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Merry Christmas!!

I recently read an article with Christmas thoughts from a variety of people, which provided an interesting view of what different people think about Christmas. I wanted to share those thoughts with you.

“The very purpose of Christ’s coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas.” -Billy Graham

Larry King, the former CNN talk show host, was once asked who he would most want to interview if he could choose anyone from all of history. He said, “Jesus Christ.” The questioner said, “And what would you like to ask him?” King replied, “I would like to ask him if he was indeed virgin-born. The answer to that question would define history for me.

“A stir begins as soon as Christ is born. He has not spoken a word; He has not wrought a miracle; He has not proclaimed a single doctrine; but “when Jesus was born,” at the very first, while as yet you hear nothing but infant cries, and can see nothing but infant weakness, still His influence upon the world is manifest.” -C. H. Spurgeon

“The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable”. -Ralph W. Sockman

“When Christ entered our world, He didn’t come to brighten our Decembers, but to transform our lives.” -Rich Miller

“It was not suddenly and unannounced that Jesus came into the world. He came into a world that had been prepared for Him. The whole Old Testament is the story of a special preparation...Only when all was ready, only in the fullness of His time, did Jesus come.”
-Phillip Brooks

“Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts: -the gift of God to man – His unspeakable gift of His son Jesus; and the gift of man to God – when we present our bodies as a living sacrifice and, like the Macedonians (2 Corinthians 8:5), first give our lives to God. No one has kept or can keep Christmas until he has had a part in this two-way transaction.” -Vance Havner

“One response was given by the innkeeper when Mary & Joseph wanted to find a room where the child could be born. The innkeeper was not hostile; he was not opposed to them, but his inn was crowded; his hands were full; his mind was preoccupied. This is the answer that millions are giving today. Like the Bethlehem innkeeper, they cannot find room for Christ. All the accommodations in their hearts are already taken up by other crowding interests. Their response is not atheism. It is not defiance. It is preoccupation and the feeling of being able to get along reasonably well without Christianity.” -Billy Graham

“Despite our efforts to keep Him out, God intrudes. The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: ‘a virgin’s womb and an empty tomb’. Jesus entered our world through a door marked ‘No entrance’ and left through a door marked ‘No exit’.”

December & January Birthdays

*Will Collier
Don Yuenger*

*Kenny Stewart
Dustin Pendleton*

The only blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart. –Helen Keller

WASHINGTON-NILE Middle School

Just a few punchlist items and extras have been all that’s left to do on the new Washington-Nile Middle School. Opened for business in August, students and staff have been enjoying the latest in technology installed throughout their new facility. Bill Mershon, Danny Maple, and Kenny Stewart have been taking care of the misc. items on an as needed basis.

Buckeye Towers Gets New Corridor Lighting

As part of the Lighting Retrofit work going on in our area, owners of Buckeye Towers in New Boston also took advantage of incentives being offered by AEP; and had our crews replace lamps and ballasts in all of their fluorescent corridor lighting. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton completed the installation of electronic ballasts and F32T8 fluorescent lamps, yesterday. We always appreciate the opportunity to provide work for our friends at Buckeye Towers.

Iron Ridge Campground Upgrade

We recently received a contract with Diaz Construction to install power to two new combination toilet and shower house buildings at the Iron Ridge Campground in Wayne National Forest; on State Route 93 in Lawrence County. Work should start on this project later this Winter, and be completed the end of Summer 2012. We always appreciate the opportunity to work with our friends from Diaz Construction.

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas. –Dale Evans Rogers

Clay Is Wrapping Up

Our crews, led by Kenny Stewart, have been finishing up contract and punchlist items on Clay Local School District's new PK-12 School Facility. Students and Staff have settled into their new facility, and are enjoying the learning experiences this new facility has to offer. Led by Kenny Stewart, the following Electricians have been working on this project: Ed Sommer, and Dan Maple. .

Santa Claus has the right idea – visit people once a year. –Larry Wilde

Brady Creek Bridge Replacement

Bridge replacement work should be wrapping up soon, allowing our crews to return to the project to remove the temporary traffic signal system installed on State route 140. Until then, Dwane Johnson will continue to maintain the traffic signal system.

Portsmouth Medical Office Building Coming Together

While brick work on the outside is making its way around the building, studs have been completed on the second floor; and begun on the first floor. Electrical rough-in on the second floor is nearly completed, as our crews plan on moving to the first floor in the next week or two. As you can see from the street, the building is sealed up and work is progressing inside. Led by Andy Eldridge, the following Electricians are on this project: Michael Hunt, Chance Cooper, and Chris Good. This project has an early April 2012 completion date. No injuries to date!

