Wishing You a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

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A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION
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At this season of the year it is customary to express to each other the old, old greeting of "peace on earth and good will among men." At this particular time when peace and good will seem to be so sadly lacking among the peoples of the world, we may find much cause for rejoicing in the growing sense of peace and good will within our own little community, and especially between our churches.

It seems to me that the citizens of Stow are more united and harmonious today than at any other time during my fourteen years of residence in this community. Not many years ago there was an undercurrent of jealousy and friction between the churches. Seldom was the minister of one church invited to speak in the other. There was no such thing as a union Thanksgiving or Christmas service. Proselyting was not uncommon. Newcomers in the community were soon informed of the short-comings of the "other church."

But today a new spirit is moving among the churches of Stow. Perhaps we should say not a new spirit, but an old spirit—the Spirit of Christ. Union services are more or less frequent. The ministers are at home in either pulpit. When death came to the parsonage of one, and removed a beloved son, the pastor of "the other church" was invited to come and bring the message of comfort. And thus. Death, which severed one tie, strengthened another. This little paper: The Community News, published by the Community Church, carries the announcements and the news of "the other church," gladly and without charge. When the women of one church serve a public supper, the members of "the other church" patronize it liberally.

That which can be said concerning our churches might also be said of other organizations that go to make up our community. The newly organized Business Men's Club should do much toward creating a better spirit of understanding and cooperation between the business and professional men who serve our community. And certainly the splendid response that has been given to the development of our new Community Center could come about only in a community in which people are willing and anxious to "live and work together harmoniously."

While we may be keenly conscious of the lack of "peace and goodwill" elsewhere in the world, may we not find cause to be truly grateful for the peace and goodwill within our own midst, and strive earnestly to extend it beyond the boundaries of our own community.

L. M. Gregory
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

We know of three Christmas programs scheduled for Monday evening, December 23rd.

The Graham Road Baptist Church Bible School program will be held in their church auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

In Munroe Falls on Monday evening the Methodist Church Sunday School and the people of the town have combined for a Christmas entertainment. At 7:30 p.m. they will meet in the church for a program by the children of the Sunday school. Afterwards they will adjourn to the Town Hall and Munroe Falls Community Center for a party and community singing. Each child present will receive a gift.

Also the Community Center of Stow Christmas program and party will be held in the high school auditorium and at the Community Center. Great preparations are being made for this program and a Christmas treat is promised for all small children. Everyone is invited.

On Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th Community Church Bible School will present a program at 7:30 p.m.

At eleven o'clock Christmas Eve midnight services will be held at the Stow Church of Christ.

On Monday December 30th the Christmas Party of the Stow Garden Club will be held at the Community Center.

DEATH

Walter A. Shirey of 760 East Graham Road, Stow was suddenly killed last Wednesday when the car in which he was riding crashed into a bridge abutment at Munroe Falls. This is the second fatal accident on Route 91 in Munroe Falls this year, both accidents taking place within a short distance of one another.

Surviving the deceased are his wife Aletha, son Rex and father and mother Mr. and Mrs. William A. Shirey of Akron. Funeral services were Saturday with burial in Stow cemetery.

GOOD-BYE TO 1940

1940 will soon be history. It has been a good average year for The Community Church in Stow. For some departments of our work there could, and should be, improvement. I mention two, and I believe they are the only two that are anemic. They are the Mid-Week Prayer Service and the
last Wednesday) for California. It seems Mr. Round has a job with an airplane company. Mrs. Webber, who was one of the committee, or hostesses at this party, wondered if the Rounds had room in their car for an extra passenger. Must be that Mrs. Webber would like to live in California this winter.

You will remember that the editor is still eating cookies. Further conversation brought to light that Mrs. Henry had sold her two kittens, etc. etc.

Finally—our wife was ready to go, so taking Mrs. Dike and Mrs. Weyrick along we adjourned homeward having had a very pleasant ten minutes at the party to which we were not invited.

On the way home Mrs. Dike was dropped off first but we did not go in since it was rather late (about 9:30 p.m.) and as yet her Christmas cookies were not baked. Will stop sometime when there are cookies. Mrs. Weyrick was next. Incidentally Mr. Weyrick was ill with the flu. He seems to have acquired the pestilence shortly after yours truly.

Home at last, where, if our memory serves us correctly, we sample an apple, some California grapes, and possibly a banana, or an orange from a large basket of assorted fruit jellies and jam (quince, marmalade especially noteworthy) received a few hours before from Mrs. Gillam. She had somehow heard that we were a victim of the common pestilence and was very kind in remembering us.

After working an hour on the paper the world should know that we retired at approximately 11:00 p.m. H. J. S.

E. M. GUISE
Coal and Supply

We wish you all the good cheer and happiness of the Yuletide season for 1940-1941.

Greetings

Here's to your luck, your health, your good cheer this Christmas.

Wm. J. Henry Opt. D.

Just a simple note for our heartfelt wish to you for a happy Christmas.

