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Merry Christmas!

To each of you Kiwanis Men of Good Will, and to your Kiwaniannes, and all the other members of your families, we wish a merry and joyous Christmas and a happy, bright and prosperous New Year. With this wish goes heartfelt thanks for your unfailing support and cooperation which has made possible our Club's achievements during our Kiwanis fortieth anniversary year. May peace and security abide with you.

Les and Rhoda Gebres

Happy New Year!

Program

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 1955

Ladies' Day

Subject

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

Speaker

DR. WALTER H. STARK

John Wray Powell, Soloist
Dr. Gordon Kindy, Pianist



Chairman of the Day

Art Mortensen

Invocation by Mark Baldwin
Philosophy by John Stangl

Ladies' Day



San Diego Kiwanis Club Presents Equipment for Handicapped Children

Shown in the picture are Mrs. Harriet Clancy, director of San Diego Foundation for Visually Handicapped Children; Dr. George Tabor, Chairman of the Board; Earl S. Spivey, Chairman of the Physically Handicapped Children's Committee. Shown is a Bell cutting and recording device which will be used in the training of the pre-school blind.



FREEDOM - OUR SACRED TRUST



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EDITORIAL

LISTEN AMERICANS!

By Dr. George S. Benson

Director—National Education Program, Searcy, Arkansas

American education, as an institution, is confronted with a great immediate challenge. It can be the means of carrying forward Christian civilization and human welfare, or through its failure it can be charged with turning the world backward to another dismal era such as The Dark Ages. Will it rise to the challenge, or will it fail as have the institutions of education in 20 preceding civilizations now dead? This question commands the attention of not only every educator and public official but every citizen.

Why hasn't the citizenry of America provided adequate financial resources and widespread, active support for education? The basic reason is that there has been no universal understanding and agreement, among educators and the public generally, as to the purpose, the basic objective of the institution of American education.

The No. 1 purpose or objective of American education today—in the midst of a world crisis—must be: **To prepare people for citizenship in our own American Republic.** There are, of course, a number of secondary purposes and objectives; but until this basic one is achieved, with the awareness and support of the entire citizenry, the great challenge to American education has not been met and the structure of human freedom will continue to be in jeopardy.

Without question the United States today is the foremost nation in the world. But are we likely to continue to hold this leadership? On the basis of history—No. Throughout recorded history no nation has remained on top long. Moral, political and economic decay has always set in to undermine the strength and bring about the fall of every nation or civilization that has reached the pinnacle. Moral, economic and political decay are conditions governed by intellect and character—the products of citizenship education.

It probably will require another 20 years for adequate citizenship textbooks, materials and techniques to reach all the schools and colleges.

Meantime the fundamentals of citizenship education can be emphasized. These are: an awareness of God as revealed through Christ; development of such virtues as honesty, humility, courage, economic self-reliance, patriotism, and a sense of civic responsibility.

O'Hara Hits a High Note



Barry O'Hara, Irish tenor from the auld sod, entertains at a Tuesday luncheon meeting as a tuneup for a concert he will give later in the season at Russ Auditorium with the San Diego Kiwanis Foundation as beneficiary for its charitable fund. O'Hara is actually a native of Ireland, but moved to California at an early age and was educated at San Pedro High School and Long Beach City College. He is a protege of Georgie Jessel.

PROGRAM FORECASTS



- Dec. 27 — Les Gehres Annual Report.
- Jan. 3—Roy French Kidd, Program.
- Jan. 10—"Outlook for Business and Stock Market for 1956."
Speaker, Paul H. MacGregor
Chairman, Hal Clapper
- Jan. 17—"Parade of Stars"
Breitbart Athletic Foundation
Bill Whitney, Chairman
- Jan. 24—"The Future of Railroading"
Claude Minard, Speaker. Director,
Calif. Railroad Assn.
Fred Kunzel, Chairman

Norm Ferguson — Program Chairman
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From the Mail Box

November 17, 1955.

San Diego Kiwanis Club

Dear Friends:



During recent weeks I have received not only the card with signatures of practically the entire Kiwanis membership appended but also quite a number of cards from individual members. It was mighty good to hear from you all, and I cer-

tainly have missed the fellowship of Kiwanis.

Now that approximately four months have elapsed since the mosquito bit me, producing paralysis, I can report there has been considerable improvement; although improvement has certainly seemed quite slow to the patient, it has been sufficient to be encouraging. I am still of the opinion that the recovery will be complete although how long it will take is problematical. In the meantime I am receiving good care and am fortunate in having the family here with me in Bethesda.

Best regards to all of you.

Gordon Peterson

by Dorothy Peterson.