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Pageant in Bethlehem by Gavin Nolan

There was nothing spectacular, nothing new about their entrance into Bethlehem—Mary on a donkey, Joseph on foot, the halter in his hand. No one noticed; no one cared. They were poor, ordinary, lowly Nazarenes, common peasants come to sign the census-rolls, foot sore and weary, typical of others who had come for days in steady streams to the city they called their own. Bethlehem, tiny village, lay prostrate on a Judean hill—swollen with strangers, aching with activity, moaning aloud in drunken music and lustful laughter. This was the village through which Mary and Joseph picked their way, searching for a room. From inn to inn they went in desperation, but always there was no room, not a single bed, even for Mary, heavy with child, whose time had come. At last, alone in the quiet outskirts, they came upon a rude shelter built for cows, and here beneath the breath of beasts Mary brought forth her son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Somehow nature went wild that night, the world turned topsy-turvy, all Creation shook for joy and bowed toward the stable. Angels appeared to shepherds on the hillside and sang the news that He had come, He of whom the prophets spoke, for whom the world had waited. Phenomena popped in the heavens like fireworks; planets swerved; a giant star fell from its orbit and traced a route across the midnight sky. Wise men saw the star and set out on camels to adore. Nature rejoiced

and laughed for joy for He had come, this Child of Mary, on CHRISTMAS Day. He, the Christ, the Saviour of the World. Aged prophets, centuries before had told about His coming, holy men with bushy beards, on speaking terms with God. For God had told them Adam's crime would one day be reversed; that He would send His only Son to ransom Adam's children. God had promised, and now His word was flesh; Christ had come to save the world from sin. Strange birthplace for so great a birth—a stable filled with cows! Strange place to cuddle at Mary's breast, to feel the touch of gentle hands, to listen to her lullabies! Strange birthday for the Son of God! But that is what He chose—a strange beginning for a strange career. For thirty years He would live unknown, as Joseph's son in Nazareth, earning His bread with labor and sweat, a lowly Nazarene. And then one day He would leave His home and foot His way through Palestine, raising the dead, curing the sick, giving sight to the blind, his heart on fire to do the work for which He had come. People would follow Him, praise His name, on Sunday try to make Him King, and on Friday nail Him to a cross. Strange career for the son of God, nestled now in Mary's arms. Strange, indeed, that this little Child should come to earth that all men might be saved. Wondrous, that this Child who suckles should be the God who made us. Strange, but true. And breathless, we adore!

Weekly Feature Launched To Promote Race Harmony

Every Week, we shall present "Our Guest Column," a non-profit service of the American Press Associates devoted to furthering group understanding. Edited by Erna P. Harris, noted journalist, our new weekly column will feature prominent guest contributors who will review current developments on the minority group front and suggest local and nationwide action. Coming soon as guest columnists are Pearl S. Buck, A. Philip Randolph, George S. Schuyler, Dr. Ira De Reid, Rev. Howard Kester, Elmo Roper and other leaders in the fight for equality.

OUR GUEST Column

(Edited by Erna P. Harris)

THE NEW NEGRO
 by John Haynes Holmes,
 Minister, Community Church of
 New York; Chairman, American
 Civil Liberties Union

SANTA KEEPS BOOKS



Courtesy Associated American Press

Dr. John Adams Sr. Made Presiding Elder of Kansas - Nebraska Conference District

At a meeting of the trustee board of Western University and the Methodist Church. He was appointed presiding elder of the Kansas City, Kansas District to succeed the late Dr. R. A. Adams. He was elected to the trustee board of

Western University, the trustee board of Douglas Hospital and made corporation counsel for the same institution.

Douglas hospital is the largest and most modern institution of its kind owned and controlled by the Race of America. It is located at Quindaro, Kansas and sponsored by the AME church. At the trustee meeting the hospital was put under a special committee of management composed of the following: The Revs., Carl A. Flipper, C. A. Williams, L. H. Hayes, T. J. Curran of Kansas, Missouri, S. H. Clark and S. A. Lewis of Kansas, City, Kansas, Russell S. Brown of St. Louis, Mo., and John Adams, Sr., of Omaha, Nebraska.

Douglas Hospital was moved from the old location where it operated for thirty years at Kansas City, Kansas, to its new home on the campus of Western University where it was formerly opened to the public last October. The United States government gave the AME church this new enterprise, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. The Rt. Rev. Noah W. Williams, D. D. Bishop of Nebraska and the 5th episcopal district raised in money and land a sum to equal this gift. The building is completely new with modern elevator system and built under the supervision of government engineers.

Dr. Adams district will cover parts of Kansas and Nebraska. He has converted a part of his spacious home, 2622 N. 25th street into district headquarters where his wife, Mrs. Hattie E. Adams, will serve as district secretary. Mrs. Adams is a graduate of Talledge College and is by experience qualified for this new duty.

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