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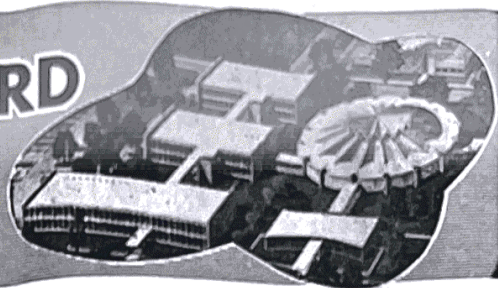
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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

PASTOR'S CORNER



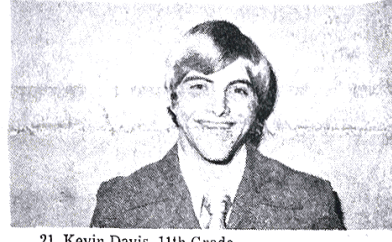
Welcome
1 New Members
(Baptism)



19. Robert Boney, Med. Ad. 1, Holt
1230 Mill St., Lewisville



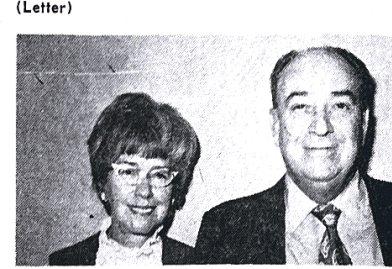
20. Mrs. R. J. (Nell) Bransford, Med. Ad. 2, Tur-rentine
3101 Coronado, 255-7634 (D. Haddock)



21. Kevin Davis, 11th Grade
2612 N. Britian, 255-1809



22. Becky Templin, 9th Grade (D. Spence)
1202 Fairdale, 255-4925



67. Hoyt D. Rogers, Adult 3, Cantrell
68. Mrs. Hoyt D. (Dorothy) Rogers, Adult 3, Comedy
3733 W. Devonshire Ct. (D. Blalock)

As I See It!

Is this trip REALLY necessary? This is the question that comes to my mind (and I'm sure to the minds of our many visitors) each week during our worship service. It seems to me that during every worship service there is a considerable amount of unnecessary movement thus causing an abundance of noise and distraction. To the person involved I'm sure that the one little extra trip doesn't seem to be disturbing, but when it is magnified time and time again by others of us, it becomes a real detriment to our worship.

As you enter the worship area of our church each week and take your seat, ask yourself this question, "Is this trip (or these words) really necessary? Do I really need to move to another area of the building? Do I have to sit with my wife? Do I really need to be excused from the service to take care of physical needs? (IT'S BEEN SAID THAT IF A PERSON, ADULT OR CHILD, CANNOT SIT FOR ONE HOUR WITHOUT LEAVING TO TAKE CARE OF HIS PHYSICAL NEEDS, HE SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR. Some movement is necessary, BUT BE SURE THAT YOUR NEXT TRIP IS.

Schoeppey

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance — 680
Training Union Attendance — 290
Budget Offering — \$5,541.28
Designated Offering — 401.00
TOTAL OFFERING — \$5,942.28

A WORD FROM WARD

I trust this issue will find you having the best Christmas ever. We are taking a few days vacation in Kansas City, Mo., with Dianne's folks. We'll be back with you Sunday, January 2.

Those of you who missed the rapsession with the pastor Sunday evening missed a first: our pastor taught us a new song. We will have our next all-youth gathering Sunday night, January 2.

Remember Marcia and Kay Bettes in your prayers. They need the strength now that only our loving Heavenly Father can give.

Children of Light — I'll see you in rehearsal January 2nd.

God is moving in our group . . . as we obey, God will instruct us. God always gives all we can take care of.

Ward

FROM US TO YOU

At this wonderful time of the year, your church staff would like to say how much we enjoy serving you. You are a most gracious congregation in so many ways. You are thoughtful, kind, patient, generous, loving and we know that you pray for us often.

We have a goal for the new year. It is that everything we plan and do will present Jesus Christ and help you to know Him more fully. May God bless each of you in every need.

Ron, Joanne
Jack, Sherry
Jimell, Carnella
Ward, Rick

World Religious News Roundup

★ RECORDS SHOW GAIN
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Running strongly counter to some current trends, the Church of the Nazarene reported notable increases for 1971 in membership, stewardship and Sunday school attendance.

