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CHRISTMAS 1964

REV. JOHN KLOEPFER

We see the crib against a different background this year. It stands out in stark contrast to the 37 people who saw a young lady stabbed three times during a 35-minute interval; to the fisherman who wouldn't let his rod be used to help a drowning man; to the passers-by who did nothing to assist a woman having a baby on the sidewalk; to the motorists who whizzed by a man with a slashed artery until he finally had to roll in the middle of the interstate highway. There are other cases. It was in the first tragedy that two of the onlookers said, "I didn't want to get involved."

Is this inhumanity typical of our country, of ourselves? Only we can supply the answer. True that it is sometimes inadvisable for a person to get involved; true also that there are many bright spots of sacrificial involvement.

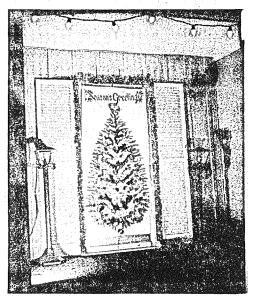
When God became man, He knew that He was getting involved. He knew beforehand that His human body would ache and be bruised and be nailed to a cross. He knew that His spirit would be tortured by man's unbelievable hardheartedness and ingratitude. He knew that the cost of involvement with human beings was sacrifice even unto death.

Christmas, the "Feast of Involvement," should make us pause for self-scrutiny. Are we willing to speak up when no one else seems to want to defend the truth? When a friend is in distress, do we make sure that we stay clear? Would we accept jury duty, or an office in our union or some other organization, or do we shy away so we won't become involved? Do we keep out of our lives the poor, those discriminated against, the mentally ill, because helping them would mean a sacrifice? Do we whisk by an acquaintence in serious need of consolation or encouragement because we are in a hurry? Is our charity the kind described by the Irish poet,

"Organized charity, scrimped and iced, In the name of a cautious, statistical Christ"?

We have to decide which character we'll play in Christ's parable. Two saw the man lying in the ditch and passed by. The third, from Samaria, got involved.

Christ got awfully involved that first Christmas, so involved that He identified Himself with the poor, the needy, the unfortunate, the sick, the distressed. The crib is no place to say I'm not my brother's keeper.



Christmas Home Decoration Contest Winners

Winners of the Home Decoration Contest sponsored by the Woodridge News are: The Munstermans, 7815 Westview, The Gene Deemans on Crabtree, and The James Kassis family in Winston Hills. Each winner will receive 3,000 S&H Green Stamps. Thanks to everyone for entering in the fun.

Mothers Club Sponsors Film

On Saturday, Jan. 9, 1965 the Woodridge Mothers Club will present the color movie "Wildfire."

The film is a story of a beautiful horse fighting for it's freedom in the wild land of the west.

The movie will be shown in the Woodridge School gym at 2:00 P.M. Admission will be 25ϕ per child. Popcorn, candy and pop will be sold.

New Year Thoughts

REV. JOHN L. SIPLEY

Every day is New Year's day to the new born. The line of demarcation between the old and the new year is only an imaginary line. Each one that rises with the new dawn each day faces a new year's day. Our year may only be the day we start.

There are a lot of people who keep referring to the "good old days." Pick up your Bible and revisit the wailing walls of the olden days or just go back one century. The hate, greed, injustice, jealousy, low morals, dishonesty, and violence existed then, too. No generation escapes this until they have accepted the example of living that Christ exemplified.

Regardless of all our legal documents that might say differently, we have no Divine authority to spend our time in the pursuit of personal happiness. We are told, however, to concern ourselves with bringing happiness to others. Then, as the night follows day, our own happiness will follow.

There is only one way that this world will find complete peace and happiness. That is when we have "one witness in one world" for the purposes that God put us here. This is not, and never will be, bought by lend lease or foreign aid or monetary aid. This is something that comes only from the hearts of all men to all other men.

We are going through the convulsions of Church renewal. Every major religion in the world is re-evaluating it's worth to God's cause and to the cause of humanity, and they are reconstituting themselves to meet the gales and hurricanes that automatically come when great changes like peace in social and religious attitudes. The Lord never said it would be easy to make "one witness in one world." He should know, He started it, and with all His power, He never had any easy days of it.

Our faith will be tried and new philosophies have an will challenge the church; they will also find some followers. Since before the early days of Christ, false prophets have had some limited success and this will continue to happen.

