

News Of The Churches

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

The Yuletide season is the one season in the year in which the melody of life reaches a sustained note of joy and happiness. It seems, however, that there are haunting overtones of longing. The longing perhaps that somehow we might share the true significance of Christmas more fully. The knowledge that something very real, very vital and very glorious is off-times just beyond the reach of the human heart.

Well, we do envy the shepherds who in their lonely vigil had all life transformed by a massed chorus of angels! In spite of our own deep longing, we seldom hear the angels sing. It was not always thus. As children, e'er our hearts were fettered with human cares, we heard them distinctly and were very sure of God's good will toward us. Then as the cares of life encroached upon us, our ears became less and less attuned to the refrain from eternity. As the poet has so aptly phrased it:

*I remember, I remember
The fir trees dark and high,
I used to think their slender tops
Were close against the sky.
It was a childish ignorance
But now, 'tis little joy
To know I'm farther off from heaven
Than when I was a boy...*

The angel choirs are still singing their glorious refrain. The difficulty lies not in the rendition but in the acoustical properties distorted by the confusion of modern life. May we this Christmas season hear and be instrumental in transmitting to others more clearly the angelic refrain: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will toward men."

ROBERT DEWITT YOST
Shavertown Methodist Church

ALDERSON CHARGE

The Christmas Cantata, "The Nativity Song" by Roy E. Nolte will be given by forty members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship Groups of Alderson-Noxen Charge on Sunday evening at 8 in Alderson Methodist Church. Mrs. Fred Swanson is directing the choir and Mrs. Warren Montross is organist.

Members are: Nelson Ashburner, Grace Ann Bachman, Walter Bronson, Leroy Butler, Marilyn Condon, Nelson Condon, Peggy Coole, Judy Evon, Alan Field, Janet Gebler, Margaret Gunton Richard Harding, Dick Hobbs, James Hunsinger, Patsy Keener, Jackie Lonie, Margaret Lyons, Wilma Lyons, Joyce Meeker, Roy Meeker, Dorothy Miers, David Pellam, Julia Patton, Sara Patton, Carlton Patton, Audrey Race, Richard Race, Roger Race, Joyce Shalata, Anette Shalata, Emily Sickler, Joan Sickler, Connie Smith, Allen Swanson, Gloria Sutton, Jeanette Sutton, Charlotte Traver, Eunice Traver, Marilyn Traver, Verna Lee Wagner.

The Cantata will be repeated on Sunday December 27th at 3 in Noxen Church and at 8 in Kunkle Church.

The Kunkle Church worship service on Sunday will be held at 6:30 p. m. The Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Sterl Chere with

Mrs. Fred Dodson, organist, will sing "Wind Through the Olive Trees" and "Beautiful Saviour." The pastor will preach, Kunkle Sunday School will be held at 10 a. m. Please note change in hour of church service from 7:30 to 6:30 on December 20.

The morning worship service in Alderson Church with the pastor preaching will be held at 11:15. The choir will sing, "There Were Shepherds," by Holton. Sunday School will be held at 10:15.

Ruggles Church service will be held at 8:45 a. m. with Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Noxen Church service will be held at 10 a. m. with Sunday School at 11 o'clock.

Christmas Programs
Christmas programs of the Church Schools of Alderson-Noxen charge will be held as follows: Ruggles Church, Monday, December 21 at 7:30 p. m.; Kunkle Church, Tuesday, December 22 at 7:30; Alderson Church Wednesday, December 23, at 7:30 p. m.; Noxen Church, Friday, December 25, at 6:00 p. m.

EAST DALLAS METHODIST

Sunday School 10:30; Church Service 11:30.

W. S. C. S. Christmas party, Thursday at noon, at the home of Mrs. Ted Wilson. Covered dish. Minister, Rev. Thomas C. Davis.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

A Christmas Party will be given for Nursery, Beginner, Primary, and Junior Departments of the Sunday School on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. The program will include the showing of Christmas pictures by Ralph Gerhart, the telling of a Christmas story by Mrs. Walter Gosart, the singing of carols, and the playing of games.

The Luther League will decorate the church on Saturday afternoon. The president, Frank Fischer, asks all Leaguers to come and help.

Sunday School will be held at 9:45 o'clock and will provide classes for all ages. The celebration of Christmas will begin on Sunday with the service at 11 o'clock in the morning. At this time the cantata "The Dawn of Christmas" by Roy Nolte will be presented by an augmented choir under the direction of Mrs. Paul M. Winter. Mrs. Newton H. Hess will be at the console of the organ and will accompany the choir. At six o'clock in the evening the Christmas Festival of the Sunday School will be held with a program presented by the Nursery, Beginner, Primary, and Junior Departments. Following this at 7 o'clock the other departments of the Sunday School will present a program of carol singing and a pageant with music "No Room in the Inn" will be given by the Friendly Young Adult Bible Class. There will be a nursery for pre-school children at the 11 o'clock service.

