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### Message Of Christmas

"I am a little boy, five years old, and I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a fire truck, a construction set, some games and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. . . Please remember my brother. . ."

Christmas brings a flood of letters to Santa—little epistles brimming over with all the faith and hope and charity that a wide-eyed youngster can muster. Nowhere is the human spirit stripped bared, nor the real meaning of Christmas contained more vividly, than in these messages.

There is the first sentence, and in it the words "I have been a good boy," words that reflect faith of people everywhere that goodness begets favor, that righteousness

reaps reward.

The second sentence reflects the hope that by listing wishes somehow wishes might be fulfilled. There is no concealing, no hedging. All the hopes of a year are set forth — "a fire truck, a construction set, some games . . ."

Then there is the last line, the words that give Christmas its eternal significance, the little message that some youngster has scrawled on a piece of paper and written on his heart: "Please remember my brother."

Here is the message of Christmas. It comes in clear language, words of faith and hope, words that can foster peace on earth, good will to men.

"Remember my brother."

### The Strength To Live

We don't "rush" the Christmas season today. Instead we shoot it off like a Roman candle long before Jack Frost has finished beating up his milk and egg whites. In virtually every place in the state the Christmas lights and the public Christmas tree are up before Thanksgiving. A stranger wouldn't know if we have lost an old-fashioned lawn party or if we have found a new system for Daylight savings time.

If one asks certain old-timers, people frail of limb and puffy of breath, from all the premature shoving and facsimile yo-ho-hoing, what they want for Christmas, they reply simply: "Just the strength to live until Christmas Day."

While much of the unadorned drama and the simple but heady rituals of a former era have passed, there is one big improvement, even amid the combination of Disneyland and ancient Babylon that jingle along our streets as if all the cowboys were having a spurs-rattling convention. There is one wholesome switch in the format.

Apparently, Santa Claus has discontinued the employment of stool pigeons, fifth columnists, informers, espionage agents, and assorted spies. (This change may be due to the fact the Santas almost outnumber the children, and the imperial, aloof image of yesterday is gone). Yesterday, there might be one Santa, at a church party, but Santa, as benevolent as he might be on Christmas Eve, was often an heathen idol to be appeased with ransom paid in prudery. At the slightest provocation, Santa would put a black mark by your name and your just reward would be ashes and switches.

And, all of this must have been confusing to Santa Claus because he received so many contradictory reports. One hour you were Peck's

### Just For Example

Charlotte (N.C.) Observer

People who write all those press releases that cross a newspaperman's desk aren't nearly as anonymous as they might think they are. In fact, it's possible to tell a great deal about them just by reading what they write.

For example, a press release from Washington says: "When the interstate highway system is completed in 1972 motorists will be able to drive from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Coast without stopping for anything."

Now that was obviously written by someone who has never driven more than 20 miles with one or more children in the car.

Silence is the unbearable repartee.—Bilbert K. Chesterton.

What passes for woman's intuition is often nothing more than man's transparency.—George Jean Nathan.

### LITTLETON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitson and daughter of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. John Whitson of Roanoke Rapids were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Stansbury and daughters for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Elmore of Newport News, Va., accompanied Mrs. Macon Moore, Sr., and Mrs. Ella Belle Riggan Sunday to visit with Mrs. Eulalia Rowe in Newport News, Va., for some time. The Elmore were enroute home after visiting his relatives in Kinley over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brown of Gibsonville spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown.

Charles Moore of State College, Raleigh, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Macon Moore, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Willie Myrick of Burlington were Sunday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Myrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon. Other visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Salmon were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ferrell and sons of Roanoke Rapids and Pvt. Thomas Salmon of Fort Eustis, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids were Saturday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon, Sr. They also visited Mrs. Edwin Stansbury.

Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph E. Stansbury, Jr., of Havelock spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edwin Stansbury, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sykes in Weldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cagle of Colonial Heights, Va., visited Mrs. Raymond Harris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Shearin of Warren Plains visited his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Shearin, in Hollister and his sister, Mrs. Edwin Stansbury, in Littleton Sunday.

Clifton Crawley was a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital for several days last week.

Airman 1/C and Mrs. Joseph Stainback and daughter, Angela Joe of Freemont, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stainback and children, Gary and Marlene, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Stainback and children of Roanoke Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Perkinson and daughter of Bowers Crossroad were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stainback.

Mrs. Annie Lee Hilliard and son, Bernice, and Misses Mary Lois and Brenda West were in Roanoke Rapids Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Out-

land were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Minnie Outland in Roanoke Rapids.

Miss Sue Crawley of East Carolina College, Greenville, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Crawley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Larrimore and family were in Rocky Mount Saturday. Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rook on Star Route, Emporia, Va. Sunday night they attended a Christmas program at Forest Hill Baptist Church near Emporia, Va.

