

NOTICE OF SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction at 12 noon on January 15, 1955 at its place of business the following described vehicle for storage lien of \$79.00. One 1939 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. P8-37092 registered in the name of Mamie C. Howell, Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C.; North Carolina 1954 license No. N-33411. The above vehicle was stored by the Cleveland County Police Department. This the 15th day of December, 1954. Victory Chevrolet Co. 12:16-22

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The undersigned will sell at public auction at 12 noon on January 15, 1955 at its place of business the following described vehicle for storage lien of \$37.50. One 1939 Ford, Motor No. H 18-4513387 registered in the name of Manus Duncan, General Delivery, Kings Mountain, N. C., no license plate on car. The above vehicle was stored by the Cleveland County Police Department. This the 15th day of December, 1954. Victory Chevrolet Co. 12:16-22

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of the First National Bank will be held in the lobby of the First National Bank, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, on Tuesday, January 11, 1955, at 4 p. m. This the seventh day of December, 1954. R. S. LENNON Vice-President & Cashier 12:9-30

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator for the estate of R. L. Lackey, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are required to file same with the undersigned on or before the 9th day of December, 1955 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 4th day of December, 1954. Charles F. Lackey, Administrator for R. L. Lackey Estate. Davis and White, Attorneys 12:9-13

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix for the estate of Edward Thomas Plott, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will please file same with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of November, 1955 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery of same. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 25th day of November, 1954. Myrtis W. Plott, Executrix for the estate of Edward Thomas Plott. Davis and White, Attorneys 11:25-12:30

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a lien given by C. B. Hullender, trading as Kings Mountain Speedway on the 24th day of August, 1954, to the undersigned, to secure the payment of same, I will sell for cash on the premises of the Kings Mountain Speedway on SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1955, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., at public auction, the following personal property: All of the Bleachers. All of the Fences. One Ticket Booth. Drink Stand. One Road Scrape. One Ford Pick-up Truck. One Two-ton Ford Truck. One Water Wagon. One Racer Automobile. One Hole Digger. All Tools. All other articles of personal property belonging to C. B. Hullender now at the Kings Mountain Speedway. This the 14th day of December, 1954. MARION JACKSON 12:16-30

FORTUNE TELLER ORIENT 2 3 4 5 6 7

YOU can have fun figuring out your message from the Orient by use of this pleasant little letter puzzle. If the number of letters in your first name is 5 or less, subtract from 7. If more than 5 letters in your first name, subtract from 11. Now take this result and find your key letter in the word ORIENT at the top of this puzzle. Then starting at the upper left corner, check each one of your large key letters as it appears from left to right. Below the key letters is a code message for you.

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Christmas Eve Is Most Dangerous On Highways, Safety Group Says

CHICAGO — Watch how you drive — if you want to be alive in '55! That's the advice of the National Safety Council, which points out that it's only three days until December 24th — the most dangerous day of the year in traffic. "Christmas is a very special day of joy," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council, "but because of accidents — and especially traffic accidents — it becomes a day of tragedy in entirely too many American homes. The greatest tragedy of all is that so many of these accidents could be prevented. "It's time for Americans to realize that these traffic accident victims die in vain. They die because the victim, or some one, was careless. "If everyone would assume personal responsibility for himself and others, whether walking or driving, many of these accidents could be prevented and Christmas could be a happy holiday for many more people." As the holidays grow nearer, the Council is stepping up its annual Christmas safety campaign, Mr. Dearborn said. Cooperating with the Council in this effort to hold yuletide accidents to a minimum are 163 other national organizations, city and state officials, civic leaders and local safety councils. Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season present special Christmas hazards, the Council said. These, plus the normal winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness often add up to tragedy. To compare for the extra hazards, the Council suggests: 1. Start automobile trips early and take it easy. Be extremely cautious in bad weather and darkness. 2. Don't compete in traffic. Let the other driver have the right-of-way and you take the right way. 3. Don't pass without a sure margin of safety. And don't change lanes unless you are sure no one is coming up behind you. 4. Stay alert. Don't let distractions take your mind off the road even for an instant. 5. Don't drink if you have been drinking — and refuse to ride with drinking drivers. If you don't drink, watch out for the fellow who does. Remember that tipsy pedestrians and drinking drivers are most common during the Christmas-New Year holidays.

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled and as his fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.



KING SIZE... Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass., who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.

