

Your Right to Know
Is the Key to All Your Liberties

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A Thought for Christmas

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

MATTHEW 24:7, 11-13

In these words the Lord spoke to His disciples of the doubts and hardships, the persecutions and mortal weakness of many which would try the strength of the Christian faith.

As Christmastide again touches its special magic to all the Christian world let each of us in our own way consider anew the essential goodness, the hope, and purpose of human life which is the eternal message of the Christmas season.

In the years just ahead America will hold great responsibility. There will be the constant threat of atomic obliteration for whole nations, the turmoil of newly-formed countries taking their first uncertain steps toward someday becoming responsible members of the world community.

From the beginning the strength of Christianity has come from its concern for the individual—testing him, relying on his belief and steadfastness and capacity for spiritual greatness.

Today's Centerpiece

He was born in an obscure village. He was the child of a woman, who, to her peasant neighbors, was just one of them and one with them.

Opinions of Others

Labor leaders better recognize the signs and realize that the public is being wised up to their demands which continue to add to the cost of merchandise and services.

Motorists as a group of taxpayers contribute more to the total cost of government in the United States than any other single user, profession, or occupation.

Who would deny that the average American today has much less personal freedom than he had prior to 1914? In scores — perhaps hundreds — of ways, big and little, his life has become regulated.

Interviewing Distinguished Visitor



Out of the Past
From the Files of the HERALD

The HERALD's edition of Christmas eve 20 years ago was dotted with Christmas items relating seasonal parties and special community events.

But Dean L. Sears, then manager of the Torrance Branch, Bank of America, was looking ahead to 1941 and came up with statistics upon which to base an optimistic prediction.

Although their regular meeting fell on Christmas Eve the Torrance city council was planning to go ahead with the meeting as scheduled.

Little Chats

On Public Notice

By JAMES E. POLLARD

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS

A Boston savings bank published a notice in a local daily newspaper that "application has been made to and accepted by the Federal Deposit Corporation for insurance of each deposit account in this bank up to \$10,000."

The notice, signed by the bank president, appeared twice in the newspaper, a week apart. It told the depositors also that "Further questions with relation to this subject may be directed to the bank."

Without other ways might have been, and perhaps were, use to notify depositors of

HERALD writer suggested they ought to sing a few Christmas carols and perhaps hang a sprig of mistletoe.

Chief John Stroh was rejoicing over the absence of crime preceding that Christmas week because he admitted his staff was short-handed because of the inroads made by a prevailing flu epidemic.

Severe penalties were threatened for aliens who

failed to register by Dec. 26 as required by the National Alien Registration Act. With war clouds threatening, all aliens over 14 years of age were being fingerprinted.

Of general interest was the impending opening of Santa Anita race track and a group of avid local fans were planning to attend in a group.

In his Christmas message, Father Joseph Lee Bauer, pastor of Nativity Catholic church invoked "the blessings of Heaven upon all members of his parish and all the people of the community."

Law in Action

Your New Home

When you are ready to build, the law can help in many ways to make your home enjoyable and secure.

Have you decided on the type house you want and what to spend? Well then, let's go into details.

- 1. Your lot: Junior's school may be nearby, so find out: (a) Whether they are planning to run a highway through the area or nearby, or make any major improvements for which you can be assessed.

- 2. Zoning ordinances: For your protection your city zones some areas, for example, for single houses, for multiple dwellings, and retail stores, for manufacturing and the like.

- 3. Financing: Financing con-

Laws Drawn Up to Alter Status of Non-Teachers

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
The public schools require the services of many people who are not teachers, supervisors, superintendents, or principals. We need engineers, custodians, janitors, clerks, typists, stenographers, secretaries, and office managers, and many other people who are not teachers.

Code, relating to the State Employee's Retirement System.

"The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

"Section 1. Section 21159 is added to the Government Code, to read:

"21159. A school district contracting agency may employ any member of the system who has retired for service or disability from the district, on a part-time or substitute basis pursuant to this section for a period in excess of 90 days in any one fiscal year, and may be paid in an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) in any one fiscal year, without reinstatement from retirement or loss or interruption of benefits.

According to the Legislative Counsel, my Assembly Pre-Print Bill No. 4 "adds Section 21160 to the Government Code. It permits a retired member of the State tem to be employed on a part-time or substitute basis by the State, the university, or a contracting agency, for a period not to exceed 90 days, and in an amount not to exceed \$1500, in any one fiscal year, without reinstatement from retirement or the loss or interruption of retirement benefits."

Assembly Pre-Print Bill No. 4 is actually worded as follows:

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lows: "Section 1. Section 21160 is added to the Government Code to read:

"21160. A person who has been retired under this system for service or disability may be employed on a part-time or substitute basis thereafter by the State, the university, or by a contracting agency for a period not to exceed 90 days in any one fiscal year, and may be paid in an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) in any one fiscal year, without reinstatement from retirement or loss or interruption of benefits under this part."