Repair Work On New Boston Flood Defense System

Dwane Johnson recently began testing and repair work on circuit breakers and the float switch on several of New Boston's Flood Pump Stations. Work on the circuit breaker repairs has been completed, and float switch replacement should be in the next week or two. We appreciate the work that New Boston sends our way.

Fluor-B & W Trailer Projects Underway

With Linemen and Electricians on site, our work has been progressing rapidly on the installation of power and communications to the new X-100 Trailer Complex at the A-Plant. As a sub contractor to Geiger Brothers and Pac-Van, our work is still scheduled for completion around March 2012. This project is part of the Decontamination & Demolition work going on at the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Uranium Enrichment Facility in Piketon, Ohio. Led by Pete Nichols, the following Electricians and Linemen are working on this project: Chad Hawes, Mike Cantrell, Tucker Smalley, Will Collier, Blake Darst, Rod Hensley, Nick Kingrey, Tom Young, Larry Ross, and Mark Thompson. No injuries have been reported to date. Always a good thing!

Work Continuing at AP Green

Bill Mershon and Danny Beekman have been working on the Automated Batchline Project at AP Green for 6-weeks now, and should be wrapping things up in the next week or two. We just received purchase orders for two ore projects for AP Green, and look forward to sticking around a little while longer. Thanks to our friends at AP Green! No injuries reported to date. Keep up the good work!

Service Work Continues...

Service calls and small jobs continue to keep Dwane Johnson busy. Lately, he has been working on the following: Earl Thomas Conley Park, New Boston Flood Defense, Portsmouth Library, Wheelersburg School District, West End Real Estate Company, DeLille Gas, Goodwill Industries, Lucasville Library, Wheelersburg Library, South Webster Library, Waverly Nazarene Church, Portsmouth City Hall, Brown Services, Peebles Water Treatment Plant, Counseling Center, Rainbow Bowling Lanes, Dr. Inoshita's Office, McGovney's Concrete, South Shore Water, American Savings Bank, Dr. Prather's Office, and the Ohio River Road lighting; to name a few. Dwane had some help from Andy Eldridge, Danny Maple, and Ed Sommer.

*We make a living by what we get,
But we make a life by what we give.*

SOMC PET/CAT Scan Wraps Up

Finish work has been completed, and the equipment is now being installed in the new PET/CAT Scan room at SOMC. Working as a sub contractor to J & H Erectors, Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been wrapping up our work. They have had some help from Michael Hunt, Dwane Johnson, Danny Beekman, and Andy Eldridge on some last minute items. Soon, SOMC will be using this state of the art PET/CAT Scan equipment. This is great news for our entire community. No serious injuries reported on this project! As always, we sure do appreciate being a part of yet another modernization project at SOMC.

Shawnee State University Gets AEP Grid Smart Program

Our crews recently completed the replacement of all fluorescent lamps and ballasts throughout the Fine Arts Facility, as part of the AEP Grid Smart Program. New electronic ballasts and F32T8 lamps were installed as part of the program. SSU had a target date of December 15, 2011; and our crews were able to complete the work with time to spare. Led by Miles Lee Ferguson, the following Electricians worked on this project: Dustin Pendleton, Ed Sommer, Danny Maple, Chance Cooper, and Chris Good. We really do appreciate the opportunity to work with our friends at SSU once again!

*If you don't believe, you won't receive.
Think about that...*

SOMC Preventative Maintenance Work To Begin Soon

SOMC is in the process of scheduling time for outages so we can begin inspections, operations, and cleaning of the high voltage equipment and switchgear at SOMC's Main Campus. This work will need to be closely coordinated with the Hospital Staff, due to power outages and testing. Dwane Johnson is heading up this work.

Portsmouth Flood Defense Repairs Completed

Work was recently completed on the 12th Street Pump Station Gate Shaft Replacement. Andy Eldridge, Todd McCain, and Michael Hunt completed this challenging project for the City of Portsmouth. Andy did a great job getting this done, and in doing so, provided the Flood Defense Dept. with a local contractor that can take care of these types of problems as they occur within the City's Flood Defense System. Thank you Andy, and thank you Flood Defense Dept. for the opportunity to make these repairs. No injuries reported on this project, which is great news.

