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No Christmas Without Christ

One-hundred and fifty five years ago a young Austrian priest and a village school teacher combined their talents to give to the world the beloved Christmas hymn "Silent Night."

In the several decades since, this most beloved of all Christmas music has symbolized for Christians throughout the world the true meaning of this joyous season.

The "Holy Infant" described in the immortal words has spread His influence to millions who see in Him the only hope for true and lasting peace.

Tonight, on the eve of the anniversary of His birth, would be a most auspicious time for us all to remind ourselves that Christ is the heart and soul of Christmas — that He is the epitome of this time of joy, brotherhood and good will.

Without Christ there not only would be no Christmas but there

would be no firm rock upon which to build a realistic assurance for the future. Without Christ untold millions would have no comfort in time of sorrow or stress. Without Christ there would be no one universal, uniting force giving promise that some day the peoples of the world will be able to live together in harmony.

"Let us resolve not just to 'Keep Christ in Christmas' but to appreciate that Christmas must be a time of joy and thankfulness in the birth of the Babe more than nineteen hundred years ago. Let us be happy in the realization that we have been blessed with God's greatest gift and use this time as a rededication of our faith."

Our goal must be that "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men" will be permanent — not just a fleeting seasonal moment.

Merry Christmas!



Dear Abby!

She'll Regret It Later!

— By ABIGAIL VANBUREN —

DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I work together. There was a good-looking policeman who used to talk to us on our break, and my girl friend fell in love with him. He is married and has several children. He and his family are moving out of the city, and now my girl friend is planning to quit her job and try to find one where he is going. She says she realizes that he is not free to marry her, but she can't live without being near him. I am trying to talk her out of it but am not having very much luck. I hate to see her hurt. If I send you her address, will you write to her and tell her she is heading for trouble?

DEAR ABBY: I married a man who had a 14-year-old daughter. (His wife died two years before.) We've been married a year and this girl addresses me as "my STEP-mother," with the most emphatic and insulting accent on the "step" that you could ever imagine. When she speaks of me to others, she refers to me as "my father's wife." Please tell me how I am supposed to feel. I have bent over backwards trying to be a good mother.

DEAR HURT: Small wonder you are "hurt." The girl's hostilities are running out of her mouth. She probably would resent any woman who married her father, so don't take it personally. Continue to be the best mother possible, and ask your husband's advice on this thorny problem.

DEAR ABBY: I am sitting home again tonight while my husband is at his garage. Five miles away, overhauling his rod. He works every night until two and three in the morning. He won't let me go to the garage with him because he says "the boys" come over and he doesn't want me there. I work downtown six days a week. Most of the time he doesn't come home for dinner and I never get to see him. We get along fine when we're together and we love each other very much. He would just rather



The book copyists of medieval monasteries worked only during the daylight hours for fear of fire from artificial light sources. After the scribe had finished a page, his work was proofread against the original by a second person and the sheets were sent on to another who inserted titles, headlines, initials and notes. Still another artist on this assembly line did any necessary illuminations (ornamenting).

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Defense Play Comes Early

By OSWALD JACOBY
(Written For NEA)

How would you go about making four hearts if you were South?

You would ruff the second spade, assuming spades were opened and continued, and you

Later East would get in with one of his heart honors and lead another diamond. West would take his ace and East would overruff dummy for the setting trick.

What defense after East played the second spade? There wasn't any, but West could have given quite a problem. Suppose that he played his ten of trumps, not the five. Your jack would still force East to use one of his honors and you could make the hand by finessing, but you might decide that West had played the ten from queen-ten or king-ten. In that case the winning play would be to lay down the ace of trumps. You might not fall for the false card, but at least you would have had a moment of decision.

