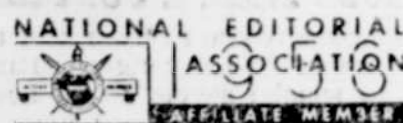


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Between the Rush and Christmas

Throughout most of the free world thoughts are on Christmas as the time approaches to find inspiration in the teachings of Him who was born to save the world.

Cynics too frequently will judge humanity, especially the American portion of it, from the standpoint of "commercialization" of the Christmas season. It is true that pre-Christmas gift sale events throughout the United States are growing in fantastic proportions each year, not because Americans worship the dollar sign, but because they have that ingenuity to make the "wheels turn faster" and because they are engaging in a practice that has built this nation.

Contrary to killing the real meaning of Christmas, the so-called commercialization has enhanced those ideals proclaimed by Christ and all Christians who have been following Him for nearly 2000 years.

The hurly-burly rush of the pre-Christmas season is near-exhausting to most, but the brief let down between the end of the rush and Christmas itself, gives them time to pause and consider the true meaning of the season.

Long ago Charles Dickens wrote: "And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggle of life, are then reunited, of companionship and mutual goodwill, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first days of a future state of existence, provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, Christmas-time awakens!"

Adrian Presbyterian Church Notes

Sunday, Dec. 23, the high school group of young people will present a Christmas pageant at the church at 8 p.m. An offering will be taken for the missionary work of the Harold Kurtz family in Ethiopia.

The Sunday school program will be presented Wednesday Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.

Sunday morning, Dec. 23, there will be a "White Gift Offering," taken for several special needs.

Any parents who desire baptism for their infants or children next Sunday morning, please notify Rev. Moore as soon as possible.

Mary and Martha Missionary

society met in the home of Mrs. M. L. Judd Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Francis Deffer gave the devotion and Mrs. George DeHaven presented the program, at which time the high school mixed chorus presented two Christmas numbers, directed by their teacher, Raymond Weatherspoon.

During the business meeting of officers for next year were installed by Mrs. Henry Moore, after which refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Leroy Bennett, to the 16 ladies present.

Good news comes from the Sudan, but in Egypt all the mission schools are closed and all American teachers, except older missionaries have been sent to Europe.

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Dear Editor:

Don't know as I have anything to gripe about unless it's because I have to "batch." Have a son at an air base in California. The big question was "What to send him for Christmas?" He would like some candy dad had made at home except there are some candy recipes around here someplace, but I never looked.

Just built a fire in the old coal stove (cook and keep warm by the same fire) and put on the old cast iron skillet that my wife (when I had one) used to cook for all the kids with. Put in 3 cups of sugar and 1 cup top milk from the milk can. Wanted it have have a fruit flavor so put in 1 cup of apricot butter (I made with 1/4 pineapple two years ago). Had stopped at the store as I came home from church and got 1/2 dozen over-ripe bananas (I love 'em). Was eating 'em while making the candy and the idea hit me, "Why not flavor this with bananas, too?"

So put in the remaining 4 big bananas. (If you try making some of this, for Pete's sake crush the bananas first. The darn things floated in chunks and I had a heck of a time with them.) Think they use butter in candy so I put in 3 1/2-pound hunks. Well, it boiled and it boiled and it boiled, but it did not look much like candy. Looked more like pudding or something. So I added 2 more cups of sugar and after while 2 more.

It still would not firm up so I picked up the ginger snap package and powdered 12 snaps and stirred them in. Still too thin. The broken cookies and crumbs in the bottom looked like about the same amount, so I dumped them in, too.

My skillet is only 12 inches across and 3 inches deep and it was getting pretty full to boil. (You know how candy bubbles up while cooking.) Set it out on the back porch to cool. Intended to work some powdered sugar into it after it cooled and before it got hard. Opened my package of sugar so as to save the box to re-fill with candy to mail to the boy. Lo and behold, it was brown sugar. Jumped into the car and drove to the store to get the powdered sugar. Got 2 packages. It was getting late and I had to finish the stuff and milk the cows before going back to night church.

Dumped the candy in the dishpan (needed more room) and put in 1 package of powdered sugar. Too thin. Dumped in the other one. Still too thin. What to do? Too late to go back to the store. Couldn't be a quitter on this batch of stuff now. Went to my neighbor (Mrs. Joe Stephen) and she loaned me 2 more packages

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

This being Christmas week this column is going to be short and pithy!

