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A Blessed Christmas To All

The Birth as recorded by Saint Luke



IN THOSE DAYS A DECREE WAS ISSUED BY THE EMPEROR AUGUSTUS FOR A GENERAL REGISTRATION THROUGHOUT THE ROMAN WORLD.

THIS WAS THE FIRST REGISTRATION OF ITS KIND; IT TOOK PLACE WHEN QUIRINIUS WAS GOVERNOR OF SYRIA.

FOR THIS PURPOSE EVERY ONE MADE HIS WAY TO HIS OWN TOWN; AND SO JOSEPH WENT UP TO JUDEA FROM THE TOWN OF NAZARETH IN

IN GALILEE, TO BE REGISTERED AT THE CITY OF DAVID, CALLED BETHLEHEM, BECAUSE HE WAS OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID BY DESCENT; AND WITH HIM WENT MARY WHO WAS PREGNANT, AND WHILE THEY WERE THERE THE TIME CAME FOR HER CHILD TO BE BORN, AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON, HER FIRST-BORN. SHE WRAPPED HIM ROUND, AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM TO LODGE IN THE HOUSE.

NOW IN THE SAME DISTRICT THERE WERE SHEPHERDS OUT IN THE FIELDS, KEEPING WATCH THRU THE NIGHT OVER THEIR FLOCK, WHEN SUDDENLY THERE STOOD BEFORE THEM AN ANGEL OF THE LORD, AND THE SPLENDOR OF THE LORD SHONE ROUND THEM.



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THE BIRTH AS RECORDED BY ST. LUKE

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THEY WERE TERROR-STRUCK, BUT THE ANGEL SAID, "DO NOT BE AFRAID BECAUSE I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU: THERE IS GREAT JOY COMING TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE. TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A DELIVERER HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU--THE MESSIAH, THE LORD, AND THIS IS YOUR SIGN; YOU WILL FIND A BABY LYING ALL WRAPPED UP, IN A MANGER." ALL AT ONCE THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A GREAT COMPANY OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, SINGING THE PRAISES OF GOD:

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN,
AND ON EARTH HIS PEACE FOR MEN ON
WHOM HIS FAVOUR RESTS."



Wheat Ridge Seals Proclaim "Good News To Every Home"



Note: Theme Seal artists: Manger scene (left), Darla Jacobsen, eighth grader, Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester, KY; angel scene (right), Jonelle Burlington, second grader, Trinity Lutheran School, St. Joseph, MI.

1980 Wheat Ridge Theme Seal -

"From heav'n above to earth
I come to bring good news to
every home... This little Child
of lowly birth shall be the joy
of all the earth."

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Wheat Ridge Seals

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Children--from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade -- pass on the angel's message of "GOOD NEWS TO EVERY HOME" through their artwork on the 1980 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals. Your gift enables Wheat Ridge to share this same "GOOD NEWS" to suffering people at home and overseas -- through nearly 50 church health and service projects annually. Wheat Ridge -- 75 year of healing service in Christ's name.



Chicago -- "Sometimes it is children who can make the familiar new again."

That's true. Or at least it's true with the 1980 Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals and a related "GOOD NEWS" Christmas Service/Audiovisual Package available from Concordia Publishing House. The Seals artwork of 87 children from around the world make the "old, old story of Jesus and His love" once more new and fresh and alive.

The joyful art on the 75th anniversary Wheat Ridge Seals was chosen from over 4000 entries to Wheat Ridge's 1979 Year of the Child Seals Design Contest. Theme of the Seals is "GOOD NEWS TO EVERY HOME,"--taken from the first verse of Luther's hymn, "From Heaven Above."

Also entitled "GOOD NEWS TO EVERY HOME," the CPH Audiovisual Package uses the Wheat Ridge children's art to creatively tell the Christmas story from a child's point of view.

As part of its 75th anniversary observance, Wheat Ridge has partially underwritten development costs of the "GOOD NEWS" A-V Package--to make it available to parishes at a reduced cost (\$10.95). Printed narration of the filmstrip script and a complete worship program for a children's Christmas service is included in the Leader's Guide.

The work of 54 children appears in the "GOOD NEWS" filmstrip--with 28 frames the artwork of Wheat Ridge Seals design winners and 26 frames featuring Seals Contest artwork from the "semi-finalist" or "certificate of merit" category.

