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### Tribune Tabor City-A Town With A City Future

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# Carter's Column

SICKNESS? Last week when I had a stone removed from my right kidney and was told that four other stones were in the left kidney in such a position that it was impractical to operate, I probably reached a low ebb in my life in so far as attitude and the future is concerned. Indeed it might be said that I began feeling sorry for myself. But after the full impact sank in and I started looking all about me, there dawned a brighter day. I didn't have to look far to see a great number of folks with much greater reason for feeting sorry for themselves than I did. There was the little girl in the third grade at the local school with incurable Bright's Disease who had little hope or surviving until Christmas Day. There was the 25 year old girl mangled in an auto wreck who would never walk again and indeed had great difficulty in even sitting in an ordinary chair because of the freakish manner in which her legs and arms were now all out of shape for life. There was the man with two heart attacks already on his record who would never know when the next and tatal one might occur. Yes, all about as every day we can find a great many people with much heav-ler burdens to bear than we have.

Perhaps what brings full realization of our affliction to mind almost by the hour is the diet that the dietors have us on now. All my life I have eaten anything and everything without reservation and with apparently no ill effects. Perhaps foremost among these foods he ocen much and milk products. Now we can dring no milk, "It no bruter, no cheese and no senfoods. We have always dear a loved scafoods of every kind along with the dairy products. To get plane without them new gives me a lost feeling like walking around without my pants

CHRISTMAS: Thus with problems all around us, we reach another December 25-Christmas, it doesn't take a great deal of searching to enumerate a long rist of things for which every individual can be most thankful, grateful, appreciative. Some Simes it takes a holiday senson and a few days of lessure to fully appreciate how good the world has been to us. This is a good time for personal inventory to consider just how fortun-

INDUSTRY: For months now, the local Merchants Association has worked long and hard to procure new industry. At last has worked ling and hard to droune how larissity. At lass officials believe a binding contract is just a low days off. If this negotiation continues satisfactority for the next week or so, we expect to be able to autoince with considere definiteness the coming of this new phant. And if it comes, it will bring to Tabor City a payroll of more than hair a mallon dollars a year and perhaps eventually several times that much. We are enthusiastic over this new prospect and believe they will be a real asset to our community.



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to our many customers and friends.

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## Editorials...

#### IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

(Editor's note: Reprinted below is the most widely known editorial ever written for a United States newsswer to a letter from an eight yearld girl. It appeared on September 21, 1897.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon

115 West 95th Stret

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehended by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or chidren's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in boundless world about him, as measared by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and there is nothing else real and abiding. knowledge.

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Alas! how dreary would be the world if ther ewere no Santa Claus. It would paper. The classic "Is There A Santa Claus" was written by Francis P. Church in the New York Sun in an make tolerable this existence. We be as dreary as if there were no Virshould hve no enjoyment, except in sense an dsight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see .Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which the strongest men, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only fancy, poetry, love, romance can push asile that curhis intellect, as compared with the tain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory behind. Is it all real? Ah. Virginia, in all this world

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Ives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten and generosity and devotion exist, and thousand years from now, he will conyou know that they abound and give tinue to make glad the heart of child-

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#### Fill In Veterans Questionnaires **Now Says Nance**

Area veterans and widows receiving non-service connect-ed pension from the Veteracs Administration are cautioned by Mr. H. Hugh Nance, Columbus County Veterans Service Officer, that the Annual Income Qustionnaires received with their December cheek must be completed and returnec. to the Veterans Administration before January 31. 1963, to avoid suspension of payment.

