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The Christmas Message

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

"And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,)

"To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

"And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

"And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ, the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

"And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger."

—St. Luke: II: 1-16.

This is the simple and beautiful story of the birth of Christ, which, no doubt, is familiar to most of the readers of The Frontier. It is the story of a great, important event which occurred over centuries ago and which was destined to change the course of history.

The world has never been the same since the Babe of Bethlehem was born in a manger and the influence of His life, teaching and sacrificial death has been felt by countless millions of people.

The old, touching story of the birth of Christ will be told again this year in various ways as it has been told every year since the first Christmas. The first Christmas was a very simple event, witnessed only by the lowly shepherds and celebrated only by the triumphant song of the angels; but today it is the theme of pageantry and song all over the world.

Christmas, commemorating the birth of the Saviour, is one of the most important and spectacular events of the year in the modern world. It is no longer a strictly religious occasion for it is celebrated with brilliantly lighted and decorated streets, great crowds, glamorous entertainments, gay social events and numerous festivities; but its real, vital message has not been forgotten or obscured. In the home, the church and the community, that message is still heard as clear and consoling as it was on that first Christmas morning. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

The cynic might laugh at this glorious message of the angelic host today and sneeringly say that there wasn't much hope of peace and good will in a world where there is so much distrust and suspicion and over which the shadow of war constantly hovers, but his sneer would not be justified. It is terribly true that there is distrust and suspicion in the world today and that world peace seems yet a long way off; but, nevertheless, there is no reason for mankind to give up hope.

When Christ, the Prince of Peace, was born over 19 centuries ago, the world was in much worse shape than it is now for it was under the heel of the Roman empire and the early Christians were forced to worship in the catacombs and other secret places.

For its readers in O'Neill and the O'Neill region, Christmas will climax a long, busy, strenuous and colorful season and The Frontier hopes that, for all of them, the day may be a joyous one. World peace is, it is true, all too far off at present and good will does not abound among men as it should, but let us not become disheartened. Peace and good will are objectives toward which we must all strive and the best place to start is in our own hearts and homes.

The Christmas story is a very old one, but one that is ever new.

The Christmas season is a hectic one, but it's worth the effort.

TO OUR FRIENDS ----

To thank you as we would like to do,
Is far beyond our powers,
For if we had no friends like you
There'd be no business like ours.

The business you have given us is sincerely appreciated and we hope you have been pleased with the way we have served you. We want you to think of us, not only at the holiday season, but all through the year, as a friendly business, cooperating with you.

With the good wishes for the Christmas season and a very successful New Year.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. C. ROBERTSON

— O'NEILL —

Prairie Talk —

No Simpler, No Sweeter Story Than Birth of Christ Child in Bethlehem

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Giving and receiving presents for a lifetime brings to you at least something of the deeper meaning of Christmas.

No other anniversary has lived throughout the centuries among those of earth's millions whose hope for the life that now is and that which is to come has its roots anchored deep in a little mountain village of the harsh Judean hills. No simpler, no sweeter story glows on the pages of the literature of the ages than that which tells of the wise men of the East and the shepherds from out in the hills going into Bethlehem to pay homage to a new born babe.

The wise of earth as well as the ignorant and unlearned are still offering their tribute and direct their worship in honor of the person that was cradled in a manger long centuries ago.

Amid the wail of the world's sighs and tears, amid the gaiety and pleasure and scramble for things material we pause again to mark the coming of another of earth's greatest anniversaries.

The greeting card makers have finally done it. They have perfected the talking card. One such received by the householder has a ribbon-like string attached which when drawn through the thumb and finger gives out a cheering, "Merry Christmas."

The wheel is not buzzing fast enough to satisfy some of the young fellows. The juveniles of the GOP think there should be annual sessions of the state legislature. So far as adding anything more to the code of laws, heaven knows there is a plenty to guide the footsteps of all of us, but if annual sessions meant trimming down the top heavy code of laws Prairie Talk would like to help the proposal along. But if this meant only an effort to pile up more legal restrictions we would like to offer as a substitute proposal that the legislature session be every four years and its activities limited for a time to making the appropriations. Do I hear a second?

The crackpot is the gent who can really tell us.

A group of ladies in the cultured capital city have undertaken to improve our manners. Now, there's a field for fruitful endeavor too long neglected. The week introduced a movement that is designed to carry on into apple blossom time. The theme song is courtesy. I do not know what particular or human relationship the ladies have in mind as the starting point for this good work, but maybe they feel that courtesy, like charity, should begin at home.

Probably they do not hope to bring an end to squabbles over the possession of some trifle, but if they can bring to bear influence upon dad and hair pulling by the kids that will revive some of the gallantry he strutted during courtship, and maybe mom can be induced to tone down her shrill commands.

For the traveling public it is to be hoped the ladies have suggestions for inconsiderate smokers but how they will control the patriots that ride busses and push and crowd like cattle being loaded into a truck is probably their worst problem.

