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Santa Won't Forget The Little Girl This Christmas

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Her small body would snap, limber as an old Raggedy Ann doll, every time her mana would yak her thin wrist.

The child, brown-eyed and perhaps four, would wall, jamming and twisting a little fist in a teary eye. Swirling Christmas music, traffic and shoppers' chatter almost drowned her wail.

Her long, tousled, blondish hair, the color of the straw in a store-window manager scene in downtown Salisbury, tumbled over the faded, blue-flowered frock.

The woman stopped, exasperated or at wit's end, shaking the child.

"Now Judy, I ain't gonna tell you no more. You just can't have that toy, so you just might well hush your mouth, now," scolded the big-boned red-skirted mama.

The child's wail fell in a whine, then a convulsive whimper.

"You just don't understand nothin'," the harsh voice softened. "Ole Santa's just got too many kids to get around to. He just ain't got enough money, don't you see? He's not going to get to our house. Now you know that, don't you?"

The child just stared wide-eyed into her mother's face.

"Look's like you could understand somethin', when times are hard. Now come on, an' I don't wanta hear no more bawlin'." The voice was trying to be tough, a fire to temper the steel in the child.

An old man heard.

He was thin, angular, except for the pouch of his belly. Well-dressed but rumpled, he was white-haired and blue-eyed with high cheekbones. The gnarled right hand was scarred.

He smiled at the child, eyes

crinkling. "Well, Santa has a few helpers. At least, that's what I've heard," he said, bending, clasping her shoulders, then sweeping her hair back.

He stood up, spoke quietly to the mana.

"I know how it is. Forgive me for butting in, and just tell me if it's none of my business. But I've been there; I've seen my share of hard times, too, long time ago.

"It just bothers me to think of your little girl getting left out. Now, I've got plenty of money--at least, all I need. I'm retired. I live in Charlotte.

"And, if you'll let me, I want to see that old Santa does come to your house this Christmas."

The woman squirmed, her face mirroring confusion. She glanced away. The old man persisted, and finally she replied.

"Mister, I'm not used to charity. But we are pretty hard up right now. My husband's down to a part-time job now, and prices gone sky high an' all, an' the truth is, we just ain't got nothin' this Christmas. . . ." Her voice trailed off. She looked away again.

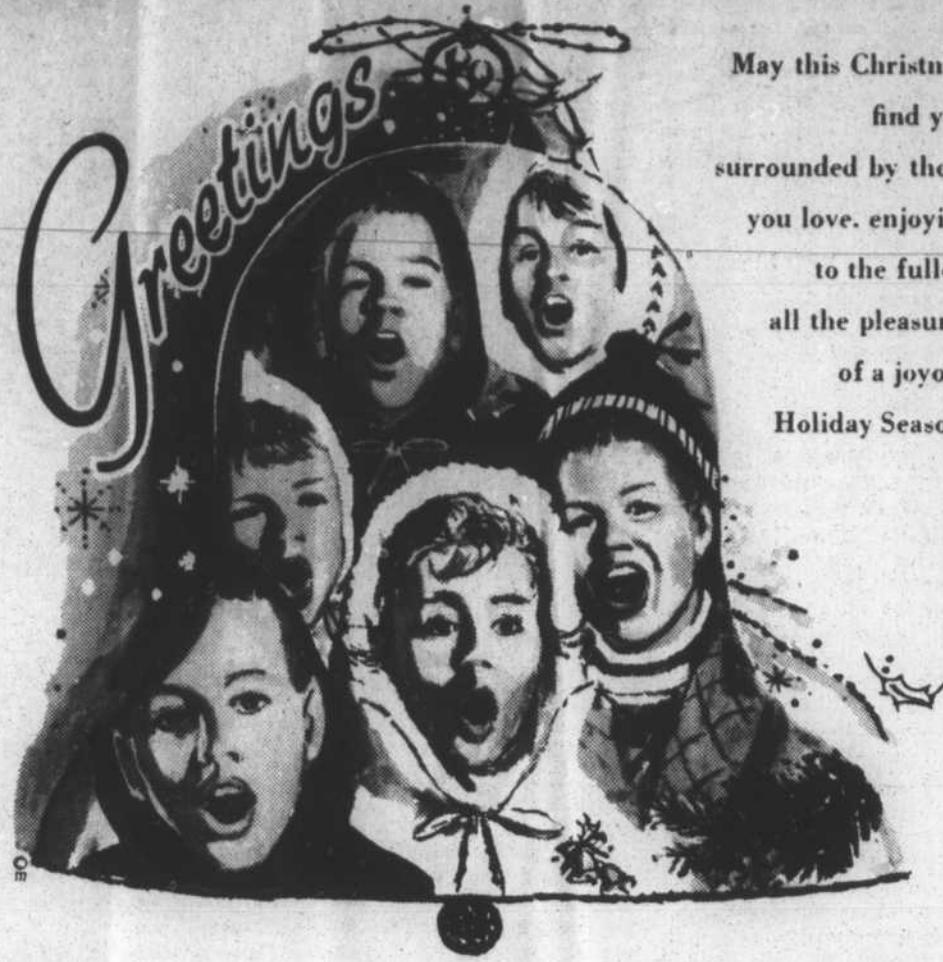
The child was silent now, curious. The old man almost whispered, handing a pen and card to the mama, reassuring her that he had \$50 he wanted to spend for toys, promising to deliver them Christmas Eve to the address the woman scrawled down.

