

**SHEAF OF GRAIN**  
A SCANDINAVIAN CUSTOM

Scandinavian farmers traditionally practice the custom of attaching a sheaf of grain to a pole and placing it out in the snow as a Christmas feast for birds, often with just added as an extra treat. It is said that no peasant would sit down to Christmas dinner until the birds had been provided for.

**A DOZEN WAYS TO SAY "Merry Christmas!"**

Czech	Vesele Vanoce
Dutch	Prettige Kerstdagen
Finnish	Hauskaa Joulua
French	Joyeux Noel
German	Froehliche Weihnachten
Greek	Kala Christogene
Italian	Buon Natale
Portuguese	Feliz Natal
Russian	S Rojdestvom Kristovym
Spanish	Feliz Navidad
Swedish	God Jul
Welsh	Nadolig LLawen

**Snow or No, It's Always "White Christmas"**

The traditional image of an outdoor Christmas scene brings to mind, for most of us, the brilliance of sunlight on snow-covered fields and hills. But this is an idea that originated in the northern parts of Europe and America—and of course it doesn't really apply to the climate in many parts of our country.

In southern California, for instance, roses are blooming at Christmas—indeed, we all know this if only because of the famous New Year's "Rose Bowl" football game. And in Florida, at Christmas time, there's apt to be a hot sun beaming down on sand.

**The Legend of Christmas Tinsel**

According to an old legend, a poor peasant woman, with many children, decorated a Christmas tree with such humble trimmings as she was able to gather, mostly berries and nuts and such odds and ends as she had managed to save up during the year. She labored far into the night trying to make her tree as beautiful as she could.

While she was asleep, spiders came and crawled from branch to branch trailing their lacy webs behind them. To reward the woman for her devotion, the Christ Child blessed the tree and all the spider webs were turned into gleaming silver.



**Merry Christmas**

To the young and young-at-heart. Our holiday wishes... heartfelt appreciation.

**R & R OUTLET**

MAIN ST. MARSHALL, N.C.



**Score Yourself On This Christmas Quiz**

See how well you can score on the answers to questions about Christmas and its customs! Then check the answers:

- Research says that Christ's birthday occurred on:
  - December 25
  - an uncertain date
  - January 6
- Sending Christmas cards is a custom that started in:
  - Germany
  - England
  - the U.S.
- Hanging mistletoe is a custom that began:
  - in the 18th Century
  - in Scandinavia
  - among the ancient Druids
- Decorating a Christmas tree has its origin in:
  - Germany
  - Czechoslovakia
  - Norway
- The first people to set up a decorated Christmas tree in a public place were:
  - Portuguese
  - Flemish
  - Americans
- The custom of burning the Yule Log originated with:
  - the Vikings
  - the French
  - the Slavs
- The meaning of the word "carol," as used in England in the Middle Ages, was:
  - dancing
  - singing
  - dancing in a circle while singing
- The use of the crèche, or crib, as a Christmas symbol was introduced by:
  - the French
  - the Italians
  - the Swedes
- Exchanging gifts for Christmas was not practiced until:
  - 800 A.D.
  - the latter part of 19th Century
  - about 200 years ago
- The character of Santa Claus was first known as:
  - Father Christmas
  - St. Nicholas
  - Pere Noel

**ANSWERS**  
1-b 2-b 3-b 4-b 5-a 6-b 7-c 8-b 9-b 10-b

**SCORING**  
8 or better gives you an A; 5 to 7 is average. Less than that—return one Christmas present!

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**GREETINGS**

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**LIST YOUR TAXES Now**

Notice is hereby given that the List Takers for Madison County will sit at the following places at the time and places listed below. All property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation, for the year 1974, all the Real Estate and Personal Property which each one shall own on the first day of January or shall be required to give in then. Return of property is required, under the pains and penalties imposed by law.

**All Motor Vehicles Will Be Checked Against State Registration Cards.**

There will be **NO EXTENSION** of time given unless an emergency arises.

