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THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

(From the King James Version)

"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 all went to be taxed, every one into his own city."

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth unto Judaea, into the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David)"

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with a child."

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished, that she would be delivered."

"And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

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

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord round about them; and they were sore afraid."

"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 savior, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go into Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child."

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told to them by the shepherds."

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." St. Luke 2:1-20.

DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONALITY, EDUCATION'S NEW APPROACH

The modern school is laying more stress on the development of the personality of the pupil as a means of promoting better relations or to put it another way to better equip the pupil to get along with his or her associates. We read, not long ago that the more things the individual can do, the more chances for developing a strong personality.

In this connection both high school and grade school pupils are learning to play in the band as well as sing and if further evidence was needed that much is being accomplished in this direction, it was presented Thursday night in the Christmas program at the high school. Many of those who attended Thursday night's performance were pleasantly surprised at the fine performance given by both the boys and girls choruses. And while passing around the praise critics would undoubtedly list the performance of the girls' triple trio as outstanding.

All factors considered the program was well worth the time and effort of those who went. We must realize that it takes months of training and hard work to develop musical talents and this opportunity the participating pupils did not have. There is reason to hope that under the guidance of the present music supervisor and band director we can look forward with anticipation to even more enjoyable programs.

So perhaps in future years when some of the high school grads are asked to list their accomplishments, they can say, "Well I can sing, or play in the band." For there are times and places that these extra accomplishments come in handy.

HERALDS OF COMMUNISM

During the debate on the English Labor Party's bill to nationalize the steel industry—as it has nationalized electricity, banking, the railroads and other basic enterprises on which the whole economy of the nation depends—Winston Churchill often spoke for the opposition. On one occasion he observed that the socialists had boasted that they were the opponents of communism. Then he said: "Socialist parties in every European country had been found altogether inadequate barriers against it. Indeed... they were the handmaids and heralds of communism."

There is a theoretical difference between socialism and communism. The classical socialists—such as Norman Thomas in this country—believe with complete sincerity that a nation can have government ownership of all the instruments of production and distribution, and at the same time maintain, unweakened, civil liberties and representative government. That might be true, if all men had the honesty and good will of Mr. Thomas. But the point is that all men do not—that the lust for power grows as it feeds—and that socialistic governments always begin by promising, and always end by coercing.

Much of the argument against socialism is based upon its demonstrated inefficiency—its wastefulness, and its failure to produce promised material results. This is an important matter. But there is something infinitely more important still, and that is socialism's blighting effect on the freedom, the initiative, and the spirit of the individual man. In the super-state, the greatest merit is mediocrity. The man who keeps out of trouble and toadies to his political betters is the man who goes ahead. There is no reward for taking chances, for striking out with bold innovations, for trying to do something better than it was done in the past. And that is one of the many reasons why socialism weakens a nation's fibers.

It is an interesting commentary on the world that most of the socialized nations—save those within the Russian orbit—look to the United States, the last great capitalist power, for aid and survival. England herself might have collapsed financially had it not been for the billions she has received from America. The Marshall Plan is simply a means of using the economic strength of capitalism to help rehabilitate much of the socialistic world. And we are the only power on earth which can do the job.

Socialism is not a means of spreading the wealth, but of spreading the poverty. It is the surest way to kill the free, adventurous spirit of mankind. Despite this, the United States faces political programs pledged to extend the blight of socialism here. Why?

A sign in a bank reads: "The worst place in the world to live is just beyond your income."

When the Grade School Pupils Presented a Christmas Program on December 22nd



A mixed chorus of 83 boys and girls from the music classes of Miss Margaret Leum was a feature of the Jefferson School program on Wednesday night, December 22 beginning at 8 p.m. (Left Insert) Miss Leum, music director does her bit with her pupils; (Right Insert) Marjorie Pinkham, art director of the grade school, "trims" the large candles that are a feature of the stage decorations. Seated at lower left is Mary Lou Wolfard, pianist.

The chorus includes: Arlene Arthur, John Augard, Harvey Bennett, Shirley Boone, Geraldine Bridwell, Sandra Sue Carlson, Yvonne Chaffee, Jerry Cline, Thomas Conn, Ida Coston, Ruth Coston, Unica Crawford, Eloise

Crosby, Donna Decker, Billy Denham, Donna Denny, Margaret Edwards, Bobby Fix, Donald Flescher, JoAnn Funk, Lois Gordiner, Carmen Grewelle.

