

We Extend Our Wishes for a Merry Christmas to All

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THE LOW FARM INCOME DOOMS TENANT FARM

Day of Reckoning Hastened by Six Factors, Economist Rogers Declares

The antiquated cropper system of farming, as practised in North Carolina and the South, is doomed. "This is no new revelation," says R. H. Rogers, farm management economist at State College. "The system has been doomed since its inception, as it is not logical to expect a year's living from a half-year's work. Neither is it likely that slipshod operations and management in any business will long support one family let alone two or more."

The day of reckoning will be hastened, says Mr. Rogers, by six things and these are the expansion of cotton growing towards the west, the increased use of rayon and other cotton substitutes, the continued heavy boll weevil infestation, mounting cash expenses including taxes, the expansion of the tobacco acreage which has resulted in over-production, and more recently a curtailed domestic buying power.

Mr. Rogers says the unprofitableness of the tenant system is not new. However, in former days it would provide the landowner with enough cash to pay his taxes and to arrange for the next season's production. At the same time it would give the tenant some kind of living. Now the tenant gets a living and there is nothing left for the landowners. This makes it imperative that a change be brought about.

The live-at-home program must be intensified. This will release tenants who must find other farms or go into the overcrowded ranks of labor. At any rate, the landowner cannot continue to feed and care for tenants who return him no profit. Alert farmers are now changing, says Mr. Rogers, and others will soon be forced to change through bankruptcy or curtailment of credit.

In the future more work must be done with modern machinery causing small farms to be thrown together for economical operations and extra labor needed will be hired on a cash basis.

A CHRISTMAS ANTHOLOGY

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family whose line of descent should run directly from Eden to Bethlehem. This family God took into covenant with Himself, and the promise of the fullness of time. This covenant-line runs through the whole of the Old Testament as the golden thread runs through the beautiful fabric. Everything centers in this covenant-line. It unifies the Old Testament. It is the cord upon which the pearls of history are at rung. Keep this in mind and it will explain a thousand mysteries and perplexities in reading the old scriptures.—David Gregg.

This day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love.—Shakespeare.

'Tis the season of kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.—Washington Irving.

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.—Charles Dickens.

The bellies of all Christendom now roll along the unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men.—Longfellow.

The kindness of Christmas is the kindness of Christ. To know that God so loved us as to give us His Son for our dearest Brother, has brought human affection to its highest tide on the day of that birth.—Maltbie Babcock.

The church-bells of innumerable sects are all chiming bells today, ringing in sweet accordance throughout many lands, and awaking a great joy in the heart of our common humanity.—E. H. Chapin.

The chief charm of Christmas is its simplicity. It is a festival that appeals to everyone, because they can understand it. A genuine fellowship prevades our common life—a fellowship whose source is our common share in the gift of the world's greatest life which was given to the whole world.—Arthur Reed Kimball.

It is the most human and kindly of all seasons, as fully penetrated and irradiated with the feeling of human brotherhood, which is the essential spirit of Christianity, as the month of June with sunshine and the beauty of roses.—George W. Curtis.

Never deny the babes their Christmas. It is the shining seal set upon a year of happiness. Let them believe in Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, or Kriss Kringle, or whatever name the jolly Dutch saint bears in your religion.—Marion Harland.

And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2: 13-14.

Now, in the words of Dickens' Tiny Tim "God bless us, every one!"

Yesterday, First Day of Winter, Is Shortest Day

Yesterday, the opening of winter, was the shortest day of the year. The set at 4:58. Today is longer, the sun rose at 6:58 yesterday morning and sun rises at 6:58 and sets at 4:59.

A Christmas Wish

BY MRS. HILDA ROBERTSON

I'd like a stocking made for a giant, and a meeting-house full of toys; Then I'd go out in a happy hunt for the poor little girls and boys. Up the street and down the street and across and over the town, I'd search and find them every one before the sun went down.

