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### Under The Stars

How often, in the gospels, the spacement recurs: And He went up into a high eventum. . . .

Is it repeated so many times, surely, because it had special significance for Him.

And does it not have significant for us in today's world of tension and dear an agrandian and

Like all pre-Christmas seasors, ne optionys have been a time of hustic and last and cife briging and wrapping; of almost transfer as you do the things we felt must be don

After today, all that will be to be well for us to give ourselves the opportunit. It is deflifted, fig-nratively, to a high mountains the night-we al-most surely would-be so lifted, who night, or to morrow night, we should go and alone, under the . sileht stars, and ponder a little of the meaning of

In such quiet, gazing at the majesty of the heavens, we might-we almost surely would!-recapture the thing we all so sorely need today, some of that peace that passeth understanding . . .

## Justice, 1952 Style

It is a tradition in American instice that a man is presumed innocent until he is proved guilty; that the burden is on the state to prove his guilt. rather than upon him to prove his innocence; and that the evidence must prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Actually, that concept almost certainly stems from the Magna Charta, signed in 1215, more than two hundred years before America was even discovered!

In addition to that common law tradition, the Constitution of the United States guarantees certain specific rights:

"The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury."

"No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court.

And "In all criminal prosecutions, the accurd shall enjoy the right to a speedy, and public trial, by an impartial fury . . . and be informed of the nature

and cause of the accusation; to be remirented with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor." Those are specific guarantees written into the

Constitution, but those guarattees as well as the common law fradition that a man is presumed innocent until proved guilty, all are being builtied in Washington.

The latest instance is the wave of John Carter

Mr. Vincent, a career diplomat, has served his government for 28 years, Repeatedly, his lovalty ias been investigated, and repeatedly he has vindicated himself. But the other days while he was on duty in Morocco, the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission concluded that there is reasonable doubt as to his lovalty", and ecommended that he be discharged from govern-

It is true, of course, that the covernment must ave men of unquestioned loyalty in its service.

It also is true that Mr. Vincent has not been given court trial.

But the fact remains that this public action by an administrative board is tantamount to trying, convicting, and sentencing this man. Before the court of public opinion, he is convicted of treason; his usefulness to his country almost certainly is at an end, and his own life and that of his family

And all this, mind you, not because of reasonable proof of his guilt, but of a mere reasonable "doubt" of his innocence.

Was this case tried by a jury, as guaranteed by the Constitution? The answer, of course, is no.

Was this man convicted "on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overs act . . . ir open court"? The answer is no.

Did he "enjoy the right to a speedy, and public trial"? He has been on trial time after time. And

in each case he was tried without a jury. Was he "informed of the (exact) nature of the

accusation"? The evidence indicates he was not. Was he "confronted by the witnesses against him"? Certainly not; in most such cases the accus-ed never knows who the witnesses against him

are, and in this case the accused was an ocean Like the average American, the editor of this

newspaper does not know and has hardly more than hear of John Carter Vincent, and therefore has little personal interest in what happens to him. But it is high time the average American be-

came interested in this open flouting of the Constitution, this deliberate destruction of personal

rights. For tomorrow, or next year, it might be you or



## The First Christmas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each year, in its last issue before

Christmas. The Press publishes the story of the birth of

Christ. In past years, of course, the story was taken from King James' Version of the Bible. This year, be-

cause of the widespread discussion of the new Revised

Standard Version, the story is published as told in BOTH versions, the corresponding passages appearing

side by side. The passages quoted are from Isaiah 11:1-21 Micah 5:2: Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6: Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25: Luke 2:1-20; and Matthew 2:1-23.)



#### King James Version

A ND there shall come forth a red cut of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow cut of his roots; and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and

of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah though thou be little among the thousands of Judah yet out of thee shall be come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of cld from everlasting.

Behold, a virgin shall conserve and pear a son and shall call his name Invanie.

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For unto us a child is born unit as a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor The mainty God The everlasting Father. The Prince of February

THE angel Gabriel was send a and dependent to a man and a man a whose name was Joseph -1 virgin's name was Mary And and said. Hall then that all many instead the lens as with their blessed at the amount without the lens as within the blessed at the amount within a winer.

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most found layor with Gra. And even when that conceive a son and shall call be form son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the threnof his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no

Then said Mary unto the angel, "How shall this b€.

seeing I know not a man?" And the angel answered and said unto her. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her, who

was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible."

And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise. When as his mother Mary was esponsed to Joseph before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conserved in her is of the Holy Ghost And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people 'from their sins'. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him and took unto him his wife and knew her not fill she had brought forth her firstborn son; and he called his name JESUS.

AND it came to pass in their hays that there went out a decree from Caesar August . That all the world should be taxed. . And all went to be taxed every one into his own.

