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Christ was born in a manger in Bethlehem because Mary and Joseph had traveled there to be taxed by their government. It was the government where

the Three Wise Men inquired about the child whose star they had followed.

It was that same government that ordered all male babies

killed forcing Mary and Joseph to flee their homeland to protect Jesus

Thus, government played an important role in the familiar story of the first Christmas. In fact, throughout the entire life of Jesus, the influence of government is apparent.

Having returned home after their flight from Israel, Mary and Joseph lived in constant fear that their child would be discovered and executed by the government.

When Christ grew to manhood and began his teaching, he showed a constant awareness of how government affected the lives of the people he taught.

At the end of this life, it was the government that bound Christ over to die on the cross.

Government, as known to Jesus

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and the people of the age in which he lived, was tyranny. And all of the horror of tyranny is reflected in events surrounding Christ's life - forced taxation, fear, murder and injustice.

Yet, in the midst of tyranny, the teachings of Jesus planted the seed of freedom. He taught about the worth of the individual in the sight of God. He made men long for the right to worship God, each in his own way.

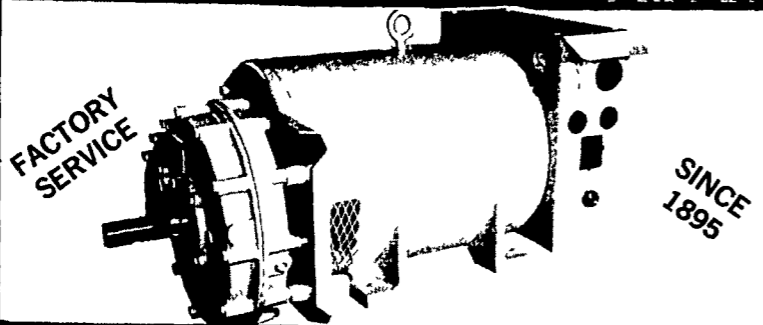
It was that seed that has lived and grown for almost 2000 years in Western civilization. Nearly every step of the Western world's quest for freedom has been related to Christ's message for mankind.

Today, the United States stands at the forefront of the Western world - a symbol of free men working through government to make taxation equitable, fear

nonexistent, murder unnecessary and injustice unthinkable. While there is still much which must be done to advance freedom and do away with the last remnants of tyranny, progress is assured so long as the message of individual worth leads the way.

It is that great goal in which we are all united regardless of whether our own form of worship acknowledges the Christian view of Jesus The National Christmas Tree that stands behind the White House, the Christmas carols sung in our schools and all the other things which tie our government to Christmas are in large part a celebration of our heritage to freedom. They say as nothing else can that in our country free men are united in their commitment to the Christmas ideal - Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men.

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Area students honored were: Gerald L. Martin, Lititz, \$25 and a plaque from Alpha Tau Alpha, and \$775 from the N C Harris scholarships.

John R. Heidgerd, York, the Alpha Zeta Scholarship Cup.

Glenn S. Weber, Mohnton, \$50 from the Henry S. Brummer Outstanding Senior Award in Agricultural Education.

Donald M. Shellenberger, Mount Joy, \$250 from Eastern Milk Producers scholarships.

Larry E. Herr, Lancaster, \$185

from the Eisenhower Memorial Award and \$25 from the Paul R. Guldin Speaking Contest.

Leon J. Ressler, Lititz, \$400 from the General Foods Fund, Inc., scholarships.

Jeffrey A. Russer, Leola, \$500 from the Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative grant.

Thomas F. Maczko, Norristown, \$150 from the New York Florists' Club awards.

H. Grant Troop, Quarryville, \$300 from William D. and Clara Calhoun Phillips scholarships.

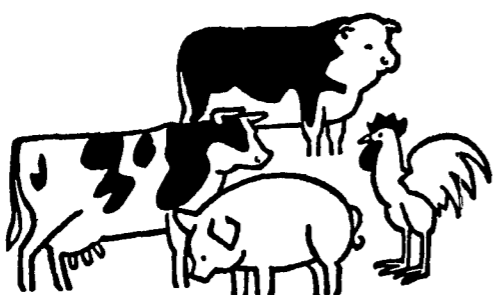
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CHRISTMAS 1972

Alleluia! Alleluia! Throughout the world all are filled with gladness. It is the birthday of Our Savior . . . the Lord. Hearts and souls are rich in love resounding.

Choirs sing hymns of peace and joy. As the glorious season wraps us in peaceful thoughts and true reflections of the first Holy Night let us pray that this is the way it always will be. That everyone, here and the world over, will find time for understanding. Our Christmas wish is that you and your loved ones will share this season's blessings, now and in the days to come.



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