He squatted, again clasped the little shoulders, beamed.

"Your mother and I talked it over, and I'm going to see if I can't talk old Santa Claus into coming by your house. I know he will. You just watch for him."

The wide brown eyes looked blank, uncomprehending, hoping but skeptical. They were dry now.

But a tear welled in Mama's eye.



May this Christmas find you surrounded by those you love, enjoying to the fullest all the pleasures of a joyous Holiday Season.

Civil Term Of Court To Be Held

A civil session of Warren County District Court will convene next Monday morning, Dec. 28, with Judge Claude W. Allen, Jr., of Oxford presiding. Cases are scheduled through Wednesday.

Cases on the docket are: Monday - Commopolitan Equities, Inc., vs. J. B. Thompson; Jackson Motors, Inc., vs. Ira Boyd King; Raccoon Valley Investment Company vs. Harry E. and Anne P. Norvell; R. E. McLean Tank Company, Inc., vs. Town of Warrenton; Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation vs. Wilford E. Isles.

Tuesday - Carl B. Ayscue vs. A. S. Bugg; John Shearin vs. Dennis Harris; Leonard Suite vs. Estelle W. Suite.

Wednesday - Wheat and Company, Inc., vs. Stuart D. Duke; Peoples Bank & Trust Company vs. Woodrow W. Shearin.

Motion Docket - Etta Kersey vs. Thomas Kersey, Jr., Mable Kersey, and Thomas Kersey, Sr.

Sixty jurors have been drawn for the term.

Holiday Closing Days Here Are Announced

The Citizens Bank and most of the independent stores of Warrenton will be closed on both Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25 and 26, for the Christmas holidays.

Leggett, Roses, Colonial and A&P Stores are expected to be open on Saturday, following a one-day holiday.

The Warrenton Postoffice will keep its windows open Saturday but there will be no Saturday delivery of mail in the town or on the routes, Postmaster A. C. Blalock said yesterday.

Offices in the courthouse will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 26, with employees returning to work on Monday, Dec. 28.

Offices of the Extension Department will also be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 26.

The ASCS office will be closed only for Christmas Day, according to present information, T. E. Watson, office manager, said Monday afternoon. He said he did not know whether his office would receive other instructions regarding the holidays before Thursday, but present plans are to close the office only on Christmas day.

The Warren County Memorial Library will be closed on Dec. 23, 24 and 25.

The office of the Warren Record will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24, until Monday Dec. 28.

License Bureau To Be Opened Here On Jan. 4

The License Bureau of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce will be open for the sale of 1971 motor vehicle license plates each Monday through Friday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. and on Saturday from 9 a. m. to 12 N. commencing on Jan. 4.

