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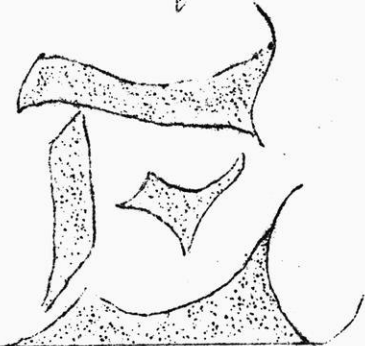
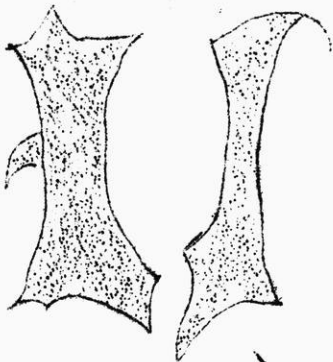
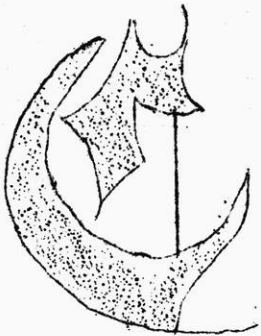
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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

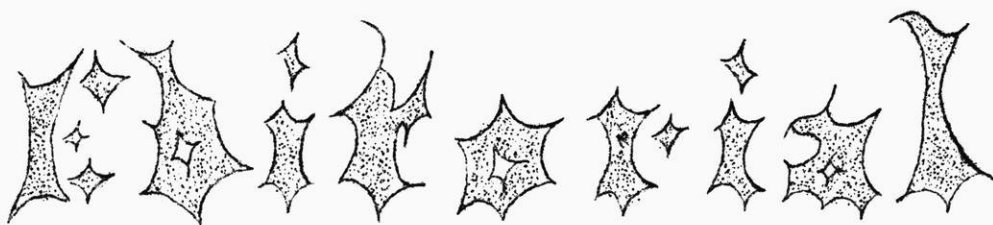


Getting agreement on a true Peace on Earth seems as elusive now as finding a lasting peace of mind. Change, in us and around us, while exciting, is also exhausting. The genie of change all around--in values, life-styles, objectives, and purpose--is clearly out of the bottle. While it is not clear whether that is entirely good or entirely controlled, what seems clear is that the genie of change can never now be placed back into the bottle. Christmas, though, is a cornerstone, a kind of handhold or even a friendly hand, in a world moving quickly for us and our families. For Christmas focuses on what we share, rather than on what we own, and focuses on that which binds us together rather than that which keeps us separate. Christmas is a kind of spiritual cement welding in good perspective the past, the present and the future.

That being the case we can all, each of us, enjoy the season in our own personal and unique way and style, and then, having done that, look confidently ahead to '73.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dr. Treffert



CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITAL* ...s contradiction in terms... for what does Christmas mean? The feast has come to symbolize not only the coming of Christ but many extentions of His coming: Warm relationships, and gay spontaneous associations, mutual giving and forgiving. On this we agree ... Christmas is a time of love, both in giving and receiving.

Let us look next at the connotation of HOSPITAL, the second of our terms. Typically, we associate with hospitals the passive role of being sick and taking medicine and shots, following rules to govern the minutiae of daily living conforming to doctors' and nurses' orders looking expectantly toward recovery and a freer mode of behavior.

Do we, in fact, find a contradiction between these two, the spirit of Christmas and the daily living out of hours and days in the hospital setting? So long as human interaction is present, **there** is the opportunity for everyone, patients and staff, to experience genuine encounters with others and so express his or her love in the manner of Christ.

Why not approach Christmas 1972 with this goal in mind, exerting opportunities for love in the hospital setting?

It is in this spirit that the CUE extends good wishes for all in the hospital community. The wishes are two fold: First, that we all share abundantly in the graces of Christmas, and second, that we have the courage to accept the challenge to extend Christmas (the coming of Christ), through Relationships with one another. THAT IS CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITAL!

