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## The miracle that lasts forever

one for the home, our children appear for them in the inn.... happy things in life.

an opportunity to slow the tempo of into the house they saw the child with our complicated lives, gives us a Mary his mother, and they fell down chance to rest with our families. The and worshiped him. Then, opening simple but all-powerful story of the their treasures, they offered him first Christmas is brought back to us, gifts, gold and frankincense and together with all the soul-lifting music myrrh....

the miracle of Jesus.

ed Bethlehem, because he was of the host praising God and saying: house and lineage of David, to be en- "'Glory to God in the highest, and rolled with Mary, his betrothed, who on earth peace among men with whom was with child. And while they were he is pleased!"

IFE is becoming more complex all there, the time came for her to be dethe time. There have been almost livered. And she gave birth to her unbelievable advances in science, the first-born son and wrapped him in most modern labor saving devices im- swaddling cloths, and laid him in a aginable are available to nearly every- manger, because there was no place

wise beyond their years to the point of "And lo, the star which (the wise precocity and the pace of present-day men) had seen in the East went before life leaves us little time for the simple, them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw Christmas time provides us with the star they rejoiced . . . and going

that has been written about it. "And in that region there were Therefore, we feel it fitting that shepherds out in the field, keeping together with wishing all our readers watch over their flock by night. And a Joyous Christmas unmarred by mis- an angel of the Lord appeared to hap, we repeat the oft-told story of them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled Taken from Matthew and Luke, with fear. And the angel said to from the Revised Standard Version of them, "Be not afraid; for behold J the New Testament, the Christmas bring you good news of a great joy Story from the Bible follows: which will come to all the people; for "In those days a decree went out to you is born this day in the city of from Caesar Augustus that all the David a Saviour, who is Christ the world should be enrolled... And all Lord. And this will be a sign for went to be enrolled, each to his own you: you will find a babe wrapped in city. And Joseph went up from Gali-swaddling cloths and lying in a manlee, from the city of Nazareth, to Ju-ger." And suddenly there was with dea, to the city of David, which is call- the angel a multitude of the heavenly

## III-chosen metaphor

editorial of December 12, we used an to individuals was intended. ill-chosen metaphor in commenting on the results of the election. In stating that the voters of Prince Rupert showed that they could make up their own minds we said "It takes a good man or woman to be able to sift the gold from the dross when prospecting and Prince Rupert electors yesterday showed they were equal to the job of sorting out city councilmen and what hylaws were good for themselves and the city."

The "gold from the dross" phrase, referring purely figuratively to both the aldermanic election and the bylaw issues, naturally hurt the feelings of the losing candidates who resented being referred to as dross. This was unfortunate as there is no person more kindly towards losers than we. All that was meant was, that despite whatever hue and cry was raised and issues debated, no one can argue against the will of the people. If any-

Thas been pointed out to us, and one was slighted then we humbly apolrightly so, that in the post-election ogize, as no unkind thought or word



illa D. Garcia, wife of Phillipines president Carlos Garcia, who is standing by mountain sponsored by the first lady.



COMPETING WITH Santa Claus is Mrs. Leonof gift bags in Manila. Presents will be distributed at the traditional Children's Festival



BETHLEHEM (A)—The little town where Christ was born is little changed.

Bethlehem stands on a hill, 2,500 feet above the sea. The military frontier between Israel and Jordan is close by its gates.

-The town's stone, age-mellowed homes with their round balconies and flat-topped roofs line narrow, winding streets which bear the dust of centuries.

Bedouins from the east and south stride through the streets and market place wearing the typical Arab headdress falling over their neck and shoulders and the wide-shouldered

Most of the 10,000 townspeople are Christian, descendants of the Crusaders or of the Crusaders' converts.

Near the centre of the town is the Church of the Nativity, built above the grotto where Christ was born.

There are no factories, no large stores, few hotels. The people of Bethlehem work in the fields and vineyards or as tinsmiths, stone masons, carpenters or shoemakers. Whole families make their living carving beads and other religious articles from mother-of-pearl and olive wood for sale to tourists, the town's number one business.

Beneath the church of the Nativity, a Moslem policeman stands guard over the star

President Eisenhower's \$1,-?

original Christmas greeting.