One would want a new jack-knife, sharp enough to cut; one would long for doll with hair, and eyes that open and shut; one would ask for a china set, with dishes all to her mind; one would wish for a Noah's ark, with beasts of every kind.

Some would like a doll's cook-stove and a little toy wash-tub; some would prefer a little drum

for a noisy rub-a-dub. Some would wish for a story-book, and some for a set of blocks; some would be wild with happiness over a new tool-box; and some would rather have little shoes and other things warm to wear; for many children are very poor, and the winter is hard to bear.

I'd buy soft flannels for little frocks, and a thousand stockings, or so, and the loliest little coats and cloaks, to keep out the frost and snow. I'd load a wagon with caramels and candy of every kind, and buy all the almonds and pecan nuts and taffy that I could find; and barrels and barrels of oranges I'd scatter right in the way, so the children would find them the very first thing, when they wake on Christmas Day.

The Cold, Stormy Christmas Back In The Year Of 1776

Americans Should Review History of Washington's Daring Exploit

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were River in Pennsylvania, but the condition of his men was such, as to arouse but little apprehension on the part of the British. The entire Continental Army was suffering from a lack of food, clothing, guns, ammunition—in fact, nearly everything needed to maintain an army was lacking in the American camp. A self-respecting European soldier could entertain anything but contempt for such a nondescript body of troops.

Among the soldiers which Howe had left in the Jerseys was a regiment of Hessians under the command of Colonel Rahl. These troops numbered about 1500 and were stationed at Trenton but a very short distance from the Delaware. The Hessians were the type of soldiers known as mercenaries, because of the fact that war was their profession. They were hired out by their own monarch to fight for other rulers. Many of these soldiers were used in the Revolution by Great Britain. Their lot was not a very happy one for they were not even respected by their English colleagues. The Americans themselves despised the hirelings because they were actuated by no principle save that of making money.

Washington formed his plans with all possible secrecy and Christmas was selected as the day for the attack on Trenton because it was believed that the Germans would be wholly unprepared to resist an assault at that time. These suppositions proved to be correct, for the boisterous celebration of the Yuletide was at its height when the Americans stormed the town in the dawn of that cold December morning.

Washington assembled his men at McKonkey's Ferry on the bank of the Delaware after a march of nine miles through frozen snow and biting sleet. The men were loaded into boats which had been gathered and prepared for the occasion, and the pitiful little army was soon moving across the stream. It was a perilous undertaking for the river was filled with great blocks of ice which many times threatened to overturn the crowded craft. But the affair was so well planned and executed that not a man or gun was lost. There was some delay in getting the artillery up, so that by the time Washington was ready to move on his objective the night was far gone. The enterprise had progressed so far, however, that there could be no thought of turning back.

From the ferry where the crossing had been made there remained another nine miles march to Trenton. By this time the temperature had dropped far below freezing and the troops were in a sorry plight, but they cheerfully resumed the march. The cold was so severe that two men froze to death that night. The suffering was intensified by the lack of suitable clothing, and a messenger to Washington was able to find the General by following the bloody footprints which his army left in the snow. Many of the muskets were so clogged with ice that they could not be fired, but by the time Trenton was reached the Americans, as one writer has suggested, would have charged with nothing but broomsticks. As it was, most of the fighting was done with the bayonet.

The battle did not last long. Colonel Rahl had underestimated the mettle of his opponent and had failed to erect fortifications or otherwise to prepare for an attack. This mistake cost him

his life and lost to Great Britain the services of a thousand hirelings. The Hessian commander bravely tried to form his men and resist the attack, but it was made so suddenly and so courageously that his tardy efforts were of no avail. This time Washington's victory was certain, and after only a few minutes of fighting the Germans all surrendered. The American casualties consisted of two or three men wounded, one of whom was Lieutenant James Monroe, later to become President of the United States.

