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Herod Flips Wig

By LULA JONES GARRETT

BETHLEHEM — King Herod, the Great, is playing is cagey, here this week, but those in the know says that the old Ruler has completely tipped his wig over the rumor that his seat on the throne is now really shaky.

Aside from the throne rumors, Herod is having his troubles in other quarters with that minority group, the Jews, staging a sit-in strike on the steps of that new Temple he built to placate them.

Herod, playing with the hounds and running with the hares, say that Jews will take that Roman Eagle from the dome of the temple before they put a foot inside.

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IN THE MEANTIME, things are gay on the surface. From all the provinces have come the high and mighty, as well as the lowly. It is, as you know, income tax time. Caesar Augustus laid down the law that the taxes should be brought in, instead of collected in the provinces.

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BUT HEROD, to save face as well as to save budget, has declared it a holiday.

The inns will be richer and every family will be poorer for the spending to entertain friends and relatives during the holiday.

All of which will be to the benefit of the Governor.

Many of the noblemen have brought their entire families to the celebration. this move, I suspect, maneuvered by clever mothers with personable daughters.

Herod is a widower, incidentally, by his own hand. He whacked the head of the beautiful Mariamme off, when he suspected her of having lost her heart to a younger prince.

So, upon the premise that propinquity is a chief ingredient in husband hunting, the Dames have togged their daughters in their finest to parade before the eyes of the Governor.

And beautiful many of them are, in their robes of finest linen and royal purple.

Their bracelets and hair ornaments of beaten gold glitter under the tapers, and their anklets make sweet music as they softly glide about the inn.

IN STARK CONTRAST was one couple who hesitantly stopped at the desk to inquire about lodging. They, simple garbed, drew the sneering glances of the high-tone guests, and no consideration at all from the Inn Keeper.

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A DOOR KEEPER, however, evidently had some kindness in his heart. He gently led the wan expectant mother to an outer stable, where, he told the husband, they might, at least have shelter.

The Inn was rocking, and Herod was in his best role as host when news came that unexpected royalty, three kings from the East were near the gates of the city.

Suites, of course, were quickly found for the Kings. And there was a lot of snickering when the Wise Men never showed up.

Inquiry proved that the royal party included Melchior of Persia, Casper of Chaldea and Balthazar of Ethiopia.

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PARTICULARLY disappointed were the maidens. For though Melchior was known to be past the age to be much fun, Caspar is young and handsome. And that Balthazar, black and oh so comely, simply flips the gals.

It was some party, alright. . .that is until someone tuned in on that program being relayed by Telstar, bringing the news that it is being rumored that the long—talked—of King of the Jews had been born this very night.

Herod went into a rage.

Herod was in even greater rage when he learned that the Three Kings of the Orient had been so entranced with a new babe born right under his nose, in one of his own stables, that they had spurned the gaiety of the palace to admire the tiny bundle of joy.

YOU KNOW, it just could have been that the infant to become the King of the Jews is that child, born of the lowly couple which had been turned away from the Inn.

There was no way of knowing, then, for the couple had taken their new son and left for parts unknown.

Someone said they were going to Jerusalem. They did say, however, that the couple, Joseph and Mary, called the child Jesus.

Mrs. Mallory due to carry her case to Supreme Court

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The appeal of Mrs. Mae Mallory against extradition to North Carolina is likely to be presented to the U. S. Supreme Court, this week, according to the Monroe Defense Committee.

Her attorney, Walter S. Haffner, charges that the kidnap charges were "trumped up."

Prison integration meet called 'disappointing'

The Rev. Robert T. Newbold, pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, labeled as "disappointing" a Wednesday meeting with James W. Curran, acting commissioner for the Department of Correction, to discuss integrating the Maryland penal institutions.

The pastor and Mr. Curran were joined in the meeting by the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, chairman of the adult assistance committee for the CIG and pastor of Douglas Memorial Church; Leo Burroughs, CIG representative; William Rogers and Douglass Sands, chairman and executive director respectively of the Governor's commission on Inter-Racial Problems, and Edgar Feingold, member of the state advisory committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

The Rev. Mr. Newbold, representing the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, said the meeting was disappointing because Mr. Curran said "there are no specific plans for further integration of the Maryland Penal System."

He said Mr. Curran told them his agency will continue its "gradualism" approach to the problem, owing to what he called peculiarities in the system.

Mr. Curran defined these peculiarities as confinement, regimentation and overcrowding.

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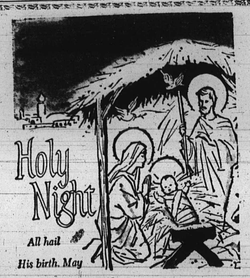

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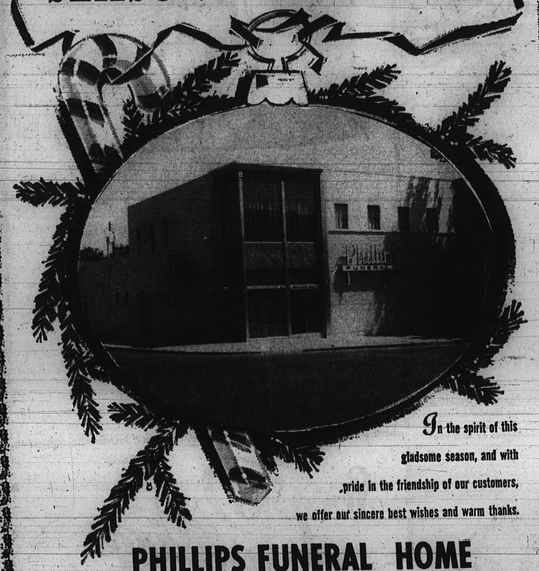
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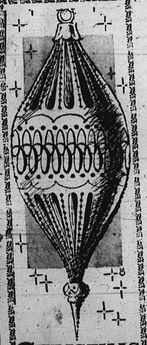

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