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Millions of words have been written about Christmas, but the simple line of St. John, the beloved Apostle, tell the best description of the Messiah:

"The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and He was coming into the world.

"He was in the world that had its being through Him, and the world did not know Him.

"He came to His own domain and His own people did not accept Him.

"But to all who did accept Him, He gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of Him who was born, not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man, but of God Himself.

"The Word was made flesh, He lived among us, and we saw His glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth." (1:1-14).

A blessed, Merry Christmas to all!

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

From an editorial in the New York Sun, Sept. 21, 1897

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun' it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street
New York City

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus!

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

—Francis P. Church

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The birthday of the Lord Jesus Christ will be recognized at the Conservative Baptist Church with a special service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Christmas Day. Familiar hymns of praise with the Christmas theme will be sung. The uniqueness of the birth of Christ will be noted in the devotional message by Pastor Arthur Coats.

The service is planned for the whole family and everyone is welcome to share in honoring Jesus Christ on this special day according to the members of the church.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service at Saint Paul's will begin at 11:30 p.m., with the singing of Christmas hymns and caroling followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. Again, all Christian people resident in the community are cordially invited to worship with us on this Holy Night.

There will also be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Sunday, December 26 at 11 p.m. with more Christmas music.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the United Methodist Church, December 24, at 7:30 p.m. It will feature the climax of the lighting of the Advent candles, and will bring the message of the Christmas story in poetry, Prophecy, Scripture and song. Mrs. Bud Sappe will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," accompanied by Mrs. Cecil Evans. "We would like to share this service and its inspiration with all our members, friends, and neighbors.

St. Bridget's News

Father Simard, of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, wishes to announce that Pat Buckley, Jesuit volunteer worker from Alberta, Canada, is now a full time parish worker at St. Bridget's.

Buckley has worked as a volunteer, in various states for the past three years. He has been working with Mrs. Johnson on the Migrant Program since last May.

OBITUARIES

Mertrude G. King

Services for Mertrude G. King, 91, who died of natural causes at Malheur Memorial Nursing Home Monday evening, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 23, by the Rev. Eridene Johnson of the First Christian Church of Nyssa. Interment will be at Owyhee cemetery.

Miss King was born November 19, 1880 at Ottumwa, Iowa. She spent her school years on her parents farm at Broken Bow, Nebraska. The family moved to Roseland, Louisiana in 1909. Her life was spent in practical nursing and civil service employment.

During World War II she was employed in the Office of Price Administration in Salt Lake City. She joined the Christian Church in 1912 and carried her membership through life and was very active in Christian work as long as health permitted. Mertrude King who never married has been a resident of Malheur Memorial Nursing Home for the past three years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister, Mrs. Ada Snyder, who passed away in 1962.

Among the many nieces and nephews surviving are local residents, Harold Snyder of Nyssa, Mrs. Doris Tolman of Ontario and Mrs. Maude Cooper of Vale.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Christmas program was held Sunday, December 19 in the evening with a large congregation attending.

The young people of the Owyhee Community Church caroled at the Nyssa Nursing Home Monday night, also in town and in the Owyhee Community, Dec. 20.

There will be a "Watch Night Service" Friday, December 21 starting at 7 p.m. with a fellowship dinner.

Later in the evening there will be slides shown of a trip to Aruba, a West Indies Island by the Cal Martins.

Special music will be interspersed with congregational singing, quizzes and readings. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Samuel Fretwell

PARMA - Services for Samuel Ramsey Fretwell, 57, Route 2, Parma, who died Tuesday, December 14, were conducted at the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church December 17 by the Rev. Norman Rutzen of the Valley Pentecostal Church of Caldwell. Interment was at Roswell cemetery under direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Fretwell was born Feb. 12, 1914, in the Roswell community, and was reared there. He graduated from the former Roswell High School. He married Marjorie Nickens July 4, 1933, in Melba, and they lived in the Big Bend community for three years. They moved to the Black Canyon irrigation project, northeast of Parma, in 1940, and had lived there since.

He was a well-known member of the Democrat party in Idaho. He was state chairman of the party during the early 1950's, and was state committeeman for many years.

