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## On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

—St. Luke 2:1-20

## The Publisher's Christmas Message

IN MOTORING around Charlotte this Christmas season I have noticed that more people than ever before have brightened their houses with the beautiful decorations which illustrate Christmas in all its infinite glory.

On one street alone I counted five arrangements of biblical figures portraying the birth of Christ and this made me realize that we have not totally lost track of the deep religious significance of this, the greatest of all days in the world's history.

Was there ever a time in the past 1657 years when we needed it all more profoundly than the assurance of the Prince of Peace? It is not merely the humility and kindness of Jesus which shines out in all the pages of the Gospels, it is the sheer magnanimity of the Redeemer as he met the challenge of civilization's highest aspirations.

Today mankind is being tested in the white heat of all sorts of international tensions. We live in an age when we are frightened lest the scientific prowess of our Republic is incapable of outmatching the dramatic gains made by the Russian govt.

In a world divided by ambition on the one hand and terror on the other, we need the peace, the courage, the stability and the courage which characterized the life of Jesus from the very day he was born in a humble manger under the Star of Bethlehem.

It seems to me that Christmas Day gives us a sacred opportunity in which to reappraise our own basic character.

With Jesus Christ as the very epitome of what we would like to be, we can measure our own moral and spiritual stature against the towering figure of a man whose magnificent character has lifted humanity to new heights of vision and purpose for nineteen and a half centuries.

In my experiences as a newspaperman I find from day to day many Christ-like characters whose dedication to the highest ideals make them a source of tremendous inspiration to their fellow-men in the lives of these noble people. I see the manifest influence of the man we honor on Christmas Day.

In the nobility of a superbly fine person there is indeed a divine light which seems to shine however dark and gloomy the day may be. If you wander about our own community, seeking the opportunity to talk with people in every walk of life, you will discover that humbleness and beauty of character, coupled with high purpose, are found in people regardless of their race, their creed or their economic status.

God gives us both dignity and nobility, but we must nurture them if we are to grow and shine in His Kingdom on earth. Christmas, it seems to me, gives us our richest moment of challenge for it is on Christ's birthday that we feel the impetus to enrich our souls with a spirit of love and devotion to all humanity.

—THOMAS L. ROBINSON

## The Empty Stocking Is Full Of Magic

EVERY year we run into a problem of right here—on this line. The problem is in saying "Merry Christmas" to the folks who filled the Empty Stocking with the means to light joy in the faces of children, to ease hunger in empty stomachs and to put clothes on shivering bodies.

Our problem simply cannot be solved with language. We've despaired of that, as has everyone else who has fretted with his inability to express the warm feeling of humility evoked by the generosity of others. But like a Christmas card from an old and distant friend, the wish returns each year. We wish the word "thanks" conveyed to you who filled the Stocking a little more of the magic that came out of the Stocking and made the spirit of Christmas live in hearts and homes where otherwise it might have withered for want of an orange, a shiny trinket or a hot meal.

The happy thing is that Empty Stocking contributors don't have to be thanked. That was not the desire behind the checks that came to the fund from homes and factories, offices and restaurants, big and little, from St. and little piggy banks; from farmers, clerks, pensioners, salesmen, Sunday School classes and labor unions. A gift gives the giver its own reward in an emotion that underlies the season.

But that doesn't remove our need to say thanks in a special way. In our frustration we turned to THE NEWS' reporter who visits needy families each year and reports their circumstances to the public. She had visited the drafty shanties, seen the thin children, talked with tired and despondent parents. She had fretted and worried and frowned in fear the Stocking wouldn't be filled. Now that it was filled, we reasoned, she must know how to express the feeling we sought to express. She had the feeling, but no words. But a smile had replaced the worried frown.

She just said: "Merry Christmas!"

We'll just say that, too.

Merry Christmas!

From The Christian Science Monitor

## LIBERTE! EVEN FOR THE CONCIERGE!

THE hand that rocks the cradle may rule the world. What every Parisian is more sure of is that the hand that locks the portal rules the roost.

The owner of this hand, the Paris concierge, has decided to give his subjects one day of freedom each week while he himself takes the day off. He informed the French Parliament of this decision. The Parliament acted like the rubber stamp which it must be when faced with a concierge's proposal. Anyway, not one parliamentarian said no.

If you presented a concierge to explain the source of his power, he (or rather she, for there are more women among them than men) would disclaim it. "I keep the halls tidy, m'sieu, I see that letters get into the proper hands, I do the little odd jobs that must be done, and I let you out in the morning and in at night—or (ahem?) perhaps the other way round, n'est-ce pas?"