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Q—The bidding has been:

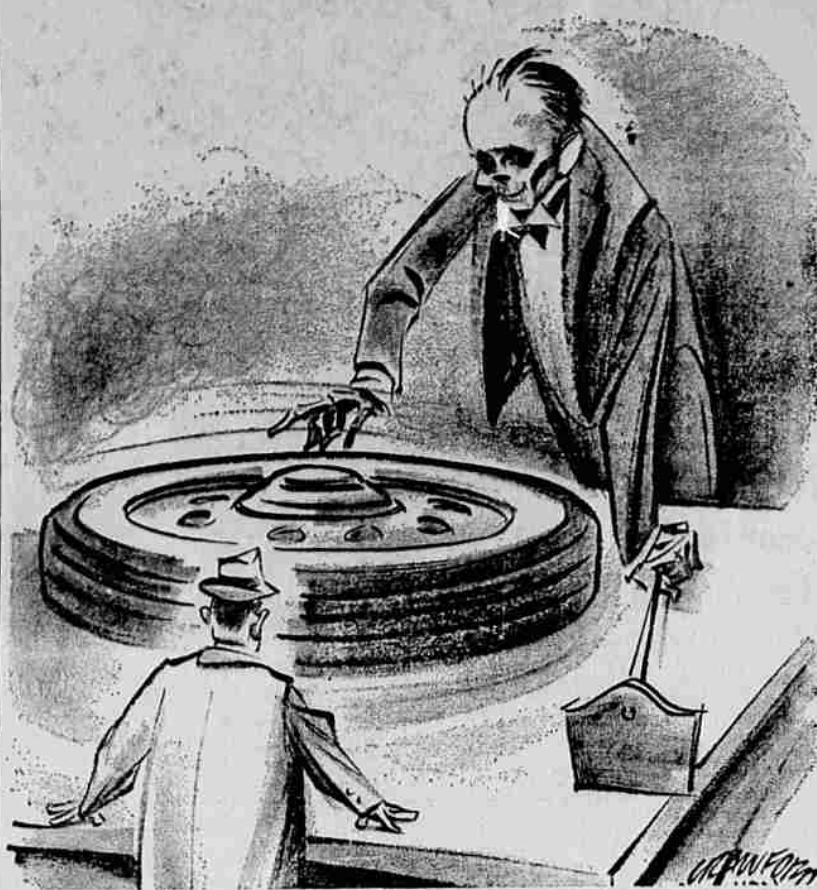
North East South West
1 Pass 2 Pass
2 Pass 3 Pass
2 N.T. 3 Pass
4 Pass ?

You, South, hold:
A A J 4 3 V A K Q 7 4 K J 5 2
A—Bid six clubs only. Seven may be a cinch but your partner has made minimum rebids.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of bidding two hearts over your two diamonds your partner bids two no-trump. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

Holiday Roulette



EDITORIAL

Overtones Of Sorrow

Christmas this year is inevitably tinged with sadness for Americans, as indeed it is for men of good will the world over.

The shock that followed the sudden, brutal murder of President Kennedy just over a month ago had to subside in the face of practical affairs and daily routine. But the sickness at heart event will remain with most of

us for the rest of our days.

Since we cannot unmake history, it only remains that we try to learn from history. If any good can come from the death of this brilliant leader, it is that his fellow countrymen will put aside their petty regional and political differences and choke off the evil weeds of hate springing up in every part of the country from seeds scattered carelessly in previous years.

In one other November, 100 years ago, Abraham Lincoln spoke briefly at the site of one of the awfullest battlefields of the then raging Civil War. With the blood of the fallen scarcely dry on the Gettysburg fields, he called for a rededication to the principles upon which the nation had been founded.

With the death of John F. Kennedy still fresh in our minds, perhaps the nation can again experience a new birth of freedom—or, at least, perhaps we

the living can take new determination to proceed toward the realization of the American dream of justice and the right to a good life for all men.

What better time than Christmas to reflect seriously on the events of the past month and thereby resolve that it should not all have been in vain, just as those who followed the one whose birth is celebrated today gained strength and purpose from the sacrifice made for them.

Douglas Choir Sings At PTA Social Meet

The Monday night meeting of the Dillard PTA was well attended with a social starting at 7:30 p.m., which was followed by the regular meeting at 8 p.m.