Included is the artwork of 17 students from Urawa Lutheran School in Japan--a school related to Japan Lutheran Church. The other 37 young artists whose work is used in the A-V Package come from 16 different states in the U.S. plus Canada and India. Six students from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Convoy, OH have their artwork included.

Based in Chicago, The Wheat Ridge Foundation grew out of a Lutheran TB Sanatorium established in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, in 1905. Wheat Ridge was one of the first charitable organizations in the U.S. to issue Christmas Seals--with the first Wheat Ridge Seals appearing in 1980.

The Wheat Ridge Seals gift effort continues to be an annual Christmas tradition in some 5200 Lutheran congregations in the U.S. and Canada--generally conducted as a service project of the congregational youth group.

"The children's Seals art will not only help bring the joyful 'GOOD NEWS' of God's love in a fresh, new way to Lutheran homes in the U.S. and Canada," Wheat Ridge President Robert J. L. Zimmer commented. "Seals contributions from individuals and families will make it possible for Wheat Ridge to contribute from individuals and families will make it possible for Wheat Ridge to continue to fund nearly 50 helping and healing ministries each year--'seeding' new attempts of the church to bring God's good news in fresh and innovative ways to hurting people."

Congregations interested in ordering the "GOOD NEWS TO EVERY HOME" Audiovisual Package for their 1980 children's Christmas service should send in their order to: Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118. Order number: 79-9362. Cost: \$10.95, plus \$1.75 for postage and handling.



A.A.L. NEWS

APPLETON, WI

"I think a lot of people find God in prison," said the Rev. Bryn A. Carlson, the immediate past-president of the American Protestant Correctional Chaplains Association (APCCA). "Prison reflects the ultimate of the naked human condition. I compare it to the Israelites who wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. It was in this desolation and wilderness that they found God," Carlson said.

Carlson's group of chaplains has received a \$39,000 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), one of the nation's leading fraternal benefit societies, to undertake a three-year feasibility study to determine the effectiveness of a paid director for the APCCA. The grant will support the work of an individual selected to direct the pilot project.

Carlson, who is chaplain at the Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, said the APCCA needs strong leadership because there's much more that the association could be doing

for prison chaplains. "We're too easily ignored by other clergymen," Carlson said. "It's kind of a forgotten field and that's a shame because there's a lot more stress for chaplains who work in prisons. We need professional and peer support as well as other programs organized by the association to help us cope with the unique challenges we face as prison chaplains."

He also said the association needs the kind of unity that a strong leader can provide. "Chaplains need more clout. As budgets continue to be cut back, the position of chaplain is usually the first to go. I think chaplains are one of the least expendable positions in a prison because they are one of the few elements in an institution that represent a symbol of compassion and mercy."

In a recent letter of support for the APCCA and the AAL project, Dr. Jhon Houck, general secretary of the Lutheran Council in the USA, emphasized, "The correctional chaplaincy is the most important area in the whole field of institutional chaplaincy. Additional work needs to be done in order to attract qualified clergy. It is expected that this feasibility study will result in plans to engage an executive director of the APCCA and that this will be a large step forward in improving the quality of pastoral care given to persons in penal institutions."

Part of the AAL-funded project will be to determine if the proposed director of the APCCA should work with similar organizations for Jews and Catholics.

AAL is the nation's largest fraternal benefit society in terms of assets and life insurance in force. AAL's 1.2 million members belong to 5,300 local branches in all 50 states. They meet regularly to plan and implement service and humanitarian activities to help others.



QUOTES

Train up a child in the way he or she should go and walk there yourself once in a while.

-Josh Billings

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HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR PARENT TODAY?
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ILDA PAGE

A Report from The President

Joseph J. Kindred
President,
International
Lutheran Deaf
Association



Be sure to mark your new 1981 calendar and make plans now to attend the 1981 I.L.D.A. Convention which will be held in Los Angeles, California, July 9-12. Every month until then you will be reading something of great plans being made which promises to give you one of the best conventions ever.