Washington's hopes for the success of his enterprise were fully realized. His strategy and the heroism of his troops had the desired effect, for the waning spirits of the Americans were revived and the Revolution was saved. The British were forced to admit that they were opposed by a worthy foe and from this time forward they respect for his ability increased. There is no doubt that this was a strategic and masterful stroke on the part of the American leader. No less an authority than Frederick the Great of Prussia on one occasion is supposed to have remarked that "Washington's campaign in the Jerseys was the outstanding military exploit of the century." After his surrender at Yorktown, Lord Cornwallis, while dining with General Washington, said "Fame will gather your brightest laurels rather on the banks of the Delaware than from those of the Chesapeake." It is entirely fitting that the American people should turn for a moment from the holiday spirit of the season and remember with gratitude the sacrifices made by these courageous men of the Continental Army and the genius of their indomitable leader in the Battle of Trenton. Surely the nation is deeply indebted to George Washington for what he accomplished on that cold, stormy Christmas in 1776.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by James Brown and wife Alice Brown, on the 21st day of April, 1924, and of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book Q-2, at page 102, said deed of trust given to secure certain notes of even date and tenor therewith, and the stipulations therein contained not having been complied with, at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned trustee will, on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1931, at 12 o'clock M., in front of the Court House door in the Town of Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at the Henry Griffin southeast corner on the Bear Grass and Williamston road; thence along A. H. Griffin's line to his west corner; thence a straight line across W. S. Peel's field and along a line of marked trees to Tyner Branch; thence up the various courses of Tyner Branch to J. Daniel Biggs corner, a pine on Tyner's lane; thence down Tyner's lane to the Bear Grass and Williamston road; thence along said road to the beginning, containing 20 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Containing 15 acres, more or less, bounded on the north by the lands of Jesse Tyner, on the west by the lands of Jesse Tyner, on the south by J. Daniel Biggs and the first above described, and on the east by the tract first above described and being the James Brown home-place. Dated, this 18th day of December 1930.

ELBERT PEEL, Trustee.

Wheeler Martin, Attorney. D-19-4t

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Martin County at the November Special Term, 1930, in the case "D. G. Mathews vs. J. S. Peel," the undersigned Commissioner will, on Monday, January 19th, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of

Large Crowds Expected at Dance in Robersonville

Unusually large crowds are expected at the Christmas dances to be held in Robersonville Thursday of this week. During the past few days the promoters have advertised extensively the two dances, going as far west as Raleigh with their literature. It is understood that the two dances, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening, will be the only ones held in Eastern Carolina that day.

Mr. W. A. Ellison, of Belhaven, and son, William, of New York, visited friends here a short while yesterday.

The Court House door of Martin County offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:

Bounded by the old Williamston and Hamilton Road on one side, the new Williamston and Hamilton road on the other side, the cemetery, and others, and being located in the Town of Williamston, N. C., and being same land now owned by D. D. Stalls and set out and described in a deed of trust from D. D. Stalls to the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

This 19th day of December, 1930. B. A. CRITCHER, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SERVICE

North Carolina, Martin County—in the Superior Court.

Martin County vs. Julie Vines and husband, Will Vines. The above named defendants, except those personally served in this action, and all other persons owning or claiming an interest in the land here referred to, will take notice that on the 1st day of Dec., 1930, an action entitled as above was commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens for the taxes due for the year 1928 on the following real estate:

Two acres of Woodland in Robersonville Township listed in the name of Julie Vines for 1928 taxes.

That they are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed at the office of the clerk of superior court of Martin County at Williamston, N. C., within 30 days from the 18th day of Jan. 1931 or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

It is also ordered that all other persons claiming an interest in the subject matter of the said action shall appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in 6 months from the date of this notice, or be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claims in or to the said property or proceeds from the sale thereof.

This 18th day of December, 1930. R. J. PEEL, Clerk of Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SERVICE

North Carolina, Martin County—in the Superior Court.

