



**IKE FACES A FARM PROBLEM**—Armed with a motion picture camera, President Eisenhower stoops over to inspect a couple of Black Angus cows on a farm adjoining his home at Gettysburg, Pa. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower were spending a weekend away from the White House.

### Midnight Mass as Nazareth Climax of Yule Activities

NAZARETH—(UP)—The feverish activity that has been gripping the people of this town where the Savior grew to manhood comes to a peaceful climax at the close of Midnight Mass in the Church of the Annunciation.

For weeks, the 12,000 Christians of this town of more than 20,000 persons have been preparing to go to Bethlehem in Jordan to celebrate Christmas at the Church of the Nativity. The thousands unable to go themselves (either because Israel or Jordan, or both have refused to authorize their crossing the border), will take part in the bustle surrounding the lucky ones.

Chartered buses and cars packed with pilgrims to the birthplace of Christ will leave Dec. 24 in a long caravan winding its way up the road leading out of Nazareth into the low hills to the west.

On one of these hills, Jesus addressed the multitudes following Him from far and wide (Matthew 5), immersing them in the glory emanating from His words. Speeding along the highway, the pilgrims will easily be able to see some of the physical splendor serving as a backdrop for the Sermon on the Mount.

**Jordan Territory**

Before the bright green Plain of Esdrælon will stretch out in a breathtaking panorama which Jesus, too, must have looked at with the same awe. Farther to the west, the deep blue curve of Acre Bay embraces the Mediterranean with fingers of scintillating gold. Far off to the north, snow-capped Mt. Hermon seems to be washing itself in the clear azure sky and becoming whiter with each passing moment.

Before the Holy Land was rent in two by Arab-Jewish enmity, pilgrims used to travel due south for a distance of 87 miles to Jerusalem by way of biblical Shechem—now Nablus. Since 1948, most of this road is in Jordan territory, so they must travel twice that distance in order to reach the Holy City in a roundabout way.

Many talk of some bright day in the obscure future when Israel and Jordan will have buried the hatchet and Nazareth Christians once more will be able to make the pilgrimage to Bethlehem without special authorizations along the road Jesus must have followed from His home in Galilee.

At the entrances to Nazareth, police checkpoints have been re-established to keep non-Christians from overflowing the town. Restaurants and cafes—even those that take pride in gaily decorated Christmas trees prominently displayed.

**Greek and Catholic**

Promptly at midnight, Dec. 24, Father Jean Joseph Alliot, guardian of the Franciscan monastery, will begin the Mass in the Church of the Annunciation built on the foundations of 12th century Crusaders' church as a priest in a

black gown embroidered with gold taps three times on the floor.

At the eastern end of the town stands the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation—both the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches bear the same name. Nearby is a spring flowing into what is known as Mary's Well. The people of Nazareth are sure this is where the Virgin came to draw water.

At 10:30 P. M. Dec. 24, Father Basilio Samman, head of the Greek Catholic Community, will celebrate Mass in his church. Near this church is a chapel said to be on the site of the synagogue where Jesus preached. Not far off is a domed chapel containing the Table of Christ, a huge stone around which Jesus, according to tradition, sat with His disciples. The Anglican and Baptist Churches also will conduct services which they close with carol singing.

A little after 2 a.m. Dec. 25, visitors leaving the town nestling among hills sacred to all Christendom, will drive slowly so they can take in more of the flickering lights and illuminated crosses adorning church spires.

### Surefire Way To Handle Dogs

SAPULPA, Okla.—(UP)—A local gas meter reader, Harry Hines, claims he has a surefire method of handling strange dogs that may show signs of getting belligerent. Hines said his 35 years of experience in strolling into backyards and peeking into corners and under porches for meters has taught him one thing—any halfway spunky dog is likely to take an experimental nip out of man's call under such circumstances.

Hines explained his "system" in three words—"take after 'em."

"The moment you step into a yard, don't take any chance," he says. "Take after the dog and run him until he goes under the porch or jumps the fence and clears out."

Hines keeps in constant practice and his presence of mind never falters. He cites this incident as an example.

"I was visiting a home on the south side of the city and the porch had ice on it. I slipped and fell through a plate glass window right into the living room.

"A big black bulldog lying by the fire snarled and started for me. I hollered 'boo' and started for him. That got his goat, and, after about four times around the room, he took out through a door into the dining room and I heard the sound of breaking glass. That dog had gone through the dining room window.

"He came back, the folks told me later, in about a week, looking as gaunt as a distance runner."