Mr. Nance said that income reports are required on all in-come outside of pension pay-ments, only by all persons rements, only by all persons re-ceiving pension from the Ver-erans Administration. Servic-connected disability, death compensation, or Dependency and Indomnity recipients need to title Annual Income Quesmaires

The questionnaires are used to determine entitlement to tuture payments and to make a justments in payments where throone requires it meome lim-tations under the old pension haw are \$1,400.60 for single persons or widows without children and \$2,700.00 for married veterans or widows with children. Under the law which began July 1, 1960, income limitations are \$1,200.00 and \$3,000.00 with graduated paynents based on need and the level of income below the

Assistance in completing the Annual Income Questionnaires may be obtained from the Columbus County Veterans vice Officer, who is located in Courthouse Winteville, or My L. Ferray-David, District Of-ficer, North Caronina Veterars Commission, 419 Murchisan Commission, 419 Murchison Building, Wilmington, North

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### Ray's Ramblin's By Ray Wicker

#### Walnut Warfare

My first encounter with the black walnut was far from a pleasant meeting. This little black nut tried my patience, challenged my ingenuity, and almost unlocked my happy wedlock.

It happened like this. A couple of days before Christmas last year, I had just settled down for a long winter's eve of watching TV, when out in the kit hen there arose such a clatter that I got up from my chair to see what was the matter. Getting up was my first fatal mistake.

There was my dear wife in the midst of preparing the Christmas goodies. "Honey, would you mind cracking two cups of Black Walnuts? They're in the cabinet." "Not at all," I replied. This was mistake number two.

Now, everyone is familiar with the English walnut. It appears in all those Christmas assorted nut packages. It is easy to crack and delicious to eat. However, the black walnut is a nut of a different color. It is common enough in its cracked state, appearing in candies, cookies, and ice cream, but I, for one, was not familar with this member of the nut family in its natural state.

Reaching in the kitchen cabinet, I found a large box of little, round black objects. Walnuts, I presumed. Next, I headed for the nut cracker, a bowl, and my TV easy chair. Taking a walnut, I gave it a firm squeeze with a nutcracker. The nutcracker gave; the walnut idn't. My wife entered the living room too late to catch me cramming the busted nutcracke? in my back pocket.

"You can't crack those in here. You'll have them all over the place and besides they're hard to crack,'

The latter part of this statement was my wife's understatement for the year, I didn't want to appear stupid, so I didn't ask the obvious; Just how in the devil do you crack them?

Instead, I gathered up the box of little nutcracker breakers, and headed for the back porch, discreetly hiding the broken cracker in the bottom of a trash

I looked around for a suitable weapon, I had just begun to fight. The black walnut may be the plant's world's answer to a diamond, but nothing was too hard for me to crack, if I used my head. The first thing I tried was my faithful vise. Itd id did too good a job; all that remained of the walnut was a greasy spot and a few pulverized fragments of shell. This is not a recommended method. Next, tried a very foolish thing. Placing a walnut on the floor, I descended upon it with all 165 of my pounds. The pain was terrible, and I cussed walnuts, my wife, and the world. This method is also not recommended, for I limped around for a week,

The idea was slow coming, but I finally thought of using a hammer. The first blow sent the nut sailing into the darkness of the back yard, and the second missed the nut but not my finger. After ten minutes of meditation and sucking on my damaged finger, I finally devised a plan of attack which finally conquered my hard, back adversary.

I now modestly consider myself an expert in the art of cracking walnuts. If any reader is faced with the problem of extracting walnuts from their protective coating, come see me, or better yet, take the walnuts; hide them in the nearost trash can, and sneak down to the nearest grocery store. Packaged walnut meats are rather expensive, but believe me they are worth every penny of the price.

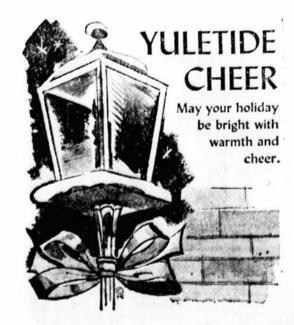
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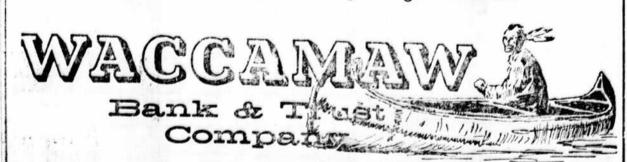


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