

What's in a Name? Shakespeare Called Play Twelfth Night, But He Chose Different Subject

After dinner to the Duke's banquets, Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" is a play that has been called "Twelfth Night" since the time of the Tudors, but the subject matter is really about "Twelfth Night."

Epiphany, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, traditionally the night when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ child, was a most important festival in Shakespeare's time, and many customs surrounded it.

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick O'Taver," "Lady Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night, frolics, the young people, especially, dressed themselves in costumes to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others, and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken



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"I will honor Christmas For, somehow, not only at in my heart, and try to keep Christmas, but at the very heart of my soul."

So wrote Charles Dickens, favorite topic — so much so that most people, asked to name someone who wrote about Christmas, would immediately answer, "Dickens."

Not only Dickens, but almost every writer, from the little-known to the famous, has been inspired at some time in his career to "honor Christmas." In prose or poetry. For instance —

"At Christmas I no more desire a rose Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth. But like of each thing that in season grows"

William Shakespeare

"The simple faith of shepherds And clasping kindly hand in hand. Sing, 'Peace on earth, good will to men!'"

James Russell Lowell

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

Clement Clarke Moore

It's Christmas

The French say "Noel." The Spanish refer to "Navidad." The Italian term "Natale" and the English term "Christmas" are used in the 11th Century.



Silent Night

Long ago, one quiet night, the Message came, and in its spirit of Hope and Peace we send all our friends warm Christmas greetings!

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Probably 6 or 7 B.C.

When was that first Christmas?

Three men ride their camels over a sea of sand; a dazzling star hangs above a town huddled in sleep. On the hillside, sheep and flocks of shepherds' white robes, a single light burns in the town. Everyone will recognize this word-picture of the first Christmas. But when was it, exactly?

St. Matthew tells us that Jesus was born when Herod the King of Judea and relates the story of Herod's plan to kill the infant King. He writes that Herod's advisers suggested that Christ had been born in 7 B.C., during a conjunction of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. However, it has been learned that Marj, Jupiter and Saturn could not have been bright enough to be visible in 7 B.C. And yet, 7 B.C. is regarded by many to have been the year of Christ's birth. According to the Bible, Christ was born during one of the great census takings of the Roman Empire. In addition, Rome's history records that an empire-wide taxation was begun in 8 B.C. It is not unlikely that the census and taxing were

Post guard over star in grotto of nativity

Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity — traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born. Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger — an improvised stable in a cave built out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

The Roman Emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast spread of Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Apollo. The very fact that the cave was marked though for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity.

Later a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem — now a part of Jordan — has posted night and day guard over the star.

BY OTHER NAMES

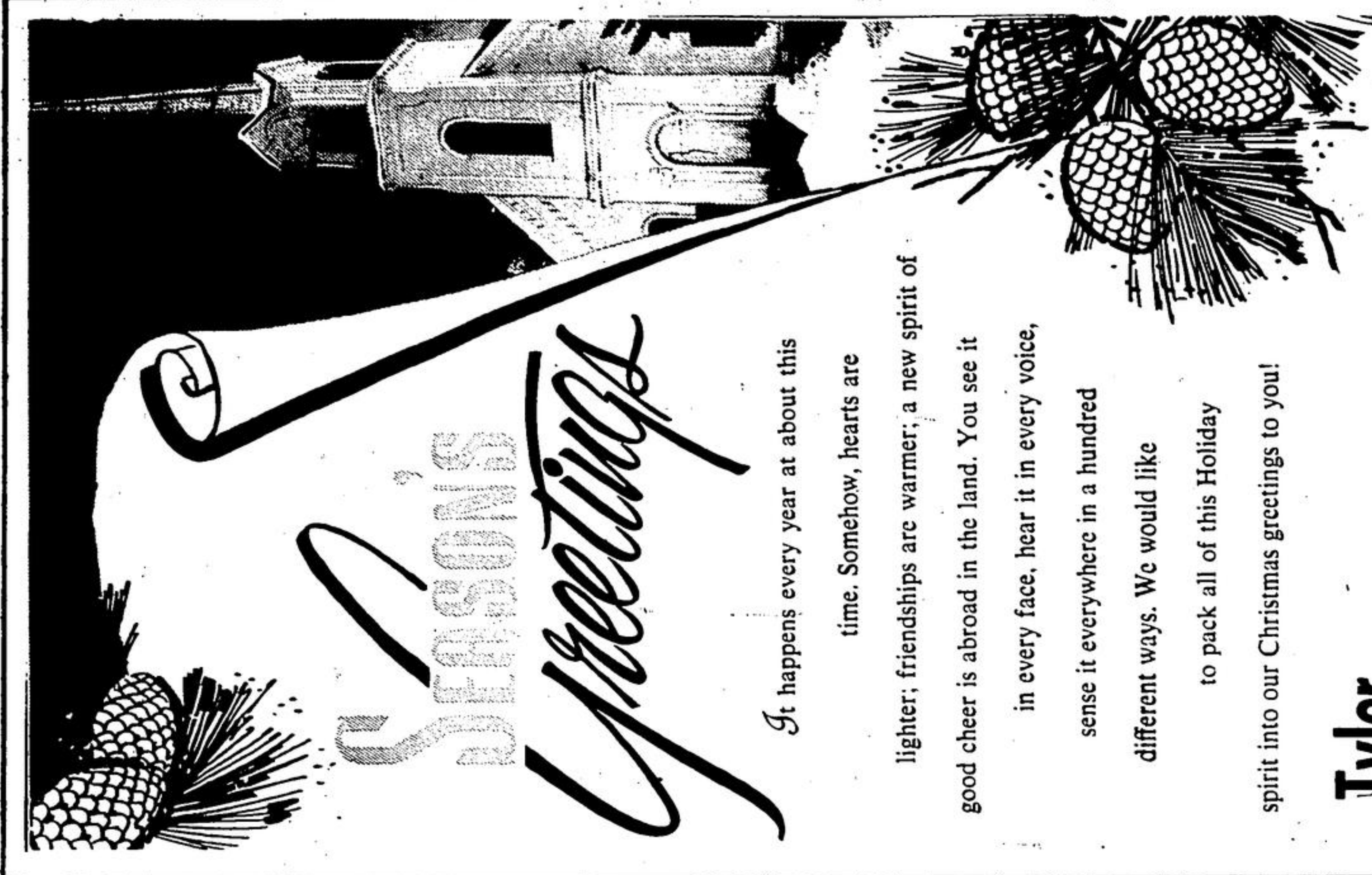
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Since Judea was on the frontier of the Roman Empire, it must have taken the tax and census takers about two years to work their way there. We know that Jesus was at least two years old at the time of Herod's death in 4 B.C. Allowing a year and a half or two years for the Roman officials to reach Bethlehem and subtracting at least two years from 4 B.C., we can narrow the Nativity to 7 or 6 B.C.

The great German astronomer John Kepler, suggested that Christ had been born in 7 B.C., during a conjunction of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. However, it has been learned that Marj, Jupiter and Saturn could not have been bright enough to be visible in 7 B.C. And yet, 7 B.C. is regarded by many to have been the year of Christ's birth. According to the Bible, Christ was born during one of the great census takings of the Roman Empire. In addition, Rome's history records that an empire-wide taxation was begun in 8 B.C. It is not unlikely that the census and taxing were



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