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**Christmas 1960**

My Friends, did you ever stop to think that if, in our Holy Bible, there had been only the one Gospel preserved and that one the first one written, then we would have no story of the birth of Jesus Christ and would properly have no Christmas Season to offer to mankind at this time of the year? Did you ever stop to think that if we had only the Matthew Gospel we would not have the story of the Shepherds and the Christ Child born in the stable at Bethlehem? And if we had only the Luke Gospel to read then we would have no story of the Wise Men and their gifts?

God in His wisdom has given us, for our use, many biographies of our Saviour and each serves a purpose. For the Christmas Season He has given us the two Gospels of Matthew and Luke and each writer adds what the other forgets to tell.

The story of the Wise Men perhaps as no other story has fascinated the hearts of millions of people and has its fruits today in the buying and giving of millions of gifts among a major portion of the World's population. Legend has added much to the plain story of the Bible and this has come to us translated by the artist's brush into visions of Kings and Camels and gorgeous clothing depicted on our Christmas Cards and through the aid of the poet sung in carols both by the old and young.

The plain story of the Bible is that some people came from the Orient, people who were not Jews, travelling a long distance to Palestine to acknowledge the birth of the Christ Child. How many came? The Bible does not say. What were their names? Of what nationality? The Bible does not reveal. The Bible does however reveal that they came bringing gifts and even names those gifts — Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

This then is the forerunner and reason of all this bustle and hurry of people today filling the stores of every town and city in the land — the reason of every Christmas Tree loaded down with toys in the home, community hall, or church basement.

A good idea you say . . . yes. It is well that the people of the earth should stop grabbing at material things for one brief moment in the year and learn again that "It is better to give than to receive". BUT if that is all that we get from the Bible story of the Wise Men then we must have missed the point.

Before the Wise Men gave their Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh THEY GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE CHRIST CHILD. "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him . . . and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh."

My friend, before you start shopping for those gifts you are going to give to others, why not follow the pattern of the Wise Men and FIRST GIVE YOURSELF TO CHRIST.

That is the Bible order . . . follow it . . . and then and only then will you really be able to give in His Name to another and thus express Christmas at its best.

Rev. C. E. Peacock,

St. Andrew's United Church, Haileybury  
and North Cobalt United Church.

**Tree Customs**

The Christmas tree custom was started in the United States by the British Army in 1776. German immigrants who later came to this country continued the custom as they had done in the 'old country.' Christmas trees were in general use in America by the mid-eighteenth century. The first tree appeared in 1923, placed there by President Calvin, Coolidge.

**Mighty Mistletoe**

Perhaps the reason that most young ladies do not object too strongly to paying the penalty for standing beneath the mistletoe stems from an ancient superstition—that the maiden who was not kissed at least one time beneath the mistletoe at Christmas would not be married in the following year. In olden times, a berry was plucked from the mistletoe with each kiss.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**JOYEUX NOËL**

CHESTITA  
KOLEDA  
ХРИСТОС  
СЕ РОДИ  
恭祝聖誕  
SRETAN BOŽICZ  
VESELE VANOCE  
GLEDELIG JUL  
ZALIG  
KERSTFEEST  
HÄID  
JÖULUPÖHI  
HAUSKAA  
JOULIA  
NODLAIG SOIN AGAT  
FROHE  
WEIHNACHTEN  
KALA  
CHRISTOUGENA  
BOLDOG  
KARÁCSONYI  
UNNEPEKET  
FELIZ NATAL

NOLLAIG  
SHONA DHUIT  
BUON NATALE  
クリスマスかみでし  
PRIECIGUS  
ZIEMASSVETKUS  
LINKSMU  
KALEDU  
GLAD JUL  
WESOLYCH  
SWIAT  
SARBATORI  
FERICITE  
C POJKAECTBOM  
XPHCTOBYM  
CHRISTOS SE RODI  
VESEL BOŽICZ  
GOD JUL  
MILED SAID  
ХРИСТОС  
ПАЧІОАЕТСЯ  
NADOLIG  
LLAWEN

On the left side: Bulgarian, Byelorussian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Denmark, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, Gaelic, German, Greek, Hungarian, Portugese. On the right side: Irish, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Roumanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Swedish, Syrian, Ukranian, Welsh.

**I See by  
THE PAPERS**

**BROMSGROVE, England** — The Wards have decided there's no law which says the family breadwinner has to wear the pants.

So Mary Ward, 34, took a job teaching school at £16 (\$44.80) a week and Walter Ward, 40, has quit his tractor-driving job at £9 (\$25.20) to stay home, take care of the children, do the dusting, the shopping and cooking.

