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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### What Christmas-1966-Means

By THE REV. DONALD R. PEDERSON  
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Christmas has to do with Sin and Grace. The coming of Jesus Christ is a most serious matter. Deep under the tinsel there is the real meaning of Christmas. God became man, a human being like you and me. He had a mind, and a will, and he had arms and legs, a face, and veins that flowed with blood. He came to this planet called earth, because of the love of God which none of us can claim, none can earn by good works (Grace). He came to this earth to take care of Sin, that power that holds us in a vice-like grip too often.

Many sing lustily at Christmas, yet don't really know why. Too many of us don't realize the implications of the birth of Jesus Christ from the womb of the Virgin Mary. We are happy with the baby Jesus, but we won't take on the man Jesus Christ, and all that that means. A little girl once said to her father: "Jesus was born—to die".

Our Lord Jesus Christ lived a life that included training in his youth, constant worship, instant prayer, and hard work as a carpenter. He must have been one of most rugged of individuals. He must have been a strong, muscle-bound man, capable of lifting beams and rafters. He was not the effeminate, weak-looking, nice-appearing, kind of grandpa that most of us have made him appear. He could be angry, yet he was full of compassion. He was loving, but his love was not the sloppy sentimental kind which is seen so many times today. His love never counted the cost; his love never demanded self-recognition; his love never boasted. He came to serve, not to be served. He came to love, to show that God had not abandoned his highest creation — man. He came to save all men, black and white plus all shades in between.

Sometimes the Christian church isolates itself and the joy of God's grace that came through the birth of Christ. Isolation makes you feel lonely, like keeping an answer to yourself, or celebrating alone, or locking yourself up in a private place.

Wouldn't it be great if your personal faith could be shared with Christians in Japan, Germany, Africa, and Viet Nam and China? Wouldn't it be wonderful if you had a way of knowing what the other people think?

You will be able to do that the rest of your life only if you begin practicing at home. Discussion is important. Sharing is important. Looking at each other's questions is important. Listening to what the other person is saying is most important. But treating the other person, be it wife, husband, parent, or child, as one of God's creatures, his highest, is the key to Christmas.

One of the things that seems to happen at Christmastime is that people are kinder toward each other. They listen more. They care more. God cares for you too, regardless of what anyone else does or says; regardless of how you feel about yourself. He is greater than your feelings; He is greater than your sins and problems. He cares; that is why He sent His only Son to this earth for you and me.

On Christmas, everybody loves the baby Jesus. It's no problem to love the baby Jesus. But the baby grew up, and we don't want to go with Him the rest of the way to the Upper Room, or Gethsemane, or the crucifixion on Calvary. Yet Jesus Himself said it: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me." We answer: "Who, me? You must be kidding." The Rev. C. B. Hurt, in the Dec. 27, 1966 issue of LOOK, says: "I think our next great revival in the church may come not by numerical growth but by subtraction. The issues will have to be faced. The church must stand for the Christ who died on a cross, not just the baby Jesus. The people looking for peace and quiet, wanting the church kept unrelated to life, will have to fall away or change."

We can no longer be comfortable in the face of tremendous evil in the world. Christians are going to have to make a choice: Stand up for what you profess or get out. There is no real choice. If you can't make the teaching of Jesus relevant, you are already out."

## TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor:

Christmas would not be complete without expressing the thanks and appreciation to those who have given the Keep Oregon Green program such fine support during the past year. Your help meant a lot to us in carrying on this fine public service project in the interest of reducing man-caused forest fires in our state.

I hope that we can continue to work together in the new year for the best interest of forest owners, operators and the public.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Albert Wiesendanger  
Executive Secretary  
KEEP OREGON GREEN  
ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Warren Playing In College Band

Steve Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren, of Heppner is playing in the Ricks College symphony band conducted by Dr. Jay Slaughter.

Warren, a graduate of Heppner High school with the class of 1966, plays bass in the band. He was a member of the high school band here.

Ricks college is located in Rexburg, Idaho. The band plays for athletic games at the school and presented a concert December 14. It is composed of 84 members.

## Mrs. Bothwell Better

Mrs. Bruce Bothwell is making steady improvement after undergoing surgery in Pioneer Memorial hospital Tuesday, December 13, her husband reports. He hopes she will be able to be home for Christmas but has received no definite word from her doctor on that point yet.

