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Star of Wonder . . .

This week's guest editorial was written by Raymond C. Terry, pastor of the A. & M. College Methodist Church.—Ed. Note.)

In the Babe of Bethlehem God took his place among his people that through the sharing of their joys and sorrows they might come to know Him as their Father. As no other, the story of the birth and of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ stirs the heart of humanity. The story has been told more than any other, yet it retains its charm and meaning in the experiences of life. Men tell it in all lands, and joy over it as if it were an event of yesterday. It is new at every Christmas, and to-day the whole world lays aside its cares and its labors to listen to it once again.

God announced the birth of Christ by a star and a song. The Wise Men needed the light of the Heavenly Star, the Shepherds needed the Heavenly Song to point the way to the Christ. Through the ages Christ has been singing songs to men and lighting stars for men, that they may know the truth.

Whether one may be classed with the Wise Men or with the Shepherds; whether one sees a Heavenly Star or hears a Heavenly Song; whether one travels a long road or a short one, does not matter so much. The thing that really counts is to find Him to whom the Song and the Star leads; and upon finding, to work together with Him in the fulfilling of Life's purposes. The announcement of God through the Angels' song, is now as it was in the long ago, "Peace on earth, good will among men". The song was and is a proclamation, not of an established fact, but of a condition for which the minds and hearts of men hunger, for which the souls of men pray, and for which the energies and powers of the life of every man may be dedicated. "Peace on earth, good will among men" is dependent upon the ever widening influence of the Love that came down at Christmas. Now Christmas has come once again to say—"Because God counts us worthy, the task of widening the influence of the Love has been placed in your hands and mine. The deepest and noblest in each of our characters answers back—"I will do my utmost to make the Love of God known in my community."

May heaven's best blessings be unto you and yours! May you here and now, know the satisfying peace of the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant!" May the cause to which you devote your life prosper under your hand! May God's grace abound to you, always and always!

T. R. Timm Rejoins Extension Service

Tyrus R. Timm today resumes his position as economist in farm management on the headquarters staff of the A. and M. College Extension Service after 11 months leave of absence at Washington. While in the national capital he served as agricultural relations adviser to Administrator Chester Bowles of the Office of Price Administration.

This was Mr. Timm's second stretch of emergency wartime service at Washington. From March until November, 1944, he served with the Office of Price Administration as consultant and agricultural economist. At the first of this year Administrator Bowles requested him to return and take over the duties relinquished by H. H. Williamson, former director of the Texas Extension Service, who had been appointed assistant director of the Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In his capacity as agricultural relations adviser, Mr. Timm directed that work at eight regional offices and in more than 60 OPA districts. His efforts were directed toward creating a clearer understanding and appreciating among farm and ranch people of OPA policies and procedures, and establishing greater familiarity among OPA personnel of problems peculiar to agriculture caused by price control.

Native of Lavaca County, Mr. Timm joined the Extension specialist staff in 1938 after serving as assistant professor of agricultural economics and Extension Service economist at New Mexico State College.

He was graduated at the A. and M. College of Texas in 1934 with the B. S. degree in agricultural administration, and later obtained the master's degree with honors in agricultural economics. He has done post graduate work on a doctor's degree at Iowa State and Texas A. and M. College.

Gilchrist to Receive Honorary Law Degree

President Gibb Gilchrist of Texas A&M College has been selected to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Southwestern University at the annual commencement next spring.

A former student of Southwestern, President Gilchrist also did work at the University of Texas and Austin College. Before his election as president of the college he served as Dean of its School of Engineering.

Extension Work Veteran Passes At Local Clinic

Thomas Bennett Wood, veteran Extension Service agent, passed away at a local hospital Thursday morning at 4:30 o'clock. Born on September 21, 1874, in Rusk county he was 71 years of age, and had been a resident of Bryan for 28 years. Mr. Wood is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Clara Wood Wallace of Houston and Mrs. Sybil Wood Wallace of Bryan; one grandson, Emmette Wallace, Jr., U. S. Army, stationed at Amarillo; one sister, Mrs. R. W. Williams of Mount Enterprise, and one brother, F. J. Wood of Houston. (See EXTENSION, Page 6)

Christmas Hits A&M With Its Full Force Before the Holidays

The Christmas Spirit has truly pervaded the A&M campus. The most noticeable time is after Taps each night when the freshmen fall out in the warmest clothes that they can find and serenade the upperclassmen with songs of the season ranging from a boisterous "Jingle Bells" through a soft rendition of "Silent Night". One of the most popular songs isn't a carol, however. A lot of Aggies are partial to "White Christmas". They do not necessarily want snow on the ground that day, but it seems to have a little something of home in it.

Decorations are also very evident around the dormitories. They range all the way from the well-wishing sign on the Band dorm to decorations in the halls of every outfit, consisting of crepe paper, holly, moss, and trees. Several windows are brightly decorated with candles and "Merry Christmas" by their owners.

Last, but not least, the parties of each outfit will be going on all week in the dormitories. There is an exchange of gifts, a play or two, and soft drinks and cookies, as a general rule at each one.

