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BOUT THE COVER: We are very proud of our cover this month. It was ubmitted by Waldery De Almeida of San Paulo, Brazil. Waldery is a pen al of Deacon Steve and will be visiting us in early January. He is ery talented artistically and we hope to be able to have future covers f THE CHANNEL drawn by him.

DEACONS GET PLASTERED AT CHURCH

An anonymous worker at the Community Service Center has advised the Channel that he personally witnessed the fact that a number of deacons (3, to be exact) shed their bad influence on a novice deacon recently when they gathered on a Saturday night to put finishing touches on their newly opened Beulahland Boutique. Rather than put Deacons Victor, Walt, and Houn' Dawg (and novice Jim) into awkward positions by mentioning their names, we will permit them to remain, for this time, anonymous.

Actually, before we display our group as drunken rioters, let us advise you judiciously that the quartet (they sang, too) was engaged in patching the ceiling, part of which involved throwing plaster at the ceiling. They had more on themselves than on the ceiling, and rest assured that the great artist of times past and expert on ceilings, Michelangelo, need have no fear from his competition on the Board of Deacons.

Plastered or not, we love our deacons and invite everyone to remember that the first Sunday of each month is the day set aside for bringing non-perishable goods for distribution to the needy by our fabulous foursome.

Oh, yes, and rather than be excommunicated, let me add that you are cordially invited to drop by the Boutique and spend your drachmas on a worthy cause.

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NOBODY KNOWS DE TROUBLE I SEE

Speaking of the Community Service Center, we can always use help. Check with the Center to find out whether and when future training sessions are to be held, and publicize the Center.

The entire purpose of the Center is to have somebody at our phone (remember that number - 826-2192) from 7 PM to 11 PM every evening, Monday through Saturday, to answer calls from troubled people. Our phone answering people are all trained to be of service, so pass on the information.

Somewhere out there someone needs a friendly ear that won't talk back, condemn, preach or criticize. Many evenings our telephone is silent. If someone needs our help, we urge them to call.

"They also serve, who only stand and wait."

CHRISTMAS with Pat McCormick

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." -John 3:16

Christmas - a time for giving and receiving gifts of love from our loved ones and friends.

We give in memory of the greatest Gift - Jesus Christ, God's Gift of Love for all of us.

Let's celebrate this time with our loved ones and friends, but let's also celebrate it with the first Giver on Christmas - God.

Plan to attend some type of worship service during the Christmas season - at the church of your choice, at someone's home, or at your home.

Remember the first Giver and the first Gift at Christmas.

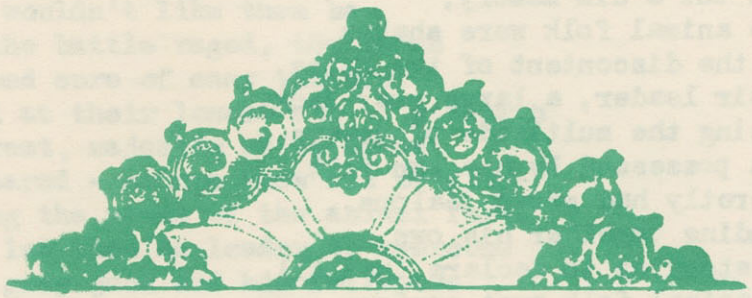
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A PARABLE OF THE DOVE
by Weldon Stewart

In the time when animals
Walked and talked as men,
The animals decided That they must have
A society and rules.
Until then each had gone
According to his conscience
As the Creator had chosen.
Now a general assembly
Was called into being
And all nature was there.
There arose a snow-white dove
Among all that seething throng.
His voice rang clear and true -
The animals wondered at the note
Of authority therein they heard.
"Let each of us, according to our kind,
Simply fulfill the tasks allotted us
By our Creator. No rule can
Govern us all - let each of us
Know this truth," said he.