The N.A.D. Convention this past summer which commemorated the first 100 years of founding and growth of the N.A.D. was a huge success. The I.L.D.A. displayed an exhibit booth on the work of the Deaf Ministry of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It was very well received and attended. Besides our booth, there was six other church denominations exhibiting their work among the deaf. During the three days of the convention we had plenty of help at our booth. Pitching in were: Richard Crossen from the Great Lakes Region, Rev. Dan Pokorny, Professor of Deaf Ministry at Concordia Sem. in St. Louis; Rev. Don Zuhn from the Deaf Mission Board, and Rich Allen besides myself.

Attending the N.A.D. Convention were approximately 4,000 deaf delegates and visitors. This is a record, however, is a mere fraction of the total world deaf population!

As reported in a previous issue, we have lost our Deaf Lutheran Business Manager, Mr. Russel Healey and Central Region President, Bettye Jo Healey. This dedicated couple accepted God's call to be house parents of students at Pax Natura Ranch in Edmondton, Alberta, Canada. Although it is always painful to lose such hard working members of the I.L.D.A. staff, we praise God for His wisdom in using our skills and talents to serve Him better. Our good and faithful brother, Elmer Francisco has volunteered to take over the Business Manager's job and is going about it in

splendid fashion.

There still remains the need of an I.L.D.A. Historian. This position must be filled by someone not on the I.L.D.A. Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in accepting this position of I.L.D.A. Historian, please write to Secretary Lester Ahls, 1004 Cherrywood Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

Good news has come to me from our regions that during their conferences this year, everyone of them have experienced amazing growth in attendance! Praise the Lord!

After having our first Board of Directors meeting outside of St. Louis last February, we had another successful Board Meeting at The Lutheran School For the Deaf in Detroit. The meeting was held October 23-25th with every region (except Central Region present. This was an oversight since we failed to notify Mr. Ron Byington who is fulfilling the unexpired term of Mrs. Betty Jo Healey). The Detroit meeting was productive and the hospitality praise-worthy thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Clark Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Francisco and the staff of the school and members of Our Savior L.C./Deaf. Our next Board meeting will be held in Los Angeles just before the convention this next summer.

Recently I.L.D.A. received a check of \$100 which was contributed by a group of Sunday School youths who are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Cincinnati. Along with the check they wrote: "We, here at St. Paul feel that doing the work of the Lord through Mission Projects is very important ... continue your fine work with the Deaf people in our country." May God bless them!

I.L.D.A. Regional Presidents please remember to submit frequent reports to this publication monthly. This was agreed on at the last board meeting. And continue to submit written reports of your Regional activities one month before a scheduled board meeting by mailing to Secretary Lester Ahls. I strongly encourage you to follow both of those agreements faithfully.

I would like to close this report with a few comments on The Deaf Lutheran. There has been a marked improvement, both in content and quality of our publication. I say, "our publication" to remind you that this paper is owned and managed by the I.L.D.A. Board of Directors who in turn are elected servants of I.L.D.A. who in turn are the servants of the seven regions made up of our congregations in the L.C./M.S. Deaf Ministry.

So, please remember that no matter how much energy and skill our editor, Archie Marshall, puts into turning out such a professional-looking paper, he still depends on each and every

one of you to supply him with the news. Remember him in your prayers and continue sending to him any news of individuals, congregations, fields, regions, etc. that show how we can praise our Lord and Savior Jesus and which in turn will cause others to share our joys.

This will be my last president's report for this year and I close with Christmas Joys and Blessings throughout the coming year!

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CHRISTMAS DEVOTION

read Luke 2:7

Jesus was born on a special day. He was wrapped in baby clothing. And in December we give and get gifts wrapped in special paper. The greatest gift we can get is the gift of Jesus Christ. He was given to all people wrapped with the beauty of heaven. He has love and has the promise of life without end. Jesus was the Gift the world has always waited for. He is the gift that never gets old or worn out or needs to be put together. He is the Lord of Christmas. Jesus is the gift and He gives us the gift to share. Let the world share our gift of the Christ Child today.

We pray: Thank You for coming Lord Jesus, into our lives this Christmas, and for making every day a gift of joy.

Amen.

