

A Yuletide Escapade

Helen Gaisford

TOOTS reigned supreme in the Martin household. Except at Christmas time. Then Toots was ordered from his favorite corners, and expressed his displeasure by a switch of his tail.

Toots was a big black Persian, with long silky fur and wide yellow eyes. It was pleasant under the kitchen stove, where delicious odors of suet and fowl mingled in the warm air. "Get out of here, ye beast," shouted Cook, who was not quite herself during the holidays. "Sure I can't step but what you're underfoot."

Toots arched his back and withdrew to the parlor. "Never lose your temper," was his attitude. "Never sputter and scratch; express your displeasure in dignity and disdain."

Beside the fireplace were a stool and pillow which were peculiarly his own. Onto these Toots leaped, and curled up for a snooze. "Oh, no, Toots, darling!" said Betty. "The tree's going there!" And Toots was picked up under one arm, and his stool shoved off to a cold corner. "You must look Christmasy, too," Betty cried gayly, and tied a bow. Toots squirmed indignantly.

"See, Mother? Why, Toots, don't fear it off! That's our Christmas outfit!" The badge of merriment dangled just beyond his reach. Disgusted, Toots crawled under the sofa.

Now was his chance. Did he dare attack? The tree, gaudy with bells and tinsel, seemed to mock him.

Cautiously, Toots jumped up on the sofa, sniffed at an extended bough. A slight breeze stirred, and a golden bird in the branches quivered. Toots crouched and sprang.

The tree went down with a swish, and was ablaze in a moment. Toots was surprised and terrified. He clawed at the door, and howled to heaven.

His noise brought the family, and the blaze was soon put out, but not before considerable damage had been done. The tree was a heap of smoldering blackened limbs, and the wall above was badly burned.

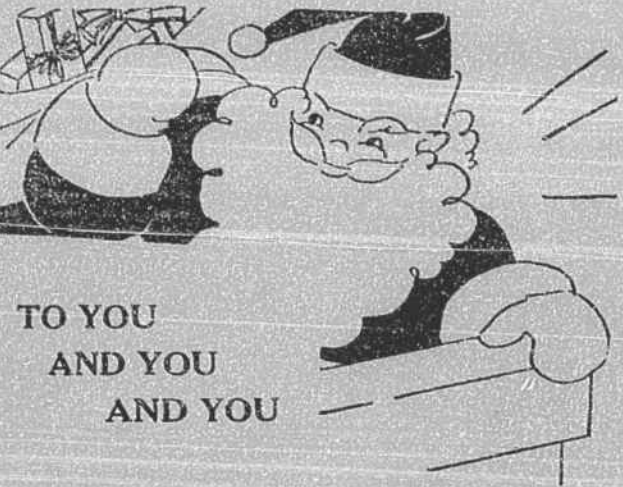
"Look," said Beth. "It peels right off." And then she cried out, for a



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secret crypt had been uncovered, and the hoarded coins of some old tenant were brought to light.

Such excitement as the treasure chest was emptied! Toots sniffed it all inquisitively.

"Toots, darling," cried Betty, "you're a hero!" and squeezed him ingenuously. "Just think, if we hadn't heard him crying, we might have been burned out of house and home! And Toots, you shall have a Christmas present."

The parlor was locked up, and Toots' stool and cushion moved to the kitchen underneath the table. Cook was having the turkey. A plate of goodies was offered him, but Toots only sniffed. He was tired. He found his place under the table and clawed the pillow into shape. He twisted and scratched. He licked his fur into place. He settled down.

At peace with the world, Toots lay on his very own pillow and slept. From under one paw dangled a piece of red ribbon.

Western Newspaper Union.

Twelve Duplin farmers recently made a co-operative purchase of 225 fruit and nut trees.

NOTICE
North Carolina, Watauga County—In The Superior Court.
McCoy Bingham, on behalf of himself, and all other heirs of Silas McBride or Brazilia McBride, who claim an interest in the land hereinafter described, and desire to become petitioners. Vs. Elizabeth Cannon, and all other persons claiming an interest in the lands herein described, as heirs-at-law of Silas McBride, deceased, or Brazilia McBride, deceased.
The defendant in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 18th day of December, 1935, a summons in the said action was issued against defendant by A. E. South, Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga County, North Carolina, plaintiff asking for the sale for partition of certain lands in Cove Creek Township, belonging to the estate of Jackson McBride, said lands adjoining the lands of James Mast, Mrs. R. F. Bingham, the Holden Davis lands, and others, and containing about 33 acres, more or less, which summons is returnable to the Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga County, on the 28th day of January, 1936.
This the 18th day of December, 1935.
A. E. SOUTH,
12-19-4tc. Clerk Superior Court

NOTICE
To the creditors and debtors, Watauga Hardware Co., Inc., Boone, N. C.

