

Yes, Virginia THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

(Little Virginia O'Hanion, eight years of age and perplexed by this question, put it up to the editor of the New York Sun in 1897. This editorial classic from the pen of Francis P. Church answered the question for all time.)

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

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, but even if they did not see 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 that neither children nor man can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supreme beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

DEMONSTRATION

A seasick sailor was leaning over the rail. The captain, standing nearby, said sternly, "You can't be sick, here." The sailor regarded the captain a minute, then said, sadly, "Watch."

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

CITY MARKET



AT CHRISTMAS TIME

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

THE TWINS' SHOP

TAX LISTING TO START IN MACON JAN. 2

Listeners For Year 1948
Appointed By Board
Of Commissioners

Tax listing in Macon County for the year 1948 will begin January 2, according to an announcement by Lake V. Shope, tax supervisor.

The Macon County board of commissioners named the following persons to serve as tax listeners in the various townships: Charley Sutton, Franklin; Paul Ammons, Millshoal; P. N. Moses, Ellijay; Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, Sugarfork; Tom Potts, Highlands; Ray Dryman, Flats; Robert Stewart, Smith Bridge; Bryan Setser, Cartoogechaye; Jim Shields, Nantahala; Bill Parrish, Burningtown; John H. Dalton, Cowee.

The commissioners, at their meeting Monday of last week, also continued the hearing involving the license issued to Mrs. Cora Reed for the sale of beer at the Lake Emory store. Mrs. Reid appeared before the commissioners at the time set for the hearing, but the case was continued indefinitely because of the failure of any witnesses to appear.

A petition, asking that a stretch of road in Highlands township known as the "Foreman Road" be placed on the state system for betterment and upkeep, was unanimously approved and forwarded to state highway officials in Raleigh.

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ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

*Merry Christmas
to each and every one*

SOSSAMON FURNITURE CO.

"Everything for Your Home"
Franklin, N. C.



Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the

Merriest Christmas

of them all!

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

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