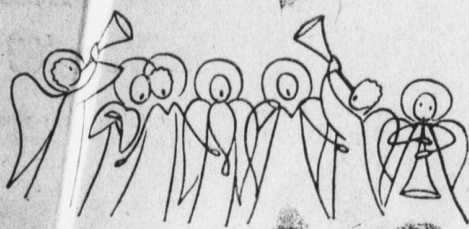


THE CHRISTMAS STORY



At the time Emperor Augustus sent out an order for all the citizens of the Empire to register themselves for the census.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth, in Galilee, to Judea, to the town named Bethlehem, where King David was born.

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks.

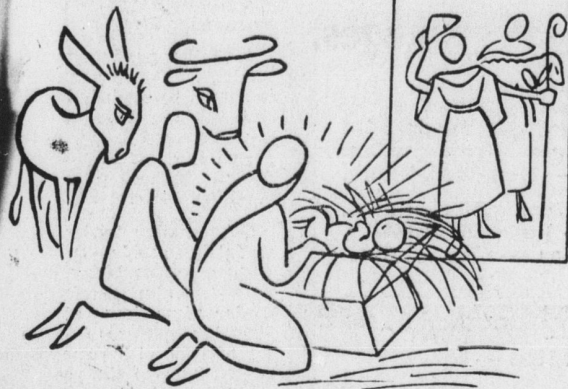
Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven!

And peace on earth to men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, that the Lord has told us."

Like 2:1-16



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GARDEN TIME

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The response for additional information about muscadine and bunch grapes has been good. Remember that we have ballistics on both and will be happy to send you one.

If you would like to add to your bunch grape vineyard you might try these varieties if you do not already have them. Ontario is perhaps the best early American-type white grape. It ripens two to three weeks ahead of Niagara (another good white variety) and is vigorous and productive. Buffalo, a black variety, is considered by many to have the highest dessert quality of the early black types. The vines are vigorous and the berries are sweet and spicy.

Golden Muscat is a beautiful golden grape which ripens with Catawag. The clusters are large and compact. The berries are also large, juicy and of excellent quality. If you would like to try a seedless variety, I would suggest New York 15305. This is a white grape with large, compact bunches. This variety is such a heavy bearer that it may be necessary to thin the bunches after they are well formed.

Most of my readers are familiar with the muscadine varieties as we have discussed them before, especially the new self-fruitful types - Manolia, Pamlico, Roanoke and others.

Filberts (hazelnuts) will do well in the upper Piedmont and mountains. Royal, Barcelona and DuChilly are good varieties. Be sure to plant at least two varieties for pollination. If you would like to plant a black walnut in a suitable location, Thomas is a good variety. For pecans, I would suggest Stuart and Desirable as they are both more resistant to scab and mildew, two common fungus troubles, than some of the other varieties. However, they are not immune. If you expect to harvest a clean crop of nuts it will be necessary to follow a regular spray schedule requiring expensive equipment. This is not practical for home grounds.

The elderberry of the fields and fences has always been popular for pies and homemade wines. The domesticated varieties grow beautifully as ornamental shrubs. Here you have a dual-purpose plant if properly placed in the landscape or garden area. Adams No. 1, No. 2 and Johns are good varieties. Plant at least two varieties near each other for pollination. If you have trouble locating some of the varieties of any of the fruits and nuts I have mentioned, let me know and I will put you in touch with a source of supply.

Several years ago, when Mrs. Lyndon Johnson inaugurated the "Beautify America" program, I quoted this verse by William F. Clark. I am repeating it so that you may decide how much progress we have made.

LITTER-ITIS

Let it not be said, and to your shame,

That all was beauty here until you came.

I read these words upon a public site

Where picnickers and campers had a right

To taste the air, to stir their souls to see

What wondrous beauty nature made for me.

On closer glance I saw the sign was marred

Beyond repair; what reason can there be

That everything that man can touch and see

Must bear his name, must show his mighty power,

Must be despoiled in every passing hour?

