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## The Christmas Story

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them.

*Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you, you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.*

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."*

## We Found The Child

If we had known the desert and the night  
 Would be so desolate, the wind so chill,  
 Perhaps we never would have left the sight  
 Of home and crossed the first dark-shadowed hill.  
 But oh, the Star, the Star with its white burning!  
 It drew us ever onward with a sweet,  
 Strange power so that there was no returning  
 Till we had laid our gifts before His feet.  
 Now we are old. The days go quietly,  
 And yet sometimes I see it all again.  
 How little does it matter now that we  
 Knew cold and heat and weariness and pain,  
 Because at last, with joy heart-warm and wild,  
 We came to Bethlehem and found The Child.

## Folk Festival Held

The South Carolina Recreation Society held a statewide folk festival in Charleston December 3 with 16 boys and girls from the Lydia Community participating. The dance team presented an early American dance in old fashioned costumes under the direction of Mrs. Ione Wallace.

## HOOP, HOLLER SESSION HELD

A large number of the Young People's Training Union members of Calvary Baptist Church enjoyed a Hoop 'n' Holler social affair in the Community Building November 18. Many games were played followed with delicious refreshments.

## The Date

The date of December 25 as the birthday of Jesus and, hence, Christmas, became generally observed in most Christian nations in the fourth and fifth centuries. In Shakespeare's time (1564-1616), Christmas was observed for 12 days.

The Christmas seal, which originated in Denmark in 1904, is now sold in more than 40 countries of the world, and in most of them, proceeds from its sale go to combatting and spread of tuberculosis.

In Ethiopia, natives celebrate the birth of Jesus 13 times a year—once every month and twice in April—holding that Christ had so many attributes that He could not have been born but once.

For who hath nought to give but love,  
 Gives all his heart away,  
 And giving all, hath all to give,  
 Another Christmas Day.

The holly bush originally was called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written on a Christmas morning by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) who was a Methodist minister in England, brother John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. The pealing of church bells inspired the writing of the carol.

## The Stork Club

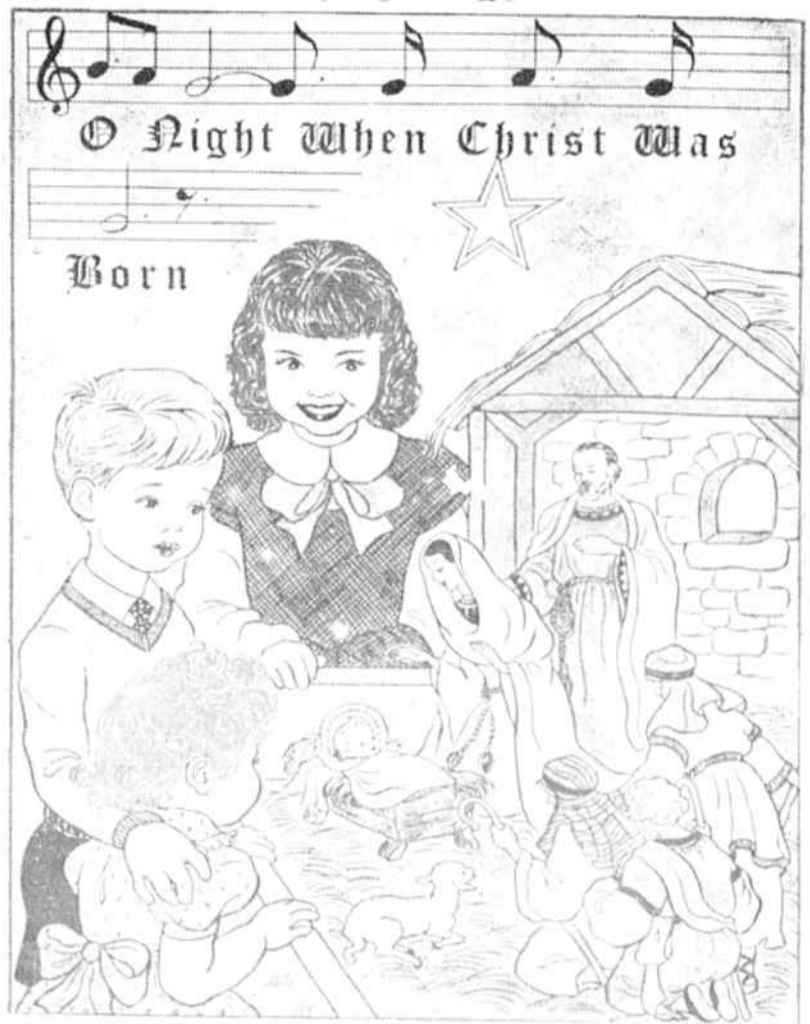


Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shepherd, Clinton Mills, a son, James Douglas, September 14.



"Now keep an eye on your father while I'm gone!"

## 'O, Holy Night...'



Our job is to keep our quality up and our cost down so that we can offer our goods at a price—set by the customer—that the customer is willing to pay.

As long as we do that our customers will say it with orders, and provide the money to purchase our raw materials, maintain our equipment, meet our payrolls and provide job security for all of us.



LYDIA QUEEN IN PARADE—Pat Osborne, Kindergarten Queen from Lydia Cotton Mills, is shown above as she rode in Clinton's annual Christmas parade attended by her Maids of Honor, Vicki Pearson and Kathy Moore.