

Bethlehem Not Greatly Changed By Passing Years

Very Much Like, In Many Respects What It Was In First Century.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Again Christmas recalls the Palestine settlement of Bethlehem, birthplace of Jesus, and the most famous small town in the world. Motor cars now vie with the camel, the ox and the ass in its narrow streets, and an occasional airplane drops overhead, but in many respects Bethlehem has remained unchanged since the days of Abraham and the first Christmas.

"To all know of Bethlehem as a small town in Judea and the about it in our country," writes John D. Whiting in a communication to the National Geographic Society, "but probably few realize how much it still remains that helps us to visualize the first Christmas."

A town on a hilltop. To those who know it well—the natives, wandering Arabs and home-coming pilgrims—the hilltop town of Bethlehem is a picture of peace and quietude. Its vineyard, olive and fig orchards, and its peaceful life, all its people, and their life, are all in the story of the first Christmas.

The town, crowning a hill and dominating open valleys to the east and south, lies just for each a view from the busy road that leads to Jerusalem and Hebron to be understood by the creation of a handful of Bethlehem's 10,000 people. The town is all Bethlehem, and the Bethlehem story is all Bethlehem.

Confession in Pearl and Shell. As we pass through the city, the thoroughfares, now under a vaulted archway, now up a steep flight of street steps, we may hear the hum and screech of tools carving pearl shell into ornaments or cutting thick sections of the same materials into beads. The result may be a brooch, pendant or necklace to bring joy to a lady upon the return of the pilgrim purchaser to some distant land. It may be an intricately carved and inlaid crucifix to hang, perhaps, on the wall of some lonely chapel; or it may be a snow-white rosary mounted with pure silver, destined to find its way into a convent.

"These handicrafts, which, according to local standards, have brought at least a decent living, sometimes have been the avenues to modest wealth. Best of all, the industries have cultivated a sense of independence and self-respect in the natives."

"The places of work are by no means sweatshops, although hours are long and hard; nor do they favor of the factory. The shop consists of a room or two in the home or adjoining it. Sometimes only the members of a family work together; at other times a few outsiders are employed."

A Church of Three Sects. "The Church of the Nativity, in the eastern part of town, is one of the oldest existing churches in Christendom. If not the oldest, one of the few used in common by the three sects of Christianity."

"Built in A. D. 330 by the Emperor Constantine and added to by Justinian, it became in the fifth century the home of St. Jerome, who here translated the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Since that time it has gone through many vicissitudes and restorations."

"To know Christmas in Bethlehem, one should pass it not in the old churches, historically interesting though they be, but under the star-shedded dome of the great outdoor, with the shepherds watching over the flocks in the fields by night."

"When the village pictures have been expended, the shepherds withdraw into the wilderness. With no caves or cots for nightly protection, they club together and from eve until morning keep vigilant watch. I have spent many nights with these simple people, out in the open desert."

Christmas With the Shepherds. "After the evening meal, the chief sets the watches, for it is already dark in this land of short twilight. Taking for a guide a bright star, he measures with outstretched arm its course through the sky. Each span is to be one watch, in which two will keep guard together."

"Now the first guards, with rod and staff, move about the outside of the flock. From time to time the yelp of a wild jackal or the laugh of a striped hyena causes the sheep to stir as if to stampede; but reassuring calls from the watchers quickly restore quiet."

"The shepherds do not guard the flock in rest, spacing their places in a rough circle around the fold."

The first three or four watches are the midnight to deepen the starry sky is the faint rim of dawn that shut out the night and more than 1000 years of it. It is as if the world were replanted into the past. St. Luke's account of the first Christmas repeats itself: 'And there were the same country shepherds, come to pass.'

Farmers Give Aid To Charity Drive; Committees Named

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old baby was found that weighed only a little over 12 pounds and could barely move itself. Carried to a physician it was learned that it was perfectly normal and healthy—but starved.

