

Christmas Message Written by a Birmingham Minister

Found No Curb Service
WHITE PIGEON (MPA)—Because the state police post here does not provide curb service, the trooper on duty didn't pay much attention to repeated blowing of an auto horn in front of the post. When it continued, the officer investigated, thinking something might be wrong. Interrupted by alcoholic hiccoughs, the driver asked how to get to Louisville. "You don't. You're staying here," replied the trooper. The driver stayed.

Pastor Declares That Every Age Has Its Quest

(Editor's Note—In recognition of the Christmas period, this week's Forum contribution is of an inspirational tenor, and was contributed by the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.)

By W. GLEN HARRIS

It is a genuine pleasure to be invited to write this Christmas message. As a subject may I suggest "The Christmas Quest"? History tells us that nations in distress look in hope for a great leader. When the Hebrew nation began to lose her national unity and consciousness she asked God for the great law-giver Moses. When the great American Republic shook in 1860 and was sorely threatened with destruction, the American people went on their knees to ask God for the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. The birth of Jesus was also the answer to the prayer of many generations.

All Christians are on a quest, a quest that demands everything. That quest began for Christians 1939 years ago when God spoke to

Deer Leaves Horns in Xmas Tree



Horns left five years ago by a careless deer were found sticking in a Christmas tree sent to Chicago out of the Wisconsin woods. Donald Larson is wondering what became of the deer.

Every fibre of his being was consecrated and dedicated to the mission assigned to him. He was determined to find the object of his quest.

On that first Christmas night, while the shepherds kept watch over their flocks the heavenly hosts burst forth in song. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." When the angels had war away, and there remained only the Divine brilliance of the star over Bethlehem, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is 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.

They found the babe, he was the object of their quest. The burden of this message this morning and the true message of Christmas is to help men to make Christ the searching hunger of their hearts.

Our generation has produced varied and numerous religious ideas and "isms." This only proves the undying hunger for Christ. When a man turns to the worship of an idol he helps to prove man's capacity for God. The heinousness of sin only confirms the possibility of holiness. The counterfeit is only a substitute for the genuine. What is the object of your life's quest? At Christmas time we are reminded that the shepherds and wise men of old sought and found the Christ. The hope of our life rests in the enthusiasm we exercise and manifest in our quest for the Christ. In Luke's narrative of the birth of Christ we are given the promise "Ye shall find the babe." This promise still holds for men who seek with all their hearts. May our quest for the Christ and his glory continue throughout the year, and as you pursue it may we extend to you this Christmas wish.

"Sufficient health and wealth for today:
A cheerful and serene hope for tomorrow;
An unswerving faith in God always—
These we wish for you in abundance in the name of Him whose birth we celebrate.

Allied Youth Party Set for New Year's
For seven years, Allied Youth, of Detroit, have been hosts and hostesses to young people who desire to meet the New Year in traditional manner sans alcoholic beverage. Through the direction of Dr. W. R. Abood, and the baton of Jack Benkelman, a musical revue is to be presented in the Cathedral of the Masonic Temple from 9:30 p. m. to 11:30. At one minute after twelve, the traditional ball will be held in the three ballrooms. A number from Birmingham are planning to attend. Tickets may be procured from June Reid, 444 West Frank, or at Shain's.

Finda Third Leg
ST. LOUIS (MPA)—While dressing a pheasant shot this fall, a local woman discovered a fully formed third leg. It was found tucked away under the bird's wing, and was only slightly smaller than the other two.

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Fisher Body Team In Exhibition at 'Y' Games Tonight

The Fisher Body Engineers, Pontiac basketball quintet, will meet Peck's in an exhibition game at Baldwin High School gym at 8 o'clock tonight as a special feature of the Y. M. C. A. Basketball league contests. Other games on the schedule will be Boys' Club vs. Polygon Club at seven o'clock and Milks' vs. B. A. C. at eight.

Last week's contests resulted in an easy victory for Milks over the Polygon Club 40-22 and a close contest between Peck's and B. A. C. with Peck's on the winning end of a 32 to 28 score. The third game was another close contest although it did not figure in the league standings, in which the Boys' Club bested a makeshift team headed by "Ken" McBride, 22-21.