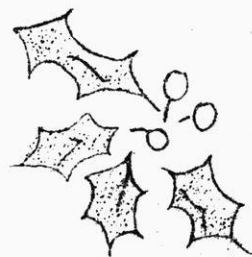
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SEASONS GREETINGS

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Issues & Answers

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

- "Nothing, I'm Jewish."
Annette
- "Celebrate the day that Christ was born."
Mr. [unclear]
- "I'm leawing."
Don
- "Time for a family to be together."
Dave Wilsmann
- "Going on a 4-day home visit."
Dale
- "Togetherness."
Mrs. [unclear]
- "Nothing - Going home for a few days."
Wayne Erickson
- "Beautiful."
Dave
- "The day of my Savior's birth and getting together with my friends and family."
Mrs. [unclear]
- "Good time to hang one on."
Anonymous
- "They are nice."
Delbert
- "Going home."
Chipp
- "I want to go home."
Keith
- "Just want Christmas."
Lewis
- "Something to have."
Fred
- "Likes presents."
Henry
- "I don't want it instead."
Jim
- "I want alot of presents."
John
- "Funny Face Day."
Anonymous
- "A good drunk."
Anonymous
- "A time to relax and have fun."
Anonymous
- "A spiritual time."
Bill
- "A lot of pressure."
Randy
- "A time for families to try to be together."
Jim
- "A time of joy and relaxation."
Donna
- "A time for friends."
Anonymous
- "Home, Wife, Family, Church."
Cully
- "Nothing - a world of forgotten bad memories."
George [unclear]
- "A rebirth of the Christ Child."
E. B.
- "A time to search past memories to face the future optomisticly with determination."
Al
- "Love, Peace, and Joy among all peoples throughout the world."
Kathy
- "All the joy in the world for my kids."
Ralph
- "Happiness because I'm going home."
Danny
- "I'd put the Lord before I would say getting out of here."
Jim
- "It's religious although too commercialized."
[unclear]
- "Togetherness in soul and spirit."
Sid
- "Nothing - over commercialized."
Wayne
- "Bills."
Roger
- "Home."
Ben

RELIGIOUS VIEWS

Thinking of the Christmas story brings to mind that Christ used quite ordinary means and channels for coming to us. The simple or the commonplace is very often the way by which He comes. The humble stable and manger are examples of this. That which is pretentious often sets up barriers as it did with the rich young man later in Jesus' life. Simple things like a cup of cold water or a crust of bread are frequently the means of His coming. The significance of the commonplace is seen in the down-to-earth assurance and faith of many a man who has lived next to God's soil, and watched the eternal promise and full miracle of life.

Quiet can also be a channel for Christ to come. His birth was not in the busy, noisy inn but in the quiet stall. The noise and hustle in our lives can easily keep us from letting Him in. Life is like a busy street, with so much going on that we do not take time to open the door and be hospitable even to other people, much less taking time to open the door and be hospitable even to other people, much less taking time to open our hearts in quietness to Jesus. The real seeking that we do is done in quiet. It is in quietness that seeds take root and grow; we need the quiet meditative times for inner growth. Let us absorb the simple joys and quiet satisfaction of the Christmas message this season, and thus invite Christ into our hearts.

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the CUE

Now in those days a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus for all the inhabited earth to be registered... And all people went traveling to be registered, each one to his own city.

Of course, Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea to David's city which is called Bethlehem, because of his being a member of the family of David, to get registered with Mary, his espoused wife, who was at present heavy with child.

While they were there, the days came to the full for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her Son, the first-born, and she bound him in cloth bands and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the lodging room.

LUKE 2: 1-7

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear God: Help me to have Christmas in my heart every day so that I may give gifts of summer dandelions or winter pine boughs and know joy. Help me to see a snowflake or a turning leaf that I may know beauty. Help me to hear silence and church bells, laughter and music that I may know the sound of your voice. Help me to feel someone else's smile or tear that I may know understanding. Help me to learn about different people and religions, different customs and lands that I may know the width of your kingdom. Help me to receive your gift of love.

C. W.

Oh Lord, Help Me

In Silence- to find peace, not just emptiness.
 In Suffering- to find meaning, not just agony.
 In Knowledge- to find wisdom, not just information.
 In Routine- to find order, not just boredom.
 In Order- to find purpose, not just conformity.
 In Daily Life- to find surprises, not just the expected.
 In Prayer- to find you, not just my own desires.
 In Change- to find promises, not just threats.
 In Opportunities- to find possibilities, not just problems.
 In Sin- to find forgiveness, not guilt.
 In Problems- to find hope, not just despair.
 In Leadership- to find direction, not just power.
 In Challenge- to find trust in you, not just insecurity.

Amen.

C. W.

CHRISTMAS: HAVE WE FORGOTTEN ITS MEANING?

Once again we come upon the birthday of "Christ", our Prince of Peace, our divine "Savior". The One promised to us by our Father Almighty, to cleanse mankind's soul from original sin so that we may be able to enter into our Father's kingdom.

As I look around me at this time in history, I can only wonder if we, the human race, have not wandered astray from this beautiful event by the fast pace we are now presented with in our every day life. If we have, we have lost a very beautiful gift that "Christ" Himself gave us by the very mannerisms he tried to teach us -- living among us in flesh and body likened unto ours. He was trying to show us, by His way of life, what His Father expected of us in order to stand pleasing within His eyes.

