

## Live nativity scene

### Sheep ranch hosts ecumenical gathering

Approximately 50 people performed an ecumenical nativity play from Dec. 16-19 at the Woolamby Sheep Ranch, 8228 Centerport Road, Port Byron.

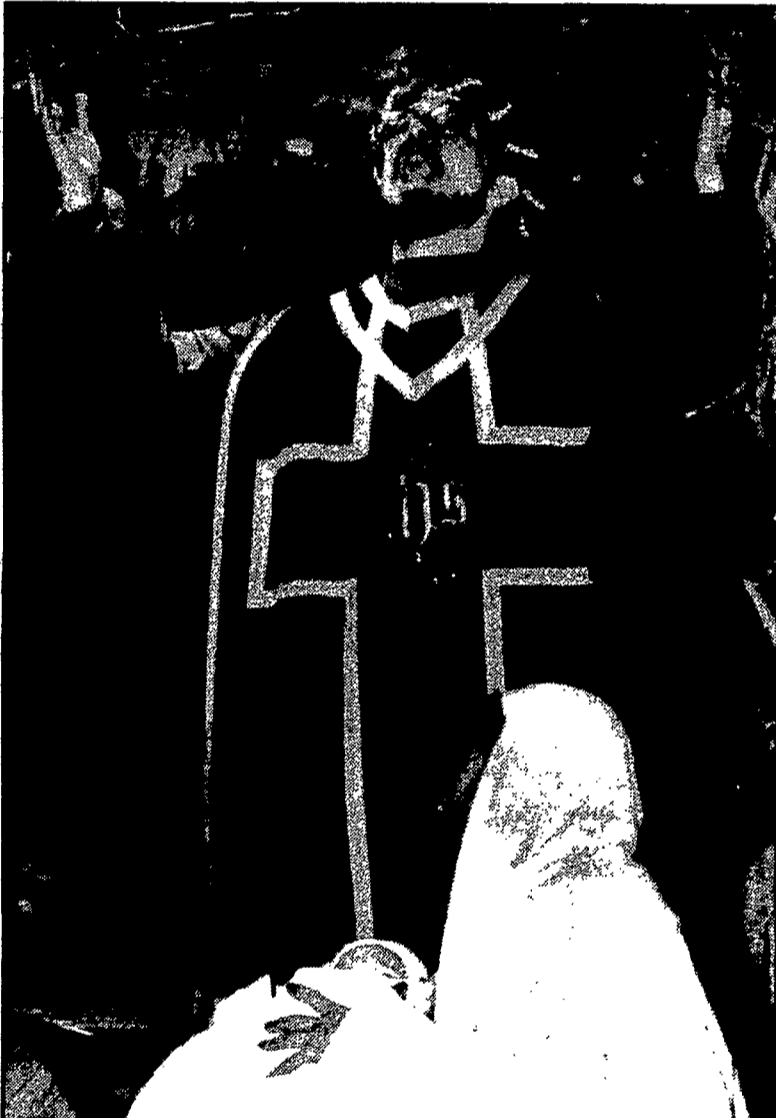
During the four nights, nearly 1,000 people witnessed the musical play based on the Gospel nativity stories and supplemented by liturgical and Christmas songs.



A 'no vacancy' sign greets guests at the Woolamby ranch.



Mary (Cheryl Thompson) and Joseph (Stephen Benda) arrive at the stable.



A Magi, portrayed by the Rev. Bruce Green, sings above Mary and the baby Jesus, portrayed by Cassidy Thompson.



Kathy Cole as a Roman Soldier holds a resident of the Woolamby stable.



(Left) Margaret Smart (top right), who played the innkeeper, welcomes children from the audience to come up and view the baby Jesus. (Above) Mary (Cheryl Thompson) rejoices that our hope has come: "Magnificat" (Luke 1:46-55).



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