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And all was well.
The animal folk lived content
In peaceful harmony doing
Each his own talented task.
After many years had passed,
However, and the great gathering
Was but a dim memory,
The animal folk were shaken
By the discontent of the Mules.
Their leader, a large gray jack,
Seeing the multitude of powers
Not possessed by his own folk,
Secretly had grown jealous.
Banding together his own,
He stood up to declare that all
of animal folk must conform
To the pattern of the mules.
By the power of his voice
Much folk were led to accept
His precepts. Soon a whole
Community grew up of animals
In imitation of the mule folk.
Now a cat, now a sparrow,
Could be found acting
The part of a mule -
Braying, kicking, and all.
But no matter how hard
They tried, still no mules were they.
The animal kingdom suffered,
For where a cat refused
His gifts to play the mule,
The mice overstepped their place;
Where a sparrow no longer flew
But brayed upon the ground,
No singing filled the sky.
The animal folk knew that situation
Could not continue for long
Without far worse troubles.

Yet the mules and their imitators
Continued stubbornly to insist
That all animal folk should be
As Mules - the only real way
To be and live with talent.
Then the mules broke out
In open war upon the folk
Who wouldn't like them be.
As the battle raged, the mules
Seemed sure of easy victory.
Just at their lowest ebb of strength
A great, majestic white horse
Appeared - no one knew his origin -
Among the ranks of the animal folk,
And led them as leader to overcome
The gray jack and his followers.
The war ended in a titanic
Struggle between horse and mule.
The white horse, though kicked
Heavily in the side by the jack -
Indeed, wounded as if dead -
Arose more powerful than before,
and crushed the head of the jack.
Peace at last returned to the folk,
Though the world was never the same.
It's said that's why the dove
Flies free and happy - gay;
The mule in harness, and in gall
Captive-bound slaves all day.

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THE PASTOR, STAFF, AND CONGREGATION OF MCC-DALLAS WISH YOU A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

JOYFUL NEW YEAR

MAY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SURROUND AND FILL YOU IN 1974!

IN MEMORIAM

On November 15, 1973, a soul departed this life, and the Gay Community of Dallas is missing an irreplaceable friend.

Practically everyone knew Billie McAllister better as Madame Fertilizer, one of the rare impersonators in our city using his own voice for performances. A great comic and a recording artist as well, Mr. McAllister was kind and noted for his warmth and sincerity. At the Zodiac Ball, he had been presented with a special award for humanitarianism, to which he was certainly entitled.

On July 19, just 62 years ago, he was born in Florida. A cousin, his only surviving relative, now lives there. A noted beauty in Chicago in the 1930's, he performed across the nation before coming to Dallas in 1957 with the State Fair of Texas. He worked at the Villa Fontana before going to work for Ronsue's about 3½ years ago.

Anecdotes about Mr. McAllister's nonconforming lifestyle are many, and perhaps a typical story is connected to his initial experience with the draft board. Naturally - for him, that is - he showed up in full drag.

A capacity crowd filled the sanctuary of the Metropolitan Community Church on Saturday afternoon, November 17, to pay final respects to Madame Fertilizer, "mother to drag and friend to all." The service, at which Rev. Richard Vincent of MCC-Dallas officiated, was short and simple. Three individuals from the audience spoke briefly of the personal loss and the loss to the community. This reporter is not ashamed to say his eyes were not dry.

Goodbye, our friend; Billie McAllister, rest in peace.



IN MEMORIAM

The Metropolitan Community Churches lost a good friend on October 28, 1973, with the death of Ray Street.

Mr. Street was the companion of the Rev. John Hose, pastor of the San Diego, California, Metropolitan Community Church. They had been together for 20 years.

Mr. Street's association with MCC dates from February of 1969, where he served as a deacon for the Los Angeles mother church and worked with Alcoholics Together and also encounter groups there.

He was 38 years old at the time of his death.



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(In confidence - don't let it out) Last Sunday I hugged a girl whose name I don't even know. All the people here are wonderful happy people, because we know God loves us and we love one another. Come worship with us and know real love!

