



Christ's entry into Jerusalem...

Passion Play Presents The Way Jesus Lived

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Daisenberger (1860) which turn goes back to the script by Father Othmar Weis (1810). After the serious disputes in the past years concerning the text of the play, the Parish of Oberammergau revised the text in order to take account primarily of Jewish objections, and to adapt it to the theological propositions of the Second Vatican Council. The revision has been made carefully, without breaking with tradition.

Local visitors to Germany say that the Passion Play arises from a vow which was made and aims at the same time to be a proclamation. It attempts to show the story of Jesus' sufferings, as told in the Gospels, in a popular way to believers and non-believers, to those in doubt and those who are seeking. Even though details in the text or in the performance may not be perfect, they plead the words of the Apostle Paul, "Let Christ be proclaimed in every way." This proclamation is made in the Passion Play not only by the text, but by the combined effects of words and music, action and

tableaux which produces a deep impression on the audience, say the McDaniels. The tableaux, which are taken from the Old Testament, show the rich spiritual heritage which is common to both Christian and Jews. The Passion Play is not concerned to seek the guilty ones in the trial of Jesus. Holy Scripture includes all of mankind in the guilt for Jesus death. The question of guilt is not the only issue. Before guilt stands the cross and the compassionate love of God which became visible in His crucified Son. The language of the action and songs of the chorus call upon us to change our ways and repent, the play exhorts us to imitate the Lord carrying the cross and in the final chorus, encourages us to believe and have joyful hope.

experience this was the most moving Christian experience in my life" said McDaniel, who is active in Bethlehem Baptist Church. He said the play closes this season on Sun., Sept. 28th and will be staged again in 1984. McDaniel said that other local people who have attended this summer's performance—Ruth and Bill Fulton, R.G. Whisnant, Mrs. Betty R. Gamble, and Mrs. W.T. Weir, have expressed the same sentiments as he and his wife, that the performance is so realistic that "it drew us into the action and we felt like one of the crowd of witnesses."

Overall, Kings Mountain people report that attending the Passion Play was an "uplifting and forever-to-be-remembered experience."

The McDaniels do not plan to return to Germany for the 350th anniversary performance of the Passion Play but encourage area citizens who plan to make a trip to Europe to obtain tickets early and make Oberammergau a "must" on their itinerary. It's everything one expects and more.

Mr. and Mrs. Marse Grant of Raleigh led a 40 member tour group to Germany, Amsterdam, Austria and Switzerland and local people, in addition to the McDaniels, were Rev. and Mrs. Yates Campbell, Jinny Bradley, all of Gastonia, and Lucille Hales of Dallas. They also visited Dakau, Hitler's concentration camp at Munich, and Anne Frank's house in Amsterdam, among other places of interest.

"Other than my conversion

FROM GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Sutton and children, Beth and Greg, have arrived from Berlin, Germany for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens. Sutton is being transferred to Fort Benning, Ga. where the family will reside after a furlough here and a brief stay for schooling in Virginia.

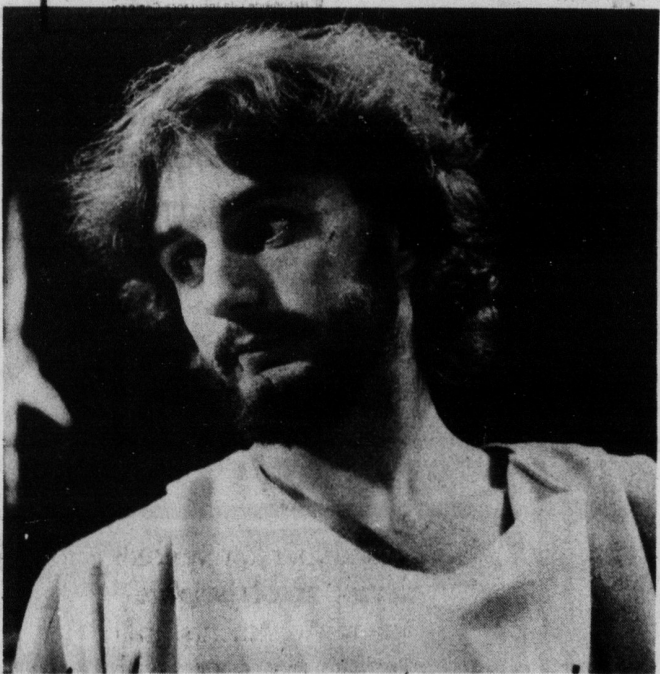
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Jesus in the lap of his mother...



The character Mary...



The character Jesus...

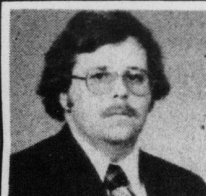


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