He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church of Parma, had worked on the Parma-Wilder Highway District, and was chairman of the Northwest Hells Canyon Dam Association.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Fretwell are a son, Roger Fretwell of Ontario; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Raglan of Parma and Mrs. Gayle Eld of Caldwell; four brothers, Marion of Yakima, Wash., Allen of Taylor, S.C., Robert of Stockton, Calif., and Elbert of Boise; six sisters, Mrs. Gladys Brooks of Sitka, Alaska, Mrs. Louise French of Sterling, Alaska, Mrs. Lena Leight and Mrs. Bernice Breshears, both of Parma, Mrs. Frances Wilkerson of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Freda Planting of Boise, and six granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Mrs. Hazel Riggs.

SEVENTH DAY CHRISTIANS

The Seventh Day Christians will hold special Christmas service Saturday (Sabbath) Dec. 25, at the Pentecostal Church 7th and Emison.

What better way to honor Christ than to attend service on His Holy Sabbath Day! Bible class, 10 a.m. Morning worship 11 a.m. - Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Pounds.

Former Journal Editor Dies

Berwyn Frank Burke, 63, died Saturday December 18 of an apparent heart attack following a long illness.

When he was 26, he leased the Nyssa Gate City Journal, to become the youngest newspaper editor in Oregon. In 1937 he acquired the Northside News at Jerome which he operated until 1945. In 1947 he moved to Hailey where he was owner operator of the Hailey Times until he retired in 1968.

Mr. Burke was born in York, Nebraska, March 7, 1908. He attended Whitman College at Walla Walla, Washington. He began his life-long career as a \$6 apprentice on the Camas County Courier at Fairfield in 1930.

He married Dorothy Dryden on June 15, 1930, at Wendell.

Survivors include his wife of Hailey; four sons William R. Burke, Forest Grove, James L. Burke, Sunnyside, Washington; and Max and Larry Burke, both of Boise; two brothers, Ronald Burke, Apache Wells, Arizona and Dwight Burke, Wendover, Nevada; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin (Betty) Johnson, Wendell and Mrs. John (Jo) Smith, Caldwell; and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday December 20, at Emanuel Episcopal Church, Hailey, Idaho. Interment was at Hailey, cemetery.

Robert L. Hedges

PARMA - Robert L. Hedges, 51 a native of Parma, died Friday morning, December 17, in a Boise hospital.

Mr. Hedges was born Nov. 2, 1920, in Parma and was reared here. He served with the Air Force during World War II, and managed movie theaters in Boise, Logan, Salt Lake City, and Ogden for a number of years before he retired, and returned to Parma in 1961.

He was a member of the

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hedges of Parma; two brothers, Jim Hedges of Parma and Don Hedges of Bruneau; three sisters, Mrs. Esther Roe of Tamarack, and Mrs. Erymie Elsberry and Mrs. Ellen Bobins, both of Parma, and several nephews and nieces.

United Presbyterian Church in Logan, and the Nyssa American Legion Post.

Services were conducted Monday December 20, at the Community Church at Parma. Interment was at Parma Cemetery.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Tally-ho! We're dashing off to get this holiday message to all our friends and neighbors. The most grand, joyful Christmaside to you all, filled with many seasonal festivities. And a warm "thanks" for your patronage.

Owyhee Beauty Shop



A jolly salute to all and a hatful of cheery greetings for Christmas! May we extend our thanks and say, once again it's been a pleasure to serve you.

NYSSA TAVERN



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

What is Santa carrying in his bag? All our best wishes for a happy holiday season, plus our sincere thanks for your confidence in us!

Adrian Mercantile

Greetings of the Season

with many thanks for your loyalty and good will

We are very happy indeed to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate the privilege and pleasure of serving you. It's our sincere wish that Santa brings you just what you're hoping for and that life holds many joyous occasions in store for you and all those who are dearest to you.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to our many friends. Hope you are heading for the happiest holiday season ever!

CHET'S MOTEL

FRANK AND LORIS ARBOGAST

Christmas Joy

As Christmas once again proclaims the joyful message the herald angels sang, we wish for you and yours the complete happiness of that holy night.

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