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Japanese Student At ASTC Will Fly Home To Visit Sick Mother

A petite Japanese graduate student at Appalachian State Teachers College was scheduled to leave New York by jet plane Saturday for Japan to be with her ailing mother, thanks to the generosity of Appalachian students and citizens of Boone.

Miss Maya Masumoto, 27, was in New York awaiting her visa and passport, which were to be cleared by the Japanese Embassy at Washington. She then was to fly round trip to Suma-Kobe, Japan, to be with her mother, Mrs. Hidee Masumoto, who became critically ill two days ago.

Miss Masumoto was notified several days ago that her mother

was ill and needed her daughter's presence. Two things stood in the way of the Japanese girl joining her mother—money and her passport.

News of her predicament spread around the campus of ASTC. The Student Council and the Religious Council began sponsorship of a fund to send Miss Masumoto across the Pacific by jet plane to her mother's side.

Within a short time, the people of Boone joined students and faculty at ASTC. More than 3,000 people contributed to the fund to aid the graduate music student. The fund totaled \$1,100—sufficient to purchase a round trip ticket to Suma-Kobe with about \$75 left over for incidentals, such as food.

Miss Masumoto was in New York Thursday with friends. She was to pick up her plane ticket at Idlewild Airport sometime Thursday, provided all went well with her passport.

Meanwhile, the Japanese embassy, Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of ASTC, and Ninth District Rep. James T. Broyhill were trying to rush through the visa and a passport which would enable the little Japanese girl to return to Appalachian after being with her ailing mother.

Miss Masumoto is a graduate of Kunitachi College at Tokyo, Japan, with an A. B. degree. She came to ASTC last fall. She has been doing graduate work in music and has been an assistant in the science department.

Van Noppens Will Conduct Summer Tour

Drs. John and Ina Van Noppen of the ASTC faculty will conduct a 33-day tour of Europe this summer.

The tour leaves New York on June 15 and returns July 18. Alumni of ASTC are eligible to participate in the tour.

The trip will cost \$895 from New York and will be by air. The price is based on 25 persons, all members of the ASTC Alumni Association.

The trip will include a visit to Switzerland, Germany, Paris, Versailles, Brussels, Amsterdam, the new Rotterdam, the Hague, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Edinburgh, Loch Lomond, the Trossachs, the Lake Country of Wordsworth-Coleridge and Southern, North Wales, Buckingham Palace, British Museum, Westminster Abbey, Dublin, and County Wicklow.

Six nights will be spent in London. Mrs. Van Noppen said that 1964 is the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth and the group will see his plays at Stratford-on-Avon and in London. The group will also visit the National Exposition at Lausanne, Switzerland, which is expected to be the most important travel event in Europe in 1964.

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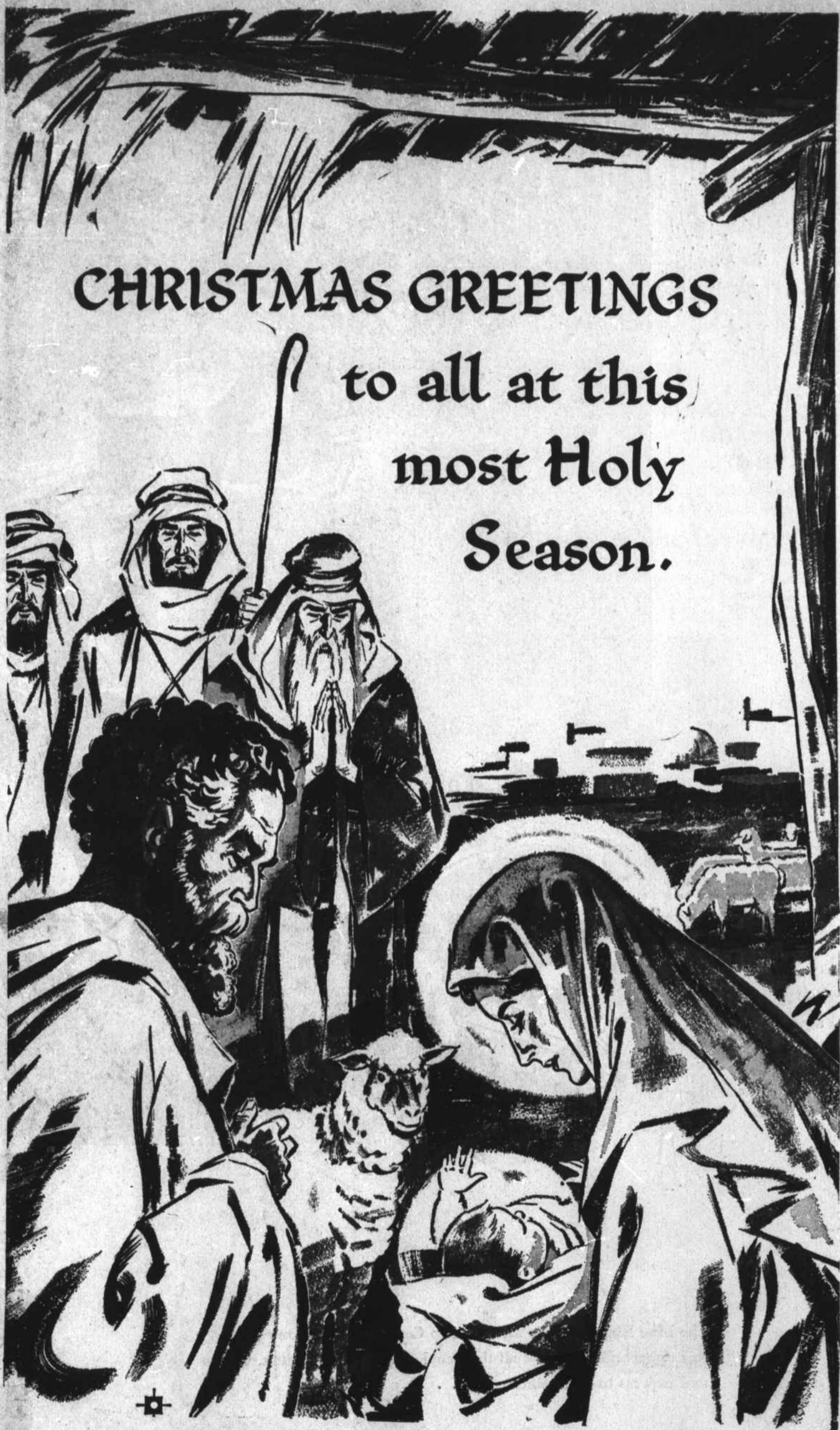
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