

Santa Letters Show Kids Have A Heart

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WASHINGTON (U)—Santa has a heart, and so do a lot of kids. I've been browsing through Mr. Claus' mail at the dead letter office.

For instance:
One little girl, named Eunice, aged eight, wrote:
"If you get to Korea, Santa dear, please give those poor children something and forget me. We'll get along somehow."
David, also eight, wanted nothing for himself but asked Santa to give a pipe to his daddy who has a "hurt back" in Korea.
Most of the letters which wind up at the Post Office marked "insufficient address" are posted for delivery to "North Pole." The Post Office does not allow the use of last names or addresses, but most kids don't give that information anyway.
A little girl named Ruthie asked Santa for \$22.00 to pay for her mommy's dental bill and "please give her some better teeth."

WANTS MILLION TAX-FREE
Another little girl named Margaret, asked for a two-wheel bike and a million dollars "tax free."
A nine-year-old named Oscar said he had been a "fairly" good boy in school and "please bring me a tool chest and a ranch."
The television influence was evident in many of the hundreds of letters I went through. One boy named Dickie said he wanted a "corral, with horses in it, a ranch house, a new gun and a lasso."
Sandra, aged nine, said she had been a "pretty good girl." She wanted a "good sharp knife, a doll, and a fancy ash tray."
A little girl named Nancy asked for "a piano, a real baby, a set of drums, a banjo and a singer who can sing."
This one, so help me, came from an eight-year-old named Ferdinand.
ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT
"I've been a good boy except I knocked hell out of Junius. I'm sorry, but I'm all right. Bring me

SANTA DISTRIBUTES CANDY — Santa Claus is shown, surrounded by the usual admiring group of children, as he distributed suckers to children here Friday afternoon in front of the First-Citizens Bank Building. A few of the youngsters showed some interest in the photographer, but most of them centered their interest on the old fellow with the white whiskers. After all, he was the one passing out sweets. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn).

anything you have you don't want."
Rusty, aged 10, apparently wants to go into the garage business. He asked for a road scraper, three army trucks, a transport trailer, a wrecker-truck, lumber truck, fire engine, electric train, fire truck, coal loader, and cattle car.
Some of the youngsters asked for things that will get the family out of financial stress.
Like 10-year-old Dickie who wrote from Bowie, Md., where they have a fine race track.
I quote his letter:
"Please dear Santa—My daddy could use some new horses to bet on. Get him a couple, and you can forget all about me."

Burglar Foiled At Lucknow Here

Preston Parker, manager of the Lucknow Clothing Store, reported to the police that someone had attempted to break into his store by removing two panes of glass after cutting the screen.
The burglar inserted a piece of wire and fished out a sweater, skirt, pair of trousers, two pair of bedroom slippers, a child's shirt, a key-chain and a pair of pajamas.
Nothing had been touched by employees before investigating officers arrived, and the intruder left some possible clues to his identity.

Coats High School News

The Coats High School student body met in the school auditorium Thursday, November 29. The Glee Club led in the group singing of Christmas carols. Mr. Smith, our principal, talked with us about the true meaning of Christmas, and how it should be celebrated.

In the previous years it has been a traditional custom of our school to draw names in the classrooms. This year we have decided to let our school celebration of Christmas be in the true Christmas spirit. Each class has decided to help some needy family have a white Christmas. Baskets containing various things will be presented to them. We feel that such a deed will help us to have a more enjoyable Christmas, as it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

The feeling that Christmas is near is penetrating through the air everywhere. It seems that everyone is thinking for Christmas, and the pleasures concerning it. The classrooms are ringing with Christmas carols and scriptures from the Bible are being read by the students. Pictures have also been drawn and painted portraying the birth of Christ.

The chapel program, Thursday, December 6, was given in the theme of "Silent Night." The Call To Worship was given by Dennis Pope after which was sung "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" by the group. D. C. Ryals gave the Scripture Reading, after which Edna Avery quoted a poem. Jo Ann Fox then led us in prayer. The Story of The Author, And The Hymn, "Silent Night," was analyzed by Sue Langdon. We then had a special number by two of our students, which was followed with a poem by Clara Stephenson. The program was concluded with group singing.

Basketball season for Coats was

LILLINGTON PERSONALS

Pfc. Joe Weaver, who is stationed at Craig Air Force Base, Ala., is spending a ten day furlough at his home here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Weaver.

Miss Elizabeth Chandler of Fremont spent the weekend in Lillington. Miss Chandler is a former member of the Lillington school faculty.

FRESHMEN PLAN PARTY
The freshman class of the Lillington High School will have a Christmas party the night of December 15 at the Lillington Community House. Arrangements have already been made for the use of the building that night.

Miss Helen Hoffman returned to Lillington last week after an extended visit of several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Hoffman at Cornwell, Conn.

Erwin Post Office Rent Is Increased

Boxholders in the Erwin Post Office will find when they receive their box rent bills on the 20th, that this item, along with everything else, has increased in price. The price rise, effective on January 1, was authorized in a letter to Postmaster John F. Lynch from Assistant Postmaster General, Osborn A. Pearson.
Prices for the box rent per quarter for the various types of boxes will be as follows:
Lock boxes number 1, per quarter, 60 cents; lock boxes number 2, per quarter, 75 cents; lock boxes number 3, per quarter one dollar; lock boxes number 4, per quarter \$1.50.
Since all box rents are collected in advance, Mr. Lynch reminds, these increases will be shown on the next bill.

