

Twenty-five Years Ago

Letters To Santa Claus



Years pass, but there are little changes in children's wants and expressions at Christmas time as they pen letters to Santa Claus.

Christmas. I want an airifle, a football and a few firecrackers, and some nuts, candy and plenty of oranges, tangerines and other confectionaries.

With love, WILTON ROBERTS.

Dear Santa: As it is nearly Christmas again I will write to let you know what I want you to

bring me. I am just a little girl two years old. Please bring me a big doll, a little chair, a Biker, and some shoes. I will be a good girl. And please don't forget Daddy, Mother and Grandmother. Your little girl, DORIS HUNTER WILLIAMS.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl twelve years old. I am in the seventh grade at school. I go to Wise school. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. I want you to bring me a basketball, and a Bingo set. I want you to bring me some candy and nuts. I want you to bring my little sister something, and my Mother, Daddy and Grandmother. Please don't forget the poor children who are in the orphanage. Don't forget my good old seventh grade teacher at Wise. Don't forget any of those teachers at Wise, because all of them have taught me. All of those teachers were good to me. Please don't forget any of those poor little children and those who are in the orphanage. That will be all for this Christmas. CATHLEEN WILLIAMS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl ten years of age. I am in the fifth grade. I go to Wise school. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. I want you to bring me a football a printing set. I want you to bring me some nuts and candy. Bring me a little chair. I want some fireworks. Please don't forget my little sister, my Mother and Daddy, my Grandmothers. Don't forget my mother's sister in New York. Be good to my good old fifth grade teacher. That will be all for this time, I think. Your little girl, MARGARET MARIE WILLIAMS.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a piano, a surprise package and a cooking set. My baby sister, Mildred, I want you to bring her some rattles and toys for babies and also both of us confectionaries. Thank you, JANE BALL.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old. I go to Sunday School and sing for my teacher. Please bring me a wagon, gun, Teddy Bear, bag of marbles, pair of boots and plenty of good things to eat, and please don't forget my little sister. She will be three weeks old Saturday, December 17. I will be a good little boy and sing for you. Your little boy, HAROLD JACKSON CHOPLIN.

Santa Undergoes Change Over Years

Santa Claus has undergone quite a metamorphosis in his time. Before Dr. Clement Moore, Santa's appearance was a problem left mostly to individual discretion and personal taste.

The European St. Nicholas was pictured as a tall, thin man who rode a gray horse. In 1809, Washington Irving described Santa as a jolly fellow who wore a wide-brim hat.

After Dr. Moore wrote "Twas the Night Before

Christmas," in 1823, St. Nick acquired definite external characteristics. Ever after, children "knew in a moment it must be St. Nick" by his well-fed, merry appearance—twinkling eyes and a rosy face—and his sleigh and reindeer for transportation.

The image of Santa was affirmed in 1869 when Thomas Nast's cartoon was published, picturing Santa in his now-familiar red garb, smoking a pipe. Like all famous men, Santa today finds it difficult to travel anywhere incognito.

Parties Are Fun; Can Be Impromptu

Parties on Christmas Day are not only fun, they're almost inevitable! The family gets together, neighbors drop in, other friends arrive to deliver gifts and greetings and, suddenly, it's a party.

For groups large or small, parties planned or impromptu, the editors of The Book of Knowledge suggests these entertaining ideas:

EXCHANGING GIFTS. Attach each gift card to a long string, then fasten the string to the gift package. Make a gifts chimney from cardboard covered with Christmas wrapping paper, or cover a round container such as a wastebasket.

Place the gifts in the fireplace and have guests or members of the family find their gifts by following the name cards and strings, through the other entangling strings, to the gift packages.

CAROLS. Singing carols to piano, radio or record accompaniment is a favorite Christmas Day pastime. For larger groups, a variation on this is to have a "carol mixer." Using several carols, give everyone the name of a Christmas carol. Each per-

son walks around the room humming the assigned carol, and listening for others humming the same tune. Those with the same melody band together in a group. Then each group sings its selection for the others—and as a finale, all groups sing their separate carols at the same time.

ARTISTS' MARCH. Have each person pin a card or sheet of blank paper on the person in front of him. The leader starts a single-file march around the room, to Christmas music.

While marching, each person struggles to draw a reindeer, or other appropriate Christmas subject, on the card pinned to the player in front of him. To add to the difficulty and the fun, the leader can take the file around in circles or weave in and out of the line.

After the march is over, the results are exhibited and, if an extra gift is handy, a prize can be awarded to the person judged to have drawn something that best resembles a reindeer.

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When Christ Was Born, California

Tree Was Growing

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the giant redwood tree that is now the U. S. National Christmas Tree had already been growing for 2,000 years.

Located in King's Canyon National Park, Calif., the tree is a "Sequoia gigantea"—a coniferous, evergreen tree—and its age is estimated, from its annual rings of growth, at 4,000 years. Its majestic redwood trunk rises 267 feet.

The U. S. Department of the Interior officially designated this redwood as the National Christmas Tree on April 28, 1926. Earlier, it had been named the General Grant Tree, for the 18th President.

In December, Christmas services are held annually at the base of the tree, climaxing a month-long Christmas Festival celebration by the citizens of Sanger and neighboring communities of Fresno County, Calif. Members of the National Park Service place a wreath at the base of the tree.

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Christmas Lights The lovely lights of Christmastime— They make the world a gladsome place! Starlight softly drifting down, The same that shone on Mary's face; Tall altar-candles' golden gleam, And firelight flickering cozily; Dancing lights in children's eyes When first they see the glistening tree; Bright lamplight streaming cheerily From doors flung wide and welcoming; Lantern beams that bob and glow As neighbors come a-carolling. The lovely lights of Christmastime— They make the world a wondrous place, And light our way until at last We see the glory of His face. Maureen Murdoch CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY An investor-owned, taxpaying, public utility company