When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things – not the greatest occasions – give off the greatest glow of happiness.

SSU Boiler Replacement Project Progresses

Boiler demolition work in the SSU Fine Arts Building has been completed, and a lot of the new equipment has already been set in place. Mechanical Construction is the lead contractor on this project. Electrical work begins this week, and we hope to have power to the new equipment by the end of the year. Completion of this project is sometime in January 2012. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton will be working on this project.

AEP Grid Smart Project at American Savings Bank

We recently received a contract with American Savings Bank to replace all fluorescent lamps and ballasts with electronic ballasts and F32T8 lamps. This work was performed and completed by Danny Maple, Ed Sommer, and Dwane Johnson. We will be looking at performing this at their branch banks in the very near future.

USEC ACP Shows Some Signs of Life

We've been told that development and design work will start back up in the X-3001 building, the first of January 2012. USEC and DOE are committed to moving forward with the ACP project, but wanted to perform more development design research of the process, to further decrease the risk of the two billion loan guarantee we all have been waiting for. The parties have agreed to an 80%-20% funding split, with DOE providing the 80% which would amount to no more than three hundred million dollars. This tentative agreement preserves a path for USEC and the ACP Project. We don't know how much or how long this work will last, but we do appreciate the opportunity; and welcome anything that will keep the ACP Project active. We will continue to pray for the loan guarantee commitment.

*There have been many babies to become a King,
but only one King became a baby.*

SOMC Electrical Repair Work

SOMC recently acquired our services to perform Electrical repairs to equipment with thermal imaging issues. Miles Lee Ferguson and Dustin Pendleton have been making repairs and corrections to the Electrical equipment. This work should be wrapping up soon. We appreciate the trust SOMC has placed with us to perform this work.

Robert Walton Industrial Site

Site clearing and grading by J & H Erectors has progressed very well. We have been offering options for underground electrical and telephone services to the owner, and are waiting on a decision at this time. Once the decision has been made, our work should begin. Infra-Metals will be constructing their new Steel Distribution Facility on this site, with construction work to begin this Spring. This tract of land is located behind the south end of the New Boston Shopping Center, located behind the KFC Restaurant in New Boston.

New Boston Gets New Traffic Controllers

Three of the new traffic signals have been installed, and the fourth will be installed one night this week. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the Village of New Boston, Ohio. Dwane Johnson and Andy Eldridge have been working on this project.

Lawrence County Depot Project Getting Started

Dwane Johnson and Ed Sommer began Electrical demolition work yesterday, as Boone Coleman Construction tears up old sidewalks and pavement to make way for installation of our underground conduits and the new steel canopy being installed by Portco. This is one of many phases of work that eventually will provide Ironton with a beautiful facility along the Ohio River. This project has a lot of underground conduits for utilities that are currently installed above ground on poles. A new entry canopy with lighting and devices will also be constructed. Dates for completion have been extended to May 1, 2012.

What a difference a Century makes!

The year 1911:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years old.

Only 14% of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.00.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144-miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, & Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200.00 and \$400.00 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000.00 per year.

A dentist made \$2,500.00 per year.

A veterinarian made \$1,500.00 per year.

A mechanical engineer made \$5,000.00 per year.

More than 95% of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. Doctors had NO College Education!

Sugar cost 4 cents a pound.

Eggs were 14 cents a dozen.

Coffee was 15 cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were: #1-Pneumonia and influenza. #2-Tuberculosis. #3-Diarrhea. #4-Heart disease. #5-Stroke.

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, & Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from High School.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drug store. Back then, the pharmacists said heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is the perfect guardian of health!

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.!

What we've bid, and will be bidding...

- We will be bidding the Electrical package on the KDMC Portsmouth Medical Facility Expansion on Scioto Trail. Bids are due December 22, 2011.
 - We will be bidding the Electrical on the new Ironton-Russell Bridge that bids on January 12, 2012.
 - We recently bid the Electrical on a Filter Rehab project at the Portsmouth Filtration Facility. We just received a contract for this work, which should start in the next month.
 - We bid the Electrical on Carter Elementary School in Carter City, Ky. JMK Electric was the low bidder.
 - We will be rebidding the Electrical Package on the Wheelersburg Athletic Complex, on December 22, 2011. The two previous bids came in over the estimates.
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**From All of Us at West End Electric Co., Inc.,
We want to wish you a very Merry Christmas;
And a Happy and Prosperous New Year!**