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The wonder of Christmas

"And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them.

"But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God.

"Verily I say unto you. Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

MARK 10: 13-15.

The excitement of realizing that there is a powerful and good force concerned with our lives and working beyond human knowledge first came to many of us as children at Christmas time. Santa Claus and gifts, the tinsel and Christmas trees, the dinner and fun with friends and family all set the stage. With these things gradually come an awareness of the story of Christmas, brought to vivid reality in the manger scenes depicting the birth of Jesus, in stories of the wise men who came to see Him, following the star of Bethlehem and bearing their gifts, and in countless other ways. Perhaps this awareness was brought most sharply to some by the powerful and beautiful Christmas carols which tell the story as nothing else can of what happened on that night and of the new hope and joy which the birth of our Lord brought to the world, and to each one of us.

Fortunate is the person who had this experience as a child. The years can only deepen his understanding and increase the strength which he draws from the Kingdom of God which has entered his heart. Such strength can mean survival for millions of oppressed people throughout the world and for our own country where more subtle threats are made against the integrity and freedom of the individual.

The wonder of Christmas is the power which it gives each one among us to part the swirling mists of daily distractions and look again into the serenity, strength and meaning of the Kingdom of God that lies deep within our hearts and souls. The Kingdom of God can come to anyone, but only when it is accepted in simple trust and faith as by a little child, perhaps in the wonder of this Christmas season.

Keep cork in bottle

It's the season to be jolly, and nobody argues about that, but merriment at the Christmas office party that has its source in the bottle can set the stage for tragedy. Surveys show that a sizeable percentage of Christmas accidents occur in the early hours of the Holiday period and many of these can be traced back to the office party which at its close turns celebrants loose to find their way home when, in fact, they are in no condition to be on the streets.

The National Safety Council and Traffic Safety Commissions are asking all business and industrial concerns to take a new look at their office parties and either keep the cork in the bottle or eliminate the parties.

All through the Christmas season, when in many parts of the country the weather is at its worst, the provocation to drink and drive is greater than at any other time during the year. If every driver would determine to skip that last one-for-the-road much highway tragedy would be prevented this Holiday Season. It would mean a Merry Christmas instead of irreparable loss to legions of people.

New targets

During the month of January, the annual March of Dimes campaign will be conducted again. And the 1959 observance will be the most important in its long history—and the most deserving of universal support.

The March of Dimes was originally directed at polio, and out of it came the great Salk vaccine. The polio fight is not over—as the Detroit epidemic of this year demonstrated. It will be continued until final victory is won.

But now the March of Dimes is to do much more. It is sponsored by The National Fundation, hitherto known as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. That change in name is mightily significant. For the March of Dimes is moving against new targets. The first of these are two of the greatest cripplers of all—arthritis and birth defects. At least 11 million Americans suffer the pain of arthritis and rheumatism, and some 250 000 infants are born each year with some sort of defect. The National Foundation will now bring its great resources to bear in seeking victories over these cripplers—even as it continues its work in the field of polio.

The March of Dimes needs your help.

THE MESSAGE OF OLD, BUT NEVER NEW -

But others, remembering Henry Wallace and his discredited Progressive Party, turn thumbs down on that adjective.

So, the verbal tug of war goes on. Shall it be "progressive," "liberal," or even "modern." One wag suggested Now Deal Republican or Fair Deal Republican.

COMPETITIVE WORLD:

Over at the Department of Agriculture officials have gathered together a lot of information on what other states are doing to sell farm crops. Kentucky farmers will be interested.

For example, Florida is pushing—believe it or not—the sale of its special brand of Florida tobacco. And the Citrus Fruit State is also drumming up trade for berries and dairy products.

All this is in addition to famed oranges, tangerines and grapefruit.

COMING BACK:

There's an election coming up in Washington—as soon as lawmakers return. There will be candidates for sergeant at arms of the House and Senate, clerk of the House and Senate, and postmaster of the House and Senate.

One candidate for a major job is H. H. Morris, formerly of Carrollton and way points. Right now he is the House Postmaster and it seems certain that Hap will be re-elected.

H. H., incidentally, takes the title of Number One rooter for the University of Kentucky Wildcats among Kentuckians in Washington.

