

**THE CHRISTMAS KING**  
by ROBERT P. TRISTRAM COFFIN  
in Missouri Farmer

**UPON** the hills of Bethlehem  
The dew hung on the holly stem;  
One by one the shepherds came  
To the manger lit with flame;  
The oxen and the shepherds all  
And all the beasts of barn and stall  
Bent the knee to Him who lay  
Like a diamond in the hay,  
Over the bleating of the sheep,  
Across the midnight's starry deep,  
The Angel wings were winnowing  
Lullabies for the Christmas King.

**The SIGN**

By Abbie L. Ronne  
in Michigan Farmer

WHEN Mother brings the ornaments  
We've used year after year  
Down from the attic, then we know  
The Day at last is here!  
The tinsel angels seem to sing  
As on that Eve star,  
And on the tiptop twig, we hang  
Again the shining star.  
The tiny light of red and gold,  
Of yellow, pink and green  
Replace the candles. And a chime  
Is tinkling quite unseen.  
The gifts grow more elaborate  
With every passing year,  
But still the same old-fashioned mirth,  
The same distinctive cheer.  
Oh Christmas is the heart's own time,  
The day that wears the crown.  
I know it's here when Mother brings  
The star and angels down!

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

A great Christmas program coming for all, December 23.  
The ladies are just now getting relaxed from their bazaar. It was a success from the social point as well as the financial.  
Services were well attended last Sunday morning. The minister's subject was "A Dad and Two Lads" in keeping with the father and son idea.  
Sam Smith and Mozart Tappan sang a beautiful song Sunday morning. It was entitled "God's Way."  
Alvin Garner led a wonderful meeting at the Christian Endeavor hour. There was the usual large crowd.

Lillian Peterson is organizing a junior C. E. society. She has made a good beginning.

The old dead flower stalks were removed from the church lawn by the men on bazaar day. They also dug the bulbs and cared for them.

A most enjoyable and spiritual musical program was presented at the evening church hour last Sunday. Dr. Epley had charge. He was aided by some splendid male voices from Salem and by his large choir. The house was filled and the audience was responsive.

Don't forget! A real Christmas spirit and an old time Christmas program awaits you at the program on Tuesday evening, December 23. Mrs. Deizell has it in charge.

Next Sunday Bro. Gilstrap will speak on the Christmas spirit in the morning and there will be a great evangelistic sermon in the evening. Special music.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

It wasn't because we didn't have a good service to report that we didn't get it in the paper last week but we were so busy "doing things" that we didn't have time to tell about the wonderful service.

Subject for our morning service was "Al! Waiting for Him." For centuries the Jews had been waiting for Jesus and when He came they (the majority) did not receive Him but waited on. He comes to those who watch for Him. Are you watching?

Our people were invited down to the First Methodist church of Salem last Sunday to hear the oratorio "The Holy City." It was a treat too good to miss.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock we are to have with us Dr. Laughlin, who will give us his "Peace Talk." He is a fine man and a good speaker.

You may have read of him in "Who's Who of America." Be sure and hear him.

Our Christmas program will be given on Christmas eve.

We are planning special meetings to begin next Sunday with Rev. Groves of West Salem, a former pastor here, assisting. Don't fail to plan your work so you can attend every night during this holiday meeting.

**Bligh's Capital To Present "Tom Sawyer"**

Christmas week the management of Bligh's Capitol Theatre is preparing to offer its patrons several unusual attractions for a real, enjoyable holiday.

The first of these is "River's End" a James Oliver Curwood story to play Sunday and Monday. It is a thrilling drama of action in the Northwest snow country with the Canadian mounted police. Charles Bickford plays the dual part of the hunted man, John Keith, and the Canadian officer he resembles, Sergeant Conniston. Evelyn Knapp provides the romance in the story and also in the cast are J. Farrell McDonald, David Torrance and Zasu Pitts.

Tuesday and Wednesday will show "A Soldier's Plaything," a romantic tale of the other side of the World war in which battles, guns, and mud are left in the background, and the lighter side of a doughboy's life is amusingly pictured. The action of the plot takes place when the American Army of Occupation was quartered in Germany. Lotti Leder, featured in the cast, portrays a German peasant girl. Ben Lyon and Harry Langdon are the doughboys and Neah Beery is seen as the hardboiled captain.

Opening Christmas day, for three days, Bligh's Capitol Theatre will present Mark Twain's immortal child classic, "Tom Sawyer." Hundreds of children and hundreds more who used to be children will thrill to the oft-told but deathless adventures of Tom and Huck, Becky and Aunt Polly, Injun Joe and Muff Potter. "Tom Sawyer" is the kind of material that the talking screen was made for. And in the hands of such capable young players as Jackie Coogan, Mitzi Green and Junior Durkin, it is well-nigh the

greatest story ever told in audible celluloid. Jackie Coogan, whose fame has increased since the day of "The Kid" plays the title role, Tom Sawyer, while Mitzi Green, who has established herself on the stage and screen as America's leading child actress is seen as the prim little Becky Thatcher.

"Tom Sawyer" is a play to warm the hearts of everyone—young or old. If you fail to see it you will be missing one of the most enjoyable things that our present day life has to offer.

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