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GOOD NEWS! CHRIST IS IN CHRISTMAS

By Dr. Harold Hayward

Christmas Day is a celebration which has stood the test of time for 2000 years. Surely it must have real significance, and it deserves an honest search for its meaning.

What is Christmas? It looks like an easy question to answer. Who doesn't know what Christmas is - it's Santa Claus and lights - it's mistletoe and stockings on the mantle it's doll babies, electric trains and cowboy suits. It's a Christmas tree in the corner and underneath piles of presents for everyone. It's the family home from school or afar, and roast turkey and plum pudding and all the trimmings-and a touch of indiges tion. It's Christmas cantatas and caroling by the choirs of the churchs and decorations everywhere.

Yet - when you turn to St.Luke, second chapter, you find the one event - that actually made Christmasis something else. You find a man and a woman on their way to pay taxes there's nothing new in that. You find a man and a woman going to a hotel and finding no room - there's nothing new in that. And you find a woman giving birth to a child, and there's nothing new in that. But -as you read you do find that something new has been added. You find angels, and angels are not everyday affairs. Moreover, you find an angel talking about Good News.

We are so accustomed to getting and expecting bad news that even the announcement of Good News is worth stopping to consider. The GOOD NEWS is that the little Baby, born in a stable, is the answer to all prayers and hopes. The angel of Good News is joined by a whole choir of angels singing, "Glory to God in the Highest and peace on earth to men of good will".

Christmas is angels announcing that something new has been added; it is heaven coming down to earth; it is the Word made flesh and coming to dwell among us; it is the Divine bursting in on the human. Christmas is more than holly wreaths and Christmas trees, presents and parties. It is the GOOD NEWS that God is on earth with His people - -Immanuel - - - "God with us".

Christmas is not only God coming into human affairs - it is His power transforming us when we receive the gift of the Christ Child. It is His Guidance, His Strength, His Cour age, and His Wisdom coming to us as we live in His Spirit.

In the rush of Christmas preparations, pause a moment, look up into the skies, and hear again the angel voices "Unto you a Saviour is Born, who is Christ, the Lord".

THIS IS THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

The Santa Susana Chapter of the DAR met Monday, December 16, at the home of Mrs. Robert Boggis. Following a routine business meeting the members enjoyed a gift exchange. The Christmas motif was

uwed in the decorations and were also the theme for the dainty refreshments served

by the hostess.

CHATSWORTH didn't do so well this year on our Community Chest giving. We know that more and more working people are expected to give where they work and to their capacity which makes it difficult for home people to contribute very much. Nevertheless, we did what we could, and thanks go out to everyone who helped carry the load by lifting the burdent of sorrow and need.

WE MISS not hearing about any activity at Twin Lakes for their annual community Christmas Party. Aren't you going to have one??

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson and daughter have moved back to Chats. from Lancaster.

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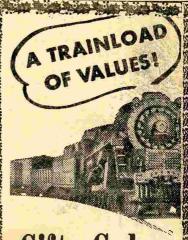
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PAUL RUFF, 10621 Variel Ave., has immense bandages on both hands. While on duty at the fire station in Van Nuys Sunday morning he attempted to open a window that was stuck tight from outside paint, and in pushing upwards, the glass broke, cutting both hand San Jose. Financial success of severely. He is not able to be on duty, or even to do much work at home until his hands heal.

MRS. CARMICHAEL of Twin Lakes is stolidly enduring a siege of inactivity. For eleven weeks she lay in traction at home for a ruptured disc in her spine, and three weeks following an operation at Northridge Hospital, and it will be upwards of two more months before she is completely well again.

RETRACTION: Mrs. Kate Sheridan is not going to be a motherin-law after all -- no engagement between Frosty and Debby.

The RUBE AHLSTROM household on Topanga MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR a gala Christmas Eve when the family gathers around with the arrival last Sunday night of their son Arthur from Okinawa (morenext column)

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who was able to wrangle a 30-day leave from his duties overseas.

Northridge-Chatsworth 4-H CLUB will have a Christmas Party for all the members Friday night at 7:30 at the home of the leaders, Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Maybin on the Smorgasbord dinner held last week was due to the fine efforts of Chairman Laurie Bowman.