FINALLY:

We wish you the best of everything during the holidays. For Kentuckians at home we wish more industry, more roads, improved schools and, above all, world peace.

And we hope—with fingers crossed—reduced taxes.

Anyway, Merry Christmas from Kentuckians in Washington.

Kentucky farmers added tractors to their farms at three times the national "addition" rate in 1950-1954.

Miranda Homemakers

Mrs. Albert Booth was hostess to the Miranda homemakers on Dec. 12. The house was decorated beautifully and with the singing of Christmas carols everyone was enjoying the Christmas spirit. Fifteen members, one guest and two children were present.

The club voted to send three sunshine baskets to shut-ins in our community. Devotional was read by Mrs. Edgar Darrell. Three short stories were told by the members. Christmas gifts were exchanged and the meeting was adjourned by the president Mrs. Edgar Scott.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 14, at the home of Mrs. Phil Hillock with Mrs. Lovell Shaw as hostess.

The Headquarters Homemakers Club

Mrs. George Dale and Mrs. Lura Ritchie were hostesses for the club Tuesday, Dec. 2. There were 22 members present and five visitors. We welcomed Mrs. Dick Grimes who joined our club.

Mrs. John Clinkenbeard, our president, conducted the business meeting in the morning.

Mrs. Calvin Wills gave the devotion, lead us in the singing of the Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Ritchie gave a book review "First Christmas in New England.

Our recreation chairman had charge of the recreation and gift exchange. We adjourned to to meet with Mrs. Clinkenbeard in January.

The 1930 corn crop totaled 29,000,000 bushels in Kentucky, compared to 84,000,000 for 1956.

Sunnyside

By Mrs. Bessie Jackson

Miss Ethel Buckler who has been at home several weeks on the sick list, returned Monday to her job in Lexington.

The little girl of Mrs. Arlie Williams was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stanfield.

Miss Hilda Watson was a Sunday guest of Miss Helen Davis.

Miss Janice Murrill of Moorefield was a Sunday guest of her brother, Ray Murrill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bussell and boys were Sunday guests of Mrs. Bussell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis and children.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Abnee and family.

Sterling Jackson was until bedtime guest of Otis Davis, Sunday night.

Sympathy to the Hoovers, McFarlands and Sapps in their sadness.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)
Read Luke 2:6-14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

On Christmas morning little Benny went to the kitchen where his mother was. He looked around and then asked. "Where's the birthday cake?"

"What birthday cake?" his mother asked.

"This is Jesus' birthday, isn't it? So where's His birthday cake?"

Since Benny felt such a significance about Christmas, his mother would surely make a cake. Not having birthday candles she put one large white candle in the center of the cake.

Later, as Benny thoughtfully watched the flicker of that large candle, he said, "Jesus' candle burns longer than all the rest."

All too often and in too many homes the real meaning of this day is lost in the rush, preparation, and commercialization of the season. Should not Christ have our reverence, praise, and adoration? Should not He be put first in our lives when celebrating His birth?

PRAYER: Our Father, we thank Thee for the coming of Thy Son into the world. We thank Thee for the good news the angelic host proclaimed when He was born. May that song echo in our own hearts this day and throughout the year. In the spirit of Christ. Amen.

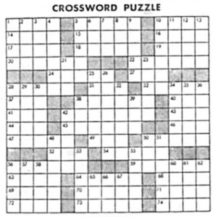
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We honor Christ best by welcoming Him into our hearts.

Ellan Beitler Shaw (Wisconsin)

World-wide Bible Reading—Luke 2:1-52

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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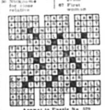

Answer to Puzzle No. 499

We value highly our friends and wish each of you a most happy Yule. Your patronage and good-will is sincerely appreciated.

HOME HARDWARE

Bill Power **Bob Boothe**

Fire causes $3,000 damage Tuesday to East Main street building

Thursday, December 29, 1938

Fanned by a stiff wind, fire of undetermined origin Tuesday morning swept the second floor of the Blue Lick Store, situated at the corner of East Main street and Dorsey avenue, and did an estimated $3,000 damage before it was extinguished. Approximately 40 minutes was consumed before the blaze was brought under control by the Carlisle fire department.