He came unto us in the simplest form of humility that one could come as at that time of history, a child born in swaddling clothes within the simplicity of a manger. A house wherein the animals of the earth abode, not even a house wherein a man would abide. Could one come unto man much simpler?

What did HE come for? He came unto us all to give the completeness of His great and wonderful love for man. He came to give so much but in turn, demanded so little. He set but two commands before us those being to love His Father and to love and be kind to your fellow man. These seem to be such simple demands placed upon us. Yet, man's greed, jealousy, ego and bigotry removes his inward capabilities to forgive his fellowman's weaknesses. To help them to be more pleasing in the eyes of God, the Father Almighty. And if one is pleasing before the Father, he can then only be pleasing before his fellow humans.

We as humans who suffer from illnesses of the mind, are being exposed to the above elements of bigotry that have stolen from us our Father's greatest gift -- our dignity that we are human beings. In the Good Book, He tells us to turn our other cheek to our enemies when they wronged us. For it is more glorious in our Father's eyes to forgive our enemies than to forgive our friends. I have fought them hard and unmercifully over the years but it was their acts that were repugnant to me -- not those who did them. This they will not expect. Yet the facts prove it.

As now, at this wonderful time of the year, let us forgive our keepers who have crucified our dignities. And maybe in the humility we show, they will better understand our needs.

(#3125)

VIITHE FIRST CHRISTMAS

As Christmas advances in proximity, we are sure of our steps as we move through this festive period. It is hoped we have an opportunity to partake of this period in life. The concentration we hope is your focal point during this merry era's factual belief.

With varied diminutive action in intellects' arrival we see to fact, a true moment of glee as we know our hopes are not in vain.

With life pertains it is essential to adjust to fate as our hopes sometimes do not fully arrive through action's life during a love farther not always understood.

Gary

And they came that all over the Roman Empire a census should be taken. And the tribe of Juda set out for Bethlehem. The holy family of Mary and Joseph journeyed there. Mary was great with child. When they arrived, there was no room at the inn. But the Innkeeper said, "There is a cave in back and we use it for a barn." And Mary labored and brought forth a man-child. And she called Him Emmanuel, Lion of Juda, Root of Jesse, Son of David.

Louis

SIGNS of CHRISTMAS

The sparkle and glitter of the Christmas season has come to WSH in the form of colorful and attractive decorations throughout the wards, dining rooms, kitchens, maintenance rooms and various other nooks and crannies of the buildings.

Multi-colored lights twinkle, gleam and blink on Christmas trees, and even the light fixtures are bright with mobiles of ornaments and other decorative items. Windows are gayly painted with holiday scenes, and some of the wards have imitation "red-brick" fireplaces, with decorated mantles, stockings and cozy, glowing "fires." One such fireplace has a cat statue curled up in front of the fireplace.

Feathery garlands, sprays and wreaths of gold, silver, green and red festoon trees and windows and provide frames for mirrors. Small, medium and large colored ornaments (larger than basketballs!) hang from ceilings and windows, shimmering and casting shadows as they gently swing. Bells and ornaments hang gracefully from garlands and window panes.

Christmas trees, both fresh and artificial, are standing on floors and tables--some with packages underneath them. Wreaths of ribbons and bows and gold and silver sprays of pine needles, interspersed with red poinsettias, add to the decor of many wards and dining areas. Stuffed toys, teddy bears, reindeer and dogs, including the famous Snoopy, deck window ledges. One window has Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in Santa's toy shop at the North Pole!

On the serious side Nativity scenes with attractively - carved figurines, decorate counters, mantles, tables and desks.

Snowmen, angels, snowflakes and Christmas music add to the festive atmosphere. So--the Holiday Season has come to Winnebago Hospital!

E.H.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE HOSPITAL STAFF.

Because of the fact that the CUE staff consists of patients of this hospital, we will speak on behalf of the entire patient population.

We would like to present our grateful thanks to those hospital staff members who took the time to brighten up the wards and other areas of the hospital where we spend our time from now until New Years. Many of us will not be going home for the holidays and others will not have visitors. Therefore the hospital will be our temporary home over the holiday season.

The decorations that you have put up to make it more like Christmas for us, will help us an awful lot. It can be a very lonesome time of the year when you can not be among your loved ones. Therefore your efforts are really appreciated.

May we take this space to wish all the staff a very merry and happy Christmas and a good New Year.

The patient body of Winnebago State Hospital.

