



The Christmas star shines

See the night sky as it would have been on the eve of Christ's birth! The McLaughlin Planetarium of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, presents one of its most popular shows, The Christmas Star, December 20, 1979 to December 31, 1979. The Gospel according to St. Matthew records that a brilliant star appeared in the heavens to guide the Wise Men of the East to Bethlehem where Christ was born. Since Matthew's account was written, astronomers all over the world have struggled to explain that miraculous star. The Christmas Star examines some of the theories that have been advanced. Evidence indicates

that Christ was born sometime between 6-4 B.C. Astronomical records show that during 7 B.C. a highly significant event, a great conjunction, occurred when the planets Jupiter and Saturn joined in the constellation of Pisces. Since the Wise Men were sophisticated astrologers-astronomers, one could ask, "Was it the sight of this conjunction that lured them to Bethlehem?" Chinese records indicate that a "supernova", an exploding star, occurred in 1,054 A.D. Was a supernova the celestial phenomenon that explains the Christmas Star? Halley's Comet stood high in the morning sky over

Bethlehem in August of 11 B.C., an important omen. But it was too early to herald the birth of Christ.

The show, The Christmas Star at the McLaughlin Planetarium recreates all of the astronomical effects associated with the brilliant and enigmatic star seen by the Wise Men. The Christmas Star allows us to share the night sky as it would have been on the eve of Christ's birth. Still, it leaves the Star of Bethlehem a mystery, or if you prefer, a miracle.

Showtimes: December 20, 21, 3.00 and 7.30 p.m. December 22, 23, 12.30, 1.45, 3.00 and 7.30 p.m. December 24, 12.30, 1.45 and 3.00 p.m. December 25 Planetarium Closed. December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 12.30, 1.45, 3.00 and 7.30 p.m. December 31 12.30, 1.45 and 3.00 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$1.75. Students, Children, Senior Citizens \$1.00 (Senior Citizens Free on Tuesdays). Children aged 6 to 14 years of age

must be accompanied by an adult. We regret that children under the age of 6, and latecomers, cannot be admitted to any theatre shows.

Holiday activities young and old

With a little inventiveness and a watchful eye on the newspapers, parents can plan a variety of family activities geared to the youngsters for the holidays.


community parties are listed routinely in newspapers, church bulletins and newsletters.

Visit toyland

Visits to a favorite department store's toyland can be fun outings. The kids have a chance to sit on Santa's lap, and

browse through a wonderland of games and toys.

While the tots have a session with Santa, the older children might be making hand puppets and staging a puppet show. Teens often visit children's hospital wards to sing carols.



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Legend of tinsel

According to an old legend, a poor peasant woman, with many children, decorated a Christmas tree with such humble trimmings as she was able to gather, mostly berries and nuts and such odds and ends as she had managed to save up during the year. She labored far into the night trying to make her tree as beautiful as she could.

While she was asleep, spiders came and crawled from branch to branch trailing their lacy

webs behind them. To reward the woman for her devotion, The Christ Child blessed the tree and all the spider webs were turned into gleaming silver.



Winging our way to you with holiday greetings and best wishes for harmony on earth. Thanks one and all.



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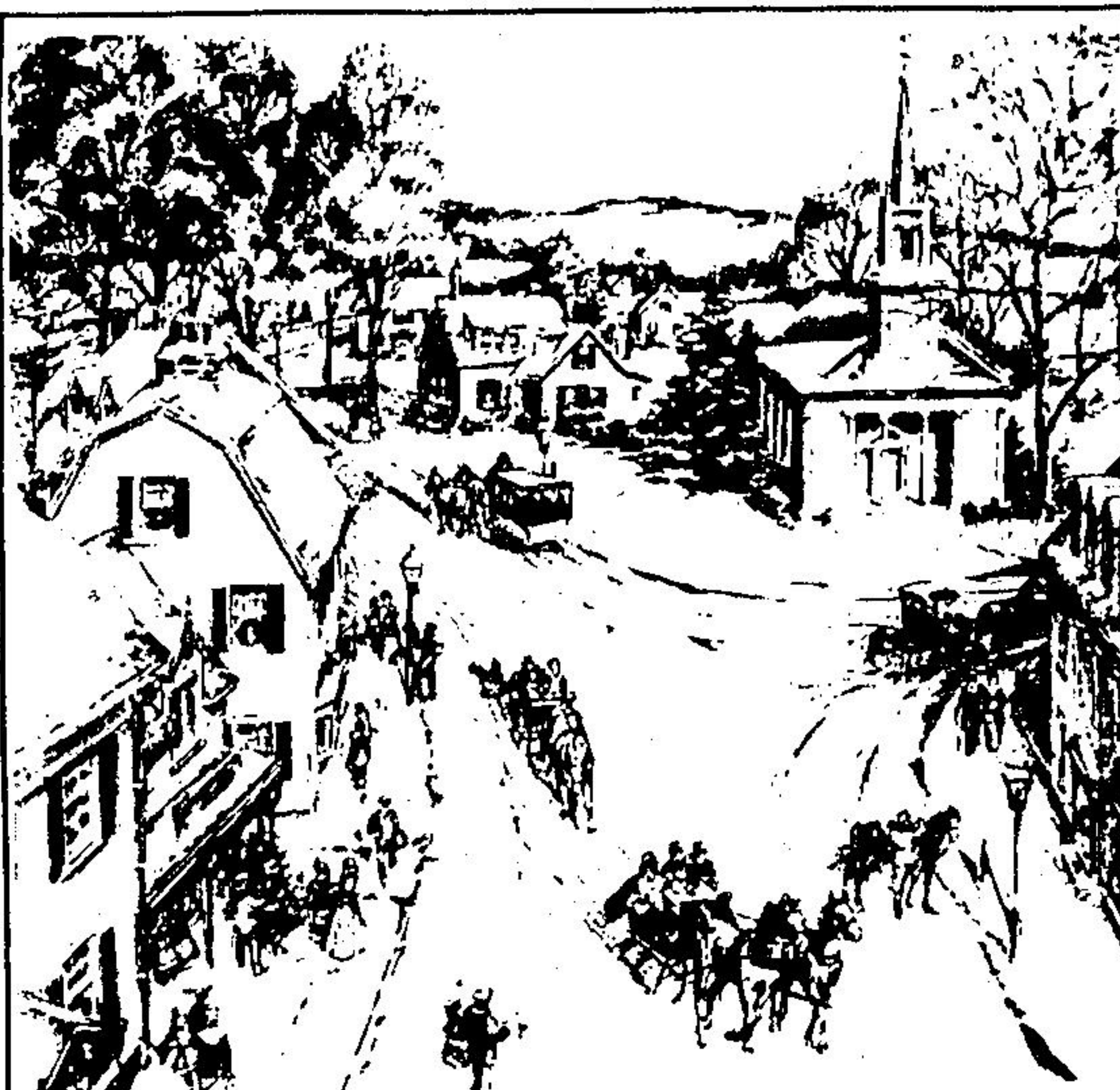
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