## Cooper And Rears All The Years

Christmas trees are beginning to dot the curbs waitfor the rubbish collectors - or are being saved for Twelfth Night' bonfires sponsored by scout groups.

Wreaths are drooping, toys are broken, and Christmas just about over and done with for another year.

While we kneit for a last visit at the crib. the organist in church was playing the familiar "O Little Town of Bethlehem." There in that out-of-the-way crossroads hamlet. so the music told us, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

For centuries so long that scientists don't dare even estimate the number, the human race had heard and hoped of the day when a Saviour would come.

And other elements of that same human race feared the coming of that Saviour.

Once Christ would speak His words, "The truth shall make you free. once He would announce the mystery that all men - regardless of their rank or wealth or relativeswere equal under the common Fatherhood of God, then there could no longer be slavery or tyranny - at least not for long.

Even this week as the years 1956 and 1957 met, again the world's hopes and fears centered on the Infant of Bethlehem.

The Kremlin must have shuddered as it witnessed crowds pack churches in the restless satellite countries --the Christmas bells must have seemed more a death knell for the communist tryranny shattered by the recent revolts in Poland and Hungary.

For the rest of the world there was new hope this Christmas season in the realization that the subjugated people still crave for the faith, the freedom which Christ proclaimed over 1,900 years ago.

But there is also fear --- the Moscow empire in despair might launch a suicidal, world-destroying war against the free nations. More than once this past year, America's Atlantic and Pacific navies were ordered to the open seas and huge bombers patrolled the approaches to our coasts to prevent another "day of infamy."

Ages ago, the aged Simeon foretold, "This Child is set for the rise and fall of many . . .'

Poznan and Budapest rose in revolt against those who rejected this Child - and the symbols of His enemies fell in rubble in those cities.

Eacing 1957, maybe we should listen to one last echo of our Christmas carols - "laeti triumphantes - joyful and triumphant," as Christians with God's help we can cast out fear. We know that the ultimate victory belongs to the Babe of Bethlehem.

# The Name Jesus

### **Means Our Salvation**

Respect for the sacred name of God is rooted in the history of every religion.

The ancient Jews had such a tremendous respect for God's name that they permitted only one man and only armies known to have been in once a year to pronounce it. The High Priest spoke the

# Scrolls Discovered In Dead Sea Caves Claimed Prelude To Christian Church

#### By REV. HENRY ATWELL

Presses are scheduled this year to pour out books and pamphlets on a religious subject still-very little known to American Catholics.

They will deal with the enigmatic writings of a Jewish monastery near Palestine's famous Dead Sea dating from the days just prior to the life of Christ.

The writings are said to teach a form of "Christianity before Christ."

Striking similarities have been noted between the doctrines of this Jewish sect and the teachings of Christ.

Some of the first authors who studied the writings expressed the opinion that Christ simply "took over" the Jewish doctrines and taught them as His own.

During the past year, radio broadcasts, magazine articles and popular low-price books have discussed the topic and many Catholics are puzzled, 'What does it all mean?"

To answer that, some knowledge is needed about the identity, origins, practices, and teachings of the people who wrote the controversial documents.

TWO BEDOUIN Arabs in 1947 discovered in a desert cave near the Dead Sea some scrolls, carefully wrapped in linen, and sealed in jars. The manuscripts included a 2000 year old copy of the prophecy of Isaias oldest available copies before this discovery dated back only 1000 years — several scrolls giving details about the life and doctrines of the Jewish monastery built near the cave, and the lost "Apocalypse of Lamech" perhaps an inspired book which had not survived in any other copy and has never appeared in any edition of the

Bible. Ruins of a monastery large enough for about 100 monks were excavated near the cave where the manuscripts were discovered.

The area today is called Khirbet-Qumran by the Arabs. It is in the bleak, mountainous Dead Sea Scrolls section at the north-west tip of the Dead Sea.

wrapped and hidden for 2000 years test patience Scholars have termed the discovered documents the and skill of scholars who "Dead Sea Scrolls" and the Jewish sect they called the use specially designed equipment to unwrap the The monastery was apparrecently discovered docuently destroyed by Roman ments.



Remnants of Jewish Monastery overlook Israel's Dead Sea, in background in picture above. Priest research expert from Jerusalem's Ecole Biblique (Biblical Institute) celebrates Mass as sunrise begins another torrid hot day. Members who lived in the ancient monastery wrote scrolls discovered in nearby caves in 1947 beginning debate among ex-

perts about origins of Christian faith.



