of farm labor, he pledged that the government would do everything in its power to alleviate this situation and give the farmers as much help as possible.

From now until the Axis is written off, the volume of hand writing is going to be greatly reduced in this country. Sharp reductions in the volume of wooden pencils, fountain pens, and mechanical pencils to be produced next year was ordered recently by the War Production Board. Mechanical pencil producers will have to cut their output down to 47 percent of 1941 production.

The much discussed shavel in the hands of many public project workers will soon be a thing of the past. February 1, 1943, will see the end of all Works Progress Administration activities. The prompt liquidation of this great public burden will be a pleasant relief to the millions of tax payers who have been supporting this government activity for several years and who also are occupied with the necessary burden of the expense of this war.

While our armed forces were moving in on the new African front, the Axis Armistice Commission was pillaging civilian stock piles of goods required by the natives and by the invaders. Consequently Lord Lennax is sending five million dollars worth of sugar, powdered and evaporated milk, green tea, cheese, newspaper, benzene, drugs and cop per sulphate to North Africa.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us during the recent death of our husband, father, Mr. E. N. Wilson, and for the beautiful floral designs which exemplified your sincere sympathy. Mrs. E. N. Wilson of Kings Creek, S. C., and children.

FOR SALE: Nice, young, fresh family cow, Noah L. Houser, Bessemer City, N. C., R-2, box 141. 2tp

JUST HUMANS BY GENE CARR



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Each and all of you we say "Merry Christmas." We say it—yes—in the very same spirit that we have said it in the past, knowing that the full enjoyment of Christmas is an affair of the heart and of the spirit. Pausing for a moment in the twilight of 1942 we look forward with our friends hopefully to the future.



C. J. Gault & Son



To all our old friends and acquaintances, and also to the many fine new ones we have made during 1942, we send sincere Christmas greetings and the wish that the holidays will be as happy as possible.

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