

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS LIKE IN BETHLEHEM?

Americans who dream of a white Christmas with Santa Claus popping down the chimney to the tune of "Jingle Bells" can thank assorted writers and poets and the northern climate. Christmas in the land of Christ's birth, however, is another matter.

What is Christmas like in Bethlehem?

There's generally no snow, Epiphany. After this ceremony, some for one thing, for winters are mild in the Judean hills around Bethlehem, reports World Book Encyclopedia. No Santa Claus listens to children's pleas, for he's an American invention based on a European saint. And there's probably no decorated Christmas tree in the village square; that custom originated in Germany.

Instead, the focal point of Christmas in Bethlehem is the Church of St. Mary of the Nativity, supposedly built over the spot where Jesus was born. Here pilgrims from all over the world gather on Christmas Eve. First there is carol-singing in the square facing the church. Then all enter for the solemn midnight mass. After the service, an image of Christ is carried in a procession down into the grotto, and is placed in a manger where it lies until January 6, the Feast of the

Christmas Services At St. James

St. James' Church, Vance Avenue, will celebrate Christmas beginning on Thursday, December 24, with a service at 11:30 P.M. and then on Friday with a service at 10:00 A.M.

The Christmas Eve Service will be preceded by a half-hour of organ music by Clifford J. Hotchkiss of the American Guild of Organists. The prelude will include "Saviour of the Heathen, Come" by J. S. Bach; "Wir Christenleut (Come, Christian Fold)" by W. F. Bach; "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" by Gerhardt Krapp; "I Know a Rose Tree" (Variations in contemporary style) by Gerhardt Krapp; "From Heaven High" by Pachelbel; "Noel—Une Vierge Pucelle" (Modern music for a Christmas carol) by Le Begue; "O Come, All Ye Faithful" by Thomas Adams; "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" by J. S. Bach; "A Rose Breaks into Bloom" by Johannes Brahms; and "Pastorale" by Louis Vierne.

The candlelight service itself will be a celebration of the Nativity of our Lord with a celebration of the Lord's Supper where Christ comes in the sacramental bread and wine. Scripture readings will include a description of redemption by Christ in the 2 Chapter of the Epistle to Titus and the familiar nativity story from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. William Faucett will present two anthems, the first between the reading of the Epistle and the Gospel is the "Divinum Mysterium" using a translation of words by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413 A.D. The second is an offertory anthem, "Rosa Mystica" with a translation of words from Speier Gedebeuch in 1589.

The service music for the "Lord, have mercy," the "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the "O Lamb of God" is by Healey Willan written in 1928 in dedication to the Church of St. Mary Magdelene, Toronto, Canada, where he is organist and choir director; the "Glory be to God" is to the tune of Old Scottish Chant. Traditional Christmas hymns will also be sung. The sermon will be by the Rector, the Reverend Thomas Droppers.

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The Christmas celebration at St. James' will continue on Saturday with a service at 10:00 A.M. in honor of St. Stephen, the first martyr for the Redeemer. On Sunday, Holy Communion Services at 8:00 and 11:00 A.M. will honor St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist, who beautifully proclaimed "the Word made-flesh" in his Gospel and Epistles. On Monday at 10:00 A.M. the children who were killed when Herod tried to kill the infant Jesus will be remembered in a service for "The Holy Innocents." Friday's commemoration at 10:00 A.M. will recall the official naming of Jesus according to Jewish Law at the time of His Circumcision.

On the second Sunday after Christmas, January 3, services will be held at 8:00 and 11:00. The scripture reading will be concerned with the Holy Family's Flight to Egypt and return to Nazareth according to St. Matthew.

The celebration of Christmas will be concluded on Wednesday, January 6th, when the Holy Communion Service at 10:00 A.M. will acknowledge Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles, in particular to the three Gentile Kings from the East, on the Feast of the Epiphany.

"Tar Heel Tom" To Des Moines Turkey Test

Turkeys are extremely important right now. People are enjoying the Season's best from North Carolina turkey ranches. And, the turkeys are feeling proud that one of their number—over four million in the state during the 1964 crop year—will be chosen as the "top" bird to be called "Tar Heel Tom."

