



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

"About this time Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the nation. (This census was taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Everyone was required to return to his ancestral home for this registration. And because Joseph was a member of the royal line, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, King David's ancient home—journeying there from the Galilean village of Nazareth. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was obviously pregnant by this time.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn." (Luko 2:1-7)

—From *The Living Bible*

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Need winter color? install bird feeder

Many home gardens look drab during the winter months. A bird feeder in the yard, near a

TONE DOWN LIQUOR

Safe holiday parties are no accident, says the Hamilton Automobile Club. With the focus turned away from liquor and toward tempting meals and lively activities, guests are far less likely to drive home with their senses impaired by alcohol.

The motoring federation urges hosts to help reduce the tragic toll of highway fatalities that increase even more during Christmas and New Year's when alcohol consumption also rises.

HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

Trim your liquor list along with your Yuletide tree if you're having a holiday party. That advice comes from the Hamilton Automobile Club, which says that hosts who de-emphasize liquor at their get-togethers will help reduce traffic accidents caused by guests who are too drunk to drive home safely.

Money saved on alcohol can be used for a variety of tempting food that will help mitigate alcohol's effects.

convenient window, can add a touch of brightness as well as being interesting and educational.

During the early winter months, birds feed on the weed seeds in fields and back gardens. But as the snow piles up, these sources of food are buried. A feeder will attract many different birds such as blue jays,

chicadees, cardinals, juncos, and possibly some that you haven't seen before.

A mixture of feeds helps the birds through the winter. Suet, raisins, any of the cereal grains, corn or sunflower seeds are bound to attract a wide variety of birds. There are also several mixtures of wild bird

seeds available. If you plan to set the feeder on a steel or wooden pole, make sure the feeder is about 6 feet off the ground. Squirrels also like the feeds and will "take over" your feeder. Steel poles are excellent to prevent this, since they cannot get a grip.

If you use a wooden

pole, fasten a sheet-metal cone around the pole about 5 feet up, so they cannot climb any further.

Besides the interesting winter birds, your feeder will attract sparrows. Don't discourage them because they'll be around next spring eating insects and garden pests when things begin to grow again.



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