

Town of Bethlehem Has Changed Little Since First Christmas

Again Christmas recalls the Palestine settlement of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, and the most famous small town in the world.

"We all know of Bethlehem as a small town in Judea and sing about it in our carols," writes John D. Whiting in a communication to the Washington D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"To those who know it well—its narrow, winding streets and lanes cobblestone paved; its age-old homes with walls of rough-cut stones grown mellow with years of sunshine; its vineyards, olive yards, and terraced gardens; and, most of all, its people and their Biblical customs—it still speaks vividly of the Nativity story."

"The town, crowning a hill and dominating open valleys to the east and south, lies just far enough away from the busy road that links Jerusalem and Hebron to be undisturbed by congested traffic.

"As we pass through the confined thoroughfares, now under a vaulted archway, now up by a steep flight of street steps, we may hear the hum and screech of tools carving pearl shell into ornaments or cutting thick sections of the same materials into beads. The result may be a brooch, pendant or necklace to bring joy to a lady upon the return of the pilgrim purchaser to some distant land. It may be an intricately carved and inlaid crucifix to land, perhaps, on the wall of some lonely chapel; or it may be a snow-white rosary mounted with pure silver, destined to find its way into a convent.

"These handicrafts, which, according to local standards, have brought at least a decent living sometimes have been the avenues to modest wealth. Best of all, the industries have cultivated a sense of independence and self-respect in the natives.

"The places of work are by no means sweatshops, although hours are long and hard; nor do they savor of the factory. The shop consists of a room or two in the home or adjoining it. Sometimes only the members of a family work together; at other times a few outsiders are employed.

"The Church of the Nativity, in the eastern part of town, is one of the oldest existing churches in Christendom, if not the oldest, one of the few used in common by the three sects of Christianity.

Built in A. D. 330 by the Emperor Constantine and added to by Justinian, it became in the fifth century the home of St. Jerome, who here translated the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Since that time it has gone through many vicissitudes and restorations.

"To know Christmas in Bethlehem one should pass it not in the old churches, historically interesting though they be, but under the star-studded dome of the great out-of-doors, with the shepherds watching

over the flocks in the fields by night.

"When the village pastures have been expended, the shepherds withdraw into the wilderness. With no caves or cots for nightly protection, they club together and from eve until morning keep vigilant watch. I have spent many nights with these simple people, out in the open desert.

"After the evening meal, the chief sets the watches, for it is already dark in this land of short twilights. Taking for a guide a bright star, he measures with outstretched arm its course through the sky. Each span is to be one watch, in which two will keep guard together.

"Now the first guards, with rod and staff, move about the outside edge of the flock. From time to time the yelp of a wild jackal or the laugh of a striped hyena causes the sheep to stir as if to stampede; but reassuring calls from the watcher quickly restore quiet.

"The shepherds not on guard lie down to rest, spacing their places of repose in a rough circle around the fold.

"The first three or four watches bring the midnight to deepen the star-studded indigo. Silhouetted against the sky is the faint rim of the mountains that shut out the world and more than 1,900 years of time; it is as if the world were translated into the past. St. Luke's account of the first Christmas repeats itself: 'and there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.'

"When the pink of dawn heralds the birth of a new day, the shepherds are astir, talking one to another. As they start up the inclines, it seems almost that they are saying, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass.'"

MATCH INVENTED WHICH WILL GIVE FIRE 2,000 TIMES

What do you think of a single match that can be struck 2,000 times? It lights every time you strike it. This is the super-match, which is about the size of a wooden skewer. There is a smaller one no bigger than an ordinary match which will give 600 lights before it is used up.

The new match is the invention of a chemist who was inspired an incident that would not have meant much to anyone without imagination, says World-Wide News Service. He was in conference with the head of an important firm who offered him a cigarette, taking one himself at the same time. The chemist struck a match to light both. But the head of the match flew off, hit the business man on the cheek and burnt him rather badly. That deal did not come off.

"No more of this, said the chemist, Dr. Ferdinand Ringer. 'I'll invent a safety match that really is safe.' He got to work and produced a match which lights instantly when touched by another chemical and goes out just as quickly when touched by another substance. It is easy and cheap to make and perfectly safe to use.

It will mean an immense saving in the world's timber supplies, for every year thousands upon thousands of tons of wood are wasted in the partly burnt match-sticks we throw away. One of the world's greatest match firms has offered five million dollars for the invention.

Man, 101, Marries Spinster, Aged 68

Melbourne Australia—Robert Stevens 101, an inmate of a benevolent home, was carried into a ward on a cot to marry a spinster, aged 68.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of G. A. Goodman, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent to file an itemized, verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement. This Dec. 11, 1931.

