

KRITICAL MOMENTS AND HOWLARIOUS SCOOPS

(By The Tattlers)

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS:

Dear Santa:

We haven't written you a letter in several years, but this year we find it imperative to do so. Last week our friend, the "This N' That" girl said that you didn't exist, so we are asking you to please bring the following people the following things just to prove to her that you do.

Here are the things most wanted and needed:

For Margaret Ratterree a tall, dark, and handsome fellow whom she will really like and we'll have something to write about.

For Maude Plunk, another boy named "Jim". At present she only has two on her list, and you know, Santa that she needs at least three.

For Mary Julia Pollock a few more academic honors. You know, Santa, that Julia is at present only Editor of the School paper, member of the National Honor Society and holds only one or two other honors.

can get along with so few Medals. And please, Santa, bring "Some" one of those new "Mercurys" for Christmas. Julia is getting tired of the gray Ford.

If you can manage to do so, Nick, ole boy, please stop in Asheville on your way over the mountains and pick up that little brunnette named Mary High and bring her to K. M. with you. That would make Bobby Allran happier on Christmas Day than anything else that I know of.

Ering Colleen a boy. No matter what type, just so he has a nice looking car and lots of dough.

For Alice Betty Mauney, bring her a swell guy, Santa. We wish you could bring her a guy who is just half as nice as she is, but we know that's impossible, so we'll be satisfied if you bring her one of the "Pittie" type, if it's alright with her.

Please bring M. F. G. (the picture show cashier) a reconciliation with a certain fellow.

Bring the following girls boys of the type specified: "Pete" a brown haired boy with blue eyes; Betty Patrick one who isn't too tall; and Marjorie Rippey one of the Paul Stewart type.

The boys need girls of the following types: Jimmy Darracott a steady. Just so she's a steady, she'll be alright. Fred Wright a cute little brunnette. Somebody like Sue. And, please, Santa, bring 'Eppie' a shrew. Bring us tattlers a lot of gossip over the holidays.

And just for what she said about you last week, don't bring the "This N' That" gal anything that she wants. She writes a swell column, Santa, and she really can write, but she shouldn't say such things. (The methinks she has something there.)

That's all we can think of at present, and we'll thank you in advance for all this. Please do all you can, and I'm sure you'll make everyone happy.

Sincerely,
P. S. Santa, bring me (George) something that will make that blonde stay out of my dreams.
"George."

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Average N. C. Family Will Spend \$39.96 On Yule Shopping

North Carolina's families will spend an average of \$39.96 apiece this year for Christmas as their share of the nation's forecast two-billion dollar total, the National Consumers Tax Commission estimated today.

Of this amount, they will pay, most of them unknowingly, \$6.11 in hidden taxes, according to the report announced at National Consumers Tax Commission headquarters in Chicago, by Mrs. Kenneth C. Frazier president.

The study indicated, she said, that total national retail sales for 1938 will "equal or surpass" the 1937 volume of nearly 40 billion dollars, and the average Christmas expenditure of the nation's families will be \$62.50 of which \$9.57 will account for hidden taxes.

Mrs. William T. Hannah of Waynesville is the NCTC state director in North Carolina.

In releasing the report, Mrs. Frazier explained that while many families will spend less than the national average, the upper income group will bring the average to that figure.

"The 'holiday business' volume, she said, was based on reports from all retail businesses including department, specialty, novelty, jewelry, variety and dry goods stores, food drug furniture, household furnishings and automotive lines.

"Infect-leaves not only add to the price of Christmas purchases, but to the price of food, clothing, and all year-round necessities," Mrs. Frazier said in commenting on the report's hidden tax figures.

She described the NCTC as a "non-partisan women's organization with more than 1800 units throughout the country analyzing all taxes, and combating those which penalize the consumer."

Composite Farm Would Have Cow

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—North Carolina's composite farm contains 82 acres of land of which only 25 acres are cultivated, the State Department of Agriculture's 1938 farm census survey reveals.

