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### Fireworks at Christmas

Our Northern neighbors consider fireworks at Christmas unusual, and are inclined to laugh at the Southern youth, who has no chance to fire Roman candles and blow things up in general on the Fourth of July, the accepted time in the North for burning fireworks. Probably in the firing of "pop-crackers" and salutes during the Christmas holiday season, youth shows little respect to the real Christmas, but we dare say his respect is not lessened by the practice.

Just as readily as the Eskimo accepts fur for wearing apparel, the youth in the South accepts the firing of firecrackers as a part of the Christmas observance program.

This practice can be better understood by observing the activities on July 4. The national holiday marking the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia in 1776 is not generally observed in the strictly rural sections throughout the Southland. On that day the farm youth is chopping cotton or busy at other tasks in the fields. Money is scarce, the receipts from the crop sold some seven or eight months previously having dwindled to the point where there is hardly enough left to pay for the actual necessities of life. At Christmas time, liberal parents spare a quarter, half dollar, and, in some cases, a whole dollar, to be burned up. That's why the Southern youth shoots his firecrackers at Christmas.

Just why the Northern youth shoots "pop-crackers" on the Fourth of July, and just why the worthless things are made anyhow, we would like for someone to explain for us.

### Not Strong for Capital Punishment

The examination of nearly 100 men for jury service in the Martin County Superior Court last week, when Willis Bullock and Alvin W. Watson, young white men, went on trial for the murder of Thomas Holliday, Robersonville filling station operator, showed that only about four of them were against capital punishment. Faced directly with the task of passing on the fate of a man, 12 of those men who said they were not opposed to capital punishment recommended mercy for the defendant before them.

A showdown in the matter of life and death apparently proved the men were not so strong for capital punishment as they once believed themselves to be. Many of those in the courtroom who heard a death sentence pronounced for the first time in their lives left the hall of justice uncertain as the value of the end attained by the state in seeking revenge by snuffing out the life of human beings.

Once the brutal crime is remembered—the Holliday murder in this case—nothing short of the convicted man's life will pay his debt to an uncertain society, it is ruled.

This life and death business is one of the big problems facing society today. The record number of executions in the state so far this year apparently has had little effect in the abatement of crime. If the designed remedy fails, as apparently it has failed, then a remedy should be substituted. In the case of Watson, society remained indifferent too long. Instead of directing the youth four or five years ago, society sleeps, and only awakens in time to demand his life for doing something that should never have happened.

Judge Barnhill, in pronouncing sentence upon the youth, charged the responsibility of the crime to society. There is no doubt about the correctness of the charge, for the remedy offered through execution is not proving at all successful. And what is society

doing? Nothing; or very little, at the best. The home turns its charges over to the schools, and in the schools there is confusion as to the duty of strengthening the moral and spiritual nature of youth. No certain balance is struck in allowing youth its "fling," and a rushing world finds no time to correct the errors that accumulate from year to year until the very weight of crime demands death. Then society, thru its courts, orders the victim removed from this earth.

Society is reaping a big harvest of criminals from the seeds of indifference, and as long as such seed are sown the harvest will continue. Society all but invites youth to take the criminal path, and at the end exacts the penalty of death of the one who follows the path.

### Changing Times

While England last week was changing kings, plucky little Ireland was changing its colors, making itself independent of Britain in the conduct of internal affairs but making it quite plain that the king's name would be used in handling foreign affairs. Is it that Ireland wants to do her own bossing and yet hold the protection of Britain?

It is characteristic of the times for one to do the loud talking when there's no opposition and to run and hide behind the protection of another when danger is to be faced.

### There Is a Santa Claus

Years ago Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the *New York Sun* asking the editor for the truth about Santa Claus. The editorial in answer to it was written by Francis P. Church and is generally considered to be a masterpiece along its line. Every Christmas since, the publishers of *The Sun* have had this editorial reprinted on its front page as an answer to the disturbing thoughts that arise in the minds of many children who are told there is no Santa Claus. No one has found a finer answer than the one presented here from the years ago:

#### In There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answer to 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."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except 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 little 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 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? 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 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 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 the picture the supernal 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 forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia; nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

### Good Taste and Fashion

Many a home has been wrecked and many a family has come to grief all because fashion had to be served. Fashion has demanded the purchase of countless articles today, the trash man hauling them off tomorrow. We forget that good taste is different from and far superior to fashion.