C. CLINTON GOODMAN and MARY J. GOODMAN Adms. of G. A. Goodman. Dec. 18-Jn. 22.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM LANDS PURSUANT to the authority conferred by judgment of the Superior Court of Rowan County obtained at the October Term 1931 of Rowan Superior Court in the cause entitled "M. L. Grubb vs. S. P. Snider and wife," recorded in Minute Docket No. 28, page No. 12-13, and docketed in Judgment Docket No. 24, page No. 105, in the Clerk's office, the undersigned Commissioners will expose for sale at public auction for cash, at the courthouse door in Salisbury, N. C., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1932, AT THE HOUR OF 12 M.

The following described real estate: Lying in Scotch Irish township, Rowan County, adjoining the lands of James Foster, B. J. Lyster, Walter Fleming, James Ramsey et al, bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in the public road, James Foster's corner; thence with said road North 73 1/2 deg. East 850 feet to a stake in said road; thence North 49 deg. East 856 feet to a stake in said road; thence North 1 1/2 deg. West 255 feet to a stake in said road on R. J. Lyster's line; thence South 88 deg. East 175 feet to a stone; thence South 2 deg. West 470 feet to a stone, Walter Fleming's corner; thence South 86 deg. East 462 feet to a stone, Fleming's corner on Lyster's line; thence South 2 deg. West 517 feet to a hickory stump; thence South 86 deg. East 800 feet to a stone; Lyster's corner on Mrs. L. B. Kelly's line; thence South 1 1/2 deg. West 1150 feet to a stone, Foster's corner; thence South 4 deg. West 264 feet

to a stone; thence North 78 deg. West 363 feet to a stone; thence North 100 deg. West 100 feet to a stone; thence North 88 deg. West 418 feet to the beginning, containing 73 1/2 acres, more or less. Also see Mortgage Trust Deed recorded in Book of Mortgages No. 104, page No. 137 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County. This December 19, 1931.

JOHN L. RENDLEMAN, SR., HAYDEN CLEMENT, Commissioners. Dec. 25-Jn. 22.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE PURSUANT to the terms of a certain Deed of Trust, executed by Emma H. Meroney and husband, P. H. Meroney, to the Davis & Wiley Bank, Jas. M. McCorkle, Trustee, on November 3, 1926, which is duly recorded in Book of Mortgages No. 99, page No. 39, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, and whereas, Davis & Wiley Bank has been succeeded by the North Carolina Bank Trust Company, and whereas, there has been default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage deed of trust, and whereas, at the request of the Trustee, the undersigned Trustee, the North Carolina Bank and Trust Company, successor of Davis & Wiley Bank, and Jas. M. McCorkle, Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction for cash, at the courthouse door in Salisbury, N. C., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1932, AT THE HOUR OF 12 M.

The following described real estate: One house and lot, beginning at a stake, John R. Crawford's corner on the Southeast side of Main Street and the East Square of the town of Salisbury, N. C., and runs thence S. E. with Crawford's, now John Robinson's line, 196 feet to his corner, on Henderson's line; thence S. W. with Henderson's line 65 feet to T. M. Kern's corner on Henderson's line; thence N. W. with Kern's line 125 feet to a stake, his corner on the S. E. side of Main St.; thence N. E. with Main St. 65 feet to the beginning, being a part of lots 113 and 121 according to the original plat of said town and being a part of the same lands conveyed by said Henderson and wife to said T. M. Kern by deed dated Sept. 1, 1922. For back title to the above lots, reference is hereby made to deeds registered in Book No. 107, page No. 402, and Book No. 125, page No. 280, in the Register's office of Rowan County; also a Book of Deeds No. 123, at page No. 71.

NORTH CAROLINA BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Successor of Davis & Wiley Bank, and Jas. M. McCorkle, Trustee. Dec. 11-Jn. 1.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE contained in a certain deed of trust made by C. L. Emerson and wife, Effie F. Emerson, to Carolina Mortgage Company, Trustee, dated the 15th day of June, 1929, and recorded in Book 109, Page 46, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the debt thereby secured, and the holder thereof having directed that the deed of trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction for cash, at the courthouse door in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY THE 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 1932, and will accept the highest bidder for cash a certain lot or parcel of land in or near the City of Salisbury, Township of Salisbury, County of Rowan, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the north east side of Heilig Avenue, 65 feet South 51 degrees 50 min. East 100 feet to the intersection of Crosby Street and Heilig Ave., Yost and Emerson's corner; thence with Yost's line, North 31 deg. 45 min. East 263 feet to a stake on the edge of alley; thence with said alley South 59 deg. 15 min. East 75 feet to a stake on the edge of said alley, W. A. Basinger's corner; thence with said alley, South 59 deg. 15 min. East 24 feet; thence North 86 deg. 5 min. East 34 feet; thence North 31 deg. 45 min. West 163 feet to a stake; W. A. Basinger's corner on the margin of Heilig Avenue, North 31 deg. 45 min. West 51 deg. 50 min. West 60 feet to the beginning. Being the same property conveyed by deed to the undersigned Trustee, Edna B. Lefler, and C. N. Lefler all unmarried, dated August 1, 1923, filed for registration on August 4th, 1923, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, North Carolina, and recorded in Book 175, Page 281. This the 11th day of December, 1931.

