

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

### On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men

AND IT came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.)

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

his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galliee,
out of the city of Navareth into Judea,
unto the City of David, which is called
Bethlehem Geocuse he was of the house
and lineage of David).

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

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

And she brought forth her first-born son, and vrapped him in svaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country hepherds abiding in the field, keeping eatch over their flocks by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Lord.

And 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.

—St. Luke 2:1-14.

### Merry Christmas, A Happy New Year

ON THIS one day of the year the pub-lisher of The Charlotte News is allow-ed the freedom of the editorial page, charged, however, not with speaking for himself, but for The Charlotte News, the

himself, but for The Charlotte News, the newspaper, the institution. In all the 59 years of The Charlotte News, only four men have served it as publisher. They were the late Wade H. Harris, the late William Carey Dowd, his on W. Carey Dowd Jr., a select company which the undersigned is privileged to follow. And it undersigned is privileged to follow. And it ture of The News that in all this time it is the newspaper, not its managers, which

is representative of the institutional matture of The Nesse that in all this time it is
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has achieved continuity. It is the vehicle
has achieved continuity, at is the vehicle
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have expressed themselves and their
apprations for the community and the region they sought to serve.
And at Christmas times past, as now,
each of them in turn has recognized, his
great obligation in the fullifiment of these
purposes to three groups of benefactors,
without which no newspaper could exist,
and to express to these groups the cordial
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without of the season. The most numerous
of these groups comprises readers of The
News, on whose favor the success of the
paper depends. They are in our thoughts
constantly. It is they whose approval we
seek, and while we are not at all disastisfred with their quantity or their quality, it
was a great satisfaction that during the
year about to close we added considerably year about to close we added considerably to their number. To those readers, old

Happy New Year

and new, we say Merry Christmas and a
flappy New Year.

The second of the groups is that of The
Were advertisers, the Individuals and the
establishments that make up the business
community. We are, and one may lay to it,
in daily association with those in this
group, servicing their val used accounts,
guickening the flow of the stream of commerce that sustains us all, and in cooperation with each other enhancing the
economic importance of city and region.
For the patronage of these efvertisers, we
are grazeful, and beyoners.

Lastly and specially, it is the employees
of The News, the men and women who in
reality are The News, that are due the
warmest personal wishes. Linked by ites
of long standing and constant loyalty with
the newspaper, their loyalty, dilleence and
intelligence are the priceless ingredient
that makes the newspaper, different
that makes the newspaper, they are the
indispensables. From department heads
to newspaper carrier boys, they are the
decendables. For them the wish that they
will entoy in full measure, unstinted, as
they have contributed.

To these, and to all, for the 58th time on
behalf of The Charlotte News. It is a pleasure to jear, Merry Christimas and a happy
New Year:

Thomps L. Robinson.

Thomas L. Robinson,

#### Spirit That Will Save The World

CHRISTMAS came early to America this year. Months ago we mailed gitts to relatives and friends in Tokyo. Shanghai, Cairo, Moscow, Athens, Bertin, London, Rome and other foreign. places where years we have been sending abroad an increasing flow of money, food and other supplies in care of nearly seventy private relief agencies. Shiploads of American scools from Friendship Train are crossing, the ocean. Our fund-raising campaigns and contributions for the needy at home have gone a head without interruption, while we have responded generously to the call to share with others around the world.

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call to share with others around the world. Winter aid to Europe has been voted by Congress and America now is preparing to introduce the Christmas spirit in international politics on an unprecedented scale with the Marshall Plan. Spine critics of this \$17-billion spending program say that we will do well if we get any do uur money back. They say it makes America play the role of a global Sants: Claus and they think the Christmas spirit can be carried too far.

too far.