Our nation has moved rapidly towards making earthly riches the most cherished treasures of all. However, a million dollars laid in a coffin will still be in the coffin a thousand years from now, mildewed, disintegrated and useless. You can't take it with you and compared to Eternity our short life span makes a million dollars, something just of the CONTINUED ON PAGE 7



MARY CATHERINE HIMES

GET WELL WISHES TO: Guy Carter. 7660 Catalpa who is recuperating from surgery, A pre-Christmas pot luck was held on Monday. December 21st at the home of Joe and Pat Bertrand, 7667 Willow, Among the guests were the John Aubele's, the Ed Mabrey's, Rev. John Kloepfer, Mr. Martin Kloepfer and my husband Dick and I. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner and an evening of fun, A good way to start the holiday season,

Word has reached the village from Greg and Pat Boyna formerly of Sprucewood of the of another daughter Corinne arrival Veronica. The baby was born on December 4th and weighed 5 lbs, 13 3/4 oz, The other Boyna children are Nadine 4, and Bryan 17 months. The Boyna's are now residing in Oak Park.

Our sympathy to Winnie and Elmer Dupre, in the Highlands on the death of Eliner's father in New Orleans,

It seems the time has come for Christmas celebrations. One of the village kindergarden groups had a party on December 21st at the home of Mrs, Nancy Radasevich, Santa came and passed out goodies to the . little ones to tide them over until Christmas.

On Tuesday, December 22nd the children of St. Scholastica School held their Christmas Program, Each class had a separate skit and then Santa again passed out some candy and treats. The highlight of the afternoon included a presentation of Father John of a gift in honor of his Names Day.

The Sunday School Classes from the Methodist Church held their Christmas Party on Sunday evening December 20th at Woodridge School, Santa was there too and I must say he certainly has been a busy man this last week. I hope he has enough energy left to make the trip on Christmas Eve. But never fear children he will be there.

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Happiness.

Santa Claus had a busy time visiting around the village. We haven't been able to find out who had the most fun, Santa or the children. Thanks anyway gentlemen for your fine work.

We are highly appreciative of the effort of Dick Schmidt in connection with the Sunday School Christmas Program. We know he put in many hours of hard work to make this program a success and he should be rewarded to know everyone enjoyed it, those who participated, and those who watched.

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"Your Chief Says"

"Keep your windshield clear and see what you're missing!" With this ad control. Chief Toel A. Kagann of the Woodviewe Police Department urged village drivers to take that extra few minutes to make certain that a clean windshield and properly performing wipers were among the assists smart drivers add to their winter emergency equipment.

"Good wipers combined with a properly operating defroster clearing the inside make the difference between seeing safely and driving right along or a hazardous stop in traffic to clear the glass." he added.

Sometimes we don't see the things in front of our eyes. Chief Kagann commented, Too many drivers feel that if the wiper arms move across the glass that's enough to guarantee performance. However, research from national safety organizations point up the fact that wiper blades become lifeless after exposure to sun and weather conditions.

"You aren't safe if you can't see. "Chief Kagann cautioned, "Windshield wipers must be in top condition. Check their condition frequently and also the wiper arm, Rubber blades aged by summer sun or winter weather often streak the windshield, and even if new blades have been installed, low arm pressure may cause skips and vision blurs. particularly on large contour glass. Firm pressure from the wiper arm on the blade is needed to insure clear vision, especially during snow or sleet condition. An ounce of arm pressure for each inch of blade is recommended.

As an added safety precaution, Chief Kagann urged drivers to always carry a pair of reinforced tire chains in the trunk to back up ability to go, "It's good insurance," he concluded.



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POINT OF VIEW

SHIRLEY MANGES

"Never to lose the Christmas morning joy, And never the quick bright eagerness to give-God, some way let my spirit keep the shine Of Christmas while I live."

My Christmas message to you is one of love. To me, Christmas is love. It is the birthday of the Christ Child who taught us the meaning of love. Yet our spirit of giving and good will so often lasts for such a short period of time. Faith or fancy, call it what you will, but why can't we keep the Joys of Christmas in our hearts the whole year long?

How wonderful it would be to receive an un-Christmas gift from some one who just felt like sharing. We don't have to give gifts only at Christmastime. Nor do our gifts need to be material things. The greatest gift of all is ourselves. We can give friendship and thoughtfulness. We can give of our time and abilities. Most of all, we can give love.

