

### 'Good Tidings to All People'

Christmas literally means "Mass of Christ" and is celebrated to honor the Nativity of Jesus. Nevertheless, many Christmas customs have originated in the folklore and traditions of pre-Christian peoples.

The season of the winter solstice—experts have figured that Christ was born during that time of year—has been celebrated as a time of rejoicing since, and even prior to, the recordance of history.

Peoples of northern Europe celebrated the Festival of Hwael, or the sun wheel, when the sun—having been at its lowest point in the heavens—swung its course toward the earth once more. Great fires were kindled in defiance of the Frost King; fires to consume the enemies of the old year, whose ashes imparted fertility to the soil, and brands, kept from year to year, were considered charms against the spirits of evil.

The Roman festival of Saturnalia honored the deity of Saturnus, patron of the agricultural arts. Saturnalia was a season—from December 17 through 25, and merged with the Calends of January—and was characterized by revelry, gift-giving, decorations within the home, entertainments, etc.

The followers of Mithras celebrated the Feast of Sol Invictus, the Druids solemnized the cutting of the Mistletoe, the Orthodox Jews commemorate the Festival of Lights, and the Egyptians dedicated their mid-winter festival to Isis and her symbol the palm tree.

As ancient peoples were converted to Christianity, ancient customs assumed place among traditions honoring the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed to mankind one of the foremost philosophies of human conduct.

### Make Your Own Yuletide Wreaths

It's Fun for All and Offers Chances for Clever Designs.

COLORFUL homemade decorations that lend gaiety to the Christmas tree and help out any lack of store trimmings can be made from such commonplace things as egg shells, peanuts, pine cones, squashes and colored paper.

Eggshell trinkets offer a variety of decorative possibilities. The shells can be salvaged from family baking days by running a darning needle through the shell at both ends and blowing out the contents. If necessary the holes can be enlarged so that a bright-colored string with a knot in the end can be run through the egg, so that it may be strung

gaily on the tree.

Before stringing on the tree, shells may be colored all the hues of the rainbow, as at Easter time. Or designs in pencil on the shell may be made in the form of scrolls, leaves or figures. The designs may be filled in with colors, outlined with black crayons. Christmas seals pasted on white eggshells will be bright and shiny. Colored confetti dots can likewise be used on the eggs.

Peanut dolls to hang on the tree can be made by stringing suitable sizes together and tying the cord tightly to keep them in shape. They can be painted gold or silver or any other color that will liven the tree and give the little folks a part in the decorative scheme.

A half-dozen star Santas swinging from the tree will add interest. Make some five-pointed stars from heavy paper. Paste a Santa head onto the top point and design white mittens on the next two, draw a belt and it's done. Run a string through Santa's hat and tie to a branch.

Small green squashes painted with shellac or varnish so they will retain their freshness can be either tied to the tree or arranged around the base.

Pine cones tied with ribbons and perhaps a bell and painted white or silver for make-believe frost are perfect for suspending from the tree.



### TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS SHOW BIG INCREASE

A total of 3,101 persons were found guilty in November of moving violations on the roads and streets of North Carolina, the highway safety division reports.

The figure compared with 1,820 in November, 1944, and brought this year's total to 27,184.

### PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

State of North Carolina, Department of State, To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Watauga Livestock Company, a corporation of this state, whose principal office is situated in the town of Boone, county of Watauga, state of North Carolina (Lester Carroll being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 55, General Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now therefore I, Thad Eure, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 1st day of December, 1945, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have here-to set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1945.

THAD EURE, Secretary of State.

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Andrew Johnson, who became president after the assassination of Lincoln, was the only former president to return to public life as a member of the U. S. senate.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness shown us in the death and burial of our father, and also the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home for their kindness.—THE DISHMAN CHILDREN.

## To The Farmers of Watauga and Adjoining Counties

We appreciate your patronage in supplying us with dogwood timber in the past.

The demand for shuttle blocks for the textile industry is bigger now than ever.

Continue to bring us your wood. Highest cash price delivered to our mill.

We also want Persimmon and Apple Tree Wood 6 inches in diameter.

**MATHESON & PANGLE**  
Boone, North Carolina

1st American Briar Block Factory, Boone, N. C.	<b>D. &amp; P. Pipe Works</b>	1st Southern Pipe Factory, Sparta, N. C.
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**BUY BONDS!**

Hire all those that want work to dig and trim your burls. Send them in or call Boone 194 for our trucks to do your hauling.

Mr. R. A. Olsen will come to estimate your boundaries and arrange for getting them in.

Beat the shipments of imported briar now coming in. You cannot compete with 25c per day labor and 25c per hundred freight rate.

**BUY BONDS!**

D. & P. Pipe Works have never stopped buying good burls

IT COSTS MONEY TO CARE FOR OUR HEROES

IT COSTS MONEY TO BRING OUR BOYS HOME

## Everything for the Christmas Feast.

Visit our store during the pre-Christmas period for the best food values. We have a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, and many items which you will want on your Christmas menu, including fruits of all kinds, fruit cake, candies and nuts, and plenty of good fresh meat in our market department.

### Full Line of Stock Feed

We are handling a complete line of feeds, including Dairy Feed, Hog Feed, Chicken Feed, and solicit your patronage in this department.

LESPEDEZA HAL . . . unusually fine quality, the best in town.

Per ton . . . . . \$47.00

# Triplett's Grocery

East King Street Boone, N. C.

## So you don't believe in SANTA CLAUS!

WELL, we do! It's just that modern Santas don't go in for whiskers and fancy dress.

Take the American farmer, for instance! He's done things with his up-to-date tractor and farm machinery that Santa Claus could never have done with his reindeer! Or, take modern industrial workers, bringing more and more things into the reach of everybody. . . Out-Santa-ing Santa! And there MUST be a Santa Claus behind our modern stores. When you step into a glistening, sanitary food store, and find government-inspected products from all over the world, waiting to be transferred to your own pantry shelf, how can you help but blink and wonder?

Did somebody say he doesn't believe in Santa Claus?

---Well, we do!

FULL LINE OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, NUTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE HOLIDAY FEASTING

# Dixie Home Store

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