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Tid Bits for Living

By REV. T.L. STRAYHAND

They Forgot it was Christmas Eve

It was in a very rural section of the United States and the houses were far apart. It was possible during the winter to go for days without seeing anyone except the members of your immediate family. It was in this setting that I knew a family who say they forgot to go to town on Christmas Eve to tell Santa Claus what to bring their two children for Christmas. Imagine two children waking up on Christmas and looking eagerly for presents and toys and finding none. Children always remember.

That was the Christmas when many of the children in that area learned for the first time what it meant to give rather than just receive. The man of that family went to a few houses and told the adults that he actually forgot it was Christmas, he was thinking that day was Christmas Eve and the next day was Christmas. Parents immediately coaxed their children into giving up some of the things they had for Christmas in order that those two forgotten children may also have a merry Christmas. Many children, with parents persuasion, gave up toys, fruits and gifts but some put a condition to it that if those two children did not use them they could get them back. Like children



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will do they trusted no one to tell them but they watched the children to see if the articles were being used.

When I grew older I never heard anyone say whether this family was too poor to get the things for Christmas or they actually forgot it was Christmas. Whatever the case may be, it was a Christmas I shall never forget because I had ever given up something I valued very much for myself. In order that no one is forgotten in your neighborhood this year, will you give something to make their Christmas Merry?

BPOE tries priest

Father William MacKenzie, an assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Middleboro, Massachusetts, was ordered to stand trial by fellow members of the Elks Lodge, MacKenzie was charged with "conduct-unbecoming an Elks" for his stand

against the Elks' white-only policy.

MacKenzie will be tried by a jury of five members of his lodge and following the trial three "blackbills" by any of the 700 members could put him out of the lodge.

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NOW... WHEN IT'S NEEDED, SHARE WITH OTHERS



SCLC calls voter Campaign

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which vowed at its most recent convention to become more "political", has embarked on a campaign in Atlanta to register potential black voters between the ages of 18 and 21. Stoney Cooks, executive director of the civil rights organization, said more than a thousand young blacks were registered during the first three weeks of the effort. Cooks explained that much of the voter registration drive has been conducted at five of Atlanta's black colleges. Some 900 students from Clark, Spelman and Morris Brown were registered during the first phase of the drive, and according to Cooks, current drives at Morehouse and Atlanta University also look promising. The registration effort is being coordinated by SCLC staffer John Bascom. "Last fall, some of these kids were simply trying to out-dash one another," said Cooks, "but now they are becoming meaningfully involved in the political process." He said the students are being asked not only to register themselves but to work toward the registration of other blacks.

Meanwhile, across the country in California, SCLC board member Allard Lowenstein and Republican Presidential challenger, Congressman Pete McCloskey, have sought with comparable success to register young people—mostly white—on press coverage in California and elsewhere, but the SCLC campaign among blacks has been almost completely ignored by the media.



Who Will Be Minister Of The Year?

Make Your Pastor "Minister of The Year"

Noffa's lead cut



Rev. T.N. Noffa

As the final week approaches in the search for the Most Outstanding Minister in the city of Portland, it appears that the runaway lead held by Rev. T. N. Noffa is being greatly reduced by Rev. J. H. Jackson.



Rev. J.H. Jackson

THE OBSERVER Minister of the Year Register 10 (ten votes for)

Minister

Church Bring in or mail to the Portland Observer, must be postmarked no later than Dec. 20, 1971. Votes void after that date. 2201 N. Killingsworth, P.O. Box 3137 Portland, Oregon 97208.

Jews join Blacks Fletcher urges

Arthur Fletcher, speaking to some 400 Jewish leaders in New York, urged them to join blacks in creating an expanding national economy that "would end the race problem in this century."

Mr. Fletcher, a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, said the economic, health and education gaps between black and white Americans would disappear if "business and employment opportunities created by the federal dollar are shared with minorities."

Fletcher emphasized that he was not talking about "sharing the wealth" or freezing anyone out. He said there could be enough economic growth in the next ten years to include everyone if a free and open society was developed.

He said America's race problem "stands in the way of relationships with two-thirds of the countries belonging to the United Nations". He directly linked the defeat of the U.S. two-China policy in the U.N. General Assembly to the race issue. He said because of that defeat, third world nations are looking to the People's Republic of China for leadership in spite of the fact that the U.S. has the second largest black population in the world.

Fletcher said he was shocked by the extent of antagonism the American race problem stirred and the severity and frequency with which it was brought up even in unrelated situations.

Fletcher said the U.S. is beginning to realize for the first time that blacks are an asset in international affairs and

that they will play a more meaningful role in U.S. relations with African countries in the way other ethnic groups do with their homelands.

