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"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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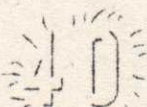
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HOLIDAY SEASON

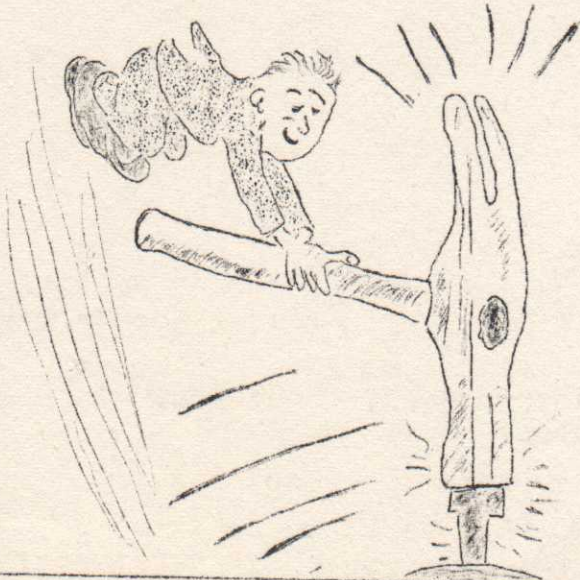
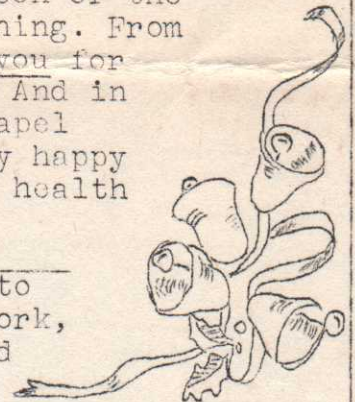
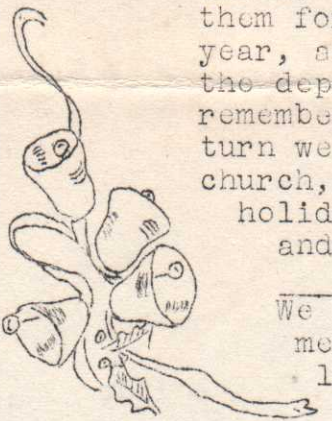
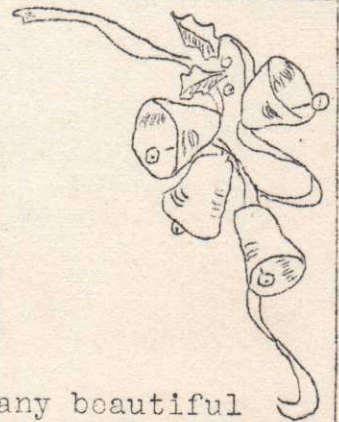
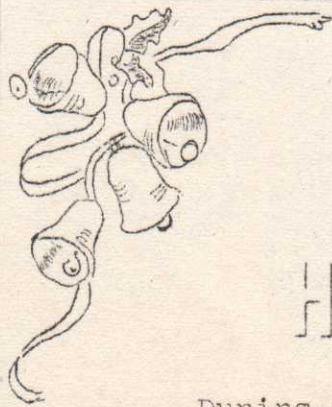
During the past few days we have received many beautiful cards, with the most beautiful sentiment expressed on them for our happiness and joy at this season of the year, and the New Year that is now approaching. From the depths of our hearts we wish to thank you for remembering us at this season of the year. And in turn we wish for every member of Warner Chapel church, and all who read this paper, a very happy holiday season; And much happiness, good health and prosperity in the New Year.

Bro. Chaffin and Family

We have never practiced sending cards to members of the church with which we work, lest we should overlook some one, and they become offended.

HELP US

"HIT THE NAIL
ON THE HEAD"
WITH  IN THE ADULT
BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY
10 A. M.



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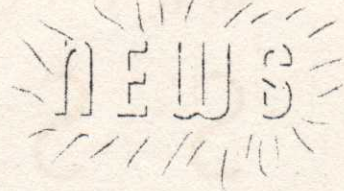
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Brother Herman Landreth's father had an operation last Friday. He is in Baptist Hospital and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Sister Kimel was able to go home from the hospital Sunday.

Sister Mollie Warner was back at services last Sunday.

OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.

Worship.....11:00 A. M.

Worship..... 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class....2:00 P. M.

Prayer meeting.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Men's Training Class..7:30 P. M.

A WELCOME AWAITS YOU IN ALL OUR SERVICES

KEEP IT OUT

All the water in the world,
 However hard it tried,
 Could never, never sink a ship
 Unless it got inside.
 All the evil in the world,
 The blackest kind of sin,
 Can never hurt you one least bit,
 Unless you let it in.

A CHRISTIAN IS---

A MIND through which Christ speaks.

A HEART through which Christ loves.

A VOICE through which Christ speaks.

A HAND through which Christ helps.

COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY!!!

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RADIO PROGRAM

Be sure and listen to the radio program each Sunday morning at eight oclock. Brother Chaffin is the speaker this month. He has been speaking on the "N. T. Church"

VISITORS

The following people were with us in our services last Lord's Day.

