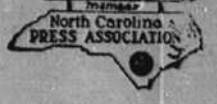


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**LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear old Santy: Bring us a great big bag of goodness. We don't want any new automobiles, street cars or steam boats. We can get along fairly well without these things, but we're short on just plain goodness.

If you can find time to drop by Brevard on your trip down next week, and leave us a big sack full of goodness, we will be able to get all the other things we need.

Just leave the sack of goodness on the square, anywhere along in front of the court house or on the corner in front of Macfie's or Long's, and then all of our folk can drop by Christmas morning and get a little pinch of it to take home.

After we get the goodness and have taken a dose of it, we'll be able to stop doing all those niggardly little things that we have been trying to make ourselves believe for a long time bring us personal gratification.

We're actually tired of using the kind of stuff that some onery scamp has been leaving in Brevard, that has a sort of sweet taste when we take it, but always leaves such a nasty twang in our throats, makes us have the most nauseating grouch-head-aches, indigestion with its resultant gout, and a tendency to bite people on the back.

We apologize for bothering you right now, when we realize you are so awfully busy, but believe if you really knew how badly we need a bag of goodness you would actually feel sorry for us instead of wanting to call us down for pestering you at this time.

You see, this stuff we have been taking for the past several years has too much gravity, alum, and green persimmon essence in it, and just the tiniest little bit makes us narrow, harsh, critical, unjust and selfish. We hate (after having taken this other kind for several years) to see anybody happy and prosperous. Don't seem fair to us that the other fellow is getting along alright in his business, and we hate like the dickens to see anybody get a better job.

Now, you know that ought not to be, don't you Santy?

In case you have not had an order for goodness in some time and have forgotten the formula—put in some sunshine, a few smiles, a spoonful of kindness, ten drops of lie-killer, twelve ounces of anti-sneaking behind the other fellow's back, five drops of widening between the eyes, half ounce of brotherly love, a bushel of Golden Rule (powder). Mix well, set in the sun until perfectly dry.

We'll have to have the powdered type, for some of us have gone about pouting over fancied wrongs so long that our lips are all tooted out and grown together, so we'll have to sniff the powder, and won't be able to take it in water.

One big argument that the anti-diverters of highway funds could use in this county is the fact that nary a foot of concrete road can be found in Transylvania. If there is to be any diverting done, we would like it to be in the direction of a few miles of decent road in our county.

"Buy sensible gifts and buy them at home," says The Mooreville Enterprise, and it sounds like good logic to us.

It's alright, fellers. We don't believe in fighting chickens anyway, and especially on Sunday. After fighting and scrapping with the old devil all week and falling so far from grace that we're almost ashamed to look the preacher in the face, we'd rather have our Sunday morning at Sunday school than at a chicken fight.

Town fathers are trying their best to figure out a way to build a sidewalk on North Broad from the square to the college. We're not in favor of running up bills ordinarily, but this is one time we heartily agree that the work should be done.

**WOULD THAT WE HAD MORE LIKE FINLAND**  
 Of all the millions in war debts owing the United States little Finland is the only decent account—and it is a small one—something over two hundred thousand dollars annually.  
 But "it's the little things that count" in debt-paying, living or most anything one undertakes, and the example set by Finland in paying (and doing it in a nice manner, too) its bill last week could well be used to great advantage in our own community.  
 Time was in Transylvania county that people paid their bills promptly, and with a grace that made one glad to "charge it." Note the "time was." That's all.

The best way in the world to say "Merry Christmas" to The Times force is by sending in a dollar for a year's renewal.

**GLANCING BACK AT BREVARD**

Taken from the files of The Sylvan Valley News, beginning 1895, through the courtesy of Mrs. W. B. F. Wright.

(From the file of July 29, 1898)

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tinsley, who live on the Symington farm, are the possessors of a brand new baby girl and are happy.

F. L. Fuller and Eugene Fuller returned to Augusta last week after a short sojourn at the pleasant cottage of J. A. Miller.

Miss Vienna Nichols and Mrs. Stradley will leave for Asheville today.

T. J. Gillespie, a brother of H. C. Gillespie of Brevard, is here visiting relatives for a few weeks. His home is in Lancaster, Ohio.

A survey for a new route out of town for the Toxaway turnpike is now in progress. Surveyor Wike is in charge of the work.

We see that the W. P. Southern store building on the corner of Main and Caldwell streets is once more occupied by Clyde Duckworth for an ice cream parlor. Iced temperance drinks will also be served. If you want to cool off, drop in and get a milk shake, sherbet or ice cream.