But what every free Frenchman knows is that where his concierge's opinions begin his own liberties are at least in doubt. So he will welcome the news that the concierge is to have one day off a week. On this point humaneness joins with self-interest.

Be it ever so pleasant, there's no face like your concierge's to start you rummaging about in your conscience. It isn't only that concierges are known to work for the Paris police. It's more the fact that you may be seeing your concierge day in and out for the rest of your days—and nobody else's sour look can so convince you that you are mispending them.

# Dr. Archibald Henderson: 'Man Of The Renaissance'

By JOHN VAN Noppen

Editors' Note: Who is the greatest living North Carolinian? Any list of nominations would contain the name of Chapel Hill's Archibald Henderson. He is a biographical sketch of the famed educator and writer by a professor of English at Appalachian State Teachers College. It condensed from the Greensboro Daily News.

ARCHIBALD Henderson was awarded the Mayflower Cup in Raleigh on the evening of Dec. 12, 1957, by the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association for his monumental and definitive biography, "George Bernard Shaw: Man of the Century." This cup is awarded annually for the best book written by a North Carolina author while residing in North Carolina.

It is indeed extraordinary that each of Dr. Henderson's three biographies has received the award of a cup by the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association: "George Bernard Shaw: His Life and Works" (1911), the Patterson Cup; "Bernard Shaw: A Study of His Character" (1922), the Mayflower Cup; "George Bernard Shaw: Man of the Century" (1955), the Mayflower Cup. These awards have been most fitting and justly deserved, for Henderson is destined to rank with the great biographers. He has been acclaimed as "better than Boswell."

### EXPERT ON SHAW

Archibald Henderson began his study of Shaw in 1903, brought out his first Shavian biography in 1911, his second in 1922, and his last and most complete biography of the Irish genius in 1955—a period of 53 years. Furthermore, he has written hundreds of articles and reviews about Shaw in the leading journals of the United States and Europe. Many other articles by Henderson about Shaw have appeared in the leading newspapers of this country—often widely quoted. In addition, he has written nine books in whole or in part about Shaw.

Dr. Henderson has ever been a cultural pioneer, discovering and giving recognition and honor to men and women who had previously been neglected and insufficiently appreciated by historians, critics and the general public. He was a pioneer in recognizing and paying tribute to Ibsen, Maeterlinck, Strindberg, Bjornson, Schiller, Hauptmann, Berker, Wilde and Shaw. His "Interpreters of Life and the Modern Spirit," "European Dramatists" and "The Changing Drama" gave him high rank as a dramatic critic.

He is one of the eminent southern historians; his historical writings have been highly praised by Charles Beard, Frederick Jackson Turner, Charles McLean, William E. Dodd and other historians. His history of North Carolina deals far more fully with the social and cultural history of the state than has any other history. North Carolina ever written. It is also the longest and most readable.

### REGIONAL HISTORY

Then Henderson is a pioneer in regional history. His accounts of the westward movement, the settlement of Western North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, the Transylvania Company, Richard Henderson, Daniel Boone, James Robertson, Isaac Shelby, John Sevier and George Rogers Clark make fascinating reading and are a most important contribution to our history. His "Conquest of the Old Southwest" was described by William E. Dodd as being "warm, warm, lovable, vital, courteous, kind, a southern gentleman of the old school, whose like we shall seldom see again. He can talk with equal interest about Einstein, Shaw, O. Henry, foreign affairs, baseball, Carolina teams, hunting, the stock market, literature, history or the drama."

He was one of the first American

to become interested in and to understand the theory of relativity, and he has been perhaps the leading exponent of this theory in the United States. As an advocate for relativity he has played much the same role in this country that Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington played in England. Henderson spent the year 1923-24 studying with Einstein in Berlin, and he has probably written more surely and understandingly on relativity than any other writer.

For 50 years he was a professor of mathematics at the University of North Carolina and head of the department for almost 30 years. Because of his able administration and introduction of new courses, he became known as the "father of modern mathematics" at the University of North Carolina. He has written widely and creatively in mathematics, one of his monographs being published by the Syndics of Cambridge University in the famous series of Cambridge Tracts. This at the time (1911) was the first of second mathematical treatise by an American ever published in this notable series.

### GREAT MIND

He is a universalist of the mind, an intellectual pioneer, and without doubt one of the greatest minds that the South has produced. Brilliant, gifted, versatile, he is a many-faceted personality. He Bacon and Leonardo he has taken all knowledge for his province." He has perhaps written more and in more varied media than any other modern scholar. He is North Carolina's greatest humanistic scholar, the supreme example in our time of that rare combination of the artist-scientist in one human personality.

