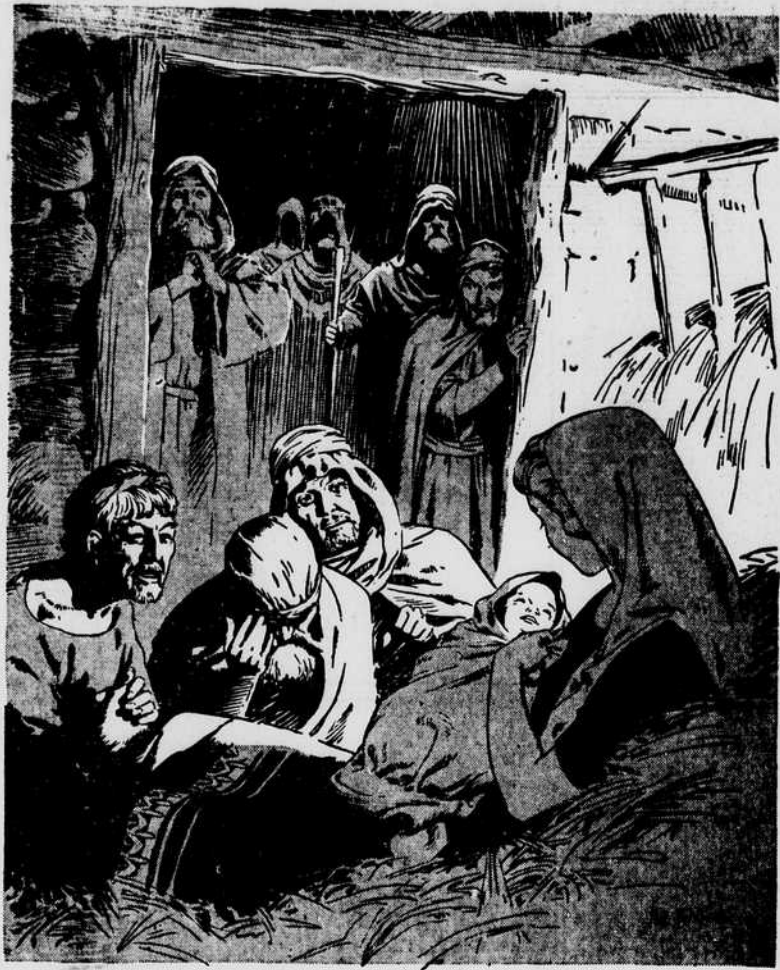


# The Christmas Story

Illustrated by Hal Foster



ON THE fragrant hay lay Mary gazing lovingly on her baby, while the shepherds stood in awe-struck silence in the doorway. The very air seemed charged with gladness as if, far away, the angels were rejoicing and the music of their voices came faintly down to earth. Now had every prophecy come to pass and the gentle Savior been born. We all believe the teachings of this Prince of Peace. Some day we will follow them and know Peace at last.

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## U. N. Council Orders Immediate Halt To Fighting In Indonesia And Release Of Captured Officials

### Local Firms Extend Yule Greetings

The Roanoke Rapids and Weldon business community, through this issue of the Herald, are wishing their customers and friends a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year. The firms whose messages are included are as follows: Auto Service Station, Bank of Halifax, Patts Grocery, Bloom Bros., I. K. Braswell, Brickell Motor Co., Brown Furniture Co., Bunch's, Butts Grocery, Carolina Motor Sales, Inc., Chandlers, Chimney Corner, Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Citizens Realty Ins. Agency, Inc., City Barber Shop, Community Grocery, Cycle Shop, David's Clothing Store, DeLuxe Laundry — Dry Cleaners, Dixie Auto Body Rebuilders, Dixie Grill, Eagles 5-10-25 Cents, Electronics Service Supply, Faison-Ogletree, Inc., Fashion Shop, Wm. Farber, Fitts-Crumpler, General Amusements, Gibson's Hardware, Glover's, Griffin Drug, Grimes-Morgan, Halifax Finance Co., Hatcher's Restaurant, Helene Beauty Shop, Herald Printing Co., Jewel Shop, Joyner Furniture Co., D. I. Kidd, King Tire Service, L. Kittner Dept. Store, Lady Fair Beauty Shop, Lady Fair Gift, Leggett's, Lindale Dairies, Inc., Little's Clothing, Livesay's Radio, Lloyd's, Long's, Marks Shoe Store, Master Service Station, Matthews Drug Co., Melvin Grocery, V. C. Morgan's, McCrory's, M. C. Morris, "M." System, Myrick Grocery Co., Newsom Oil Co., Northeastern Distributing Co., Peggy A. A. Frocks, Dr. Pepper Parkinson's Gulf Station, Proctor Realty Co., Pruden's, Ranshorn's Rapid Supply Co., Roanoke Bank & Trust Co., Roanoke Builders Supply, Roanoke Hardware, Roanoke Dairy Products Co., Roanoke Motor Sales, Inc., Roanoke Pharmacy, Roanoke Plumbing Co., Roanoke Rapids Lumber Co., Roanoke Transit, Roanoke Valley Milling, Rosemary Building & Loan, Rosemary Cafe, Rosemary Drug, Roses, Sandlin Flower Shop, 2nd Street Lunch, Seven-Up Bottling Co., Slipper Shoppe, E. W. Smith, Inc., R. I. Starke, Southside Grocery, Standard Furniture Exchange, S. & W. Grocery, Taylor Drug Co., Taylor Furniture Co., Thompson Coal Co., Thompson Grocery Co., Tri-City Motor Co., Tickle Dry Cleaners, Valentine & Garner, Young Men's Shop, Walser Motors, Weldon Furniture Co., White Motors, Inc., Whiteway Taxi.