For the 2,000 years since the Saviour walked the earth, statesmen and nations have been trying unsuccessfully to get along on the practical plan which calls for observance of Christmas only one day in each year. They have never understood the economics of Christma charity under which the giver is enriched, just as they have never learned the secret of decrease in turning the other cheefer for the property of salvation which was taught by the Son

misery, to say nothing of national debtaIn 1947 A.D., the people still are greatly
troubled because there are some among
them who are men of little faith and little
hope, who have the power to direct nations and who are not yet ready to admit
that love and charly are our only protection. The people see that there are mannspirit Ma. not reached, where men still
hate and fight. They are aware that perhans in no other time except the recent
war years has the world been in greater
distress. Yet they know that this does not
mean that good is in flight and that evil
is about to triumb. They realize that this
immense disturbance has been produced
by the fact that good is challenging will
everywhere as it has never been challengdefore, and this is the climacile phase
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The outbouring of generosity from America this year is a grand demonstration of the revival that is under way. It speaks louder than all the actions and statements of our official representatives combined. It offers the surest evidence that America will oriers the surest evidence that America will fulfill her destiny as a great Christian na-tion and that we know the one way to create an order of justice and peace on earth.

# Little Virginia's Faith Survives

myth"; their little nervous systems cannot endure the disillusionment of discovering that the jolly old elf really doesn't glide through the air behind his eight dashing

through the air behind his eight' dashing reindeer.

We cannot recall that our childhood was unduly disturbed when, in our youthful pragmatism, we discovered the fatuous logic of the "Santa Claus with" by examining the dimensions of the roof and living room fireplace. That the broad-pirthed old gentleman could not possibly hitch his team on the gable housetop, and could not squeeze through the chimney did not seem to be of material significance then, nor does it now; indeed, the passing years have not diminished the keen anticipation and joy with which we bound from our bed on Christmas morn.

The most satisfying answer to any skep-

CONSISTENT with their attempt to explain the major neuroses of the human personality as stemming from childhood traumas and frustrations, settlement of the state of the property of the state of

make glad the hearts of childhood."

Little Virginia has grown up now, and she recently told Associated Press Reporter Hall Boyle that she still believes in Santa Ciaus as much as when she wrote to 77e Sun fifty years ago. "Both children and grown-ups in the disturbed modern world need to renew their simple faith in what to isolate children in a world of make-benieve, but with conditions as they are, any small happiness that can be provided to small happiness that can be provided when the spirit of giving." Salate Claims with the spirit of giving." and Virginia, now Mrs. Edward Douglas, principal of a Manhattan school.



#### Legend Of Santa Claus

# The Spirit Of St. Nicholas

"Let" us 'start at the beginning, soma Ciasas 's suggested. "Tell me something about where you suggested. "Tell me something about where you have been in Europe—In Holland, to be exact."

"T was born in Europe—In Holland, to be exact."

"I was born in Europe—In Holland, to be exact."

I sanded in New York, but that city was then earlied New Amsterdam after the Dutch settlers who the many and the mean of the properties of t

"Oh! I see!" I began. "The Good Bishop was the first person to invent the custom of giving pres-ents to children at Christmas time."

sto children at Christmas time.

That is the fact, 'replied Santa Claus.

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#### People's Platform

Get Ready For Deflation

#### Quote, Unquote

#### Samuel Grafton

## Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS to the classification of the

# Joseph Alsop

# The Zone Of War--2

not atheists.
THE MISTAKE OF WAR TIME

Here, of course, is another fa-which influences Soviet policy p ably more deeply than the p-makers' life experience of ruti-struggle, or their Marxist indo nation. The decisions of the P

Anything that challenges the truth is heretical and sinful. Thus the Polithuro may promulgate a new party line for reasons of pure cynical expediency. But an echoing, answering roar, confirming this

# Drew Pearson's: French Capital Cold, Hungry, Discouraged

#### Much To Worry About

It's Cold, Too
WHEN you go into a French house, you wonder at first why
W people keep on their overcoats. After a few minutes
you understand why and put yours back on again.
There's no coal. The Emits of the "rebuild Germany as a
buffer" boys in the U. S. State Department—are using the
Ruhr coal them ers. And John L. Lewis has sent the price
of coal up so h at the French early afford buy from its.
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For Friendship