000,000-a-word peace and-

goodwill message from space

will be a hard one for the Rus-

launching days before Christ-

mas. I doubt if the Soviet

Union will have time to hoist

Khrushchev and a choir of

Cossacks aloft to serenade us

with carols or drinking songs.

Eisenhower's voice will con-

tinue for some time yet to or-

bit the earth in lone and eerie

tween the president and the

world has been one-sided.

When they install a receiving

set in the satellite, any ham

radio operator on earth may

be able to talk to the man up-

is a scientific and propaganda

miracle which can not be

The triumph will be com-

plete when the rocket men

succeed in lifting not only

entire corps of Washington

correspondents into orbit for

the first cosmic press confer-

Then all the people of the

earth, and perhaps the things

on Mars and Venus, too, will

be able to hear the president

making "off - the - record"

bland and heart-warming, so

far. But when do we get the

commercial? The next voice

we hear may be that of an an-

nouncer, saying: "Vote Re-

publican," or "What's good for

-Cartoon by Jack Manhelm.

The messages have been

ence in history.

statements.

President Eisenhower but the

diminished by flippant talk.

The American achievement

So far, the conversation be-

Chances are that President

There are only a few more

sians to top.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

Some people will go to any length to get an

General Motors is good for

All the inhabitants of the

universe, including the think-

ing spiders and the walking

vegetables of the farthest

planets, may become a captive

'audience for election speeches,

from which there will be no

Thorough check

From The Ottawa Citizen

railway freight rates is needed

and it should "decide whether

the old 1899 (Crowsnest Pass)

agreement (on grain rates)

has outrun its usefulness, and

whether or not a new system

is required to bring all sec-

tions of traffic into the same

jurisdiction for rate-making

purposes. If a change involves

special subsidies either to the

railways or the wheat growers,

Make 'em walk

From The

Port Arthur News-Chronicle

children to school, parents

drive them. It's all wrong. Ad-

vice given by psychologists,

physical training experts and

officials of parent-teacher

groups is to make the young-

sters walk instead of being

driven around in autos. Psy-

chologist A. E. Cox of the Uni-

versity of British Columbia

says today's chauffeured chil-

dren are a part of the pattern

of evolution that might even-

tually result in a physically

uscless, high-headed human

If there aren't buses to haul

let the inquiring body say so.

A thorough examination of

marking the spot where Christ was born. The silver star set in the stone floor of the rockhewn grotto has been guarded night and day since 1873. Each regime to rule Bethlehem has continud the practice.

Because of calendar differences, Christmas is celebrated in Bethlehem three times—one -for Roman Catholics and other Western churches, one for Orthodox churches, and one for the Armenians. These three groups share, but jealously so, the Grotto of the Nativity.

On Christmas Eve, as the West knows it, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem comes the short distance from the Israeli ity to Bethlehem. There he conducts a ritual that has been observed without interruption for 612 years. It dates back to the Fourth Century.

At 10:30 tonight, he takes his place at the altar of the Church of St. Catherine, adjoining the Orthodox Churhc of the Nativity.

The Patriarh celebrates the pontifical high mass at midnight. At the moment of consecration, a huge star blazes over the altar, a children's choir breaks into "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and bells ring throughout the town.

In the early hours of Christmas, the Patriarch leads a procession into the Grotto of the Nativity, carrying a statue of the Infant Jesus. He places the Babe first on the silver star and then in a manger.

WINDSOR, Eng. (Reuters) Queen Elizabeth today distributed Christmas gifts to the members of Castle's indoor staff.

## The lighter side

From Reader's Digest A young Montreal matron stalled her car at a traffic thing about it." light one winter day. She stamped on the starter, tried while behind her an impatient citizen hanked his horn steadily. Finally she got out and

walked back. "I'm awfully sorry, but I don't seem able to start my car." she told the driver of the other car. 'If you'll go up there and start it for me. I'll stay here and lean on your horn."

Mrs. Smythe was making final arrangements for an elaborate reception. "Nora," she said to her veteran servant, "for the first half-hour want you to stand at the drawing-room door and call the guests' names as they ar-

Nora's face lit up. "Thank you, ma'am," she replied. "I've been wanting to do that to some of your friends for the last 20 years."

