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**LETTER**

Editor, Franklin Press,  
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Editor:  
There is a confusion among the people in regard to the game law. Some say it is not lawful to trap fur-bearing animals but they can be caught with dogs without violating the law. I think this is a good law if it prohibits taking fur in anyway for the next two years. Except the fox. There ought to be a bounty on him, as he is a bad chicken thief. Hope you can give the desired information.

Very truly,  
V. C. DeHART.

**SANTA CLAUS LETTERS**

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 16 years old. I go to school and am in the eighth grade. I want you to bring me a little doll that says "mama" and will open and shut its eyes, a little teaset, a red yo-yo for I am fond of yo-yoing, two pieces of goober candy, a stick of Long Tom chewing gum and a stick of kiss proof lipstick. Don't forget my little friends and my little sister, Orphie.  
Your little girl, Edis Holbrook.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a sewing set, apples, oranges, and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Your little friend, Velma Fisher.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am glad for the night to come for you. I love you. I hope you will bring me something. I will tell you what I would like to have a doll, book bag pencil box, story book, some oranges and apples and candy and nuts, and please, Santa, don't forget the other girls and boys.  
With love, Eulah Mae Fugeat.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a pair of skates, a sled, and a little cook stove, and lots of nuts, candy and fruits for Christmas. Old Santa Claus bring me a tricycle if you dont mind I'd like to have a doll dresser with a mirror pretty and clean, and Old Santa Claus bring me a tea-set with pretty pictures on them and a little doll trunk, if you dont mind. Don't forget the other little children.  
With love, Lonnie Mae Sherrill.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 16.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am 2 years old for Christmas. I want a pistol. Merry Christmas. Don't forget all the children.  
With love to Santa from  
John Dean.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 12.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 9 years old. For Christmas I want a wagon, a steam shovel, fountain pen, a truck, candy, nuts, bananas, oranges, apples, grapes, a book.  
With love, your friend,  
Gastrell Lancaster.

Bethel School, Cullasaja.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a red wagon. I want a wagon most of all. Also bring me some candy, oranges, and negro toes. Remember all the little children in other lands.  
Love, J. H. McConnell.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 13.

Dear Santa:  
I have been a very nice little boy

this year and I want you to bring me a little red wagon, ball, some mittens and a plug of Red Coone chewing tobacco.

Don't forget my little friends, Leonard Miller and D. T. Oliver.  
Your little friend, Bobby Tallent.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 13.

Dear Old Santa:  
I am a little boy 12 years old and I have been a very good little boy this year and I want you to bring me a little teddy bear, four red suckers and a coaster wagon.  
Your little friend, D. T. Oliver.

Cullasaja, N. C., Dec. 1.

Dear Santa Claus:  
For Christmas I want a toy rabbit, a little car, a ball and bat and some nuts, candies, oranges, bananas and a story book. Be sure and don't forget other little girls and boys.  
Your friend, Junior Estes,  
Bethel School, Cullasaja.

Cullasaja, N. C., Dec. 1.

Dear SaSnta Claus:  
I am telling you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me some candy and some oranges. Next I want is a pair of overalls. I guess that is all you can bring me this time. Goodbye Santa. Be sure and visit other little boys and girls.  
Your little boy, Gernell Moses.

Mr. Don Henry, son of Chief of Police Robert Henry, has become affiliated with the Joines Motor and Tractor company. Mr. Henry will be in charge of the parts department and the office. He is a graduate accountant and stenographer.

**FRANKS RETURNS FROM RALEIGH**

Mr. Sam Franks returned last Friday from Raleigh where he had attended the tax supervisors three-day meeting. From every county in the state there has been appointed a tax supervisor to revalue the entire property, both personal and real all over the state. This is a quardennial occurrence and comes this year.

While in Raleigh the supervisors were given detailed instruction as to how the assessments are to be made and were also instructed in the details of methods. It was pointed out at the meeting that the main reason for the reassessment every four years is for the purpose of equalizing taxation. The difficulties incidental thereto were gone into thoroughly and fully explained to the supervisors. Governor Gardner's address to the meeting is given in this paper in full so that the people may get some real idea as to the effort the officials are taking in order to get a fair and just assessment on the several kinds of property.

**Frank Crispe Returns Home**

Mr. Frank Crispe, who was seriously injured in West Virginia, has returned home. He was struck by a fallen tree, this breaking his back, and fracturing his skull and spine. He was knocked unconscious at the time of injury and remained so for about twenty days.  
He is said to be rapidly improving after his long trip home.

**Mrs. Mary Louise Addington Dies**

The death is reported of Mrs. Mary Louise Addington at the home of her son, Mr. J. W. Addington, on the Georgia road on the 16th of this month. She was eighty-four years old and was buried on Wednesday afternoon.

