

# YES, VIRGINIA

"Yes, indeed!  
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 comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"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? No body 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 that 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 the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? — oh, 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, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



One December day in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun "I am 8 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?" The answer to Virginia O'Hanlon's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament reflecting two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.



GRAND VARIETY!  
**BIG VALUES**  
IN FINE  
**Christmas Foods**

**Fruit Cake**  
Jane Parker  
1 1/2-lb. Cake \$1.25    3-lb. Cake \$2.45  
**5-Lb. Cake \$3.85**

Homestyle Sandwich  
**Marvel Bread** 1 1/2-lb. Loaf 18c  
Marvel Dinner  
**Rolls** Pkg. of Nine 10c

Jane Parker Angel  
**Food Bar** Ea. 49c

Jane Parker Plain  
**Pound Cake** 28-oz. Cake 49c

Jane Parker Sugared  
**Donuts** 1-Doz. Pkg. 19c

Jane Parker  
**Merry Christmas Layer Cake**  
8" Layer 75c

Ann Page Stuffed  
**Olives** 2-oz. Bot. 23c

Ann Page Salad  
**Dressing** Qt. Jar 39c

Ann Page  
**Grape Jam** 2-lb. Jar 45c

Ann Page Vanilla  
**Extract** 1-oz. Bot. 17c

Ann Page Tomato  
**Soup** 2 10 1/2-oz. Cans 19c

Ann Page  
**Nutmea** 2-oz. Pkg. 19c

Ann Page Peanut  
**Butter** 16-oz. Jar 35c

Ann Page Gelatin Desserts  
**Sparkle** 3 Pkgs. 17c

Ann Page with Pork & Tom Sauce  
**Beans** 2 16-oz. Can 19c

Ann Page  
**Strawberry Preserves** 16-oz. Jar 41c

Ann Page Chocolate or Vanilla  
**Sparkle Pudding** Pkg. 5c

**A & P STORES  
WILL BE  
CLOSED  
ALL DAY  
MON. DEC. 26th**

Pink <b>Salmon</b> 1 lb can	39c
A & P <b>Sardines</b> 2 1-lb. Cans	25c
Armour's <b>Treet</b> 12 Oz. Can	39c
Sultana <b>Tuna</b> 6 Oz. Can	31c
Sour Pitted <b>Cherries</b> No. 2 Can	29c
Libby's <b>Pineapple</b> No. 2 Can	29c
Iona <b>Pears</b> No. 2 1/2 Can	30c
A & P Cream Style <b>Corn</b> No. 2 Can	16c
Iona Green <b>Beans</b> 2 No. 2 Cans	25c
A & P <b>Spinach</b> No 2 1/2 Can	19c
Iona <b>Peas</b> No. 2 Can	11c
Iona <b>Hominy</b> No. 2 1/2 Can	12c
Sultana <b>Rice</b> 3 Lb. Pkg.	33c
White House Cond. <b>Milk</b> 14 Oz. Can	19c

### Three From Here Make Honor Roll At WCTC

Allan Brooks, Jr., Miss Freda Mae Arnold, and Miss Iris Cabe, Macon County students at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, are on the fall quarter honor roll at W. C. T. C.

### Lions Club Cance's Monday Night Meeting

Monday night's semi-monthly meeting of the Franklin Lions club has been canceled, it was announced this week. The Lions will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 9.

### LOSE RIGHT TO DRIVE

The grand total of revocations of driver's licenses in North Carolina passed the 100,000 mark in November, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported. The first American lumber mill was established in 1608.

**At Christmas time**

WE REALIZE MORE THAN EVER  
HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO HAVE THE FRIENDSHIP  
AND GOOD WILL OF FOLKS LIKE YOU . . . AND SO  
WE THANK YOU AGAIN  
AND EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES  
FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

**GROVER JAMISON**  
JEWELER

XMAS SPECIAL—Regular \$29.75 Ladies' watches,  
Now only \$24.75. See us before you buy as we have  
several Bargains that are sure to PLEASE!

