Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 9 years old. Ty Christmas and a very Happy I so to school most every day New Year. bring me's pair of mittens and and nuts. I have a little sister, f years old, bring her the same you bring me.

With love, WANDA and FOR DA HINCHER. Hays, N. C.

Dearest Santa Laus:

We know that you will be very busy this year but we hope you will come to see us, too. We will have you something good to eat by the fire-place Christmas eve. Diana, who is a little girl two years old, wants you to bring her a shovel, baby doll and fruits, puts and candy. Thank you, San-

Brother, who is getting to be a big boy 3 1-2 years old, would

CHRISTMAS HANKIES

like you to bring him a winds up train, a road scraper, and candy, nuts and fruits. Thank you again Santa, and

Love from

DIANE AND JERRY DERR North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl nine months old and would like for you to would like to have some oranges, chocolate candy, tangerines and muts.

Please don't forget other little girls and boys, and I will love you.

LITTLE BRENDA HERRING.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a girl ten years old and in the fifth grade at school. I make good grades and love my teacher very much.

you to bring me a new wister cost, pair of gioves, a pair of shoes and a bicycle, also some oranges, tangerines, Hershies we hope you have a Merry, Mer- candy and some nuts.

> Love, BARBARA GRAYSON.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old. I go to Mulberry school, am in the second grade, and my teacher

is Miss Mary Louise Jones.

Will you please bring me for
Christmas a gold expansion bracelet, and necklace to match, some story books, and a pair of bedroom shoes, also some candy, oranges and nuts.

Don't forget my little friends at school.

Love. GLADYS LORRENE HAYNES. Reddies River, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good little boy 2 years old. I like Mama and Daddy and I would like, very much, for am thankful of my good home.

Millers Creek Don't forget other little girls. W. S. C. S. Meets

The final meeting of the W. S. C. S. of the Millers Creek charge (Arbor Grove, Friendship, and Millers Creek churches combined) was held Wednesday evening. Dec. 4 at the parsonage.

Mrs. T. V. Goode, District Secretary of Organisation, and Mrs. Forrest Sharpe, Treasurer, both of Statesville, were honor guests and conducted a roundtable discussion on How to Have Better Societies, leading to organisation of three societies instead of the one which has done good work of "holding out" during the trying years of war. Millers Creek W. S. C. S. (Millers Creek church) has elected Mrs. Dora Hayes, president. Friendship Society has elected Mrs. J. H. Eudaily as president. Ambor Grove

has not yet elected officers. It is hoped that each church may now have and hold better and larger groups, and do more active Christian work, realizing that the labor of Love and Peace is even greater than that of war. Friendship W. S. C. S. will meet with Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner on Wednesday evening, Jan.

Miss Reba Pruitt Is Bride of Mr. Hanks

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pruitt, and others were treated by doctors. Mr. Everette Hanks were united in marriage Saturday, December 7, 1946 by Audrey Templeton, Justice of the Peace.

The bride is a graduate of is employed at Brame Drug Co. The groom is also a graduate of Mountain View school and is doing farm work. The only attend ants to the wedding were close relatives.

Wilkesboro 4-H Club In Meeting

The Wilkesboro 4-H Club met Wednesday, December 4. The club was called to order by the President and the club repeated the Pledge. Mary Ann Pennell and Fredrick Wellborn told the which was held November 22 at the City Hall in North Wilkesboro. Two new officers were elected. Linda Ferguson as vice president and Lucille Mathis as reporter. Miss Naomi Broyhill was elected as school leader; Mary Ann Penuell as song leader. Mr. Williamson told the club about the banner which they will receive in the January meeting for having the most members present at the Achievement Day.

Battery Shortage Hits Carolinians

North Carolina motorists who hope to keep their cars rolling this Winter were warned by battery dealers today to take good care of their batteries, because new or rental replacements virtually are unobtainable.

Dealers in larger cities hreughout butors at Columbia reported incoming supplies, reduced to 10 per cent of normal for montas, now almost were nonexistent.

When the National Tuberculosis Association was organized in 1904, tuberculosis was the leading cause of death in this country. Today it is the seventh cause, but kills approximately 55,000 persons a year.

Please Santa bring me a little hammer, a little red farm tractor, a little car and lots of nuts, candy, oranges and apples, and don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend. BOBBY DEAN BROWN. Hays, N. C.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl five years old, and I am so glad you are coming to see me soon. Please bring me a great big Raggedy Ann doll, alynophone, washing machine, lots of candy, nuts oranges. Please remember good little folks.

SARAH MEADQWS.

Dear Santa: I am in the first grade. Miss Betty Smith is my teacher. I just love her! Please bring me a "Magic-Skin" doll, a doll house and a Jack-in-the-Box Clown. Santa, please remember my little brother and all the other girls and boys.

Love. KAY THOMPSON.

Dear Santa: Please bring me and my brothr, Odell, a football and some of a musical instrument, or. Please don't forget little boys, and girls, and

Explosion Injures Ten When Joke Backfires Mt. Airy.—a practical joke resulted in four persons being seriously burned and six others injured in an explosion at the

home of Otls Hardy at Cat Hol-low on Sunday night. Several persons, Homer Hawk Bill Thomas, Joe Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hardy, Lola Bells Bug" and Junior Tate, were visiting the Otis Hardy home at the time the accident occurred.

It was reported that Otls Hardy had about six pounds of gunpowder in a bucket in the kitchen of his home. The visitors were gathered around the stove in that room, talking. Someone took a pipe, which belonged to Homer Hawks (who, incidentally, is not Fireman (Homer Hawks) and filled the heel with gunpowder, placing a layer of tobacco on top. Evidently, the powder was more potent than expected, for when Hawks lighted the pipe it expleded, giving him serious powderburns about the face. He threw the flaming pipe into the bucket of gun-powder and the whole shebang went off, catching the kitchen on fire in several places, seriously burning Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hardy and Lola Belle Tate. The others were badly singed in the explos-

A passing taxi took Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hardy and Lola Belle Tate to the local hospital Miss Reba Pruitt, daughter of for first aid, while two of the

The fire within the dwelling was extinguished by neighbors and the visitors who were not badly burned. The interior of the kitchen, the stove and kitchen-Mountain View high school nad ware were badly damaged by the explosion.

17 Perish In Rubble **Razed Tenant House**

New, York, Dec. 12.-The collapsing wall of a burning ice plant sheared the rear off a sixstory tenement in Upper Manhattan early today, leaving a grin toll of 17 known dead, 26 missing and 49 injured in the wake of the disaster.

Weary firemen working in the glare of searchlights and in a club about the Achievement Day heavy downpour were cautiously probing the ruins in which at least one man was known to be alive.

Fifteen hodies had been covered, part of one was visible in the debris and a fireman succumbed in a hospital from injuries suffered when the collapsing wall of the icehouse sent tons of brick, wood and concrete spilling onto the red brick tenement.



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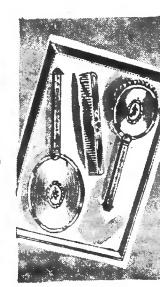
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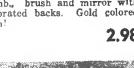


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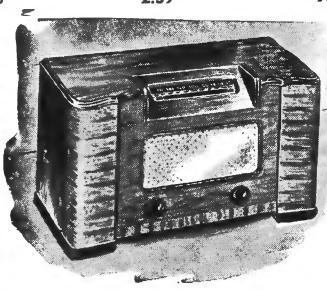
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