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TRUE CHRISTMAS

*If one should walk the midnight hills
Outside a quiet town
And suddenly should see the sight
Of glory blazing down.*

*If one should search with humble men
To find a manger dim
And kneel in simple worship there
As welcoming for Him;*

*Then would this season hold much less
of tinsel, gilt, and sound,
For peace would fill the heart that
Came to seek the Christ, and found*

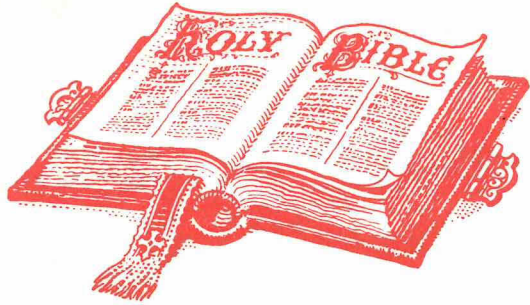
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A Bible Study for



Dec. 1980

—the book of RUTH—

OLD TESTAMENT

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges

RUTH

- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther
- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obediah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi
-

Boaz. Boaz is a relative of her former husband. Boaz marries Ruth. One of their great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren is Jesus, the Savior of all.

WHAT RUTH MEANS TO ME:

That I am included in Jesus family, just as Jesus' human family tree includes Ruth.

A VERSE TO REMEMBER:

Ruth 1:16 "Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." (This verse is often used at weddings.)

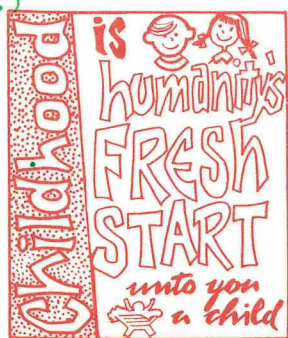
INTRODUCTION: The peaceful story of Ruth is from the violent times of the book of Judges. Ruth was not a Jewish person. She married a Jewish man. When her husband dies, Ruth shows uncommon loyalty to her Jewish mother-in-law and deep devotion to God. In the end she finds a new husband among her former husband's relatives, and through this marriage becomes the great-grandmother of King David.

MAIN PURPOSE:

The story of Ruth is one story in the family tree of Jesus, our Savior. The main purpose of Ruth is to show how a non-Jewish woman became one of the ancestors of Jesus.

OUTLINE OF RUTH:

- The key word is "loyalty."
1. Life of Moab. (1:1-5) Ruth's husband dies.
 2. Ruth goes with her mother-in-law to Israel. (1:16-22).
 3. Ruth and Boaz. (chapter 2-4). Ruth works in the fields of



Are You Growing Spiritually?

-by Rev. Robert Case, Pastor Holy 3-In-1 Lutheran Church / Deaf Houston, Texas

PHYSICAL GROWTH:

Every child of God wants to become big and strong. To do so, he or she:

1. Eats and drinks
2. Breathes fresh air
3. Exercises their bodies
4. Rests.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

Every child of God wants to grow spiritually, too. St. Peter says that we should "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18.

ARE YOU GROWING SPIRITUALLY?

To grow spiritually we must feed on the written Word of God - the Bible, and on the visible Word in the Lord's Supper. St. Peter says, "Like newborn babes long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up."

1 Peter 2:2.

DO YOU MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD AND GO TO THE LORD'S SUPPER REGULARLY? ? ?

SPIRITUAL BREATHING

For soul growth we pray regularly for the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13), for a knowledge of God's will, and fruitfulness in every good work. Cor.1:9.

DO YOU PRAY REGULARLY? ?

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

Our faith needs to be exercised in good works, just as our bodies need exercise. Of the person who failed to use his talent, the Lord said: "Take the talent from him and give it to the person who has ten talents. Matthew 25:28.

ARE YOU EXERCISING YOUR FAITH AND LOVE DAILY? ?

SPIRITUAL REST

Spiritual rest is given to us when we believe that "Christ died for our sins," 1 Cor.15-3. We "rest in the Lord". Psalms 37:7. By trusting His promises. Then we shall finally "rest from our labors" in heaven. Rev. 14:13

DO YOU FIND REST FOR YOUR SOUL IN GOD'S HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY? ?

GROWING WEAKER OR STRONGER?

If you don't follow God's natural laws, your body will grow weak and sickly. If you don't follow God's spiritual laws, your spirit will grow weak and sickly. Why not daily eat, drink, breathe, exercise, and rest spiritually, so that you may "grow up in every way into Him who is the Head, into Christ"! 1 Eph. 4:15.

