

For What It's Worth .

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It is my prayer that as we gather around the Christmas tree to open our presents come next Tuesday we will take time out to give a few moments of thought to Him whose birthday we are celebrating.

On the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, the thinking of the entire nation is centered on the lives of those great men and the contributions they made to national history. But how many of us on Christmas day are made fully aware of Jesus Christ? How many of us realize that this day has been set aside to commemorate His birth, a birth which transformed the thinking and acting of all the world and brought light and hope where had been only darkness and despair?

For no other man has had the impact on so many as has Jesus. The past has given us many great military leaders and rulers and thinkers, but where are they today? They are dead for the most part and forgotten by the world which forgets easily. Christ, though, still lives in the minds and hearts of humans throughout the world's span who daily in their way of living give testimony as to their devotion to Him and the lessons He taught.

Even in our world of the moment with the awful threat of war constantly with us, the teachings of this one man constitute one of the greatest forces to keep us from plunging into the abyss of total destruction; for the lesson he taught was that we should love our fellow man. Without this lesson learned with which to combat the forces of evil darkening the horizon, hopes of peace would long ago have been forsaken.

So as we give and receive this Christmas day, let us humbly give our thanks to Him who gave his very life that we should live.

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Butter-and-Eggs

Butter-and-Eggs have a name that really fits them. With orange, yellow, and white blossoms, the hardy flowers look almost good enough to eat for breakfast.

It's too bad that they're not, for they are plentiful in so many places. They grow along road sides and in fields, pastures, and city lots from Newfoundland to Georgia and west to California.



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Butter-and-Eggs

Oregon and Washington. They have also spread to South America.

Butter-and-Eggs are not natives of this part of the world, however. The National Wildlife Federation reports that they started out in Asia and Europe, and then came to the Western Hemisphere.

They don't ask for rich land, but grow best in dry, waste soil. Once they take hold, they stay year after year, for their roots never die.

Each fall the flowers produce tiny black seeds which the wind scatters far and wide during the winter months. When spring is come, new plants sprout and old ones rise up again. They grow to be from one to three feet tall, with straight, slender stems.

Reaching out from the stems are narrow leaves—each about

an inch and a half long. The stems are smooth, but the leaves have a fine fuzz which rubs off.

Along about July, the Butter-and-Egg blossoms appear. The flower is an inch long, with two lips above and a spur beneath. It lasts from the middle of summer until October, and reminds you of an egg nestling in a spot of butter.

If they were more rare, Butter-and-Eggs would be highly prized in flower gardens, for they are pleasing to the eye. But they grow so easily and need so little care that no one ever thinks of cultivating them. Sometimes, indeed, farmers have to treat them as weeds and clear them out of fields.

There was a time, though, when people made use of them. Butter-and-Egg plants were collected and pressed to get a juice which was valued as a skin lotion. There was also a recipe for mixing the juice with milk to produce a fly lotion.

But today, says the National Wildlife Federation, Butter-and-

Eggs are just wild flowers which brighten the outdoors. They furnish nectar for bees and butterflies, and they usually grow in spots shunned by most other plants.

Schools Close Dec. 21 For Holidays

Brookings schools, both high and grade, will close after school Friday, Dec. 21, for the Christmas holidays, and will open on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the usual times. The various rooms of each shift will observe individual room parties either Thursday or Friday of this week, with no combined party for the entire school.

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