Jesus wanted us to walk in His light, yet I am sure He did not mean only at Christmastime. He wanted our lives to be shining examples of kindness and helpfulness all through the year. We try, but it seems more often we are mad rather than glad. We are more often unhappy for what we don't have than grateful for what is ours. Our hearts are so often filled with hatred that we fail to see the light of tolerance and understanding and we busy ourselves building dreams of material things rather than prayers of peace. The shining examples we portray at Christmastime are too easily forgotten.

Peace on earth, good will toward men sounds great on the surface but it means nothing unless we practice what He preaches. Instead of letting our Spirit of Christmas dim to a mere spark, let it shine ever brighter and brighter through the coming year. If we made a New Year's Resolution to say a prayer of joy and peace each and every day, the task would be easier. At best, it's worth a try.

I hope you won't forget to pause for a moment in the midst of your holiday gayety. to remember the reason for the season "and thou shalt have joy and gladness." (Luke 1:14).

My Christmas wish is that each and every one of you may find perfect happiness and that God's spirit will shine for you throughout the year. May all the special joys of Christmas be yours.

BARBARA COOLING

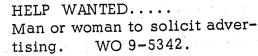
The most amazing thing about Christmas is that it seems to arrive earlier every year. It's not that the date of the day changes, and I don't think it's really just because I'm getting older and the year goes faster. What I mean is that last year, as I recall, Christmas was yelled about before Thanksgiving; this year the yelling started before Halloween.

Now I hold no grudge against either Halloween or Thanksgiving they are both occasions of importance. I would like to observe each day separately for itself. When I was a child I can remember six "occasions" in the calendar year. Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, my birthday and the last day of school. Each occasion was celebrated one at a time. Perhaps that's what I resent, not being able to concentrate separately on each one because they are being over-shadowed by the admen's heralding of Christmas.

And what is Christmas anyway? When our youngest was about three years old we tried to explain, so he could understand it, what Christmas really was. When we were finished he understood about the presents, the singing, the happiness and joy of the season, but, he said, "If it's really His birthday, where's the cake?" A child wanting to know what we had for Him.

Christmas as seen by admen, retailers and merchants is the season for expenditure. Nevermore one gift per child. Now, as if we feel obligated to prove our love for our children, we shower them with an over-abundance of gifts. If Jimmy gets a wind-up phonograph (wonder if they still have them) then Mary gets an electric one and Johnny receives a hi-fi. Ah, well, we say, Christmas's for children. Yet millions of cards are exchanged at this time with adults, wishing the best, happiest, merriest of the season.

The real meaning of Christmas is not the size of the gift, nor is it the number of cards either sent or received. Christmas is love. Love of God, peace, truth and neighbor. Christmas is not JUST for children. Christmas is for the world. Christmas is not JUST material giving. Christmas is non-materialistic thing. My wish for you at this time is: I wish you the spirit of Christmas every day of the year. A centuries old wish was, ". . on earth, peace to men of good will." That one little word, to, can change your entire point of view.



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MARSHALL DRIVE HAS A NEW RESIDENT

The Jeff Hunnicutt's have an addition to their family. He answers to the name of "Beauregard" and in canine circles is considered the most in the basset hound set. The Hunnicutt's plan to get a girl friend for "Beau" in the future and she is to be named "Magnolia".

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zickey on the birth of their new son, Donald Stanly, born December 19th, 7 lbs 13 ounces at St. Annes Hospital in Chicago, I would also like to congratulate the grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gobel. Both familys live on Dean Drive which makes it convenient all around wouldn't you say?

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn of Dean Drive are entertaining Mr. Dunn's parents during the holidays. * * * *

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Devereux of Marshall Drive are entertaining Mrs. Devereux's parents from Rolling Meadows for the holidays.

Winston Hills social club has another unusual meeting coming up January 4th at Goodrich School, A representative from the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Naperville is going to show the women a few tricks in the art of make-up. She will demonstrate on one of the members and also present a small gift to all attending. As an added attraction, Maple Terrace Beauty Salon will give two hair-styles to two of the women and also

provide the door prize for the evening. This will be a shampoo and set. Hope to see you all there since the program should be of interest to all us gals!

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and Mrs. S. R. Trapani of Dean Drive on resume of the three progressive years the the death of Mr. Trapani's mother, Stephan-, club has had, ie Trapani. She was visiting her son for the holidays and died in her sleep Christmas night. Buriel was from Queen of Heaven their purpose? The purpose of the Mothers Church near Hillside, Her home was in Chicago.

