Some 200 Die From

ated manuscripts. Monasterles of Egypt and Syria were early dedicated to the creation of art, the develo of crafts, the spread of learn

In the Western world, these aims gained impetus with the founding of the Benedictine monasteries in the sixth century A.D. Artists and craftsmen worked devotedly to preserve sacred texts through their hand-copied, hand-illustrated, elaborately-bound vellum manuscripts.

From time to time, secular texts - scientific treatises, for example — were also cop-ied and illustrated.

How It Grew

Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monastery artists drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural, realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

Treasured Today

In the preparation of illuminated manuscripts, a master artist often set the style for copyists and assistants to follow, since even the deco-ration of an initial letter could be a major project.

A single letter might occupy an entire page, and a complete scene or miniature painting might be contained within the boundaries of, for instance, an initial "C" or

Some manuscripts, in fact, represent the work not only of more than one artist but of more than one generation of artists.

Today, illuminated manuscripts are treasures of libraries and museums, and rightly so, for throughout a thousand years of Christian history, the art of illumination brought an extra dimension of beauty to manu-scripts that are, in themselves, precious works of art.

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"During 1970 we recorded A startling 69 per cent of 93 such deaths through Novemthose pedestrians (over age 15) ber, and only about half of North killed during the year, according to McBay's statistics, were Carolina's counties have medical examiners (medical doceither 'under the influence of alcohol or had been drinking. tors) who report these find-He said that the blood of the ings."

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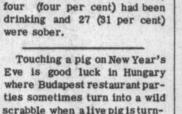
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On North Carolina's highalcohol was related to ways 75 per cent of all fatalities in single - car crashes, yearend figures show.

Dr. Arthur McBay, chief toxicologist for the medical ex-



88 pedestrians examined by his

office showed that 57 (65 per

cent) were under the influence,

scrabble when a live pig is turned loose at midnight.



There stood a stable cold and ODOM'S FLOWER SHOP

By ANNA MANG

Illumination. The very word seems to belong to Christmas, the season of light. Like the star that guided the wise men, Christmas illuminates the

spirit of man. In an artistic sense, illumination has another meaning that is also linked to Christmas: The decoration of books and manuscripts with colorful illustrations, initial letters and borders, "lit" by gold or, occasionally, silver.

The Star

Under the Star whose radiance

brightly shone,

dark and lone.

cient art of illumination was often employed by man in his efforts to capture some portion of the wonder of Christmas, to retell and to picture the story of the Nativity and related events.

Art, Too, Shows 'Illumination'

To Light Up Christmas Scene

"The Annunciation," "The Nativity," "The Adoration of the Magi," "The Flight into Egypt" — these and other scenes from the well-loved Christmas story appear again and again in the hand-let-tered, individually-illustrated books known as illuminated manuscripts.

When It Began

In the early Christian era, illuminated manuscripts were generally the products of monasteries and cathedral schools. The first examples of illumination appeared, centurie

Like all the arts, the an- | ity brought a continuing concern with religious sub-jects as the text for illumin-

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Within, a traveling couple did find rest birth of Christ. And a manger held a baby in The Egyptian "Books of its nest. The animals did bow their heads and nod, And angels hailed him "Lord, the Son of God!" And in the fields were sheperds watching sheep, Who came to watch the blessed baby sleep. Three men came bringing trimals butes from afar, Guided by this one, bright, Holy Star. -ANDREA LINDA THOMPSON Rt. 1 Warrenton, N. C.

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