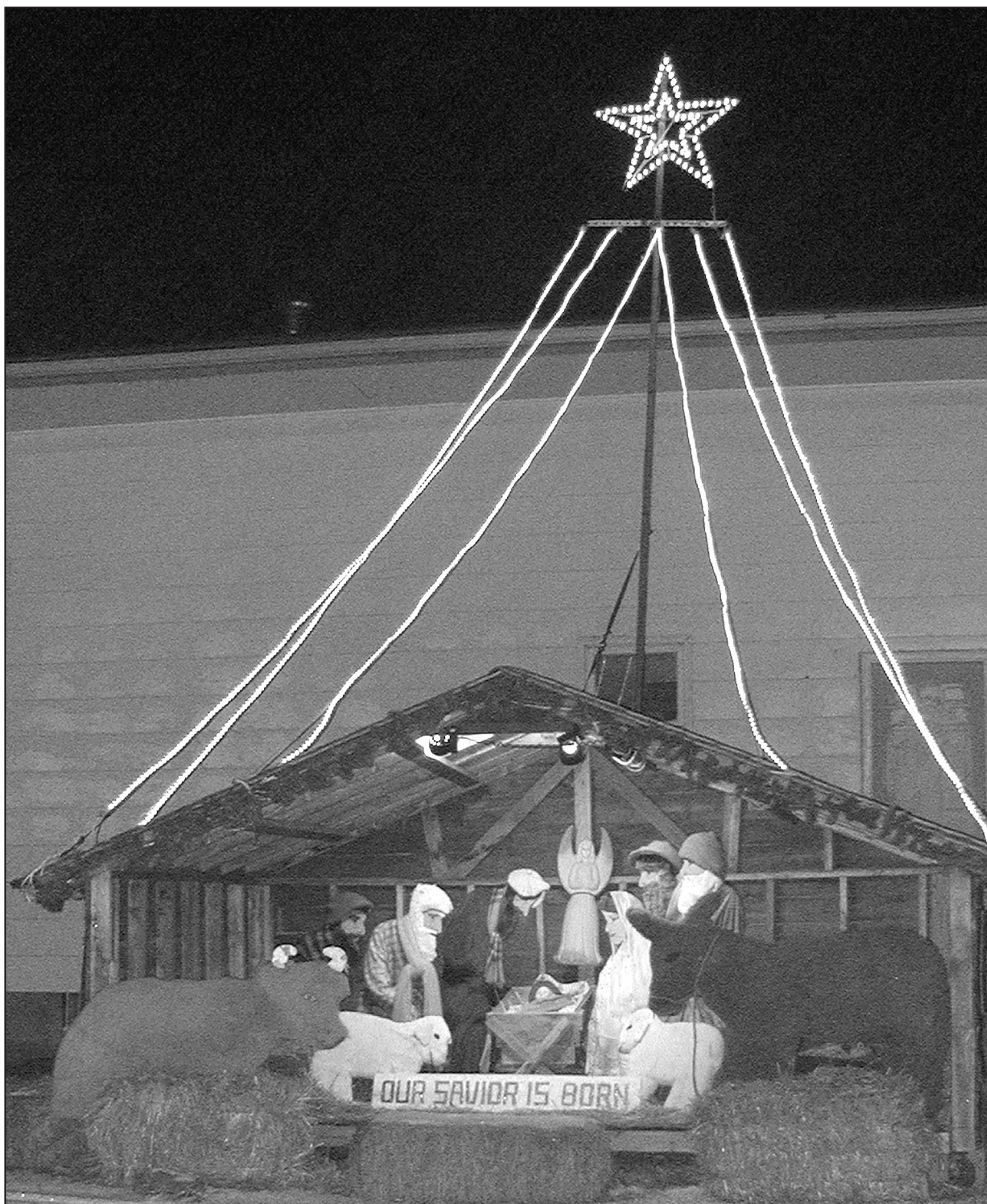


YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE FAR from downtown Oberlin to see lots of Christmas decorations. A train (above) with Santa in the engine chugged down Hall Street just off Cass Avenue. A little farther down Hall, a star showed the way to the Oberlin Assembly of God's nativity scene (below).



CANDY CANES LINED two sides of the house at 102 S. Cass (above), which also had lights on bushes, trees, the roofline and fences. Across the street at 109 S. Cass, three trees (below) stood sentinel in the side yard while a small tree in a wagon (right) decorated the porch.



Lights decorate yards and houses

Big or tiny, white or colored, Christmas lights started showing up around Oberlin right after Thanksgiving.

At some homes, that meant a strand hanging over the door, one along the gutter and maybe another in a bush or tree out front. At others, it meant an artificial tree strategically placed in front of a window inside the house with twinkling little lights.

Driving around Oberlin, you can see nativity scenes of all kinds, reindeer in white lights, blow-up snowmen, Santas and even a carousel.

There's at least one or two yards that have lights covering anything and everything that would stand still long enough to hold them.

The Christmas lights and decorations aren't only in town, but also outside the city limits on farm homes and rural retreats. Many people keep them up well into the new year, so heat up a mug of hot chocolate, warm up the car and head out to see what your neighbors have been up to.



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