Rev. Cecil V. Crabb, pastor of Carlisle Presbyterian church, was elected Master of Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F. and A.M. Other officers chosen include Walter Hazelrigg, senior warden; Paul Garrett, junior warden; Rev. C. A. Sweazy, chaplain; Harvey Norton, treasurer; Howard K. Veach, secretary; E. E. Pfanstiel, Senior deacon; Hubbard M. Endicott Jr., junior deacon; Clyde Sexton and Emmett Hill, stewards, and J. M. Woodall, tyler.

Dr. Edwin B. Hatler, 39, well-known Carlisle physician died unexpectedly at the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington Friday.

More than 200 toys, gathered last week by the Boy Scout troop, were distributed to needy Nicholas County children at the annual Christmas party staged last week.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Orcutt of Carlisle, a son on Dec. 21st at the Good Samaritan hospital, Lexington. —To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Clark of Moorefield, a son on Dec. 20th.—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hamilton of near Jackstown, a daughter on Dec. 27th.—To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hammon of Pleasant Valley road, a son Sunday morning.—To Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Shrout of West Main street, a son Saturday night.

MARRIED — Miss Helen Shannon of Oakland Mills, and Earl Hamm, Saturday.—Miss Edna Conyers and Russell Selvage, Saturday at Paintsville.—Miss Helen Dale of Nicholas County and Joe Arker of Hot Springs, Ark., and Greenup, Ky., Friday at Greenup.

DIED—Mrs. Edward Campbell, on Dec. 16th at her home in Baltimore, Md.—Miss Alice Wood, 68, at the home of her brother, Bruce Wood, on the Lower Jackstown road, Sunday morning.

(Editor's Note: Forty years ago column for this date is missing from our files).

ACROSS the DESK

ideas from other editors

From The Mason County News, New Haven, W. Va. — Old Fashioned bargain days are here again. It seems to be a trend these days to hark back to the days that have passed into history. Of course, the merchants are thinking of cheaper prices, not old-fashioned merchandise.

We hear much from older people in the area about the days that are gone. Those are the days when eggs were 12c per dozen, milk 10c per quart and other items with comparative prices. We will agree with those folks on the subject of prices. We do need to return to those days, but if it also involves turning the clock back on the modern way of living, we're "agin" it.

Besides being the days of cheaper prices, those were the days of traveling by wagon or carriage, the days of scrubbing clothes by hand and the days of working all day or week for a few cents.

We will admit that there was another advantage in those days, the slow relaxed way of life. Modernity has brought the prices of a rushed life, more mental collapses and heart troubles. The people of today live in a world of anxiety, fear and hurry. No one can or will take time for relaxation. With all the modern inventions to aid the housewife and the working man, we have less time for ourselves than ever before.

We no longer have the day of a man like Lincoln, who educated himself by reading in front of the fire. Today, the youngster is filled with the excitement and adventure of the latest television mystery or western. He thinks little of his education for a strong citizenship of tomorrow.

The parents no longer take the great interest in the problems and the future of their children. The younger generation is left to the propaganda of television or the street-corner gang.

These are the bad things about our age, but there are a number of good things, too. Who would want to give up the rapid transportation systems of today. This editor was reading some letters from his grandfather, written during the Civil War. It took him almost a day to travel from Mineral Wells to Parkersburg, a distance of eight or nine miles. Now, we do it in about ten minutes.

The medical discoveries of our day save thousands of lives annually. A few years ago, many of these people would have died, because no one knew how to care for them.

KENTUCKIANS IN WASHINGTON

By Gil Kingsbury

LOOKING FOR A LABEL:

Republicans in the Senate are divided between conservatives and liberals, as political observers know. But the liberals also are divided on a label for themselves.

Some, like Kentucky's John Sherman Cooper, described themselves as "progressive."

FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS

By C. D. Smith

The Business of Becoming an Adult

Many a teenager, in a moment of anger or distress, has made the remark, "Just wait until I'm 21—there will be some changes made."

For generations, age 21 has been considered a turning point in life—the attainment of adulthood. Voting privileges at 18 took a bit of lustre from the magical figure 21, but it remains a long-awaited day for those who are growing up . . . the day when miracles happen and the world suddenly realizes that there is a new adult in its midst.