SOMETHING FROM YOUR JEWELERS, IS ALWAYS SOMETHING SPECIAL

<b>Mincemeat</b> - - - 9-Oz. Pkg.	15c
<b>Cranberry Sauce</b> 16-oz. Can	15c
<b>Peaches</b> - - - - No. 2 1/2 Can	25c
<b>Corn</b> - - - - - 12-oz. Can	16c
<b>Asparagus</b> - - - No. 2 Can	40c
<b>Peas</b> - - - - - No. 2 Can	27c
<b>Tomato Soup</b> 2 10 1/2-oz. Cans	21c
<b>Apple Sauce</b> 2 No. 2 Cans	23c
<b>Margarine</b> - - - 1-lb. Pkg.	29c
<b>Crisco or Snowdrift</b> 3-lb. Can	79c
<b>Coconut</b> - - - - 8-oz. Pkg.	27c
<b>Milk</b> - - - - - 3 Tall Cans	33c

**Christmas Candies**

Meadors  
**Christmas Mix** 1-lb. Pkg. 25c

Wm. B. Junble  
**Sticks** 10-oz. 20c

W. W. Moore Thin  
**Mints** 1-lb. Pkg. 37c

W. W. Moore Cream  
**Drops** 1-lb. Pkg. 27c

W. W. Moore Choc. Covered  
**Cherries** 1-lb. Pkg. 45c

W. W. Moore Liberty  
**Creams** 1-lb. Box 29c

Worthmore Assorted  
**Chocolates** Christmas wrapped  
59c to \$1.15  
5 Lb. box \$2.85

**NUTS**

Brazil - - - 1-lb. Pkg. 29c

Walnuts - - - 1-lb. Pkg. 39c

Pecans - - - 1-lb. Pkg. 37c

Mixed - - - 1-lb. Pkg. 35c

Sunnybrook Grade A  
**Fresh Eggs** - 1-Doz. Ctn. 50c

Mild & Mellow  
**Cheese** - - - Lb. 43c

Kraft Phila.  
**Cream Chees** 3-oz. Pkg. 16c

Borden's heese  
**Vera Sharp** - 5-oz. Pkg. 29c

Kraft Cheese Food Products  
**Velveeta** - - 1/2-lb. Pkg. 29c

Planter's  
**Cocktail Peanuts** 8-oz. Can 30c

Pick O'Carolina Sweet  
**MIXED PICKLES** 16-oz. Bot. 17c

**Holiday Fruit**

**ORANGES**  
8 LB. BAG - - - 33c  
1/4 Box Bag - - - 79c  
1/2 Box Bag - - - \$1.49

Rome Beauty  
**Apples** Bushel \$2.75

Western Box Delicious  
**Apples** 4 Lbs. for 43c

**Celery** Large Stalk 12c

**Tomatoes** Lb. 15c

**Tangerines** 2 lbs for 17c

**Grapes** 2 Lbs. for 23c

**Chestnuts** Lb. 15c

**Cocoanuts** Lb. 7c

**Grapefruits**, lg. size, 4 for . . 29c

**Cranberries**, 1 lb. cello bag . . 13c

**Cabbage**, 2 lbs. for . . . . . 9c

**Potatoes**, 10 lb. bag . . . . . 35c

**Really Fresh A&P COFFEE**

Mild & Mellow  
**8 O'CLOCK**  
1-lb. Bag 59c 3 Lb. Bag \$1.71

Rich & Full Bodied  
**Red Circle** 1-lb. Bag 63c

Vigorous & Winey  
**BOKAR**  
1-lb. Bag 65c 3 Lb. Bag \$1.89

**NECTAR TEA**  
1/2-lb. Pkg. 27c

A&P Seedless  
**RAISINS**  
15-oz. Pkg. 15c

Premium Lb. Pkg. **Crackers** - - - - 25c

Lb. Pkg. **Ritz** - - - - - 32c

Lb. Pkg. **Honey** - - - - - 28c

12 Oz. Pkg. **Grahams** - - - - 28c

12 Oz. Pkg. **Vanilla** - - - - - 32c

**Waffers** - - - - - 32c

Lb. **English Style** - - - - 53c

**Assortment** - - - - - 25c

Lb. **Honey Flavored** - - - - 19c

**Fig Bars** - - - - - 19c

**Crispo Cookies** - - - - 19c

**Black Walnut** - - - - 19c

**Crispo Cookies** - - - - 19c

**Cocoanut** - - - - - 19c

**Crispo Cookies** - - - - 19c

**Oatmeal** - - - - - 19c

A&P Food Stores

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**  
December 31st  
ROOF GARDEN  
SKYWAY HOTEL

Music by  
**TEDDY MARTIN AND HIS ORCHESTRA**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US IN  
RINGING OUT THE OLD AND BRINGING IN THE  
NEW YEAR.

Sponsored by Franklin Lions Club

8:30 'Til 12:00      Script, \$1.25 Per Person