

Cashion's Corner

Is There A Santa Claus?

"Dear Editor — I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no SANTA CLAUS.

"Papa says if you see it in THE SUN it's so.

"Please tell me the truth, is there a SANTA CLAUS?

"Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West Ninety-fifth St."

VIRGINIA, you little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a SANTA CLAUS. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no SANTA CLAUS! It would be as dreary as if there were not Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in SANTA CLAUS! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch SANTA CLAUS, but even if they did not see SANTA CLAUS coming down, what

WHO'S WHO

I don't know whether that's a statement or a question. What I do know is that it's a tough job.

Under the expert leadership of Bob Thompson, the committee went to work with the difficult task of selecting who's whom. This hard job was made much easier because of the nobility of purpose, feeling of fairness, and caution in not overlooking details.

After organizational meetings, discussion, suggestions, nominations, discussion and more discussion the selections were made, and approved by the committee.

The selections are "top-secret" until such a time as they become official. Nobody knows except the members of the committee, and they won't tell. I have mixed emotions about this, as I was on the committee and in view of the responsibility of the newspaper to "report the news" I thought about just blurting it all out in this issue, but obligation to the confidentiality of the committee won out and I won't tell either.

A personal tip of the type-writer to the members of the committee for a job well done. In my opinion they exhibited a tremendous amount of fairness, wisdom, and justice in their selections. Special thanks are in order to Bob Thompson, Cheryl Poston, Jean Tugman, Ford Rash, Pete Mann, and Tina Howard for deciding who's who.

John Cashion

would that prove? Nobody sees SANTA CLAUS, but that is no sign that there is no SANTA CLAUS. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No SANTA CLAUS! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

'Manly Art Of Knitting'

Dear Editor:

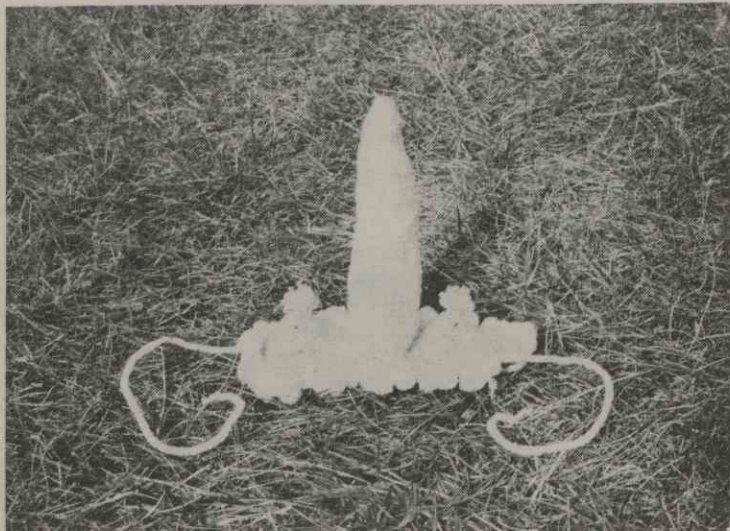
As a matter of interest to the readers, I have composed a short instructional story on, "The Manly Art of Knitting." Enclosed is a picture of my latest project.

I took up knitting when I lived in the big city as a means of assurance of getting a seat on the bus. As soon as I got on the bus, I took out my knitting and everyone just sort of inched away. Among the things I have knitted are a hammock, trash can liners, a smoking jacket for my mother, book ends, and a parakeet cage.

It's really easy and very relaxing. To get the feel of the needles and yarn, you should start by knitting for someone uncritical. Your dog won't mind a small blanket with an irregular shape and unusual stitches. Many people stop knitting before they start, disappointed by their first project's lack of perfection.

When I first started knitting, I got very disgusted with everyone's cute remarks about men knitting; but when people saw how really good I was at it, they stopped ribbing me. As you can plainly see, my adjustment has not come unadjusted at all.

Yours, in the manly art of knitting.



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You Think About It

To My Family, My Physician, My Clergyman, and My Lawyer:

If the time comes when I can no longer take part in decisions for my own future, let this statement stand as the testament of my wishes.

If there is no reasonable expectation of my recovery from physical or mental disability, I request that I be allowed to die and not be kept alive by artificial means or heroic measures. Death is as much a reality as birth, growth, maturity, and old age — it is the one certainty. I do not fear death as much as I fear the indignity of deterioration, dependence, and hopeless pain. I ask that the medication be mercifully administered to me for terminal suffering, even if it hastens the moment of death.

This request is made after careful consideration. Although this document is not legally binding, you who care for me will, I hope, feel morally bound to follow its mandate. I recognize that it places a heavy burden of responsibility upon you, and it is with the intention of sharing that responsibility and of mitigating any feelings of guilt that this statement is made.