CHRISTMAS MENU

Spiced Tomato Juice
Roast Tom Turkey w/Sage-Giblet Dressing
Whipped Potatoes w/Natural Gravy
Buttered Broccoli
Cranberry-Orange Relish
Angel Strawberry Shortcake

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THOUGHTS

As strange as it may seem, sometimes those whom God loves the most suffer the hardest.

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He who thinks like an inch and talks by a yard ought to be moved by a foot.

POETRY

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas
 when all through the pad
 Not a creature was stirring, man it
 was real sad.
 The stockings were hung by the chim-
 ney with care,
 With hope they'd be replaced by a
 new or clean pair.
 And I in my kerchief and her in her
 bed,
 Had just settled down; man we were
 dead.
 Then out in the night there arose
 such a clatter,
 I jumped from my bed. What the hell
 was the matter?
 Tore open the shutters and threw up
 the sash,
 It must be the junk man to pick up
 the trash.
 Then what to my eyes did appear,
 was a head of reindeer and a sled in
 the rear.
 With a red suited driver so lively
 and quick,
 I knew when I saw him, I was real sick,
 More rapid than eagles, his coursers
 they came,
 And he whistled and swore and called
 out dirty names.
 Now Dasher, now Dancer, no w damn it
 let's go,
 We're way off schedule, you're so
 damn slow.
 So up to the house top the coursers
 they flew,
 With a sleigh full of toys and our
 mail box, too.
 And then in a twinkling, I heard
 from above.
 A hell of a noise that was no cooing
 dove.
 As I drew in my head and turned to
 hear,
 Down the chimney came the man and
 burnt his rear.
 He was dressed all in fur, long
 hair, and a beard.
 He must be a hippy, man he was
 weird.
 His eyes, how they twinkled, his
 smile, how rye.
 His dimples, how merry. That cat
 was high.
 He held in his teeth the stump of
 a pipe,
 That was stuffed full of pot ready
 to ignite.
 He spoke not a word, but went right
 to his work.
 And cleaned out the refrigerator,
 the jerk.

Then back up the chimney he did as-
 cend,
 When a hot coal from the fireplace
 burnt his rear end.
 He sprang to his sleigh to his team.
 gave a yell,
 And away they all flew like a bat
 out of hell.
 But I heard him exclaim as he rode
 through the night,
 I HOPE YOUR CHRISTMAS IS OUT OF
 SIGHT.

Jim

"A WINNEBAGO CHRISTMAS"

The first Noel the angels did say;
 Joyous songs for a joyous day;
 But the Dr. has told you what you've
 begun to fear;
 That your Christmas won't be at home,
 it'll be here;
 You ask him, why? He says, "Your not
 well."
 Yet when you ask him how your sick,
 he won't tell.
 The Xmas decor and songs now ring a
 false note;
 You sit around resenting the happy
 letters you wrote;
 Everybody seems to be going home;
 You're happy for them but you seem more
 alone;
 So the cruelest thing has been done and
 you can't seem to cry;
 We'll spend Xmas together here -- all
 alone -- is it no wonder I ask myself
 Why???

Mardia

AGE

Snow and stars, the same as ever
 In the days when I was young -
 But their silver song, ah never
 Never now is sung!
 Cold the stars are, cold the earth is
 Everything is grim and cold
 Strange and dear the source of mirth;
 Life and I are old!

Gary

THE WEEK AHEAD

HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 25 - DEC. 31, 1972

M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S !!

Monday Dec. 25	9:00 am - 4:15 pm 10:00 am Chapel	CANTEEN OPEN CATHOLIC MASS Fr. Barrett
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Tues. Dec. 26	9:00 am - 4:00 pm 9:00 am - 11:30 am	CANTEEN OPEN Book Cart - All Wards
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Wed. Dec. 27	9:00 am - 8:00 pm 1:30 pm GHS 6:15 pm Canteen 7:30 pm Chapel 7:30 pm 2E	CANTEEN OPEN Lutheran Ward Service Rev. Winter SING & SWING LUTHERAN SERVICE Rev. Winter St. Vincent DePaul
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Thurs. Dec. 28	9:00 am - 8:00 pm	CANTEEN OPEN
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Fri. Dec. 29	9:00 am - 8:00 pm	CANTEEN OPEN
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Sat. Dec. 30	10:00 am GHS 12:00 am - 8:00 pm	Favorite Hymn Recital Mr. Korn CANTEEN OPEN

N E W Y E A R ' S E V E

Sun. Dec. 31	8:45 am Chapel 10:00 am Chapel 12:00 am - 4:00 pm	PROTESTANT SERVICE Rev. Carlson CATHOLIC MASS Fr. Barrett CANTEEN OPEN
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*ALL activities in CAPITAL LETTERS are for all patients.

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