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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. St. Luke 2:10.

The Light Still Shines

On Christmas Day a soldier in Vietnam, dirty with jungle mud and blood, will tear open a letter from home.

The sour sweat smell of barracks and the dank green odor of jungle camps will be replaced by the smell of fresh white sheets on the old bed at home.

World peace, at Christmas 1969, remains the chief desire of the vast majority of the world's citizens.

"Peace on earth, good will to men"

The continuing prayer at Christmas time is that the world will put into practice the principles of humanity practiced by the Prince of Peace.

The Christmas season is a joyful one, as the birth of Christ is celebrated all over the world by people of all sects and religions.

Luke 2:1-20 records "The Greatest Miracle," which the Herald reprints as a Christmas message:

"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 Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

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

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

DECADE EXPIRING

Look Magazine has labeled an interesting series of articles in its December 30, 1969 edition: The Sixties - An Unbelievable Decade.

And they were. What other 10 years have been so loaded with tragedy, triumph and change?

On the threshold of the Seventies we can look back and remember assassination after incredible assassination, Protest, Protest, Protest, and then the IMPOSSIBLE happened in 1969: three men made it to the moon and the Incredible Mets became world champions, all in the same year.

The protestors are still protesting, suits, mini skirts, and the long-haired male became symbols of something, the war went on in Vietnam, and a girl walked out a window because she was high on LSD.

There were many other events which indicated a considerable change in the direction and pace of living

The world will bid farewell next Wednesday night to The Sixties. Thursday, January 1, will be the beginning of a brand, new year and a brand, new decade, The Seventies.

A Christmas Gift

Announcement that the nearly \$2 million Kings Mountain Urban Renewal Project is approved can be considered a Christmas gift to the community

Said Mayor Moss after announcement of the funding by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: "I am highly elated at the approval of this project because it is a continuing effort on the part of the City of Kings Mountain to provide a quality environment in which its citizens can live, work, and play."

The Candler Street Project will entail clearance of dilapidated residences in the Candler street area and replacement of these with private housing designed to meet the need of low income families, both for rental and home ownership.

This is indeed good news on the eve of Christmas Eve and a Christmas present which will make a lot of folks happy.

Hungry children are sad and more so at this the happiest season of the year. Give to the Empty Stomach Fund so that Christmas will be merry for everyone.

Christmas 1969

The message "It is Christmas" was written by Dorothy Chase Adams and appeared first in the Christian Science Sentinel, December 20, 1952. It reads:

Did love speak to you today? In some new glorious way? Then it is Christmas. Did faith move in upon the scene Where doubt and darkness once had been? Then it is Christmas. Did hope replace a nagging fear Or sadness yield its place to cheer? Then it is Christmas.

Congratulations to C. Steve Crosby, tapped for membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Men's Residence Council at East Carolina University, and to Raegan Harper, appointed a member of the Cleveland County Morehead Scholarship Selection Committee.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Mrs. Charles Mauney favored my wife's third grade class at North school, of which her daughter, Carla, is a member, with a Christmas story on Friday afternoon.

One of them was "the Poor Little Match Girl".

It's a real dripper, made me cry too.

The little girl was cold and kept striking her matches to keep warm and this she was unsuccessful. When they found her cold, dead body at the docks they were sad. The "poor little match girl" was not sad for she was going home.

Selling advertising for the Herald Christmas edition, I said to Otis Falls, Jr., "Merry Christmas-time." He opened the proofbook and there staring at himself was himself. I said, "Oh, That's You. Always cleaning that windshield." That is his advertisement of merry Christmas in today's edition.

On Saturday I heard more good news of the popular variety than I've heard in many seasons. A trip to Shelby, it was my luck to tune in on "Arthur Godfrey". He played popular Christmas music. Going home it was my good fortune to draw Rochester, New York radio station which also purveyed good, danceable and most important, melodious Christmas music.

I danced, perhaps for the first time in three years, and enjoyed it very much.

Merry Christmas.

