

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Population
 Watauga County 22,660
 10 Year Gain 29.27%
 Boone 8,566
 10 Year Gain 132.39%
 1970 Preliminary Census Report

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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Boone Weather

1970	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow '69	Hi	Lo
Dec. 15	46	25			32	22
Dec. 16	37	28	.30	1.5	31	24
Dec. 17	39	31	.40		35	18
Dec. 18	59	35			43	16
Dec. 19	53	31			39	26
Dec. 20	52	44	Tr.		31	20
Dec. 21					32	16

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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (and this taxing was first made when Cærenius was governor of Syria) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth,

into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no



room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Peace on Earth

Peace is not an illusion, an unattainable, centuries-old dream of mankind. Peace and joy exist as surely as love and compassion live within the hearts of men of good will. War, prejudice, oppression and evil; these are as old as the history of the world. They feed upon greed and ignorance; they persist because some of us are too weak or to indifferent to care about what happens to our fellow man. But there is peace in this world. There is peace and joy in the character of men and women who pursue that goodness of life which elevates mankind above the level of the primitive animals with which he shares this planet. Love, compassion—and faith—these are the God-given gifts that make mankind stand tall among his earthly contemporaries.

Because God so loved the world, and with compassion for the sins of mankind, God gave forth His only Son, to live upon earth a life of highest example. The life of Christ was lived in a spirit of love and compassion, and was faithfully dedicated to the will of God.

Because the Holy Child was born at Bethlehem, and so lived among God's people, every man can find an open door to peace and contentment, in this world and in the next. Because Christ came, the Christmas comes once each year to fill our hearts and our minds with inspiration and with hope.

This Christmas, let love, compassion, and faith guide you to a meaningful awareness of the spirit of Christmas.