Signed _____

Date _____

Witnessed By: _____

Christmas With Family, Friends

The Secretariat of the College is sponsoring the annual get-together of the Wilkes Community College family on the evening of December 19, 7:30. All full-time personnel and their families are cordially invited to be a part of the Christmas festivities.

There will be a bright, shiny Christmas tree, group singing, story telling, Christmas goodies to eat and, of course, ole St. Nick himself. This annual Christmas party affords the faculty and staff and their families the opportunity to come together once a year to renew old friendships and greet the new members of the faculty and staff and their families.

A merry evening is promised for the children and the older folk as well. Be sure to come. St. Nick will be expecting you.

Current Business Problems Class Features Speakers

Public awareness of the current problems facing business and industry in Wilkes County and the United States is being made possible. A new course entitled **Current Business Problems** is being offered at Wilkes Community College. During this quarter a number of prominent guest speakers from the major businesses in Wilkes County will discuss various economic problems facing their firms.

The purpose of this course is to provide students enrolled in business and commercial curriculums the opportunity to learn from prominent persons in the community about business problems.

The class meets each Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Thompson Hall, Room 136.

The guest speakers and their topics follow:

- Dec. 16 Gerald Lankford — Holly Farms
Topic: "Problems in the Food Processing Industry"
- Jan. 6 Austin Adams — Northwestern Bank
Topic: "Problems in the Banking Industry"
- Jan. 13 Tom Ogburn — Wilkes Chamber of Commerce
Topic: "Problems in Wilkes County"
- Jan. 20 Wayne Church — North Wilkesboro Savings & Loan
Topic: "Financial Problems in the Savings and Loan Industry"
- Jan. 27 George Wiebel — Carolina Mirror
Topic: "Problems in the Manufacturing Industry"
- Feb. 3 Bob Gresham — Lowe's Companies
Topic: "Problems in the Retailing Industry"
- Feb. 10 Dick Johnston — American Drew
Topic: "Problems in the Furniture Industry"
- Feb. 17 Jim Sane — Northwestern Financial Corp., Trust Div.
Topic: "Problems in the Securities Market"

The public is invited to attend.

Students, Staff Build Floats

Thanks to many hard working people who unselfishly gave their break to the hard labor of building floats, WCC was splendidly represented in the Wilkes Christmas Parade.

The float that was entered by the Circle K Club in the parade reminded spectators of simpler Christmas times. Having the theme, "Country Carols," the float portrayed a living room complete with fireplace, rocking chair, and Christmas tree. Member of Circle K who devoted their quarter break to the task of constructing the float were Jim Mullis, Randy Melton, Robin Barber, Vickie Bullis, Dwight Lowe, and Aletha Baker.

The Hotel Restaurant students with the help of Mr. Robert Johnston constructed a beautiful float. The diligent workers were Don Champion, Jim Everhart, Milton Demoklicies, Sue Ann Wilson, Donald Mischer, and Robert Johnson.

The theme of the Math Club float was "Count Your Bless-

ings." Preparing this float were Debby Eller, Shirley Faw, Harold Johns, Mrs. Jo Hendrix, Frank Perez, and Neal Tomlinson.

Vets Get Raise

John McCann

It took a 2/3 vote of both the House and Senate, but a 22.7% increase was passed into law early this month. Along with the increase in monthly benefits comes a 9-month extension of eligibility as long as the time is used for undergraduate study. Listed below is the present allotment of benefits as released by the Veterans Administration. All questions should be directed to Jerry Steelman, WCC Veterans Representative.

The GI benefits listed are in the following order: type of enrollment, no dependents, one dependent, two dependents, addition per each dependent more than two.

Full time \$270, \$321, \$366, \$22.

Three-quarter time, \$203, \$240, \$275, \$17.

Half-time, \$135, \$160, \$182, \$11.

Cooperative, \$217, \$255, \$289, \$17.

A Song For Her (She Knows)

She's got to be the loneliest girl in the crowd.
How can she look so sad when the music is playing so loud?
Maybe she's wating on someone that will make her feel proud.
So lovely looking, so calm, and she's so well endowed.
She's got to be the loneliest girl in the crowd.
She's mixing her tears with the songs.
Somebody hurt her; it seems so wrong.
She looks like an angel who just came out of the cloud.
She's got to be the loneliest girl in the crowd.

The Decameron Begins Journey

Aletha Baker

A new idea has been born at our college. A group of interested students and Mr. Pete Mann are in the process of starting a literary magazine to be known as THE DECAMERON. Although still in the formative stages, this idea has created much excitement.

There is evidence that there are many talented students at WCC who write creatively. Students will be able to submit their poems, essays, and short stories to the magazine. The editorial board, formed of four students and the advisor, will critique submitted material and decide which will be used. All material will be returned.

Students may submit material to any of the members of the editorial board or to Mr. Mann. The board is composed of Kathy Walters, Cathy McGrady, Joseph Hilton, and Aletha Baker.