You are hereby notified that we have bought the stock of merchandise, fixtures and accounts from the creditors of the above named company. You are further notified to present any claims you may have against the above company to the undersigned within 30 days. Settlement will be made on a pro rata basis with all creditors.

Those who owe the above mentioned company are requested to come forward at once and make settlement.
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NOTICE!
On the first Monday in January, 1936, at 2 o'clock p. m., at Watauga County Courthouse in Boone, the Watauga County Board of Education will sell to the highest bidder, the following public school property:
Ivy Ridge Schoolhouse;
Ivy Ridge School Lot;
Phillips Branch Schoolhouse.
W. H. WALKER,
12-5-4t. County Superintendent.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
WHEREAS on the 21st day of May, 1934, Smith Hagaman and wife, Stella Hagaman, executed and delivered unto W. O. McGibony, Trustee for the Land Bank Commissioner, a certain deed of trust which is recorded

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in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County, North Carolina, in Book 24, at Page 77, and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided, and the trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the order of sale therein contained:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust the undersigned Trustee will on the 13 day of January, 1936, at the Courthouse door of Watauga County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder upon the terms hereinafter set forth, the following real estate:

All that certain tract of Land containing One Hundred Forty-Seven and One-Fourth (147 1/4) acres, more or less, known as the "Hayes Place," in Cove Creek Township, Watauga County, North Carolina, located on the waters of Cove Creek and on the Silverstone-Cove Creek road, about 10 miles Northwest from the Town of Boone, in the possession of Smith Hagaman, bounded on the North by lands of John Mast, on the East by lands of E. J. Smith, R. P. Robinson and the Wilkerson heirs and the lands of M. M. McGuire, on the South by the lands of Holden Davis, and M. M. McGuire place, on the West, by the lands of A. J. McBride. Said tract of land being more particularly described according to a plat prepared by L. W. Trivett, Surveyor, on the 23rd day of June, 1927, as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a stake on the public road in M. M. McGuire's line and runs along said road North 77 degrees West 28 poles to a stake; thence continuing with said road South 85 degrees West 11 1/2 poles to a stake; thence leaving said road South 3 degrees West 48 poles to a hickory; thence South 5 degrees West 7 poles to a stake; thence South 40 degrees East 12 1/2 poles to a stake; thence South 59 degrees East 4 poles to a stake; thence South 53 degrees West 16 poles to a stake; thence North 13 degrees West 6 poles to a stake; thence North 57 degrees West 28 poles to a stake; thence North 28 degrees West 23 poles to a stake; thence North 52 degrees West 32 poles to a sycamore; thence North

113 poles to a stake; thence West 4 poles to a stake; thence North 4 degrees East 60 poles to a stake; thence South 72 degrees East 26 poles; thence North 75 degrees East 14 poles; thence North 44 degrees East 13 poles; thence North 76 degrees East 28 poles; thence North 63 degrees East 7 poles to a stake; thence South 69 degrees East 12 poles to a stake; thence South 63 degrees East 10 poles to a stake; thence South 37 degrees East 8 poles to a stake; thence North 88 degrees East 15 1/2 poles to a stake; thence South 38 degrees East 13 poles to a dogwood; thence South 33 1/2 degrees West 16 poles to a black gum; thence South 20 degrees West 18 poles to a stake; thence South 79 1/2 degrees West 10 poles to a stake; thence South 36 degrees West 33 poles to a locust; thence South 32 degrees West 43 poles to a locust; thence South 84 1/2 degrees East 21 poles to a hickory; thence North 36 degrees East 16 1/2 poles to a locust; thence North 60 degrees East 10 1/2 poles to a stake; thence North 63 1/2 degrees East 23 poles to a stake; thence South 2 poles to a stake; thence South 42 degrees East 22 1/2 poles to a bunch of dogwoods; thence South 45 degrees West 31 poles to a poplar; thence South 14 1/2 degrees West 26 poles to a chestnut; thence South 33 degrees East 34 poles to a cherry tree; thence North 70 1/2 degrees West 17 1/2 poles to an apple tree; thence South 70 degrees West 31 poles to a point on said public road, the beginning. Copy of said plat now being on file with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

The terms of sale are as follows:—Cash.
The property will be sold subject to a first deed of trust executed by Smith Hagaman and Stella Hagaman to W. O. McGibony, Trustee for The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, dated May 21st, 1934.
No bid will be accepted unless its maker shall deposit with the Trustee's attorney and agent at the close of the bidding the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars as a forfeit and guaranty of his compliance with his bid, the same to be credited on his bid when accepted.
Notice is now given that said lands will be resold immediately at the

same place and upon the same terms terms on the same day unless said deposit is made.
Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker upon the expiration of the period allowed by law for filing of advance or upset bid.
This 13th day of December, 1935.
W. O. MCGIBONY,
Trustee.
Trivette & Holshouser,
Agent and Attorney for
Trustee.
12-19-4c.

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