He is a gifted orator, lecturer, a fascinating conversationalist and a brilliant dramatist. His characteristic is his compelling drive to achieve, to follow, to write, to create. "To produce knowledge like a sinking star, beyond the utmost bound of human thought."

### SEEKER OF THE NEW

As a pioneer of the mind, he is always seeking the new, the undiscovered, bringing to public attention new movements, unknown, or inaccurately recognized writers, scientists, historic figures—particularly in North Carolina and the South. Shaw was comparatively unknown outside England before his "discovery" by Henderson, and even the English did not quite like it at first. Men and women who have contributed greatly to the history of North Carolina owe their deserved recognition to Dr. Henderson.

Each of us is but a moment in time and a dot in space. No man's life can be considered apart from his time and his place. His life can serve as an instrument by which to record a cross-section of life in this time and this place. North Carolina, in the 180's and 1890's.

From 1894 to the present he has been student, professor, department head and professor emeritus in the University of North Carolina. His career has spanned more than a third of the history of the university, and his life has paralleled that of the reopened university. His life story therefore serves as a perfect upon which hang the evolution of the University of North Carolina from a little Southern college to a great liberal university.

### GREAT HUMAN BEING

Above all else Archibald Henderson is a great human being; warm, lovable, vital, courteous, kind, a southern gentleman of the old school, whose like we shall seldom see again. He can talk with equal interest about Einstein, Shaw, O. Henry, foreign affairs, baseball, Carolina teams, hunting, the stock market, literature, history or the drama.

—FRANK R. CRANE  
Commissioner of Labor

### Discrimination Makes Schools A Disgrace

Editors, The News: Charlotte  
 DR. Frank Graham has pointed out that the schools are a disgrace to America.

The schools will continue to be a disgrace as long as the youth of America is taught to defy the law and carry out a violent campaign against this constitution.

—MRS. J. D. BIGGERS

## People's Platform

### Friendship Helps Build Better State

Editors, The News: Raleigh  
 THERE is no time like Christmas for remembering our most precious possession: The friendships we cherish, and the loyalty and good will which derive from them.

At this holiday season we wish to let you know how much your friendship and cooperation have meant to us during the past year.

Your friendship has made our work a pleasure and has encouraged us to do a better job. Your cooperation has helped us personally and has been instru-

mental in building a better state for all of us.

May the New Year bring you health, happiness and joy of living.

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editors' Note: While Drew Pearson is with the Harlem Globetrotters on a good-will tour of North Africa, his column is being written by his associate, Jack Anderson.

WASHINGTON  
 THE Air Force has already picked the daring flight into outer space, an Apollo Columbus whose first name ironically is Ivan. He is Capt. Ivan Kincheloe, now training in the Air Force. It is his great adventure as America's first space explorer.

### Practicing In Stages

He will start into space in stages—first 100 miles, then 400 miles. Finally he will swing his X-15 rocket plane into the stratosphere, making it the first manned satellite. The Air Force timetable calls for this feat by the breath-

ing influence upon the growth and development of the University of North Carolina has been great and manifold. His stimulus to and encouragement of young writers has been incalculable. No one has ever striven more valiantly to arouse southerners in general and North Carolinians in particular from their cultural lethargy and to inspire them to create, to produce, to write and to publish. Thomas Wolfe and many others have been influenced by him. He has been a Socratic gadfly in the southern mind, and his own life and achievements have been the first example for young southerners to emulate. Gerald W. Johnson said that nothing worthwhile had been done in the South for many years that had not received encouragement from Archibald Henderson.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

His achievements have been fabulous. He earned two Ph.D. de-

grees. At 27 he became the authorized biographer of Shaw. In 1911 he had five books published in 11 months. He was the biographer of both Shaw and Mark Twain, and he introduced these two legendary geniuses to each other. He studied at Chapel Hill, Chicago, Cambridge, the Sorbonne, Berlin. Critic, author, biographer, historian, orator, scientist, mathematician, he was offered the editorship of a great national magazine and the presidency of two universities. He is one of the few Americans to be made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, U. N. I. E. D. Kingdom. He waged an unceasing war for southern literature and southern culture. Every year he wrote a book or a part of a book, dozens of essays, magazine and newspaper articles, taught a full load, reared a family, cared for an invalid wife, and made his name a synonym for achievement and versatility. As he walked the h streets of Chapel Hill with his

long, loping strides, the children of the village referred to him as the "genius," and he was much loved and revered by members of both races, by town and gown, by professors, students and townspeople.

