

A Short Story:

How A Discarded Doll Brightened Christmas Season For Little Girl

(A short and not inaccurate story about an incident at Christmas) BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON For Associated Negro Press

Immanuel is a boy doll. For three years he lived a dim and obscure life in the basement of a local 5 and 10 cents store. Out-moded by the vestige of time, he was placed on the unwanted list and tossed with other such items in the cellar, his fate to be decided later.

Day after day, clerks searching the basement shelves for more glamorous toys at holiday seasons passed him up. He seemed destined to obscurity and eventual commitment to the garbage pile. SAVED BY CHRISTIAN BROTHER

Then one day a kindly Christian Brother wandered into the store, seeking some inexpensive gift for his "little friend"—a little girl named Judy in a local Catholic orphanage. With resigned humility, he passed up each of the glamorous gifts presented by the clerk. "I want something that reflects the Christmas spirit in a more humble manner," Brother Joe of the Jesuit Order of Brotherhood explained. The clerk stared in dismay.

Suddenly Brother Joe's eyes fell upon Immanuel lying upon the heap of unwanted items on the basement floor. "Let me look at that little doll lying there. It is a boy doll, isn't it?" "Yes, but that is not for sale," the surprised clerk replied. "That doll has been lying there for three years. Nobody seems to want to buy it, so the manager told us to scrap it."

Brother Joe's soft eyes suddenly moistened. He remembered that no one wanted to house the infant Jesus either on the first Christmas day more than 1800 years ago. "Let me have it," he said. "I am sure my little friend at the orphanage will cherish it."

The next day Brother Joe stopped at St. Joseph Orphanage. "I have a little gift for Judy Caldwell," he told the nun who answered the bell. "Will you please call her to the study?"

JUDY GETS GIFT A few minutes later Judy was led into the study. Her eyes brightened with joy as she saw the aged Brother who frequently brings her little gifts of various sort.

"Judy," Brother Joe spoke up. "I have a Christmas gift for you but it is not a doll house or a carriage or anything like that. It is just a plain doll I picked up at a neighborhood store. My Sister Theresia will clean and dress him up for you if you ask her. Would you like to have the doll?"

"Oh Yes!" exclaimed Judy, clapping her hands with joy. "I'll call him Immanuel, because it is a boy doll and Sister Theresia said that was one of the names they gave Jesus. Thanks a lot Brother Joe!"

Feeling satisfied that his gift was accepted, Brother Joe turned to leave, but an after-thought struck him. "What do prices received by U. S. farmers increased each month from February to August but declined somewhat in mid-October. U. S. farm populations now 13 per cent of the total.

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rate were a daughter, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Before her daughter retired from the Bureau of Customs five years ago Mrs. Ross said she did the cooking and cleaning but now she mostly just sits and reads.

and stage management, while T. A. Thoinley, III, guest organist from St. Augustine's College, rose to Yule expectations with the peals of the electronic organ.

Ligon faculty member, Mrs. J. Boulware, and Miss A. M. Jarragan, public school music teacher, and Mrs. E. M. Kelly played pianos, while the chorus performance was a product of the training received from Mrs. E. M. Morgan Kelly, director of the Ligon musical organization.

Featured were recitatives, airs, and ariosos rendered by the following soloists: McThaddeus Holden, tenor; Annie M. Freeman, contralto.

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By Marcus H. Boulware An ecclesiastical window — such as would be described by the physician, St. Luke — was hung in the background. It was painted by the Art Department.

and an organ — Wednesday, December 18, in the school auditorium, at 1:30 p.m. When the curtain rang down, the audience did not applaud — neither did I — and then in a moment we joined together in a thunderous and triumphant ovation, for the "Prince of Peace" had come.

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