North Carolina purebred hogs sold for \$77,874 at 28 sales in 1954.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix for the Last Will and Testament of J. C. Lackey, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will please file same with the undersigned on or before the 16th day of December, 1955 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Mrs. Mary Ellen Lackey, Executrix for the estate of J. C. Lackey. Davis and White, Attorneys 12:16-1:20

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a symbol of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine. It is now a universal symbol of love and peace. It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm. Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility. The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England. In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, exchanging Christmas roses to their secret love. As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

VA Gives Tips For Vets Gifts

What to give that husband or son or brother who is in a hospital on Christmas? If that is bothering you and if your man is in a Veterans Administration hospital, then you may be interested in listening to suggestions furnished by George C. Warlick of the Gastonia VA office. First, don't take or send food items, cakes, etc. unless you positively know the patient will be able to eat them. The hospital menu on Christmas will include every delicacy a person can wish. There is no need to take books, magazines, etc. as all such material is available in the hospital library. First, and foremost, plan to visit your man in the hospital on Christmas if at all possible. Nothing can possibly substitute for that personal contact. Also a visit will stimulate the wish to recover as soon as possible so as to get back home with loved ones again. However, if a visit in person is not possible the next best thing is a good, long cheerful letter. Leave out any reference to anything that might tend to depress him. Include in the letter all snap shots made recently, pictures of home, family, friends, etc. are always in demand. Give such personal items as fountain pen, mechanical pencil, stationery, razor and blades, shaving cream, etc. They will remind him of the giver every time he uses them. If he smokes, a carton of cigarettes or cigars, smoking tobacco, mechanical lighters, etc., will be most acceptable. One gift, easiest of all, and often the most acceptable, is a coupon book available in range from 50c to \$5.00 and redeemable in merchandise of any kind in the hospital canteen. This way the patient can select the things he would rather have and as he wants them. Thus, even a child can give his father or brother a coupon book for 50c and the patient can buy the things he wants in the canteen — even going to the canteen to buy small items affords some pleasure and if a veteran is confined to the bed he may make small purchases from carts that are rolled through the wards for convenience of bed patients. Mr. Warlick emphasized that nothing is left undone in VA hospitals on Christmas Day to create happiness. But you can't begin to give anything that will be a substitute for your own self in person on Christmas Day.

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees. The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter. Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century. When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

Hamrick Serving At Japan Base

CAMP HAKATA, JAPAN — Cpl. Jake Hamrick, Jr., 22, whose parents and wife, Ernestine, live on Route 1, Grover, recently spent a week's leave at Camp Hakata from his unit in Korea. Referred to as Japan's "Riviera", Hakata is located on the southernmost island of Kyushu. Corporal Hamrick, a member of the 615th Quartermaster Company, entered the Army in April 1953 and arrived overseas the following September.

MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child. Specialists say that 250 to 330 pounds of beef can be produced on an acre of good pasture.



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Whitley Fabric Co. 23 S. Lafayette St., Shelby 113 W. Pa. Ave., Bessemer City

Dixon PYF Group To Give Yule Play

The Youth Fellowship of Dixon Presbyterian church, will present a one-act comedy, "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" at the church Thursday night at 7:30. In addition to the play, the program will include traditional treats and gifts. A special program on the Joy of Christmas was given Sunday at the church. The play, "And All These Things", was presented by Joyce Ann Childers, Brenda Jack-

son, and J. G. Darracott. The public is invited to attend the program. Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor, said.

Domestic demand for farm products is expected to be about the same in 1955 as in 1954. To Relieve Misery of COLDS take 666 LIQUID OR TABLETS—SAME FAST RELIEF

FREE ESTIMATES INSULATION WEATHER STRIPING METAL AWNINGS ALUMINUM SCREENS DON CRAWFORD Phone 607-J Representative of: Norman Harris & Son Shelby, N. C.

Advertisement for Belk's department store. Features a cartoon illustration of children playing and a large text area that reads: 'PEACE ON EARTH AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOUR HOUSE - FROM OURS'. Below the text is the address for Whitley Fabric Co.

Advertisement for First National Bank. Large text reads: 'JOIN TODAY! Our 1955 Christmas Savings Club'. Below this is a smaller illustration of a Christmas tree and text: 'Some are joining for the first time... others are re-joining after receiving their welcome 1954 checks. Joining is simple. Just visit the bank and make your first payment.' At the bottom, it says 'FIRST NATIONAL BANK Member FDIC'.

Advertisement for Lockridge Transfer Co. Text reads: 'Local & Long Distance Truck Service Agents For B. & S. Motor Lines, Inc. of Nashville, Tenn. LOCKRIDGE TRANSFER CO. Phone 338 Kings Mtn.'

Advertisement for Allen's Flower Shop. Features a large illustration of a Christmas tree and a woman carrying gifts. Text reads: 'MERRY Christmas The Yuletide Season brings with it so many happy things... glad hearted greetings, good fellowship, family reunions and a deep feeling of contentment. May all of these joys be yours this Christmas. Allen's Flower Shop 624 E. King Street — Phone 361 WE WIRE FLOWERS ANYWHERE'