YOUR PASTOR WILL SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY? ?

-C.T.M.

It's time to dispel some myths about the handicapped person

-by Marshall R. Nelson, Exec. Sec'y. The Synod Commission on Services to the Mentally Retarded.

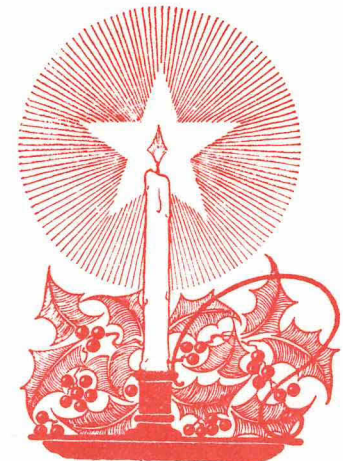
Myths are powerful hange-ons. They won't let go - even after hundreds of years.

Try the following:

- * Handicapped persons are physically stronger than others.
- * Handicapped persons don't have the same emotions as other people do.
- * Mentally retarded persons are more apt to commit crimes.
- * Mentally retarded persons have higher sexual drives than other people.
- * The physically and mentally retarded are "automatically" saved and really don't need to be led to Christ.
- * All blind persons make good musicians.
- * All handicapped children are meek and mild.
- * Mental retardation is contagious.

How do you think myths about exceptional people get started? Do you find it surprising that these myths continue today? Can you think of other myths that you believed at one time about disabled people?

The myths mentioned above are from a curriculum study booklet for church and parent Bible study groups. The booklet, The Exceptional Christian was authored by Dr. Jan Case for the National Lutheran Parent-Teacher League. This book is available at low cost from the National Lutheran Parent-Teacher League, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118.



"O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord."



Lutheran Churches for the Deaf

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Lincoln, NE	Hope	S. 12th & H. St.	68508	Robert Oettel (Lay Minister)	401/588-5672*
Omaha, NE	Bethlehem	51st & Lake	68104	Robert Oettel	401/588-6572*
St. Paul, MN	Prince of Peace	205 N. Otis St.	55104	William Lange	612/644-2365*
					601/644-9804(voice)
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Vancouver, BC	Trinity	2960 School Ave.	V5R 5M5	Fred Gehrs	604/433-8612*

Late this fall, hearing-impaired persons in approximately 100 major cities around the United States will be able to attend special signed demonstrations of the closed-caption television system in their local Sears, Roebuck and Co. stores.

The National Captioning Institute (NCI), which captions television programs for participating broadcasters and is responsible for promoting the closed-captioning service, announced that the demonstrations have been tentatively scheduled for November 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and December 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

According to NCI President Jhon Ball, the demonstrations will be conducted by members of local Lions Clubs and interpreted by volunteers from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. The Lions, who have supported the closed-captioning service from its inception, also have committed themselves to providing the TeleCaption home decoding equipment to newly individuals and organizations who might not have the funds to purchase the units for themselves.

"These events will give members of the hearing-impaired community who may not already have TeleCaption units an opportunity to see closed-captioned television in operation and get on-the-spot answers to their questions about the closed-captioning service," Ball said. "We are very pleased that Sears, the Lions and the Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf are cooperating in this much needed informational program."



-from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
 S.S. Administration
 James Brown

The Social Service Administration has set up a nationwide toll-free teletype service for hearing-impaired persons, HHS Secretary Patricia R. Harris announced today.

The service will enable people with hearing impairments who have their own teletype equipment as well as those who use teletype machines at centers for the deaf to get answers to general questions about Social Security by phone. The toll-free number is 1-800-325-0778 for the continental United States, except in Missouri, where the number is 1-800-392-0812.