See you next Week!

Scout News

Pack 104 of Woodridge held its annual Christmas party on December 29. Saturday. A Christmas handshake was included in the activities before the meeting. Each Cub was given a slip of paper and was told to get 5 persons to sign it. The first boy done in each den was given a prize. Then, the parents and boys were separated. Parents formed committees for the Blue and Gold dinner while the Cubs played games. When the Cubs returned, the pack's Good Will program was explained. Many boxes of clothing, cookies, and toys were donated for Mentally Retarded Hospital. Each den put their decorations on the tree and afterwards carols were sung. The Cubs then received rockets for the space derby to be held on January 26. The meeting ended with a balloon break after which refreshments were served. The Cubs Carolled throughout the village on December 22. Den mothers meeting will be held on Jan. 6 at the home of Pat White, 2744 Everglade at 8 p.m. Committee meeting will be on Jan. 14 at the Blecher's at 7:30 p.m.



PAGE 5 Mothers Club

In February the Woodridge Mothers Club will celebrate its third anniversary. This will Our sympathy goes to the family of Mr. be the first of three articles, each giving a

> First, what is Mothers Club and what is Club as two-fold (1) to raise money for necessary school equipment and (2) to provide monthly meetings which will feature a talk or report on a subject of special interest to Woodridge Mothers, followed by a social hour with coffee and refreshments. This club is open to all Woodridge Mothers, whether or not they have children in school. The co-operation of EVERY mother is needed if we are to succeed in our plans to help our school.

The Mothers Club was newly-formed on February 27, 1961, at which time the first meeting was held in the Woodridge School. The club's founder was Mrs. Barbara Bonk. The following slate of temporary officers were elected; Mrs. Barbara Bonk, President; Mrs. Joanne Burns, Vice-President: Mrs. Dorothy Provo, Recording Secretary: Mrs. Marie DiFrancisco, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Frances Clark, Treasurer.

At the May 16, 1961 regular meeting a new slate of officers for the 1961-62 school year were elected. Mrs. Barbara Bonk. President; Mrs. Marge Groth, Vice-President; Mrs. Ruth Vondrasek, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Genevieve Gray, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Helga Scudder, Treasurer.

During the first year the club donated a movie projector and screen. A sofa, 2 pillows and 1 blanket to help furnish the teachers room. A sink and cabinets for the kitchen and a mimeograph machine for the use of the Mothers Club.

The money used to purchase the above mentioned items were raised through special projects. These projects were bake sales. hot dog lunches at the school for the children, a booth at the 4th of July picnic and the sale of the Mothers Club cookbook.

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Woodridge - Goodrich **Kindergarten Census**

With the launching of the Soviet "Sputnik" in 1956, the United States has been undergoing a sweeping educational revolution. Many of the academic studies of our children are accelerated and technical. The success with which our children master these studies is wholly dependent on the so-called educational ladder. Each step upward is dependent on the preceding step. The first step, and a most important one, is that of Kindergarten or pre-first grade. Why is this first step so important? Because it is here that the child begins to prepare and adjust himself to the school situation. The earlier that a child begins the preparation, adjustment, and education, the more solid the base of educational foundation for his future studies. This is substantiated by the studies of many educators who have found a positive correlation between early adjustment and educational achievement. Most realize the importance of the phrase, "the earlier, the better."

One may wonder what this has to do with residents of the Woodridge-Goodrich area. Simply, that there has been no realization of that important phrase. Woodridge and Goodrich do not have a Kindergarten. A total of 1019 pre-school children in the Woodridge-Goodrich area (1964 statistics) are being deprived of an important step in their education. Beginning the education of children with the first grade is unsatisfactory for the reasons cited before, and for another important reason; The first grade teacher spends more than six weeks in preparing children and adjusting them to a school situation. This is a waste and would be aliminated if the Woodridge-Goodrich area had a kindergarten.

