

# Advent Focuses On Both First, Second Coming

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On the ancient calendar of the Christian year, the four weeks preceding Christmas are known as the Advent season.

The name is derived from a Latin word (adventus) which means "coming."

According to the Encyclopedia of Religion, advent is "intended to remind Christians of the first coming of Christ as savior, and of His second coming as judge of the world."

This definition may surprise some church members. The modern Advent observance tends to focus almost entirely on the first coming of Christ, as a baby born in Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago. Relatively little stress is laid on the equally basic article of the Nicene Creed which asserts that:

have disobeyed and defied Him. Comforting Reminder

It is not so comforting to be reminded that God is like that. It is not so comforting to be reminded that He is also a just and righteous God who will some day call men to account for their lives.

Yet the concept of a last judgment, however uncongenial it may be to modern minds, cannot be excised from Christianity. It is found in all of the historic creeds, at many places in the Bible, and in the teachings of Christ Himself.

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Parable Poetic Imagery

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"When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory.

"And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

"And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, and the goats on His left.

"Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

"For I was hungry and you gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came unto Me.

"Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You? Or thirsty, and gave You drink? Or when did we see You a stranger and take You in? Or naked, and clothed You? Or when did we see You sick or in prison, and came to You?"

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me."

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Dwelt on by Fanatics

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## Grange News

**FORT ROCK** — Mrs. Sarilda Kinsey of Silver Lake was installed master of Fort Rock Grange and Dean Cannon as master of Summer Lake Grange in joint ceremonies here during the December meeting.

Mrs. Amy Cloud of New Pine Creek, county deputy and lady assistant steward of State Grange, was installing officer. She was assisted by Truman Kinsey, marshal Richard Morehouse and R. A. Long, emblem bearers, and Mrs. Ernie Messner, musician.

The installation was preceded by a dinner.

The regular session of Fort Rock Grange followed the special meeting, with Edwin Eskalin serving as master.

Committee reports included suggestions from R. A. (Rube) Long, agriculture committee chairman, for a study of efforts to organize farm labor into union activities.

It also was reported that \$102 net proceeds from the October dance went to the Lake County Disaster Car Fund.

Mrs. Kinsey announced appointment of the following committee chairmen to serve during 1961:

Mrs. Richard Morehouse, Home Economics; Edwin A. Eskalin, Agriculture; Rube Long, Legislative; Fred Wright, Dance, and Mrs. Jess Miles, Youth.

**Plywood Mills To Close Down**

PORTLAND (AP)—Crow's Lumber Market News Service today said most plywood mills in the Northwest will shut down for about 10 days during the Christmas holidays.

A shortage of plywood orders was cited as the reason.

The closures will idle some 4,000 workers and probably more, Crow's said.

Plywood mills ordinarily close down at this time of year. However, this year's closure is about twice as long as usual.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Evangelist Billy Graham wished President Eisenhower a merry Christmas Monday and later told newsmen he believed Protestants should pray for President-elect John F. Kennedy, a Catholic.

Graham, who also saw Vice President Richard M. Nixon, said the election results showed there was not "as much religious bigotry as some people thought."

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By CLAY R. POLLAN

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GEMINI	MAY 22 - JUN. 21	4-5, 10-24, 31-42, 74	Cancer	JUN. 22 - JUL. 21	13-21, 30-37, 52-59, 80-86
LEO	JULY 22 - AUG. 23	41-45, 51-55, 61-67, 70	Virgo	AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23	2-7, 16-20, 25-35, 45
LIBRA	SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23	1-8, 9-34, 46-50, 75	Scorpio	OCT. 24 - NOV. 23	34-37, 48-49, 57-60, 76-77, 81-82
SAGITTARIUS	NOV. 24 - DEC. 21	3-6, 17-19, 22, 28-33, 35	Capricorn	DEC. 22 - JAN. 20	12-15, 18-32, 36-38, 84-88
AQUARIUS	JAN. 21 - FEB. 19	12-15, 18-32, 36-38, 84-88	Pisces	FEB. 20 - MAR. 21	23-29, 49-54, 66-76, 82-90

## Hope For Bright Holiday

GRANBY, Vt. (AP) — Candlelight have no public power for electric lights—or for television sets.

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## Richard Bush Gets Training

LAKEVIEW — Army Pvt. Richard A. Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Bush, 912 North Sixth Street, is receiving intensive unit training with the 1st Division's 2nd Battle Group, 8th Infantry, at Fort Riley, Kan. This training is scheduled to be completed late this month.

This training, conducted in the field under simulated combat conditions, is designed to train individuals to perform their assigned jobs in coordination with other members of their unit and to function as a team under the most trying conditions.

After completing the initial phase of unit training, Bush will undergo advanced unit training which will end sometime in May. The battle group and its personnel will then depart for Korea to become a battle group of the 17th Infantry in the 7th Division.

Bush, a rifleman in the infantry's Company A, entered the Army in June.

The 19-year-old soldier was employed by the Oregon Window Company before entering the Army.

## Mistaken Identity Victim Slips From Hospital

BURLINGAME, Calif. (UPI)—Mary Hawthorne, 26, the airline stewardess who was a principal in a tragic case of mistaken identity, slipped quietly out of Peninsula Hospital Monday night, it was learned today.

Miss Hawthorne, critically injured in the auto accident that took the life of a cab driver and another American Airlines stewardess Nov. 7, left with her mother, Mrs. Elsie Schnell of New York.

An airline spokesman said it was not known where Mrs. Schnell and her daughter went but it was presumed they would return home.

Mary's purse was hurriedly placed beside the dead stewardess, Joan Frost, 26, New York, after the accident which also injured two other stewardesses.

Miss Frost's father, Thomas, and her brother, Leo, 21, flew here after the crash and prayed for two days beside the girl they thought was Joan Frost. Bandages masked the injured girl's features.

The error was discovered Nov. 9, the day before Mary Hawthorne's scheduled funeral, when two of her friends opened the sealed coffin to place a friendship ring on her finger.

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