

**Candles, Christmas Message  
At First Baptist Services**

Silvered candles in red and silver holders and decorations symbolic to Christmas beautified First Baptist Church on Sunday for the annual Christmas services which were conducted by the Rev. A. J. Barker.

"Incarnate Lord" was the theme of Mr. Barker's sermon at the morning worship. At Christmas we mark the beginning of the incarnation of God — God dwelling in the flesh, he said. When we see Jesus in human life we see God in human life. In short Jesus is saying that within the affairs of humanity he has placed a stake — he has given the best of his life and all he has.

God enters into human life in a way which he will not withdraw. Should we not bow before him because God is in the world, because he sent his son Jesus Christ. He reveals God is contemporary in the world, Jesus shows us the mind and heart of God at all times and seeing him we see the perfect man, and the judgment upon ourselves. All these things are behind the Babe of Bethlehem, as he comes upon us Jesus reveals the real God to us, God is only real to us when he is incarnated in our lives. Unless Christ is born in human hearts it means nothing more than a myth.

Christ comes to us right where we are as a seeking God, A God of joy, of companionship and of understanding to sinners who are lonely and have gone astray. Jesus comes to us in the appeal of Christmas that hearts may turn to him and we may find redemption he so wants to give us. Christmas reveals to us that God is not removed from men but lives within us, through us, giving us a rest for life, becoming intimate with his people. The presentation of White Gifts from the members of the Sunday School was held at this service. The choir anthems were 'Poverty' and the German carol 'Advent Hymn'.

In the evening the service was candlelight when the story 'Christ is Born' was portrayed to the congregation in picture, word and song. Miss Arlene Heeve, Mrs. D Hancock, and Mrs. W Towend, Rev. A. J. Barker, Watson Winfield and Howard Graham took the solo parts. Ivor Williams was narrator, Terry Harley, projectionist and Terry Towend and Mrs. Wm Thompson were the accompanists.

**ASHGROVE**

**Ladies Exchange Ideas  
On Christmas Preparation**

Many helpful suggestions for Christmas preparations were given by members of Ashgrove Women's Institute in answering the roll call at their December meeting held at the lovely new home of Mrs. Thomas Giffen, in Georgetown. Mrs. W. Stringer, the president, was in the chair and opened the meeting with carols, which were also enjoyed at intervals during the meeting.

Mrs. Horace Barnes was in charge of a very interesting program. The motto "Come let us be merry together" was given by Mrs. E. Tindale. A ladies' quartette sang a lovely Christmas carol. Current events were given by Mrs. John Bird. Christmas readings were given by Mrs. C. B. Dick and Mrs. Stringer. A demonstration on making Christmas place favours by Mrs. J. H. Hunter, brought out several new and novel ideas. Sandra Tindale favoured with two accordion solos. Mrs. Robert Alexander was the winner of an interesting contest on well known Christmas words and phrases.

At the conclusion of the program there was an exchange of Christmas gifts among the members. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge, Mrs. T. Giffen, Mrs. Clifford Hunter, Mrs. Hector Bird, Mrs. F. Nurse, Mrs. R. J. Graham.

Pupils of Ashgrove School S. S. No. 3, Equesing presented their annual Christmas concert in the school, Wednesday evening, December 15th.

A varied program of recitations, plays, pantomimes and music was given by the pupils under the capable direction of Mrs. Wm. Cromar. Mr. Robert Studholme of Brampton and Bob Ruddell played violin duets. In the absence of music teacher Crawford Douglas, Mrs. Harold Michie acted as accompanist.