### RENAISSANCE MAN

Dr. Sedley Ware, professor of history at the University of the South, wrote of him: "I consider Dr. Henderson the perfect example and model of what the American professor should be but very rarely is, viz. an all-around cultured man with a keen sense of the oneness of knowledge. In truth Dr. Henderson is an almost unique phenomenon in this country. He is the mathematician, the linguist, the master historian. No ignorant specialist he! Would to God we might have for the education of American youth more men like Dr. Henderson, man of that delightful Oxonian culture, humanist, all-round man, man of the Renaissance."



## Joy In A Country House One Christmas in England

By FRANK KENDON  
in 'The Small Years'

BY HALF-past three (in the afternoon) we crowded into the Front Diningroom, lit now by mixed firelight and soft lamp-light. The Mother (as Aunt Mary called her) was in her chair, her two or three babies... on footstools close to her, the rest of us anywhere. And, waiting his cue from the fall of silence among us, Father was in office by the pyramid and baskets.

### SUPPER SOLOIST

His was the great part; he was the superb soloist, the heart of his movement, and he needed no help from red mantle or white whiskers. Father Christmas was a well-enough legend; Father himself was a reality. Through his lips every label on every parcel was given a voice. One at a time he picked them up and dwelt on them... He knew when to spin it out, and when to hurry up, which packets must be handled with frightening care, and which neatly flung to the addresser's knees... daylight had gone long ago. Now, at last we and Christmas together were safely walled in by conspiring night... Steal a glimpse with us, at Christmas together, were safely walled in by conspiring night... Steal a glimpse with us, at Christmas together, were safely walled in by conspiring night...

### FATHER

His Was The Great Part  
 We move without haste from the tea-table at last, leaving the



shaded lamps burning. Someone—some uncle—had preceded us, and the schoolroom, when we drift there, now seems blazing with extra lamps; the fires are twice themselves, well guarded against coming bisterousness within wire cages. With our father sitting again... we begin to sing games, we run games, we dance games, we shout games, we sit down to games, while the old folk, who have seen so many Christmases, sit by and gossip absently, or, watching us, hold out a kind hand to catch the glow of the fires, and smile, thinking, approving.

### 'TIS SNOWING'

In order of age and tiredness as the evening advances, one after one the children will be persuaded and withdrawn to bed... The bedroom is cold; the heart is satisfied, and while we take to the sheets and understand that we really are tired, the noise and laughter come faintly up the stairway still... What is there to look forward to? Why is Father creeping out of bed again? He calls me, he has looked out to the stars and the roof: "It's snowing," he whispers, snowing!

(Excerpt from "The Small Years" by Frank Kendon. Copyrighted by the University Press of Cambridge. In "The Age of Extravagance.")

## America Picks Its First Space Pilot

boomers from the abandoned Navajo missile to shoot another 300 miles into space.

Third Booster In 1961  
 From these staggering heights, he will practice re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

Sometime in 1961, North American wants to add a third booster the X-15 which will make it, in effect, a manned three-stage rocket. Using the third booster, Kincheloe hopes to throw his rocket plane into an orbit and start chugging Sputniks around the earth at a speed over 12,000 miles per hour.

### Slowing Down

To slow down, he will bounce into a roller-coaster, elliptical course as he revolves around the globe. He will dip a little lower each time until he gradually enters the atmosphere, slowing down as

### Shared Glory

Kincheloe's glory will be shared with a civilian test pilot, Scott Crossfield, who will pilot the X-15 through its paces for the Air Force's first manned flight delivered to the Air Force. Crossfield's flight tests should be more limited, however, than those the Air Force is planning for Capt. Kincheloe.

### Ready In 1958

The amazing X-15 should be ready for its first limited flight test by the end of 1958. Kincheloe's first goal will be to take it out of the earth's atmosphere to an anticipated altitude of more than 100 miles.

In the next test series, he will use the

he encounters heavier air.

The Intrepid Air Force officer has already been fitted for a space suit. He will ride in a tiny pressurized cabin, an atmospheric bubble, which is scientifically sound for a trip to the moon. In fact, this may be Capt. Kincheloe's next stop.

Missile Go-Round  
 Watch for a series of startling Rocket tests in the Arctic Circle about the end of January. The tests will be conducted in the name of "scientific research," and are really intended as dramatic evidence that Russia could bombard our NATO ally with missiles... The last Thor Air Force missile soared 1200 miles over the South Atlantic, impacting less than three miles short and a little over one mile wide of its target.