CAROLINA MORTGAGE COMPANY, Trustee. E. W. G. Huffman, Attorney. Dec. 11-Jn. 1.

North Carolina In the Superior Court Rowan County David L. Basinger, Plaintiff,

vs. Maudie Marie Basinger, Defendant. NOTICE OF SUMMONS

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court by the plaintiff for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the defendant from the bonds of matrimony on the grounds of adultery; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court of Rowan County, North Carolina, on the 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1932, or within thirty (30) days thereafter, and answer or demur to the complaint filed therein, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition. B. D. McCUBBINS, Clerk Superior Court. This December 6th, 1931. Dec. 11-Jn. 1.

CHAS. L. COGGIN, Atty. Dec. 11-Jn. 1.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE contained in that certain deed of trust made by L. W. Hess and wife, Nancy C. Hess, to Carolina Mortgage Company, Trustee, dated the 15th day of June, 1929, and recorded in Book 109 at Page 112 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured and the holder thereof having directed that the deed of trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the court house door at Salisbury, North Carolina, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON ON THURSDAY, THE 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 1932,

and will sell to the highest bidder for cash, a certain lot or parcel of land in or near the City of Salisbury, Township of Salisbury, County of Rowan, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the Southeast side of North Lee Street 80 feet North-east of the intersection of North Lee and 16th Streets, corner to lot No. 1; thence with the margin of North Lee Street, North 66 degrees 45 minutes East 60 feet to a stake, corner to lot No. 3 on the margin of North Lee Street; thence with line of lot No. 3, South 23 degrees 15 minutes East 194 feet to a stake, corner to lot No. 3, on the margin of a 12 foot alley; thence with margin of said alley, South 66 degrees 45 minutes West 50 feet to a stake, corner to lot No. 1, on the margin of said alley; thence with line of lot No. 1, North 23 degrees 15 minutes West 194 feet to the beginning, and being lot No. 2 Block J. of Henderson Addition to the City of Salisbury, lying North of the Vance Cotton Mills, and being better known as 1706 North Lee Street, Salisbury, N. C. W. Hess and wife, Nancy C. Hess, by deed from P. E. Smith and wife, Roxanna Smith, dated the 12th day of July, 1923, and filed for registration on the 14th day of July, 1923, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Rowan, State of North Carolina, recorded in Book 203, Page 45. This the 3rd day of December, 1931.

CAROLINA MORTGAGE COMPANY, Trustee. E. W. G. Huffman, Attorney. Dec. 11-Jn. 1.

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY Pursuant to the provisions contained in a certain deed of trust, dated April 22nd, 1931, executed by W. L. McCrary and wife, Cora A. McCrary, to Ross M. Sigmon, Trustee, which mortgage is duly registered in book of mortgages No. 108, page 297, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, N. C., default having been made in the payment of the amount secured by the said mortgage as therein provided, and by authority and power of sale conferred by said mortgage and by law provided, and at the request of the holder of said note, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, or bidders, for cash, at the Court House door in Salisbury,

N. C., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1932, AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON, the following described real property, to-wit: Lots Numbers Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Number "One", as shown upon the map of the property of P. C. Wood on the State Highway, which map is filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, N. C., Book of Maps, page No. 140, to which registered map reference is hereby made for full description and metes and bounds of said lot. For back title, see deed from R. A. Wood to P. C. Wood, Book of Deeds Number 176, page 130.

From the above described property there is excepted five feet of lot Number 6, Block Number One, previously conveyed by W. L. McCrary and wife to C. Barber and wife, Book of Deeds Number 150, page 84. This November 30th, 1931.

ROSS M. SIGMON, Trustee. HUDSON & HUBBARD, Attys. Dec. 4-Dec. 20.

North Carolina In the Superior Court Rowan County Emma Ward (widow) Lillie Lyster (widow), Maggie Cauble and husband, J. C. Cauble, A. Louis Earnhardt (single) vs. W. L. McCrary and Trust Company, Guardian of Mary Jane Earnhardt, vs. H. Joseph Earnhardt and wife, Victoria E. Earnhardt, Dora Goodman and husband, J. C. Goodman.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION The defendants, H. Joseph Earnhardt and wife, Victoria E. Earnhardt, will take notice that a Special Proceeding, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Rowan County, said State, for the purpose of selling certain real estate, division, in which action, the said H. Joseph Earnhardt and wife, Victoria E. Earnhardt, are necessary and proper parties, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said County in the Court House in Salisbury, N. C., on DECEMBER 28, 1931, or within ten days thereafter, and answer or demur to the petition in said action, or the petitioners will apply to said court for the relief demanded in said petition. This November 27, 1931.