### Make Certain Of Safe Christmas

NEW YORK—(UP)—The National Board of Fire Underwriters offers these recommendations to guard against Christmas fire hazards:

1. Choose a small tree rather than a large one.
2. Store it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.
3. When you bring it in, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit.
3. Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in good condition—no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally, you never use candles!)
4. When you buy new sets or cords, look for the UL label. The ones that bear it have passed Underwriters' Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards.
5. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.
6. Ornaments should all be made of fireproof materials like metal or glass. Never decorate with cotton or paper unless they are labeled "fireproof" or "flame-proof."
7. Never set up electric trains under the tree!
9. Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is home.
10. From time to time, see whether needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.
11. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it—outdoors!

### Costs Cut By Drug Advances

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—(UP)—Ninety per cent of all present day prescriptions call for drugs unknown to most doctors 20 years ago, according to John Zuglich, assistant director of the University of Michigan's hospital.

Zuglich, writing in an American Hospital Association publication, said most of the world now was in the "golden age when man has provided more relief and freedom from suffering or bodily ills than ever before in his history."

Although many of the modern "miracle drugs" are expensive, Zuglich said, they are cheap when compared with hospital expenses they eliminate. He said a pneumonia case probably would have cost a patient \$400 back in 1931, whereas today uncomplicated cases can be treated at home for only \$60.

"We hear a lot about the rising costs of medical care," he said. "The truth is, the cost of a drug today is no measure of the cost of an illness."

### Dr. Laughead Says Chicago Will Be Spared Destruction

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CHICAGO (UP)—Dr. Charles Laughead said today he had received a "message" that Chicago will not be destroyed by tidal waves and earthquakes as he predicted and the end of the world is not at hand.

The ousted Michigan State College physician said the "message" came from forces in outer space 4 hours and 45 minutes after Chicago's supposed day of doom had begun.

The reprieve was granted through the intercession of God, who "is in thy midst," Laughead quoted the "message" as saying. Laughead said he and 13 other believers in the imminent end of the world sat in a suburban Oak Park home all night waiting for "The Father's message."

**Laughead "Gratified"**

"We feel quite gratified" that Chicago will not be engulfed and the world is not in its last days, Laughead said.

Laughead and Mrs. Dorothy Martin, the co-leader of the cult, have been issuing warnings for the past weeks that Dec. 21 would see a tidal wave from Lake Michigan flood Chicago, accompanied by earthquakes that would shake the Midwest.

Trunks would get far worse in 1955, when, they said, the known world would come to an end. Mrs. Martin, a 53-year-old Oak Park grandmother, said she received the warnings from "connoisseurs" who dwell on a planet in outer space and checked up on the world in flying saucers.

Laughead and Mrs. Martin repeated their predictions up until today's early hours. They said last minute checks with the "connoisseurs" had confirmed the coming destruction.

**Nothing Can Be Done**

"There's nothing you can do," Laughead warned Chicagoans. "Either you're ready or you're not."

Then the watchers at Mrs. Martin's home refused to give any more statements as they awaited further "messages."

The "message" of reprieve, Laughead said, told them "there is but one God of earth and he is

### Three Birthdays On the Same Day

BUFFALO, N.Y.—(UP)—The eighth day of October is a red-letter day in the Martin J. Murrett family.

The couple's first child, Mary Lynn, was born on that day in 1947. Another child, Robert Brendan, was born on that date five years later.

And baby Paul Martin came along on Oct. 8, 1954.

in thy midst. And by his word have ye been saved.

"For from the mouth of death have ye been delivered and at no time has there been such a force loosed upon the earth. Not since the beginning of time upon this earth has there been such a force of good and light as now floods this room."

Laughead, a former medical missionary, said the "message" meant "the earth is to be saved from this cataclysm."

Chicagoans had seemed little disturbed by Laughead's warnings of death and destruction. Most of them were more worried about getting their Christmas shopping done.

### Kids Given Toys From Germans

NURNBERG, Germany—(UP)—Santa Claus is coming from Germany this year.

At least this will be true for thousands of orphans in the United States who will receive 10 tons of toys from German makers.

For the third consecutive year, manufacturers in this toy capital of Europe donated a wide variety of items ranging from teddy bears to miniature steam shovels.

The collective gift expresses the gratitude of 82 German firms for American kindness to German orphans immediately after World War II.

This year the gift was accepted by Maj. Gen. Claude B. Ferenbaugh, chief of staff of the United States Army in Europe. It was accepted on behalf of the Quartermaster Association of the U. S. Army which arranges for Yuletide delivery to orphanages in the United States.

SEVEN SEVEN  
TOPEKA, Kan.—(UP)—Seven is the lucky number of the Edgar Dean's baby daughter. She was born at 7:07 p.m. on the 7th. Her weight? Seven pounds, seven ounces.

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