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**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER DEED OF TRUST**

TAKE NOTICE, that whereas, Thomas Loftis, Jr., a single man, on the 19th day of May, 1947, did execute and deliver to J. N. Morris, Trustee, a deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for McDowell County, North Carolina, in Deed of Trust book 61, at page 80, conveying the lands hereinafter described to secure an indebtedness therein described, and in said deed of trust power of sale was given in default of payment of the indebtedness thereby secured.

And whereas, the holder of the indebtedness as secured by the aforementioned deed of trust has demanded that the undersigned foreclose and sell the land as described in said deed of trust, and as hereinafter described, for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

Now, therefore, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1950, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door, in Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina, for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness as secured by said deed of trust, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following tracts of land, lying and being in Marion Township, McDowell County, North Carolina, to-wit:

Adjoining the lands of W. H. Hawkins, Millard Robinson, and others.

**FIRST:** BEING lot No. 40, fronting fifty (50) feet on Otis Street, and running back one hundred and eighty (180) feet, according to map of the W. T. Morgan Dairy Farm, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for McDowell County, N. C., in Map Book 1, pages 7, 8 and 9, reference to which is hereby made.

**SECOND TRACT:** BEING Lot No. 39, lying on the North side of Otis Street, according to Map of the W. T. Morgan Dairy Farm, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for McDowell County, N. C., in Map Book 1, pages 7, 8 and 9, reference to which is hereby made.

**EXCEPTING AND RESERVING** from Lot No. 40, a strip of land along the West side of said lot, said strip of land being 10 feet in width and about 30 feet in length. The same being excepted so as not to convey any land on which the house of Mrs. Pearl Bartlett now stands.

AND BEING the same land as conveyed by that certain deed dated the 19th day of May, 1947, by Robert McMahan and wife, Hassie McMahan, to Thomas Loftis, Jr., recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for McDowell County, North Carolina, in Deed Book 99, at page 414, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description.

Said sale will be subject to confirmation as provided by law.

This the 6th day of December, 1949.

J. N. MORRIS, Trustee.

**NOTICE**

North Carolina  
McDowell County

In the Superior Court  
OLLIE ENNIS FARRUGIA,  
-vs- Plaintiff,  
LEON JOSEPH FARRUGIA,  
Defendant.

The above named defendant, Leon Joseph Farrugia, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell County, N. C., by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that the plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart from each other continuously for more than two (2) years next preceding 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, N. C., in the courthouse in Marion, N. C., within twenty (20) days after the 30th day of December, 1949, 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 25th day of November, 1949.

S. D. Martin,  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

**NOTICE**

North Carolina  
McDowell County

In the Superior Court.  
Annie Ennie Plemmons,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
William Cauley Plemmons,  
Defendant.

The defendant Wm. Cauley Plemmons will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell County, North Carolina, to secure an Absolute Divorce from him on the statutory ground of two (2) years separation; and the said 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 Courthouse in Marion, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 12th day of January, 1950, and answer or demur to the Complaint filed in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

This the 7th day of December, 1949.

S. D. MARTIN,  
Clerk Superior Court,  
McDowell County, N. C.

**New York Claims Santa Claus to Be Its Private Property**

While the claim may cause the rest of America to bristle, New Yorkers insist that Santa Claus is peculiarly New York's own. Not only did he land in Manhattan with the Dutch settlers, they point out but for almost two hundred years he never took his activities or presents out of New York state.

The New Yorkers advance some interesting points to bolster their contentions. They declare that in the genial company of Washington Irving, James Kirke Paulding and Clement Clarke Moore, Santa Claus gradually lost the grim, stern aspect he wore when he arrived with the Dutch settlers to the bulging, benevolent mien he now offers.

It was in New York, too, they assert, that Santa acquired his reindeer sleigh and his habit of arriving on Christmas instead of on the Dutch St. Nicholas eve (December 5). And thus, in his New York panoply, he finally found his way to all parts of the United States, England and even Australia and India.

