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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Once again people are responding to the spirit of Christmas, a season of joy that is linked with the observance of a precious religious event.

The happiness and cheer that permeates human hearts at this season and makes its presence evident everywhere is a product of an unselfish solicitude for the happiness of others and a somewhat spontaneous surge of the spirit of helpfulness.

Throughout the county there are many exhibitions of this commendable interest in other human beings. Baskets of food will be distributed to bring joy into homes where little mouths might otherwise be empty and hundreds of toys will be distributed to bring happiness into the hearts of little children who would otherwise be forgotten by Santa Claus the great saint of all childhood.

The STAR hopes that all of its readers will participate in the activities that center around Christmas and that they will share the blessings that come with such a good undertaking. Naturally, the children of the community look upon Christmas as a time of receiving gifts, but our adult population should find its greatest joy in the fine art of generous giving.

While most of our churches will celebrate Christmas as the natal day of Jesus Christ and stage some special program to commemorate that event, the spirit of Christmas is broad enough to include people of all religions and to extend even to those who profess to have none. Moreover, real Christmas will find opportunities to give expression to the best teachings of the founder of their faith by exhibiting a spirit of tolerance, based upon an abiding love of and for mankind.

It is too during the Christmas season that one's thoughts inevitably turn to the song of "Peace on Earth" associated with the angels of long ago. That the world is far from a realization of this happy augury must be admitted but that a spirit of peace is alive throughout the world is an omen of hope to which the eyes of men and women can turn with faith. Eventually, men and women will learn to dwell on the face of the earth in peace and, as individuals, each of us has an obligation to so conduct ourselves as to bring closer the day when peace shall live in all human hearts.

SEASONS

Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Childhood, Youth, Manhood and Old Age. How strikingly similar are the seasons to the stages in one's life!

In childhood, the springtime; life just beginning. Childish fancies flowering forth, like tiny plants peeping through the rich, warm soil.

Youth, the summertime; bringing adventure and the first lessons of adversity. Girding oneself with knowledge, tempered by experience; learning that life is becoming more serious. Plucking life's roses, along with the thorns.

Manhood and autumn. How quickly the years have passed. Temples are graying, just as the first frost tints the leaves of the trees. We have little time to pause and reflect, for we are caught in the whirl of the world. Ambition drives us on; there is so much to be done before winter comes. And we do so want to be comfortable in those declining years when the working tools of life must be laid aside. When new faces take our places and assume our once proud stride.

Old age—winter. Ambition has cooled. There is plenty of time for reflection now. How have we spent the seasons? What is the harvest? Do we find in our storehouse of labor the fruits of our endeavors, or is it just a barren vacancy of dissipated dreams?

Spring was beautiful. Summer was enjoyable. Autumn gave life color. Perhaps our harvest is disappointing and we are subjected to the cold of winter without the desired comforts; yet, a barren vacancy never exists in our storehouse—for there we can always find memories of the seasons; of the stages in life—stored by knowledge, mellowed by the years.

Just as grain becomes more golden in the glow of the sun, so should the recollection of the seasons become more precious when life's winter comes.

A DESERVING CAUSE

Following the close of the annual Red Cross roll call in which the citizens of Cecil county were most generous, comes the sale of Christmas seals which is now under way after several weeks of preparatory work on the part of those who have the campaign in charge in the county. Everyone is familiar with the little emblem of health which each year brings in thousands of dollars to fight the great white plague which for centuries has been a scourge to the human race. The work that has been done throughout the country from the sale of Christmas seals makes a record of which every citizen should be proud.

Shelly, Keats, Stevenson in the field of literature; Spinoza and John Locke in philosophy; Andrew Jackson and Thomas Benton in government; such generals as Grant and Napoleon Bonaparte; Christy Matthewson and Hughie Jennings in baseball; others whose names are household words, were sufferers from tuberculosis.

The disease enters the homes of the rich and the poor but it finds more victims among the poor, because their powers of resistance are lower and because their living conditions are such that the disease is really nourished in many instances.

When this work began in the United States twenty-nine years ago, tuberculosis was responsible for more deaths and sickness than any single cause. In 1904 when there were 475,000 fewer people living in Maryland than there are in it today, there were 2,915 deaths from tuberculosis, or 236 in each one hundred thousand population. Twenty years later, 1924, there were 1,847 deaths from the disease in Maryland, or 121 for each hundred thousand. Last year, 1935, the death rate was reduced to 79.4 per one-hundred thousand. The year 1935 showed a decided improvement, both in the State and county, as the number reported in Cecil county was eleven, five of the deaths occurring at the Perry Point hospital. From these figures it can be seen that the death rate in Cecil county has shown the same rapid decline that is recorded in other sections of the country. This is conclusive proof that the work of saving lives has been accomplished through the sale each year of the little Christmas seals.

Through the aid of the seals much work has been accomplished in Cecil county by the tuberculosis clinics conducted by the local Health Department. These clinics have been held at regular intervals and untold good has been accomplished. Treatments have been given to the stricken and many, who once faced the doom of the white plague, are now well on the road to recovery and health.

