

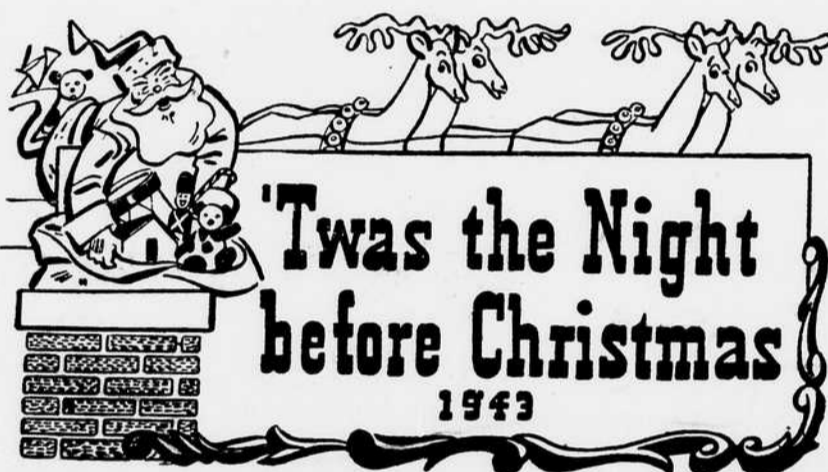


Season's Greetings...

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.



Oasis News and Smoke Shop



One hundred and twenty years ago Clement Clarke Moore's jolly poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," first appeared. Each year since then it has contributed to the joy of Christmas. We want to say that if we were able to gather up all this joy and wrap it up in one big package it would hardly represent our wishes for your Christmas happiness this season of 1943.

Firestone Home & Auto Supply



Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

McDowell Hardware Co.

Happy Birthday—It's Just an Old Yule Custom



The birthday cake, with all its shining candles, is a direct descendant of the Yule cake with which the English once celebrated Christmas. The Yule cake, instead of having a candle for each year, carried one for each member of the family. Good luck for the coming year was supposed to be the reward of the one who could blow out all of the candles at once.

Holy Air Marks Christmas Ceremonies in Bethlehem

Even in war, as midnight approaches, the bells peal from the little church in Bethlehem.

Natives and pilgrims crowd into the church and kneel reverently in commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ in a humble stable in the town of 2,000 years ago.

Before midnight the Mass begins. It reaches its climax when the curtain veiling the tabernacle is drawn. The figure of the Christ child is revealed.

Reverently, the worshipers intone: "Blessed he be who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest."

Then the patriarch raises the effigy. Like the ancient shepherds, the worshipers prostrate themselves as a great electric star illuminates the shadowed church.

The child's effigy is borne triumphantly to the manger on the site selected in the Fourth century by Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, as the traditional birthplace of Christ.

Trying Not to Discriminate
"Are you going to have a Christmas tree at your home?"

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum.

"Are you going to decorate it with many gifts?"

"Yes. I'm going to show that an American citizen can be just as generous toward his own family as he is expected to be to nations abroad."

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order of the Clerk of Superior Court of McDowell County, North Carolina, made in a Special Proceeding entitled: "Eva Southerland, Administratrix of J. T. Southerland, deceased, and Eva Southerland, Individually, Petitioners, vs. J. P. Southerland and wife, Mary Southerland, Helen Johnson and husband, Ray Johnson, and Stella McClure and husband, Harley McClure, Defendants," the undersigned Commissioner, will, on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1944, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door, McDowell County, Marion, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, that certain tract of land lying and being in Marion Township, and more particularly described as follows:

Adjoining the lands of J. L. Morgan Heirs and D. A. Waycaster. Beginning on an iron stake, the Southwest corner of D. A. Waycaster's lot, and runs N 57 W 172 feet to an iron stake in Rena Neal's line; then with her line S 48 W 150 feet to an iron stake in said line; then S 61 E 300 feet to an iron stake; then N 30 E 144 feet to the Southeast corner of D. A. Waycaster's lot; then with line of said lot N 77 W 52 feet to the beginning, containing 7.10 acre, more or less. Reference is hereby made to deed dated September 27th, 1937, by J. L. Morgan and wife, M. I. Morgan, to J. T. Southerland, recorded in the McDowell County Deed Registry, in Deed Book 86, at page 88.

This 15th day of December, 1943.
W. R. CHAMBERS,
Commissioner.

NOTICE

North Carolina
McDowell County

In the Superior Court

Ruth Johnson Hopkins

-vs-

Ernest Lee Hopkins, Defendant.

The above named defendant, Ernest Lee Hopkins, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceeding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of McDowell County, in the court house in Marion, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 12th day of January, 1944, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 30th day of November, 1943.
J. F. MOODY, Clerk
of the Superior Court, McDowell County, North Carolina.



"At Christmas play and make good cheer
For Christmas comes but once a year"



GLITTERING more fantastically than the jewels of Aladdin's cave are the Christmas trees in the windows of this town and adjoining farm areas. Everywhere, everywhere Christmas, and the spirit which Christmas brings.

We love this town and its environs. We have grown up here and have come to regard ourselves as "a fixture." We have a great many friends, "but not a friend to spare," and at this time we want to thank them, one and all.

YES, CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, SO IT BEHOOVES US ALL TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF IT. ON THE EVE OF THIS JOYOUS SEASON WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS THE FULLEST MEASURE OF CHRISTMAS JOY AND HAPPINESS.

Smith Furniture Co.

Tax Listing

in the Various Townships in McDowell County

Begins on January 1st

The Machinery Act of 1943, Section 302, requires that all property, real and personal, shall be listed, or listed and assessed, as the case may be, in accordance with ownership and value, as of the first day of January each year.

All County Taxes Must Be

Listed In January!

It is urged that all taxpayers list their Property and Poll during specified period and avoid penalty, as provided by law.

Mrs. Mary G. Burgin,

Tax Supervisor, McDowell County