B. D. McCUBBINS, Clerk of Superior Court. Rendleman & Rendleman, Attorneys. Dec. 4-Dec. 25.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of Charles F. Brown, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate or against the Brown Company, to file an itemized verified statement of same with the undersigned on or before the 1st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1932, for any and all debts due or owing to Charles F. Brown, individually, or against the Brown Company, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt settlement. This, 30th day of November, 1931.

R. M. BROWN and L. S. BROWN, Administrators of estate of Charles F. Brown, Dec'd. Dec. 4-Jn. 8.

State of North Carolina Department of State CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION To All to Whom These Presents May Come: Greeting: Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by fully authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof, and the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Dorsett Land Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the City of Spencer, County of Rowan, State of North Carolina (J. D. Dorsett, Jr., being the agent thereof, and duly thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution: Now Therefore, I, J. A. Hartness, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 27th day of October, 1931, 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 hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 27th day of October, A. D. 1931.

J. H. HARTNESS, Secretary of State. Dec. 4-25.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE PURSUANT to the terms of a certain mortgage trust deed executed by John Jeffries and wife, Mamie Jeffries, to the undersigned Trustee, dated February 24, 1930, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County in Book of Mortgages No. 115, page No. 127, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the note thereby secured, the undersigned Trustee will expose for sale at public auction, for cash, at the Courthouse door in Salisbury, N. C., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1932.

The following described real estate: Lying in the town of East Spencer, N. C., near the Southern Railroad and Transferring Shed on Cedar Street beginning

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SANTA CLAUS WAS NOT ORIGINALLY A PART OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - THE NAME 'SANTA CLAUS' IS DERIVED FROM SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP OF MYRA, WHO WAS KNOWN AS THE PATRON OF THE CHILDREN - SAINT NICHOLAS DAY WAS CELEBRATED ON DECEMBER SIXTH AS A CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL WITH DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS - A PERSON REPRESENTING SAINT NICHOLAS, RIDING A GRAY HORSE WOULD GO FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE LEAVING PRESENTS FOR THE GOOD CHILDREN THE BAD CHILDREN WERE GIVEN A ROD TO BE USED BY THE PARENTS - SAINT NICHOLAS DAY WAS LATER MERGED WITH CHRISTMAS TO MAKE THAT EVENT A POPULAR FESTIVAL - WHEN THE DUTCH BROUGHT SANTA CLAUS TO AMERICA HIS HORSE WAS REPLACED BY REINDEER



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at a stake, J. M. Ide's corner; thence South 70 feet to a stake on the edge of Cedar Street; thence West 95 feet to a stake; thence North 70 feet to a stake on Ide's line; thence with Ide's line to the beginning, being a part of the Richard Holmes property, East Spencer, N. C. For back title, see Book of Deeds No. 149, page No. 77, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County. The above property will be sold subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, if any. This December 1, 1931.

JOHN L. RENDLEMAN, JR., Trustee. Rendleman & Rendleman, Attys. Dec. 4-25.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE PURSUANT to the terms of a certain mortgage deed of trust, executed by Lawrence Witherspoon and wife, Lucille Witherspoon, to the undersigned Trustee, dated February 28, 1929, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County in Book of Mortgages No. 112, page No. 150, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured and at the request of the holder of the note thereby secured, the undersigned Trustee will expose

for sale, at public auction, for cash, at the Courthouse door in Salisbury, N. C., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1932, AT THE HOUR OF 12 M.

The following described real estate: Beginning at a stake in the East side of Broad Street, corner to lot No. 62; thence North 54 deg. 15 min. East with line of lot No. 62, 141 feet to a stake in the edge of an alley; thence South 32 deg. 45 min. East with the edge of said alley 40 feet to a stake, corner to lot No. 60; thence South 54 deg. 15 min. West with line of lot No. 60, 141 feet to a stake in the edge of Broad Street; thence North 32 deg. 45 min. West with the edge of Broad Street, 40 feet to the beginning corner, being lot No. 61, as shown by the map of Trexler Heights, East Spencer, N. C., recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, N. C. in Book No. 100, page 608, to which reference is hereby made for more particular description. The above property will be sold subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, if any. This December 1, 1931.

JOHN L. RENDLEMAN, JR., Trustee. Rendleman & Rendleman, Attys. Dec. 4-25.



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