The composite farm would have one cow and 17 hens of laying age. Corn would be the largest single crop — occupying 8.5 acres or more than a third of the total land under cultivation.

Five persons would live on the farm and use three tons of fertilizer in the cultivation of their crops. Four acres would be cleared pasture land for grazing only.

There would be only three acres of cotton and two acres of tobacco — the state's largest cash crops on the

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of attorney contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Geo. M. Riddle and wife, Nellie R. Riddle, 25th day of June, 1937, recorded in Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County, Book 215, at page 290, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the notes secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in front of the Court-house at Shelby, North Carolina, Cleveland County, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on Monday, January 9th, 1939, the following described real estate:

Being one of the lots owned by Lake Montonia Club, and being Lot 102 according to the official map of the subdivision of said club property which is duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cleveland County, in Plat Book No. 2, at page 70.

This sale will be held open for ten days for upset bid as by law required.

This 5th day of December, 1938.
A. H. Patterson, Trustee.
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farm. Lespedeza would occupy 2.75 acres; wheat, 1.5 acres; oats one acre; cowpeas grown with corn, 1.5 acres; soybeans grown with corn, 1.75 acres.

Less than an acre would be planted to each of the following crops: rye for grain, peanuts, cowpeas grown alone in rows, soybeans grown alone in rows; cowpeas for hay, soybeans for hay, small grains cut green for hay, clovers Irish potatoes sweet potatoes, other hay such as mixed crab grass, other commercial truck crops mainly for sale.

Half an acre would be devoted to a home garden.

TOWN ORDINANCE

At a regular meeting of the Mayor Fro Tem and the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kings Mountain on December 5, 1938, it was determined that certain water and sewerage extensions were necessary on the new street being opened by the State Highway Commission and in order to make such improvements it would be necessary to issue bonds for the purpose of securing same and upon motion of Commissioner W. K. Mauney and seconded by Commissioner J. B. Mauney, the following bond ordinance was introduced:

Town of Kings Mountain, North Carolina to issue Seven Thousand Dollars of water and sewerage extensions bonds.

SECTION ONE: That the Town of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, do issue its bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act to an amount not exceeding Seven Thousand Dollars for the purpose of improving and extending its water and sewer system.

SECTION TWO: That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bond shall be annually levied and collected.

SECTION THREE: That a statement of the debt of the municipality has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

SECTION FOUR: That the ordinance will take effect thirty days after the first publication unless in the meantime a petition for the submission to the voters is filed under the said Municipal Finance Act and that in such event it shall take effect when approved by the voters in said municipality at an election provided for in said Municipal Finance Act.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 5th day of December, 1938, and was first published on the 15th day of December, 1938. Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said order must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication.

Charles G. Dilling
Town Clerk.
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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by Bright D. Ratterree and wife, Mary G. Ratterree, to the undersigned as trustee for the Home Building and Loan Association, dated April 11, 1933, and registered in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in Book 160 at page 300, to secure the indebtedness therein mentioned and default having been made in the payment of same and at the request of the Home Building and Loan Association, I will sell for cash at the Court-house door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, on Monday, January 9, 1939, at ten o'clock A. M., or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a stake on the West side of Watterson street in Kings Mountain, N. C., at Robert Byers corner and runs with his line N. 89 W. 150 feet to a stake, his corner; thence a new line N. 2 1/2 E. 50 feet to a stake; thence another new line S. 89 E. 150 feet to a stake in Williams' line on the West side of said street; thence along said street S. 2 1/2 W. 50 feet to the beginning, containing 7,500 square feet, more or less, and being the same lot conveyed by W. D. Weaver and wife to Bright D. Ratterree by deed as will appear on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County. (The above lot is now owned by D. C. Mauney.)

This the 7th day of December, 1938
A. H. Patterson, Trustee.
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