

Last We Forget

Christmas, A Day Of Peace And Happiness For All Men

By CONRAD LOHOEFER

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

And the day God chose that mankind should know the arrival of this Prince of Peace is the day we now celebrate as Christmas Day, December 25, of every year.

For on that day, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine years ago, Jesus Christ was born to Mary and Joseph in a manger in Bethlehem.

And now for these many years, mankind still pauses in his eternal race with life to observe and pay tribute on this Christmas Day.

Spirit, Power
Come peace, come war, come the machine age, come the atomic age, no power has ever been released as was the spirit and power that Christ brought and gave to the world on Christmas Day.

For with the intermingled joy and solemnity that is typical of the holiday season the promise of peace and goodwill each new Christmas, makes men feel again the faith in God to work for bigger and greater things for mankind as Christ set the example.

The soul of Christmas is too often lost in its trimmings and wrappings of gifts we receive and give. The widespread activities in connection with the season has become its chief peril.

The birthday of Jesus is known and celebrated by men on every continent and on many of the isles of the sea. Wise men do not rest content, however until they have found the Christ.

Message
The message of Christmas is that in a world where even Christ Himself was born in a stable, nobody is unimportant, no place on this wide earth is insignificant. Not even the simplest act performed by the humblest individual is lost. We, his people, are important to God and His plans for a better world.

Because Jesus loved us, He came to earth for us. He was rich in divine power and splendor, in holy fellowship with the Father, in all the attributes and qualities of God Himself.

He entered into our human life, subjecting Himself to its limitations, privations, temptations, and sorrows. It was an exchange which from the outset involved sacrifice

for Jesus. Nevertheless He made the choice in the interest of mankind.

For Our Sake
This Christmas message means us. Wherever we are, we can say, "For our sake He became poor, that we might be made spiritually rich."

This is reason enough why Christmas should be joyous. It is the reason why it is full of joy for all men.

In simple truth and honest sincerity, on this Christmas Day we open our hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus who gave Himself for us.

How glad we are when Christmas comes on Sunday! On this Christmas Day we find ourselves in a spirit of worship and reverent adoration—at home, at church, or wherever we have the will to receive Him.

Observance
Churches of Klamath Falls and nearby towns have various programs and plans for the observance and celebration of Christmas this year.

Special services of the traditional Christmas Watch will be observed Saturday night at some churches. Midnight mass will be celebrated at other churches and all will hold special services on Sunday, Christmas Day.

Plans are not yet complete for Christmas services in most churches. However all are planning special choir music of hymns and anthems with Christmas significance.

Churches of all denominations throw open wide their doors and invite everyone to worship Christmas Day. Attend the church of your choice in celebration of the day most joyous to mankind.



LIGHTS WILL GLEAM on altars this Christmas as the Christian world bows its head in reverence and awe at the re-birth of Christ the King. Paul Jones, server at St. Paul's Episcopal church, lights the candles before the lovely gold dorsal curtain which falls in back of the altar. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, 662 California Avenue.

They've Dug In For Winter And Christmas At Crater

By CONRAD LOHOEFER

Winter plans were begun early this year for rangers and employes and their families of the Crater Lake National park, although the snow didn't fall as early this year as in past seasons.

Christmas plans were made and preparations began along with the first snowfall which included such things as the construction of snow tunnels for all houses and buildings, storing up of wood piles and enclosing them in shelters. Groceries and feed pantries were stocked and winter equipment repaired and put in good shape.

This year for the first time a school is being conducted at the ranger headquarters. Children of the fourteen employes of the ranger station attend the kindergarten and grade school. At present there are three regular students in the kindergarten and four in the grade school. Others will increase the number after some of the employes return from their vacations. The children range in age from three to nine.

Plans for Christmas are underway in the school room as the children study and learn the various phases of the holiday season.

Santa Claus will visit the park at some of the various parties held for the children and families later on this month.

Self Support

Mrs. Lucille Sneddon is the teacher at the school this year. She is donating her time as the school is supported entirely by the employes of the station and receives no state or federal aid. Her husband, G. Lee Sneddon is one of the rangers stationed at the park.

Chief ranger of the park this year is Louis W. Hallock who took over the direction of ranger activities in August of this year.

Aides
Hallock and his wife have long been associated with the United States park services serving in the ranger division for the last 13 years. He formerly was stationed at the Yosemite National park in California for six years, and two years before that he was at Mt. Lassen National park. Prior to that time he worked for three years at Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, coming there from service at Lake Texoma between Texas and Oklahoma.

