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Editorial

ON a night nineteen hundred and thirty-eight years ago, certain poor shepherds stood in awed silence as the Great Star illuminated the earth and the Angels sang of gladsome tidings. The world rejoiced and there lay a solemn peacefulness, for it was the birth of the Christ child.

No other festival brings so much happiness to so many persons, and no other holiday is so widely observed the world around. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth good will toward men," is its inspiring message.

The exact date of Jesus' birth is not known. Soon after 200 A. D. the new feast was being observed on various dates—especially January 6, March 25 and December 25. By the middle of the fourth century, the western church was nearly everywhere celebrating it on December 25. Later the eastern church accepted the date.

Christmas means to the American, something that is beautiful and most impressive which pushes away all that is small and trivial. It is the greatest festival of the entire year, the day of greatest significance. —MARJORY HENRY

THE spirit of Christmas began with the birth of Christ, and has been handed down as a day of "Good will towards men."

This good will is shown in many ways. To most people, it is the time for giving presents to show a friend he is not forgotten. To others, it is a day of family celebration and a special day for the children.

Schools hum with preparation for the play or pageant or festival which is produced for parents and friends just before the holidays. churches

have special music and beautiful decorations. Many have mid-night service on Christmas Eve to bring the story of the birth of Christ to all.

In many places Christmas Eve has become a community festival, held out of doors for young and old to gather about a huge community tree and join in the program of songs and carols. On Christmas Eve and Christmas day every window glows with candles, and groups of carolers go from house to house singing favorite carols of joy.

Every community in the U. S. takes the responsibility for seeing that some joy or comfort comes to its less fortunate members. The American people at Christmas especially remember the poor.

—WILSON SPENCER

Letter to Santa Claus

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Thorpe wishes a coal black Teddy Bear and so does Hattie Condon. Isabella Francis, Queenie, Nema Hogsed, and Elsie Contraro want rag dolls, Elsie's is to be redheaded. John Cobell wants a little red wagon so he can go to and from the Barber Shop quickly. Jennie Wren wants a little doll named "Al." Rosemary Young desires a white scottie; Margie "Ho" wants a "Dummie" on which to model her dresses in the sewing room; and "Nettie" Sheldon wants a doll with a dimple in his chin; Adam Bearcub would like wax and more wax for the "Hall." Goldie Aubrey wants a harpoon from Alaska and Irene Arcasa would like a "Bob White," she just loves those birds. Erma Chamberlin could use a "dirdle handout" bag. Jay Hedderick and Bull Andrews would like new Scout equipment.

The 'Social Fiends' would like a few dark, foggy, and warm evenings. (I don't know why).

The Freshman class wants some "Ever greens"; each of the Seniors could use a copy of "Live Alone and Like It" in preparation for next year; the Juniors want new formals for the 'Pigville Jam Session' and the Sophomores want the everlasting championships from now on.

Well, Santa dear, we know this is a big order, but will you please try and fill it.

Lovingly yours,
Chemawa Students

P.S. Margie "Ho" won't need the dummie now as she already has one, but she, too, could use a 'hand-out' bag. "Chico" wants a million dollars, too, cause he can use it.

It is never too late to give up our prejudices.