R. H. IMHOFF
GREETINGS

May this Christmas cargo be a heavy one of good cheer and joy for your whole family.

Baughman Feed Store

RECIPES

Mrs. Dalcher was the lady who handed in the recipe for Brazil Nut Cookie Sticks appearing in last week’s issue. Here is another one of her recipes:

ANISE COOKIES

Beat 1 lb. sugar and 4 eggs (one hour by hand or 15 min. with electric mixer). Add 1 teaspoon anise oil, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 lb. flour and \( \frac{1}{2} \) tsp. baking powder. Let stand \( \frac{1}{2} \) hour, before rolling, roll out \( \frac{1}{4} \) inch thick, cut, put in pans and leave stand overnight, bake in a moderate oven until a delicate brown.

—Mrs. Dalcher

Note 1 lb. sugar equals 2 cups.
Note 1 lb. flour equals 4 cups

PERSONALS

Mrs. Hooper, ill in the hospital is reported as improving.

Mrs. Roe’s group of ladies serve dinner at Community church to the Lion’s Club Monday evening.

The River Road club met this Thursday at the home of Mrs. Helen Palmer. They will hold their Christmas party Saturday December 21st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gowin. Oakwood Drive, Cuyahoga Falls.

From EDDIE IDLE, Mgr.

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God to do your best. Seek, I 
pray, a consecration and a christ-
ian zeal worthy of the hope that 
spurs us on.

So, here's for 1941, let us 
achieve and overcome all along our 
way.

GEO. M. HULME 

ERRORS

In reading our paper after it is 
printed we sometimes ask our-
self—Did I write that? Such sen-
tence construction! Such a mess! 
Last week as usual there were sev-
eral mistakes or omissions. One 
was the omission of the name of 
Miss Ruth Ridenour the first 
young lady on the left in the first 
row in the choir picture. In case 
someone did not know the faces, 
they would have the wrong identi-
fication for each person in that 
row. Another error, was the 
switching of columns on Page 6 
which would make it appear that 
Mrs. McCreary of Ashtabula t-
ten-ded the Graham Road Baptist 
Church etc. etc.

We are sorry such mistakes oc-
cur but since the paper is made up 
in add moments and in a great 
rush it is sometimes a wonder 
there are not more errors.

Remove far from me vanity and 
lies: give me neither poverty nor 
riches; feed me with food that is 
needful for me: Lest I be full, and 
deny thee, and say, Who is the 
Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, 
and take the name of God in vain. 
Prov. 30:8-9.

Let this Christmas be a 
design for living. Best 
wishes and cheer.

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mas.

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BIBLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM
Stow Community Church

Who Am I .............................................. Alice J. Easterling
The Magic Christmas Whistle ......................... Silas Ridenour
Sharing Christmas ...................................... Georgia L. Coulton
Daddy Works ............................................ Raymond Sondeker
If Sandy Claws Was Pa ................................ Charles Holley
Do You Know Why ...................................... Martha Mitten
Christmas Cheer ......................................... Billy Morris
Poor Santa Claus ...................................... Mae and Martha Schroeder
Piano Duet .............................................. Patty Sowers and Bertha Nichols
Songs—O Little Town of Bethlehem ................. Primary Dept.

Away In A Manger
Joy Bells .................................................. 8 Girls
Ina Vogel, Joan Round, Donna Ayers, Roberta Ray, Carol Phelps,
   Donna Thomas, Deloris Emerich, Mae Schroeder
Christmas Song .......................................... Betty Weyrich
Let Your Light So Shine ............................. 6 Boys
Richard Roe, Fred McClelland, David Evans, Jimmy Allen, David
   Mitten, Jimmy Cumpson, Tobe Moseley, Adfred Dalcher
Christmas Arithmetic .................................. Wayne Ray
The First Christmas Gift ............................ Dick Weyrick
Prayer ...................................................... Fannie Boston
The Bible Story and Prayer ........................... Rev. Hulme
The Night Before Christmas ........................ Mr. Traxler and Primary Dept.
Songs—Silent Night, Christmas Everywhere ........ Primary Dept.
Accordion Solo ......................................... Neil Cumpson
Christmas Candles ..................................... Charlotte Ballis' Class
The Star and the Child ............................... Mrs. Cumpson's and Mr. Cross' Classes
The Christmas Tree .................................... Mr. Stockman's Class
Santa
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear ...................... Mrs. Johnson

JUST THAT LONG
As long as we have—
1. Racial and religious hatreds, we shall have wars.
2. Easy money, we are going to have fools spending it.
3. Laughter and joy in the world, there is a chance of reforming it.
4. Faith and vision, there is hope of progress for the nation.

5. A thirst for knowledge, and love for a good book, the universe will open for us.
6. Friends who will forgive us, we are under obligation to try again.
7. Confidence in God, we cannot be defeated.
8. Love for the Lord, we shall love the services of his house.

—Edwin Wyle.
—Selected.
MIDNIGHT SERVICE
Christmas Eve

The following midnight service will be held at the Church of Christ beginning at eleven o'clock Christmas eve and concluding promptly at midnight.

