

Opinion

The wonder of Christmas

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

MARE 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...

About the editorial

This editorial was written by Warren R. Fisher Sr. on the occasion of Christmas and has been reprinted through the years. It was last published Dec. 23, 1958, 20 years ago.

Agree or Not

Governor out of state one-third of term so far

by S. C. Van Curen FRANKFORT — Gov. Julian Carroll has been criticized for his use of state airplanes and for his frequency of being out of state...

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In July 1978 he was out of the state for a stretch of 14 days. The reason some people may have had the opinion he has been out of state more is that he probably has set a record in being out of Frankfort, but much of this absence is spent in other portions of the state.

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As if to balance those who would force confederation to their religious dogmas on all of us, there are those millitants of the opposite persuasion who wish to ban observance of Christmas as they perceive it as only a Christian religious holiday. Some seek to forbid the pleasure of staging Christmas carols in public schools, professing to find such practices to be an unconstitutional establishment of religion.

If the old festivals and hearty commensurations had only their carnival character — the community of enjoyment which they imply — these celebrations would, on that account alone, be worthy of all prohibition. We do and should love all which tends to call us from the lonely and chilling pursuit of our own separate and selfish views into the warmth of common sympathy, and to interlatch the hands of common brotherhood.

So Christmas seems set apart by its mystery, mood and magic; the season seems in a way to stand outside time. It is a meeting-again time when most of us go home when we can, to renew old ties to visit family and old friends, to eat, drink and share.

While January, dark and black, still lies before us, we are nearer to Spring than we were in September. So, perhaps the Christmas season serves to give us grounds for making New Year's Resolutions, that good clean sport which limbers the imagination, flexes the muscles of the character, and adds a bit of zest for those dreary weeks immediately following the winter holidays.

Enjoy your indulgences or else justify them; you have to repent or to justify those stern resolutions? Some say "Bah and Humbug" with Ebenezer Scrooge, but I hope the magic of Christmas falls upon every one of us and may your New Year be a good and happy one.

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The Jackets lost after a Wildcat player successfully dumped two free throw shots to take a one-point lead and victory with only one second remaining in the game.

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The Jackets were determined to keep their advantage in the second quarter as Mark Ruddell rebounded and sent the ball through the basket for an easy two. Again Ruddell shook loose the rebound and shot for a basket, making the score 26-19.

The Wildcats weren't going to be intimidated, however, as they came back to close up the score, 28-23. With only 1:30 left in the half, Nicholas raised the score to 43. When the half ended the scoreboard read in favor of Nicholas 43-28.

With a team pattern of juniors Mike Hatton and Mark Vice, the Jackets added 17 more points to make the score 60-40. The third quarter was a nerve-racking as the eager Wildcats brought the Jackets lead to within three points (73-70), with only 58 seconds left in the game. With the clock showing 34 seconds, Hatton fired in a free throw to take a 74-73 lead. Pendleton then

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In Division I A-team play the Jets and Colts are tied with 4-1 marks. In Division II the Patriots lead with a 4-1 record and the Hawks are close behind with a 4-2 mark.

A-B team Division II is the closer race with the top four teams in the five-team section still in the running. The Bears and Hornets are tied for third with 3-2 marks in Division II. In Division I the three top teams, the Rockets, the Bears and the leaders with the 4-1 record.

In B-team play the Jets have a commanding lead in Division I while the Hawks hold a one-game margin in Division II. The Jets have a 5-0 mark followed by the Colts at 3-1. In Division II the Hawks lead with a 3-2 mark.

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