Canever, Milks' forward, was high point man in the Milks-Polygon tilt with six field goals and three free throws while Raymond led the losers with five field goals and one free throw. Tom Miller was high point man for the night, sinking nine field goals and two free throws in Peck's in their contest with B. A. C.

No games will be played next Thursday night, Jan. 12, because of the schools being closed during the holiday season, but play will be resumed on Thursday, Jan. 11. The schedule will be as follows:

Jan. 11—7 p. m., Peck's vs. Polygon; 8 p. m., B. A. C. bye; 9 p. m., Milks' vs. Boys' Club.

Jan. 18—7 p. m., Polygon, bye; 8 p. m., Boys' Club vs. B. A. C.; 9 p. m., Milks' vs. Peck's.

This completes the first round in the season's schedule and it is planned to match an all-star team against a good outside team the week of Jan. 23.

Lost Contest, Not Bet
GLADSTONE (MPA)—What at first might seem to be someone paying off an election bet proved to be the winner of a contest treating the loser, in an unusual transportation incident here recently. Captains of a defeated Lions club ticket-selling team pushed Fritz Skoglund, head of the winning team, about town in a wheelbarrow, along a devious route to the club's meeting place.

It is "Suicide is quite unnatural. It is the last thing a man would do," said someone recently. That's right—it is.

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A & P Employees Will Share Bonus

Employees of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company who have been with the company for more than six months are to share a \$1,500,000 bonus, it has been announced by John A. Hartford, president. The bonus will be a Christmas present to employees who earn less than \$5,200 annually, it was said.

Exchange Club Has Its Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Exchange Club was held Tuesday noon, with President James J. Reilly officiating, assisted by J. B. Minton and J. Howard Wendrich. Each member was given a surprise question, and failure to answer meant contribution of 25 cents to the turkey fund. Four turkeys were awarded as the wind-up of the meeting. A farewell expression was made to Col. Robert T. Stanton, 90 years old, who is leaving shortly to spend the winter at Charleston, S. C., where he is a member of the Exchange Club also. The Club will meet at the regular time Dec. 26.

Wakefield Is Highest Town in the State

LANSING, Dec. 22—Wakefield in Gogebic county ranks highest in elevation above sea level—of all the cities of Michigan, while in the lower peninsula the altitude honors are split between Gaylord and Cadillac. Inventory of Michigan's record elevations, deceptive to travelers because of the highway's remarkably easy grades, gives Wakefield, at 1,551 feet, a good margin over any city below the Straits. Gaylord's business district, at 1,343 feet, is higher than Cadillac's but a residential section in the eastern part of Cadillac rises to a slightly higher level.

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PLAYS DEC. 28



MR. ROSENTHAL

Seventy-seven-year-old Morris Rosenthal, "the grand old master of the keyboard," who will be presented as soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Thursday night, Dec. 28, in Masonic Auditorium, is a justification of his own statement made years ago that "Age is of no consequence. The physical man holds out if only the creative genius holds out."

It is 67 years since Rosenthal made his debut as a concert artist and 51 years since the distinguished pianist made his first bow to an

American audience in the old Steinway Hall in New York City, under Anton Seidl, and with an obscure young Austrian violinist by the name of Fritz Kreisler as assisting artist.

At the 1888 debut Rosenthal played Liszt's First Concerto, in E-flat Major, and it is interesting to report that he will play this same work with the Detroit Symphony at his only local appearance of the year.

Franco Ghione will return to the podium for this concert and in addition to directing the accompaniment for the piano concerto, will lead the orchestra in performances of the Brahms Second Symphony, in D Major, and the Freyschutz, in Act III, from Wagner's music-drama, "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg."

Birmingham Youth Wins His Wings

Announcement was made this week by the naval reserve aviation base at Grosse Ile that Guy Howard, son of the Otis W. Howard, of Birmingham, has completed the aviation training course at the naval air station at Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Howard completed the primary training course at the Grosse Ile base in September, 1938.

He has been designated a naval aviator and has been commissioned as an ensign in the naval reserve and assigned to active duty with the United States fleet.



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