

Employment Office Offers New Service

Landlords and farmers of this section are turning more and more to the State Employment Service for farm help of all kinds. The Farm Placement Program in the Williamston office has recently enlarged its scope of activity and service.

Curtis B. Gilliam, who has had extensive experience working with farmers in the potato and strawberry growing areas of North Carolina, is the farm placement worker in the Williamston office and has been visiting many farmers recently. If a landlord needs tenants, sharecroppers or farm hands, he may secure them either from the Williamston office or other offices in East Carolina who have such people registered and available for transfer from the best farming sections. Special workers for harvest and planting time needs or for farm improvement work at any season can usually be secured on reasonably short notice.

Landlords and farmers generally are urged to send unemployed farm workers to the employment office to make application. They may do this at the Williamston office any day in the week or at Washington, Plymouth, Columbia, Belhaven and Swan Quarter on certain days when the representative is at these places to take registrations.

Registrants Slack In Listing Changes

While there is possibly no intent to violate the draft law, quite a few registrants in this county are changing their addresses without notifying the draft board. R. H. Goodman, chairman, said today. Numbers of questionnaires have been forwarded to original addresses where they are unnoticed. Excuses have been accepted in a number of cases, but the board is now resorting to a strict ruling that the files may be gotten up to date.

Andrew Lloyd, Williamston colored man, has been cited to the United States District Attorney, and it is understood the case has been turned over to the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. The case charging King Lemuel Council, Hassell, with delinquency, has been cleared up, it was learned from the draft board secretary, Marion Cobb.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
Having qualified as administratrix of the Estate of Joe Henry Lilley, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at her home, R.F.D., Williamston, N. C., on or before the 19th day of November, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
ANNIE GRAY LILLEY,
Administratrix of Joe Henry Lilley
Hugh G. Horton, Atty. d6-5t

There Is A Santa Claus

In its day the New York Sun was one of the foremost newspapers in this country. One of the editorial writers for the Sun was Frank P. Church. In 1897, a little girl named Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the Sun asking about Santa Claus and Mr. Church was assigned the duty of answering the letter. That answer has become a newspaper classic which was reprinted by The Sun every year as long as it remained in existence, and hundreds of other newspapers throughout the country have also adopted the custom of reprinting it every Christmas to keep alive the spirit of Santa Claus.

The complete article, including the letter written by the little girl follows:

"We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor: I am eight 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.'

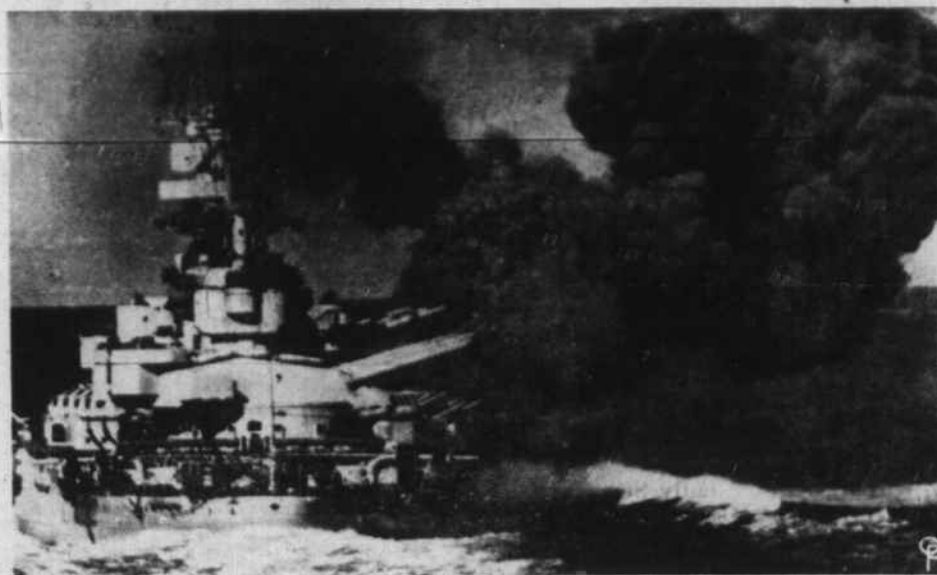
"Please tell me the truth: Is there a Santa Claus?