Indeed, as the New Yorkers will tell you, New York, as New Amsterdam in the beginning, was dedicated to Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, by its Dutch founders. For Santa Claus—or Sinterklaas, as it is sometimes written in Holland—is of course only the centuries-old pet name which Dutch children gave to their patron and gift bringer, the good Bishop St. Nicholas. And it is said that the ship which brought the first Dutch children to Manhattan island bore his face as figurehead.

From the first, too, his special day of December 6, was set aside with Christmas, New Year's, Easter and Whitsuntide, as one of the five chief holidays of the new colony, just as it had been in Holland.

So, year after year, as regularly as St. Nicholas eve came around in New Amsterdam, in Breuckelen (Brooklyn), in Fort Orange (Albany) and many other hamlets above the icy Hudson, the children in every good Dutch family gathered in expectant circle. For weeks beforehand they had learned their lessons and helped with the milking and churning in an agony of good behavior. And now, all ready, they sang their song to Santa Claus.

In the midst of the song would come a knocking at the door and in would stride Santa Claus, himself—not round and jolly, but solemn and majestic in trailing robes. In one hand he might have a basket of presents or a purse, but in the other was sure to be a birch rod—an awful warning to a naughty boy.

Santa questioned each child in turn about his behavior in the year just past and gave him a pat of approval or a warning shake of the head, as the record indicated. Then, bidding them all look for presents in the morning, the good saint suddenly flung a handful of lollipops into the room and, in the ensuing scramble, vanished into the night.

Then the children set out their sabots, or later the great blue yarn stockings made for the purpose.

However he did it—and the tale varies in many lands—Santa Claus got about, for in the morning over the hearth steaming with waffles and sausages and other good Dutch fare, were the blue stockings bulging with apples, balls, dolls and tops.

**Away in a Manger**

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the airy porticos—complete with plaster of paris animals and adoring shepherds—so dear to the heart of modern Christendom.

With comfort increasing throughout the western world, the poverty of the Nativity scene simultaneously startles and fascinates us—as perhaps Matthew, the publican, was impressed by the story of the Wise Men; and St. Luke, who had been a ship's doctor and probably knew very little about shepherds, was charmed by the shepherds abiding in the field.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable, a place of shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and Judean travelers—frequently 'put up' in such caves—welcomed rather than disdained joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth, while the guests inside the inn had no heat at all.

The cave, which was the birthplace of the Saviour, is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity; and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has been unwilling to maintain its poverty and has covered the entire surface with costly ornamentation.

**N. C. GOLD AND GEMS**

North Carolina has frequently been referred to as one of the richest states in the nation. Long before the great California gold rush got underway in 1849 many millions of dollars in gold and silver had been mined up in the piedmont section of the old north state. Diamonds and many semi-precious stones have been picked up along the streams in the hills and mountains of western North Carolina. But it remained for W. B. Turner, a Cleveland county farmer, to make one of the most valuable discoveries of all. He turned up a dozen highly-valuable emeralds while plowing a cotton field near Shelby in 1912.

From then on the search for emeralds in western North Carolina went on at such a pace that North Carolina was soon leading the nation in the production of these fine dark-green gems. One emerald-rich locality at Stony Point, in Alexander county, yielded emerald crystals valued at \$10,500 in a little less than three years. Like those found on the Turner farm, outside Shelby, they were all fine stones, the largest of which measured about an inch and three-quarters and could be cut into 20 three-carat gems.

—The State.

**ON CHRISTMAS**

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

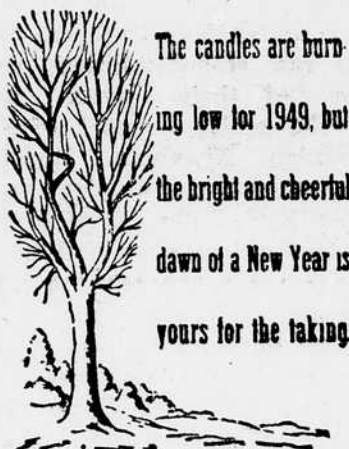
December 25 was decreed as the date of Christ's nativity by the Roman emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian, but reverted to paganism before his death.

Yellow tomatoes have had considerable popularity in farm and town home gardens and in recent years have been grown commercially to some extent as source of juice for canning.

**MILK PRODUCTION**

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