CHURCH NEWS By Lathaniel Dilligard

OUGHT FOR THE DAY

THE PRICELESS GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Now Christmas is a season for joy and merrymaking, a time for gifts and presents, for taking a festive, friendly happy time when many are gay but have we really felt the greatness of the day? For through the centuries, the world has

wandered far away from the beauty and the meaning of the Holy Christmas Day.

For Christmas is a heavenly gift that only God can give, its ours for the asking, for as long as we live. It can't be bought or bartered, it can't be won or sold, it doesn't cost a penny and its worth far more than gold. It isn't bright and gleaming for eager eyes to see. It can't be wrapped in tinsel or placed beneath

This gift is for all that accept Jesus as their savior. It's for the rich, the poor, the young and the old, the greatest and the smallest. So take his priceless gift of love, reach out and receive, and the only payment that God asks is just that you believe.

A Christmas program will be held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1189 Hassell St. Sunday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. Services will also be held on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Pastor J. L. Kemp and members extends an invitation to the public to attend.

The American Singers Association, Local 11, will present the Soul Stirring Spiritual Clouds of Las Vegas in a battle of music with the Melody Kings of Los Angeles, California, and the Sweet Singing Cavaliers, Thursday, Dec. 31, at New Morning Star Baptist Church, 1221 North "J" St., at 9 p.m. Advance donations, \$2,50 and at the door \$3,00. The lucky ticket holder will receive a Cassette Tape Recorder. Winner need not be present to win. Rev. A. B. Carr is pastor.

On the Fourth Sunday of this month, the Senior Choir of Bethel will have a banquet at the Harvest House in the Boulevard, managed by choir director, John Terry.

The Youth of Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church is sponsoring a Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 20 at 9:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. the church is located at 1100 North "D" St. The public is invited to attend. Rev. F. N. Addison, pastor.

Christmas day services will be held at Bethel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. according to pastor I. W. Wilson. The public is invited to attend the special day worship. The church is located at 400 Adams and "D" St.

Mrs. Mazer Qualls and Lillie M. Peeples of Jonesboro, La. are visiting here with their sisters, Mrs. Irene Simon and the writer of this column. They will spend holidays here. Both are members of the Pine Grove Baptist Church, where the Rev. Russin is pastor. The writer of this column extends appreciation to Mrs. Qualls for participating in the service rendered at Desert Retreat, Saturday morning. Mrs. Qualls stated, is she lived here, she would join the group of dedicated workers. Mrs. Peeples plans to join the group next Saturday morning.

The Youth will sponsor a Christmas program at Bethel Sunday night, beginning at 7 p.m. All are invited.





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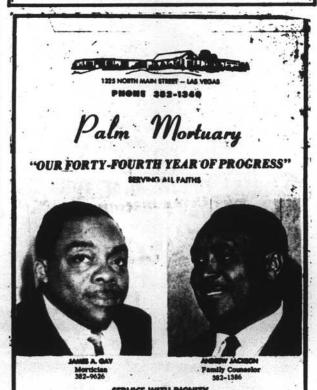
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A--Yes, if you are otherwise qualified for benefits, you may reapply for death pension benefits. A change in the law effective Jan. 1, 1971, permits restora-tion of death pensions to widows who remarry and the marrige is terminated by death or divorce.

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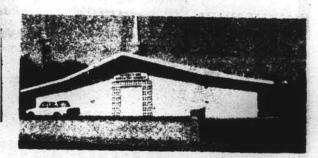
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