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### WHO SANTY CLAUS WUZ

Jes' a little bit o' feller—I remember still,—  
Ust to almost cry fer Christmas, like a youngster will  
Fourth o' July's nothin' to it!—New year's ain't a smell  
Easter-Sunday—Circus-day—Jes' all dead in the shell!  
Lordy, though! a night, you know, to set around and hear  
The old folks work the story off about the sledge and deer,  
And "Santy" skootin' 'round the roof, all wrapped in fur and fuzz—  
Long afore

I knowed who  
"Santy Claus wuz."  
Size the fireplace up, and figger how "Old Santy" could  
Manage to come down the chimbley, like they said he would:  
Wish that I could hide and see him—wondering what he'd say—  
Ef he ketch'd a fellow layin' fer him thataway!  
But I bet on him and liked him, same as ef he had  
Turned to pat me on the back and say, "Look here, my lad,  
Here's my pack,—Jes' he's yourse'f, like all good boys does!"  
Long afore

I knowed who  
"Santy Claus wuz."  
Wish the yarn wuz true about him, as it 'peared to be—  
Truth made out o' lies like that 'un's good enough for me!  
Wish I still wuz so confidin' I could jess go wild  
Over hangin' up my stockin's, like the little child  
Climbin' in my lap to-night, and beggin' me to tell  
'Bout them raindeers, and "Old Santy" that she loves so well  
I'm half sorry for this little-girl-sweetheart of his—  
Long afore

She knows who  
"Santy Claus" is!  
—By James Whitcomb Riley.

### MUSICAL CONCERT BY SCHOOL GLEE CLUBS

The Old Fort Public School Glee Clubs, directed by Miss Katherine McCall, will give a musical concert on Thursday night, December 18th, at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. The program has been planned to appeal to all listeners and will be varied with groups of sacred, patriotic, humorous and favorite songs as well as a number of standard classic selections. There will be solos and duets as well as group numbers and the program will close with the singing of Christmas carols.

The senior glee club is composed of high school students and the junior glee club is made up of grammar school pupils. About sixty voices will be heard at this musical.

Miss Katherine McCall, instructor of music, will offer several piano selections.

The public is cordially invited to attend what promises to be a worth while musical presentation.

### NEEDLECRAFT CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. W. W. LEFEVRE

Mrs. W. W. LeFevre was hostess on Wednesday to members of the Needlecraft Club. Christmas decorations lent an air of festivity to the living room and at the conclusion of an enjoyable afternoon a delightful salad and sweet course was served.

Those enjoying Mrs. LeFevre's hospitality were Mesdames H. C. Marley, J. E. Ingle, S. B. Smitley, Will Rowe, J. S. Bradley, D. A. Silvers, W. G. Ledbetter, H. C. Fisher and J. L. Nichols, and Miss Maude Crawford.

The Needlecraft Club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. H. C. Fisher.

### BUY AT HOME

The windows of the various stores in Old Fort are looking gay with their Christmas decorations and display of attractive gifts, which inspire us with the hope that the Christmas buyers will display their loyalty to the town during this period of depression, by "shopping at home."

The local fire company was called out Thursday morning to extinguish a small fire at the Presbyterian manse, the blaze having started from a flue in the rear of the building near the roof.

### U. D. C. HONORS CONFEDERATE VETERANS WITH DINNER

The following invitations were received by Confederate Veterans living in and near Old Fort and to widows of Confederate soldiers living in Old Fort:

"The Old Fort Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy cordially invites you to attend a dinner given in honor of Confederate soldiers on Monday evening, December 15th, at 6 o'clock in the Sandlin building in Old Fort."

Lovely boughs of spruce and hemlock lined the walls of the dining hall and formed a beautiful background for the Confederate and American flags used in decoration for the occasion.

The long dining table was set in the center of the room and places were set for twenty-five, a unique idea in place cards being carried out in galax leaves secured to the cloth by tiny Confederate flags. A large frosted cake decorated with two Confederate flags formed the centerpiece of the table which was draped in the national colors. A delicious hot dinner was served by the members of the U. D. C. to their honored guests. The Confederate veterans present were Messrs. Tom Young Lytle, Billy Gilliam, C. C. Bradley and S. M. Collis. Those invited but unable to attend were: Mrs. Mary Allison, Mrs. Mattie Sandlin, Mrs. Martha Finch, Mr. L. A. Beach and Mr. Burgin Halford.

Mrs. M. M. Burgin, an honorary member of the U. D. C., was a guest for the evening. The daughters of the local chapter acting as hostesses on this occasion were: Mrs. C. W. Graybeal, president; Mrs. George Sandlin, district director; Mrs. G. M. Turner, Mrs. Sallie Sabom, Miss Gertrude Dula, Mrs. Don Grant, Mrs. Sallie Burgin, Mrs. P. H. Mashburn, Mrs. S. F. Mauney, Mrs. Geo. Hyams, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. Ben Allison, Mrs. Don Gosorn and Mrs. Hattie Stepp.