Harry Maybin, who has had several years experience with horses, gave a very interesting demonstration on them. Lynn Mac Lean and her partner Dean Lamb did a clever demonstration on Food Preparation. Mrs. Hubert Lamb is the Project Leader.

Rev. VALDEZ, radio minister of Angelus Temple over KFSG will be the guest speaker at the 11:00 a. m. service of the FourSquare Church Sunday. Valdez speaks on Wed. andSat. at: 7:45; Sun. at 3:00.

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and re freshme intenjed, and all ethir th-gr day girls rece indegits from their iefred s. On Friday afternoon Mr s. HalrASBURL had a party for her son, Sparkyn, his of his littleefud smea birthday. Several to enjoy the games and refreselents and bring their birthda y tok ens tarsoy. The: 12t h bhdamav er sary of Ri us ty EW ALT wasslabed S aturday the 15 th, the day before his actual birthday. Henry Ditto, Larry Todd, Anstr Davidson, Gregory Harris, and Rusty's brothers Lloyd and Kelly Joe, joined in the party. Outdoor games, refreshments, favors, and gifts for the guest of honor made a happy afternoon. A family DINNER PARTY at the home of the LAURITZEN's on December 12 celebrated not only the 11th birthdayofthe twins, Conrad and Maynard, but was also the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary of their Mom and Dad!! Congratulations to one and all!

were Halley LAURITZEN, Alice KLINE, and Nancy Newman. Games were played

Ed IVERSON will show one of his famous films "The Birth of the Saviour" next Sunday night at the Community Methodist

Church at 7:30 p.m. Dale Evans Rogers will be the guest speaker, testifying to the power and saving grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift."

2 Cor. 9:15 ***** *** ** ** * * * *

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nd 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 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.

Luke 2:12-16

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SET MEETINGS

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W.S.C.S. Board: 2nd Wed. 10 a.m. W.S.C.S. General:3rd Wed. 10 a.m. All Commissions: 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wed. Official Board: 8:30 p.m. 2nd Wed. Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. Thurs. Prayer Group: 9:30 a.m. Tues.

CHATSWORTH LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Roy McKaughar (Available for counselling on Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m.)

Won't you resolve to make Xmas Christmas this year?

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10025 DeSoto Avenue Rev. Charles T. Hughes, Pastor 20713 Parthenia, Canoga Park Home: DI 8-4 996 Off.: DI 8-6552 SUNDAY SERVICES

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On the night of Tuesday, December 11. Aldena Allen was hostess to a baby shower for Loretta

by Glenna Schrader DI 8-3079

Carr, and those who attended were Edna Carter, Joyce Turner, Edith, Bessie and Beverly Vaughn, Dorothy Allen, Bernice Gill, Agnes Hunter, Marion Gurley, Mrs. Cranford, Mrs. Fred Strange, Lois Hill, Marie Holmes. and Della Belkowski. Just got word that Loretta had a girl two nights later, Dec. 13, born at the Ventura County Hospital. Just a word of warning to those who may be putting their mail in the public drop box by the store -- cards that were put in there to be picked up by the mail man were found an hour later

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LaRoy and Maxine Briggs have had a house guest for several days, Maxine's sise ter, Bess Engquist e and 8-month old dau &-(continued on page 12)

A fire that might have caused considerable damage was discovered by a neighbor Monday about 7:00 a.m. in the chicken units at the GEORGE CRUSE ranch. With the help of the family and neighbors who busily poured water on the flames, the fire was extinguished before the fire department arrived. It is believed that the conflagration was started by a short in the charger of a new electric feeder which had just been purchased. Damage was estimated at about \$100, and is covered by insurance. However, had the fire not been discovered when it was, damage could have been much more serious. Fortunately the chickens were not harmed, as the fire was extinguished before it reached the units where the chickens were.

The three Wise Men sought and worshipped Christ -- which proves that they Were wise men!! You, too, may hear theangels' song-- if you tune in!!