The climax of the Christmas celebration will be Christmas Eve at 11 o'clock. At this time the traditional Christmas Candle Light Service will be held and the Lord's Supper administered.

DALLAS FREE METHODIST

Rev. Joseph Sproule, Pastor
Services will follow the usual schedule on Sunday, preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School at 10 a. m., Young Peoples service at 6:30. Tuesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study is at 7:30.

The Christmas entertainment will be given Tuesday evening at 7:30, so as not to interfere with Trucksville Free Methodist program the following night.

SHAVERTOWN METHODIST

Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost
Sunday: 9:30, Church School Christmas exercises in social rooms. 9:45, Men's Bible Class, teacher, Luther Powell. 11:00, Nursery during Church Hour for pre-school children. 11:00 Christmas Sunday morning Worship with special Christmas music and Christmas sermon by the pastor. 6:00, Intermediate M. Y. F. 6:30, Senior M. Y. F.; meet at church to go caroling.

Monday: 3:30, Brownies, Troop 115. 7:30, Girl Scouts, Troop 9.

Tuesday: 4:00 Girl Scouts, Troop 66. 7:30, Boy Scouts, Troop 231.

Wednesday: 3:45, Junior Choir rehearsal. 7:00, Girl Scouts, Troop 75.

Thursday: 3:30, Brownies, Troop 105. 11:30, Christmas Eve Candle-light Communion Service.

The following children were baptized in the Shavertown Methodist Church on Sunday, December 13, 1953: Pamela Sue Rood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rood; Michele Alwen Swingle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood E. Swingle; Van Guthrie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald T. Williams.

DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH

Church School, 10:00 a. m.
Church Worship, 11:00, with thirty minutes of Christmas music presented by the Senior and Junior Choirs concluding the program with singing of "Alleluia Chorus." The sermon topic will be "Let Us Go To Bethlehem."

Sunday 2:30, Country Couples Christmas party at Church.
Sunday 6:30 p. m., Junior M. Y. F. Christmas party.

Choir party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Sunday School Christmas program, parents and friends invited.

Sunday, December 27 Student Recognition Sunday, all college and high school students are to be special guests.

Dallas Club Chorale Enjoys New York Trip

Dallas Woman's Club Chorale returned to the Back Mountain at 1:30 Tuesday morning, after a full day in New York. They left on schedule Monday morning, reaching New York at 12:30, where they were scattered until 4:15, meeting time designated at Grand Central Station.

Most members patronized the Museum of Modern Arts or Music Hall, a few went shopping. From 5:50 they sang to a huge crowd from the north balcony, noting that it was the very familiar Christmas carols which were accorded the most enthusiastic reception. After dinner at Hotel Commodore, they started home by chartered Martz bus, routed along Fifth Avenue to see the Christmas lighting and displays and Rockefeller Plaza in its holiday dress. Most of the membership had never been in New York just before Christmas. Elaine Allen reports that it was a breath-taking sight, long to be remembered.

Directly following the service coffee will be served by the W. S. C. S. During this same service an honor roll will be placed in the church honoring boys in the armed forces. Parents and friends of the boys are cordially invited to attend.

PRINCE OF PEACE

Rev. William McClelland, Jr.
Sunday, 8 a. m. Advent Corporate Communion for men and boys. Breakfast served in the Parish House following the service. 9:45 a. m. Church School. 11 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Nursery department.

Monday, 7:30 p. m. Boy Scout Troop meeting.

Wednesday, 7:15 p. m. Boys and Senior Choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 11 p. m. Holy Communion and Sermon.
Friday, Christmas Day, 9:30 a. m. Holy Communion.

MONDAY IS SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR AND THEN DAYS LENGTHEN

The days will begin to grow longer after next Monday, which is the shortest day of the year. The sun, after touching the southernmost point in its annual swing, will start back uphill, but that will not mean warmer weather. There is an old saying, "When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen." The weather man lays this phenomenon to the wastes of snow which act like a mirror, reflecting the sun and preventing it from warming the cold earth, but snow or no snow, the coldest weather invariably comes after the turning point of the sun's journey south. Anyway, there'll be more sunshine, and a promise of orange crocus in late February.

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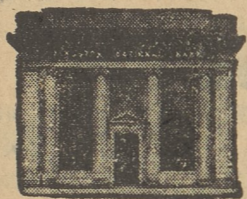
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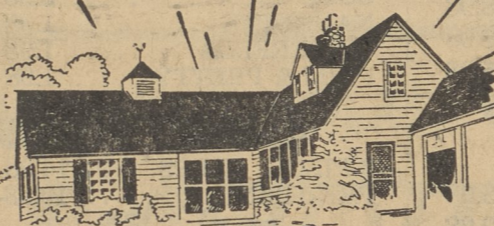
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