

Star Of Bethlehem Show Begins At Planetarium, Ends January 2

Star of Bethlehem... a-ur dayB "Star of Bethlehem" — the largest single Planetarium Christmas production in the world — is now being presented at the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill. It will run through January 2, 1961.

This year's version is the traditional one acclaimed by clergymen and laymen. So unique and inspiring is the spectacle that patrons who repeatedly attended it year after year voiced objections when some changes were attempted in it in 1957. Thus, the original and traditional version was restored in 1958 and is again being offered.

The program resulted from the combined efforts and talents of the University of North Carolina and Duke University faculty members. They include Dr. Urban T. Holmes of UNC, members of the UNC Communications Center, and Robert L. Blake and Dr. William Stinespring of Duke, plus the regular Morehead Planetarium staff, headed by Anthony F. Jenzano.

In this version, religion, science and history are combined to attempt to answer the eternal question the "Star" poses and for an awakening of the appreciation and meaning of Christmas.

The program is divided into two parts. The first portion is devoted to the appearance of the heavens almost twenty centuries ago and deals particularly with the astronomical events known to have occurred about the time of the birth of Jesus.

The narrators leave to the patrons' judgment whether the Star was a natural phenomenon or a supernatural miracle.

The discussion is of considerable interest to youth groups, especially Scouts, whose project is astronomy in December, because motions of prominent planets are discussed. One of the suppositions advanced is that the Star could have been a triple conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.

In the latter portion of the demonstration, a pageant of great beauty and originality is presented, with the story of the birth of Jesus told in lights, color and music.

Again Dr. Holmes voices the Scriptures accompanying the three dimensional tableaux of the Annunciation, King Herod's Palace, the Wise Men and the Shepherds and the Nativity.

The scenes appear in a star-studded sky with an atmosphere of realism and provide the visible theme to the story. The closing scene again is that of a great arched cathedral in which the visitors find themselves, with the soft light of huge stained glass windows illuminating the chamber, while a great choir sings.

Thirteen public performances are scheduled each week. Evening shows at 8:30 o'clock and matinees are given Saturday at 11 AM, 3 and 4 PM. The Sunday matinees are at 2, 3 and 4 PM.

That schedule will be interrupted only on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when the Planetarium is closed for the only two days in the year.

Programs for school children with reservations will be given daily at 11 AM, 1 and 4 PM. After the children are seated, the public will be admitted. At other times special programs will be given for large groups of religious, industrial or civic organizations upon application.

Before or after the "Star of

Bethlehem" programs in the Planetarium chamber, patrons may view the art and science galleries. During December Robert L. Blake, the Professor of Medical Illustration whose works are featured in "Star of Bethlehem", will have a one man art show in the North Gallery. R. R. Russell, U. N. C. student, will have an exhibition on photography, in the South Gallery.

Numerous recessed wall cases containing scientific exhibits have recently been installed throughout the Planetarium exhibition areas. Together with other scientific exhibits and the Copernican Orrery, visitors may optionally devote about one hour of examination either prior to, or following all scheduled Planetarium presentations of "Star of Bethlehem", also about one hour long.

Acreege Allotment To Be Announced

Acreege allotments for the 1961 upland cotton crop are now being established for all eligible farms in Cleveland County, says D. B. Blalock, Chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. Each cotton farmer will be notified by mail of the acreege allotment applicable to his farm well before the December 13 marketing quota referendum.

If marketing quotas are approved in the referendum, farm operators who plant within their acreege allotment will be eligible for price support at the full level available for the crop — not more than 90 or less than 70 percent of parity in 1961. If quotas are not approved in the referendum price support to complying farmers will drop to 50 percent of parity, as directed by law. According to the Chairman, the total 1961 allotment available for distribution within the State is apportioned among counties and the county allotment of 37,201 acres is apportioned among farms according to provisions of the law and regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The county allotment is divided among farms on which cotton was planted or regarded as planted in 1958, 1959, or 1960.

The county committee is permitted a small reserve for adjusting allotments for "old" cotton farms and for hardship cases. In distributing the acreege reserve, the county committee considers the type and productivity of the soil, crop rotation, the labor and equipment available for cotton production, past cotton production, and other factors.