Such, of course, is make-believe. Nothing really happens when the age of 21, (or the age of 18), is attained. A birthday is observed; another page torn from the calendar; but nothing else.

One cannot "grow up" watching the calendar. We "grow up" through the process of living and learning, day-to-day. There is no sitting on the sidelines, waiting for a magical day, Cinderella-fashion. The world goes on its way and leaves stranded those who wait on the sidelines.

So, this advice to the teenager waiting for the magical age of 21, or 18, or whatever age they anticipate will bring adult privileges: "Don't wait—you're wasting your time. Get into the spirit of things about you. Put your mind, your energy and your talents to work in every way to be a part of the world that is about you. If you wish to live happily in this world, you must be a part of it—an active part. You must contribute something of value and find your own place."

Age alone is no passport into the so-called "adult" world. Each of us must prepare his own way. We earn this place, not by day-dreaming, nor slipping through a back door but rather by growing into mature and responsible persons, by learning to live in the adult world because we have learning by living...not by waiting.

If you have a teenage problem you want to discuss, or an observation to make, address your letter to FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS, NATIONAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER SERVICE, FRANKFORT, KY.

Merry Christmas

Happy Holidays Neighbor!

What a WONDERFUL Christmas Dinner YOUR family is going to have! And all because YOU INSISTED on the VERY BEST FIXIN'S! We thank you for choosing IGA foods... from TableRite Turkey to plum pudding ...as the only ones good enough for YOUR family!

THIS WEEK'S NEAT TIP...

Roll your pie crust on wax paper, but instead of turning the dough, turn the whole paper! Crust won't break if you use paper to transfer it to the pan.

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IGA FANCY PUMPKIN 2½ 2 for 29c

PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 3 oz. 09c

IGA Frozen Strawberries	10 oz.	2/39¢
Royal Gold Ice Cream	1/2 gal.	69¢
Dromedary Date-Nut Bread	8 oz.	19¢
IGA Pitted Dates	7½ oz.	23¢
IGA Choc. Covered Cherries	13 oz.	49¢
Brach Gloria Mix	12 oz.	29¢
Brach Cut Rock Hard Mix	9¼ oz.	29¢
Sensation Choc Drops	1 lb.	25¢
Spun Gold Mixed nuts	1 lb.	49¢
Diamond Med. Walnuts	1 lb.	49¢
Kraft Minature Marshmallows	10½ oz.	25¢

FROZEN FOODS

IGA Green Peas	10 oz.	2/29¢
IGA Fordhook Lima Beans	10 oz.	2/39¢
Pet Ritz Pumpkin Pie	24 oz.	57¢
Pet Ritz Mince Pie	24 oz.	59¢
Libby Fruit Cocktail	303 can	25¢
Halvs & Sliced IGA Ripe N Ragged Peaches	2½	3/$1
Chunks IGA Ripe N Ragged Pineapple	No. 2	29¢

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Dear Santa Claus,

We are two little girls eight an ten years old. Our names are Judy and Paulette Denton. We go to Carlisle School. We both want a bride doll a piece. We have tried to be good girls this year. Remember our brother Calvin who wants a rifleman gun. Remember all our friends too. We be looking for you Christmas eve and we will leave some milk and cookies under the tree.

Paulette and Judy Denton
Your little friends,

2502 Buckner Drive

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy, 4 years old and I would like Restless guns, and fire engine for Xmas. My brother Jimmy, who is 3 years old, would like Lone Ranger guns and fort set. We would both like cowboy's suits and train if you have some. Come to see us at Grandma Vices'.

Your Pal
Stephen and Jimmy Bailey

P.S. Don't forget our cousins Kieth Carol, Mariam and Jeffery.

Dear Santa

We are a little girl and boy five and seven years old. We haven't been very good this year but we don't want very much for Christmas. If you will bring us a tent and a tiny tears doll maybe we can talk Mama and Daddy out of the rest of what we want.

Your little boy and girl,
Billy and Ann House

P.S. Don't forget Jeff Becker and Jeff Clavell. They are good boys.

Route 3, Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the 2nd grade am good most of the time. So if you can Santa bring these few things. Fort Apache set, farm set, candy and fruits.

Don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Shepherd and my Sunday teacher, Mrs. Barnett. Bye now.

Herbert Lynn Booth

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