"Superintendents, principals, supervisors, teachers, and others having teaching credentials in California can be called back for part-time or substitute work without jeopardizing their retirement status, but other school employees do not have this protection. These people do not have a large and powerful organization to represent them before the California State Legislature, hence they are the "forgotten people" of the school system.

If you believe these bills are just and fair, please write to me at Room 4001, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, if you live in the 46th Assembly District. If you live in another Assembly District, please write to your own Assemblyman at the State Capitol, and in any case write to State Senator Richard Richards, State Capitol, Sacramento 14.

Happy New Year!

Scholars Dispute First Christmas; Not Dec. 25

Christmas is, indeed a Happy Holiday around the world... and in most countries it is also a beautiful time, filled with traditions honoring the Birth of the Child, Jesus.

"Christmas comes but once a year" — but when does it come and when is it supposed to come?

The exact date of Jesus' birth has been disputed by scholars for centuries. In fact, about all they agree on is that it is NOT December 25.

Certainly not everyone celebrates Christ's birth on December 25. At one time or another, celebrations have been held in January, March, April, May, October, November, and December. The dates in December differ too, even today.

Why all the confusion? Well there are several reasons. One is that the Bible does not furnish many clues. Second is that the ancient manuscripts differ. Third, the interpretations of these manuscripts differ. And yet another reason is that calendars have been changed over the years.

Most scholars estimate that the true date falls in late August or early September. It is not even certain why

December 25 was chosen, although there is one generally accepted reason. Saturnalia was the great Roman Holiday and it came around the third week of December. Christian leaders hoped that celebrating Christmas at this time would lessen the impact of the pagans' festival.

Also, December in all civilized lands in the early centuries was the time of many Winter festivities.

It really seems that the only agreement on this celebration is that it commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The dates differ widely; the myriad means of showing happiness can not be counted — but it is a wondrous time, OUR December 25th, and we say "a very Merry Christmas!"

Holy Land is Small; Jammed With History

Most of the events we find recorded in the Bible occurred in an area about 80 miles wide and 400 miles long. Although the Holy Land is a small area, it is filled with historical landmarks and is a desolate land of contrasts.

Around Galilee the rainfall is abundant, while Negey is a desolate desert. In 15 miles you can travel from 2,600 feet above sea level to 1297 feet below sea level.

Damascus, the oldest city in the world which has been continuously inhabited, today

has many modern areas. The old Damascus will still stand and is so thick that some families have made living quarters in it.

Jericho is the oldest town in the world, 10,000 years, but has not always been lived in... there have been four Jerichos in various periods, all within two miles of each other.

The River Jordan, where Jesus was baptized, is only about 50 feet wide, muddy... deep in the spring but dry before winter.

The Sea of Galilee is beautiful, but is in reality a lake about thirteen miles long and eight miles wide.

Jerusalem, a fortress city which has been besieged over 30 times and razed to the ground and rebuilt at least six, covers somewhat over 80 acres. It, like Damascus, is still surrounded by the old wall.

The Mount of Olives is outside the wall and there, you will find the Garden of Gethsemane.

Nazareth, where Joseph and Mary started from on their trip to Bethlehem, is a humble little town and somewhat barren.

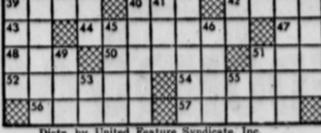
Today, the Holy Land, birthplace of three great religions — Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedanism — is not the peaceful country we pray it would be... but perhaps one day its problems will be solved.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1-Drilled into
4-House
11-Calm
12-National
13-Song
14-Beau
15-Confidence
17-Period of time
18-Conjunction
19-Conjunction
21-Spanish article
22-Nerve network
24-River in Wales
25-Plaster
27-Threshold
28-Sword
31-Petition
32-Possessive pronoun
33-Male house attendant
34-Most exact
35-Handle
40-Without end (post.)
42-Ceremony
43-Symbol for nickel
44-Reprimand
45-Indefinite article
46-Indonesian tribesman
50-Pashin
51-Tittle of respect (abbr.)
52-Missive
54-Buccaneer
56-Begin
57-Man's name
DOWN
1-Carrier
2-Worthless leaving
3-Note of scale
4-Heraldry: grafted
5-Mock
6-Protective ring



- 7-Poker stake
8-Pronoun
9-Pronoun
10-Cylindrical
11-Brief
12-Partaining to the cheek
13-Southwestern Indian
14-Southwestern Indian
15-A large class of celestial structures
16-Scotney
23-Trial
26-Japanese offspring born in U.S.
28-Confederate general
30-Ventilate
32-Cryst
34-Join
35-Rumor
36-Theatrical group
37-Begins
38-Taut
41-Unit of energy
51-Cry of goat
53-Symbol for tantalum
45-Without end
46-Covering for face
48-Unit of Siamese currency
51-Cry of goat
53-Symbol for tantalum
55-A state (abbr.)



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Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.
To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.