And Joseph also went in from same cut of the city of Nazareth, into Judea unto the city of Eavid which is called Bethlehem, because he are fithe occus and Eneage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoised with bring great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there the cape were accomplished that she should be delivered. And who brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in "wadding clothes, and laid him in a marger retains they was no room for them in the inn

And there were in the same country sherners abiding in the field, keeping watch over their licht is might And ichthe angel of the Lord came with them and the plory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore atraid. And the angel said unto them. Fear not for behold. I bring you good tidings of great by 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. We shall find the next this shall be a sign unto you. unto you; ye shall find the pace wrapped in swaddling lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her

And the shepherds returned cornlying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying. Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him And when he had gathere all the chief priests and scribes of the people to-

#### Revised Standard Version

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But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathan, who are little to be among the clans of Judah from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the severnment will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called. Wonderful Counselor, highly God, Everlasting Fath-

THE angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth to a virgin betrethen to a man whose was Joseph, or the hours of David, and the virgin's mane was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hall O layored one, the Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at the saving and considered her mind what soit of treeting this might be.

And the angel said to her "Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God And behald fou will conceive have found favor with Goo. And It your womb and bear a son and tot-shall call his name feats He will be great and will be called the Son of the fiber High and the Lord God and give to him the throne of

me lather David, and he will selan ever the house of Jacob ter ever and of his kingdom there will be no end:"

And Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I have ic husband?

And the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come agen you, and the power of the Most High will over shacow you; therefore the

child to be born will be called hely, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible,"

And Mary said, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" which means, God with us. When Joseph woke from sleep, ne did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and ne called his name Jesus.

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# Poetry

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#### THE HIGHEST GIFT

The winter stars are golden palls To decorate the sleigh of night For Santa who with full moon face Is shedding on the earth his light, Imagination has conceived

And years have bred the Santa fun It is the height of fancy's love, But eternal love adores the Son

Edith Deaderick Erskine

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### PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

The idea was to "get Christmas those long-beide-dawn Christmas morning cries of gift on others by saying them before they could say it

I have since learned that that I have since learned that that all year after year I went to be very times: -the Negro slave shouted it to his "white tolks".

Year after year I went to be very early on Christmas Eve, in hopes of being the first awake the next morning. But nearly the sheep-

always I awow with the sheep-

### **News Making** As It Looks To A Maconite

The true idea of Christmasthat is the birth of the Christ Child-seems to me to be the theme of more Christmas cards and decorations this year than I have noticed. This is encouraging. For those who see no hope for the world today I would like to suggest that the teachings of Christ offer a sc-lution to practically all problems of human relations. Since our form of government is de-signed to reflect the thinking of the people it saverns it is encouraging to see that more people put Jesus first in their Christmas thoughts.

. By BOB SLOAN

Two weeks ago The Franklin Press conveyed a message to the public in which appreciation was expressed for the erection of the Christmas lights The credit was slightly misplaced when we stated that the Nantahala Power Company and the Western Carolina Telephone Company employes did the job. True, the men who did the work for the most part, work for these organizations, but they did the job as members of the Franklin Fire Department, the organization which sponsored the project this year. However the two utilities probably deserve credit too, for un-doubtedly their equipment was used some. So thanks to everyone concerned for a very attractive job of decorating.

Also congratulations are que the Franklin Garden Club not only for the beautiful scene they erected on the North side of the street at the foot of the Town Hill, but also for continuing the Christmas Lighting contest again this year. Events like that are too often dropped after a year or two and don't reach their full maturity.

It seems to me that school officials could use more care in scheduling events at the Franklin school.

Twice this year, that I know of money making events have been scheduled on the same night that the Parent Teacher Association had a special program planned. From the standpoint making money at these events its not good business for either and it is unfair to the Parent Teacher Association-an organization which through the efforts of its members has contributed thousands of dollars of improvements to the schools. Furthermore no school is stronger than the support it has in the community and in the past the local PTA has really backed the

## Do You Remember?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK Paul Jones, who has for some time been The Press printer, was kicked by a horse last Wednesday evening and has been laid up for repairs since that time.

Mr. B. F. Carr, of Mayesville, Ga., was in town Friday and Saturday. Mr. Carr is always a welcome visitor here, particularly among our stock men.

Mr: W. L. Painter has just returned from Baker City, Ore., and looks fat and well. He says he will go back to Oregon in the spring.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Dollars to doughnuts that Charlie Teague will never appear in public wearing the gold medal recently presented him as a Master Farmer.

Mr. Reid Cabe has just completed and furnished a nice seven-room house in Ground Park. Mr. H. P. Nichols, who is employed with the U.S. Forest Service, has rented the house and will occupy it at

Mrs. Bob Cansler and two children, of Pisgah Forest, are here to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Cansler will join them Saturday.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Frank Baldwin, Arnold Duvall, Ford Duvall, and Frank Solesbee, who have been working in Florida, returned home to do with gifts, but was a game. (Kyle).

Miss Mary Evelyn Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Raiph Moore, and Miss Lucille Calloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Tim Calloway, who are sudying in the engineering department of the Johns Hopkins Catversity, Baltimore, are training to inspect airplanes for Menn-

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