January 5-7, "Tar Heel Tom" will be representing North Carolina at the big meeting of the National Turkey Federation at Des Moines Iowa, at the Governor's Challenge Heaviest Turkey Contest.

"Tar Heel Tom" started out as a little fellow, but with scientific feeding he has grown to a heavier turkey than is normally featured at the supermarket and the corner grocer's meat counter. Most turkeys grown by the state's turkey industry are grown with modern families and the modern housewife in mind.

Wyatt Upchurch, Raeford, president of the North Carolina Turkey Federation, showed Commissioner Graham's turkey representative two kinds of turkeys, bronze and white. Both are familiar to the turkey industry. Mrs. Evelyn Harper, secretary in the poultry and egg section of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture—and housewife—saw how both lines of turkeys looked when raised for the modern housewife.

Carl Tower, head section for NCDA, said plans are being made now to fly the selected turkey to Des Moines. He and turkey man, Upchurch hope that the special turkey will not only represent North Carolina's crop, but will help tip the scales toward winning the contest.

Pvt. Pertiller Assigned To 3rd Infantry

Army Pvt. John C. Pertiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Pertiller, 116 East St., Black Mountain, was assigned to the 3d Infantry Division in Germany, Nov. 20. Pertiller, assigned to headquarters company, 1st Battalion of the division's 4th Infantry, entered the Army in June 1964 and completed basic combat training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

LYDIA CLASS HAS COVERED DISH SUPPER

The Lydia Class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas meeting in the home of Mrs. M. E. Head, teacher, on Tuesday, December 15. A covered dish supper was enjoyed after which the group wrapped gifts for an underprivileged family. Guests and members present were Mrs. Harry Gasperson, Mrs. Winston Craig, Mrs. William Holcombe, Mrs. Robert Queen, Mrs. Leroy Huffman, Mrs. Blanche Allman, Mrs. Glenn Stafford, Mrs. Cecil Nanney, Mrs. Brody Warren, Mrs. Peter Bolkan, Mrs. Henry Tetre, Mrs. Jack McMahan, Mrs. Paul Hendley, Mrs. J. D. Styles, Mrs. Bea Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Head.

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Tea and Topic Study Authors For Children

The regular monthly business and literary meeting of the Tea and Topic Club was held on Monday, December 14, at the home of Mrs. W. W. White with eleven members present. The president, Mrs. W. W. White, presided.

Members brought gifts for the WNC Sanatorium. A donation of \$25 was sent to Eliada Home for Children. Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr. gave a report on the annual Christmas basket project, giving names of needy families, and the Clubs, Churches and individuals who will assemble and deliver the baskets at Christmas time. She announced that Koorfott Company would again provide turkeys for the most needy families in this area. The Club, as well as the community, is indebted to Mrs. Tyson for her work over the years in preparing the list for the annual Christmas baskets.

Mrs. S. S. Cooley was in charge of the program and she gave a most interesting program on the writers of children's literature in the period from 1860 to 1900. Some of the most successful authors in this era were, Louisa May Alcott, Joel Chandler Harris, Mary Mopes Dodge, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Lewis Carroll, Horatio Alger and Mark Twain. In 1860 Beadle & Co. published the first dime novel. In three years time five million dime novels had been sold. Mrs. Cooley reviewed the book "The Birds' Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wiggin. Mrs. Wiggin was born in 1856, in Philadelphia. Three of her most popular stories are "Mother Carey's Chickens," "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" and "The Birds' Christmas Carol". The story is about Carol Bird who was born on Christmas Day. Carol was an invalid. One of the most interesting features of the book was the Christmas party given by Carol and her family for the Ruggles children.

The meeting adjourned and a social hour followed during which the hostess served refreshments to the following members: Mrs. B. G. Byron, Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. Leslie Carter, Mrs. R. T. Greene, Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, Mrs. Otty Leeman, Mrs. Richard Oulahan, Mrs. W. W. Phillips, Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. Max Woodcock, and Mrs. Carter, a visitor from Samoa, mother of Mrs. Phillips.

December Gay, Dark, Dismal And Dangerous

December is a gay month and a dark, dismal month. And both sides of the coin spell danger on streets and highways.