Minzey Succeeds Clifton Kinder

Clifton K. Kinder, President of Kinder Manufacturing Company, Inc., Elkhart, Indiana, has announced that he is leaving the Presidency to assume the newly created post of Chairman of the Board.

Ronald D. Minzey, Vice President and Director of Operations has been elected to succeed Mr. Kinder as President, according to the recent announcement by the Board of Directors of Kinder Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Mr. Kinder, founder and President of the Mobile Home furniture manufacturing company since its inception, stated that his new position will release him from the Company's day to day operational responsibilities and permit him to pursue new fields and acquisitions.

Mr. Minzey joined Kinder in 1961 as a Sales Representative, he has served as Promotions Manager, General Manager of K-Mar Industries, Inc. a subsidiary of Kinder Manufacturing, and National Sales Coordinator prior to his becoming Director of Operations in 1968.

Kinder Manufacturing Company, Inc. is a subsidiary of Congoleum Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of Bath Industries, Inc.

Pair Feted After Rehearsal Friday Night

Miss Connie Dixon and Mickey Bell cut their wedding cake Friday night at an after-rehearsal party held in the fellowship hall of Bethlehem Baptist church.

Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Lee McDaniel, grandmother of the bride-elect, and Miss Joyce Dixon, sister of the bride-elect. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Dixon greeted arriving guests and Mrs. Donald Dixon, Mrs. Giles Bell, Mrs. M. I. Hardin, Mrs. Dennis McDaniel, and Mrs. Boyd Howell assisted in serving and entertaining.

A color note of green and white was featured in decorative details and refreshments. The bride's veil, overlaid with Christmas green over net, was arranged with white mums. Christmas decorations were used throughout the hall.

The bride-to-be wore a brown velvet dress and a shoulder corsage of white mums.

Tradition of decorating a community Christmas tree began in the early 1900's and is a favorite custom today.

From the Herald Staff



Viewpoints of Other Editors

PORTRAIT OF SANTA CLAUS

The image of Santa Claus as a jolly, fat, bearded man probably derives from St. Nicholas, a fourth century Christian bishop of Asia Minor.

But in 1822 some incidental lines printed in an American newspaper galvanized America's attention on the sleigh, the reindeer with names and all the ecstatic agonies of tots who awaited the deluxe visitation.

Strangely enough a political cartoonist, Thomas Nast, a man known for his unflinching of villains, drew the picture of Santa Claus that most of us have in our mind's eye today.

OH, IF 'SILENT NIGHT' COULD BE...

One of the more obnoxious aspects of the commercialization of Christmas is the rising volume of noise pollution that assails the eardrums of urban shoppers.

Who among us has not known moments of paranoid claustrophobia when we were immobilized by a herd of pedestrians, at the mercy of slush, umbrella tips, sharpened packages and flu germs, while a group of cute, fuzzy elves in a department store window belted choruses of "Baryard Christmas" over and over again through a loudspeaker only inches above the ears of the crowd?

Evidently, the problem of overloaded over-cute seasonal "muzak" is not exclusively an American phenomenon. In a gesture of admiration, if Quixotic, protest against vulgar exploitation of Christmas music by local business, the ruling Council of the Roman Catholic Church in Miesbach, Germany, last week placed a ban on the singing of the 150-year-old carol "Silent Night" under its authority.

The edict was intended to protest, symbolically, the way in which commercialized over-exposure can cheapen even the loveliest of Christmas carols.

Alas, the local merchants stirred up such a chorus of protest that the Council dropped the ban. The point made by the good Fathers of Miesbach, however, offers food for thought as all of us gird our loins and insert our ear plugs in preparation for yet another expedition of downtown shopping, perhaps with a wistful hope that "Silent Night" could once again be just that...

REMEMBER BEAUTIFICATION?

The Senate has passed and sent to the House a bill authorizing \$15,000,000 for experimental pilot programs in removing billboards on federal highways.

The exchange of presents spread to England and the custom was brought to America by Dutch settlers. It was Washington Irving (1783-1859) who brought literary focus to St. Nicholas. It was Irving who dramatized him as a laughing, holiday personality.