The Hope Of the World



Lutheran Hour
— Religious Herald.

A little child . . . A shining star,
A stable rude . . . The door ajar.
Yet in that place . . . So crude, forlorn,
The Hope of all . . . The world was born.

—What Others Say—

LOVE forced Jesus to come to earth. He came to do for mankind what it could never do for itself. — Jack Wright.

THE EARTH has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it is always young. — Phillips Brooks.

CHRISTMAS is not bundles but a babe. It is not gifts of men but grace of God. It is not tinsel on a tree, but man on a tree. — Hershel H. Hobbs.

CHRISTMAS never comes to us; we must come to Christmas. — Charles H. Kopp.

CHRISTMAS crystallizes the highest aspirations of people everywhere and brings into focus the ideals of all the great religions of mankind. — Marcus Bach.

IF WE would be faithful to the spirit of Christ, without which Christmas is a pagan charade, we must sing of the Christ who comes, who has come, and will come. — William Robert Miller.

THE STORY of Bethlehem is not a mere beautiful dream in a night of darkness. It is the glimpse of sunlight breaking through the clouds of man's making. — Ralph Sockman.

THE MESSAGE of Christmas can become real to every person in every experience of life. — C. D. Goodwin.

LET US remember that the Christ who brought joy also brought comfort and peace. — A. Miller Sims.

CHRISTMAS is not a time or season, but a state of mind. — Calvin Collidge.

—A Little Bit of Wit—

Christmas is a very fair season. There are kids who no longer believe in Santa Claus and there are department store Santa Clauses who no longer believe in kids.—Robert Orben.

THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING . . .

and it is marvelous in our eyes. Everything about last Sunday was marvelous and miraculous . . . the people saved, the lives changed, the tremendous music and drama presented Sunday night . . . The least you can say about MBBC: "you never know what's going to happen next!" Thank God for that. **IT GETS BETTER EVERY YEAR**

The Christmas music and drama, that is. Our appreciation to Jimell and all who had a part in the presentation last Sunday night. It was the best yet. **CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE WITH BERTHA SMITH**

begins Sunday, January 16th. This is an event we've looked forward to for some time and I believe God has something special planned for us that week. "Miss Bertha" is a "retired" missionary from China whom God has been using in a mighty way to help people understand and appropriate the Spirit-filled life. For all who have hungry hearts and thirsty souls, this is a must.

DINGBATS

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN IN OUR CHURCH, BUT. Parents, please read Mr. Schoeppey's article in this week's paper. I've asked him to repeat it because of the growing problem of disturbance during the services.

NO PERMISSION FOR CYCLISTS. Somehow the word has spread that MBBC has given permission for cyclists to ride on our property. **THIS IS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE.** Permission has not and will not be granted. We continue to get calls from neighboring residents, complaining of the noise and disturbance. Several "disturbing the peace" complaints have been lodged with the police over this matter. We certainly have nothing against the kids riding their bikes, but this is just not the place for a speedway. With our Day Care and Kindergarten children playing outside, cycling is dangerous as well as disturbing to the residents. I'll appreciate it if you'll help us get the word out.

INCREASE IN THE TAPE PRICES

Our tape ministry has been blessed by God far more than we ever dreamed or imagined. Through the gracious gift of a MBBCer we now have some fine high-speed duplicating equipment which is going to make our ministry much more efficient. But it is going to be necessary that we raise the price of our tapes from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Even with this increase, our tapes are much less expensive than most tape outlets. Did I hear someone say, "You get what you pay for?" Bless you, brother.

WHAT A YEAR THIS HAS BEEN!

Hasn't God been good to us? This is the greatest year in MBBC history! And it is evident to all concerned that the successes of this year, numerically, financially, and spiritually are the work of God. It isn't programs, organizations, etc., but simply the Spirit of God released in and through the lives of available people. And take my word for it, we've seen only a hint of what God is going to do. Stick around! Ronald Dunn

Our church extends Christian sympathy to the families of Harold Bettes and Mrs. Mary Hix.



Ralph Bunche Dies

Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche, retiring Undersecretary General of the United Nations and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, died in New York Dec. 9. He was 67. Dr. Bunche had been hospitalized much of the time since his retirement last June.—RNS Photo.

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Christmas

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