The danger in festivity comes from too many people who forget they are going to have to drive after an office party or a social event where alcoholic beverages flow freely.

The results are a predictable upswing in traffic mishaps and resulting injuries, death and property damage. Last December is a case in point—144 died in wrecks. That's not so gay!

Specifically, studies by the Department of Motor Vehicles into the causes of wrecks, show that "had been drinking" is a strong contributing factor. That traditional "one for the road" is about the most deadly Yule gift anyone can offer a motorist. It would be kinder to offer a round of Russian Roulette.

In addition to party problems in December, highways are most likely to be treacherous. Reduced speed becomes a cardinal rule. The traffic experts say drive at a rate at which you are absolutely sure you can stop within a few feet.

Here are some of their suggestions to keep from making winter driving blunders. BRAKES: Have them equalized. You need balanced braking for slippery going.

MUFFLER: Odorless fumes from a faulty muffler or tail pipe can kill you. Drive with a window partly open. WINDSHIELD: Live wiper blades, proper arm tension and a working defroster are wintertime musts. Check them.

LIGHTS: Headlights, tail lights, brake lights and directional signals should work A-O-K. And they must be kept clean.

TIRES: Tires should have enough good tread to bite into snow. Snow tires are better.

Roll easy, with short braking punches, then let off so that you don't merely slide on patches of snow or slush.

CHAINS: Reinforced tire chains are best for severe winter conditions. Tests by winter driving experts prove that when the going is tough, the best answer is reinforced tire chains.

The vehicles agency also adds this: Winter or summer, use your seat belts. If you don't have them, get them. Sudden Thaw: . . . In traffic, anger is only one letter short of danger.

SHORT SHOTS: . . . In Toledo, Ohio, a driver was charged by police with swiping away at small compact cars with a fly swatter as he drove along a highway.

Custom cars are nothing new. In 1899, anyone with a little mechanical aptitude could buy "Dykes No. 1 Outfit," a do-it-yourself automobile kit which came complete with engine, transmission, wheels, steering device and radiator—everything but the body. The kit was popular up to the introduction of mass production techniques in automobile manufacturing.

And in Washington, an automobile writer walked up to a driver in a parked car to ask him a question, only to find out that the "driver" was an inflated balloon. The balloon was the brainchild of an inventor, who claimed it would prevent auto thefts. Cost \$15.

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Marine Sergeant William W. McMahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey McMahan of Rt. 1, Swannanoa, recently reported for duty to Marine Air Control Squadron Five at New River Marine Corps Air Facility, Jacksonville, N. C.

He has been assigned to the Supply Section with the squadron.

Before entering the service in March 1953, he attended Swannanoa High school.

Thinking is like living and dying. Each has to do it for himself.

Enthusiasm is the best fuel to warm up a cold prospect.

Survey Reveals Trade Stamps Favorite Item

The number of United States households in which trading stamps are saved grew by three million this year, according to the latest nationwide survey by an independent research firm of Benson & Benson, Inc., of Princeton, N. J.

The pollsters found in their canvass that trading stamps now are saved for redemption in about 48 million homes across the country, as compared with about 45 million in 1963. Stamps have been saved in better than eight out of every ten homes in the country since 1962.

The Benson & Benson survey has been conducted each year since 1957 for The Sperry and Hutchinson Company, distributors of S&H Green Stamps. S&H is the oldest and largest company in the trading stamp field.

B & PW Meet For Annual Holiday Social

The Business and Professional Woman's Club held their annual Christmas meeting Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. Anne Higginbotham. The house was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. Games were played and gifts were exchanged by members.

Gifts were also brought for the WNC Sanatorium and a donation was made to a Chinese nursing home in China, which is a monthly project of the group.

Present for the meeting were Miss Pauline Tipton, Mrs. Ann Cordell, Mrs. Madeline Todd, Miss Lillian Russell, Mrs. Evelyn Lusk, Miss Luna Wagner, Mrs. Josie Haynes, Mrs. Martha Chasteen, Mrs. Sara T. Gorham, Miss Betty Maxwell, Mrs. Elizabeth Clough, Mrs. Josephine Hickey, Miss Annis Kirby, Mrs. Susie McDonald, Mrs. Barbara Helgreen, Miss Louise Sloan, Mrs. Harrie Morrow and the hostess, Mrs. Higginbotham.