Hallock has four rangers working with him in the park this winter plus the various employes which include an electrician, three equipment operators, mechanics, a plumber, warehouseman, and carpenter. Others on the ranger staff have their winter office located in Medford.

"Our first job is protection of the park," Hallock said "but in addition we have many other jobs to take care of. Some of them include public assistance at all times, first aid service, search and rescue work, traffic control in the park, snow measurements, fire protection, tourist preparation for next summer, maintenance and building up of the park, snow removal, sanitation control, and boundary patrol against hunters and trappers throughout the year."

Isolated
Sometimes the rangers are completely cut off from the outside world by the deep snow drifts and storm conditions during the winter months.

Part of the program planned for the rangers and their families include various parties for both the adults and children of the area. A square dance is held every other week as well as Christmas parties and other special events.

Establishment of the kindergarten and the grade school is one of

the best improvements made," Hallock said.

Winter tourists in the park for skiing and other sports are taken care of by the rangers. Maintenance crews keep road conditions open when possible and tourists are advised of conditions in the park by radio and newspaper reports furnished by the ranger headquarters.

Here's A Tip -- Mail Cards First Class

Greeting cards have been on sale in stores for several weeks now and many people have had their cards prepared and ready for early mailing.

Some cards are already showing up in the mail sacks, and among the postman's deliveries. Many of the greeting cards go unnoticed by the mailmen since most of them are sent for the regular three-cent stamp and as first class mail this year.

Postal officials advise all senders to mail greeting cards as first class mail; but they will be accepted unsealed, with a two-cent stamp on them. However, faster and more certain delivery is made with first class mail.

Greeting cards increase the flood of Christmas mail over normal mail by about a hundred times or more, postal authorities said.

Stamp sales in December for the Christmas rush are always much higher than any other time. Greeting cards somehow seem to mean Christmas to most people along with all the other holiday trimmings and traditions.

Gift To Infant Pleases Parent

Everyone has — or they're unfortunate if they don't — a baby on the Christmas list. These infants are too young for skates and boxing gloves, and even a gift of money sometimes fails to satisfy the giver.

One thing certain, however, is that parents of the young fry enjoy the gift of clothing to their infants. It saves their pocketbook and gives you a glow of pride when you give the young moppet mopping up the floor with a new suit, your gift!

Starting with the brand-new infant, there are lovely christening robes, pillows, caps, dresses and petticoats. There are more expensive gifts such as cribs, beds, high chairs and scooters, but down the price peg are cuddly bathrobes, snow suits, corduroy suits and snug-gie-robots.

Little girls adore dresses and the new ones, with hoop skirts, are quite disarming. Plaid skirts and matching sweaters are charming on little plump bodies, and when in doubt — give a doll or a holster and gun.

Yule Tidings

This is the third annual Christmas edition of The Herald and News. It was produced in the newspaper plant without a line of type coming out of the pastepot. To newspaper people this means that it is their own brain child and material and pictures were gathered locally.

We wish to thank every person who aided in the production of this issue. Newspaper people found merchants and individuals wonderfully cooperative. It is impossible to name everyone to whom we are deeply indebted. Perhaps they will find pleasure in seeing their efforts in print.

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And last, but not least, appreciation to the carriers and newsmen who will find it a heavy load tonight when they leave this paper on your doorstep. (L.S.)

Do Aspens Quake In Sorrow?

Aspen trees are, in the minds of many Klamath folks, some of the most beautiful that grow in the high mountain country and vie in glory with tall firs and stately pines. There is a beautiful story of the aspens which is particularly charming to hear at this time of the year — the holiday season. To introduce the aspens, they are tall and slender with light-colored bark and leaves that quake and tremble like circus flags and pennants on a windy fall day.

The old story tells why the aspen tree is constantly quaking. An old shepherd repeats this tale: "The aspen quakes for shame and sorrow, and because of the tears that it sheds constantly and the sobs

that at times run the length of its trunk. "Because, you see," the shepherd said, "Christ was crucified on a cross made from the wood of an aspen tree."

To Color Citron
Soak slices of citron in small amount of water with green vegetable color added. When desired green shade is obtained, dry thoroughly on absorbent paper.



CHRISTMAS SEALS of 1949 carry the Dove of Peace with a berry-laden holly branch to depict the holiday season. A sheaf of the cheer-bearing seals is held by Mrs. Edith Comp-ton, executive secretary of the Klamath County Tuberculosis and Health association. Mrs. Wilbur Shannon is chairman of the drive this year.

Stamp It Out

Those Colorful TB Seals Typify The Spirit Of Noel

Among the symbols that remind us of Christmas is a small stamp, the Tuberculosis seal.