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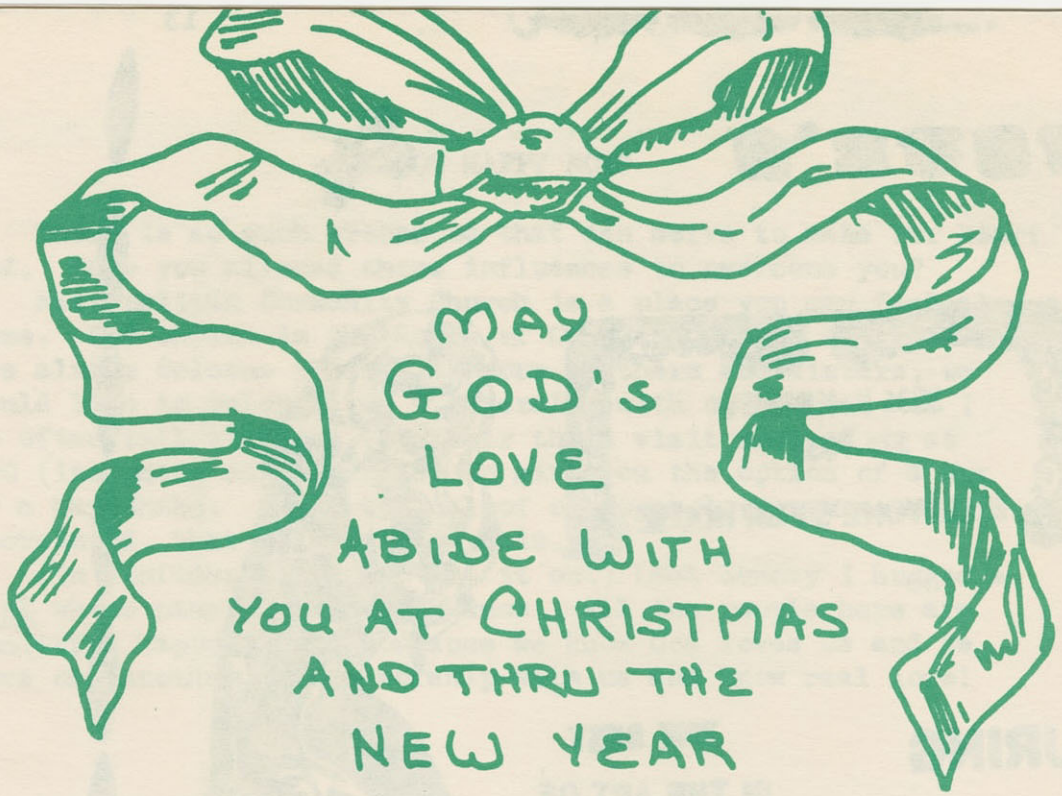
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You complain there is no peace, but thirst for blood.
You cry of intolerance and practice prejudice.
You search for love and dispense hate with a free hand.
You complain of aparthy and pass the buck.

My brother, when will all those other misfits conform to your standards and make this a better world?

CLOSING IT OUT.....

The editorial rarely hits the back page, but for the last issue in the year, to close out 1973, it might fit.

This has been a year of joys and sorrows, triumphs and disappointments. As I write these words, it is nearly gone. It is time for retrospect. I look back and see that I did a lot of things, and I'm not necessarily proud of those performances I made. Strange how clearly mistakes show up in hindsight.

It is also the time for introspection. Why didn't I do those all-important things I intended to do? Why (ouch!) didn't I get this copy of the CHANNEL out weeks ago? Why did I slip up over and over?

Shakespeare's Cassius said, "The fault...is not in our stars, but in ourselves..." We have the answers within us, and within that ultimate book of answers, the Word of God. All we have to do is read and wipe the fog from our eyes. There it is, in black and white. There is the answer to each and every problem, question, heartache which may arise in the coming months and years.

...But are you ready for ready-made answers? Are you strong enough and honest enough to face reality, to open your heart and slip over to the passenger seat and let God take the wheel? Can you admit to yourself that your own efforts to guide your own life are futile, that you alone are nothing, and that the grace of God alone can reach into your life and give it that glow of Christian love?

God is the answer to your energy crisis. Read His word, associate with His children, and do His work. Look, there is a harvest to be reaped, of blessings for you and of people waiting for that special answer. If you are ready to give over an extra evening to working on the church building, helping with our bar ministry, or just making yourself available (Here am I; send me), if you can give up a worldly pleasure to save a soul, make it now.

Make 1974 a year for God, and may He bless you richly!