Barbara Harper, Bernadine Henry, Margaret Hyde, Pat Kent, Eddie Kiese, Jerry Lemert, Vondalce Lemmer, Kay Leonard, Willo Dene Lyon, Rowena Miller, Velda Moon, Harold Parrish, Rosemary Rickard, Gerhorm Roy, Hazel Roy, Lloyd Russell, Donald Sapp, Malcolm Scott, Claude Smith, Stenis Stokes, Joyce Thun, Dwight Treat, Billy Treat, Barbara Ward, Richard Ware, Bonnie White, Joan White, Mary Lou Wiese, Barbara Willis,

Richard Wilson, Carline Boach.

Beverly Attridge, LeRoy Attridge, Catherine Augard, Garnet Beach, Jeanette Beck, Charles Blue, Larry Brice, Hale Brown, John Brown, Charles Coston, Marjorie Denny, Nancy Faulkner, Darlene Ferguson, Gary Gardner, Connie Heckman, Dale Hugdahl, Janice Johnson, Ray Johnson, Paula Jones, Jeannie Kemper, Charles Land, Ernest Martin, Charlotte McCall, Sharon McMillan, Leonard Nossman, Kay Plunket, Roberta Rickard, John Stulken, Richard Thomas, Norma Schmitt, Allen Christopher.

Grade School Pupils Prepare Community and School Christmas Trees



The Cottage Grove grade school prepares for the holiday season, both in the Jefferson school and for the community tree.

In the picture at the left we show Sara Summers and Fay McFarlane of the art class put finishing touches



to Snow Man on the school's front door. All doors and windows of the lower floor of Jefferson School have been decorated.

In the center are pictured Karl Lee Oviatt, Janice Johnson and Selma Sugg of art department who have



prepared scores of tin angels for the community tree; also dozens of tin sunbursts and medallions. Girls of the art classes are what might be called garbage can artists, for their raw material is from cans that were destined for the trash dump.

County Affairs

(Lester Schlagen)

Proposals to require that cities stand the cost of their special elections and that government owned land in counties be made taxable were advanced by county judges and commissioners at their meeting in Dallas, December 14. The six counties represented at the convention were Lane, Linn, Lincoln, Benton, Polk and Marion.

Maps for Lane county show that 64.9 per cent of the property is owned by the federal government. At present no federal lands are taxable, although nearly all states are trying to get this property on their tax rolls. The proposals will be submitted to the legislature in January.

The convention's road committee recommended that 15 million dollars be allocated to improving and maintaining county roads.

The courthouse is decked out for the annual Christmas party. Nearly all the offices have a small tree on a filing cabinet or a desk, its branches straining under the weight of ornaments. The big tree stands on the main floor next to

the stairway; its branches are more sparsely decorated, but more trimmings will be added.

Courthouse employees will stop the adding machines and the typewriters Thursday afternoon and have their party. The festivities will include exchanging gifts and singing Christmas carols.

Marriage Licenses

Donald Verne Clark, 19, 1338 Quincy St., Cottage Grove and Dorothy Lee Sugg, 18, 1630 S. 9th, Cottage Grove, December 16.

Kenneth E. Kite, 22, 354 5th St., Cottage Grove and Rosemarie Queener, 20, 21 N. Lane, Cottage Grove, December 18.

MT. VIEW

Mt. View grade schools have started their Christmas vacation which will last until January 3.

Mr. Cantwell left Monday for California and will go on down into Old Mexico before returning to his school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jensen will leave Thursday evening when they will spend Christmas in Seattle with Mr. Jensen's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas and family left last Saturday morning for Canada. They will spend

Christmas with Mr. Thomas' mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coombs of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Maloney of Eugene were Sunday guests at the Chas. Titus home.

Dole Dilbeck has been quite ill at his home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown of DeSmet, Idaho are visiting for a few days at the R. Davis home, enroute to California.

Otis Latham left Sunday morning for Texas where he will spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson and son will be moving back to their home during the holidays, after a year's absence.

