



Times Remembered
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As I thought about what to write this week, I tried to re-collect some of my special Christmas memories.

My fond memories involve family togetherness, festive foods and traditions associated with them and the real meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus.

I enjoyed the family outings to Grandma's place to look for that perfect Christmas tree. It was usually a cedar or pine and while we were getting the tree we would gather greenery such as holly, spruce and mistle-

Christmas Memories

toe. The fun part of getting the mistletoe was shooting it out of the top of a walnut tree.

- Riding around town a few days before Christmas to check out the lights, store decorations and displays while listening to Christmas music on the radio.

- Attending church during the holidays, attending school plays and Christmas pageants at church

- Eating all the festive foods on the Christmas dinner table. Such as: country ham, turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, apples, jam cake, and other goodies like fudge, fruitcake and lots of fruit.

- The Christmas that stands out in my mind was the year I received an automatic record player that played 45's. This was when I was about 13 and in the 60's; Rock n Roll was king. We played the record player constantly; as much as Dad would let us and danced

to Elvis, and the Beatles. We bought records that came off the juke boxes at Miller' for a quarter. What a bargain!

- One memory I really miss is being at my mom and dad's for Christmas dinner and the opening of gifts. You see, we don't do that anymore since our parents died, and I really miss getting together. Sisters go their way with their family now and we don't see much of each other. Our parents were the glue that held us together. Sure it was mass confusion gathering all the family together once we all had children and some had grandchildren; but the togetherness was great.

These memories sustain and uplift me each Christmas season and looking back

I realize how blessed a childhood I had. It didn't involve lavish presents-but there was a tremendous joy and a wonderful sense of togetherness.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Confusion abounds when two old hillbillies meet a Catholic priest



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A story is told about two old hillbillies who had lived their entire lives high up in the mountains. They were making their yearly trek into town for supplies when they met a Catholic priest with his arm in a sling. They asked the priest what had happened.

"I slipped and fell in the bathtub," the priest said.

The hillbillies walked along quietly a good distance before one asked the other: "What's a bathtub anyway?"

The other replied: "How should I know? I'm not Catholic."

It would seem those old rascals were lacking in some basic knowledge

in the area of personal hygiene. Well, truth be told, there are lots of people living around us who are lacking in their basic knowledge in the area of scripture. That's why, when Christmas draws near, it's important for us to share what we know about the birth of Christ.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Behold, a virgin shall

be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.'

"Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son: and he called his name Jesus" (Matthew 1:18-25).

It's unthinkable that two old hillbillies wouldn't know what a bathtub is, but it is quite possible, considering they lived high up in the mountains where baths weren't considered necessary. By the same token, we might consider it unthinkable that we might live among people who don't know about the birth of Christ, but that is also quite possible, considering most families nowadays focus more on Santa than on the Christ child.

Let's do our part to make sure our families know about Jesus.

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Police Activity Report

Charles H. Burton, 53, of McKee was served by Deputy Chris Coffey on Dec. 19 with a warrant for failure to appear on charges of no registration receipt, no registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, failure of owner to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, careless driving, improper equipment, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

James Sparks, 28, of Walnut Grove, Irvine, was served a summons by Deputy Coffey.

On Dec. 19, Deputy Coffey served a warrant for failure to appear on **Jean A. Cole**, 44, Pitts Road, Ravenna.

Michael Jason Goodwin, 40, of Dry Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested Dec. 18 by Deputy Chris Coffey. on a fugitive warrant from Oklahoma.

Goodwin appeared in Estill District Court on Dec. 18 where he waived extradition.

Judge William Leach ordered that Goodwin be held by Three Forks Regional Jail until he resolves a pending Kentucky case.

Jacob Smith, 24, and **Wade Smith**, 48, of Winchester Road were arrested Dec. 11 by KSP Trooper Ty Robinson while serving a warrant.

Jacob Smith was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Wade Smith was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

Sheriff Chris Flynn assisted with the

investigation.

Keith Patmore, 45, of Dry Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested Dec. 11 by Trooper Robinson on a fugitive warrant from Indiana.

Deputy Coffey served an e-warrant Dec. 12 on **Brandon Keith Richardson**, 29, of Substation Road.

Cody Isaacs, 28, of Blue Bird Lane was served with a warrant Dec. 8 by Deputy Coffey.

Blake Hunter Marcum, 22, of Red Lick Road, Irvine was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence at the intersection of KY 52 and Pea Ridge Road on Dec. 15 by Deputy Coffey.

James W. Venable, 32, of Fowler Road, Irvine was charged by Sheriff Flynn on Stacy Lane in connection with a hit and run on Dec. 16.

A witness to the wreck at the intersection of Wisemantown and Richmond Roads had reportedly written down Venable's license plate number.

Witnesses also reported seeing Venable drive his truck onto Stacy Lane and pull behind a house at 535 Stacy Lane.

Sheriff Flynn said Venable's girlfriend arrived and asked him to come out of the house. He reportedly said he had no driver's license was why he left the wreck scene.

The sheriff stated he could smell alcohol on Venable, who replied, "This is my property."

Flynn charged Venable with leaving scene of accident - failure to render aid or assistance, operating on a suspended or revoked operator license, second degree disorderly conduct, and alcohol intoxication in a public place.

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