Why must old cans and bottles come to rest

Where lovely flowers and ferns are at their best?

Why must the ground with littered trash be strewn

And Kleenex every lovely bush festoon?

Why must we try to ruin all we find

Of beauty in the world or heart or mind?

I packed my gear, I could not stay for long

Where men and thoughtless minds had done this wrong.

They'd robbed my pleasure, stolen all I need

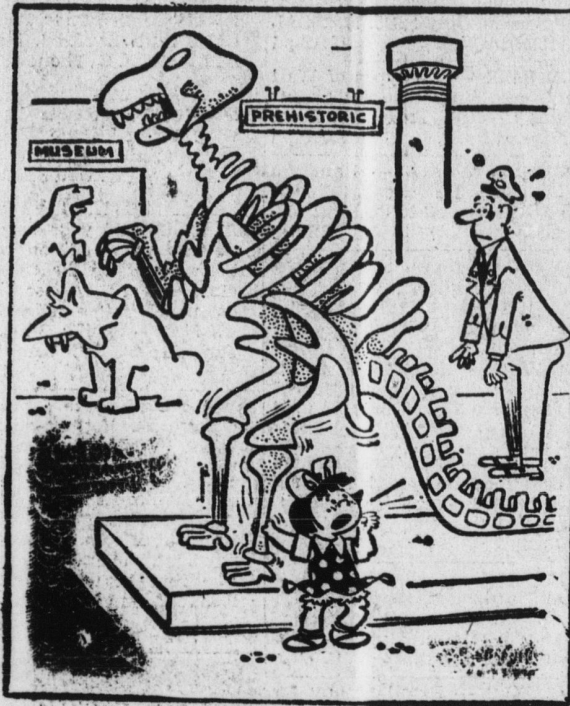
To sooth my soul. That entrance sign should read

"It must be said, and even to your shame,

That all was beauty here until you came."

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SWEETIE PIE



"TIMBER-R-R!"

Bell Program Is Launched

The underground is taking over the telephone business. Southern Bell engineers in the Gastonia District are truly involved in a program of planned planting, said F. B. Honck, Southern Bell's District Manager.

During 1968, the Gastonia District telephone employees have planned and constructed more than 125,000 miles of new telephone circuits, and about 90,000 miles of these have been placed underground.

J. D. Carter, Jr., District Engineer, explained that while this is by no means simply a beautification program, as aerial facilities become inadequate or worn out, every effort is being made to go underground, thereby enhancing the reliability while eliminating unsightly aerial utility lines.

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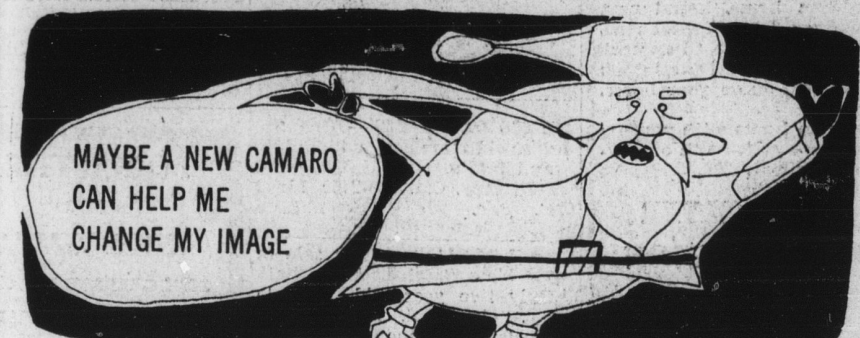
Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War, to offer to take presents not only to him but to the prisoner relatives of all her Oxford, Mass., neighbors.

Subsequently, Clara Barton was instrumental in founding the American Red Cross and served as its president for many years.



NOEL

On the first Noel the herald angels sang tidings of a New Born King to shepherds watching in their fields. May all the joys of Christmas time be yours.



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