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WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING TEXT FOR TODAY:
Jesus and Nicodemus, the new birth, John 3:1-17.

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him.
Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, How can these things be?
Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?
Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?
And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.
And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
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.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

gestions for editorial comment today on the impetuous conduct of the teen-agers. (1) The headlong flight of students downtown from school will not pause to allow auto traffic to break into the Esplanade thoroughfare from Pine street. (2) The column of student humanity flowing gaily down the sidewalk on Esplanade sweeps all pedestrians who are trying to go the other way right off the walk. Our advice: Youth always sweeps age aside, so you'd better grin and enjoy it.

World Today

By DEWITT MacKENZIE
WE pride ourselves mightily on our Twentieth Century civilization, until along comes some development to remind us that, while humanity has indeed made fair progress, literally hundreds of millions still are living in the Dark Ages.

What set me off on this unhappy line of thought was a news dispatch from Johannesburg, South Africa, saying that ritual murders in Basutoland are presenting the British authorities with a difficult problem in African administration. And Basutoland isn't the only part of the dark continent where primitive practices are found.

Now if that were the whole story we might discuss it as a hangover peculiar to Africa. But the fact is that in many other countries, of both hemispheres, one finds astonishing examples of barbarism and even savagery. I've encountered a lot myself.

Getting back to Basutoland, the bodies of 293 victims of ritual murder have been found by police in the past seven years. And there is reason to believe that twice as many cases have gone undiscovered. The Gold Coast is another area where this horror still persists.

These present-day ritual murders in Africa frequently consist of cutting the victim to pieces while he still is alive. The sacrifice is made to ward off evils or bring good fortune, and in that sense are religious.

And of course such practices aren't confined to Africa. Voodooism, involving human sacrifice, is found in some isolated parts of the West Indies, and other rites involving the taking of human life are carried on in primitive parts of the Far East.

MUCH more common than the horrors of ritual murder are practices involving the supernatural, and I have encountered these in many parts of the world. For instance, a lot of weird beliefs center in the Hindu sadhus, or spirit doctors, who are found not only in the Orient but in the West Indies.

I ran into some amazing examples of these spirit doctors in Trinidad a few years ago. They operated in secret in the jungle districts, because the police were hunting them, but I managed to visit some of them through the assistance of an Indian college professor who believed in them.

These sadhus treat disease with incantations. They drive out evil spirits which are plaguing folk, and they invoke disaster against your enemy—for a cash consideration, of course. I was told by educated folk that these things actually work, though you can't prove it by me.

The entire district where I found the sadhus was reeking with the supernatural. Not only the doctors but every native I talked with was wrapped up in it. Ghosts, evil spirits and good spirits were all over the place. Here is one typical story I was told:

The father of several sons had enemies whom he wished to punish. He believed—and it was common belief—that if you bury a body face downward, its spirit will return and start lashing people with a whip. He desired a spirit he could control and so he killed one of his sons and buried him face down.

The boy's spirit came back all right and started to lash out, but it got out of the farmer's control. The result was that the spirit was visiting the old home daily and flogging the father, mother and other son unmercifully. This, mind you, was a "fact" and "common knowledge," so I was told.

SO the stories went—dozens of them. And I encountered these things not only in the West Indies but in the Far East where the lives of untold millions are controlled by the spirit doctors. Actually many of these sadhus are men of much ability and considerable learning.

Do they believe what they teach? I think some of them undoubtedly do.

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SIDE GLANCES



"My new steady just finished with football and he's center on the basketball team—I won't see much of him till after the baseball season next spring!"

Boyle's Column

Warning to Publishers-- Here Comes Helen Traubel!

By CYNTHIA LOWRY (For Hal Boyle)
NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—It is only fair to warn mystery story publishers that Helen Traubel has decided to get into the writing game.

Miss Traubel is a singer. She is a Wagnerian star of the Metropolitan Opera company. There are many who say she is the best singer in the world.

She also possesses one of the loudest, most infectious laughs extant and a frightening love of practical jokes. She absorbs detective stories the way opera stars are reputed to demolish whipped cream pastries.

Major Ops
She has now completed her first detective story, a 5500-word literary hors d'oeuvre designed to whet appetites for her major opus.

The first novel is entitled "The Ptomaine Canary," and what a psychiatrist would make of it bodes ill for other suspense novel writers. She is determined to call her second novel, "The Post Mortem of Mortimer Post," which gives you an idea.

Miss Traubel is having her first work printed privately; 25 copies in limp leather. Suitably autographed, they will be sent as Christmas presents to intimate friends.

To facilitate reviews, Miss T. has written her own criticisms in advance, and will include them on a

HIGH SCHOOL News and Comments

By Flo Ann Perkins

Plans are getting under way for Christmas decorating in and on KUHHS. A committee from the student congress composed of two members from each class will select the home room having the best Christmas decorations during the last week of school before Christmas.

Another committee with Marvin Nersteth as chairman has been appointed to decorate the front of the school on a holiday theme. Members of his committee will be Elmina Raymond, Jeanette Ruesten, Bob Borgman, Doug Liechty, Angus Stewart, Gary Rose and Ronald Bryant.

The after-game dance Friday night after that night's games of the 20-30 tournament will be sponsored by the junior classes. It will be different in that it will be held in Pelican court with everyone attending in stocking feet. This is necessary to preserve the finish on the gym floor. Music will be furnished by Mike Shade's band and the price will be the traditional 35 cents stag, 50 cents couple.

The KUHHS band will turn out tonight and Saturday night for the first home basketball series this season. They voted to attend and play for the game tonight since it is the first game and then again Saturday night for the last game of the 20-30 tournament. Pep Peppers, however, will be in full force all three nights of the tournament.