The Farmers Aid. "These farmers and farm wives who have already responded to our plea have helped us far more than they can realize," Mr. Linberger said. "The main thing we need other than medicine, are food and fuel. They, many of them, must have peas, beans, potatoes, meal, corn molasses and such as that to live on. Then they must have wood, and the farmers who have helped seem to realize that."

Committee Named. A committee has been named to each township of the county to help round up food and fuel of any kind that the farm people feel like contributing. Those who have extra food, canned goods, or anything of that type, they desire to give can get in touch with some member of the committee, or take their contributions to charity headquarters when they come to Shelby.

The rural committees follow by township:

Township No. 1—J. A. McCraw, Chaffey, S. C. R-2; Kester Hamrick, Gaffney, S. C. R-2; M. B. Gaffney, S. C. R-1; Gray, S. C. R-1; Gaffney, S. C. R-9.

Township No. 2—W. C. Hamrick, Rolling Springs; B. B. Harris, McAdams; R-2; J. D. Elliott, Jr., Shelby R-3.

Township No. 3—A. A. Battis, S. C. R-2; Byron Davis, Shelby R-7; J. C. Lowery, Shelby R-7.

Township No. 4—J. L. Herndon, Gray; Albert Hamrick, Kings Mountain; H. W. Gamble, Kings Mountain; W. A. Seism, Kings Mountain.

Township No. 5—M. P. Harrison, Waco; J. L. Ford, Waco; T. F. Sellers, Kings Mountain R-1; Rufus L. Plott, Kings Mountain R-1.

Township No. 6—J. W. Wesson, Shelby route; Joe E. Blanton, Shelby route; S. S. Mauney, Shelby R-6; Jno. C. Hamrick, Shelby R-7; S. Lester Roberts, Shelby R-3.

Township No. 7—R. G. Adams, Shelby R-4; J. C. Washburn, Shelby R-4; R. G. Burrus, Mooresboro; Jno. A. McBrayer, Lattimore.

Township No. 8—E. L. Weather, Shelby R-5; T. A. Stamey, Jr., Polkville; L. C. Palmer, Lawndale R-1; Andrew J. Elliott, Shelby R-5.

Township 9—Hugh Hoyle, Belwood; Geo. L. Cornwell, Lawndale route; John E. Hoyle, Lawndale route; C. C. Falls, Falkton.

Township No. 10—Francis Boyles, Lawndale R-4; John T. Warlick, Belwood R-1; C. S. Falls, Lawndale R-4.

Township No. 11—A. M. Pruett, Casar; A. E. Elmore, Casar; J. Roland Price, Casar; J. L. Logan, Casar.

Fourteen 4-H club members of Clay county grew an average of 36 bushels of corn an acre.

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York Exchange: Dec. 6.07; Jan. 6.11; yesterday's close 6.05; Jan. 6.07.

New York, Dec. 15.—Sterling 3.45 unchanged. Southern weather cleared but rain is forecast tomorrow for all cotton states. Journal Commerce says Japanese gold export embargo may result in decreased far eastern buying and perhaps also Lancashire buying as latter may lose much of its far eastern business. Memphis reports spot market fairly steady despite light buying. Houston says trading in Texas spot markets lighter but basis holds steady. Charlotte reports mills buying from hand to mouth in small lots strict low midland sold at highest basis in years. Worth Street quiet. Market likely to hold steady unless southern selling increases. Cleveland.

Forest City Dresses Up For Yuletide Eve

Forest City, Dec. 15.—Forest City has donned her holiday dress and presents a beautiful picture indeed. With her brightly colored lights across the square and lighted Christmas trees in front of the business houses. There is string after string of red, green, blue and white lights across the square. A large Christmas tree has been placed at each end of the plaza, both of which are decorated with Christmas lights with a large white star at the top, representing the Star of the East. A streamer of lights has been strung from one tree to the other right through the center of the square. The three little parks in the center of the plaza, with their evergreens and other shrubbery, add to the effectiveness of the Christmas decorations.