### VICTORS AND SPOILS

The mayor of a certain Eastern city is reported by the newspapers as having made his brother a chauffeur in the city's highway department, though the brother has not even an operator's license and runs no car for the highway department. "What does he do in the highway department?" "Little or nothing," was the mayor's frank reply. His explanation was that his predecessor in the mayor's office had fired his brother, and "now he's going to have a soft job for two years to make up the time he was out."

The reporter inquired about other similar appointments and received similar amazingly frank replies, the mayor adding, "I'm taking care of my own."

I hope this printed interview is a fake, but it appeared in New England's leading daily. Whether reliable or not as to this particular mayor, there is no doubt that it is a fairly accurate picture of the government of the average American city. —Christian Endeavor World.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

Relatives gave Mrs. Hub Early a birthday dinner last Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Early and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Early and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stevens and children of Marion, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hemphill and children of Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Silver and small son, Miss Geneva Early of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Early. Mrs. Early, who has been ill several months, is much improved.

### AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16, at the church, a large number of members being present. After the business meeting the time was spent in making bandages and other articles for the "White Cross."

Miss Grace Gilreath and Bradford Hendron visited relatives in Asheville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Hicks of Asheville visited Mr. and Mrs. Fisher last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fisher had as their guest Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reed and small daughter, Hazel Mae, of Biltmore.

Mrs. W. G. Reed and daughters Helen and Genevieve spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fisher.

H. C. Fisher and daughter, Mary Jean, spent last Friday in Charlotte.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. W. W. LeFevre and her house guest, Mrs. G. F. Franklin, of Hickory, spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ledbetter spent Tuesday in Forest City visiting friends.

Miss Carolyn McIntosh, student at Duke University, will arrive Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. McIntosh.

Mrs. Georgia Grant is the guest of Miss Audrey Gosorn this week.

Miss Aleda Gilleland, nurse at the Aston Park Hospital in Asheville, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gilleland.

Mrs. Maggie White Rabbitts, of Cincinnati, who has been visiting her cousins, Mrs. Winslow Burgin and Mrs. G. M. Turner, was called home Friday on account of the illness of her sister.

Robert Wilkinson suffered a recent attack of tonsillitis and has been confined home for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Black entertained with two tables of bridge on Thursday evening at their home on Catawba avenue.

Miss Lenore Keatley will leave this week for Havre de Grace, Maryland, where she will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lila B. Keatley.

Mrs. J. E. Ingle has as her guest this week her father, Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Charles have sold their residence on Commerce street and store on Main street to G. F. Gore of Logan, W. Va. They will occupy the N. G. Walker house for a while.

J. M. Charles had G. F. and W. M. Gore and W. F. Parker of Logan, W. Va., and R. P. Robinson of Forest City, as dinner guests last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lytle of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Data Lyda of Hendersonville visited her aunt, Mrs. Mont Grant, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Haynes spent Monday in Asheville.

Miss LeRoy Bates of Morganton spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Fuller.

Mrs. Clarence Silver and Mrs. J. R. Early were shoppers in Asheville Tuesday.

Mr. W. White returned to his home here Tuesday after spending a week with relatives in Hendersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis of Marion were in Old Fort Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. Whitmire and daughter, Olive, of Biltmore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Epply.

Mrs. Mont Stepp is seriously ill at her home in Old Fort.

Mrs. Stoke White and daughter Elizabeth spent Wednesday afternoon in Marion.

Mrs. Mont Grant visited her sister at Dana, N. C., Sunday.

R. H. Laughridge of Marion visited relatives in Old Fort Wednesday.

Mrs. P. C. Hoppes and daughter, Ruth, are visiting relatives in Marion this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Calloway were in Asheville Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Early were shoppers in Asheville Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Irene Thomas of Marion was in Old Fort Friday afternoon.

Mr. Gordon Kanipe, who has been working in Milwaukee, Wis., returned to his home here Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Sandlin and two daughters were in Asheville Saturday.

Misses Una Plott, Margaret Maness, Millie and Bula Kanipe and Gladys Warren were in Asheville on Saturday.

Mrs. Parker is seriously ill at her home near Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lonon and Mrs. Setzer were shoppers in Asheville on Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Davis of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ed Norton and four children spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morgan were in Asheville Saturday.

Miss Laura Curtis of East Flat Rock spent the week-end in Old Fort with relatives.

Mrs. J. M. Mashburn is spending two weeks with Mrs. Jim Ray in Marion.

Miss Gertrude Dula has received notice of her re-appointment by Mrs. Glenn Long, president of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, as a member of the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund Committee.

### The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is supposed by great numbers of people to have originated in Germany, but the Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period much earlier than the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.

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### NOTICE

United States District Court—Western District of North Carolina  
In the Matter of W. M. White, Bankrupt.

### IN BANKRUPTCY

The creditors of the above-named W. M. White will take notice that he has been adjudged bankrupt, and that the second meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of Avery & Patton, Attorneys, at Morganton, N. C., in said district, on the 20th day of December, A. D., 1930, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their (1) claims, examine the bankrupt, appoint a trustee,

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and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. (2) When and where the creditors of said bankrupt are required to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of his petition for a discharge should not be granted. This the 20th day of November, A. D., 1930.  
No. (1) above refers to First Meeting only.  
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