Organ Prelude ........................................ Helen Gregory
Opening Sentence ..................................... The Choir
Invocation ............................................ Rev. Gregory
Hymn ..................................................... Hark, The Herald Angels Sing
Organ Selection ....................................... Helen Gregory
Hymn ..................................................... Bow Down, O Heavens
Duet ..................................................... Mrs. Imhoff and Mrs. Perrine
Hymn ..................................................... O Holy Night
Anthem—Christmas Anthem ......................... The Choir
Offertory
Brief Christmas Message ............................. Rev. Gregory
Candlelight Communion Service

The choir will sing as the congregation partakes of the Lord's Supper, leaving the church immediately after partaking, and will all assemble on the front lawn to hear the closing anthem, "For Unto Us A Child Is Born," as it is amplified over the loud speakers. This is a community service and the public is cordially invited to participate in it. Each Christmas eve large numbers of Stow people drive to Akron to attend Christmas eve services, only to find the churches packed to the doors and in many instances not even standing room available. The above service is being provided in response to many requests for such a service in our own community.

Wishing You a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

Stow Community Church
GEORGE M. HULME, Minister
He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaile them shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13.

THAT BUDDY PARTY

A past event is that buddy party the ladies held in the church parlors last Tuesday evening, but the memory lingers, especially with the editor who of course being a mere man was not invited to attend, but then we have a wife and occasionally one should escort their wife home. To do this it is most convenient to go inside and announce your presence. Then, once inside, one can inquire about this and that, and, most always samples of the refreshments are brought out as evidence that they really did have something to eat. This party was no exception. There were cookies. Ah! Cookies! Christmas cookies—all the varieties we cannot name, but Tollhouse cookies by Mrs. Wm Henry and Dream Bar cookies by Mrs. C. H. Monteith were especially wonderful. We must have the recipes!

Besides eating there were other forms of entertainment. It is understood that Mrs. Osman and Mrs. Rapp tied for first place in the smelling contest. Then Rev. Hulme—yes the minister was there—started home with one of the ladies hats on, probably that he could obtain a new hat for his wife at very little expense, which reminds us that one time the editor tried to wear away Rev. Gregory's topper but didn't quite make it. Or was it the other way around?

Still eating cookies, we watched Mrs. Nichols break a glass, one of the kind you drink from, not the variety in which you look to see if your tie is on straight, so she will probably have seven years of good luck in place of the other kind of luck.

Another item is this: It's Grandma and Grandpa Dike now. On December 4th Carol Ann, twenty-one inches long and weighing eight and a quarter pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Donald Dike of Akron. Then we hear that the Rounds of West Graham Road were leaving the next day (that's
Young People’s C. E. society. Aside from this weakness The Community Church in Stow is as healthy and vigorous as it has ever been since its inception.

This church will close the year with all current expenses paid. Six weeks ago the Church paid in a lump sum three-fifths of its old debt.

The B’ble School, super’ntended by C. H. Montieth, is a delight to the crowd that fills every available space on Sunday mornings. The Men’s Class, the Ladies’ Class, the Young People’s Class, and the Young Married Folk’s Class are four classes, all demanding more. Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Wheeler and myself are the teachers of the classes mentioned.

The Bible School is the proud

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folk.

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This then is a brief word picture of The Community Church in Stow.

The curtain will soon drop and separate our work of 1940 from our plans and efforts of 1941. This church has a mind to advance, to has reasons to believe that the year 1941 will be its most progressive year. The church will attempt, and expect, great things before the gong sounds the close of another year.

The old debt will be paid, the mortgage will be burned, necessary improvements will soon be started on the church, class rooms for the growing school must be provided, and how we need a new and modern kitchen. The acoustics of the auditorium are faulty, we plan some improvements there.

Last, but far from being the least, I hope and pray that one and all of this promising church will grow in grace and in a definite knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Accept no office, my brother.

In the spirit of the season, our good wishes for your Christmas merriment come on wings of good fellowship! Have a wonderful holiday, with those you love.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Lawhorn and daughter Mary Jane left Saturday for a few days visit with Mr. Lawhorn's father who is seriously ill in Vincennes, Indiana.

Many people have expressed their appreciation of the organ and vocal selections which have been broadcast to the community from the Church of Christ each Sunday morning during December, and each evening during the week preceding Christmas. The choir of the Community Church will sing on Monday evening. In addition to the choirs from both of our Stow churches, music was furnished on two evenings by choirs from churches in the Falls.

Rev. L. M. Gregory began his fifteenth year as pastor of the Stow Church of Christ, on December first. He and Mrs. Gregory were guests of honor at a dinner served by the Esther Circle at the home of Mrs. R. S. Cobb, on Maple road, at which time they were presented with a beautiful handmade quilt and a book of friendship containing the names of nearly 400 members and friends of the congregation and citizens of the community.
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and
A Happy Prosperous New Year

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