

Read This: There Is A Very, Very Real Santa Claus

(This is the famous letter written by Francis Church, editor of the N. Y. Sun, to little Virginia O'Hanlon in 1897 which answers for all time, "Is there a Santa Claus?")

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not understood by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether men's or children's, are little.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all chimneys Christmas eve to catch him, but even if they did not see him coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is none. The most real things in the world are those which we cannot see.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Clinton Float Shows Cooperative Effort

Mrs. Eva Land, Clinton Community Director, this week paid tribute to the many people who had a part in designing and building the elaborate float this mill had in the Christmas parade.

Assisting Mrs. Land in the preparations were the mill carpenters and electricians, Mrs. Murray Adams, Mrs. Mary Fallow, Mrs. A. C. Young, Mrs. Eva West, Mrs. Michael Sholar and many others.

Clinton Community Very Active With Christmas Season Parties

The Clinton Community, centering around the Club House, has been a very busy one in recent weeks and will continue even more so during the Christmas season, Mrs. Eva Land reports.

The Woman's Club has completely decorated the club house very elaborately and the three garden clubs cooperated in the decorations.

The Teen Age Girls Club had their formal Christmas dinner December 12.

The Youth Night Christmas party will be held December 20 beginning at 8 o'clock. The program includes carol singing, games and refreshments. The arrangement committee is composed of Miss Nellie Osborne, Miss Mary Ann Mitchell and Polly Brazil.

The Southern Methodist Missionary banquet was held December 8 at Clinton.

On December 13, the Mother's Class of Calvary Baptist Church held their annual dinner. Musical programs were given at all Clinton activities during the past month.

On December 16 the Woman's Club held their annual banquet with Mrs. Clinton West, president, presiding. A musical program was given and each member brought a pound of food which will be given to needy families Christmas.

Other events including the T. E. L. Class meeting December 18 with each member bringing a prospective new member.

The Schubert Music Club will hold their social December 19, with Elizabeth Cole presiding.

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Birthdays: Boyd Hames, Dec. 16; Nancy Lusk, Dec. 18; Douglas Rice, Dec. 23; Mary Sue Tucker, Dec. 5; Linda Osborne, Nov. 28 and Laverne Osborne, Dec. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Lusk celebrated an anniversary Nov. 28.

Cpl. Wilbert Kirby of Camp Edward, Mass., spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Kirby.

No. 2 Spinning, Second By Mrs. Lois C. Harmon

We welcome these new people to our department: Louise Blackwell, Gertrude Chumley, of Laurens; Bertie Reed, Laurens and William Turner.

We have had a number of people on the sick list lately. Walter Smith had an operation and the following have been ill: Lois Harmon, Agnes Scott, Nell Stroud, Gertrude Holbert, Nellie Hoffman and Eula Carlin.

Mrs. Saphia Delmas, Gordon Darby and family from Pelzer visited the H. Adams recently.

Alfred Adams and son visited his parents, the W. H. Adams recently.

Birthdays: Rachel Wright, one year, Nov. 26; Walter O'Shields, 10 years, Dec. 3; Tommie Ruth Nelson, Dec. 10; Susan Harmon, four years, Dec. 17; Dalres Halbert, 11 years, Nov. 16; Bessie Rogers, Dec. 9; Russell Bigham, Jr., one year, Dec. 12; Calvin Adams, one year, Dec. ; Martha Hamby, 11, Dec. 4; Gladys Hamby, five years, Dec. 18; Johnny Roger Peavy, one year recently and Jimmy Blackwell, six years, Nov. 27.



GINGER is the cute granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crocker and the year-old-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crocker, Lydia.



TONITA HARVEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ithiel Harvey, was the Queen from the Ione Wallace Kindergarten in the Tom Thumb Bowl parade. Her Maids of Honor were Sylvia Jean Estes and Laura Smith.



PLENTY OF BEAUTY (?) at Mrs. George Price's recent tacky party. Left to right are Pearl Price, Vera Smith, Ruby Butler and Geneva Lowery.



CPL. JULIUS LEE is the brother of Mrs. Reuben Overstreet of Lydia third shift Weaving Department. Cpl. Lee now is stationed in Newfoundland.



FREEMAN LANFORD is one of the veteran employees at Clinton Cotton Mills. Mr. Lanford was 63 years old November 19, and has been working at Clinton for the past 19 years.

Campfire Girls At Clinton Are Busy

Clinton Campfire Girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Bevard Patterson and Mrs. Michael Sholar, have had a busy month in November. On November 14, the girls cooked supper together and played games afterwards. In the early December meetings they made invitations for their Christmas party and also finished favors to be used at Hays Hospital at Christmas time.

The Christmas party was held Monday night, Dec. 15. Guests included mothers of the girls. Lovely refreshments were served at the end of the party.

Campfire Leader Visiting Plants

Campfire Girl activities at both Lydia and Clinton recently received the valuable assistance of the regional supervisor, Miss Harriett Dively, of New York. Miss Dively spent several days here working with Campfire leaders at both plants and reports that the groups at Clinton and Lydia are very active.

Classes were held for Blue Bird Leaders, Campfire Guardians, Horizon Guardians as well as consultation with the community leaders and others interested in this youth work at both plants.



MICHAEL WAYNE McALLISTER, is the cowboy son of Mrs. Izell McAllister, Clinton plant. He will be four years old December 22.



THERE IS BEAR MEAT in Clinton now as evidenced by the picture above. W. H. Moody of Greenville and E. C. Moody of Clinton went bear hunting November 5 and got a big one.



EMPLOYEES OF THE CLINTON Cloth Room 14 years ago posed for this picture taken in 1938. Left to right, sitting, Mrs. Fred Dietz, Mrs. Duval Hairston, Mrs. Pauline Lawson, Mrs. Jessie Harrison. Standing are Mrs. Annie Carson, Mrs. W. P. Thrift, Miss Eloise Brown, Mrs. Hallie Campbell, Mrs. B. T. Fuller, and Miss Velma Thomas.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, this is Jimmy Wooten, first prize winner at a tacky party given by Mrs. George Price, Clinton plant, November 25.



PVT. BILLY HYMAN is the son of Mrs. Mary Ruth Hyman who works in the Clinton Spinning Department. Billy now is serving in Korea.