**ALL TAXES MUST BE LISTED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

Following are the List Takers for 1974 With Dates and Listing Places:

**T 1 W 1 MARSHALL MRS. VALERIE SHELTON**

January - Each Monday, Tuesday - Thursday  
Friday - Saturday at Courthouse. Weekdays 9 to 4:30, Saturdays 8:30 to 12.

**T 4 OLD NO. 5 HARRIS BALL**

January 4, 5, 12 SLUDER'S STORE  
January 19, FRANK MANEY'S STORE  
January 25 & 26, SLUDER'S STORE  
All other days at home

**T 1 W 2 LITTLE PINE—SANDY MUSH, MRS. IRENE TEAGUE**

Sat. January 5 - Little Sandy Mush Voting Pl.  
Sat. & Monday, January 12 & 14 Marshall Court House  
Sat. January 19, Davis Grocery 9 to 4  
January 26, Clarence Roberts Grocery 9 to 4.

**T 5 WALNUT CARL WALLIN**

January 7 - MARTIN SERVICE STATION  
January 8 & 15 - JOHNSTON'S SELF Service  
January 9 - DEAN RIGSBY'S Service Station  
January 11 - FOREST RANGERS STATION  
January 14 - BRIGMAN'S STORE  
January 16 & 21 - JAMES D. BROWN'S STORE  
All other times at home.

**T 2 LAUREL MRS. BETHEL WALLIN (BLANCE)**

Clarence C. Cutshalls Store January 2 & 30.  
Reuben Gosnell's Store at Revere, January 5.  
Earl Rice's Store, January 9  
Rance Hensley's Store, January 12  
Ward Rice's Store, January 16  
Fred Shelton's Store January 19  
Hubert Cutshall's Store, January 26  
Delmos Cook's Store, January 23  
All other times at home

**T 6 HOT SPRINGS MRS. BETTY FOWLER**

CAROLINA GROCERY STORE - January 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28 & 30 from 9 to 4 except Wednesdays - 9 to 12. All other nights at home.

**T 3 W1 MARSHALL MRS. HARDIE MERILL**

January - Each Monday, Tuesday - Thursday  
Friday & Saturday 9 to 4 at TOWN HALL

**T 7 EBBS CHAPEL MRS. BARBARA HONEYCUTT**

Paul Honeycutt's Store, January 5 & 26  
Ziska Ingle's Store & Station, January 12  
Kermit Hensley's Store, January 19  
Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
All other days at home.

**T 3 W 2 PETERSBURG MRS. DOLPH PEEK**

January 1, 2, 5, & 30 OAK GROVE CHURCH  
January 9, 10, & 12 SILVERS STORE  
January 16, 19 & 31 PENDER SHOOK GROCERY  
January 23, 26 & 28 H. C. CODY'S STORE  
All other times at Home

**T 8 SPRING CREEK MRS. MEDIA ASKEW**

January 3 BILL MOORE'S STORE  
January 7 S. F. PLEMMON'S STORE  
January 10 ALTON PRICE'S STORE  
January 13 T. J. MEADOWS STORE  
January 17 LEO WILLET'S STORE  
January 19 JOE JUSTICE STORE  
January 24 HOMER PLEMMON'S  
All other times at home.

**T 4 BEECH GLEN NAT BLANKENSHIP**

January 4 & 5 HUNTERS STORE  
January 12 MAYNARDS STORE  
January 19 FRANK MANEY'S  
January 26 FRED RICE'S  
All other times at home.

**Harold Wallin, Tax Supervisor**

*Christmas Wishes*

May your hearts be light...  
your holiday bright with happiness.

**DOROTHY B. SHUPE**  
(Just A Woman's Observations)

**"POP" STORY**  
(Heard and Seen)

**Merry Christmas**

It's only natural for us to say "happy holidays." We want you to know your good will means a lot.

**DIXIE GROCERY**

MARSHALL, N.C.

**Merry Christmas**

May the happy spirit of Christmas continue through our year-round relationship. Thanks!

**PIONEER FORD**

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MARSHALL, N.C.