Erwin Teen Chatter

By GAIL BYRD
Well, did everybody enjoy the basketball game Tuesday night? I'm quite sure you did! Erwin played Anderson Creek and it was really a wonderful game. It was our first basketball game for this year. The Anderson Creek girls won and the Erwin boys won. We want every one to come to our next game because we're sure you'll enjoy it.

(Good luck, Lou.)
Christmas just around the corner?
Joan Whitman still dating a handsome senior boy from Erwin? Marilyn Steinberg wishing? Betty Hope Byrd receiving a letter from Ron every day?
The girl and boys still practicing basketball?
People buying Christmas presents?
Rudy West coming to the basketball game in Erwin Tuesday night? (Wonder why?)—(To see P. W., maybe.)

"Jink" Taylor is now flashing a diamond ring around in every one's face. There must be something contagious in the drug store! First Margie Johnson comes up with an engagement ring and now "Jink", Margie's getting married the 24th of December but I don't know when "Jink" will be married. Good luck to both you gals and also your fellows!!!

Our school pictures have finally arrived! Everybody's asking everybody for a picture. I saw quite a few of them and they're real good pictures. I've collected right many already and thank "you people" that gave 'em to me!

Report cards came out today and most everybody in school was a dis disappointed with their grades this month. It could be that we just aren't studying hard enough!!

Oh, boy! Did we have fun Thursday afternoon. Frank Weaver, Jr. got his car and Mary Louise Milby, Marilyn Steinberg, and I went for a ride with him. The funny part about it is: the car doesn't have a floor board and as we drive along we can plainly see the road below us!!!

CAN YOU IMAGINE?
All the girls telling George Lucas that he has such pretty legs?

The Home Economics girls cooking and sewing?
Peggie Warren looking so pretty in red?
Betty Lou Gray going steady with a boy from Elon College?

Suebelle is still getting letters from Bobby and she's still writing him every single day. Hope he gets to come home from Christmas, Sue.

Frank Weaver, Jr. is now a proud uncle to a baby girl. Congratulations, Frank!

Hey, Mae Cooper! Did Louis Moore finally give you a picture of himself? I heard that he was going to. Hope so, anyway, Mae!

Johnny Bull: We have some very large birds in England. Why, once while I was standing in a zoological garden, I saw a man who came in on an eagle.

Yankee Tourist: Brother that's nothing. Once, while standing in a ball park, I saw a player go out on a fly.

Lt. Bobby Bryan Aboard Latimer

Serving aboard the auxiliary attack transport USS Latimer with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean is Lt. (jg) R. C. Bryan, USN, husband of Mrs. Janet K. Bryan of Erwin.

A unit of the Amphibious Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, the Latimer has made liberty calls at Oran, French Algeria and Athens, Greece, Malta, Naples, Italy, and Sicily. She also participated in fleet training exercises recently completed at Sardinia.

Seaton Will Succeed Wherry In The Senate

LINCOLN, Neb. (U)—Gov. Val Peterson today appointed news paper publisher Fred A. Seaton of Hastings, Neb., to the Senate seat of the late Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R-Neb.) until the next general election.

Seaton, who will be 52 years old tomorrow is a former Nebraska state senator and long has been prominent in Republican affairs.

Seaton served as Nebraska campaign manager for Harold Stassen in the 1948 presidential campaign and he is a leader of the group supporting Stassen now.

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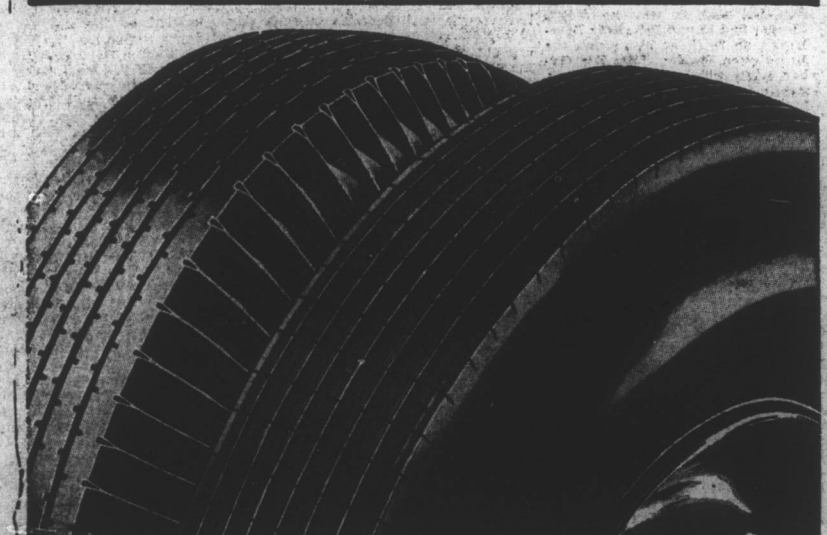


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