Social Security employees will answer calls weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Central Time. All other times, an automatic

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Lutheran Churches for the Deaf

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Los Angeles, CA	Pilgrim	1233 S. Vermont Ave.	90006	August Hauptman	213/389-9940*
San Lorenzo, CA	Memorial	17296 Via Magdalena	94580	Roy Dahmann	415/276-3860*
Phoenix, AZ	Our Savior				
Riverside, CA	Mt. Calvary	2882 Arlington Ave.	92503	G. Gehrs, Jr.	714/689-8380
San Francisco, CA	Peninsula	395 Addison St.	94131	Roy Dahmann	
Sacramento, CA	Valley	(4843 "L" Parkway)	95823	Robert Rowland	916/391-3463

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Lewisburg, Pa.	(Christ)	S. Third & St. Louis	17837	Robert Logan	
Reading, PA	(Trinity)	6th & Washington	19601		
York, PA	(St. Matthew)	839 W. Market St.	17404	Larry McConnel	
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answering device will permit callers to leave their names and telephone number and the calls will be returned during the business hours cited above.

"There are 2 million persons in this country who are totally deaf," Secretary Harris said. "By implementing this service on a nationwide scale, most of these individuals will be able to get first-hand information on various Social Security matters without the help of an interpreter or having to visit a Social Security office."

Many deaf persons have a telephone and teletype equipment in their homes and others use the machines at centers for the deaf throughout the country. The equipment consists of an electronic typewriter keyboard and an acoustic coupler which connects to the telephone line. This system permits the equipment to send and receive calls over the phone and translate them into printed words.

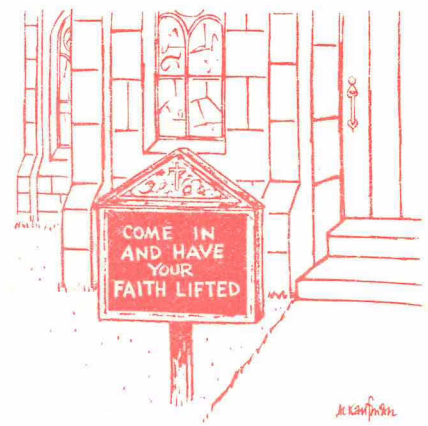


"LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT THOSE BLUEPRINTS."

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The White House offices have installed TTY units to allow deaf persons to comment on presidential policies and to arrange for sign language tours of the White House. Both the Comments Office, which receives all incoming calls from persons wishing to comment on current issues, and the Visitors Office, which organizes guided tours for individuals or groups, are now able to communicate with deaf citizens. The new TTY numbers (which are not toll-free) are (202) 456-6213 for the Comments Office, and (202) 456-2216 for the Visitors Office.

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HUMOR

To portly author G.K.CHESTERTON, who outweighed all his contemporaries, even the thought of physical exertion was abhorrent. A friend once suggested that he take up mountain climbing to bring his weight down, a suggestion which caused the author to shudder.

"As the saying goes," quoted the friend, "Lift up thine eyes to the hills!"

"I am willing to lift up my eyes," said Chesterton. "What I object to is lifting up my carcass."

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CAMPING FOR THE HANDICAPPED

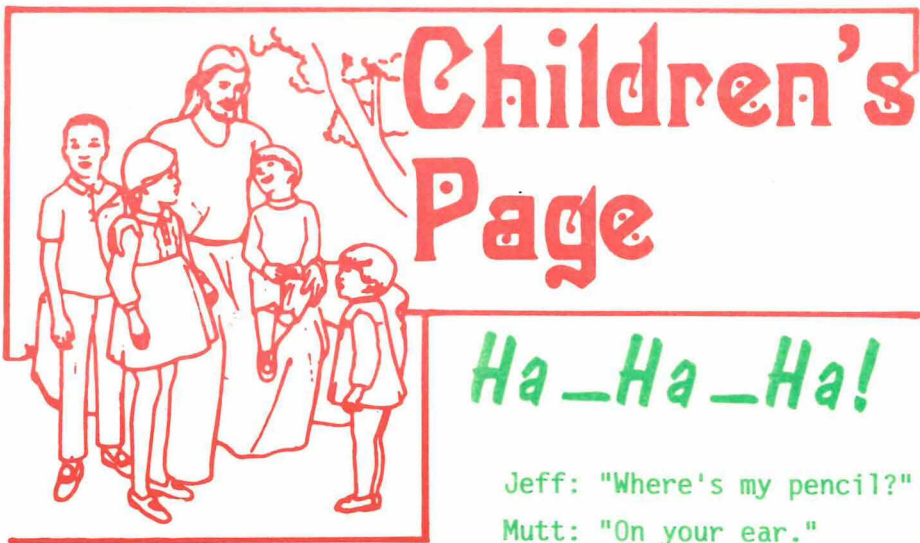
Starting in 1981 Rocky Mountain National Park, outside of Estes Park in Colorado will have a camping area for the handicapped. This campground will be on Sprague Lake. It will be for handicapped only and will have two spots available.