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### Making Marriage Click

#### Dad Should Be Boss By MSGE. IBVING A. DE BLANC

(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

A recent Gana Conference was almost brought to an abrupt uproarious finish when one of the parents asked the conductor: "Father, do you believe in capital punishment for young children?!"

as a father.

Along another line, the Children's Division of UNESCO has reported that in 1953 in Germany, 28,000 children under 14 were considered to have committed criminal acts. A horrifying number espe-

cially when we Monsignor remember that it does not in-DeBlanc

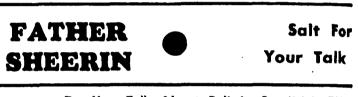
clude young people over 14. But what about the year 1895, the birth year for people who are now 61?) The annual statistical report for that year shows that be able to go to the father! 44,000 children in the same age group were guilty then!!

The adolescent generation of America has also often been ture. So many of the youngsters. stigmatized by the elder generaare getting college education. ion as unruly, dangerous, delinwhere their parents maybe have quent. This condemnation is just had only elementary school eduas calumnious as the implied cation-if that. It is this educa-German accusation. It would be tional transition which is creatan intensely interesting case if ing one of the important problems some 16 million youngsters went in discipline. to court and sued some of the The problem involved here is older generation for defamation

that losing intellectual authority of character. some parents may also lose **PT SEEMS TRUE** that there moral authority and self confiare possibly more spectacular dence. That, of course, should crimes among youth in this our not be. Where one lacks one day, but there is rarely anything phase of authority, other phases wrong with our youngsters can be intensified; where one has which was not first wrong in not intellectual authority, moral some way with our elders. J. Ed- authority can be increased

gar Hoover continues to prove If a father is a just, good man, that parents are the main answer If he leads a sincere consistent to juvenile problems. Christian life, he can maintain

Though there is no one great power and authority-col. single factor for "delinquency" lege education or not.



Do You Talk About Religion?

A Columbia University pathologist says that salt may stimulate the adrenal glands. The rapid pace of modern life demands readiness for quick action. We have to be on our toes, alert, prepared to meet any -

challenge with a burst of energy. ternal organization under a visi-The pathologist thinks that per- ble head

nor is there one single remedy for it-may I go J. Edgar Hoov. er one better and submit that misbehaviour in youngsters is principally related to the father, who has abdicated his job Many fathers have power but no authority. They may have the power to pay bills, to spank, to rave but no authority to discipline. To his youngsters he is just "the old man" instead of being "some man." Other teenagers will say, "I never' ask my dad for advice." It could be that the one that they do ask, the one

with authority, is the mother or the nurse or some aunt or some uncle. But should they not first Our past generation has been going through an important transition period in American cul-

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holy name in humble prayer on the annual Day of Atonement. Modern Jews say that the name of God in the Hebrew language is actually unknown - having been lost to memory because the ordinary person never heard it, never spoke it. Catholics are still required by the Second Commandment not to take "the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

Shops, factories, offices, amusement centers are too often dens of blasphemy where the holy names of God and His Son Jesus Christ are abused in the most vulgar of conversations. To combat this evil, the Church organized the Holy Name Society especially for men to call them to a personal reverence for the name of God and to make reparroom. ation for those who sin against it.

Ordinarily the Church sets aside the Sunday after New Years as Holy Name Sunday. This year Epiphany falls on Sunday so the Holy Name feast was kept on January 2nd. Popular observance will still mark this coming Sunday as a tribute to the Holy Name of Jesus.

We too have a sacred name.

We are Christians -- a name which immediately identifies our character and our work. Our name means that we are followers of Christ, that we are meant to be like Him - not just in the doctrines we say we believe but in every action we perform at work, or home, or in our leisure.

tion of their nation. A mere negative reticence about profanity is therefore only a very small aspect of keeping the Second Commandment. We are expected not just to bite our tongues when we are tempted to "swear." The Church calls us to respect the Holy Name with a burning zeal to make Christ better known, better loved, and better imitated in my own life and in the lives of my associates.

