

## EDITORIAL PAGE THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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The Immortal Story

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8 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galiles, out of the city of Nazareth, who his was, who the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because is was of the house and lineage of David.)

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

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

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him is weading clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the sim.

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

8 And, b, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of its Lord shome round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the ones said unto them, Fear, not: for, behold, I bring you send tickings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you to born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped se swooding clothes, lying in a manger.

12 And this shall be a sign anto you; I e man jina the wine mapper weedling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the weely host praising God, and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward

-St. Luke, 2; 1-14

### Greetings On This Day

The priceless quality of Christmas, as everybody knows. Is the warmth of testing it discloses. The crust in which man encases himself, for reticence or case other reason, is seldom prior against the magic radiance of cordinality and man disclosed fellowship which abounds on this great day, and man appears, for the cose, to be what he wery likely has been, in reality, all slong—a cordial, responses, to the

seed reliowably which abounds on this great day, and man appears, for the sees, to be what he very likely has been, in reality, all along—a cordial, responsive creature.

Over the whole range of human ites and relations, this same spirit plays, transpers become acquaintances, acquaintances become friends, friends become setter friends, and family feeling is intensified to the point where it calls for the expression and demonstration of affection which may have been too much askes for granted.

That, specifically—the expression of a regard which may but shouldn't have a be taken for granted—is what prompts these Christmas greetings on behalf of the flees, we should like to be explicit.

There sees three large groups of people on whose good will and good wishes the flees relies the years around, whom it serves and is served by, and with those it gripps relations so pleasant that they deserve acknowledgment. The trait of these groups is the most numerous.

Readers of The News are far more to us then names in a book. They are the present which is the state of the server of the relationship as we conceive it. They must, before we have discharged our responsibility and realised our opportunity, come to feel a sort of proprietorship over it, to readers of The News, this meant to be, an honest, electr, good-humored, high-principled messages which conceives its obligation to be that of rendering his greatest possible service to the people of the city and state and region in which it is plantaged in the relationship of the News, Christmas Greetings!

Another group light up to our acheeme of things is our advertisers. We are sweed with their patronage, and good will, and in turn are diligently engendering patronage and good will in their behalf among our readers. Business constants in the relationship of the News and its advertisers, yet it is characterised, too, by many personal friendships and acquaintances runting back two scores of years and more.

To resee a destreate of these valuant men will be uppermost in all our

To these and to all, for the 57th time on behalf of *The News*, it is our pleas-te to say, "Merry Christmas."

W. C. Dowd Jr. J. E. Dowd

#### The Tangled Christmas Legend

We man know the origin of this day. It is lest in the dead and forgotten smittless, and its story is a tangled skein that winds through all the life of mankind on earth. For Christmas, though it commemorates the birth of Jesus and supresses the immortal hope of the Christian world, has its roots in paganism, and was nourished by heathen primitives who were dust centuries before the child was born in the Bethlehem manger.

When the fathers of the Church beheld the Manichean celebrating the britis of the Saviour in some manner they disapproved, they declared a feast sky themselves. In the fourth century, Christmas was born. But it was not until 100 years later that the western Church ordered that it be celebrated forever in the 28th day of December, which was the day of the old Roman feast dedicated to the birth of Sol-because no certain knowledge of the day of the birth of Christ existed.

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sectionted to the birth of Sol—because no certain knowledge of the day of the birth of Christ existed.

Nor was this the only incorporation of extraneous legand into Christmas custom. The story winds back to the primitive days of the Huns and Ceits. In their rude huts these warriors celebrated the Winter solistice with their festival of Yule, commemorating the return of the burning-wheel. And the holty, mistle-size, Yule log and wassall bowl are ancient relies of pre-Christian days.

The Christmas tree itself is an ornment of antiquity. It has been traced back to the Romans, and is thought to have been introduced into Britain by the Sermans. The giving of Christmas it is sours through custom of the ages, lawing originated in early times before the coming of urganized commerce—when it was unaccompanied by the mad scramble of our times. The exchange of friendly greetings of the season by Christmas cards is a modern twist. It had its beginning about 1890, and has flouristed mightily.

By all of these things, by the blessings of Christian tradition, by the curtous happenstance of history and legand, we have the modern Christmas. In the United States, where we rejoice in blending together the customs of the world siate common usage, the whole great hodge-podge has been fused to make a session, a day, a sacred time of deep meaning. The history of Christmas, in ne limited sense, is a history of man's time on earth.

Congress At Prayer

DETERMAL GOD, Lord of the far-fluor palled line, in whose almighty Hand are destilled to of mankind; We yield Then any thanks for each forward step vouchation our armed forces, beseching These to dispose the issues in this conflict, that recursity and her allies may prese on threatly, toward the final goal of Thine own

sty toward the final goal of Thine own terms. The July Splitt to our leaders, at largy may lead us where Thou wouldst we say to go. Es with all who have gone is to go. Es with all who have gone sin that the service of our country, an everaged help is time of damper, and a strong work sealths at discorptation. First I have seen the service of our country, an everage work sealths at least place of the country of the large work sealths and compared to the least of dear ones. As the local of dear ones. As the local of dear ones. As the local dear the large work of the large work of the large work of the large work of the large of Bettakens as brothers as the Santon Country Language of the Residual Santon and S

ALMIGHTY GOD, we invoke Thy blessing, praying in all simplicity and sincerity that our hearts may be lifted to a clearer valon of Thy will and innered with determine the transport of the transp

# He Belongs To All Mankind

Still The Prayer The World Needs

Peace On Earth - Good Will To Men

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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away from us, for He is 'surfa.

Stained glass windows and said of brick and stone cannot hold Him, and they cannot hold Him. and they cannot hold Him. Be came to hold will have to be spilled down through the centrale before His dream of world peace comes true. But we shall light on, and we shall travel in the Western Light with the control of the c

# "Her shift ends at the next stop—and who'd ever thought we'd see the day when we regulated our language by shifts!"

**Everyday Counselor** 

By Herbert Spaugh, D.D.

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# The Lost Paper

By Samuel Grafton

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· By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

In a great many American homes today, the thoughts
of all will go out to those who are in the distant
places of the earth contending with a savage enemy
and with the unrelenting elements. We will be this
and with the unrelenting elements, we will be this
really and yet counting, we hope, for so much in
that they will recall a happier past.

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To facilitate the task, it was necessary to build WASHINGTON

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As a proud, rich country, we would not have it
any other way. It is little enough, we think, to do
for those who are giving so very much.

Net perhaps we might give more. We might give more of taith and conviction and understanding. Of course, there is no lack of love for the individual-love and longing. But sometimes it must seem that we give without giving enough of ourselvess. The gift without the giver is hare." In the understanding of what the orderd means, in appreciation of its magnitude of the special contributed to our understanding of selection of the special contributed to our understanding by his reports—in simple, human terms—of the meaning of battle and sudden death. Those who were fortunate enough it was soft out in the pre-Christmas rush, can read it with great profit.

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