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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 Cyrenus 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 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 of the 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)

Christmas



May the true meaning of this season be an inspiration to you and yours...

Andy N. and
Maggie Wooy
SPRING CREEK

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR DEC. 20, 1971

LESSON TEST: Luke 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 Delty, 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 fulfillment 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 unafraid, fraught with spiritual hazards as life so often is. We 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 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 grace, but we ourselves must be wholly responsible for our personal ideals and integrities.

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religion Education, and used by permission.)

Farm Program

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to crops which will give them the most profit. In 1971, 90 per cent of U. S. farmers altered their cropping patterns from their established bases and allotments in order to increase their profits. The set-aside programs encourage this.

Under the 1972 set-aside programs, a participant who complies with the set-aside acreage he has signed up for and maintains his conserving base, is free to plant the rest of his cropland to anything he chooses, except a few crops which are under marketing quotas.

"With the set-aside program, farmers can decide what and how much to plant on their farms."

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 farmers on Dec. 27.

"If farmers have any questions on program participation, the County ASC Committee and County ASCS Office officials will be glad to answer them," Mr. Robinson concluded.

HEARD AND SEEN

By POP

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 Spruce 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 Night," on Thursday and Friday nights...incidentally, Dan Young is doing a great job with the church and the youth choir in supporting and helping

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 quite a sportsman as well as being a fine preacher and pastor...he showed us the large mouthed fish and deer head which he "captured"...Jack and "T" Gross, of Greenville, came up for the Pageant and spent Saturday night at our home...we were delighted to have them as guests and they thoroughly enjoyed seeing and speaking with friends at church Sunday morning...it's hard to realize it's been 12 years since he was pastor here...the four of us went over to Rich Laurel Restaurant Sunday for dinner before we bade them farewell 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 came up from 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

Crowe-Erwin Vows Spoken Last Saturday

The Bethel Missionary Baptist Church was the setting for the marriage of Miss Paula Dee Erwin and Phillip Edward Crowe, Saturday, Dec. 18. The Rev. Thomas Erwin, grandfather of the bride, conducted the afternoon ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Erwin of Bethel. She is presently attending Haywood Technical Institute.

Mr. Crowe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce E. Crowe of Skyland, formerly of Marshall. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College and is teaching at Canton Junior High School.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of peau de soie trimmed with re-embroidered Chantilly lace and seed pearls. Her veil of illusion was attached to a band of lace and pearls.

Miss Sue Ann Erwin was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a floor length dress of red sparklette over satin, accented with gold braid. Her flowers

were white chrysanthemums and holly.

Bridesmaids were Miss Sharon Erwin, and Miss Jane Erwin, sisters of the bride. They wore green gowns fashioned like the honor attendant's and they carried similar bouquets.

Miss Myra Kay Erwin, sister 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 Churn 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 the range, scrubbing floors, cleaning closets, washing windows, scrubbing bathrooms, washing walls and cleaning the refrigerator.

Best wishes for
CHRISTMAS

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Just A Woman's Observations

By DOROTHY BRIGMAN SHUPE



A holy and happy Christmas is our wish for you...



End-of-Year Clearance SALE

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Letters To Editor

Dear Mr. Story,

May I have space in your paper to commend Troop G of the N. C. State Highway Patrol and the some 20 men of the tri-county REACT Emergency Traffic Control team that have joined forces in an effort to reduce 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 intoxicated drivers.

Of course, anyone can have the misfortune of losing control of cars. It's sure a tragedy to see and hear about so many wrecks on our highways where so many lose their lives—some crippled for life. If people who drive could see the wrecks, lives lost, many in hospitals, surely this could be controlled. Power to these devoted men trying to save lives. Everyone be careful during the holidays and every day. You might save a life—it might be your own or a loved one.

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 hospitalized.

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

Mrs. Jerry Rice, Jr.

COTTON SHARE

North Carolina's share of the 1972 national cotton allotment is 312,236 acres. The U. S. allotment is 11.5 million acres and the national production goal is 12.9 million bales.

And best wishes...

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May the spirit of the season be yours...