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EDITORIAL

### The Greatest Miracle

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius 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 Judea, 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, 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 a 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 is 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

ie shepherds. But Mary kept all these things. and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

#### (Luke 2:1-20)

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR DEC. 26, 1971 LESSON TEST: Lake 3:15-22

4:1-15 Continuing our studies in the Book of Luke, our lesson aim for

today is to aid in a clearer understanding of how by identifying Himself with mankind, Christ fulfilled His mission as Redeemer. Christ the Deity, and Christ the Man ... for our sakes, what a happy combination! Exalted, He carried within Himself the ability to cleanse us of our

sins-yet as a man, He understood our hopes and joys, our despairs, our temptations, and our weaknesses! His mercy was never withheld from us, nor His compassion or forgiveness. John the Baptist, forerunner of Christ and ardent disciple, gloriously climaxed his witnessing in the single act of

baptism of Christ. The significance of baptism is familiar to all; immersion in water (the cleansing agent) signifies the end of the old life and the putting away of acknowledged sin. But Christ's baptism had a special significance all its own. Sinless Himself, He still had a mission to accomplish which would require Him to take the sins of mankind upon His shoulders, presenting Himself to God as man's advocate. That Christ's act of announced dedication to His appointed task, and His complete identification with mankind, was fully acceptable in God's eyes, is made clear in

the descent of the Holy Spirit and of the voice from heaven upon completion of the rite.

Immediately following Christ's baptism, He was subjected to a number of temptations by the devil. These were stoutly resisted, and Christ remained without sin. His involvement with the spiritual well-being of mankind, despite the knowledge of the awful price that would be demanded of Him on Calvary, far outweighed concern for Himself.

Unfortunately, when the devil tempts mortal man, he meets with more success than he should. Being mere humans, we too often permit worldly interests to crowd our spiritual instincts for good, and we ignore completely the fact that physical things often threaten the fulfilliment of God's purpose for us. Christ's greatest victory (and OUR greatest gain) was His unflinching commitment of Himself to our redemption!

We must continually foster our spiritual resources if we are to remain steadfast against temptation and live our lives as useful Christians. To be successful in our almost daily fight against Satan, our lives must be sincerely committed to Christ. For it is only the strength of our Christian convictions that will enable us to face each day

did Christ. But the Bible will be our staff, and our will power our

foundation for a Christ-oriented

life. Spiritual maturity is an essential commodity in the

Christian; God has supplied the

personal ideals and integrities.

Farm Program

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HEARD AND SEEN

The Marshall Christmas Pageant ended its ninth consecutive year and 27th consecutive performance Saturday night with large crowds attending all three nights.....Thursday night was rainy, Friday night was comfortable and clear, Saturday night was clear but bitterly cold .... despite the weather, the Pageant was successful and the characters who took part should be congratulated for braving the elements ..... Alton Payne, Aaron Sronce are to again be commended for furnishing the animals.....the firemen and policemen again did a fine job .... the faithful who are always ready to help again came through ..... Dean Shields, the coordinator, again served well in his many responsibilities....the Mt. Sheba Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Artath Peek, sang background music all three nights....the 40-odd members are a fine group and Vicky Higgins, although only 13 years old, did a commendable job at the piano with no benefit of rehearsals...she also sang and played the solo, "O Holy on Thursday and Night." Friday nights .... incidentally, Dan Young is doing a great job with the church and the youth choir in supporting and helping

By POP The them in transportation as well as encouragement.....the Open House at the Baptist parsonage here Sunday afternoon was real nice.....Glenn and Vera Whitley have the parsonage really looking nice...Glenn is the afternoon ceremony. quite a sportsman as well as being a fine preacher and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Erwin of Bethel. She is presently atpastor .... he showed us the large mouthed fish and deer head tending Haywood Technical which he "captured".....Jack Institute. and "T" Gross, of Greenville, Mr. Crowe is the son of Mr came up for the Pageant and and Mrs. Boyce E. Crowe of spent Saturday night at our Skyland, formerly of Marshall. home ... we were delighted to He is a graduate of Mars Hill have them as guests and they College and is teaching at thoroughly enjoyed seeing and canton Junior High School. speaking with friends at church Given in marriage by her Sunday morning ..... it's hard to father, the bride wore a gown of realize it's been 12 years since peau de soie trimmed with rehe was pastor here .... the four embroidered Chantilly lace and of us went over to Rich Laurel seed pearls. Her veil of illusion Restaurant Sunday for dinner was attached to a band of lace before we bade them farewell and pearls. as they headed back east ..... was also glad to see another former pastor, the Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., and his wife, and daughter and her husband at the Pageant Friday night ... they from came up Catawba ..... trying to get this

week's issue out a day early has been quite a chore-especially since it's the Christmas Edition ..... guess I'd better sign off for now by wishing you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## **Crowe-Erwin** Vows Spoken Last Saturday

Bethel Missionary were white chrysanthemum and holly. Baptist Church was the setting Bridesmaids were Miss for the marriage of Miss Paula

Sharon Erwin, and Miss Jane Dee Erwin and Phillip Edward Erwin, sisters of the bride. They Crowe, Saturday, Dec. 18. The wore green gowns fashioned Rev. Thomas Erwin, grandlike the honor attendant's and father of the bride, conducted they carried similar bouquets.

Miss Myra Kay Erwin, sister The bride is the daughter of of the bride, was junior attendant and was dressed in red. Andrew Thomas Lane was another junior attendant.

Mr. Crowe was his son's best man. Ushers were Stephen Churm and Chuck Stines, both of Canton

A reception followed. Mr and Mrs. Crowe will live in Clyde

JOBS THAT ANNOY

When homemakers around the country were asked what the worst job about the house was, ironing ranked first. After that came cleaning Miss Sue Ann Erwin was her the range, scrubbing floors,

sister's maid of honor. She wore cleaning closets, washing a floor length dress of red windows, scrubbing bathsparklelite over satin, accented rooms, washing walls and with gold braid. Her flowers cleaning the refrigerator.





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May the true meaning of this season be an inspiration to you and yours ... Andy N. and Maggie Wooav SPRING CREEK

unafraid, fraught with Find Enclosed \$ hazards as life so often is. We If Card Requested, include Sender's Name cannot outwit Satan ... we must stay constantly on our guard. Even a right relationship with God does not exempt us from temptation, any more than it

Editor

Dear Mr. Story,

Letters To

grace, but we ourselves must be wholly responsible for our May I have space in your paper to commend Troop G of (These comments are based the N. C. State Highway Patrol on outlines of the International and the some 20 men of the tricounty REACT Emergency School Lessons, copyrighted by the In-Traffic Control team that have ternational Council of Religion joined forces in an effort to Education, and used by perreduce holiday deaths on WNC roads. Our county should be proud of men like this not taking vacations trying to save a life from reckless driving, racing, driving without lights and in-

Continue from Page 1 toxicated drivers. Of course, anyone can have to crops which will give them the mot profit. In 1971, 90 per the misfortune of losing control cent of U. S. farmers altered of cars. It's sure a tragedy to their cropping patterns from see and hear about so many their established bases ad wrecks on our highways where allotments in order to increase so many lose their lives-some their profits. The set-aside crippled for life. If people who

drive could see the wrecks, lives programs encourage this. Under the 1972 set-aside lost, many in hospitals, surely programs, a participant who this could be controlled. Power complies with the set-aside to these devoted men trying to acreage he has signed up for save lives. Everyone be careful and maintains his conserving sturing the holidays and every base, is free to plant the rest of day. You might save a life-it his cropland to anything he might be your own or a loved chooses, except a few crops one.

which are under marketing "With the set-aside program, farmer can decide what and how much to plant on their

hospitalized Notices of wheat allotments and feed grain bases plus projected yields, and payment rates along with leaflets on the

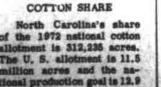
various voluntary farm programs, will be mailed to all armers on Dec. 27.

"If farmers have any sestions on program par-County cipation, the ASC and County ASCS

People and cars have been on my mind so much since I recently had the misfortune of seeing a terrible wreck on one of our WNC roads where three people lost their lives and others

I would say to every driver, be careful, prayerful and thoughtful this Christmas Season and all the new year. Mrs. Jerry Rice, Sr.

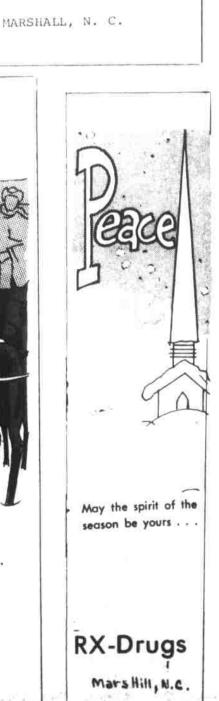
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