Among the outstanding health contributions of the Christmas seals to the State of Maryland is the Miracle House at Claiborne. Here each year hundreds of sickly and undernourished children are won back to health and put on the road of clean living and good habits. Aside from the great work at the Claiborne preventorium, proceeds from the sale of the seals also go to chest clinics, health education, medical research and industrial work, and all join most heroically in the battle against the Great White Plague. It behooves us then to lend every assistance to this worthy cause and by purchasing Christmas seals help to bring health and happiness to those unfortunates who are fighting against this most dreadful disease.

"ENTERTAINMENT" ★ "ON THE AIR" ★

Happiest news of the year for Joe Cook fans is that he starts the New Year right by starting a new radio series for the present sponsor of the Saturday night Chateau. Show will be heard on the same schedule as the Chateau, 9:30 p. m., E.S.T., on Saturdays over the NBC red network. For the Cook series, the program moves East to New York.

Joe Cook

*** Renewals lead the news. "Husbands and Wives," NBC Tuesday night feature, has just been handed an extended engagement by its facial cream sponsor. Sedley Brown and Allie Lowe Miles nursed this program from a local station to its present popularity.

*** Kathleen Wilson will play her radio role in the movie version of "One Man's Family" and, on the basis of screen tests already made plenty of people are predicting that there will be more Hollywood roles for her later. Her face doesn't give the lie to this rumor and she was picked for "One Man's Family" in the first place because she could act.

Kathleen Wilson

*** Nomination for the dizziest title of the year: Colonel Stoopnagle's "The General Expired At, Shall We Say, Six A. M." It was a take-off on a film.

*** That Radio Theatre production of "The Life of Louis Pasteur," starring Paul Muni, hit a new high in number of players used. Total of people on stage during the broadcast was 76 with 23 of these actually having speaking parts. The rest were members of the orchestra, production men, actors for crowd effects, etc. Radio Theatre regularly has the largest cast of any radio dramatic program.

Paul Muni

*** Three nightings a week Eddie East and Ralph Dumke, The Gelatine Twins, broadcast their "Timid Husbands' Club" so the male can talk back to the wife without fear of contradiction!

*** Ed Wynn, "The Perfect Fool," is back on the airwaves Saturday nights, but he has a new idea. He takes guest stars and gives them serious things to do—and then spends most of the time poking fun at them. Most of the celebrities like it, and Wynn uses it as one of his sure-fire methods of getting laughs.

Ed Wynn

*** Phil Baker plans to do very little vaudeville this year, because he says a radio star cannot be true to two loves—and he chooses radio.

*** When a "mysterious widow" entered Edgar Guest's "Welcome Valley" series, heard Tuesday nights, the program developed its first real mystery in more than a year on the air. One of radio's favorite actresses, Bernardine Flynn, who is a star on her own program, is an important member of the cast.

Bernardine Flynn

*** "There is no telling what you may hear when 'We, The People,' speak." That is the line Philips Lord is making famous in his Sunday programs, "We, The People," and it is the truth, radio experts agree. From all walks of life real people come to the microphone each week, with Lord presenting them.

Phillips Lord

*** In one week, Rudy Vallee played five shows daily at a New York theatre and for supper dancing at a night spot in addition to rehearsals and the broadcast of his famous Variety Hour.

Christmas Appeal

Won't you HELP the underpriviledged children of your county by contributing a present this Christmas? Think of the happiness brought by a single top on Christmas morning in a house where there otherwise would be nothing but the grim necessities.

A central file is being kept, and the social agencies are determined to see that no child is slighted. Contributions are being received at the Cecil Co. Public Health office because of its central location. Try to play Santa Claus to at least one family!

MARIAN RAU,
Md. C. A. S., Elkton, Md.

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Baltimore Orioles To Tour State Again In Interest Of Base Ball This Winter

General Manager John Ogden's Trope Now Arranging Dates For Appearance In City And State. Gray, Hoffner And Judy Will Provide Entertainment

Jack Ogden, general manager of the Orioles, announces that his winter baseball troupe, which toured the counties and city last year and proved so popular, will start anew January 6.

Ogden is making the announcement now in order that future dates may be arranged to the satisfaction of all. Many requests already have been received and it looks like a busy winter for the touring Birds.

In addition to showing the major league movie which is in great demand in all the leading cities, Ogden will have Milton Gray, Bill "Red" Hoffner and Lyle Judy to make speeches and provide entertainment of their own. Ogden also hopes to have "Smoky Joe" Martin, third sacker, on hand. Martin, skillfull on the banjo and guitar and well stocked with jokes, undoubtedly would prove a big asset.

Gray is the young catcher for whom several big league clubs are bidding. Hoffner was the Oriole's regular shortstop last season and a popular one with the fans, while Judy, recently signed by Ogden, was a sensation with the St. Louis Cardinals, a season or two ago.

Ogden visions a very busy winter, so now's the time to file your requests at Oriole Park. The Orioles appeared at the Elkton Armory last year, the show being sponsored by the Elkton Kiwanis Club.

JACK OGDEN

NOTICE TO POULTRY OWNERS

Before a conviction can be secured in cases of larceny involving theft of turkeys and chickens, it is absolutely necessary that the owners be able to identify their poultry. We have been forced to release several suspects, in whose possession poultry has been found, simply because persons who have had poultry stolen could not identify them with certainty. Please mark your poultry in a way that identification can be made certain. If suggestions are needed along this line, please telephone the sheriff at Elkton 64. We need your cooperation.

Eugene Racine
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