American automobile manufacturers delight in conjuring up visions of fang and claw and hoof with the names they give to their products. The cars should thus be tough and leary, but judging by some recent research, beneath that savage image the American car is a pussycat.

UN AND SKY PIRACY

The alarming proliferation of airline hijackings should persuade the United Nations to heed President Nixon's proposal that it tackle the menace on a global basis. While most hijackings still involve American planes forced to fly to Cuba, a growing number are taking place in other parts of the world.

As the President said, air piracy is "morally, politically, and legally indefensible." Yet efforts to cope with the problem by bilateral extradition treaties have serious drawbacks. No Arab country would sign such a pact with Israel, any more than Cuba is willing to sign one with the United States at this time.

But an international convention against skyjacking - under UN auspices and with uniform definitions and procedures applicable to all participants - might stand a chance to succeed. Such a convention subscribed to by a majority of UN members would put other countries, including some outsiders, under pressure to join up in their own best interests.

GETTING THE POINT

There was a time when home economics were devoted primarily to the duties of the kitchen and homemaking. No longer Home Ec's range has embraced the economics of married life, such as the study of consumer prices, taxes, mortgage payments, insurance, etc.

Co-education in the problems of the home has its hazards. A Florida educator, commenting on the success of a popular high school course in that state, "Economics for the Family," said that many students, both boys and girls, take it because they plan to get married as soon as they graduate.

"After they take the course, a lot of them decide to put off marriage for a while. They realize they just can't afford it."

Awards Given For Poetry

The Charlotte Writer's Club will award First, Second and Third prizes of \$25, \$10 and \$5 for its statewide Poetry Contest for writers who have sold fewer than 3 poems during the preceding year.

Contestants must send 3 copies of one original unpublished manuscript of 24 lines or less to Mrs. Varie B. Mallo, Contest Chairman, 2508 E. Seventh St., Charlotte, 28204 by December 31, 1969.

Manuscripts are to be typewritten, double spaced, on one side of 8 1/2" by 11" paper. Enclose a sealed envelope which includes the author's name, the title, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of manuscript. Non-members also enclose a \$1.00 entrance fee.

Winners will be announced and the First Prize Poem will be read at the Banquet meeting, to be held at 7:00 P.M., January 27, 1970 at the S & W Cafeteria at Park Road Shopping Center.

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Teenagers Want To Be Treated As Teenagers

RALEIGH - Sometimes adults get so baffled by teenagers they find themselves asking, "What do teenagers want anyway?" According to Frances Jordan, extension family relations specialist, North Carolina State University, that question has a fairly simple answer. Teenagers want to be treated as teenagers—that is, almost adults.

Teenagers aren't children, even though they sometimes act that way. "And," Miss Jordan adds, "Adults sometimes act like children too."

When adults or teenagers act like children it may be for several reasons. Either they never learned how they were supposed to act, they don't care enough to be mature, their egos are threatened or they are tired or wornout.

When an adult regresses, several things may happen to get him back on the right track. The law may force him to change his ways. A spouse may help him "grow up." Or hopefully, the adult can see for himself how he is behaving and can straighten up on his own.

By the same token, adults can help a teenager to act more mature. For example, they can make sure the teenager knows what is expected of him in terms of behavior.

They can try to see the situation from a teenager's viewpoint. Maybe adults are expecting more elegant behavior than the situation demands. It is also possible that the teenager is making his decision on the basis of a different set of needs. Maybe he thinks he needs to act that way because the rest of the gang is behaving that way.

Adults will do well to recognize that a teenager has an ego, too. It is at this stage more than any other, that a young person tries to make other people think he is someone special. At the same time, he is trying to convince himself of his worth. When parents treat a teenager like someone younger than he thinks he is, the teenager is threatened, Miss Jordan says. And he may respond by acting like a child.

Parents will do well to be understanding. After all, no one, not even a mature adult will act his age all the time, especially when he is tired or worried.

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