PARIS, Dec. 24 —AP— The Security Council today ordered an immediate end to the fighting in Indonesia and prompt release of Indonesian leaders captured by the Dutch. The Council's Christmas Eve vote on these two issues was seven for and none opposed. Four nations abstained. The Council turned down the joint U. S.-Colombian-Syrian demand for withdrawal of Dutch forces from areas seized since the Netherlands Republic started Sunday. Five nations voted for it and none against, but six abstained. Seven votes are needed for passage in the Council. Russia asked that the Netherlands be condemned as an aggressor. The Council order was based on the American-Colombian-Syrian proposal, as amended. Delegates made their decisions in a series of ballots on separate paragraphs of the three-power project and two Australian-Syrian amendments.

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### Baker Funeral Is Held Today

Smithfield — Funeral services for Walter G. Baker of Weldon, who was killed Wednesday afternoon when he was thrown from a motor car on the Atlantic Coast line right-of-way about four miles north of Enfield, were conducted this afternoon from the Underwood Funeral Home here by the Rev. James A. Auman, Methodist minister of Four Oaks, and the Rev. Mr. Warren, Adventist minister of Four Oaks. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park.

Baker, a signal maintenance man for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, died in an Enfield doctor's office a short time after a motor car on which he had been riding struck a dog on the tracks and was derailed. A companion, E. G. McGill, was slightly injured. The men were inspecting recently installed signals along the railway between Enfield and Weldon when the accident occurred. An employee of the ACL, since 1935, he was a veteran of World War 11 and a native of Four Oaks. He and his wife have been making their home in Weldon. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Irene Boyette Baker of Four Oaks; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Baker of Four Oaks; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Strickland of Smithfield, Mrs. William Kasper of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. R. W. Vaughn of Honolulu, Hawaii; and one half-brother, William Allen of King's Mountain.

## Religious Ceremonies, Family Gatherings Mark Christmas

Religious ceremonies and family gathering will take the spotlight here tonight and tomorrow as Roanoke Rapids residents will celebrate what promises to be a quiet Christmas. Last-minute shoppers who have waited until the final moment of shopping time will be thronging the retail stores in the city until nine o'clock tonight, when the tired salespeople who have valiantly borne the trials of Christmas shopping will have a chance to get home to their families and slip into shoes that are comfortable. For many of the residents of the city the Christmas vacation period has already started. Most of the textile workers in Roanoke Rapids began their vacation on Wednesday when the wheels ground to a stop to remain closed until next Monday morning. Schol children, of course, have been free to revel in Christmas vacationing since last Friday and many of the high school students have been finding what work is like by taking jobs as "extras" in the stores. City offices and county offices will give employees the "long weekend" which comes with a Christmas on Saturday, and all day the roads into and out of

the city were busy with traffic as college students, service men and relatives poured in to spend the Christmas time with their families, or with others leaving the city to visit relatives in other cities. Today a lot of families were "getting acquainted" again and new children and grandchildren were being loudly loved and dutifully admired by relatives and friends. By tonight the strangeness will have worn off and families will feel united for the season which always brings them just a little closer than any other time of the year. In homes where sickness is an un-holidaylike visitor or in the hushed corridors of the hospital Christmas will not be as joyful as it might have been, but even here the soft colors and gaily-decorated trees will add a festive note. Churches Celebrate Traditionally, the Christmas carolers will fill the air of the city in beautiful, well-loved songs celebrating the Coming of the Baby Jesus. A few of these caroling parties will be spontaneous, others will be planned, as is the one which is due to start from the Rosemary Baptist Church tonight at 11:30 af-

ter a short worship service. At St. John's Catholic Church most of the members and a number of non-members will gather at midnight to hear the High Mass of Christmas, and to join in their worship of the Babe in the Manger in observance of a custom which is almost as old as the Christmas Story itself. Tomorrow the churches will be open to worshippers, and in several of these special services will be conducted during the day. Communion services, song services, Masses and Christmas praise programs will bring to mind the sacred reason for the celebration of Christmas. The Christmas tree will be the focal point of young eyes and old ones, too tomorrow morning as families dig into the multi-colored wrappings and strings which hide the traditional ties for Dad, handkerchiefs for Mother, bracelets for sister and nearly everything under the sun for the smaller fry. Police said yesterday they will be on the job, but added they are hoping the will not be called into action. Indeed, it looks like a quiet Christmas—and a happy one—for Roanoke Rapids.