**Mrs. Enloe In Hospital**

Mrs. Chas. Enloe of Cartoogechaye is in a local hospital for an operation. Mr. Enloe who was in town to see her Monday reports that she is doing well and that speedy recovery is expected. Her many friends and relatives all wish for the best of progress and hope that she will be home by or before Christmas.

**Old Fashioned Spelling Bee To Be Held Here**

Preparations are underway for holding a genuine old fashioned spelling bee at the court house on the evening of December 30. Messrs. Thomas Johnson and Charles Blaine will act

as captains, choose up sides and the spelling combat will be on. There will be a charge of 10 cents admission for all persons who have passed their fifteenth year of age. Any one who desires to enter the contest is eligible.

The proceeds are to go for the purchase of an organ for the basement room of the Baptist church. The Old Blue Back speller will be used, but the management reserves the right to use another book also if it is deemed best to do so. Some people boast ability to spell all of the words on the "Blue Back Speller" with perhaps one or two exceptions. Would that be fair, then to use it exclusively?

There will be music before and after.

The purposes of this spelling contest are for everybody to have a good time, and to raise money with which to buy the organ.

A prize will be awarded the winner. Music begins at 7:30, and the fire works begin at 8:00. Everybody in the city and country should come. The captains will be lining up their spellers from now on. They may engage them in advance. It is hoped that Mr. Blaine does not get all of the good ones.

**Hatchery Is Being Investigated For Macon**

Mr. William B. Purdy, who married Mrs. Hunnicutt of this place recently, has been looking over the prospects in this town and section for a large incubator plant. He is now operating two large hatcheries. One located in Maryland and one in the eastern part of this state. He has not finally worked out his plans, but says that the proposed hatchery for Macon will not be less than a 10,000 egg capacity, should he decide to establish one here. It is understood that he is negotiating with some local parties in regard to the feasibility of such a business.

Mr. Purdy is stopping at the Scott Griffin hotel. Any one interested in the future poultry development of Macon and this section, will find him there and a very interesting man to talk to.

**GOVERNOR ASKS JUST VALUATION**

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dividual or community having an unfair advantage over another, Governor Gardner pointed out.

Every piece of property should be placed on the tax books, the Governor cautioned the supervisors. And, there should be a complete "uniform and equal re-assessment of real property for taxes."

Turning momentarily to personal property, the Governor said the assessment would not be made until April 1 but cautioned that "we are confronted with the fact that the value of tangible personal property has continued to vanish from the books. There must be a systematic and determined search to recover the value of personal property and make it bear its just tax burden."

One of the hardest questions the General Assembly will have to face in January, Governor Gardner told the supervisors, will be to "find a way to adjust public expenditures to our ability to pay under existing business and economic conditions without seriously or permanently injuring our public service."

The governor said he had come to the definite conclusion the cost of government and public service in the state must be reduced to meet present conditions but added the state must take no permanent steps backward.

"But, we are more than blind," he added, "we do not realize that no government can long survive when its expenditure greatly exceeds its income."

Real estate taxes in many instances are too high, the governor said, but in many others they are too low. The tax supervisors must, he told them, try for a uniform valuation.

"If we accomplish the equalizing of tax values," Governor Gardner said, "and if we set our expenditures on the scale we can afford, we shall make real progress toward the return of prosperity to North Carolina."

A warning to every county in the state was sounded by the governor when he told the supervisors to "teach your citizens to remember also that there are some taxes that cannot be evaded. I refer, of course, to your contract obligations for bond indebtedness—the tax levy ordinarily referred to as debt service. Our yoke

may be heavy and our burden hard, but it will never do for North Carolina, or any of its subdivisions to lightly regard its obligations or assume an attitude of indifference to its debt.

"The time has come in North Carolina when we must put our house in order in recognition of the changed status that confronts our people. We were the last state to feel depression in 1929 and will be the first to come back, provided we are willing to get down to bedrock and adjust our expenditure to our incomes.

"We are forced to recognize, both in values of real estate and in governmental activities, that the price of our two cash crops of cotton and tobacco are essentially interwoven with and constitute an exact barometer of the ability of our people to pay taxes and the value of land upon which the crops are grown.

"The biggest blow North Carolina has received in the past two years, in its universal application, is the loss that has come to the farmers of the state in the \$83,000,000 less received for cotton and tobacco under the prices received in 1927.

"Your work cannot be just or right by automatic or horizontal reduction of 10 or 20 per cent, or any per cent in assessed volume, because such a reduction would leave out the element of re-adjustment among individual values and therefore fail to achieve equality.

"Bear in mind that there is no way to fix values properly and justly except by considering each piece of property separately and then with reference to others like it. Be impersonal and objective in your judgments. Play no favorites."

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