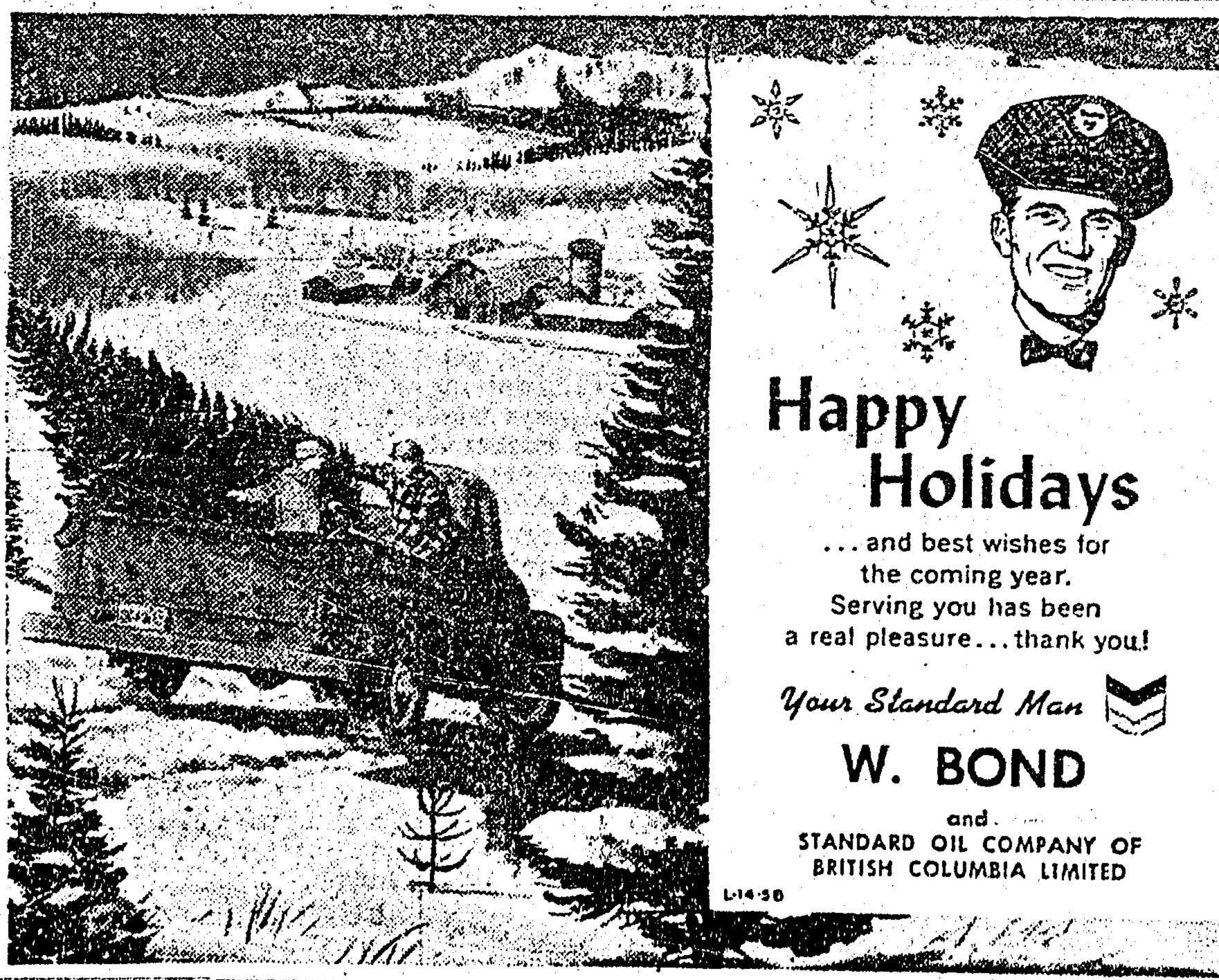
An employer, interviewing an applicant, remarked: "You ask high wages for a man with no experience."

"Well," the prospect replied,

"it's so much harder work



when you don't know any-





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