

Along Azalea Row

By RUTH B. SMITH

For Christmas greetings from the Azalea Garden Club, I can do no better than to pass on to you, by direct quotation, some of the thoughts expressed by the late Peter Marshall in a book "Let's Keep Christmas". (McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc.)

"The old message: 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord' is still the heart of Christmas.

"It can be nothing else. . . .

"There is no need to search for stories new and different. There is only one after all—and no modern author can improve it:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night, And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone 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 Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

"You are thinking about presents—wondering what in the world you can get for so-and-so. You think of friends or loved ones who are so hard to shop for. You can't think of anything they need (which is rather strange when you take time to think of it). Maybe there is nothing in a store that they need. But what about some token of love. . . and friendship. . . and understanding. . . and consideration. . . and a helping hand. . . and a smile. . . and a prayer?

"You can't buy these things in any store, and these are the very things people need. We all need them. . . Christmas is. . . in the hearts of people.

"I thank God for Christmas. Would that it lasted all year. For on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, all the world is a better place, and men and women are more lovable.

"When Christmas doesn't make your heart swell up until it bursts. . . and make you all soft and warm inside. . . then you'll know that something inside of you is dead.

"Isn't it wonderful to think that nothing can really harm the joy of Christmas. . . Although your Christmas tree decorations will include many new gadgets, such as lights with bubbles in them. . . it's the old tree decorations that mean the most. . . the ones you save carefully from year to year. . . the crooked star that goes on the top of the tiny manger, and the shed, and the little figures of the Holy Family. . . and lovingly arrange them on the mantel or in the middle of the dining room table.

"And getting the tree will be a family event, with great excitement for the children. And there will be a closet into which you'll forbid your husband to look. And he will be moving through the house mysteriously with bundles under his coat,—and you'll pretend not to notice. . .

"There will be the fragrance of cookies baking spices and fruit cake. . . and the warmth of the house shall be melodious with the lilting strains of 'Silent Night, Holy Night.' And forests of fir trees will march right into our living rooms. . . There will be holly wreaths in our windows. . . And we shall sweep the Noel skies for their brightest colors and festoon our homes with stars.

"There will be a chubby stocking hung by the fireplace. . .

"And finally Christmas morning will come. And then you will remember what Christmas means—the beginning of Christianity. . .

"In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be dissolving, there are some tens of millions of us who want Christmas to be the same. . . with the same old greeting 'Merry Christmas' and no other.

"So we will not 'spend' Christmas. . . nor 'observe' Christmas. We will 'keep' Christmas—keep it as it is. . . in all the loveliness of its ancient traditions.

"May we keep it in our hearts, that we may be kept in its hope."

Assistance Offered On Farmers Income Tax

A representative of the Bureau of Internal Revenue will be at Gold Beach January fourth, to help and advise farmers on filling out their income tax statements.

The agent will be at the Court House, and will assist in the fill-out of form 1040ES, Declaration of estimated tax for the calendar year 1954.

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Speed Limit Still Applies on Roads

Local motorists were warned this week that the speed limit on County Roads hereabouts is 25 miles per hour, summer and winter.

The warning was issued by Deputy Sheriff Wes Smith, who said that some people think the speed limit applies only during the dusty season.

In addition, Smith said, the speed limit applies whether the road is posted or not. All county roads come under the 25 mile limit, even though the posted signs may have disappeared.

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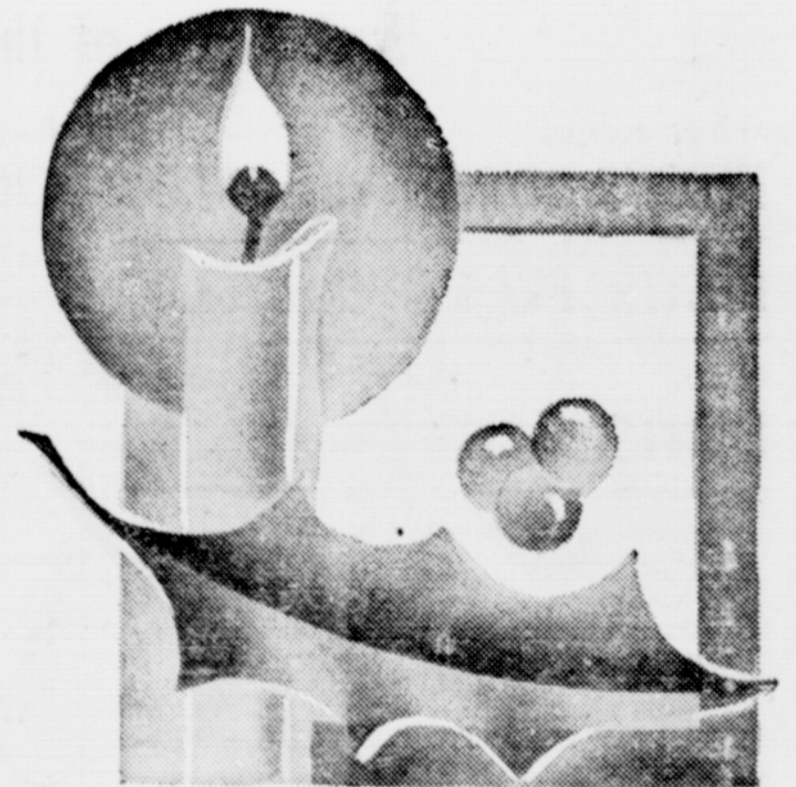
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