The camper can reserve the area in advance of his/her vacation. This will be for tents ONLY and will be down a trail from the parking area. There will be places for a campfire, water, and accessible rest rooms close to the sites. An emergency telephone will be available.

More information can be obtained by writing:

Phil Zichterman &/or Judy Tucker
Special Needs Activities Program
Rocky Mountain National Park
Estes Park, CO 80517
Telephone: (303) 586-2371





Ha-Ha-Ha!

Jeff: "Where's my pencil?"
 Mutt: "On your ear."
 Jeff: "Which ear? I'm in a hurry!"

Mother: "Janie, are you sure you washed the lettuce carefully? This salad tastes awful!"

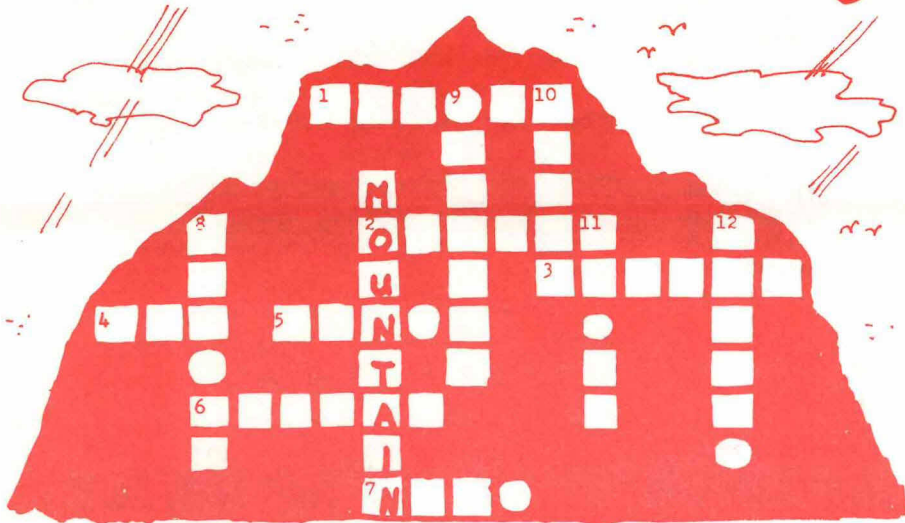
Janie: Yes, Mother. I even used soap."

Tom: "I'm glad I wasn't born in France."

Linda: "Why?"

Tom: "Because I can't speak the French language."

Let's Go Mountain Climbing



-by Theodore W. Brennan

To work this puzzle, write in the names of the mountains described below. Check your answers with the Bible references. After completing the puzzle, try to unscramble the letters in the circles to find the name of the mountain where King Saul died. (1 Samuel 31:8)

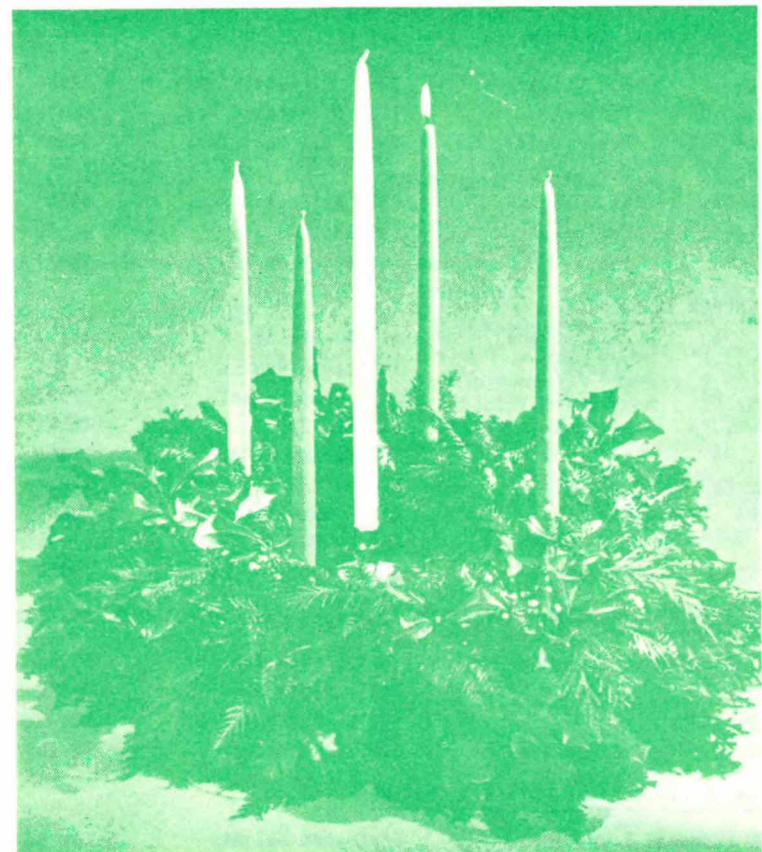
ACROSS:

- From the top of this mountain, Moses was allowed to view the Promised Land. (Deuteronomy 34:1-4)
- The mountain from which Jesus ascended into heaven. (Acts 1:9-12)
- "The hill of God is as the hill of _____." (Psalm 68:15)
- The mountain on which Aaron died. (Numbers 33:39).
- The mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 19:18).
- Noah's ark came to rest on this mountain. (Genesis 8:4).
- Moses died on this mountain. (Deuteronomy 32:48-50).

DOWN:

- Abraham was told to offer up his son Isaac on one of the mountains of _____. (Genesis 22:1-2).
- Jotham stood on the top of this mountain and shouted to the men of Shechem. (Judges 9:7).
- Known as "the mountain of God," this mountain is where the Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush. (Exodus 3:1-2).
- The mountain to which Deborah the prophetess sent Barak with 10,000 men. (Judges 4:6).
- The mountain where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. (1 Kings 18:19).

Keeping Time With Candles



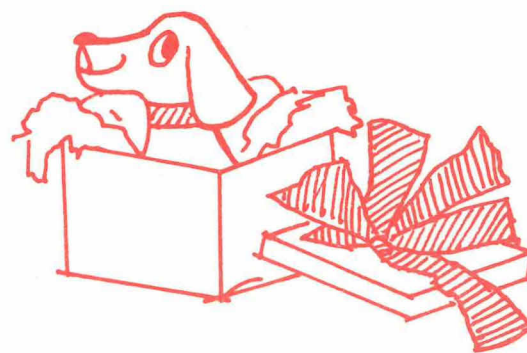
Did you know that long ago people had candle clocks to tell time? The candle-clock maker would mark the candle. Each mark on the candle stood for one hour. Then as the candle burned it would tell the time.

Today many followers of Jesus still use candles to tell time in a special way. These candles are called Advent candles because they help us remember Jesus is coming.

On the fourth Sunday before Christmas the first Advent candle is lighted. Then each night it burns to tell others that Christmas is coming. On each Sunday another candle is lighted. The fifth candle is lighted on Christmas Day.

As the candles become shorter, the followers of Jesus know the time till the day we celebrate Jesus' coming to save us is becoming shorter too. As more candles are lighted and the light becomes brighter, followers of Jesus remember God's love. They remember too that His love should grow brighter in our hearts. They remember what Jesus said. Do you? If you read Matthew 5:16, it will tell you.

How Christmas Lady Got Her Name



One day before Christmas boys and girls were playing games at school. Suddenly one of the boys stopped. "Did you hear that?" he asked his friends?

"No, what did you hear?", asked the others.

"There it is again. Did you hear it now?"

"Yes," said his friends "It's a dog barking, but where is it?"

"It's coming from that sewer pipe," said the boy. The other boys and girls stopped to hear the dog bark. Everyone said, "There must be a little dog down there." Soon men came to help the dog.

They made a big hole down to the pipe. When they pulled the dog out. What a surprise! It wasn't a little dog. It was a big one.

Men gave the dog a bath. They put a red ribbon on it. They called the dog Christmas Lady.

Now the dog was ready to be a Christmas gift. Someone who wanted a good dog for Christmas would be happy.