Although all of us know the TB seal, displayed on letters and packages at Christmas time signifies the battle against tuberculosis, not everyone is familiar with the history connected with the emblem.

The idea of this war against the dreaded disease at Christmas time, a season when people are particularly conscious of the plight of others, was conceived by an obscure Danish postal clerk.

Einar Holboel, as he sorted the piles of holiday mail during the Christmas rush in 1903, was thinking of the many children of Denmark and all over the world who would be confined to their beds during the Yuletide season. The inspiration of the decorative sticker countering a donation to a philanthropic group then came to Einar Holboel.

Applause
Friends and neighbors applauded the idea, and it spread throughout the community, until King Christian IX also approved the charitable venture.

The portrait of the late Queen Louise appeared on the first issue of the Tuberculosis stamp in the year 1904. The people of Denmark demonstrated the spirit of giving at Christmas time by buying more than 4 million of these seals and a site for a new sanatorium was purchased with the money raised during that first season.

The kings of Italy, Sweden, and Denmark decorated Einar Holboel in praise of his inspiration, and he was appointed postmaster of his own sovereign's summer home. When he died in 1927 he was honored by having his portrait engraved on the Danish seal of that year.

U. S. Effort
The United States did not adopt the seal until three years after Sweden and Norway had followed the example of Denmark, and even then it was brought about only after a great deal of effort and determination on the part of two Americans.

Jacob Riis, a Danish-American writer, whose six brothers had died of tuberculosis, received letters from friends in Denmark bearing the unfamiliar decorative stamps. When he discovered their origin he wrote a magazine article about the movement.

This was in 1907. Public response to the Riis article was lacking, and except for the interest of Miss Emily Bissell, it might have failed. Miss Bissell, secretary of the Delaware Red Cross group, who was trying to raise money for a tuberculosis hospital, read the story of the Danish Christmas seals. She realized its importance, and was determined to save her small Brandywine hospital.

Now this undertaking inspired by a Danish postal clerk, has reached huge proportions. The Christmas seal, which symbolizes its recognition in every nation for its fight against Tuberculosis.

World Lifts Its Voice In Praise at Christmas Season

By DAVE UNDERHILL

Music is the most common of tongues. Songs dealing with all kinds of stories, are sung in many languages throughout the world.

Most especially is this true in the Christmas season when we hail the birth of the King of Kings with song.

Even in Russia, which is now thought of as a Godless country, Kolyada songs were sung in honor of the Christian saints. That was before the revolution, of course

ing on bits of tinsel and hanging on strings of lights, that the carols we are humming under our breath were written hundreds of years ago in Italy, France, Russia or Germany.

Mother probably doesn't know as she hustles about fixing the turkey dressing, that the words, "O little town of Bethlehem, how sweet we see thee lie," were written by an American minister.

But that is the story of Christmas music. And no matter what the language phrasing the thought, it is the international language of music which is used to sing praises to a little babe born in a stable.

Angelic Choir

Then it was an angel appeared to the shepherds and spoke the now great words, "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 Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

At this pronouncement the heavens burst forth in a hymn of praise from the angelic choirs above, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

In more recent times many hymns have been written and their origin is most interesting. "Good King Wenceslaus" is the legend referring to St. Wenceslaus of Bohemia. "The Cradle Hymn" which starts out, "Away in a manger," was written by Martin Luther for his children.

"Joy to the World," the words of which were written by an Englishman, Dr. Isaac Watts, is commonly sung to the tune of "Antioch" from Handel's "Messiah."

Silent Night
The most popular, beautiful, and symbolic Christmas hymn, "Silent Night," was written by an Austrian named Joseph Mohr and was set to music by his fellow countryman, Franz Gruber.

A carol of American origin is "O Little Town of Bethlehem." It was composed by the Rev. Phillip Brooks while he was rector of the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia.

From across the world in Italy came a Latin hymn which is known to us as "O Come All Ye Faithful." It was translated into English by F. Oakley and set to music by John Reading. Another beautiful carol that has lost no beauty in its translation is the French song, "Cantique de Noel," known as "O Holy Night."

Hymns of Praise
From all points of the world, and from all ages, come these beautiful hymns of praise down to the present time.

Little we think as we gather around the Christmas tree, thro-

Party bags are shown in an exciting variety this holiday season. We ran onto one at a Klamath Falls drugstore cosmetic bar of polished gold, still another shop showed metal mesh with brilliant, and other bags came in soft, lustrous velvet. A wide range to suit every glamorous personality.