### SNOW

Visions of an old-fashioned White Christmas flashed through the minds of residents of Roanoke Rapids early this morning when a few scattered snowflakes started fluttering down, with a promise of more to come. By nine o'clock there was a steady fall of large, white flakes and in spots small white patches began to mark the fall however less than an hour later the snow had ceased to fall. Leaden winter skies promised to yield a heavier harvest of the white stuff, though, if given half a chance. The weather outlook for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day brought a promise of snow or rain for the holiday season, and while children and a lot of tradition-bound grown-ups loudly expressed their wish for a heavy fall of snow a lot of other residents of the city said they had their share of it last year and would just as soon settle for a lot of sun shine. As press time approached, a few more flakes slowly drifted down from the sky and the issue of whether or not Christmas, 1948, would be white in Roanoke Rapids settled down to a period of waiting to see

### McNeil Is New Exchange Club Head

Fred W. McNeil was elected president of the Roanoke Rapids Exchange Club in a recent election of club officers for 1949. He will succeed Lunsford Crew, outgoing club president. Other officers for the club for 1949 include William F. King, vice-president, Neighbor Green, secretary, and Marion Hudson, treasurer. The club has announced that further plans are being developed for the hearing conservation project which club members say they hope to get started in the Roanoke Rapids schools about the first of February.

Legion Post Plans Veterans Info Book Sotland Neck—At the regular meeting of Roanoke Post 34 of the American Legion which was held Tuesday night, Henry Lee Harrison requested all members to send in information about their service records for the book which is being compiled by the Legion. North Carolina — Mostly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday; occasional rain Saturday afternoon or tonight; some freezing rain or sleet over northern portion late tonight and Saturday; slightly cooler today and tonight; continued cool Saturday.

### No Herald On Sunday

With the publication of its first Christmas Edition, the daily and Sunday Herald will suspend publication for one issue in order to give its employees an opportunity to spend Christmas with their families and friends. The Sunday Herald will not come off the press this week, but publication will be resumed Monday, when the editorial, advertising and business offices will be reopened after being closed all day tomorrow and Sunday. The regular Sunday colored comics will be found in today's issue of the Herald.

### Weather

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### VFW Auxiliary's Santa Claus Surrounded By Children



Santa Claus came early to some 100 Roanoke Rapids youngsters last Sunday afternoon at the Armory. Here he is surrounded by children who clamored up onto the sleigh in which the Jolly Saint Nick was riding to welcome him. Santa distributed gifts to the children at the annual Christmas party sponsored by the auxiliary of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 34.

### K. F. Adams Appreciates Flood Data

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24—The water resources division of the Virginia State Department of Conservation and Development has credited yesterday with helping a Roanoke Rapids industry save man-hours and trouble during the recent period of repeated flood early in December. A letter from Kirkwood F. Adams, resident manager of the Halifax Paper Company, Inc., Roanoke Rapids, told the story. He wrote a letter to Senator Byrd and to Donald S. Wallace, head of the water resources division in praise of the division's work. He said when the Roanoke River was rising on December 12, the company was faced with the potential need of temporarily abandoning their plant and removing some machinery if the water was going to reach a certain stage, the company needed a hour-by-hour check to determine whether it would shut down work and prepare for the flood. The Roanoke Rapids firm called on the Virginia agency and the North Carolina state weather bureau to supply information on the river's rise. Both groups furnished information hourly to give the Halifax Paper Company calculations to figure the higher-water peak at the plant. As a result, the letter from Adams said, the company determined it would not have to cease operations or move out its machinery and this it failed to incur needless costs.

### Two Draw Fines On Hunting Count

Halifax — Two men who had appealed fines levied by a Scotland Neck justice of the peace on charges of killing deer on which the antlers were not plainly visible had the fines reimposed and costs made greater by a recorder's court here, county name Protector C. M. Pettitt is announced. Pettitt said Raymond Bottom of Elm City and Arthur Joyner of Sharpsburg were each fined \$25 and costs amounting to \$20.50 each by Judge Charles R. Daniel in Halifax County recorder's court. The men had been previously fined the same amount by justice of the peace Ben Bragg in Scotland Neck and had appealed the magistrate's decision. Two small buck deer weighing 76 pounds for both were introduced by the game warden's evidence. The deer had been seized and kept in a freezer until the trial.

