



Bells To Summon Worshippers at Nazareth Church

Nazareth, Israel (UPI) — Bells will ring out from the Church of St. Joseph on Christmas Eve to summon worshippers to midnight mass in this town most closely associated with the life of Jesus.

Crowds of pilgrims daily have been visiting the sites around Nazareth associated with the founding of Christianity. Perhaps no town in Israel has a more predominant Christian atmosphere.

In a small domed chapel in the center of Nazareth is a large stone which, according to tradition, served as a table when Jesus met with his disciples and dined with them after rising from his tomb.

Seen Around Well

Pensive monks and nuns are seen around "Mary's Well" where the Virgin Mother often filled her water pitcher as Nazareth mothers still do.

Most of the 24,000 inhabitants of Nazareth are Christians. At this season the main thoroughfare and side streets leading from it assume a brilliant gaiety. Decorations, Christmas trees and Nativity scenes give the town a typical festive atmosphere.

The midnight mass at the Church of St. Joseph is broadcast so that Christians as far away as Turkey can hear it. In a few years a magnificent new Church of the Annunciation costing \$2,000,000 will be completed and the traditional midnight mass will be held there.

All Sects Represented

All the sects of Christianity are represented in Nazareth. Although most of the Christians are Greek Orthodox or Roman Catholic, there are chapels of Greek Catholics, Maronites, Armenian Gregorians, Copts and Abyssinians. Most conspicuous among the small Protestant communities are the Anglicans.

While the Catholics and Protestants keep Dec. 25 as the day on which Jesus was born, the Greek Orthodox observe the event on Jan. 7 and the Armenians on Jan. 19.

Several hundred Nazareth Christians plan to celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem this year. Jordanian authorities, in whose territory Bethlehem is located, grant them permission to enter Bethlehem to attend services at the Church of the Nativity.

them, but the fire, together with the sound of voices around the fire, appeared to fascinate the big black fellows, and they crawled close, with their long antennae waving in the fire light. They liked either the flare from the blazing logs or the sound of voices, or the combination of the two.

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DOG RELEASED — In the upper photo Thomas Jankowski, Wisconsin Humane Society, released Prince, a three-month-old Beagle, caught in a chair. In the bottom picture Prince sits dejectedly after being released from the chair in the home of his Milwaukee master. The cast is on his leg because he was struck by a car last week. (UPI Telephoto)



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Did You Know This About the Black Beetle?

The little house with the high and complicated TV antennae sticking up high above it is about the same, in structure and purpose, as the "feelers" of the so-called black beetle. Both serve the same purpose, but of course pick up different impulses.

This long-horned bug belongs to a large and not too illustrious family, comprising nearly a hundred thousand known species throughout the world, of which about six hundred inhabit North America. Unlike so many of the clan the long-horned one has no colorful wing covers, but is always an overall black, and very shiny.

Has Sturdy Legs

Like most of the family the long-horn has sturdy legs and is very active. Caught out in the light they can run rapidly. If held in the hand or pinned down to the ground with a stick, or a finger, they often emit a soft squeaking sound. This squeak can be heard at a distance of several feet and is sometimes uttered when the

insect is suddenly picked up. In some sections of its range it is called the oak pruner, or round-headed borer, because the larvae eat the twigs of oak trees. In some sections it causes considerable damage to forest trees. The larvae is a large, yellowish white grub, armed with sharp cutting mandibles which can snip a twig from a tree in rather short space of time. On the legs of the adult beetle are distinct spurs, called tibial spurs, which probably serve to hold the insect in place when it feeds.

Questions Unanswered

There are many questions still unanswered about this interesting family of bugs. One of the many unexplained characteristics regarding the long-horn is his habit of coming out of his burrow to a campfire at night. On several occasions I have observed this peculiar behavior. The bug seems to have a strong affinity for either the light or the sound of human voices.

I noticed that just the fire alone did not always attract

'Merry Christmas' In Eight Languages

New York — (UPI) — Selamat Hari Natal!

That's how you say "Merry Christmas" in Indonesian, in case you need to know.

In this city which is headquarters of the United Nations, foreign phrases are heard in full volume at Christmas time.

One department store maintains a directory of 300 of its clerks who are at least bilingual. They can be summoned to wait on customers in 29 languages, including Latvian and Maori.

For extending cheer to your international friends here is a rundown of some "Merry Christmas" translations: French — "Joyeux Noel," German — "Froeliche Weihnachten,"

Italian — "Buon Natale," Spanish — "Feliz Navidad," Norwegian, Swedish, Danish — "God Jul," Japanese — "Kurimasu omedeto gozaimasu," Swahili — "Siku kuu ya kutuzuliwa Masiya."

Earth Said Solid, Strong as Brick 1,800 Miles Down

Washington (Science Service) — The earth is solid down to its core, some 1,800 miles below the surface, and consists of a material about as strong as brick, higher structure.

There are no convection currents slowly churning over large masses of rock as some scientists believe, Dr. John A. O'Keefe of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported here. He said his conclusion that the earth's mantle had great strength is based on the NASA discovery earlier this year of the earth's slightly pear-like shape and a recent new determination by the Army Map Service of how much the earth is flattened at the poles.

Dr. O'Keefe told the Philosophical Society of Washington meeting here that his original discovery of the earth's pear-like shape, with Ann Eckels and R. Squires,

measured in terms of how much shorter the radius of the earth is at the poles than at the equator. The international figure, one over 297.3, means that the polar radius is shorter by about 13 miles than the equatorial radius. Studies of the orbital flight of Vanguard I showed that the earth's sea level is 50 feet higher in the north polar region than previously thought and 50 feet lower in the south polar region.

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