### Twenty-Five Years Ago

# Letters Santa



letters to Santa Claus. ones below are taken from aries. December, 1938, editions of The Warren Record-25 years

I am a boy 11 years old Dear Santa

Christmas time as they pen dy and plenty of oranges, tan- chair, The gerines and other confection shoes.

With love. WILTON ROBERTS.

and I have been very good As it is nearly Christmas this year and I hope that you again I will write to let you Dear Santa: will be very good to me this know what I want you to

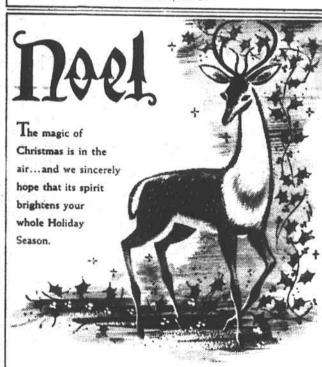


opportunity to wish you cheer ... and to thank you for letting us serve you.

take this

## Pridgen's Market

NORLINA, N. C.



## **Odom Motor Service**

WARRENTON, N. C.

Years pass, but there are Christmas. I want an airifle bring me. I am just a little little changes in children's a football and a few fire girl two years old. Please vants and expressions at crackers, and some nuts, can bring me a big doll, a little Biker, and some I will be a good girl. And please don't forget Daddy, Mother and Grandmother.

Your little girl. DORIS HUNTER WILLIAMS.

I am a little girl twelve I am in the seventh grade at school. I go are not only fun, they're albasketball, and a Bingo set. liver gifts and greetings and, want you to bring me some suddenly, it's a party. candy and nuts. I want you thing, and my Mother, Daddy the editors of The Book of Grandmother. Please Knowledge suggests these endon't forget the poor children tertaining ideas: who are in the orphanage. Den't forget my good old tach each gift card to a long seventh grade teacher at Wise. Don't forget any of those to the gift package. Make a teachers at Wise, because all gifts chimney from cardboard of them have taught me. All covered with Christmas wrapof those teachers were good ping paper, or cover a round to me. Please don't forget container such as a wasteany of those poor little chil- basket. dren and those who are in the Place the gifts in the fireorphange. That will be all place and have guests or members of theh family find

CATHLEEN WILLIAMS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl ten years strings, to the gift packages. of age. I am in the fifth CAROLS. Singing carols to grade. I go to Wise school. piano, radio or record accom-I go to Sunday School every paniment is a favorite Christ-Sunday I can. I want you to mas Day pasttime. For larger bring me a football a print- groups, a variation on this is ing set. I want you to bring to have a "carol mixer." me some nuts and candy. Bring me a little chair. I want some fireworks. Please Christmas carol. Each perdon't forget my little sister, ny Mother and Daddy, my Grandmothers. Don't forget my mother's sister in New Be good to my good ld fifth grade teacher. That will be all for this time, I

Your little girl, MARGARET MARIE WILLIAMS.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a piano, a surprise package and a cook ing 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 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 She will be three weeks old Saturday, December 17. 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 Christmas," in 1823, St. Nick quite a metamorphosis in his acquired definite external time. Before Dr. Clement characteristics. Ever after, already been growing for 2, Moore, Santa's appearance children "knew in a moment 000 years.

was a problem left mostly to it must be St. Nick" by his Located in King's Canyon individual discretion and per- well-fed, merry appearancesonal taste. He might be twinkling eyes and a rosy is a "Eequoia gigantea"—a short or tall, plump or thin, face—and his sleigh and rein. merry or solemn.

The European St. Nicholas was pictured as a tall, thin affirmed man who rode a gray horse. Thomas Nast's cartoon was wood trunk rises 267 feet. In 1809, Washington Irving published, picturing Santa in

Moore wrote After Twas Night Before where incognito.

Parties Are Fun;

Can Be Impromptu

members of theh family find

their gifts by following the

through the other entangling

CAROLS. Singing carols to

Using several carols, give

everyone the name of

Your friend,

Dear Santa Claus:

and "Bo" Stegall.

Your friend,

BOBBY PASCHALL.

I am a little girl three

can sleep and cry, a little

wagon, a doll suitcase, a little

cook stove, and a little truck.

Please don't forget my best

GERALDINE PASCHALL.

and strings.

name cards

Dear Santa:

hat.

deers for transportation.

in 1869 when 4,000 years. described Santa as a jolly his now-familiar red garb, the Interior officially desig-fellow who were a widebrim smoking a pipe. Like all nated this redwood as the famous finds it difficult to travel any. April 28, 1926. Earlier, it

son walks around the room ident. humming the assigned carol, and listening for others hum-Parties on Christmas Day together in a group. with the same melody band

same time.