PARKING METER RETURNS DROP

The weekly returns from parking meters are slightly below average and are netting about \$180 weekly, city officials said last week. Returns are never as high in winter as during the summer months, but proceeds from the meters are lower at this particular time due to general business conditions. Since installation the meter fund has run as high as \$2500 per month.

DORENA

Community tree and program was held Sunday evening at the Row River hall.

Bill Eastburn killed four cougars in this area the past week.

Opal Wagner and her brother Robert motored to Dunsmuir, California Friday to visit their uncle John Wagner, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly and son Larry spent Sunday at the Lot Wagner home.

There will be a program and tree at the school house Thursday evening.

The Little Club will meet with Mrs. Walter Larsen Wednesday.

Robert Wicks is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wicks for the holidays. He is attending school at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn of Vaughn, Oregon, visited his brother, Mr. Bill Vaughn and wife Sunday.

Several gathered at the Jim Spahr home Sunday to make popcorn balls.

Driving Nails

Nails driven into pre-bored holes of slightly small diameter have a greater holding power than if driven without lead holes and splitting is reduced by the same operation.

LOCAL BOOK

"Goin' To See My Ma"

CLEAN INTERESTING FUNNY

By D. P. Potter of Mosby Creek

Just Off the Press

Get your copy from
Kem's for Drugs or Kelly Drug Store

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Echoes Of The Past

From the Sentinel Files

FIVE YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1943

Lions club looks ahead toward post war projects as a planning committee reported that the most feasible projects suggested were a high school athletic stadium and a swimming pool. The committee will study methods to raise revenue.

With Only 1.16 Inches of Rain

Dec. 1943 has thus far set a record for being one of the driest winter months in many years. Precipitation so far is far below normal and indications are that there is little prospect for much before the close of the month.

TEN YEARS AGO

Dec. 22, 1933

Sentinel Scores Again

For some unknown reason, due probably to the Christmas season, the London heading was switched with the Fairview items this week. We are duly sober too, which makes it more difficult to explain.

The Union High School board of district 14, in a meeting Tuesday, accepted the final plans for the construction of the new union high and bids will be let January 12th.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1933

Believing that the Christian gospel offers an adequate spiritual dynamic for abundant personal living, the churches of Cottage Grove have united in an effort to increase the number attending church here. It has been found that only 115 out of 1000 families express no preference as to church.

Over 700 taken from the rolls of the needy over the county received CWA checks Saturday. A check is being made to ascertain whether jobs have been given to some who were not on the county relief rolls. CWA jobs go only to those who are in need of relief.

Doc Wells was winner of the Cottage Grove Golf club's silver trophy when he defeated Ray Lemley in the 36-hole finals Sunday.

Irish Swartz ad has bacon at 19 cents a pound; beef roast at 10 cents a pound.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1923

Approval of the Lane county budget for the coming year was voted at the annual taxpayers' meeting Saturday. The total amount to be raised by taxation will be \$1,344,294.05. The funds will be used in part as follows:

Road Districts	\$94,418.70
Bridges	30,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Maintenance	18,821.00
Oiling Roads	10,000.00

Hailed as the style creation of master designers, the mechanical triumph of leading engineers, the new Superior Whippet is on display at the showroom of the Nelson Motor Co., where it has already been viewed by more than 1500 persons.

The Superior Whippet is the first car to offer the new "finger-tip control"—a single button conveniently located in the center of the wheel, which controls all functions of starting the motor, operating the lights and sounding the horn.

Triumphs Over Diabetes

Billy Talbert, known as one of the greatest fighters in tennis, has had diabetes for 20 years. During his 14-year tennis career, he had more than 10,000 insulin injections.

News Views

by GENE WARE

How would you like to sit down in a restaurant, write your order, drop it in a slot on the table, then have your dinner pop up through a hole in the table... all piping hot and ready to eat? It's being done now in New York... and you know how something like that spreads. This is just another of the wonderful robot devices now perfected. And, according to authorities, the robot is just about set to take over many "drudge" jobs. But instead of creating unemployment the robots do just the opposite... sometime two jobs are opened up where only one existed before (we knew you were wondering about that.) They say that when the robot becomes of age, work will be fun! That's something we'll have to see to believe!

We'd like to pop up at this point to wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, from COMMUNITY JEWELERS at 612 Main Street. Phone: 351.