The local license agent, Mrs. Roy P. Robertson, points out that "to renew a plate you must have a renewal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when it is received. She also asks that the person receiving the notice open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application according to instructions before presenting it for a new plate. She said that this would expedite issuance and keep lines from forming.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Warrenton Post Office

to turn over to the local license office renewal cards which the Post Office has been unable to deliver. Anyone falling to receive an application card may possibly find it at the local license office. "It will take from ten days to two weeks to get application cards from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh," says Mrs. Robertson, and she suggests that those who have not received an application apply to her office as early as possible so that there will be time to get one out of Raleigh if she does not have it.

Motor vehicle owners who have not received their license application cards by January 1st, should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "It will take you from ten days to two weeks to get one and you should, therefore, act promptly," says Mrs. Robertson.

Cases Against Frank Ballance, Student Leader, And Deputy Robinson Dismissed

Two cases against Frank W. Ballance, Warrenton attorney and black student advisor, were dismissed in Warrenton County District Court last Friday. Ballance was charged in one case with violating a town ordinance and in the other with resisting arrest.

Ballance was also charged with speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Another case growing out of the violation of the town ordinance forbidding parading in the Town of Warrenton was also dismissed. H. P. Robinson, Deputy Sheriff, was charged with assaulting Frank Ballance.

Larry Alexander, charged with speeding 65 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone, was ordered to pay a \$5.00 fine and court costs.

A case against Robert Lee Anderson, charged with non-support, was continued until the Jan. 8 term of court for the defendant.

A case charging Anthony Neil Black with speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone was continued until Jan. 8.

William Reddy Bowens, charged with drunk driving, was found not guilty.

Russell Lee Bullock pled guilty to charges of drunk driving and having no operator's license. The cases were combined for judgment. Bullock was sentenced to serve three months in the State Department of Correction, to run at expiration of sentence imposed in Vance County.

A case against Joe Louis Bullock, charged with drunk driving, was continued for the defendant until the Jan. 8 term of court.

Rex Merlin Cameron was ordered to pay a \$5 fine and court costs when he pled guilty to a charge of speeding 45 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone.

A case against Alexander Christmas, charging public drunkenness, was continued for defendant until Jan. 8.

Four cases against Glenn Coleman, Sr., were continued to the January 8 term of court. Coleman is charged with four counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Two cases in which Glenn Coleman, Jr., is charged with assault were continued until Jan. 8.

Linda Thompson Creech, charged with falling to give proper signal, was found not guilty.

William Crump was sentenced to serve eight days in the county jail when he pled guilty to a charge of public drunkenness.

In a second case, in which Crump was charged with receiving stolen goods, the state took a nol prois with leave.

A case against William Henry Cordell, charging non-support, was continued to Jan. 8.

Robert William Rivers was ordered to pay court costs and capias costs when he waived a guilty plea on a charge of failing to obey a stop signal.

Ernest Moss was sentenced to serve four months with the State Department of Correction when he pled guilty to a charge of drunk driving. The sentence was suspended for two years upon condition the defendant surrenders license and not operate a motor vehicle on public highways for 12 months except as permitted under restricted driving privilege.

A case against Dorothy Plummer, charged with assault with intent to kill, was continued to Jan. 8.

The state took a nol prois with leave in the case of William James Roavis, charged with assault on female, when prosecuting witness failed to appear in court.

Irene Gassaway Graham failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of speeding 65 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone. Capias to issue to Sheriff of Warren County and bond fixed at \$50 for defendant's appearance at Jan. 8 term of court.

A case against William Wardell Hawkins, charged with operating a motor vehicle upon wrong side of road, was continued to Jan. 8 at request of

Christmas Eve Service To Be Held At Episcopal Church

The annual Christmas Eve Eucharist at Emmanuel Episcopal Church will begin at 11:00 o'clock Thursday evening, the choir processing from the back of the church singing "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Mrs. Leonard S. Daniel will offer a selection of Christmas melodies for the organ prelude and a French Carol titled "In Excelsis Deo" for the postlude.