## NO HOLLY—NO TINSEL



## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

OUR GREATEST hope, at this Christmas time, is that somehow the conflict can be terminated in Vietnam before another Christmas so that American boys can be home with their families. No matter how bright the Christmas tree nor how gaily wrapped the Christmas gifts, homes with boys missing cannot be nearly as happy with them serving overseas in the misery of Vietnam. Christmas is a time of peace, and it is fitting at this holiday season that our people concentrate on prayers for settlement of the conflict. What a joyous Christmas it could be in 1967 if a cessation of hostilities could be possible.

INNOVATION in this week's paper is the greetings that have been drawn for the Christmas edition by art students of Terry Lincecum. The idea came about sometime ago in conference with Miss Lincecum, with the thought that it would be novel and nice to have the youngsters express themselves in their own ways.

It has taken a bit of doing to work out the project, but it has proven more than just getting a smile from the children's work. We have received quite an education on art in the process, and this is something!

We might suggest that before you look at the youngsters' art work, read Terry's article on page 3 of section 2. As she says, you will enjoy their pictures more when you have a bit of background of it.

Many merchants share this interest in sponsoring the youngsters' drawings as the annual Christmas greetings from their firms. They are paying for the space used.

We are sorry that it isn't possible to use more of the pictures, but it is hoped that many of the rest can be placed on display in a downtown window.

Miss Lincecum is doing excellent work with her students here, and she gives a broader perspective on the subject than we have had before.

When she can get us to take this point of view, she's doing something because of the seven stages she explains in her article on development in art, I'm quite sure the editor never advanced beyond the Scribble stage.

WE LOST the cordiality of at least one by moving into our new office. She positively refuses to enter the new front door, and to get her to come into our place of business, we have to open up the door of the old office.

We're referring to Mike (Michelle) the cat. She stands out-

side the new front door and meows mournfully, but will not enter when the door is opened. When we go open the old office door, she comes bounding in with a "Kurrrunth," her thank you.

Mike had a certain chair she preferred in that old office, but things aren't the same any more.

HEPPNER AND IONE high schools are always having a problem making ends meet on student body expenses. Particularly expensive are the costs in the athletic departments.

This holiday season, the schools are starting a tradition which is designed to give the public some enjoyment and at the same time help their student bodies' financial plight. The Mustangs and the Cards will stage an "extra" basketball game, and this will be Friday, December 30, this year in the Heppner gym.

A preliminary game is being arranged between girls of the two schools, which should add another entertaining touch.

After expenses are paid, the money is split between the two student bodies. Join the crowds, come out and give the kids a boost. This is the only game at which season tickets do not apply at Heppner.

THINK YOU know all about the geography of the State of Oregon? Then tell us—where is Tuttle Point of Yakso Falls. How about Grindstone Ridge.

Well, we're not so smart either. These are brand new names that are announced by the Oregon Historical Society, and we're just reading that the Oregon Geographic Names Board has approved Tuttle Point and Grindstone Ridge for places in Washington county, Douthitt Springs in Crook county and Yakso Falls in Douglas county. Grindstone Ridge is four miles in length and extends southward from South Saddle Mountain. Tuttle Point, 2042 feet, is at the southern edge of a ridge between Lee Creek and Sain Creek. Yakso Falls is a 70-foot high waterfall in Little River and is near Quartz Mountain and Twin Lakes.

"Yakso" means "hair of the head" in Gills' Dictionary of Chinook Jargon, 1960.

IN TODAY'S mail came a nice Christmas letter from Nels and Esther Anderson from Niamey, Niger, Africa. With it was another installment of "Africa Calling." Although it was mailed December 11, we just got it and so can't get it in this week's paper. We'll try to make it next

## Beef Certificates Boosted as Gifts For Christmas

How would you like a \$50.00 Christmas gift? And gift wrapped, too! That is exactly what the Oregon cattle industry received in the form of sales for Beef Gift Certificates during last year's holiday season. Already, they are expecting to surpass last year's sales during the coming gift season. This is indicated by the fact that to date, more than \$10,000 of these beef gift certificates have already been purchased by Oregon business firms as gifts for customers and employees, according to Jim Brooks, Madras, chairman of the Oregon Beef Council. Another factor which is responsible for this high sales volume is that both statewide banks, the U. S. National and the First National, have agreed to sell these certificates at all their branches. This means that the beef industry has over 200 sales offices throughout Oregon.

