**Preface**

If you are looking for religious Christmas stories, you will not find them here. These are real Christmas stories. These stories are not anti-Christian; they are rather a-Christian.

These stories are real in that they actually happened, more or less. Certain particulars have been altered but the skeleton remains intact.

These stories were initially written for oral presentation at annual Christmas luncheons hosted by the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia. That is one reason that they are short. Some of these stories were presented at carry-in luncheons in the Geography Building and others were read in local Athens restaurants to small luncheon attendees, and several astonished onlookers. Now I share these stories with a wider audience.

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