Airman Lamb Reassigned To Laredo AFB

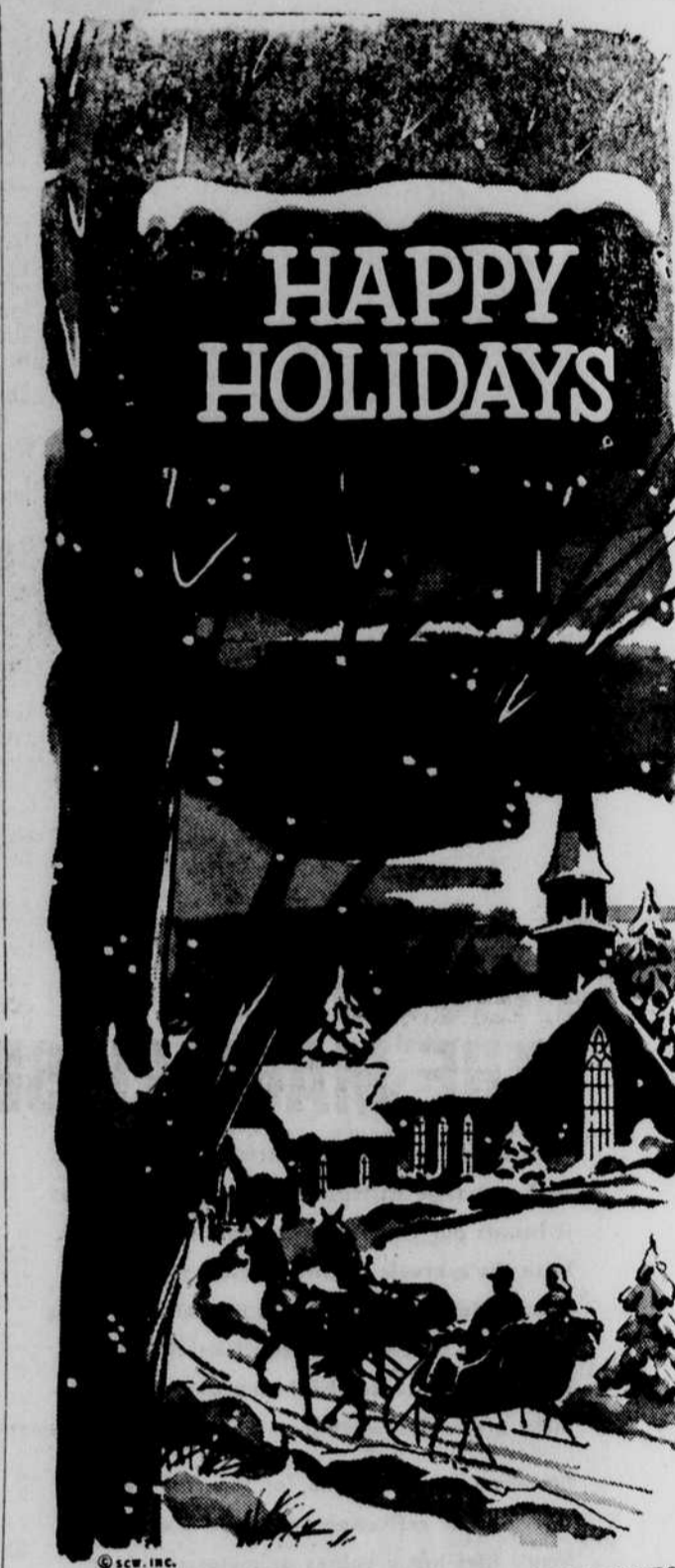
Airman Third Class Steve M. Lamb, son of Mrs. M. C. Burchfield, of 309 Montreat Road, Black Mountain, has graduated from the training course for U. S. Air Force jet aircraft mechanics at Amarillo AFB, Tex.

Airman Lamb, a graduate of Swain Country High School, is being reassigned to Laredo AFB, Tex., for duty.

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