Fletcher called upon the Jewish community to help because "as you help us uplift ourselves, we help you sustain yourselves. Remember you may be traveling first class and I second class, but we are all in the same boat called discrimination."

Remember Men Across The Sea

By Elizabeth Churchwell

"It's been a long time since we've talked about our men overseas. So now I shall get down with those natural feelings and share with you."

The men overseas no matter who they are or where they are deserve a little attention from us, don't you think? You see some wanted to go - others didn't but still they went. Some live - Some die - All for our country and people to make it what we call "A Better America."

How would you feel hearing thunder of bombs explode under you - over you - loud gun roars thru the air always wondering whether the next one will get you or your friend. No war is no picnic but a dangerous unbelievable part of a bad dream that some men never awaken from. We often miss seeing those who are dear to us like: our friends, husbands, fathers or brothers - all serving us well.

I often wish I could have joined the service and seen different countries and people so that my life could be more enlightened on facts and experiences and better me as a person.

I enjoy hearing from my brother all the time to learn of his joys, his hopes and sorrows. To know what he is facing helps me to know somewhat what America may face in years to come - an outline of our future.

"When there is Joy There is no Sorrow When there is hope We face a better tomorrow"

Thank you for your ear.

Soloists named

Names of the four soloists for the annual presentation of Handel's MESSIAH were announced today. They are: Anne Kathrens, Soprano; Frances Arnold, Alto; Guy Aydelott, Tenor; and Paul Piersall, Bass.

Performance date this year is Sunday, December 19, 8:00 p.m., at the Civic Auditorium. Sponsored jointly by the Greater Portland Council of Churches and the Portland Symphony Choir, the performance will be under the direction of Frank Holman and will be accompanied by an orchestra made possible through the cooperation of Local 99 and the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Phonograph Industries, A.F. of M.

There is no admission charge for the performance, but a freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Black Minister elected

Reverend Earl Albert Neil, rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Oakland, was elected to the highest governing body of the Episcopal Diocese of California.

Reverend Neil attracted National attention as spiritual advisor to Huey Newton and for officiating at the funeral of George Jackson.

As a member of the Standing Committee, Neil will have considerable ecclesiastical power. The committee takes the place of the Bishop in his absence, incapacity, retirement, resignation, or death; it can approve or veto the ordination of any candidate for the ministry; no church can be established, incur indebtedness, sell property, move, or fire its pastor without the permission of the committee. It has the power to put clergymen on ecclesiastical trial. No priest can be made a Bishop anywhere in the U.S. without the consent

of the majority of the Standing Committee.

Neil, 35, is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota. He served churches in Wichita and Chicago before going to Oakland in 1967.

At the church's convention this year, Neil introduced a resolution deploring racial discrimination and calling for a committee to investigate race relations in the Diocese. The resolution specified that 10 of the 21 investigators be selected by the Bay Area Union of Black Episcopalians. When asked about the number of members of this organization, he said, "Those who know don't tell; those who tell don't know." The resolution passed.

Neil was nominated at the convention for the Standing Committee but was not elected. He was elected three weeks later by the committee itself, which has the power to fill vacancies.

Santa gives aid

Jolly Jim Dean, an 825-pound wrestler turned Santa Claus, has converted his log cabin home into a toy factory.

With the help of neighbors, "Man Mountain" Dean is repairing cast-off toys for underprivileged children this Christmas.

"There's nothing I can't fix with nail polish, glue or a little paint," Dean declared.

His Christmas project also includes tours of hospitals, juvenile homes and other institutions as Santa Claus. It takes 15 yards of flannel to make his red suit and he cinches his 128-inch waist with an elephant's harness.

Fifteen years ago Dean packed in thousands of sports fans a night to show off his famed airplane spin and made up to \$20,000 a performance as a professional wrestler.

Allen Temple C. M. E. Church

Everybody's invited to come and celebrate Christmas Eve with us, Allen Temple C.M.E. Church, corner of N.E. Skidmore and 8th. Friday, December 24th at 7 p.m. Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, "The Gift of Light". A cast of twelve, two choirs, Acolytes, narrator and others. Full Candlelight service with individual candles for participants.

Rev. T. L. Strayhand Pastor

Allen Temple C.M.E. Church presents Annual Christmas Twilight Tea, Sunday, December 26th from 5 to 9 p.m. at 3615 N.E. 9th Avenue, home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Manus. Everybody's welcome.

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ARE YOU BRIDGING THE generation gap or making it wider? Today's parent needs a firm understanding of how young people think and the type of problems they face. Problems which sometimes lead to drug addiction. If your civic organization or church is interested and concerned enough to find out what they can do to combat this increasing problem, contact A. Marshall at 287-5434 between the hours of 6:00 to 8:00 P. M.

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