Martin County vs. Tom Hardison and wife, ——— Hardison. The above named defendants, except those personally served in this action, and all other persons owning or claiming an interest in the land here referred to, will take notice that on the 1st day of Dec., 1930, an action entitled as above was commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens for the taxes due for the year 1928 on the following real estate:

Ten acres of land in Williams Township known as the Adeline Hardison Land.

That they are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed at the office of the clerk of superior court of Martin County at Williamston, N. C., within 30 days from the 18th day of Jan. 1931 or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

It is also ordered that all other persons claiming an interest in the sub-

ject matter of the said action shall appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in 6 months from the date of this notice, or be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claims in or to the said property or proceeds from the sale thereof.

This 18th day of December, 1930. R. J. PEEL, Clerk of Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust executed to the undersigned Trustee on the 2nd day of January, 1911, of record in the Register of Deeds Office of Martin County in Book ZZZ, page 136, to secure note of even date therewith, and the stipulations not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bond, the undersigned Trustee will, on the 22nd day of January, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon in front of the Courthouse door of Martin County, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described land:

A lot in the Town of Williamston, N. C., adjoining Watts Street, John Edmondson and Meadows home place, and the W. A. Ellison home place, containing One Fourth Acre, more or less.

Also being a lot in the Town of Williamston, N. C., adjoining Hatton Street, M. D. Wilson on two sides and the old Ellison home place, containing about One Acre, more or less. This 22nd day of December, 1930. B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SERVICE

North Carolina, Martin County—in the Superior Court.

Martin County vs. Mary C. Wynne and husband, ——— Wynne, (if she has a husband)

The above named defendants, except those personally served in this action, and all other persons owning or claiming an interest in the land here referred to, will take notice that on the 1st day of Dec., 1930, an action entitled as above was commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens for the taxes due for the year 1928 on the following real estate:

One vacant lot in the town of Par-

mele, N. C. listed for taxes in 1928 by Mary C. Wynne.

That they are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed at the office of the clerk of superior court of Martin County at Williamston, N. C., within 30 days from the 18th day of Jan. 1931 or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

It is also ordered that all other persons claiming an interest in the subject matter of the said action shall appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in 6 months from the date of this notice, or be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claims in or to the said property or proceeds from the sale thereof.

This 18th day of December, 1930. R. J. PEEL, Clerk of Superior Court.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Thomas Archie Corey on the 16th day of April, 1930 and of record in the public registry for Martin County in Book C-3 page 282, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing a certain note of even date and tenor therewith, and default having been made in the payment of the said note and the stipulations contained in the said deed of trust not having been complied with and at the request of the holder of the said note the undersigned trustee will on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1931 at 12 o'clock M. in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C. offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

1930. R. G. HARRISON, Trustee.

Ellert S. Peel, Attorney—Trustee. d-23-4t

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Regardless of what we think about Christmas, it is the one time in a year when we should try to be happy. Grown ups as well as young folks and kiddies, we have a good assortment of useful presents, a good buy at any season of the year.

A Lot of Electric Equipment for Cooking; Boys' Wagons, Scooters, Kiddy Kars; and Numerous Articles not Mentioned.

Culpepper Hardware Co.

WATTS Xmas Week

Monday	Tuesday
"The Passion Flower"	
Wednesday	Thursday
"Dawn Patrol"	
Friday	Saturday
"Last of the Duane's"	

WATTS WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

Wednesday & Thursday

December 24 and 25

Richard Barthelmess

in

'The Dawn Patrol'

SPECIAL MATINEE CHRISTMAS DAY AT 3 P. M.

MERRIE XMAS TO EVERYBODY

Christmas Greetings

Out of another year of friendship and confidence with our friends, patrons and customers, we have developed a most earnest wish for the continuance of their good will, and offer ours whole-heartedly.

This Institution wishes every one a Very Happy Christmas.

Bank Of Robersonville