



Mary Had  
A Little Lamb

By: Father Robert Valenza

Father, Son and Holy Ghost . . . one eternal God. Father is God, Son is God, Holy Ghost is God . . . yet there is only ONE God: three persons; one God. In time the Son took flesh of Mary: "Therefore, the holy one to be born shall be called the Son of God." (Lk. 1:26-35). Jesus is God. Jesus is man. He is the God-man, the bridge between God and man. As man He was born of Mary . . . as God he created Mary. He is the Father of His mother. Stran-

ge paradox! Is it not? If you could create your mother, would you not make her the best, the most, the greatest of all works? Jesus did just that. Mary is wonderful. Luther wrote: ". . . in a word all dignities are embraced in Mary." Calvin wrote: "We cannot acknowledge the blessings brought us by Jesus without acknowledging at the same time how highly God honored and enriched Mary in choosing her. . . ." Nevertheless, the fact remains that He is the Creator . . . she is the creature. She is great because of Him. Like the moon, she reflects her Son, without Him, she is nothing.

To ADORE Mary then is an outrageous SIN. But to scorn her . . . to refuse her respect, honor and love is to wound the Son. He lived within her, nursed at her breast and was "obedient" to her. Obviously He loved her. So when we "Put ye on the mind of Christ," as St. Paul says, can we then afford to ignore her? Adore her? Never! Ignore her? Absolutely not? But love, honor and respect the mother of Jesus. That is the answer.

At the CRIB Mary gives Jesus to the world. At CANA, she asks her Son: "They have no wine." And then Jesus performs His first miracle by changing water into

wine. And at CALVARY . . . ah, yes . . . at CALVARY, He gave us His mother, when He said: "Woman, behold thy Son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold thy mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. If by Baptism we are sons of God and brother of Jesus, are we not also in a sense the sons of Mary?

Mary had a little Lamb . . . the Lamb of God. And it is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. For Mary's little lamb is no other than the Savior of the world. He whom all christians adore, is truly Mary's Son as well as Her God.

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Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc., announced this week that the W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc. Small Business Development Center has been approved by the Small Business Administration in Washington, D. C.

The W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc. Small Business Development Center has been established to review applications for loans made available by the Economic Act of 1964. Under this Act loans up to \$25,000 are available for the purpose of developing new businesses and expanding small businesses in the area. Applications for loans up to \$2,500 are reviewed by the local Farmers Home Administration. Applications for loans between \$2,500 and \$25,000 are reviewed by the W. A. M. Y. Small Business Development Center.

In each of the four counties, (Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey) which W. A. M. Y. serves, a local Small Business Development Center Committee has been established to encourage the development of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses, and to review applications for small business loans. Loan applications approved by the local County Small Business Development Center Committee are forwarded to the Small Business Administration Office in Charlotte for final approval. Approved loans have an interest rate of 4% to be paid over a period of not more than fifteen years.

Persons interested in applying for a Small Business Loan should contact the chairman of the Small Business Development Center Committee in their county. The following persons are serving as members of the W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc. Small Business Development Center in Yancey County are:

Mr. Oscar Devton, Chairman; Mr. R. R. Penland, Mr. Charles Gillespie, Mr. Dover Fouts, Mr. Robert K. Helmle, Rev. Woodward Finley, Mr. Fred A. Dow and Miss Ann Moore, Executive Sec.

Pvt. Randolph

Takes Field Training

FRIEDBERG, GERMANY (AHTNC)—Army Pvt. Everett Randolph, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Randolph, Route 4, Box 233, Burnsville, N. C., is participating in a field training exercise in Germany ending Aug. 16.

Randolph is undergoing extensive training in all types of tactical range firing during the day and night exercises.

A radio mechanic in Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion of the 3d Armored Division's 32d Armor near Friedberg, he entered the Army in December 1964, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived overseas last June.

He attended Cane River High School and was employed by Laurens Glass Works before entering the Army.



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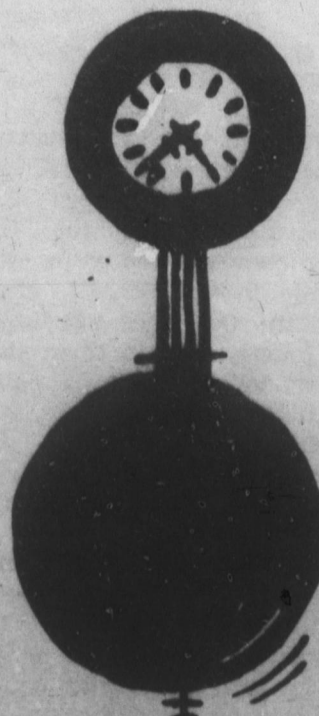
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