And it works. "I don't mind admitting she can earn more than I can," Walter told reporters. Mary was satisfied with the arrangement, too.

"He's a better cook than I am," she said proudly of her ex-army mess sergeant husband.

**DALLAS, Tex.** — While Jesse James was opening a can of peaches for his supper, an Indian and two white men stole a lion cub from his trading post.

James, the operator of the Stage Coach Trading Post, told police that the trio entered his store saying they were looking for a Christmas tree.

James went ahead with his supper. After the Indian and the two white men left, James discovered someone had reached into the lion cage and lifted out a female cub, right under the nose of her mother and four other cubs.

Pete Lucas, owner of the animals, has offered \$500 reward for the cub's return.

**WAYNE, N.J.** — Michael Roemer, 4, shouldn't be any problem when he's eligible to start school next September.

Mike climbed aboard a school bus during one of its regular stops, rode to Mountain View School No. 1, chose a classroom, hung up his coat and cap, picked a seat and went to work with the building blocks provided for the kiddies in that particular class.

Mrs. Mildred Jackson, the teacher, was a bit surprised. She hadn't been informed about the new pupil. Anyway, she asked Mike if he was having a nice time.

Then she asked his age, and when he answered four, Mrs. Jackson felt further inquiries were necessary.

Mike's mother, Mrs. Norman Roemer, was contacted. It turned out she'd been searching the neighborhood for him.

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Firemen wondered why Charlton Steward, 39, declined to leave his burning garage.

But increasing flames and the fire chief's pleading changed his mind and Steward unhappily emerged.

"There's a still in there," he explained.

Police confiscated four gallons

of alcohol and charged Steward with illegal possession of a still.

**REGINA** — Regina's young public school artists evidently are developing a style distinctly their own.

One youngster, asked to produce his idea of the Christmas story, painted the figures of Mary and baby Jesus in his manger, with animals in the background. In one corner, he painted a strange looking box.

"What is that?" asked the teacher.

"It's a sewing machine," replied the young artist. "You see, when Jesus was born, there were no stores and they had to make their own clothing."

Another student painted Jesus, Joseph and Mary and a fourth figure.

That, the girl explained, was the baby-sitter.

**PIEDMONT, Calif.** — "Have your escapee George Collins, 50, in jail here. Come get him," Police Chief William Pflaum wired prison officials at Chino, Calif. . .

But later the chief discovered that Collins had:

Fashioned a pick from a jail bed spring, unlocked his cell door, unlocked the cell next door without waking the two sleepers in it, placed the lock pick in a captain's office, and walked out.

"Don't come for Collins," the chief wired Chino. "He's gone."

**CORUNNA, Ont.** — Thomas Chambers, who remained a bachelor for 95 years because he always felt he wasn't quite ready for marriage' was wed recently to Mrs. Elizabeth Polley, 65, housekeeper for the past 30 years.

"I feel younger already," he said after the ceremony at his home in this community six miles south of Sarnia.

The couple went on a horn-blowing car tour of the village be-

fore returning to cut the wedding cake.

**BUTTE, Mont.** — A judge carries the dignity of court with him but to one person he's just about what he was when he started.

Judge T. E. Downey and his 92-year-old mother were ready to leave the courthouse. The mother looked her son over closely and scolded:

"Timmy, where are your overshoes?"

**LONDON** — A British peer, striking a blow for his peers, says 1960 proves their lordships are not the blithering idiots you see in the cartoons.

"In fact this has been a vintage year for peers," says Lord Kilbracken, and he adds that he thinks it's time for society to recognize it.

"We've suffered long enough from the thoroughly unfair, highly undemocratic belief that we must be hangers-on, idlers or just plain nincompoops because we happen to have a handle to our names," Kilbracken, 40, says in a newspaper article.

"It was bad enough that I'd lost my right to vote (in common with felons and the insane) or to be a member of Parliament — let alone prime minister — without having to undergo the cold shouldering as well.

"Now peers are back in demand," he exulted, and reeled off this list to prove it:

The Earl of Home is foreign secretary.

Lord Craighton is minister of state for Scotland.

The Duke of Devonshire is a junior minister.

The Earl of Cromer has been appointed governor of the Bank of England.

When the needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it outdoors.

**PROCLAMATION  
TOWN OF HAILEYBURY**

By authority of the Council of the Town of Haileybury  
I hereby proclaim

**MONDAY, DEC. 26th and TUESDAY, 27th**

also

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1961**

as Holidays in the Town of Haileybury, and respectfully  
request all citizens to duly observe same.

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

**ARTHUR H. COOKE,  
Mayor.**



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