Mrs. Emily Lambeth,
 Jonestown Road, Route 2,
 Winston-Salem, N. C.

Billy Pegram, Route 1,
 Clemmons, N. C.

COME AGAIN, BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANSWERS

LETTER REVIEWED—INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Since the last issue we have received a letter from Mr. Miller stating that we have his permission to review his letter in these columns, provided that we print his letter in full. That, we intended to do all the time. Because that is only fair to all concerned I here give you his letter.

"Dear Mr. Chaffin:

"I wish to thank you for the Church paper recently received as it was an incentive for some extended Bible reading on my part after reading your very radical, unconventional and evidently unfounded contention that musical instruments are by scripture, forbidden in church.

"I am a firm believer in freedom of worship---the handling of snakes, the banning of musical instruments---or any other, and have no desire to interfere with any, but feel privileged to state my opinion after reading yours.

"Your theory as stated is---Paul & didn't say do it, so therefore it is wrong. Why be so biased with Paul? Why not say that he also didn't say not do it? After this you contradict yourself. You say that men were not told how to travel when they were told to go and preach---true. But let us use your apparent doctrine as stated in the paper. Paul didn't say ride in an automobile, therefore is it wrong for you to ride in one or do the countless other things we all do, unless Paul said so? Surely Paul credited future generations with enough common sense to deal themselves with such things irrelevant to salvation.

"I read in five different places in the Bible about musical instruments, and they were commended----

not condemned as you infer in your paper. This reading was found in both the Old and New Testaments. Part of it as I read and understand is definitely proclaimed for public worship. Also in Revelation we read about harps in Heaven. Dear preacher--are they wrong in Heaven? If not, how can they be wrong in the church?

"I also read one passage of scripture in which musical instruments are condemned as used in idleness.

"We should read any or all of the Bible and not the parts which please us, but also the parts which may displease. We should also be fair enough to tell that Paul also did not forbid musical instruments as well as to tell in such definitely strong terms that he did not recommend them.

"Many others along with my-self--are dismayed that a student of the Bible should define it in such a manner, with nothing we can find to substantiate your definition. If we are wrong, may God lead us to know it. If you are wrong, may he lead you to know it and the ones you teach.

"I can tell you where to find scripture I have referred to. Please do not be too obstinate to read it. Please let me know of any results. You have my consent to let anyone read this letter if they agree to also read the scripture listed below.

"I Samuel 16:16-23; Psalms 33:2; Revelation 14:2; Matthew 9:23; Revelation 5:8.

"There are possibly many more references to musical instruments, but I deem the above readings to be over sufficient evidence that they are not condemned or forbidden."

Signed, Sincerely,
A. R. Miller. (See Back Page)

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(QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANS. CONT.)

(ANSWER)

I am glad to know that our little paper caused Mr. Miller to do some extended Bible study. However I think he studied for the wrong purpose, that is, to try to justify himself and many others in the error of using mechanical instruments of music in worship. In his last letter Mr. Miller admitted that he was not a Bible "student" nor qualified to write about it. This is very conspicuous in his letter to all observing readers, because of the scriptures he used. However, I can't help but admire him in trying to defend his practice of using the instrument. Perhaps if Mr. Miller is not qualified to write on the subject, he might be able to get some one to help him. Maybe his preacher, who teaches it is alright to use mechanical instruments of music in the worship, would be glad to help him. If he is not willing to try and defend his practice, surely that should suggest to Mr. Miller that there is something wrong with it.

I suppose that my article might seem "radical" and "unconventional" to one who has always heard that it is scriptural to have instrumental music in worship. But I am not trying to follow forms or customs that have been followed by the denominations for many years. But I believe if Mr. Miller will study closely my article he will find it is not unfounded.

Mr. Miller states that he is a firm believer in freedom of worship, and has no desire to interfere with any.

Let me state that I too am a firm believer in freedom of worship and would not try to stop or interfere with any except through the teaching of the Word of God. Certainly there is much taught in the name of religion that is absolutely false; that cannot be sustained by the Word of God. If it were possible for me to do so, I would destroy all false doctrines through the process of exposing them, and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ without addition or subtraction. Error cannot be substituted for Truth at any time or any place in religion. Our Savior said, "And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you free," Jno. 8:32. What is truth? Let Jesus answer; "Sanctify them through thy truth: THY WORD IS TRUTH." Jno. 17:17. It takes the Truth of God to make man free from sin. Error cannot make anyone free from sin. It makes no difference how popular it may be or how many people may believe and practice it, error in religion will condemn the soul of man.

Now let me point to Mr. Miller and to all our readers,--- that when we expose the errors of others it does not mean that we are practicing intolerance. Neither does it indicate a lack of love for our fellow-man. But rather to the contrary, it shows that we are interested in him, and want him to be saved. If we follow the Bible, we will condemn error wherever and whenever we find it.

Jesus did that, was he practicing intolerance? Read Matt. 23:
(To be cont. in next issue).