All of this is just preliminary to the great exodus which will start about Friday noon and continue till Saturday night. Aggies will be heading all over the nation and out of it. Men are going to New York, Chicago, Washington, Los Angeles, Mexico, and even farther . . . but it matters not how far away it is, we'll still be home.

College Community Chest Campaign Goes Over Top of Budget Goal by \$650

The college Community Chest Campaign has "gone over the top" by \$650, a total of \$8,900 having been collected, Dr. R. W. Steen, College Station community chest chairman said today. This year's budget goal had been set at \$8,250.

Payments are now starting to be made to the various organizations for the amounts set up by the community chest committee, he stated.

Contributions received from the A. & M. College departments and organizations at College Station were listed by Dr. Steen as follows:

Main College, \$4,721; Agricultural Experiment Station, \$1,385; Extension Service, \$1,168; Engineering Experiment Station, \$144; Texas Forest Service, \$103; Consolidated School, \$104; College Station Business men, \$1, 151; AAA, \$87.

A few miscellaneous contributions which have been promised will bring the total collections to \$8,900, Dr. Steen said.

The College Community Chest has made no contribution to the Bryan Community Chest, he stated. Both organizations set up their

individual budgets based on the allotments to be made to participating agencies. The College Community Chest is now starting to make their allotments to these organizations, Dr. Steen reported.

The budget approved by the College Station Community Chest for this on which allotments are now being made follows:

Bryan & Brazos County Chamber of Commerce, \$900; A. & M. Consolidated School Mothers Club, \$200; Brazos County Boy Scouts, \$1,100; Brazos County Girl Scouts, \$800; County hospitalization, \$600; Local charity at College Station, \$100; Salvation Army, \$100; Crippled children's fund, \$150; Tubercular fund, \$100; Red Cross war fund, \$3,600; National service fund, \$1,000; Hi-Y organization, \$30; Student service fund, \$250; Contingency for emergency expenditures, \$200. Total, \$9,130. A total of \$928 unexpended from last year was applied to this year's budget.

Dr. Steen said that the community chest committee appreciated the response of all those who worked on and contributed to this year's program.

Cub Scouts Will Have Party Tonight

Cub Scouts in the Bryan and College Station vicinity will start their Christmas celebrating early this year, when the district activities committee, led by Lloyd D. Smith, holds its annual party for the Cubs at the Country Club Thursday night. About 100 Cubs will assemble for the evening's fun at 7:00.

W. L. Penberthy has charge of activities at the party, and has made the statement that there is a better than even chance that Santa Claus will show up before the evening is done.

The committee has asked all Cub leaders to be its guests for the occasion. At College Station the Cubmaster is J. P. Alvin Zeller and Mrs. H. L. Heaton, Mrs. Tommy Terrell, and Mrs. Tad Moses are Den Mothers. Jesse McGee and Leon Hayes have served as Cub leaders in Bryan, while the Bryan Den Mothers are Mrs. H. N. Yardley, Mrs. Lee Moore, Mrs. W. D. Wilkerson, and Mrs. Jesse McGee.

Mr. Smith added, "Den Mothers are encouraged to invite any prospective Cubs they may find in the neighborhood."

Wichita Falls Club Plans Yule Party

The Wichita Falls A&M Club met Wednesday evening in the Academic building; Gerald Hodges, president, presided at the meeting.

Plans and arrangements for the banquet and dance, honoring all the Aggies in the area during the Christmas festivities were discussed. The affair is to be at the Country Club of Wichita Falls, December 24, at 6:30. The program, decorations, and other arrangements are under the chairmanship of Gerald Hodges, and Bob Gowdy, who is the secretary and treasurer of the club.

NOTICE

The draft board will be closed for the Christmas holidays on December 24 and 25th, and on December 31st and Jan. 1, 1946.

It will be open all day Saturday, December 29th, and January 5th, 1946.

Men becoming 18 years of age on any of the above holidays, will register on first day the office is open following.

R. B. Grant, Clerk.

Aggies At McCloskey Get Gifts

The wounded and injured Aggies at McCloskey General Hospital at Temple will not be forgotten this Christmas even though eight of them cannot go home. The other 59 Aggies will be able to see their peacetime Christmas at home. These are the ambulatory patients who have been able to attend the football games on Kyle Field this last season.

The eight bed-patients have each received, through the Brazos County A&M Club, a maroon muffler with "Texas Aggies" and the seal of the college in white, plus a Zip-poc windproof cigarette lighter which has the seal of the college in silver on it.

All 67 men were given a pictorial booklet of the college as an added gift from George McCulloch. The mufflers were purchased at the Exchange Store, and the lighters were obtained at the A. M. Wal-drop and Company.

This gesture of the club was arranged by a special committee consisting of M. T. Harrington, '22; C. E. Sandstedt, '23; P. L. Downs, Jr., '06; and F. W. Hensel, '07. Mr. Hensel, who has been on a leave of absence from the Landscape Art Department to work on the grounds at the hospital, took the presents up Tuesday to distribute them.