"Virginia O'Hanlon."
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to 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 of 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 no 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 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

Italian Ships Roar—and Run



Somewhere in the Mediterranean, south of Sardinia, an Italian battleship fires her broadside of heavy guns during a recent battle with the British near the island. The Italian vessels roared—like this—and ran, seeking safety in port. Each side has put out conflicting claims of damage.

Appeal To Santa Claus



Santa Claus will pick gifts of cotton this year if these Cotton Belt tots have their way about it. Holding between them the National Cotton Council's official 1940 Cotton Christmas emblem, these youngsters ask mothers and dads everywhere to make sure that the Christmas tree bears plenty of cotton gifts, including at least two big cotton dolls.

The Topic: Shipping



Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles addresses the First Inter-American Maritime Conference, in Washington, attended by delegates from the 21 American republics. First of its kind, the conference was occasioned by abnormal conditions affecting shipping and trade which have followed in the wake of the war. Seated, is Dr. William Manger, Counselor of the Pan American Union.

are unseen and unseeable in the world.
"You may 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, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Jasper Smith and wife, Mamie Smith, Dallas James and wife, Gilman James to the undersigned Trustee, and dated the 1st day of April, 1936, and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book P-3, at page 77 and at the request of the holder of the note of indebtedness thereby secured, default having been made in the payment thereof, will, on the 31st day of December, 1940, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County offer for sale at public auction for cash the property described in said deed of trust as follows, to-wit:

A certain tract of land in Jamesville Township, Martin County known as the Jerry Smith Home Place. Being our undivided interest in said lands adjoining S. R. Coburn on the North, on the East by the Daily Road, on the South by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and on the West by R. G. Coburn, containing twenty-one acres, more or less.
This the 30th day of Nov., 1940.
W. H. COBURN,
Trustee.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late W. C. Andrews, deceased, of Oak City, Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 17th day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This the 17th day of Dec., 1940.
MRS. CHARITY ANDREWS,
Administratrix of W. C. Andrews, deceased.

NOTICE OF SALE
North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court.
County of Martin vs. Tom Perry and

Others.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale and judgment made by L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, on the 16th day of December, 1940, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 17th day of January, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

A. Beginning at a Sweet Gum, Nathan Mizell's corner in Daucey's line, running thence along said Mizell's line to Samuel Whitley's line, thence along Whitley's line to the run of Smithwick Creek, thence down the various courses of said creek to Eason's corner, thence along and with Eason's line to Roanoke River, thence down said river to Tatting Gut, thence along said gut to Hawtree Landing, Daucey's line, thence along said Daucey's line to the beginning, containing 340 acres, more or less.

The above property was conveyed to L. H. Perry from Emma V. Stallings by deed recorded in Book 000 page 418 and by deed from J. H. Mizell et ux to L. H. Perry recorded in Book SSS, page 78. Better description may be had by reference to Book NN, page 288 and 9.

B. Second Tract: It being the tract of land commonly known as Charity Reddick land and which descended to G. L. Whitley and S. W. Ewell from their mother, Marina Whitley, it is bounded on the North by Leggett land or Sweden Water Creek, on the East by Stallings and Rugesbee land, and on the West by the old Noah Reddick land, and on the South by Monett and El Robinson land, containing 267 acres, more or less.

The above property was conveyed to L. H. Perry by N. F. Harris et ux by deed recorded in Book L-1 at page 159.
C. Third Tract: Beginning at a small ash on the edge of Roanoke River, thence up the river to the mouth of Sweden Water Creek, thence up the run of said creek to Jas. B. Rugesbee's corner, thence a straight line to the beginning, containing 25 acres, more or less.
This the 16th day of Dec., 1940.
ELBERT S. PEELE,
Commissioner.

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