

**TO WISH YOU**

a very merry Christmas, and thank you for your kindness and loyalty is the purpose of this, our sincere holiday greeting.

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Aberdeen, N. C.



MAY Christmas Day be an especially merry and bright one, bringing you full measure of joy, peace and contentment.

**Jellison Press**

Southern Pines, N. C.



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**Suggestions To Caroles**

No public observance of the Christmas season is quite so charming as the old custom of caroling—a group of singers going from house to house, out of doors, to bring the beloved music of the season to persons within. The custom is doubly welcome when carolers go to homes where occupants are unable to be out or take part in church services or other holiday observances. Following are suggestions made to singers by the editor of a widely distributed collection of Christmas carols:

Carolers may be seen or unseen, in appropriate costume or in street clothes. The spirit of caroling, not the costume, is of the utmost importance. It is true that carolers in foreign countries, who were poor, accepted gifts gratefully from the master and mistress of the manor house. However, we in America go caroling unselfishly to bring cheer to those in hospitals or those who cannot enter into the Christmas festivities because of some handicap. A spirit of giving then is the only object a caroler should have as he goes a-caroling. Therefore, it is best for the singers to go from place to place quietly, letting the music announce their presence.

Instruments can be used effectively to accompany the carols if the weather permits. Violins and flutes are a good choice. The players should have the music memorized as should the carolers. A carol concert is never so successful as when it is memorized.

Flashlights used to light up the singers' faces give a beautiful effect. They are covered with several thicknesses of tissue paper, caught by a rubber band, held below the singer's face, this soft lighting effect is an added touch to the adventure.

Carolers are inclined to sing too loudly, since they are aware of the unaccustomed distance between them and their audience. It can be explained that this is unnecessary as the clear air at the Christmas season carries the sound sufficiently.

If no instrument is used, a pitch pipe is helpful to the leader without perfect pitch. If the carolers stand in a semicircle, all voices blend better. Silence before and after each carol is the only appropriate procedure for the carolers. Slipping away quietly after the last carol is sung and leaving the music in the ears of the listeners is to a carol concert what an "Amen" is to an anthem.

**Some Christmas Customs Of Colonists In 'New World' Survive In Use Today**

Christmas in the 17th and 18th centuries, was a season to be celebrated in whatever manner the colonists desired. The Southern colonists enjoyed a season of both religious reverence and social festivity. The season began before the 25th of December and lasted to January 6th. This period is known as "Old Christmas" lasting from Advent to Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, on January 5.

During the holiday, the southern colonists emphasized eating, drinking, family gathering, and merrymaking generally, much the same "Christmas spirit" as exists today. Food and drink reflected the national customs of the settlers from England, Holland, and Germany. **From England**

The English colonists contributed many of the customs which are traditional in the present celebration. They often used a holiday salutation for greeting friends, neighbors, and even strangers. It is possible that this greeting is the origin of today's "Merry Christmas" salutation. The traditional Yule Log was burned, and small whole pigs were roasted in the colonists' fireplaces. Tables were laden with mince pies, plum pudding, and the customary "wassail" (warm ale) which later became the name for any Christmas beverage.

Caroling was popular with the colonists and both religious and folk songs were sung by groups going from house-to-house. The English colonists also decorated

their houses with holly, ivy and mistletoe. Contrary to the familiar image of the austere colonists, is their originator of "kissing beneath the mistletoe." However, use of greenery decorations retained its early symbolism of long life, etc. **Gifts Not Emphasized**

Gifts were not emphasized by the colonists, but the wealthy were expected to be generous to the poor during the holiday season. The children sometimes received small gifts.

The English colonists and Pennsylvania Germans shed the quaint custom of "Barrinthe Master," which consisted of schoolboys, demanding day off from studies to celebrate the holidays. The German settlers also brought the Christmas tree to the New World celebration.

The Moravians were the first to decorate the trees with baying candles, in their Christmas "Love Feasts," in which they celebrated after church services with coffee and sweet buns. Miniature Christmas "gardens" and yard decorations were also a custom of the Pennsylvania Germans and later incorporated into the festivities of all the colonists. **Most Precious**

The Colonial Christmas provided many traditions which are still in use during the holiday season. Of these, the right to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, remains the most precious of the freedoms granted to the people of the New World.