The Douglas High Choir, composed of 55 members, presented several Christmas songs under the direction of Mrs. Margaret McDonald as a part of the evening entertainment.

Mary Pease, national representative of the PTA Congress, was guest speaker. She presented an outline for broadening of the County Health Department program.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Dillard School Jan. 20. It was announced that a doctor from Portland would be present for the February meeting when she will speak on "Mental Health," reports Phebe McGuire of Winston.

SINGES SANTA'S BEARD

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—Santa Claus' beard was singed Monday while he was ringing his bell on a street corner.

Robert Arizona, volunteer Santa Claus for the Volunteers of America, said he was ringing his bell for contributions when a man walked by, lit a cigarette lighter and put it to Arizona's beard.

Arizona's chin was singed before he could shed the false beard.

Daily Bible Reading

By Roseburg Ministerial Association

The Christmas season has, I am sure, a variety of meanings to people. Astonishing too, is the fact that what the birth of Jesus means to people can only be expressed personally by the way it affects their lives all the time. Indeed, we give much homage to the thought during this time each year but the distributed throughout the year.

Let us pray therefore that this startling event so beautifully depicted in the Holy Scriptures be transmitted into a living reality as we express its meaning in all that we do. Let us make the birth of Christ real as we relate ourselves to the problems and challenges in the world. It is more important that we convey Christ's birth as a test and a guide to meeting man's needs and God's calling than for us to succumb to the "magic" of color or song.

As long as people are lost to the birth of Christ in their own hearts then "Christmas" can only be a time of year wherein we are brought straight forward to the great commission given by the Christ: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of The News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1923
Dr. C. H. Bailey has returned from Portland where he attended an executive meeting of the state grange. While in Portland Dr. Bailey had a talk with George Palmer, master of the state grange, who has just returned from the national session in Pittsburg. He stated that Oregon prunes were selling in Pittsburg at 60 cents a pound and Oregon apples at 10 cents apiece, while Oregon growers cannot even give them away.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1938
Roseburg Townsend Club No. 1 has invited members and friends to enjoy a Christmas Maccabee Hall.

Indian Hoopsters beat alumni 40-34 in a wild and rough game at Roseburg Senior High School last night. Injuries and sickness deprived the varsity quintet of Chub Church, forward, and Jack Parrott, center, forcing coach Jim Watts to bring in reserves. Due to illness Earl Ward was replaced by Plin "Rubber Legs" Laurence. Pacing the Indian's attack was young Jim Finlay. Most outstanding man on the floor during the evening was alumni center, Stan Short, who ran up 16 counters, demonstrating why he is a member of the University of Oregon's championship basketball aggregation.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1953
Next year Douglas County Boy Scouts are expected to do their major camping at a spanking new camp at Silcoos

Lake. The year-round camp may be ready by June 20, 1954. A total investment of \$150,000 is expected to be made in the development of the new campsite, which will have a camp ranger on duty at all times and will be staffed during camping season with a crew of approximately 15 central staff members in addition to unit leadership. A contest will soon be launched to name the new campsite.

TOO LATE

MARION, Mo. (UPI)—Paul Eugene Brown, 19, Centertown, Mo., skidded off icy U.S. 41 in his car Sunday and came to rest next to Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks. He was uninjured and went for help.

When Brown returned, a freight train had passed by on its scheduled run. His car was demolished.

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The moon is approaching its full phase.

The evening stars are Jupiter Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history:

In 1814, a treaty of peace was signed between the United States and Great Britain, at Ghent, Belgium, bringing an end to the War of 1812.

In 1871, Verdi's opera "Aida" was premiered in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt announced the appointment of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower as the commander-in-chief of Allied forces in the planned invasion of Europe.

In 1951, the United Nations proclaimed the North African nation of Libya free and independent.

A thought for the day — The Prophet Isaiah foresaw the birth of Christ and predicted: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son. And shall call His name Jesus"