

'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear'

'From Angels Bending Near The Earth . . .'

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. The 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 Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and family 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 firstborn son, and 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 the 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 round 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 Savior 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 among men of good will."

Luke Chapter 2:1-15



Drama of Bethlehem

The true story of Christmas was unfolded for parents and friends of the children attending the Christian Doctrine classes at Nativity Church when they presented the Nativity Tableau. In one scene are, from left Stephanie Kordella, angel; Patricia Ciciotti, as Mary; and Jimmy Steven, a shepherd. Mrs. Thomas Zarro, director, was assisted by Mmes. Thomas Xerzy, Pauline Mach and Archer Parham, pianist. (Press-Herald Photo)

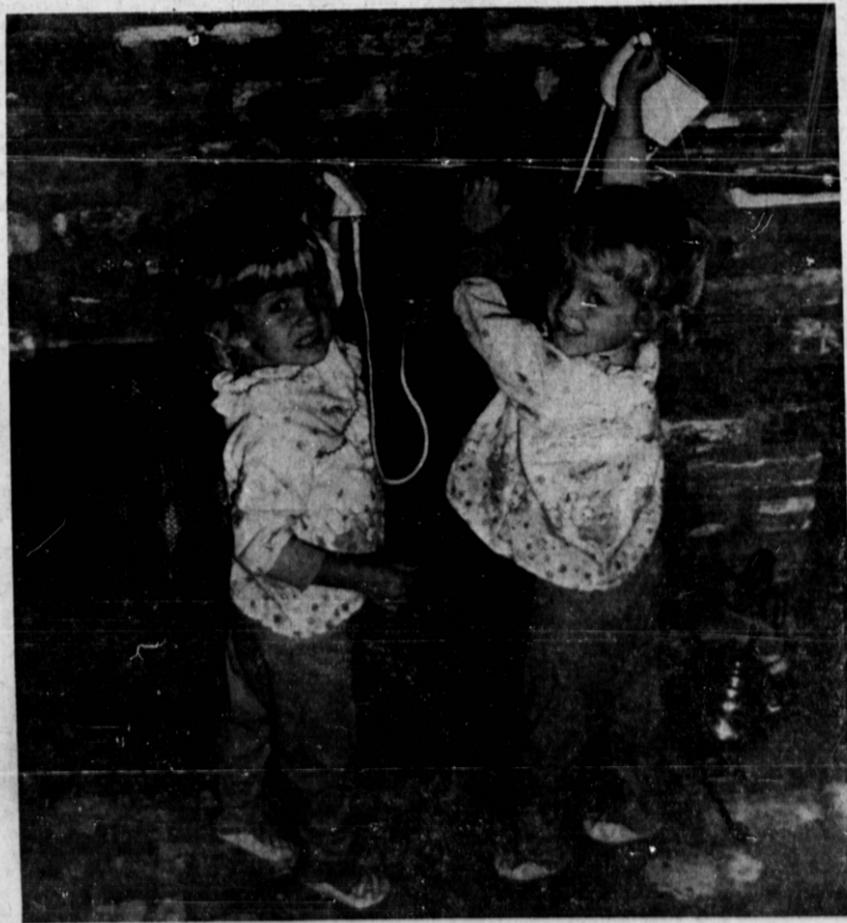
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Night Before Christmas

Tonight is the most exciting night of the year for children everywhere. It is the night when "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer" will lead Santa, with his sleigh full of toys, on his yearly trip to the rooftops of the homes of all little boys and girls. So it's early to bed for all youngsters and pictured are two four-year-old twins, Cindy and Christy Yeley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David Yeley, 5105 Laurette, hanging their Christmas stockings on the fireplace mantel before scurrying off to bed. (Gordon Akers Photo)



'That Glorious Song of Old'

Children's Choir of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection presented a Christmas program at the church on Dec. 2 and Saturday afternoon the younger children visited the Riviera Hospital and two convalescent homes in Torrance singing the age-old Christmas carols. Singing "Silent Night" as they visit the crib in the Nativity scene on the church lawn are three six-year-olds, from left, Debbie Rygh, Eric Hooper and Patti Black. (Press-Herald Photo)

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never went to college. He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never travelled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He had no credentials but Himself.

Nineteen hundred centuries have come and gone.

Yet, all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Anonymous.