Not long ago this community was put on the map. It is continuing to grow at a very rapid and steady pace. As the number of children increase their life and education become a vital part of the community experience. Education and the care of our children are a special interest and challenge. We cannot and should not try to shape a child according to our own intentions. Teachers and community must help him become what God's original idea meant him to be. Our children must become part of the world around them, Through art and educational manipulative toys they can develop creativity, imagination, and self-expression. At an early age our children develop a sense of humor, responsibility, respect, consideration for others, and cooperation in a group situation. Our children can develop an outgoing personality or they can become introverted, They can share their happiness with everyone or become self-centered. They can learn with their very eager minds about nature. health and nutrition, numbers and simple arithmatic, the alphabet and simple reading and printing, conversational foreign languages, art, singing, telling time, phonetics, safety, and much more or they can eat,

sleep, stay at home and play with "tinker toys'' all day. Let's face reality. This community needs a kindergarten-primary and nursery school now,

With our convictions in mind, we have embarked on a program that we hope will be successful and fruitful---the attempt to establish the Woodridge Kindergarten-Primary and Nursery School. This proposed school will have as its primary purpose, the emphasis on progressive learning. We hope to accomplish this purpose by the knowledge and utilization of the modern teaching methods and devices of our staff of college graduates. All members of the staff will have the Bachelor's degree in Kindergarten-Primary Education and the Illinois teaching certification, along with valuable teaching experience. Teachers will be professionally counseled. The classes will be divided by age, three, four, and five years old. Also the parent will have the option of sending their children to either the half-day (9-12), half-day (12-3), or full-day (9-3) on a tuition payment basis. We hope to keep the cost at a minimum and this will depend on the number of parents interested in the program.

The purpose of this article was to present our plan and consider the number of parents interested in such a plan. Please fill out and mail the census blank promptly. If enough parents are interested, we shall soon have in operation the Woodridge Kindergarten-Primary and Nursery School.

WOODRIDGE METHODISTS

The Sermon for Jan. 3rd will be, "Rules for Living," Worship and Sunday School Service 11 a.m., at Naperville Lincoln Jr, High School, one block west of Washington on 75th Street.

The Bible Class will be discontinued until at least Feb. The attendance indicates that many who indicated a desire for it, found they did not have time for it.

The Stewardship & Finance meeting will be held Mon. Jan. 4th, at 8:00 p.m. at the parsonage.

The Commission on Education meeting will be held on Tues., Jan. 5th at 8:00 at , the parsonage.

Those who failed to attend the Vesper Service, missed a real treat. The Choirs were at their best. The Junior Choir on their first appearance were a source of pride and joy. We must speak of the angelic appearance and the solo of Tommy Foyer, he was wonderful.

Won't you as members, try to bring at least one family into our church in 1965. You need only the convictions of your faith to pass it on to those unchurched.

The WSCS monthly meeting has been changed to January the 13th, at the home of Bette Smale, 7819 S. Deerfield at 8:00 p.m. This is also the night of our White Elephant Auction, Please bring any new item you have that you wish to put up for auction, also your pennies.

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8:00 P.M. The meeting will be opened with devotions given by Mrs. Elmer Renc. The business meeting will follow at which the election of officers will be the main order of business, Following the business meeting an interesting slide lecture will be given explaining the meaning of the liturgy used in the morning worship services.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Fred Voigt and Mrs. Vincent Yakulis.



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CAROLERS ...

AND THEY'RE REALLY SINGING. MEMBERS OF THE WOODRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR AS THEY SANG CHRIST-MAS CAROLS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE ON MONDAY DEC. 21ST

New Year Thoughts

REV. JOHN L. SIPLEY

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moment. The things that are Eternal, are beyond the reaches of decay or natural destruction.

There are some things you can put on deposit to your credit in the bank of Eternity and those are the things you have done for your fellowman. When you have done nothing for them, you have died bankrupt.

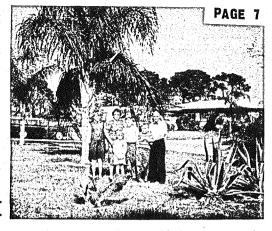
Have a "good year." Make it so by attending to the purposes for which God placed you here; to make the world a better place to live in by the happiness you have created for others.

Attend the church of your choice, support it, labor for it, and defend it. Live in the example of Christ and all other things worth while will follow.

Join the movement "One Witness in One World."

Your children's children may see this day come.

God Bless you all, in the New Year.



REV. ROOP AND FAMILY SEND GREETINGS

CONTINENTAL BANK ELECTS CHARLES R. O'HARA

Charles R. O'Hara, 6420 Clark Drive, has been elected an assistant cashier by Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company.

O'Hara, a graduate of Georgetown University and the University of Paris, came to the bank in 1962 after serving as a foreign service officer with the State Department, Washington, and is a member of the international banking department.

He and his wife, Gretchen, have two children, Sean and Kevin.