This kind of apostolic reverence will mean, as Scripture itself indicates, our salvation and the salvation of those we love.

area about the year 70 A.D. Excavators state that

'Qumran Community."

there is ample evidence pointconformity with what He has ing to the fact that the buildcommanded through Moses and ings were wrecked by war. through all His prophets, to love all that he has chosen and **EUINS** of the ancient buildto hate all that He has rejectings include a spacious central ed to practice truth, justice, building, a lookout tower, a

and right on the earth, no longkitchen, a "writing room" equipped with benches and er to walk in the obstinacy of a guilty heart . . . tables - with inkwells - storage rooms, kiins for pottery making, and a chapel or ritual group, was a solemn banquet which climaxed with the

The approach of Roman leleader blessing bread and ungions must have alerted the fermented wine. Jewish community to hide Prayers, Scripture reading. their scrolls in pottery jugs in the numerous caves which dot writing, work in the fields or monastic pottery shops filled the area. The community probthe day's schedule. ably expected to return to their monastery after the Roman le-Members were admitted to gions left the area. After the the community only after a

Jews escaped to the Palestine three years' (or longer) trial cities to the north they were period. Members were required probably killed or scattered by to turn over their possessions and incomes to the monastery the subsequent Roman destruchead. THE DEAD SEA Scrolls

CHIEF DOCTRINE of the describe a community of decommunity was strict attachvout Jews who lived a rigorment to the Old Testament ---ous, celibate life, organized aland members maintained that most two hundred years before this could be done only by Christ by a leader called "the leaving-the-world-and-enteringtheir community.

Teacher of Righteousness." The Qumran rule required its They also believed in premembers "to live according to destination, that some people the rule of the community, to (themselves) were slated by seek God, to practice what is God to be saved, and others

Fragment of one of the 'Dead Sea Scrolls' describes beliefs and practices of 2000 year ago Jewish religious community whose monastery overlooked the Dead Sea.

were definitely damned. The good were guided, they said, by the "Prince of Light," the wicked by the "Angel of Darkness.

The community was aware that a Saviour was to come and they believed that their ritual banquet was a preparation for the sacred meal which the Saviour would later organize. ALTHOUGH there are super-

ficial similarities between the Qumran doctrines and the teachings of Christ, striking differences are also quite obvi-

1. Qumran was a closed sect, with jealously guarded practices, beliefs, and memberships, Christ's Church was clearly intended for "all nations," "the whole world."

2. Qumran was essentially an Old Testament religion, based on what Moses taught. Christ's Church promptly discontinued the old Mosaic ritual and tradimandment" based on Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Qumran was a sect looking formovies must avoid, but what ward in hope for what was yet to be. Christianity is a religion of accomplishment. of looking SOMEBODY OUGHT to point back to what Christ has done for our salvation. to the heights to which Holly-

wood could rise if the films would 3. Qumran makes no mention grow out of adolescence into maof the Trinity, the divinity of ture responsibility for the comthe expected Saviour, or the fact that a man is saved by The code, for example, forbids what he does rather than by what he belongs to.

The apparent resemblances between Qumran and Christianity ought not to surprise us. Both groups seek God, strive to be perfect, each in its own way. Both were the heirs of the Old Testamenteven Christ stated. "I have come to fulfill.nottodestroy.'

destroy." Soon after the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, it was stated they indicated Christian-

evolved from the piety of that troubled time in history. Actually, a careful study of salt in our diet that excites us out of our inertia\_\_\_It\_-is\_-like-"a shot in the arm," or rather a "shot in the glands" that enables us to get things done in a Father hurry. Sheerin In the United States, there is

haps it is the

a vast inertia among Catholics in regard to the conversion of non-Catholics. Father John A. O'Brien, Bishop Sheen and the Paulist Fathers could tell you all about it. In fact, the convert totals tell their own story. That we receive only 140,000 converts a year is lamentable. This total represents about three converts organization. per priest per year and about one convert per 230 Catholics.

MAYBE A dash of salt is the ican vineyard goes forth with his answer. I can imagine pastors historical proofs but his heart all over the country passing out should be filled with the words to their parishioners a pinch of of the priest before he reads the salt for their convert work dur- Gospel at Mass: "The Lord be ing the week I can imagine in my heart and on my lips, so -the adrenal glands beginning to that I may worthily and comwork at top speed and the faith- petently announce his Gospel." ful teeming up with their priests in an evangelical crusade that would dwarf those of Billy Gra-

Salt is the answer but not the kind we use on our tables. The right kind of salt is the salt we receive on our tongue at Baptism — the salt of wisdom.

ham.

lics.

We have good reason to think that there is as much zeal among us as among the early Christians. What seems to be holding back the conversion of America, however, is that American Catholics have accepted certain ideas that are prevalent here. These ideas are a genuine obstacle to the advancement of the Kingdom. I have in mind especially a few materialistic notions. The idea that religion is a private affair is not materialistic and it is an

idea adopted by too many Catho-

offer to non-Catholics, we are wasting our time. They want a Church that is spiritual. It is up to us to show them that Christ promised He would remain with the Church and that He has fulfilled that promise. The important fact is not that we have a visible, material organization but that Christ is the living reality behind the

Now it seems to me that here

we go overboard and overstress

the material, visible part of the

Church We talk about the Church

much as we might talk about a

business organization. When a

group of business experts recent-

ly gave the Church an efficiency

rating almost as high as that

given to Standard Oil Company,

But if this is all we have to

we were rather pleased.