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Business

New Looks at Convention Of Manufacturers this Year

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—There's an air of cross-fingered optimism at the Waldorf-Astoria. In its opulent grand ballroom, America's most glittering pageant of industrial might is under way. And this time, as contrasted to last year, the boys attending the congress of American industry aren't scared half to death.

They were last year. Most of the three thousand top men in our manufacturing industries, who gather annually for the meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, were enjoying the very peak of record prosperity, when NAM met a year ago. But many of them were on record as warning that a bad slump could be expected in 1949. You could fairly see the hair standing up on their heads.

Not Bad
This time, most of them admit 1949 turned out to be a pretty good year, after a bad start. And most of them appear to believe that 1950 will be a better one. Some even think a new boom may be starting.

Of course, there'll probably be a good deal of viewing with alarm during the next few days at the Waldorf—it's pretty hard for most manufacturers to face in the direction of Washington with composure. And NAM speakers will stress the things they think are wrong, dangerous or threatening in our economy, and list the things they'd like to see changed—particularly in taxes and governmental interference with business.

But as to business prospects, most manufacturers are reported to be expecting to do better in 1950, especially in the first half of the year. And in this optimism there is some evidence that manufacturers lead both wholesalers and retailers. The last is closer to the public, and more impressed by the tight string John Q. Public is keeping on his purse when he goes shopping.

Optimism
Some 300 manufacturers were questioned at the end of November by Dun & Bradstreet, and 77 per cent said they expect to equal or exceed their 1949 first quarter levels in the first three months of 1950. New orders, 81 per cent predict, will equal or surpass last year's volume.

More Cheer
Members of NAM are also cheered by the quick recovery industry seems to be making after the steel and coal strikes, and by the higher than expected level at which industrial production held during the strikes. The census bureau reports this

week a half million increase in the number of employed in November, and a drop in the total of jobless. (The bureau doesn't count strikers as unemployed). It is noted, however, that the jobless still total 3.4 million, compared with 1.8 million just a year ago.

The manufacturers seem to be counting on fairly steady buying from their customers, now that retail inventories have been worked down in many cases. And some in the NAM may have caught the feeling prevalent in sectors of the financial district that inflation is about to play a return engagement.

Hoffman Tact
And Paul G. Hoffman delicately brings up another thing. With notable restraint, the economic cooperation administrator, who was a manufacturer once himself, says in his prepared speech this morning: "There is no need for me to condemn Russian communism to you gentlemen. There are not now and never have been any communists in the NAM."

Thrift Reported By OTI Student
OTTI—Student George Davidson, sports repair, reports the theft of several motor parts from his automobile, sometime Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

The carburetor, air cleaner and attachments were removed with a precision-like thoroughness, convincing Davidson someone knew exactly what they were after. These instruments can be very easily identified as they were purchased quite recently and still carry identification numbers.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and the beautiful flowers and cards during the loss of our beloved son, grandson and nephew.

MR. and MRS. E. M. SMITH, BRUCE and JANET, MR. and MRS. B. H. SMITH, MELVIN, CHARLES and HERBERT, MR. and MRS. D. W. MUSSELMAN and FAMILY.

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We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, and beautiful floral offerings received from our kind friends and neighbors during our recent bereavement in the loss of beloved infant son, David Thomas Wall.

MR. and MRS. THOMAS H. WALL, GRANDPARENTS, SISTERS and BROTHERS.

What Every Woman Wants
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Radio giveaway programs are popular because they play the good fairy in this mechanistic age, says Dr. Franklin Fearing, UCLA psychologist.

Fearing analyzed the "wishes" submitted by women on one such program, and found 35 per cent wanted special experiences, such as a date with a movie star or a trip to Bermuda; 30 per cent wanted practical things like automatic washing machines or vacuum cleaners; 18 per cent asked for special services, such as medical care or a job; 13 per cent asked for luxury items like milk coats or television sets, and only 4 per cent wanted bizarre or unrealizable gifts.

GRIM WARNING
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 8 (AP)—Albanian Premier Enver Hoxha has installed a gallows in his capital's main market place as a warning to political opponents, the Yugoslav newspaper Politika reported.

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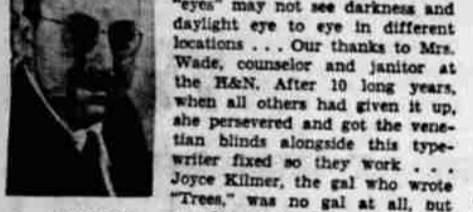
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Miller's Shoe Dept. — Street Floor

Caught in the Rounds

By DEB ADDISON
WHEN all of the town's new mercury-vapor lights go on for good, they may not all go on and off together, morning and evening. Each of three circuits has an electric eye gadget which will throw the switch on when it gets dark enough in the evening and off again when it gets light enough in the morning. The "eyes" may not see darkness and daylight eye to eye in different locations. . . . Our thanks to Mrs. Wade, counselor and janitor at the H&N. After 10 long years, when all others had given it up, she persevered and got the venetian blinds alongside this type-writer fixed so they work. . . . Joyce Kilmer, the gal who wrote "Trees," was no gal at all, but was Sgt. Joyce Kilmer in World War I. Camp Kilmer in New Jersey, named after him, was just devastated.

HERSCHEL MADLEY, the tonsorial artist, railroad and amateur economist, has predicted that gold is SURE to be devaluated further. Then President Truman said flatly that it wouldn't be during his administration. Does that mean that HST is through after this term, or that Herschel is wrong for once? . . . With the H&N situated on the main flyway of KUHHS students, we received two sug-



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great French pioneer in bacteriology, Louis Pasteur.
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