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**Around The Mt. Mitchell  
 Forest Service District**  
 By George Vitas, U. S. Forest Ranger

Christmas was a hectic but a most pleasant time of the year. Everybody seemed to be so busy. You strained your memory—"let's see, is cousin in Detroit, six or seven? What shall I get him? One of those toy battery—driven autos would be nice. Yes, but maybe he's got one," and so on. You got out your Christmas card list (if you could

find it) and after carefully addressing and licking dozens of cards, envelopes and stamps you wondered, "why don't some one put some sugar and flavoring in that glue? Have I forgotten anyone? Then you started packing your gifts and soon learned that the clerk in the drugstore, who so neatly and efficiently wraps your purchase is an

expert at this business of wrapping and you are not. You took your packages to the Post Office and wondered, "shall I insure them?" You figured that if you did, maybe the corners of the package wouldn't be quite so badly banged up when they reached their destination. So you insured.

The Postmaster and his crew were swimming in Christmas cards and packages. Their delivery trucks were piled high with canvas mail bags that, from the outside, didn't look any different than they do at any other time of the year. But inside those bags were hundreds of tender thoughts and remembrances of love and affection destined for friends and relations.

You walked down the street and over on the corner you saw a miniature forest of evergreens—Christmas trees. There was Balsam Fir from Canada, Spruce from Minnesota, Douglas Fir from Oregon. But the freshest looking and most fragrant tree was the tree that came from the mountains in your own back yard. It may have been a pine from McDowell County, a Cedar from Yancey County, or a Spruce or

Frasier Fir from Mitchell County's Roan Mountain. Whatever the tree, wherever it came from it symbolized the finest side of man. The city streets were gaily decorated with multi-colored bulbs, wreaths and figures of Santa Claus. The store fronts were fancied up with Christmas winter scenes. Automobiles, parked at the curb, were stacked high with packages. And after an hour and a half of shopping around, you suddenly realized that you were parked at a one-hour limit meter. You hurried back to slip another nickel into the meter, wondered all the time, "I hope I didn't get a ticket."

Yes, Christmas was a hectic but most pleasant time of the year. It made no difference whether your home was a humble place in a woodland hollow, a city house beside the railroad tracks or that big white house on the hill—the Christmas spirit found you—if you sincerely believed in it. It was not how much

**NOTICE OF FINAL SALE**  
 In The Superior Court  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 YANCEY COUNTY  
 Yancey County

vs.  
 Dulcie Allen, et als., Heirs at Law of E. A. Allen  
 Under and by virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court in the above entitled action appointing the undersigned as Commissioner to sell the hereinafter described lands to satisfy said judgment for taxes for the years of 1948, 1949, together with interest, penalties and costs thereon, and subsequent taxes, the undersigned will, on the 15 day of January, 1951, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House door in Burnsville, North Carolina, sell the hereinafter described lands to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy said judgment together with all costs and subsequent taxes said property being in Pensacola Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of S. P. Atkins and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning on a water birch on West side of Long Branch standing on the bank of said branch runs West course up the mountain with the main height of a ridge, a made line by S. P. Atkins to the top of Wilson Ridge to a chestnut; thence an East course down the mountain a conditional line used by S. P. Atkins to a chestnut at a branch; thence down the branch to Long Branch; thence down Long Branch to the Beginning, containing 30 acres, more or less.

This Dec. 12, 1950.  
 BILL ATKINS, Commissioner  
 Dec. 21—28, Jan. 4—11

**NOTICE OF FINAL SALE**  
 YANCEY COUNTY  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 YANCEY COUNTY

vs.  
 M. B. Higgins, et als.  
 Whereas, a judgment was rendered in the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina, in the above entitled action against the individual defendants in said action as Heirs at Law of J. H. Higgins. Deceased for certain taxes due Yancey County and for due the Town of Burnsville, North Carolina, for the years of 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, and for subsequent taxes, and

Whereas, after the rendition of such judgment and the appointment of the undersigned as Commissioner to sell said lands the taxes due Yancey County were paid and the taxes due the Town of Burnsville by all the individual defendants were paid except the pro rata share of M. B. Higgins and wife, have not been paid, and

Whereas, the undersigned Commissioner was duly appointed and authorized to sell said lands to satisfy said taxes, interest and costs, and subsequent taxes, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Jan. 15, 1951, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. at the Courthouse Door in Burnsville, North Carolina, sell for cash to the highest bidder the ONE FOURTH UNDIVIDED INTEREST OF M. B. HIGGINS in the following tracts or parcels of land in the Town of Burnsville, N. C. adjoining the lands of George Robinson and others, and more particularly described as follows:

First Tract: Being the old home tract of J. M. Higgins and bounded on the South by Highway No. 19 E., on the East by the Street leading to the old hospital property, on the West by the lands of George Robinson and on the North by the street connecting the street leading to the old hospital property and the street leading to the McCracken Cemetery, containing 1 acre more or less.

Second Tract: Being lots Nos. 19, 20, 27, 28, 39, 40, 50, 51, 60, 61 of the J. H. Higgins Addition to the Town of Burnsville, a map or plot of which appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Yancey County North Carolina in Deed Book 64, page 600.  
 This December 8, 1950.  
 Bill Atkins Commissioner  
 Dec. 14—21—28, Jan. 4

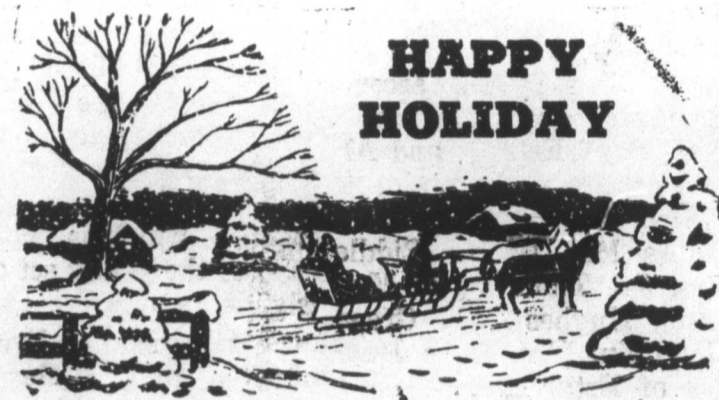


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