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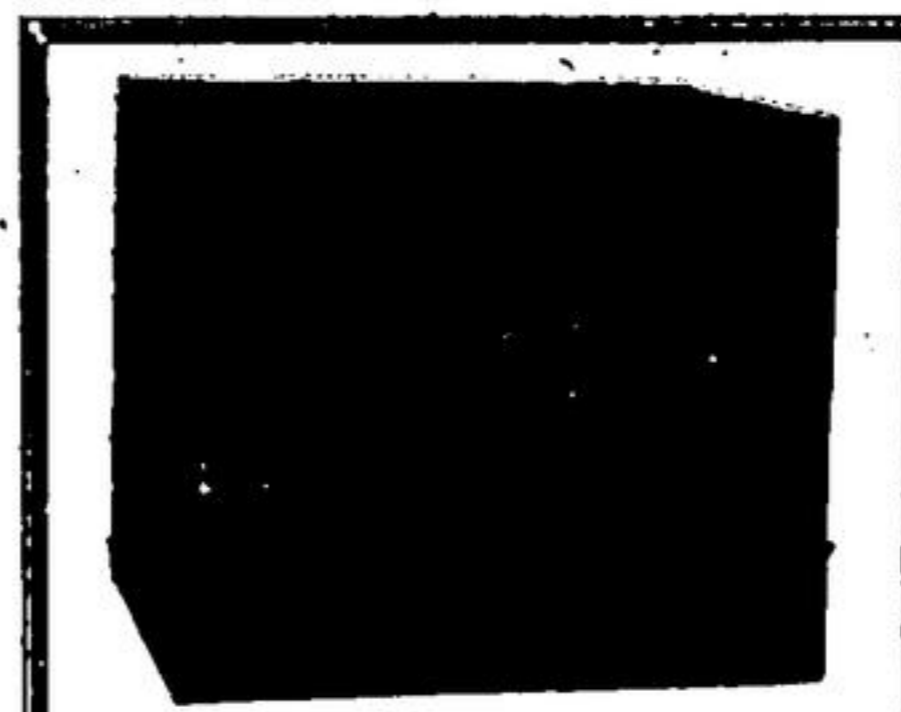
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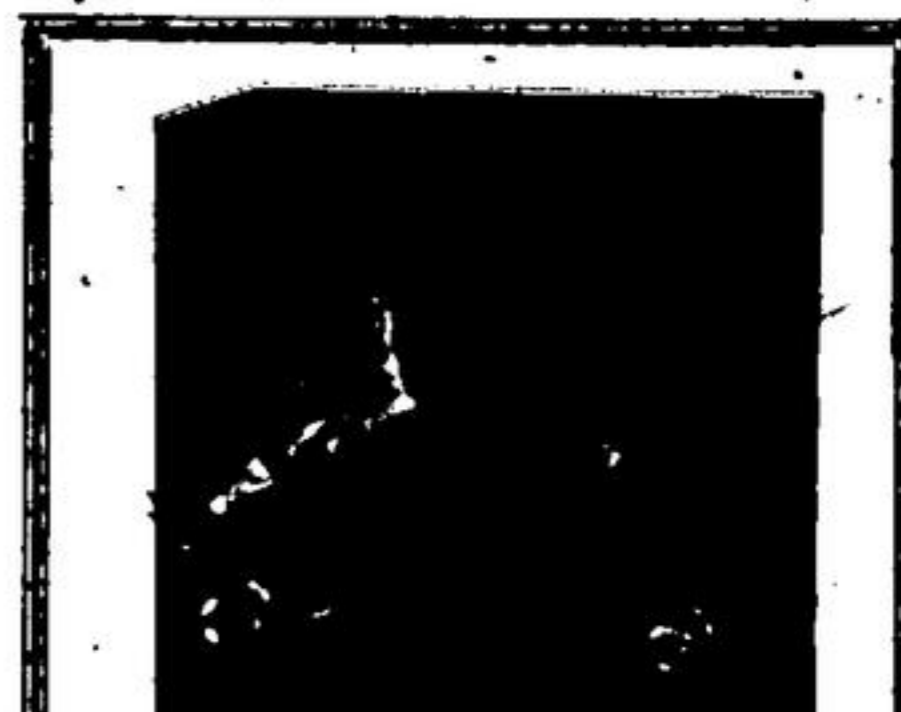
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