of trust executed by Joseph H. Mizell and wife, Connie Mizell, on the 15th day of December, 1928, and recorded in book X-2, page 387-88, we will, on Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1937, 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder the following land, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of Joe Moyer on the N.; the lands of Henry Wynn on the E.; the lands of Buck Clark and W. R. Little on the S.; and the lands of J. L. Roebuck on the S.; and more particularly described as follows: Beginning in a path on the public road, corner of the lands of Buck Clark and W. R. Little; thence with said road north 42 1-2° E. 35 1-5 poles and N. 38 1-2° E. 47 3-5 poles; thence S. 45 1-2° E. 34 poles; thence N. 55° E. 71 1-5 poles; thence N. 47° W. 101 3-5 poles; thence N. 79° W. 110 4-5 poles to Horsepen Branch; thence with Horsepen Branch S. 4° W. 58 poles to Bates Branch; thence with Bates Branch S. 3° E. 62 poles; thence S. 67° E. 49 1-5 poles; thence 39° E. 28 2-3 poles to the beginning, containing 116 1-2 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Joseph H. Mizell by J. A. Mizell, trustee, by deed dated December 30, 1922, and recorded in Martin County Public Registry in Book K-2, page 562.

This land is sold subject to all unpaid taxes.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of Joseph H. Mizell and wife, Connie Mizell, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale.

This the 11th day of December, 1936.

INTERSTATE TRUSTEE CORPORATION, d22 4tw Substituted Trustee, Durham, N. C.

### SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by J. W. Crisp and wife, Ida Crisp, on the 24th day of October, 1929, and recorded in book B-3, page 291, I will, on Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1937, 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following land to wit:

All those certain tracts of land lying and situate and being in the county of Martin and State of North Carolina, Hamilton Township, near the town of Hamilton and described as being tract number nine, containing 20.37 acres, and tract No. 10, containing 21.00 acres, making a total of 41.37 acres, and being a part of what is known as the B. B. Sherrod farm, as surveyed and platted by C. R. Revelle, surveyor, in October, 1929, and recorded in Martin County Register of Deeds' office in Book L. D. 3, page 164.

This land is sold subject to all unpaid taxes.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of J. W. Crisp and wife, Ida Crisp, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale.

This the 11th day of December, 1936.

J. S. PATTERSON, d22 4tw Trustee, Durham, N. C.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed to the undersigned Trustee by Augustus Bryant on the 1st day of November, 1934, of record in the Register of Deeds office Martin County in Book H-3, page 468, to secure a certain 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 11th day of January, 1937 offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tract of land:

A tract of land in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, adjoining lands of Fon Everett, George

James, Turner land, Iron Field land and the County Road. Containing 110 acres, more or less, and being the same identical land as surveyed by W. W. Ange and Son on December 27, 1933, and the same land now occupied and owned by Augustus Bryant. This 11th day of December, 1936. B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee. d-15 4t-w



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### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by R. O. Martin and wife, Penny Martin, to the undersigned substituted trustee, and dated the 23rd day of May, 1927, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in book Y-2, at page 265 and at the request of the holder of the notes of indebtedness thereby secured, default having been made in the payment thereof, I will on the 20th day of January, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County offer for sale at public auction for cash the property described in said deed of trust as follows, to wit:

First Tract: Beginning at a pine, thence running up Cedar Creek or

Branch to a Spanish oak, the corner of William Carkeet line, thence along the fence, thence up the dividing line, thence along the dividing line south thirty-six degrees east to the first station, being sixty acres, more or less.

Second tract: Beginning at a post on the southern edge of the right of way of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. and the northeastern corner of the tract deeded by J. E. C. Davis of this date to M. E. Hopkins, thence eastwardly along the right of way of said railroad 44 poles to a post, a corner, thence S. 20 E. to and across the main run of big swamp, thence down the southern edge of Big Swamp to a small chopped black gum, M. E. Hopkins' corner, thence N. 20 W. 108 poles along said M. E. Hopkins' line to the beginning, con-

taining 30 acres more or less.

Third tract: Beginning at the Josh Jerman corner on the right of way of the A. C. L. R. R. Co., thence along said right of way on the A. C. L. R. R. to the Free Union Road, thence down Free Union Road to a marked black gum in the head of a bottom or flat to and through Big Swamp, thence down Big Swamp to the said Josh Jerman line or corner opposite the point of beginning, thence along the line of the said Joshua Jerman property to the point of beginning, containing forty acres, more or less.

This 11th day of December, 1936.

W. H. COBURN, d22 4tw Substituted Trustee.

### SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed