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MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

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The birth of Jesus happened in this way. When his mother Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph, before they came together, it was found that she was with child — of the Holy Ghost. An Angel came to her and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured! The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women." But she was disturbed by what the angel said and did not understand.

And the angel said to her, "Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a 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 throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And the angel replied, "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."

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

Before long Mary went to the city of Judah to see Elisabeth. When Elisabeth heard Mary's hello, her own baby leaped within her. She felt the Spirit of God and with a loud voice said, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of these things which were told her from the Lord."

Mary then said: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his hand-maiden: For, behold, from henceforth all generation shall call me blessed."

At this time Caesar Augustus sent out a decree that everyone should be registered. This happened when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. Everyone went to his own city to register. Because Joseph was a descendent of David, he went to Bethlehem in Judea to register, together with his wife, Mary, who was expecting a child.

While they were there it came time for her baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first son. She wrapped him up and laid him in a manger, because there was not room for them in the inn.

Nearby there were shepherds out in the field watching over their sheep during the night. An angel appeared before them, the light of God began to shine all around them, and they were very much afraid. The angel said to 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,



Peace on earth, good Will to all at the joyous Christmas season

"Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the Angel a heavenly host praising God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

ACROSS THE YEARS ECHO THE WORDS OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY, AN INSPIRATION, A PROMISE AND A BLESSING TO ALL MANKIND. AT THIS HOLY, JOYOUS SEASON, WE WISH TO ALL OUR FRIENDS A HOLIDAY RICH IN THE SPIRITUAL REWARDS OF CHRISTMAS, AND A FULL PORTION OF ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT A HAPPY YULETIDE HOLDS.



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." At that moment a heavenly choir appeared singing:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men."

After the angels had gone, the shepherds said to each other, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

They hurried and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. When they had seen it,

they told all around what had been told them about this child. The people who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. But Mary made mental note of everything and thought about it carefully. The shepherds returned filled with praise to God for what they had heard and seen.

Wise men who had seen his star in the East came to worship Jesus. And the star went before them, until it stood over the place where the young child was. When they saw the star it brought great joy to them.

When they came into the

Services For A. B. Gibson

A. B. Gibson, 68, of Rt. 2, Burnsville, died in his home Saturday morning after a long illness.

Mr. Gibson was a native of Charlottesville, Va. He had lived in Burnsville for the past 23 years.

Services were held Monday at 2 p. m. in Windom Methodist Church.

The Rev. Thomas Rutledge officiated. Burial was in Hyatt Cemetery.

Surviving he left a widow, Mrs. Ophelia Young Gibson; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald Hollman of Rt. 2, Burnsville and Mrs. Robert Quinn of S. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Emory Reynolds of Richmond, Va.; two brothers, Philip of Charlottesville, Va., and Oscar of Adford, Va.; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Rite Held For Carol Infant

Rio Carroll, three-months-old son of J. C. and Verlin Edwards, died at his home Friday.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the grandparents, Mr. M. and Mrs. Crawford Carroll of Burnsville and Mr. and Mrs.

Dave Edwards of Morganton.

Graveside services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Pete Young Cemetery at Burnsville. The Rev. James Beaver officiated.

E. Y. Beta Club To Meet Friday

The East Yancey Beta Club will go Christmas caroling Friday night (December 21.) After caroling the group will meet to have refreshments.

All former EY Beta members are invited to go caroling with this group.

All who plan to go should meet on the square in front of the Collette's house at 6:30 p. m.

If it's snowing or the roads are slick, Betas will not go caroling.

NOTICE

The offices in the County Courthouse, Burnsville will be closed from noon on Saturday, December 22 until Wednesday morning, December 26.



RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, December 17:

KILLED TO DATE	1248
Killed To Date Last Year	1185

Drive With Care

Don't take the "Merry" out of your Christmas by becoming one of the 28 persons the N. C. State Motor Club predicts will be killed on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long Yule holiday.

The official fatality count will begin at 6 p. m. Friday, Dec. 21, and extend through Tuesday midnight, Dec. 25, a period of 102 hours.

During the 1961 Christmas holiday, which covered a 78-hour period, North Carolina recorded 22 highway deaths in 20 fatal accidents and 730 injured in a total of 1,065 accidents. The largest number of deaths — 10 — occurred on Saturday, with 7 more on Christmas Eve, usually one of the most deadly days of the year because of traditional festivities and heavy travel to family gatherings.

Speeding with no regard for road, weather and traffic conditions was the most frequent driver violation contributing to holiday accidents last Christmas, figuring in 17 of the 22 fatalities.

"For many years," cautioned Thomas B. Watkins, president of the N. C. State Motor Club and the National Automobile Association, "December has been the peak month for motor vehicle accidents in North Carolina. In December 1961, there were 773 more accidents than in the month with the next highest total during the year. With three weeks and two holidays still to go, the state had already suffered 1,223 traffic deaths and appeared well on the way to breaking the record of 1,288 established in 1941.

"So drive with extra care and make it a truly Merry Christmas for you and yours."

Program Of Christmas Music At Bolens Creek

A program of Christmas music "Tis The Blessed Christmas Season," will be presented at the Bolens Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, December 23 at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Don Wilson is directing the two choirs and boy's chorus with Miss Tensie Bailey, organist.

The narrators will be Mr. Don Wilson and Mr. Dawson Briggs. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the program.

Harrell, pastor, will be in charge of the service. The public is invited to attend.

United Fund Honor Roll 100 Per Cent Contributing

In the following organizations 100 per cent of employees have contributed to the 1962 campaign of the Yancey United Fund.

- ASCS Office
- County Agent's Office
- The Northwestern Bank
- Carolina Tire Co.
- Doctor's and Hospital Staff
- Farmers Home Administration
- South Toe School
- Oak Crest School
- Town of Burnsville Employees
- Roberts Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.
- French Broad Elec. Mem. Corp.



Pictured here are Haitians being tested during the first phase of a six-year program which will evaluate the effectiveness of a new vaccine against tuberculosis (TB) in human field trials in Haiti. In the foreground is Dr. Willy Verrier, Haitian doctor, and administering the test is Miss Irene Melvin of Chapel Hill, a member of the North Carolina Research team.

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