**Legal Notice**

NORTH CAROLINA MOORE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by JAMES GALLAGHER and wife, EUNICE E. GALLAGHER, to R. F. Hoke Pollock, Trustee, dated January 13, 1959, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Moore County, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 173, Page 209, the Trustee will at 12:00 o'clock noon, on Monday, January 13, 1964, at the Court-house door in Carthage, Moore County, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real property together with the improvements situate thereon in Pinebluff, Sandhill Township, Moore County, North Carolina, and more particularly described and designated as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the southeast corner of Block C and Two, at the intersection of New England Avenue and Pear Street, in the Town of Pinebluff, Moore County, North Carolina; thence westward as the north line of said New England Avenue 195 feet to a stake, a MacFarland-Packard corner; thence northward, at right angles, 270 feet to a stake, a MacFarland-Packard corner; thence, at a right angle, eastward 35 feet to a stake, a MacFarland-Packard corner; thence, at right angles 39 feet to a stake; a MacFarland - Packard corner; thence, at a right angle, a new line, 160 feet to a stake in the west line of Pear Street, a Packard MacFarland corner; thence southward as the west line of Pear Street 309 feet to the point of beginning, comprising Lots Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and portions of Lots 10 and 16, in said Block C and Two: Also there is hereby released and quitclaimed to the said grantee all such right, title and interest as the said grantor has or ought to have in and to the east alley in said Block and a portion of the inner Court 86 feet by 11 feet adjoining Lots 10 and 11 in the rear, and including portions of sections 3, 4 and 5 of said inner court. —As shown on map of Pinebluff filed in office of Register of Deeds of Moore County.

The above described property will be sold subject to the 1964 ad valorem taxes for Moore County and Town of Pinebluff. This sale is made on account of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust.

A deposit with the Clerk of the Superior Court of 10 per cent of the bid will be required of the successful bidder.

This the 11th day of December, 1963.

R. F. HOKE POLLOCK Trustee.

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**Hallum Furniture Co.**

Southern Pines, N. C.



**A Joyous Christmas**

May the Holy Family guide your path to a spiritually inspiring Christmas. And may all the days to come reflect the peace and joy of this blessed Holiday.

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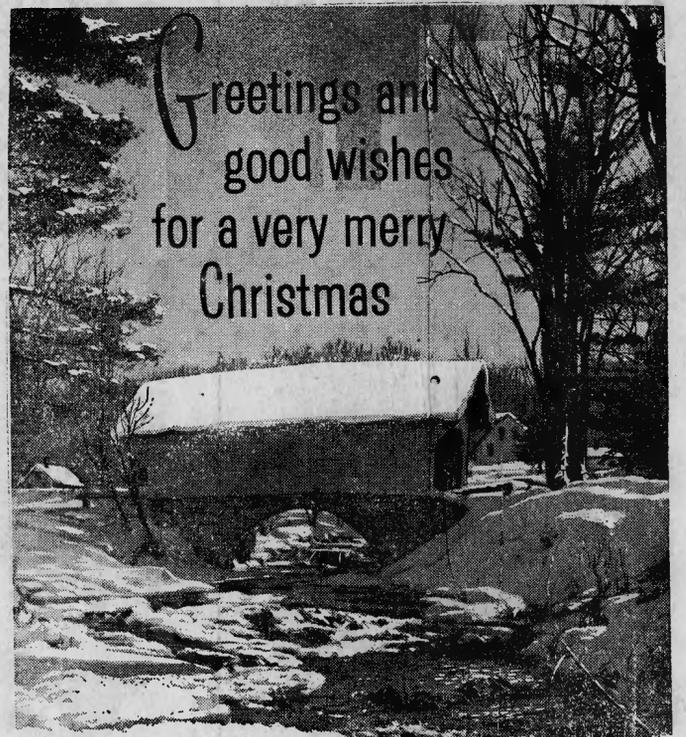


Merry Christmas to You

It is a real pleasure to say "thank you" and wish you the happiest of holidays.

**Southern Pines Recapping Co.**

Southern Pines, N. C.



Greetings and good wishes for a very merry Christmas

In life's journey, one of the great rewards is the good will of our friends. We thank you heartily and wish you a most Merry Christmas.

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