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While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Bethlehem is a long way from the Pyrenees. And the Nativity was more than nineteen centuries ago. But shepherds have changed but little.

Shepherds are lonely men of the broad steeps. They have time to think and hope and pray. They learn to love the humble and helpless creatures of God. They are men of courage, yet men of mercy.

Perhaps that is why God chose the Shepherds to hear the Story first!

But as they hastened toward the little town to "see this thing which is come to pass" the glorious News could have meant no more to them than it can mean to every one of us.

And the King they worshipped in a humble stable, we may worship today—and always, in the churches of our community.



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(2) For his children's sake. (3) For the ake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regu-larly and read your Bible daily. 1-6 18-25 1-8 1-12 1-5 1-5 ght 1949, E. E. Kelster, This series of ads is being published weekly in the Watauga Democrat under the auspices of the Boone Ministerial Association and the Three Forks Pastors' Conference, and is sponsored by the following Boone business establishments: FARMERS HARDWARE & SUPPLY, Inc. BOONE DRUG COMPANY BOONE FLOWER SHOP WALKERS JEWELRY STORE **REINS-STURDIVANT FUNERAL HOME** SMITHEY'S WATAUGA HARDWARE, Inc. COLVARD CHEVROLET CO., Inc. BARE'S FAIR STORE WATAUGA SALES & SERVICE MADDUX ESSO SERVICE BOONE TIRE & BARGAIN STORE BARNETT MOTOR COMPANY PARKWAY COMPANY EDMISTEN FURNITURE STORE **CRAVEN FURNITURE COMPANY** WINKLER MOTOR COMPANY WATAUGA FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY WATAUGA BUILDING & LOAN ASS'N TODD'S ESSO SERVICE GOODNIGHT BROTHERS STALLINGS JEWELERS HOME JEWELRY COMPANY HUNT'S DEPARTMENT STORE WATAUGA INSURANCE AGENCY **CAROLINA PHARMACY** SHELL SERVICE STATION AYERS ELECTRIC SHOP Jerry Coe 102 N. Depot Street 0