Cotton Ball and Style Show Will Be Held Again

The Student Agronomy Society has announced that the annual Cotton Ball and Style Show will again be held April 12. This is the first year since 1941 that the ball has been held, and plans are being made to present a ball that will equal those given in former years.

Several of the larger clothing stores will be represented in the Style Show. The stores will furnish both dresses and models.

Plans for the Ball and Style Show are not complete as yet, but committees are already working on it, and the stores are being contacted to arrange for the dresses and models.

Plan to Light High School Football Field is Adopted as Kiwanis Project

The College Station Kiwanis Club "donned its long pants" in the words of Mayor Ernest Langford Tuesday, as it adopted a resolution authorizing directors to proceed with plans for lighting the football field of the A. & M. Consolidated High School.

Advantages of the proposal were pointed out by four speakers: Lloyd Smith, who spoke briefly on the effect of the plan in cementing relations with neighboring rural communities; R. L. Hunt, who pointed out the hazard of excessive student travel to football games in other towns; Frank Anderson, who called attention to the possibility of using the field in connection with City Recreation Program; and

M. L. Cashion, who stressed the possibility of increasing the spiritual life of the community by means of a central city playground.

Mayor Langford concluded the discussion by stating that the approximate cost of the installation would be \$3,000.00 and that the program could be financed through the club's treasury without the necessity of soliciting additional funds.

The motion to support the program was carried unanimously after President J. E. Breland announced that a committee had already been appointed by the Board of Directors to handle arrangements for the project.

Brazos County A&M Club Football Party Has Bricks and Bouquets

Brickbats and bouquets were tossed with reckless abandon Thursday night when the Brazos County A. & M. Club held its Christmas party honoring the 1945 Texas Aggie football team. Over 400 former students, their wives and invited guests, with over 100 gridsters, members of the coaching staff, and student leaders taxed the seating capacity of the banquet room at Sbsa Hall.

Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of the club's party committee, comprising J. D. Martin, Jr.; J. E. Roberts and Roy Garrett, and not only staging a successful event from an entertainment standpoint, but also for laying up a small financial surplus which is proposed to be set aside as a nestegg for the 1946 party.

Athletic Director Homer Norton suggested that the Brazos County A. & M. Club take over the annual "T" banquet at which football letters and awards are made and have one big party instead of the two events as has been the custom.

Coach Norton also took steps to rectify an unintentional oversight of 52 years. Football at the Texas A. & M. College has its beginning in 1893 and a member of the first team was Milton W. Sims, Brazos bottom plantation owner. In going over old records at the Athletic Department, Coach Norton discovered a "T" card never had been issued to Mr. Sims. He called Mr. Sims to the speakers' stand and presented him with the card, as authorized by the Athletic Council in a called meeting.

Music during the early portion of the program was furnished by the Aggeland Orchestra. A sing-

song led by Joe J. Woolket, with Mrs. Ford Munnerlyn at the piano, served to introduce some of the parties given special recognition.

Ford Munnerlyn was master of ceremonies. Herman Engel, manager of the Houston Fat Stock Show, played the role of Adolf Hitler, with interpretations by Dutch Hohn. Morris Frank, feature writer for the Houston Post, was impartial in displaying supposed vanities of football players and coaches.

Among student leaders present were Eli Barker of Wichita Falls, cadet colonel; Bob King, of Eastland, president of the senior class; Ed Brandt, sports editor for the Battalion, and Martin Vick of Conroe, head yell leader, and his three assistants. Closing number was the singing of "The Spirit of Aggeland," by the assembly, led by the yell leaders.

Canned Food Drive Is December 17-21

Brazos County citizens were urged today to get their donations in readiness for the Victory Collection of canned foods, to feed the hungry people of the world. The drive is scheduled December 17-21, and the office of County School Superintendent L. E. Pearson and offices of principals of Brazos County schools will serve as the county collection center.

On a national scale, the Community Canning Program for Overseas Relief is conducting the collection, and Governor Coke R. Stevenson has designated the Texas Council for Children as the sponsor of the program in this state. Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, A. and M. Extension Service specialist and member of the council, said today that all types and varieties of canned food will be accepted.

Vegetables, fruits, juices, meats, fish, soups and baby foods are particularly needed. She quoted Herbert H. Lehman, director-general of the United Nation Relief and Rehabilitation Administration who recently said: "We are racing against time to save hundreds of thousands of lives from starvation." UNRRA will serve as the distribution agency for food which is contributed.

Only food packed in tin can be accepted, since glass containers cannot be shipped overseas without breakage. This may be commercially canned food or food canned under supervision.

Churches, Boy Scouts, civic and women's clubs, 4-H and home demonstration club members and other groups have been asked to cooperate by Miss Jeanne Pinckney, Austin, Texas, chairman of the Victory Collection of Canned Foods. Many home demonstration clubs and canning centers already have set aside a percentage of their products for overseas relief, she said. Some shipments were made this fall.

Although the food will not be shipped until after the Christmas holidays, citizens were asked to send their donations to the county school superintendent's office as soon as possible. Grocers and merchants will be asked to contribute shipping containers for routing the food overseas.

