

WE THANK all our good friends for their gift of friendship and loyalty during the past year. May the experiences we have shared and the joy we anticipate in the work ahead add to your present happiness. In true affection we pledge to you our gift of service and our sincere interest in all your needs.



Louie's Restaurant

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Louie Thornley

Put Christ In Your Christmas

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, Pastor Moravian Church, Charlotte

Plan to keep Christ in Christmas this year. Each year in Charlotte, N. C., a group of high school leaders band themselves together to promote programs in schools and over the radio to emphasize the Christ in Christmas.

In line with this emphasis, a correspondent sent me this one line ad from a newspaper, "Don't mar Christmas with liquor."

There is no doubt but what there will be many who will feel it is necessary to serve liquor at their holiday functions. I call them that rather than Christmas parties, because somehow or other liquor and Christmas don't seem to go together. Liquor represents one kind of spirit and Christ represents another. One kind is experienced through a bottle and the other through a Book.

My correspondent who sent me the ad also urged me to say something about liquor being served at the business Christmas parties. She says that she once lost a promotion because she didn't attend a party put on by the company for which she worked. Her employer said her absence indicated a lack of interest in her work. Now as a mother, she expects her teen aged daughter to have to face the same test this Christmas.

Business houses who employ young people in the formative years have a definite responsibility toward them. They certainly aren't called upon to place temptation in front of them. They may have to account for that later.

It isn't necessary to serve liquor at a business Christmas party or any Christmas party to make it successful. For a number of years I have been attending an outstandingly successful business Christmas party. Not a drop of liquor is ever served at it and all have a wonderfully good time.

The purpose of any party is to provide happiness and enjoyment to the guests and to the host. There isn't any more inspiring and joyful theme in the cycle of occasions which draw men and women together than Christmas. It is observed as the birthday of Jesus Christ, who came to bring men joy and peace. That was His message. The purpose of all His teaching was to show men how to have peace and happiness and how to meet burdens and temptations successfully.

The host or hostess who finds it necessary to whip up an artificial hilarity with liquor, simply displays either a slavish following of customs established by other people, or unwillingness or lack of ability to develop a happy and wholesome program among the guests. At Christmastime the issue is rather clear—the inspiration for the party can be drawn either from the contents of the Book or the contents of the bottle.

Put Christ in your Christmas.

Nazareth, Too Has A Place At Christmas

Nazareth, Israel — Nazareth Christians do not forget that their city has a place in the Christmas story. It was here that the Angel Gabriel appeared and told Mary that she was to become the mother of Jesus. It was from Nazareth that Joseph and Mary set out on their first Christmas journey to Bethlehem.

Franciscan fathers this year are again setting up a huge manger scene in their Church of the Annunciation. Christmas Eve services will be broadcast. And there are several masses a day for many days before Christmas. The church is built above the grotto cut in the rock where Mary lived.

Greek Orthodox priests have their Church of St. Gabriel built over Mary's well. They believe the Annunciation took place at the well. Water flows from the spring and is piped to a pot where Nazareth housewives come to renew water supplies and gossip.

The Southern Baptist mission here also plans Christmas services. Carols will be sung in hospitals and orphanages by children from the Baptist home. The Protestant American colony is small, but it operates a school attended by Orthodox and Protestant children as well as by some Moslems.

More remote than Nazareth, both from the Christmas story and from roads traveled by visitors to the holy places is Tsippori. Like Nazareth, it is in Galilee and tradition has it that Mary was born there. It has been Hebrew, Greek, Turkish Crusader and is now largely Hebrew again.

Since early times when Tsippori have been churches there in honor of Mary. Ruins of two remain and there is a small, active monastery today. It is headed by Father Samuel who is a student of the historic background of the life of Christ.

"I am happy to have been transferred to this forgotten place where, in a way, it all started from," he says. "Here, I feel at home."

About 85 Jewish immigrant families, mostly from Romania, are now developing an irrigation project near the town.



These Christmas wishes are meant for a happiness that will linger throughout the entire year. Thanks, too, for your good will and friendship in the past.

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