Somewhere moment-by-moment the earth is lighted with the pink dawn of a new day, somewhere at that moment the sunbeams glare upon a spot of earth at high noon, somewhere the clouds are touched with the gold of sunset, somewhere the stars glow above the silent earth. Much like the drama of human life. First the smile of the little child, then the vigor of full growth inspired by ambitions reaching out into the vast mysteries of time and eternity and then life's sunset closes in to the sounds of the groaning of the dying.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning
of the bar
When I put out to sea.
"For tho' from out our borne
of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face
to face
When I have crossed the bar."

The communists are said to have one million adherents in the United States and still expanding. If they chance all to be as harmless as the one I happen to know of here in the capital city there is little cause for alarm. His indifference to the capitalistic state has rendered him wholly indifferent to the material needs of his family.

A farmer down by Humbolt reports his second crop of oats from one field this past season. After the early harvest he prepared the land and sowed it the second time. The crop yielded about half that of the first planting. There are times on the grass lands that the second mowing of native hay is secured.

Counting for eight hours at the rate of 1,000 every 10 minutes and putting in a week of 40 hours at it, 20,400 years will be required to count to 280 billions the federal government is in the red. If you don't believe it, start your counting today.

The oldtimer may recall that this present Autumn and early Winter is a duplicate of the famine of 1894—this without being denounced as a prophet of doom.

Merry Matrons Send Gifts to Institute

AMELIA — Mrs. Fred Kanelmeyer entertained the Merry Matrons club on Thursday, December 15, at the annual Christmas party with Mrs. Haskins West as cohostess. A 1 o'clock dinner was enjoyed by 21 members and two visitors.

Each member brought a contribution of toys or clothing to be sent to the child saving institute. Program was in charge of Mrs. Alice Prewitt, Mrs. Ray Anderson and Mrs. Steve Sladek.

Mystery sister gifts were exchanged. Mrs. Lee Sammons and Mrs. Vernon Sparks received the hostess gifts.

Mrs. Elmer Fix rejoined the club. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Asa Watson on January 19. Mrs. Mamie Sammons will be cohostess.

Other Amelia News
Rev. Ivan Turner, of Alma, was a dinner guest of Rev. and Mrs. I. I. Dixon on Tuesday, December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Barnett, Lawrence Barnett and Glenn White were Norfolk callers Friday. Mrs. Barnett consulted a doctor while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilman have a new 1950 Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coolidge have a new Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnett accompanied Forest Sammons to Norfolk Monday, December 12, and to Sioux City, on Tuesday, December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed White were dinner guests of Mrs. Julia White Sunday. They called on Mrs. Fannie Riley in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Clemmens and Joan visited at the Doc

Clemens home Saturday evening. Calvin Coolidge was guest-of-honor Saturday evening to a birthday anniversary party. There were 59 present. Rev. Duane Hutchinson led the games. A luncheon of sandwiches, pickles, cake, fruit salad and coffee was served. Calvin received many gifts.

Farm Bureau Hears Convention Report

DELOIT — Thirty-one members of the Clearwater Valley farm bureau were present last Thursday evening, December 15, at a bureau meeting at the Henry Reimers home.

Also present were members of their families and several visitors.

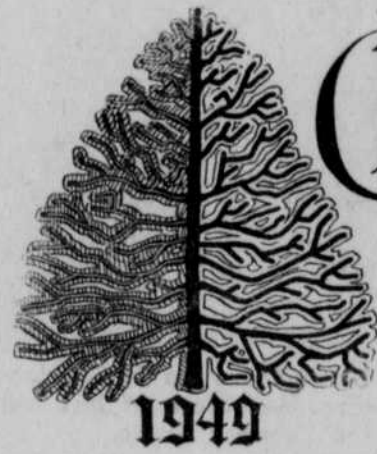
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and family and Mr. Heinz, of Bartlett, were guests. Mrs. Nelson gave a report on the convention at Lincoln.

Sandwiches, cake, and coffee were served. The next meeting will be at the Bud Bartak home on January 12. Each family is to bring a pie.

A debate on taxation will be part of the evening's entertainment.

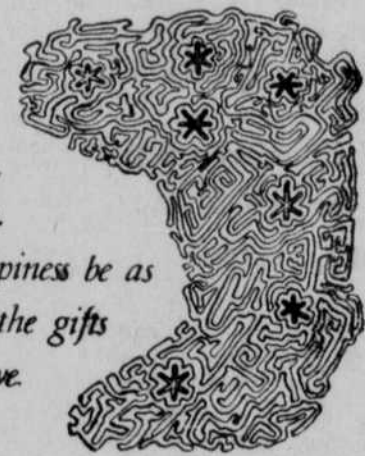
Young Adults Meet—
PAGE—A nice group attended the Young Adults Sunday-school class at the Methodist parlor's Thursday evening. Mrs. Harold Heiss is their teacher. A no-host supper was served.

Give The Frontier for Xmas!



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