Brooks also stated that, knowing you are not going to change the consumer's traditional food-fare holiday eating habits, the Oregon Beef Council originated the Beef Certificate idea three years ago. First year's sales were only \$5,000 then jumped to \$20,000 the second year, and last year, with the increased sales help from this state's two leading banking institutions, sales went over \$50,000.

The idea behind these unique gift certificates is simple: they are the size of a regular check, are equivalent to a cashier's check drawn by the Beef Council on the First National and the U. S. National banks. These colorful and attractive certificates are available in \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00 denominations. With each certificate comes an eye-catching, three-color gift folder with a Western theme design. All cost for such things as printing of the certificates, gift folders and over-all promotion of the program is paid for by the Oregon beef industry. There are no handling costs or charges to the purchaser.

Redemption of these beef gift certificates is quite easy and simple. They can be redeemed for beef at any retail grocery store or meat market in the entire United States. The retailer handles the certificates as he would a traveler's check and banks it with his regular deposit.

In the meantime, we'll use this means to convey on behalf of the Andersons, the good wishes at Christmas time from them to all their friends here.

AND SO SAYING, we'll go out to climb Grindstone Ridge and shout "Merry Christmas" so loud you can hear it clear to Yakso Falls.

## Groups Enjoy Holiday Parties

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON—Mrs. Vic Groshens entertained last Thursday with a birthday party honoring her son, Harry, on his birthday. Games were played and refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Dale Baker and daughter Julie, Mrs. Vera Viall and son Curtis, Dandy and Donna Hermann, Mrs. K. Howard and children Craig, Tammy and Matt, Mrs. Oliver Devin and children Lindee and Donna.

The Amicitia Club held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Bob Lovgren one evening last week. The home was artistically decorated throughout in the Christmas theme. Those present were Mrs. Roger Campbell, Mrs. Al Petch, Mrs. Delbert Piper, Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Mrs. Roy Martin, Mrs. Howard Keithley, Mrs. Jim Johnson, Mrs. Stanley Cox, Mrs. Morris McCarl, Mrs. Bob Davidson and Mrs. Gene Cole. Prizes were won by Mrs. Cole, traveling; Mrs. Piper, high, and Mrs. Martin, low.

Holly Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting last Thursday starting with a turkey potluck dinner. Following this was a very nice program, in keeping with the holiday season. Gifts were presented all children from the members and an adult exchange was enjoyed. The tables were beautifully decorated with seasonal decorations and holly sent from Mrs. Alonzo Henderson of Hood River which she had grown. Following the dinner the group met in the lodge hall for its regular meeting. It was decided to go ahead with the plans for installation for the first meeting in January, at which time the District Deputy President will install the officers. Following the meeting, secret sister gifts were presented from a beautifully decorated tree.

Home Economics Club met at the home of Mrs. Ed Hunt for its Christmas meeting and party. The members gave revealing gifts to their secret sisters and at this time drew names for 1967. A game was greatly enjoyed with two tied for the first prize, Mrs. Norman Nelson and Mrs. Fred Nelson. Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. Ola Ruggles, Ms. Nora Turner, Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, Mrs. Emma Breshars, Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Mrs. Ella Burgoyne, Mrs. Flor-

ence McMillan, Mrs. Fred Nelson, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mrs. C. C. Jones and the hostess, Mrs. Hunt. Delicious refreshments were served.

Earl Miller and mother Mrs. W. I. Miller of La Grande left on Monday for Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller. Gary Miller will soon leave for Germany where he will be stationed.

Maureen and Martha Doherty, students at the University of Oregon, are home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Doherty.

## Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL  
Heppner vs. Ione, Friday, Dec. 30, Heppner High gym  
Heppner vs. Ione, Jan. 3, Ione High School gym  
PTA Spaghetti Feed, Ione Cafeteria, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
Heppner High School Student Body, "The Christmas Story"  
Thursday, Dec. 22, 8 p.m.  
Heppner High Multipurpose Room  
No Admission. Everyone welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY  
Elks Crab Feed, 6 to 8 p.m.  
BPOE No. 358  
Dance following, music by Roy Miller orchestra.