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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE---

The following extract from a letter received from a friend explains itself. —V. E. P.

The enclosed Chaplain's Message was, or is, one I had ready to send to Mr. Powell, we saw so much alike in religion and politics that I thought he might like to run it in the American. I surely got a big laugh over it altho I'm a Methodist (and we don't believe that way). God has people in all churches and if we make Heaven our home hereafter we are not going to run around asking where each belonged on earth. He said tho; "in my Father's house are many mansions" who knows maybe there will be different abiding places.

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The great sermon that we have is found in the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of Matthew.

It was given by our Lord Jesus Christ, and it has brought comfort to many people. Blessed are the meek, blessed are the merciful the pure in heart, the peacemakers. Christ also tells the Christians that they are the salt of the earth, the light of the World, they must bring people out of darkness or sin, and unto the Lord. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

This is hard to do, but if we don't

do it we are not any different than other people because they love the people that love them and hate the people that hate them.

If you help someone, do it secretly so no one will see you, or you will not be rewarded for it, thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. If you forgive your fellow men then God will forgive you. Lay not up treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, but lay up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Do unto people the way you want them to do unto you.

Sometimes we hear people say, "Well, he got in bad company" or "If we could move away from this neighborhood we would be allright," but that is not true. If a clock that is hanging on the wall stops, it would not do any good to hang it on the other side of the room. It needs fixing inside, and that is the way with people, they need to get fixed up inside. The change must come in our hearts. I don't know how good we have to be in order to get to Heaven, but I do know that you have to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Believing is yielding your life. The Bible says that some will be saved as by fire, that is, their works will be lost but their souls will be saved. In other words they will get there but they will get a good singing.

I heard a story about a man that went to heaven and an angel was showing him around so they came to a large mansion, and the people were singing and praising the Lord. The man asked the angel who those people were. The reply: "Oh those are the Methodists, but sh—be quiet." They went on a little further and they came to another large mansion full of people singing and praising the Lord. The man said, "Who are those people?" The angel said, "Those are the Presbyterians, but sh—be quiet." They went on to the next large mansion and it was full of people singing and praising the Lord. The angel told the man that these people were the Baptists, but sh—be quiet. They went along some more and every time they saw a large mansion full of people the angel would ask the man to be quiet. The man finally asked the angel why he should be quiet and the angel said: "Well each one of those groups think they are the only one's that got up here."

Mrs. Mary Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Abbott and two children, Maria Jean and Tommy and friend, Gloria, were Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Abbott's mother, Mrs. Frank Oxner, of Grants Pass. Mrs. Moore received a phone call Christmas morning from her granddaughter, Mrs. G. L. Ransdell, of Springfield, Oregon.

Locals

Relatives attending the Christmas Eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson included Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Wilson and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry and children, of Trail; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn, Harvey and Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson and children, all children and grandchildren of the Wilsons. Also present were Mrs. Sadie Frink and C. E. Watson of Trail.

Home Economics club of the Central Point Grange held an interesting meeting Dec. 19th at the Grange hall with twelve members present. They newly elected Chairman, Mrs. Delmar Smith, presided. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Albert Phul, Mrs. Helen Caster and Mrs. Scott Hamilton.

A group of 4-H garden club members met at the home of Mrs. Kay Kilbourne last Thursday for instruction in making winter corsages. Helping Mrs. Kilbourne was Mrs. Freda Jantzer. Refreshments of cocoa and cookies were served by the hostess.

Private Edward W. Robinson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Robinson, of Central Point, has completed his basic air force training at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Texas, an air force release reported.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. LaDale Herrmann, Route 1, box 616, Central Point, December 21, 1950, a boy, 8 pounds at Community hospital.

Mr. Lloyd Cingcade, son of Mrs. Lottie Cingcade, left Tuesday morning for S. P. hospital in San Francisco for treatment after spending a couple of weeks with his mother.

Mr. John Ross is still confined to the Community hospital where he recently underwent surgery, but is getting along nicely at last report.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Huston entertained their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Minnis and children of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Rossi of Medford and Mrs. Huston's sister, Mrs. Henricks of Dunsmuir, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnson, of Medford, are now making their home in Central Point, having rented one of the C. W. Houston apartments, and moved in last week.

Mrs. Lottie Cingcade and Mrs. Paul Force went to Eagle Point Wednesday to attend the Home Economics club of the Grange held at the home of Mrs. C. F. Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodman and two daughters, Marthanne and Margaret Sue, of Thompson Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Don Neilson and children, Donna and Johnny, of Yreka, Calif., were dinner guests of Mrs. Stella Anderson on Christmas Day. Mrs. Goodman is a daughter of Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Neilson, a niece. Many old friends called during the day.

The lovely new home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bigham, of Sams Valley, was the scene of a happy family gathering for Christmas dinner. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bigham and three sons, John, Larry and David; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and children, Lucille and Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Myers and family; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown and daughter, Miss Grace Bigham; Mr. Otis Hedge, all from Table Rock district; Mrs. Albert Bigham and children, Dale and Bernice; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schallade of Eagle Point. All were there for the Christmas tree, and most of the group remained for dinner.

Mr. Ed Sullivan received the sad news of the death of his uncle, in Seattle, Washington Sunday. He left immediately to be with the relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan's home is here in Central Point, but they are living in Wimer this winter where Mrs. Sullivan is teaching school, and Mr. Sullivan is employed.

Among the holiday visitors in the valley were Mr. and Mrs. James S. Firth and son, David of Woodland, California. They were guests of Mrs. Firth's mother, Mrs. Alex Sparrow, Kirkland farm. They also visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton D. Kendall and sons.

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John Bigham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bigham arrived home Dec. 16th from San Jose, California Bible College to spend the holidays with his parents. He expects to return to school on Jan. 1st.

Mrs. Jennie May Jones, formerly of Rogue River, passed away at her home in Klamath Falls Dec. 21st. Her son, Morris M. Jones, of 115 Alder St., Central Point was notified and left immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Malley left Sunday afternoon to spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clemmer, and the new grandson, Michael, of Klamath Falls, and returned to their home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marine, of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mills of Prospect, motored to Portland to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lutz and two sons, Micheal and Craig. Mrs. Lutz is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marine, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. William Musty had some of their children home for Christmas dinner. They were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis from Gold Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Musty and daughter Margene, from Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Richmond from Roseburg and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Peek, and children Jack and Jill, of Willows, California.

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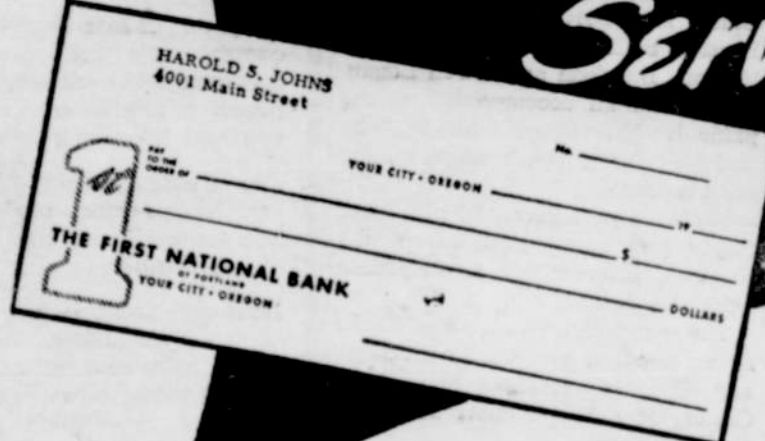
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