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## There Is A Santa Claus

Whoever tells a child that there is no Santa Claus is slightly at variance with the truth. Like Christ, Santa Claus once walked this earth. Again, he was like Christ in that he was noted for his great kindness and generosity. Such was his hold on the hearts of the people that after he died, December 6, about 1,600 years ago, the date was set aside as a feast and gift day, in commemoration of his life. This great person's name was Nicholas. After his death folks called him Saint Nicholas. As the feast and gift giving day of St. Nicholas spread, the Dutch took it up. The nearest they could come to saying St. Nicholas was Santa Claus.

As the time rolled on, December 6, the feast day of Santa Claus, giver of gifts, and December 25, the feast day of Christ, the giver of life, became confused in the minds of the people, and eventually the two festivals were combined. Thus the idea became established that on the eve of the birth of the Christ Child there comes out of the frozen North, with sleigh and reindeer, genial Santa Claus, with gifts. So America adopted St. Nicholas as its patron saint of Christmas just as Father Christmas is indigenous to Britain; Santa Claus to Germany; Kriss Kringle to Holland; Brownie Nisson to Denmark; Pere Noel to France; and Mother Goose to Italy.

When the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child's manger in Bethlehem at the nativity of Christ from various forms of giving the method has evolved into the Santa Claus method. Children used to, and do now in some foreign lands, use their shoes as a receptacle for gifts. Years ago Santa Claus was expected from out of the North driving a horse; later the idea of the reindeer and sled originated; still later children looked for him in automobiles; now some expect him to circle the world in a silent aeroplane distributing his gifts.

Certainly there is a Santa Claus. Just as Christ's spirit prompts men toward righteousness; the spirit of Santa Claus prompts the giving of gifts.

## Rev. Mr. Everett's Resignation

In the resignation of the Rev. J. R. Everett as pastor of the local Baptist Church, the town is to lose a valued citizen; the ministerial staff of the town a devoted member; and the church an esteemed leader. However, as the leaving minister departs for the Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., to take a post graduate course, the citizens acknowledge their sorrow at his departure but realize also that they can not stand in the way of such an admirable step in the educational career of the young minister.

## Observe Postal Requirements

In a former issue of the Beacon there was a news article of an interview with Postmaster A. L. Alexander relative to mailing early and other cautions for securely wrapping packages and legibly addressing them so that they could be delivered in first class condition even during the Christmas rush which deserves the attention, consideration and observance of the citizens of Plymouth. Although it may be too late to mail your parcels early—yet the other cautions should be observed to expedite delivery.

## FARM NOTES

An investment of \$420 in ground limestone paid a return of \$2,250 in fine clover hay in Madison county this year.

"Nothing but pure bred dairy sires in Gaston county" is the sign that will soon be displayed by farmers of that county.

Health of the hens will be improved and egg laying will be more profitable when the birds have green feed throughout the winter.

Poultry growers of Lee county have sold \$12,343.49 worth of surplus poultry and eggs in cooperative carlot shipments this year.

Recleaning and treating tobacco seed before planting this winter will help produce stronger plants for setting next spring.

The use of dolomitic limestone was worth \$100 an acre in improved quality of tobacco says, E. P. Sauls of McCullers in Wake county.

The Newland 4-H club in Pasquotank county reports that 91 of its 92 members completed their projects and turned in reports to the county agent.

Surry county farmers are investigating their milk supply with the idea of inviting the Kraft-Phenix cheese company to establish a branch plant in the county.

The more important soils of North Carolina are described and their plant food needs given in agronomy information circular 18 recently published by the school of agriculture at State College.

## "NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE"


NORTH CAROLINA, WASHINGTON COUNTY. UNDER and by virtue of the authority of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by L. L. Owens and A. L. Alexander to Z. V. Norman, Trustee, dated February 18th 1924 and duly recorded in Book No. 91, on Page No. 96, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Washington County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note therein secured, and demand having been made upon said Trustee to foreclose said Deed of Trust according to its terms, the

undersigned will on Monday the 31st day of December 1928, in front of the Court House door in the Town of Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, expose at public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property; viz: Situate in North Carolina, in Washington County, in Plymouth Township, and being lots numbers 15-17-19-21-23 and 25, containing 40 acres of the Dock Bateman farm, the said lots being designated and described by courses and boundaries on Map of the Sub-Division of the said property made by Respass and Rose, Civil Engineers, and recorded in Book of Maps, Page 22, Register of

Deeds Office of said County, which map and reference thereto is made a part hereof. THIS the 1st day of December 1928. Z. V. NORMAN, Trustee. Miley C. Glover, Attorney. **MAN WANTED**—To Run McNess Business in Washington county. \$7.00 to \$12.00 daily—year around work—no layoffs—unusual offer. Write me today. Mr. Porter, % FURST & THOMAS, Freeport, Ill.

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