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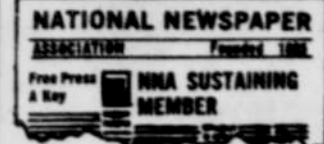
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What Is Christmas?

by Miriam Kunkel

December has come again and with it, the Christmas season. What is the Christmas season? It's giving and getting presents, Christmas trees, Santa Claus, and watching your little brother or sister be something in your church's Christmas pageant. Is it really that? Or is there more to it.

As Charlie Brown repeatedly laments each year "Christmas is too commercialized. What is it really all about?" And each year Linus tells him, "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

I would like to say that I still find this a beautiful story. Even repeated as it is year after year, it illustrates really why Christmas is.

Latin Assembly

Sunday, church activities begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service, 11 a.m.

Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Royal Rangers, every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Young people's service, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Rosie Lee Terhune wish to thank everyone from our hearts for the kind help and understanding before

and after the death of Grandma Terhune.

—Mrs. H. F. Terhune and family.

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OBITUARIES

Jessie Ann Bailey

Mrs. Jessie Ann Bailey, 34, Ontario, died Wednesday, December 13, 1972 at an Ontario hospital of natural causes.

She was born January 13, 1938, in Prairie City, Oregon. She married Joseph E. Bailey Nov. 18, 1954, in Wallowa, Ore. She had lived in Ontario for the past 10 years. She was active as a 4-H leader and in the high school rodeo club.

She is survived by her husband of Ontario; her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Simpson, Ontario; one daughter, Evelyn Bailey, Ontario; three brothers, Walter, Ray and Bob Simpson, Ontario; one sister, Mrs. Lloyd Jensen, Ontario and also Mike and Niki Shinzler of Ontario.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bertelson-Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel in Ontario by the Rev. Ed McIndoo, pastor of the First Christian Church with interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

Rosie Lee Terhune

Rosie Lee Terhune, 90, Nyssa, died Thursday, December 14, 1972 at Malheur Memorial Hospital.

She was born August 15, 1882 in Missouri. She had been a long time resident of the Nyssa area. Her husband, Emerson Terhune, died in 1967.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Lillian Terhune, Nyssa, one sister, Ida Alexander, California, grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Glade Chadwick, Nyssa, and two great-granddaughters.

Services were Saturday at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa, with the Rev. Robert Hutchinson, pastor of the United Methodist church officiating. Private interment was at Nyssa.

Joey Lee Rodriguez

Joey Lee Rodriguez, 11, of Nyssa, died Saturday, December 16, 1972 at the Malheur Memorial Hospital after surgery.

He was born January 26, 1961 at Nyssa and attended the Nyssa school.

He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Rodriguez, Nyssa; two brothers, Kirk and Jessie Rodriguez, Nyssa; three sisters, Jackie, Margaret and Janice Rodriguez, all of Nyssa.

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa and funeral mass was celebrated at 2 p.m., Monday at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Nyssa by the Rev. Robert Simard. Interment was at the Nyssa Cemetery.

Hugo Holmes

Word was received that Hugo Holmes, a former Nyssa resident passed away at a Minneapolis, Minnesota hospital, December 15, 1972.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Come worship our Savior, Jesus Christ, at Christmas this year. Our Sunday schedule of worship and study is as follows:

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service . . 11 p.m.

You are invited to worship with us. Faith Lutheran Church is located at the corner of Fifth and Park, and the pastor is Bill Lewis. May we of Faith Lutheran take this opportunity to extend to you our greetings in this holy season, that your celebration of Christmas and your life in the New Year might be blessed with the knowledge of Jesus and His presence making your life alive in Him.

EPISCOPALIANS 'SWITCH' HOURS

The Rev. John K. Worrall, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Nyssa, and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Vale, announced this week that the schedules of the two churches are to be reversed beginning with the services for the first Sunday in the new year, January 7.

The vicar said Holy Communion will be celebrated the first and third Sundays of the month at 9 a.m. in the Nyssa church and at the same hour morning prayer services are scheduled on the second and fourth Sundays.

At Holy Trinity, the Holy Communion services are scheduled at 11 a.m. on the first and third Sundays with the same hour designated for morning prayers on the second and fourth Sundays.

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

Ministerial Association News Nyssa and Adrian

A few weeks ago this column carried an article on Key 73. Key 73 is the program of 200,000 local congregations in North America to present the gospel message to every man, woman and child in Canada and the United States. The first phase of this program is "Calling Our Continent To Prayer". The churches of Nyssa will be doing that with noontime prayer services. Each noon when the noontime whistle of the Amalgamated Sugar Company here in Nyssa blows we encourage everyone where ever they are to pause for a moment of prayer.

Following the blowing of the whistle those churches who have bells or chimes will cause them to ring. In order to provide places of prayer the following churches will open their sanctuaries for prayer: The Assembly of God Church, The Latin Assembly of God, The Christian Church, The Lutheran Church, The United Methodist Church, The Nazarene Church, Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, The Owyhee Community Church, and the Presbyterian Church-Adrian.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY: Open house in the Fellowship Room in honor of Pastor Coats who will be moving December 27. The community is invited between the hours of 7:30 and 10 p.m.

SUNDAY: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with Bible classes for all ages.

Morning service at 11 a.m. Message, "Christmas News" based on Luke 2:8-20.

Evening service at 6 p.m. Message, "Christmas Providence" based on Isaiah 14:24-27.

MONDAY: Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m. Message, "Christmas Love" based on 1 John 4:9.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek service of Bible study and prayer at 7:30 p.m.

You are always welcome at this back-to-the-Bible church where the emphasis is on knowing the Lord Jesus Christ personally and loving one another fervently.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, December 24, the Reverend Bob Hutchinson will present his last sermon in his Christmas 1972 series at the 11:00 worship service.

Christmas Eve at 7:30, the church will celebrate Christ's birth in a Candlelight Communion Service. The public is invited to share with them in both services.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY: Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday evening, youth groups meet at the church, grades 4 through high school, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY - CWF - Craft day at the church

WEDNESDAY - Choir practice, 7 p.m.

Bible study, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY - Womens Bible study, 9 a.m.

Friday - Good News Club, for children of all ages, 3:30 p.m.

—Erlene Johnson, pastor

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING HELD

Approximately 30 persons braved the cold the evening of December 14 to attend the Malheur Country Historical meeting at TVCC.

Among items discussed was the proposed art show which the group has scheduled at the Malheur County Library for March. Mrs. Virginia Brandt chairman, said theme of the show is to be historical or landscapes of Malheur County. Local artists work including that of school students is being sought for the exhibit.

Sale of the society decals was discussed and they are now ready for distribution. Joe Beach of Vale is in charge.

Jeff Ford, TVCC, announced the lecture series which will begin January 11 with Jerry Steinke, Nampa, speaking on Camp Lyons, "Early Day Mine Lighting" and an exhibit of those lights will be brought by Norm Wagner, Baker, January 25.

Ted Long, TVCC, will speak on "Indian Basketry" and bring his collection to the February 8 session.

"Merchandising in Malheur County" is the topic chosen by Early Blackaby for February 22.

"Blacks in the Early West" is the topic chosen by Bill Kaatz, TVCC for his lecture March 8 and Charles Swan, Vale attorney and member of the society board of directors, will have the March 22 program on "Crime and Punishment in Malheur County."

S. K. Skinner of Jordan Valley is the speaker April 12 and will talk on "Silas Skinner's Toll Road" including how it was built and maintained.

Not confirmed is the final session in the series April 26. It is tentatively scheduled as the "Indians of the Great Basin" by Emery Strong.

Use of money given for memorials was discussed and will be studied further as some expressed the desire to see this go for a specific purpose.

The program December 14 was about the Paiute Indians with several recordings of their music and dancing. Also on the tape was Mrs. Art Cavanaugh, McDermitt, reading the Indian concept of man's origin.

Some tools of Paiute origin were shown by Mrs. Bill Moore, Vale, who presented the program.

Origin of Carols

In 1859, Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., an Episcopal rector, composed the words and music for "We Three Kings of Bethlehem Are."

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was inspired by a trip to the Holy Land. It was composed in 1868 by Phillip Brooks, an Episcopal minister. The music was written by Lewis H. Redner, organist of Brooks' church.

It is curious that one of the best-known carols, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol," written in 1843, is to be read, not sung.

Keeping Christmas

This is the third in a series of articles on Christmas. The words of Henry VanDyke have always struck a chord in my own heart.
 —Rev. Bob Hutchinson

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day and that is keeping Christmas. Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness-- are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same home with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your good thoughts, with the gate open-- are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world-- stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death-- and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.
 Henry VanDyke

Open House Planned For Pastor Arthur Coats

An open house is planned Thursday, (tonight) by the Conservative Baptist Church in honor of Pastor Arthur Coats and his family who are commencing their new church as of next week. Their friends and acquaintances are invited to visit them in the church fellowship room between the hours of 7:30 and 10 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Pastor Coats has accepted an invitation to become the administrator of Heritage Christian School in Fort Collins, Colorado. He will take up full-time duties with the school on January 2. The school includes kindergarten through twelfth grades and is sponsored by three Baptist churches in Fort Collins.

The church recently gave Pastor and Mrs. Coats a special gift in appreciation of their ministry. The open house is planned to give special opportunity for others to personally say good-bye in a convenient way for both the community and the Coats family.

The ladies of the church will serve refreshments at this informal occasion. Everyone is welcome.

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