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Butler Will Be G.O.P. Candidate For N.C. Governor

Sure To Make Race. Jake Newell Considered Party's Best Senate Candidate.

(Special to The Star)

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Major George E. Butler, of Clinton, will be the Republican candidate for governor and Jake Newell, of Charlotte, the nominee of that party for the United States senate next year, both without opposition within the party, is the belief expressed in political circles, as the result of recent party developments.

This status is assumed on the grounds: first, that the Republicans are bent upon steering clean of primaries to nominate their party candidates next year, and either or both of these men, it is believed, would offer for the respective places should the Republican organization endorse or nominate anyone else, thus forcing them into the primary, and second: that both have been candidates before and neither is in complete standing in party ranks; ergo, let them have their day now when it is expected to be a sacrifice of Republican candidates in major offices in the state, at least.

Major Butler is considered one of the ablest men in the state and was named recently as a member of the N. C. Constitutional commission by Governor Gardner. He was a year or two ago district Rotary governor and thus established many favorable contacts. His ability, stability and personal popularity are of high order. However, even Republicans say that he is eternally damned in the eyes of North Carolinians because he is a brother of former U. S. Senator Marion Butler, who led a wing of the Democratic party into Republican ranks and thus helped to bring the Republicans into power with the Russell regime. And the former leader has been a thorn in the flesh of Republicanism in the state since that eventful period.

Jake F. Newell is held in high personal regard by Democrats and Republicans alike, and has been a candidate for congress and other offices several times. However, he has not been with the "ins" and has been found fighting the staid Republican machine on more than one occasion. This would be a good time to let him alone, let him sacrifice himself, since he has little chance of election.

Gilliam Grissom is not going to run for governor, he has said. He is not on the best terms with the powers that be. In fact, they might have tried to out him as collector, but for forlorn national hopes next year.

START WORK ON TWO HUGE FREIGHT SHIPS NEXT MONTH

Chester, Pa.—Construction work on two of the largest freight-carrying ships in the world will be started next month at the plant of the Sun Shipbuilding company here.

Officials, in announcing receipt of the order, explained that it not only averts a cut in the working forces, planned for this week but also necessitates the adding of about 1,000 men to the payroll.

Cost of the two vessels will be approximately 1,600,000 each. They are to be built on order of Seatrain Lines, Inc. and when finished will ply between Norfolk, New Orleans and Havana. The ships are to be completed in September and will be delivered one week apart.

Extravagant. "Every time I kiss you it makes me a better man." "Well, you don't have to try to get to heaven tonight."

The produce grown by 238 club members in Catawba county this year amounted in value to \$8,835.59 of which \$3,643.44 was profit, says the county farm agent.

Penny Column

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Battle of Bridge Giants Attracts World Attention

War, Death, Politics, Pestilence and Divorce Chased Off Front Pages by Duel to Test Relative Merits of Lenz and Culbertson Systems.



Never in the history of this vale of tears has a card game aroused so much interest as that now being played at New York between Ely Culbertson, partner with his wife, and Sidney Lenz, whose partner is Oswald Jacoby. The match, consisting of 150 rubbers and expected to last six weeks, was made to test the relative merits of the approach-forcing bidding system, championed by the Culbertsons, and the 1-2-3 system favored by Mr. Lenz. Both experts are confident that his is the perfect modus operandi for piling up the points, but Mr. Culbertson is apparently the more confident, for he has wagered \$5,000 to Mr. Lenz \$10,000 that his system comes out on top. Regardless of who is victor, the winnings are pledged to charity. The hotel where the card duel is being fought is a scene of bustle and excitement as the army of "war correspondents" who are "covering" the battle for the leading newspapers of the country as well as representatives of the European press, feverishly dig for information as to the progress of the game. Lieutenant Gruenther, U. S. A., is the referee in the match. Photo above shows the scene of battle. Back to camera is Ely Culbertson and facing him is Mrs. Culbertson. Right is Sidney Lenz and left, Oswald Jacoby. Note the group of scribes in the background.

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