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What Christmas Stands For

In a few weeks we will be celebrating the birth of the Christ Child, an expression of the wonder and joy of God's love through the gift of His Son to the world. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." The gift of Christ is the assurance of the love God has for all humanity, changing the course of history. The brightness of that historic event shines down through the centuries, even conquering the darkness of evil, sorrow, tragedy and doubt. Love in action is the clue to Christmas. First, there must always be the upward look of gratitude for a God who cares. Then there must be the outward look that puts our own love into action toward those around us. This is the deeper meaning of every card, every joyous family gathering. This is the time when all the love lying dormant in the soul comes to life.

I feel that—"Love in Action," is a divine clue as to how the world is meant to be run—and also the divine explanation of why it has failed to run as it should. Only a love that will leap every barrier of race and class and nation, only a love that will go into action on a global scale, can answer our present needs. What Christmas stands for is what the world cries for.

by Rev. Andrew Pillarella
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James Kozemchak immortalized this Winter Wonderland last year, on a day when frost had rimed the trees and slowed down the brooks to a trickle. The Back Mountain abounds in beautiful scenery, and

never more breath-taking than in winter, when rugged stone walls contrast with the pure white of the driven snow.

Happy Holiday

This is YOUR holiday tabloid. Many of you have contributed to it, writing your favorite recipes, unearthing old-time jingles, bringing favorite quotations from a book that you loved as a child, and want to share with today's children.

You children have contributed your own poems. Probably it is the first time you have been in print, and what a thrill that is!

Nobody expects verses written by children to equal those written by Robert Frost. But holidays belong to children, and children must be included in the Holiday Tabloid.

So... meet your neighbors and your neighbors' children in this issue.

Try out some of your neighbors' recipes in your own kitchen.

Find your pastor's message in these pages.

Study the making of a Christmas wreath or a piece of holiday craftsmanship, bits of knowledge that your neighbors are willing to share with you.

The response has been so overwhelming that the Holiday Tabloid is not able to absorb all the wealth of material.

If late-comers find that their offerings are not in print, we remind them there is another holiday issue coming late in December, when everything that could not find a spot in this tabloid, will be used.

So, happy holiday for everyone.

And a hearty vote of thanks to the schools and the churches and the College, and all the marvelous people of the Back Mountain who have made this issue possible... not forgetting the advertisers, those businessmen of the community who underwrite the expense of a special issue by advertising in the Dallas Post.

Chanukah GREETINGS

The Festival of the Lights, Chanukah, falls this year in mid-December, with the first candle lighted on December 11, the last on December 18.

To Mrs. Lyle Slaff, the Dallas Post is indebted for material on this joyful festival which revolves around children in the home, and is accompanied by small gifts.

Traditionally, the father and the children light the candles, one for each of the eight branches of the Menorah. On the last night, all eight candles are ablaze, in addition to the ninth candle at the top.

The festival stems from 165 B.C.,

when a successful revolt saw the Jewish people purifying and rededicating the Second Temple in celebration of the right to freedom of worship.

The Dallas Post salutes its many Jewish friends, who celebrate Chanukah at this season of the year, when Christmas is in the air and the world is filled with holiday spirit.



Chanukah Chanukah, the festival of lights.

Chanukah Chanukah, with such delight.

Chanukah Chanukah, from days of old.

Chanukah Chanukah, when no one is bold.

Chanukah Chanukah, the festival of lights.

Chanukah Chanukah, with such delight.

Chanukah Chanukah, with such joy.

Lots of presents for girl and boy.

by Scott R. Saffian
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Thank You

We, the staff of The Dallas Post, give special thanks to the students who submitted artwork which has been reduced in size and used throughout this section.

On this page and on page five, there are paintings done by Bill Ziegenfus, Sara Bobo and Charles Doron. Carol Samuels of College Misericordia and Cheryl Kestler and Mark Dymond of Dallas Senior High School did most of the drawings on page ten.

We still have fine paintings by Karen Harvey and Eva Sue Szeia and a sketch by Carol Samuels to be used in the next tabloid.



India, Land Of Great Beauty

India! Does that build up visions of Bengal tigers, cobras, elephants, and Buddhist monks in your minds? That's not all - - - India's made up of, as you probably know, much more than that.

India is a land of great beauty and diversity. More a continent than a country, it is the size of two-thirds of Europe without the Soviet Union.

Naturally, in the great expanse that stretches from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin, the tapering tip of India, the climate varies, (the temperature ranging from well below zero to high above one hundred at times).

To a country as rich in diversity as India, the seasons are particularly important. They have been a vital part of India's folklore and literature down the ages. A bracing cold sweeps over most of India from November to February and is followed by a short spring. Then comes the hot weather broken by the powerful monsoons. Along the coastal areas the seasonal contrasts are less sharp.

India has been the cradle of many great religions of the world. Many other religions have also come to the country from across its vast land and sea frontiers, the chief being Christianity and Islam. They continue to flourish, having absorbed from the land, a spirit of tolerance.

India has a long and glorious past. Its civilization extends far

back to many centuries before the birth of Christ. When the Aryans came to India, about 2000 B. C., they found a highly developed urban civilization in the Indus Valley. More recent excavations have revealed that the Indus Valley Civilization flourished also in many parts of India, and had intimate cultural contacts with the Sumerian peoples of the Tigris-Euphrates area. Layer by layer, was added the contributions of succeeding dynasties and rulers, each leaving its impression on time.

With the advent of the British in the eighteenth century India entered the modern age as a colony. The British gave the country a common system of law and administration and deeply influenced its political and economic life. When India gained its independence on August the 15th, 1947, the government was called upon to bridge this gap of nearly two centuries. India answered with her Five-Year Plans. These plans are co-ordinated national programs of development which lay down specific targets of every major sphere of social and

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