Moore To Lead Baptist Revival

Rev. Thomas E. Moore, Jr., pastor of Cherokee Falls Baptist church at Cherokee Falls, S. C., is beginning a week of evangelistic services Sunday at East Side Baptist church.

Services will be conducted nightly at 7 p. m. with the closing service to be at the morning worship hour on Sunday, December 11th.

The visiting evangelist attended the University of South Carolina and graduated from Furuland Bible Institute. He has been pastor of the Cherokee Falls church the past 2 and one-half years.

A spokesman for the local church invited interested citizens of the community to join in the services.

Your cash wages from farm work count toward social security benefits if an employer pays you \$150 or more in cash during the year for farm work; or if you work for him 20 or more days during a year for cash wages figured on a time basis.

Edward Dolan, of St. Louis, Mo., told police that a man forced him into his car, robbed him of six dollars, then asked Dolan where he lived and drove him home.

Negro News

By Cannie Gordon Brown
107 Carpenter Street

Mr. and Mrs. James Hope of Durham are visiting Mrs. Hope's sisters and other relatives in the Shady Grove community. She is the former Miss Viola McCluney.

There will be a Singing program Sunday night at 7:30 at St. Paul Methodist church. The Gates of Heaven of Gastonia, and other singers will participate. Sponsored by Mrs. Naomi McClain and Mrs. Ruth Ellis.

There will be services at Shady Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30. A series of sermons will be delivered by several ministers. Rev. Phillip Roberts will be in charge. Every one is cordially invited and several groups will be on program.

Sunday night at 7:30 Rev. Littlejohn of Bessemer City will preach. These services will be for the benefit of Building Fund. Sponsored by Mrs. Lillie Curry. The Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a Christmas workshop to make decorations at the home of Miss Odessa Shields, December 12, at 7:30 p. m. The president would like for all members and interested persons to be present.

The Home Demonstration Club

Life Insurance Payments High Institute Says

North Carolina families received \$41,647,000 in life insurance death payments in the first nine months of this year, compared with \$38,048,000 in the corresponding period of last year, the Institute of Life Insurance reported today. The number of policies becoming claims in the first nine months was 30,504, which compares with 28,243 in the corresponding period of 1959.

"The tremendous rise in life insurance ownership in recent years is reflected in these current payments," Holgar J. Johnson, Institute president, said in announcing the figures. "For the country as a whole, death payments made in the first nine months of this year were \$195,996,000 greater than in the corresponding period of last year and \$1,334,481,000 more than in the first nine months of 1950. This is an 8 percent rise over a

year ago and more than twice the 1950 figure. The health record among policyholders has actually improved in the past ten years, but life insurance ownership has much more than doubled in these years."

Reporter, Alberta Thombs.

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: How much does the average Tar Heel dairy cow eat per day?
ANSWER: From 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 pounds per 100 pounds of body weight.

QUESTION: Why should I breed my dairy cows artificially?
ANSWER: You stand a better chance of getting a heifer that will do a good job of converting her feed into milk for one thing. And then the heifers probably will keep inheriting greater capacity for consuming roughage.

QUESTION: When should I feed my cows roughage?
ANSWER: Keep it available to them at all times, and be sure it's of high quality.

QUESTION: How much milk should a 1,500-pound Holstein give per day?
ANSWER: It depends on many things, of course, but the hay feeding program is a vital factor. If she eats 65 pounds of hay per day (probably supplemented with feed concentrate), she'll give six gallons or more per day. If she eats only 37 pounds per day, she'll maintain her body weight; but she won't give but about three gallons per day.

Of this year's nine month aggregate death payments in this state, \$24,578,000 was under \$8,660 ordinary insurance policies; \$11,378,000 was under 4,693 group life insurance certificates; and \$5,691,000 was under 17,151 industrial insurance policies.

For the nation as a whole, \$2,508,922,000 was paid as death claims under 1,532,167 policies in the first nine months of this year, compared with \$2,312,926,000 under 1,471,333 policies in the like period last year. Of this year's payments, \$1,433,618,000 was under 474,728 ordinary policies; \$828,855,000 was under 289,223 group life certificates; and \$246,449,000 was under 768,216 industrial policies.

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