ARTISTS' MARCH. Have tree. For groups large or small, each person pin a card or to bring my little sister some parties planned or impromptu, sheet of blank paper on the person in front of him. The in The Warren Record leader starts a single-file march around the room, to EXCHANGING GIFTS. At- 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

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.

#### Even Trees Have A Space Problem

Even trees have a space problem-and for the evergreens, it is alleviated at I am a little boy seven Christmas time, say forestry years old. I have been very experts. The big trees get good. I want a farm set, a room to grow, and the small big Bingo set, a big dump trees get their day of glory. truck, a garage set with a gas Conservation-minded Pres

Conservation-minded Presi tank, an airrifle, a mounted dent Theodore Roosevelt, ob-Cop on a silver motorcycle, jecting to the cutting down and a truck with trailer. I of millions of evergreens, also want some of your good once adamantly refused to things to eat. Don't forget have a Christmas tree in the White House.

His son, Archie, smuggled in a tree and set it up in his room. The deed was discovered and Archie was about to be punished when Gifford years old. I want a doll that Pinchot, the President's conservation adviser, intervened. Pinchot explained that the cutting of trees, properly supervised, is a good conservalittle playmates, Nancy Spain tion measure.

Archie wasn't punishedand the White House had a



As you spend this season with your loved ones, may great joy fill your home, and peace fill your heart.

Loughlin & Goodwyn WARRENTON, N. C.

### When Christ Was Born, California Tree Was Growing

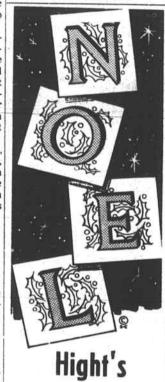
When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the giant redwood tree that is now the U. S. National Christmas Tree had

Located in King's Canyon National Park, Calif., the tree and its age is estimated, from The image of Santa was its annual rings of growth, at

> The U. S. Department of men, Santa today National Christmas Tree on hed been named the General Grant Tree, for the 18th Pres-

In December, Christmas services are held annually at the ming the same tune. Those base of the tree, climaxing a month-long Christmas Festival celebration by the citizens of Then each group sings its Sanger and neighboring comto Wise school. I go to Sun- most inevitable! The family selection for the others—and munities of Fresno County, day School every Sunday I gets together, neighbors drop as a finale, all groups sing Calif. Members of the Natheir separate carols at the tional Park Service place a wreath at the base of the

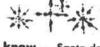
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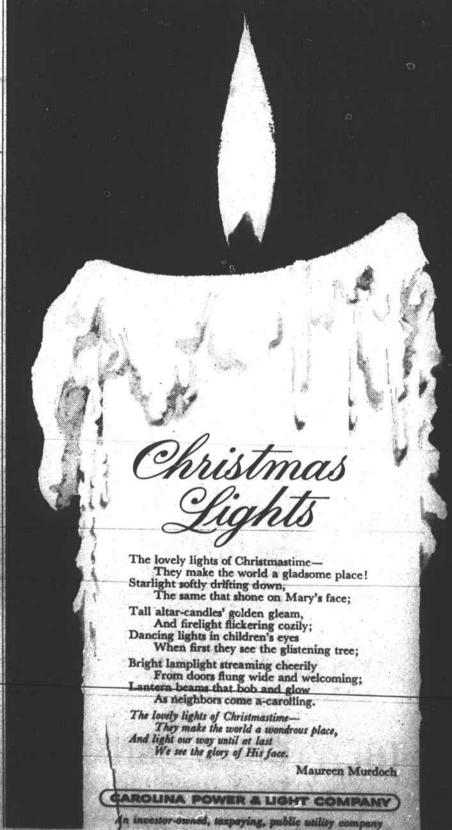
We're happy from the top of our bright red stocking cap right down to our shining boots, to have had a share in your Christmas! Smiles and kisses and squeals of joy around your family circle are our best reward for our many long and busy hours spent these past few weeks.



We know . . . Santa does sometimes make mistakes on sizes, colors. So please, bring it back for exchange. You'll be happier ... and so will wel



P.S. We want to make good Santa's mistakes and we will appreciate your cooperation, so ... PLEASE MAKE EXCHANGES BEFORE JANUARY 1st.





Warrenton, N. C.