## ROANOKE RAMBLINGS

By PAT NANTZ

Some more young gentlemen who have come home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and families are James Bridgeman and Thomas Northington of Chapel Hill and Lionel Northington and Doyle Satterthwaite of Duke University...

The second home-town boy to bring home a German bride arrived here on December 12... he is Sgt. Lloyd Jarman Williams, son of Ebb Williams and the late Mrs. Williams of 1805 Powell street. He was married on September 24 to Miss Herta Frenzel of Bremen St. Margus, Germany... an employee of the American Army Exchange Service. They plan to remain here until January 4, at which time they will go to Langley Field, Virginia, where Sgt. Williams will re-enlist... He is a veteran of ten years service...

After having asked the question yesterday about why carols weren't being played this year, Mrs. Elva Martin informed me that when they were played last year, it was because she and a few others were unaware of a city ordinance which stated that no loud speakers could be used outside of a building without special permit... not only did it take a special permit last year, but it is reported that during the two weeks they were played a "record-changer" had to be paid and it turned out to be a very costly project, even though it was an enjoyable one...

Also another of my items were answered yesterday afternoon, soon after the paper was out... "Pee-Wee" and Sylvia Hall have found their little eskimo spitz which they lost last Sunday...

### Dreary Weather

Dreary weather, including freezing rain or sleet for North Carolina, is predicted for the Carolinas during the Christmas holiday period. Occasional rain is expected to begin in the west portion of North Carolina this afternoon and last through tomorrow. The freezing rain or sleet was anticipated over the north portion late tonight and tomorrow cooler temperatures were due to last through tomorrow. For South Carolina, the forecast was the same, except for occasional showers were foreseen for the extreme north portion this afternoon or tonight, and were expected to continue through tomorrow.

The only ones that I could find who were born on Christmas Eve were Tommy Holloman and Josephine Fayed... and little Carolyn Harris was lucky enough to be born on Christmas Day, so she will have double reason for celebrating tomorrow... Here's wishing you all a very happy birthday and may you have plenty more...

The personnel of the local radio station seems to be planning a big Christmas celebration. Bill Brothers took his leave early and has been visiting with his family in Henderson for a few days already. Mrs. Claude Wilson, bookkeeper, will journey with her husband to the Western part of the state, while Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meares and family go to South Carolina to visit. Jim Mulqueeny has announced that he will travel to Chicago, Illinois... we never did get it straight just which way he would fly... on his own power or that of an airplane, but I have my own idea... and last, but by no means least Al Drew, who is so indefinite about everything that he has not yet decided where he will be tomorrow... Jerry Elliott, the old married man of the group, says he will stay at home this year... for the first time...

And now, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year's... and while members of our families may be absent from the celebrations of tomorrow, as they travel through the world trying to preserve friendship; may the lamp of friendship in our homes be lighted by the oil of sincerity...

### Episcopalians To Give Offering For Missionary To Deaf

The Rev. Edmund Berkeley, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, announced today that the entire offering at Sunday morning's service at the church will go to the support of the Diocesan missionary to the deaf. The Diocese of North Carolina has provided a full-time missionary to the deaf parishioners of the diocese for about 30 years. The late Rev. Roma C. Fortune filled the post until his death in October, 1942, and was succeeded by his son, the Rev. James R. Fortune.

### Negro Admits Robberies In Enfield

Enfield—The mystery of numerous robberies occurring in Enfield during the past several months was cleared up Monday night, when Samuel Miles, 18-year-old Negro from Phoebus, Va., admitted in Mayor's court that he had broken into and robbed 13 stores in and around Enfield. He said that he had never found it necessary to use tools in gaining entrance to a store, using only his hands, and taking advantage of the carelessness of Enfield merchants. Miles was caught last Sunday night at about 8:30 when two taxi drivers saw him entering the Davis Supply Store through a rear window and called the police. Chief F. C. Sykes, night officer Isaac Brown and two state highway patrolmen surrounded the building and W. R. Davis and an officer went through the front door. Miles was caught hiding in the back of the store. At Mayor's court Monday night Miles confessed to the following robberies: LaFayette Cafe, Rothrock Motors, Overton Motors, Stedman Store, Wood's Grocery, New York Cleaners, Davis Supply Store, Taylor's Wine Store, Service Grocery, Adcock Service Station, Shervette's Grocery Store, Saunder's Jewelry and Anderson's Garage. He admitted thefts ranging from a carton of cigarettes to \$75 in cash and goods.