Traditional carols will be included in the choir's music and the congregational singing. Mrs. Sam P. Harrell, Jr., soprano, will sing "When Jesus Left His Father's Throne," by Johnson, as the offertory.

A "said" Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 o'clock Christmas morning. Celebrant for each service will be the Rector, the Reverend Robert W. Orvis.

Christmas Sing Held Here Last Thursday

Approximately 300 persons attended the Christmas Sing sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club on the courthouse square last Thursday night.

The Sing was directed by Jim Davis with Mrs. Gld King at the piano. The Warrenton Baptist Church Youth Choir, the Mount Bethel Baptist Church Youth Choir and a combined Youth Choir composed of children of the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, the Warrenton Presbyterian Church, and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church participated with special music. This choir was directed by Mrs. Jack Harris with Miss Catherine Blankenship at the piano.

There was group singing of a number of Christmas carols under the direction of Jim Davis, who served as master of ceremonies.

Santa was present to talk with the children and to present a treat to each of them. Hot chocolate and coffee were served to all attending.

NOT WARRENTON MAN

The Jack Paschall, Box 84, Wise, N. C., who was convicted in Warrenton County District Court on Dec. 11 on a charge of drunk driving and speeding 70 miles per hour in a 50 mph zone, is not the Jack Paschall of Fairview Street in Warrenton.

Tool Identification Contest Is Held Here

The Franklin-Warren F.F.A. Federation Tool Identification Contest was held at Hawkins School in Warrenton.

Schools represented at the contest were Bunn School, Louisburg School, Gold Sand School, Hawkins School, Norlina School, Franklinton School and Edward Best School.

In the contest Edward Best placed 1st, Gold Sand 2nd, and Norlina 3rd.

Those attending the contest from Edward Best was Ben Nelms, Ben Collins, Greg Jones, Chris Medlin, Mr. W. T. Winborne, Chapt. Advisor, and Vincent Daniels, Federation Reporter.

Proclamation To Be Held Here Jan. 1

The 108th celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation will be observed at the Warren County Courthouse at Warrenton at 1 p. m. on Jan 1, the Rev. Paul Davis, president of the Association, announced this week.

Lucious Hawkins will be the speaker. He will be presented by the Rev. P. G. Davis.

Mr. Davis said that all churches and church schools of Warren County are asked to bring a donation of \$5.00.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ralford, Jr., and son, Patrick, of Charlotte and Mr. Howard Jones of Raleigh will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bignal Jones.



Two Warren Men Are Honored By Jaycees

Two Warren County men were honored by members of the Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce on Friday night, Dec. 18, when they held their Christmas meeting with their wives as special guests at a steak supper at the Lions Den. A dance followed.

Honored were Arthur Holt King as Outstanding Young Farmer of Warren County and A. A. Wood as Outstanding Fireman of Warren County.

King, 27, a Warren County native, lives at Wise with his wife, Maurine M. King, formerly of Weldon. They have two children, both girls, ages 4 and 2. He is a member of Jerusalem Methodist Church at Paschall.

Wood is Chief of the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department and a former member of the Warrenton Board of Town Commissioners. He is married to the former Juanita Gattin of Warrenton and they have three daughters.

Mr. Wood, a member of the firm of Red and White, has long been active in the business and civic life of the town. He is a member of Limer Post of the American Legion, The Lions Club and the Baptist Church.

ATTEND FUNERAL
Mr. R. V. Allen, Mrs. Carrie Allen, Mr. Leonard Wilker and Mrs. Sue Wilker attended the funeral in Cary on Tuesday of Mrs. Mary E. Watson. Mrs. Watson was a sister of Mrs. Sue Wilker and Mrs. Carrie Allen.



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Early Next Week

Again next week The Warren Record will be printed a day earlier for the benefit of our advertisers. The paper will be printed on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Advertisers and contributors of news are asked to bear the earlier date in mind and to let us have their articles as early as possible.