Today the worker in the Amer-



#### Calendar

Sunday, January 6 - Epiphany (white), Gloria, Creed, Preface and Canon Prayers of Epiphanv.

Monday, January 7, through Thursday, January 10 - Mass as Sunday except no Creed and ordinary Canon Prayers.

Friday, January 11 — Mass 👪 Monday except 2nd prayer\* of St. Hyginus.

Saturday, January 12-Saturday Mass of our Lady (white), Gloria, Preface of our Lady. -omitted at High Mass.

#### Courser Journal

Even certain daily communi-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF cants consider it bad taste to dis-ROCHESTER DIOCESE cuss religion at Schrafft's or in

the local sandwich shop. They Vol. 68 No. 14 January 4, 1957 are obsessed with a fear of

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ble organization. They conceive of it as a purely spiritual reality. To combat this idea of a purely spiritual, invisible Church we Stress the historical fact that Christ established a visible, ex-

### Hollywood Fumbles, Fails To Focus On Ideals The American movie industry | The movie code, like the Ten | THE PRODUCTION code lays missing among movie people is

for years has been fumbling its Commandments, is couched in it down that "the sanctity of the inspiration, idealism. trefficidous opportunity to be negatives rather than positives for institution of marriage and the Perhaps the industry ought to



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force for good strongest implication the posi- Countless tragedies could be put its best minds at the task of tions, and taught "a new comthis trou- tives are contained in it-as they averted, countless joys fostered, writing an additional code which bled earth. if only Hollywood would take would set forth not what the are in the Commandments. In all history "No picture," says the code, that injunction to heart. there are few "shall be produced which will But the truth is that thus far, they ought to be striving to ironies more lower the moral standards of this clause has been more achieve. depressing than those who see it." But surely this breached than observed. The the contrast be is a minimum; it is not the splen- films have failed in the high duty tween Holly- did ideal toward which the films of dramatizing the holiness and

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wood's trivial- ought to strive. ity and the THE HIGHER meaning of the home life.

Breig grandeur to code is that the industry ought which its own Production Code to produce pictures which will in- code, "that casual or promiscuinvites it to rise. spire audiences to the highest ous sex relationships are the ac-

The recent alterations in the morality-to real goodness, and code are all very well; but what even heroic goodness. is needed is not so much revision as realization.

Purposely, I say "realization" rather than "compliance." The -shall not be ridiculed, nor shall moronic level. code is not as some producers sympathy be created for its vioseem to imagine, a handicap. It lation."

is a blueprint for better things But how destitute, intellectualand for real success. The trouble ly and morally, would be the man life in the period of the init the movie people have writer, the director, the producer past 30 years is "slush." never opened their eyes to their or the player who would be willpossibilities.

ing to let it go at that! The movies, if only they would the movies, if only they would is their failure to summon Holly gratitude and adoration felt by all good men and women for the puerilities of glamour, realize their potentialities have wood to the noble destiny that their Creator. algat clubs, swimming pools, the talent and the facilities for cocktalle, cheap affairs, broken showing the people the splendor marriages and the like without of right law and of its function ever glimpsing the shining light in establishing order and peace, forced into positive goodness, But Hollywood will remain a spoiled

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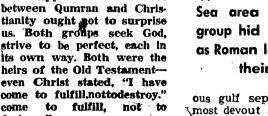
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THE ONE WORD that comes to mind to describe the overall im fore Hollywood has something pact of American movies on hu. valuable to say about the splendor of true love?

The code prohibits blasphemy. But merely avoiding blasphemy What is wrong with the movie falls a million miles short of the code and with its administration their Creator.

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\most devout and exemplary of ancient religions when compared with the unique and compelling message of Christ. For

Catholics, the scrolls are just another additional bit of evidence which makes us say Thank God Lam a Christian Dear God, make me a better

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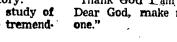
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Cave in mountain side is

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most Americans think of religion as a matter for the home or the heart but not a subject for public conversation. THE MAIN danger is that we tend too often to think of the Catholic Church in material terms. Many Protestants consider religion as something quite

independent of an external, visible organization. They conceive



come a crucial purposes of enforcement. But by home shall be upheld" in films.