We never saw summer boarders stay so close to their rooms as this year. Rain has made promenades and bicycle races impracticable. We don't hear of any effort to get up a tournament this year. Is it possible that Brevard is already as well advertised as it wants to be?

Mrs. Russell and son Alfred of Clinton, S. C., are occupying the Bell cottage for the summer.

A nice little family picnic in Jake's cove, at the saw mill camp of the Jenkins Bros., was enjoyed hugely by the participants one day last week. With Mrs. Johnstone as chaperone the following were very agreeably entertained: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnstone and son, Misses Ada and Lilly Jenkins and Eva Allison, Messrs. John and Julius Allison and H. C. Fenwick. Of course the Jenkins Bros. were there with their full force. It is understood that the condition of the road to the mill is not to be mentioned in connection with the pleasures of this occasion.

For the benefit of those who have had no better opportunity to learn the news, we will state that the Young Women's Christian organization is officered as follows: President, Mrs. E. W. Blythe; vice president, Miss Mattie Floyd; secretary, Miss Sophie Young. With such competent officers the organization can but prosper.

**Americans Slain**  
 Shanghai—The slaying of two youthful American missionaries by Chinese bandits and the abandonment of their bodies on a battlefield has been reported to the China Inland mission office. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stam, who had been married less than two years, were the victims. Their two months old baby has been rescued uninjured.

**Coal At Little America**  
 Little America, Antarctica—The geological sledging party of the Byrd expedition has come upon new coal fields and plant-bearing sandstone holding numerous fossils.  
 The discovery was made 182 nautical miles from the South Pole at the head of Thorne glacier in Queen Maud range.

**To Take Out War Profits**  
 Washington—President Roosevelt has asked a group of powerful federal and industrial leaders at the White House to prepare legislation for the coming congress which will take the profit out of war and assure orderly mobilization of American men and resources in the event of future conflict.

**U. S. Money At New High**  
 Washington—The supply of money for the United States reached a new high of \$14,105,845,205 at the end of November.  
 Imports of approximately \$180,000,000 in gold supplied most of the increase over October's figures. During the first part of December the gold stock advanced another \$31,000,000.

**UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**  
 (By REV. P. S. FITZWATER, D. D., Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and Western Newspaper Union.)

**Lesson for December 23**  
 THE CHRISTIAN HOME

(Christmas Lesson)  
 LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-19; Ephesians 6:1-4.  
 GOLDEN TEXT—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.  
 PRIMARY TOPIC—The First Christmas.  
 JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus the Saviour is Born.  
 INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Christmas and the Christian Home.  
 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What is a Christian Home?

It is exceedingly difficult to follow the workings of the mind of the Lesson Committee when they selected these Scripture passages to be treated under the topic "The Christian Home." It is manifestly impossible to deal with these two passages as presenting a Christian home. It will be better, then, to center attention upon these passages in the light of their essential meaning, apart from the topic suggested.

1. The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-10).  
 The prophet (Micah 5:2) foretold the Saviour's birth about seven hundred years before this time.

2. His birth announced to the shepherds (vv. 8-14).

a. The time of (v. 8). It was while the shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The glorious gospel message was thus sounded forth to these humble men while busy with their common duties. Humble situation in life is no hindrance to the reception of the gospel message.

b. The first gospel message was preached by the angel of the Lord (v. 9). Angels have always had a vital ministry from God to men. Angels are, no doubt, interested in men. Since they are personal beings they know how to sympathize earnestly with fallen and sin-cursed men.

c. The nature of their message (vv. 10-14). It was good tidings of great joy. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom which had so long governed earth was beginning to vanish; the casting out of Satan, the prince of this world, was about to take place; liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage; the way of salvation was soon to be opened to all; the knowledge of God was no longer to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. Truly this was glorious news, so glorious that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise. The Saviour's birth manifested the glory of God, and wherever His good news is received and lived there is found good will among men. The sign which was to make real this announcement was the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

3. The shepherds investigating (vv. 15, 16). They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were no doubt passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem where they found everything just as represented. These humble men had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Saviour, the very Lord of glory.

4. The shepherds witnessing (vv. 17-19). When they beheld the Babe they could not remain silent, therefore went back praising God. Those who really hear the gospel message and come to know the Saviour personally cannot be silent. The one who hears good news must tell it to others.

