

EDITORIAL

The Christmas Story

Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Davids town, Bethlehem, in Judea, because he was a direct descendant of David, to be registered with his future wife, Mary, now in the later stages of her pregnancy. So it happened that it was while they were there in Bethlehem that she came to the end of her time. She gave birth to her first child, a son. And as there was no place for them inside the inn, she wrapped him up and laid him in a manger.

There were some shepherds living in the same part of the country, keeping guard throughout the night over their flock in the open fields. Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood by their side, the splendour of the Lord blazed around them, and they were

terror-stricken. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you glorious news of great joy which is for every man. This very day, in David's town, a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ, the Lord. Let this prove it to you: you will find a baby, wrapped up and lying in a manger."

And in a flash there appeared with the angel a vast host of the armies of Heaven, praising God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest Heaven! Peace upon earth to men whom He loves."

When the angels left them and went back into Heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Now let us go straight to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has told us about."

So they came as fast as

they could and they found Mary and Joseph— and the baby lying in the manger. And when they had seen it, they told everybody what they had been told about the little child. And those who heard them were amazed at what the shepherds said. But Mary treasured all these things and turned the matter in her mind. The shepherds went back to work, glorifying and praising God for everything that they had heard and seen, which had happened just as they had been told.

Not long after his birth there arrived from the east a party of astrologers making for Jerusalem and enquiring as they went, "Where is the child born to be King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and we have come to pay homage to him."

When King Herod heard about this he was deeply perturbed, as indeed were all the other people living in Jerusalem. So he got all the Jewish Scribes and Chief Priests together and asked them where "Christ" should be born. Their reply was: "In Bethlehem, in Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote about the matter—

"And thou, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah: For out of thee shall come forth a governor, Which shall be shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to meet him privately and questioned them closely as to the exact time when the star appeared. Then he sent them off to Bethlehem saying, "When you get there, search for this little child with the utmost care. And when you have found him some back and tell me — so that I may go and worship him too."

The wise men listened to the King and then went on their way to Bethlehem. And

Plummer Receives Galimore Award

William Plummer, 18, of Delray Beach, Fla., received the Sixth Annual Willie Lee Galimore Scholarship Award during ure-game activities of the 37th Annual Orange Blossom Classic sponsored by the Florida A & M University, December 6, in Miami, Fla.

The \$1,500 scholarship,

presented by the Pesi-Cola Company, went to a scholarly football star who in the opinion of the selection committee was following in the tradition of Galimore, an All-American halfback for the Rattlers and later a star back with the Chicago Bears. Galimore was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 28, in 1964.

Plummer, a freshman majoring in pharmacy, played end for Carver High School in Delray Beach, Fla. He is a 6'2", 208 pound end for the University's football team.

Plummer's parents reside in West Palm Beach, Fla. Previous award winners were: Samuel Anderson, 1964; Bennie Johnson, 1965; James Owens, 1965; Charles Goodrum, 1967 and Christopher Anderson, 1968.

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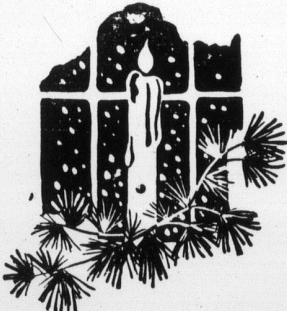
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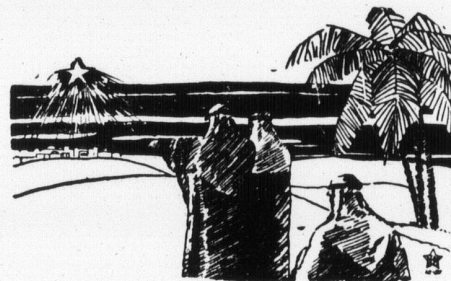
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