Because of the season I've decided not to print the following comments:

That Pica the pup (?) chewed up all the carefully wrapped presents which reposed on the back seat of the car—and which I had promised to mail!

That at one time Zak cut the manes and tails of his horses so he could have enough hard money to buy a coke.

That "Skinny" Clarence Sylvester Price kinda likes Frank Bicanadi.

That Al Evans lassoed a horse with out moving off the stool.

That one of my buddies thought the world of me because I didn't put his name in the paper when he tangled with the law—we were overest.

That Nick and Bertha have a new Cadillac—if I had the time I could really have fun with this item . . .

That I'm very grateful to all of you—Whether true or "false" friends for your patience with this column.

That Seafoam Green is a pretty color.

Darn—I almost forgot to mention that they put in the dim bulbs.

So from Chris the parakeet, Pica the pup (?) and my kinda nice wife—whom I abuse when I'm out of ideas—much to their consternation, our best wishes to all—including Doc Sarazin (I'm saving three cents) for a Merry Christmas.

Nuts to the New Year—I've got another paper to fill 'ere then.

I've bought all my Christmas

of powdered sugar. Oh boy! That saved the day.

Rolled it out on the kitchen table and worked in the first pound and then about 1/2 of the second. Then rolled it out with a rolling pin like mother used to roll pie dough, only I left it a little over 1/2 inch thick. Then cut it with a knife, checker-board fashion, into 400 or 500 pieces.

Man, I got some real candy. Everyone who tasted it says it's fine. It's worth all the trouble. At our church they are going to put a piece of it in each sack of treats Sunday night before Christmas. Come to our Nyssa Assembly of God church program and try some of it before you make any.

Yours truly,
Clarence Niccum

P.S. Oh, I forgot. In my desperation before I went to the store I put in 4 heaping tablespoons of corn starch. Thought sure that would thicken it. Trouble, trouble, trouble. A skillet full and 4 tablespoons full of corn starch all lumpy. Got her whipped though.

Boy, am I proud of my candy.

Health Is The Best Gift



Owyhee Community Church News

Thought of the week:
"What is a false doctrine?" the teacher asked of her pupils, "It's when the doctor give the wrong stuff to people who are sick and they die." was the reply.

Sermon title for Sunday will be, "Three Presents for the King."

Following the regular Sunday morning church service all who are in the Christmas play are asked to stay for the last practice, and to bring a sack lunch.

The Sunday school will present its Christmas program at the church Sunday at 8 p. m. A play will be presented, "The Hope of Christmas" by the entire Sunday school department.

Evangelistic meeting with Democracy Mylar, The Country Preacher, will be conducted at the church for one week, Feb. 3-10.

Monthly youth rally will be at Jamison for the month of December and date will be given later.

Sunday visitors at the Douglas Bateman home were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bateman of New Plymouth.

Christian Church Notes

Morning sermon: What should I believe about Christ?
Evening service: Christmas program.

Membership and evangelism committees will meet at the church at 7 p. m., prayer meeting 8 p. m., choir 8:30.

Friday, 7 p. m., friendly calling.

JYF will meet at the church for a Christmas party, Friday, 4 p. m.

Both the CYF and Chi-Rho will meet at the church Saturday, 7:30 p. m. for caroling.

The annual Christmas program will be Sunday at 7:30 p. m. The nursery and primary departments will present a part of the program. A devotional drama entitled, "The Song and the Star," will be presented by the inter-

presents in Nyssa. Have you? And thanks again for treating your "stranger" as a friend. Now that makes no sense, but I was determined to write enough to keep you nose-foke folks reading.

Episcopal Church News

St. Paul's will observe the following Christmas schedule of services.

Sunday morning Dec. 23, 9:30 a. m., morning prayer.
Church school 10:45.

Sunday evening Dec. 23, 6:00 p. m.

Evening prayer and pageant, Christmas party in basement for all children from 1st grade down.
Tuesday morning Dec. 25, 10:30, ante-communion.

Th story of Christmas is the story of a new birth. Has He been born in you?

mediate and junior departments. The high school class will present "Christmas Indeed." Treats will be given to the children following the program. Everyone welcome.

The CWF Christmas party was held Thursday afternoon at the church. A program followed the business meeting. Heart sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Tom Drydale, Mrs. J. A. Cindell, Mrs. Clyde Bannan and Mrs. Ewen Chard.



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