II. The Mutual Relation of Parents and Children (Ephesians 6:1-4).

1. Responsibility of children (vv. 1-3).

a. They are to obey their parents (v. 1). The ground of this obedience is the fact that the parents stand in the place of God to them.

b. The child should honor the parents (v. 2). Obedience to parents is limited to the period of immaturity. When the children take their place in the establishment of new units in society they are no longer under obligation to obey their parents. "Honor" means to have in reverence. This obligation rests upon children during the lifetime of their parents. Prosperity and long life are the rewards of God to the children who discharge their duties to their parents.

2. The parents (v. 4). Doubtless the word "fathers" was intended to be inclusive of the mothers.

a. Provoke not your children to wrath. This doubtless means that in the exercise of paternal authority there should be the avoidance of irritation.

b. To bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. "Nurture" doubtless means to educate, and "admonition" means discipline. Parents are responsible, then, for the proper education and discipline of their children. Parental responsibility is a fundamental principle of life, and does not change from age to age.

Death and Personality

Every man who ponders long worth of life as it finds expression in personality and who in addition has spiritual fellowship with Christ, will reach the conclusion that personality persists beyond the grave.

A Gospel to Live By

Take the Gospel, not as a mystical pass for eternity, but as a rational word to live by. Take it to your heart with gladness, for it brings good things.



**Try Your Home Down**

**NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY.**

The undersigned, having been duly appointed and duly qualified as administrators of the Estate of E. S. McCall, deceased, all persons having claims against the said estate are notified to exhibit the same before said administrators on or before December 6th, 1934, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 6th day of December, 1934.  
 NETA MCCALL,  
 T. J. WOOD,  
 Administrators of E. S. McCall, deceased.

**Notice of Re-Sale Of Land**

Whereas the undersigned trustee sold the lands herein advertised after due advertisement at the Court House door on Saturday, the 29th day of November, 1934, and said sale made report of such sale to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Transylvania County on said date as by law provided.

Whereas, before the expiration of ten days the sale period or price of said land was raised ten per cent and the Clerk of the Superior Court ordered and directed the undersigned trustee to re-advertise said land for fifteen days and re-sell said land according to law.

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of power of sale contained in Deed of Trust, dated September 14th, 1928, executed by A. E. Hampton, and wife, Lina D. Hampton, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 24, at page 294, of records of mortgages and Deeds of Trust of Transylvania County, on Saturday, 29th day of November, 1934, at noon at the Court House door in Brevard, North Carolina, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

Lying in Cathey's Creek Township, and being the lands owned by the late G. E. Duckworth, at the time of his death, the interest of the parties of the first part which interest herein advertised to be sold being one-half of an undivided one-sixteenth interest, purchased by A. E. Hampton and Frank Jenkins and the undivided one-sixteenth interest formerly owned by Span Duckworth.

Sale made to satisfy said debt, interest and cost and expenses of sale, surplus if any, to be paid to said A. E. Hampton and wife, Lina D. Hampton, or their assigns.

This the 11th day of December, 1934.

T. C. GALLOWAY, Trustee.

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Now, therefore, under and by virtue of power of sale contained in Deed of Trust, dated January 5, 1931, executed by Frank Jenkins and wife, to the undersigned trustee, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 23, at page 113, of records of mortgages and Deeds of Trust of Transylvania County, on Saturday, 29th day of November, 1934, at noon at the Court House door in Brevard, North Carolina, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

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R. L. GASH, Trustee.

Dec. 18-20.

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Sale made to satisfy said debt, interest and cost and expenses of sale, surplus if any, to be paid to said A. E. Hampton and wife, Lina D. Hampton, or their assigns.

This the 8th day of December, 1934.

D. L. ENGLISH, Trustee.

Dec. 18-20-27, Jan 3-10.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust, dated January 5, 1931, executed by Frank Jenkins and wife, to the undersigned trustee, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 23, at page 113, of records of mortgages and Deeds of Trust of Transylvania County, N. C., said instrument securing certain indebtedness herein described, said default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and all notices required as to said default having been given and said default has not been made good, and the notice of the note executing said indebtedness having requested the undersigned trustee to foreclose said Deed of Trust:

Now, therefore, the undersigned trustee will, on Saturday, January 12th, 1935, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House Door in the Town of Brevard, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property to wit:

All that certain lot lying on the South side of East Main street and on the East side of South Alley and being the said property described in that certain deed in trust aforesaid, reference being hereby made to said Deed in Trust, and the Record of same for a description of said property by notes and books.

The proceeds of said sale to be applied upon said indebtedness, costs of sale, etc., as provided in said Deed in Trust.

This the 8th day of December, 1934.

D. L. ENGLISH, Trustee.

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