Glory", presented by the Community Methodist Church choir last Sunday evening, was thought by many to be the best ever given. A large and inspired audience was present for the rendition. In addition to the fine chorus numbers, solos were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Don Lilja, and Mrs. Lilja and Will Dursteler sang a duet. Other members are Mmes. Larry Wells, Gordon Watts, Don Paul; Misses Charleen Janess, Virginia Kimble, Jeannette Kimble, Carla Rae Schoonhoven, Linda and Cheryl Rogers, Marian Fleming, Virginia Ruff, Linda McMillen, Carol Johnson, and Ida Dursteler, Walter Erickson, Jim Roesch, Eugene Bernhard, and Chas, Johnson, Director, Wm. Little: Organist Katharine Johnson.

The Cantata, "The Christmas

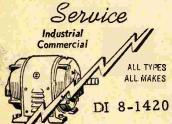
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This personnel will be installed into office at the Installation Dinner January 8 at Chatswroth Center by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, our mayors, at which time Warren Dorn, County Supervisor, will be the principal speaker, and Black Jack O'Shea, our Honorary Sheriff, will be Master of Ceremonies. Reservations may be made at \$5.00 per plate; a dinner of exceptional quality is guaranteed and a program of artictic talent is planned. JOHN SAARI of Twin Lakes returned home on the 6th from a month's successful hunting trip in Michigan where he bagged a 200# deer, and was in plenty of snow.

The AMERICA No. IF CION has done it again -- by dishering in the Holiday Season with another outstanding party, with the help

of many contributors, for our youngsters. Santa Claus was there in all his pyfu l aura with gifts, ice cream, candy and entertaining talent from Leslie's School of the Dance. Thank you, American Legion! AL FRAZIER, Times Dealer of 10216 De-Soto, has moved to Canoga Park: 7438 Kelvin, DI 0-0960 -so... if you owe him any money, - - - -

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with pieces of driftwood sprayed in white, surrounded with red berries. Red candles and other colorful Christmas motifs added their festive touch. Hostesses for the delicious breakfast were Mrs. John Carmichael, general chairman; Mrs. G.K. Baile and Mrs. Guy Clarke, assisting co-chairmen; and Mmes. Annette Hughes, C.E. Avey, Chatmaine Ruiz, Ray L. Johnson, Jr., Leslie Hadley, Minnie Lanahan, Leo Saal, Reid Bogert, J.C. Martin, and Al Brain, Past Presidents, were table hostesses.

The President, Mrs. Kate Sheridan, graciously presided and gave her Christmas greetings. Grace was offered by Rev. James Murray of the St. Martin's Episcopal Church, and all joined in a community sing of Christmas cargle. The PTA Womans Club Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Scott Bradle ynderia ist Mrs. Hubert Lamb presente d'three Christmas numbers. Mrs. Frank Miller, Jr. Past Pres. of the C. P. Womans Club, gave a reading of the "Littlest Angel" that will linger long in the hearts of the listeners. A gift donation of over \$40 was given for gifts for hospitalized veterans besides many gift packages for the men's ward at the Olive View Sanitarium. Ralph Holmes, local artist, was special guest.

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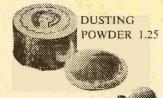
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'(Chats. Lake cont. from pg. 8)
ter Debra, Maxine had not seen her
sister for four years, but Bess and
her husband Bill have been transferred from Salmon, Idaho, to
Long Beach, with the telephone
company there. So it looks like
they'll be seeing more of each
other.

Emily'Trinastich has lert for kansas City to be gone for a couple of months, visiting her sons and their families.

The Christmas meeting of the Hobby Clubat Mary Baumgardner's on the 11th was expecially lovely. Her table setting was beautiful and there was a gift exchange. Member Beulah Huppert surprised them with a colorful crocheted

potholder for each one Louise
Harker played her uke and sang
Christmas Carols and other old
favorites with some of the members joining her. Special mention should be given to Mary's
husband, Owen, who washed all
the dishes for that crowd.
Pat Schrader has a ticket for
the Princess for a Day show on
Christmas!

ED BURGETT of Owensmouth Avenue was operated on last Monday. Following his two motorcycle accidents Ed has not regained the unhampered use of his limbs as well as has been hoped for, and has had continued treatment on hiswrist since last July. This time willbeinacast6months!

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