Mrs. Frank Shearin has returned to her home after having been a patient at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Millette and sons, Manly and Kenneth, of Charlotte were weekend guests of Miss Viola Bobbitt and Maynard Bobbitt. On Saturday night the group and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Camp of Roanoke Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Braxton of Murfreesboro were supper guests of Mr. Charlie Sewell in Murfreesboro.

### Johnny M. Coleman Named Squad Leader

Johnny M. Coleman, a member of the Fishburne Military School Cadet Battalion has been promoted to the position of Squad Leader of Company "A". Coleman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Glenn Coleman, Rt. 3, Warrenton, North Carolina holds the rank of Sergeant.

This is Coleman's senior year at Fishburne.

Colonel E. B. Young, Jr., Fishburne Military School superintendent said that all promotions are based on a cadet's demonstrated performance of duty, military, academic and conduct ratings and general school citizenship.

### Birthday Party

Master Winston Courtney Sadler was honored on his sixth birthday Sunday at a lovely party in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Hope Williams. The attractive gifts, the delicious refreshments, and the joyous Christmas spirit made this a most happy occasion for all the young guests.

Dr. and Mrs. Willard T. Jones of Ballston Spring, N. Y., were recent luncheon guests of their cousins, Mrs. Hope Williams and Miss Helen Thompson. The Joneses will visit other relatives and friends in the South, after which they will take a cruise to Puerto Rico and other island points, returning home in February.

Mrs. Alpheus Jones and Mr. Alpheus Jones, Jr., will spend the weekend in Elizabeth City with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherly, III, and family. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. House and Mr. Jay House will spend the weekend with relatives in Ashland, Ky.

Mrs. W. A. Baxter, Miss Hattie Drake, Mrs. E. H. Weston and Mrs. Mary W. Shields and Barry were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis in South Hill, Va., Sunday.

Mrs. Ersie B. Stewart is visiting relatives in Lershaw and Orange, S. C.

Miss Elizabeth Massey of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, is here for the holidays.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Stevenson will be Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stultz and family of Smithfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stevenson and sons of Hampton, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Florence, S. C.

Holiday guests of Mrs. E. D. Davis will be Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis and family of Reidsville, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davis and family of Plea-

sant Garden, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Peete Davis and family of Yanceyville and Mr. and Mrs. Selby Benton and children of Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Weston of Rocky Mount were dinner guests of Mrs. Mary W. Shields and Barry on Tuesday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Elwood B. Coley, Woody and Betsy, of Lumberton will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harris.

Mrs. J. W. Scott spent several days in Enfield with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Whitaker.

Weekend guests of Mrs. J. B. Williams and Mrs. Margaret Barnes were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilder, Jr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilder, Jr. of Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wood and children of Greensboro will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wood for the Christmas holidays.



### Greetings

Sincere wishes and holiday Greetings to all of you from all of us. HOME SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO. WARRENTON, N. C.

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### GREETINGS

Santa may be going modern, but our Christmas wishes for you are still old-fashioned: good cheer, full table, and warm hearth with smiling faces. To you and yours we sincerely send our warmest holiday greetings.

### NU-WAY SHOE & BARGAIN SHOP

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### BEST WISHES FOR Christmas

The Christmas spirit glows brightly. Happy surprises come forth from the gaily-wrapped presents that express the sentiment and love that Christmas inspires, filling us all with the joy of giving and sharing. With this thought in mind, we would like to share with you the good will and good wishes of the season. Sincere greetings.

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Advertisement for 'Joy' featuring a starburst graphic and the text: 'Joy May the peace and happiness of the Yuletide Season be yours'.

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### NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25 YEARS AGO

### Looking Backward Into The Record

Dec. 21, 1956

Boycs Drug Co., will begin operating under its new owner, W. F. Farmer on January 1.

Tasker Polk was elected Junior Lion of the Year at a meeting here on Friday night. W. B. Terrell, retiring school superintendent, was honored at a dinner held at the Norlina Lodge on Monday night.

Miss Norma Pittard of Flora MacDonald College was this week tapped for membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Dec. 22, 1961

Ginger Hicks of Norlina was installed as president of the Warren County 4-H Council on Wednesday night.

Choir members of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church were presented new robes on Sunday.

William D. Jones, Jr., was announced as being on the third academic honor roll for the third reporting period at Fishburne Military School.

A. D. Johnson was appointed head of the Masonic Lodge at its meeting on Monday night.

Dec. 19 1941

Mayor William T. Polk has resigned as mayor and will be replaced by Frank Gibbs. It was announced this week that Billy Peete has been selected for admission to Harvard's Medical School next fall.

Lt.-Col. Claude T. Bowers of Fort Jackson spent the weekend with his family here. Five hundred and forty-nine garments have been shipped from the county by the local Red Cross chapter to be distributed from New Jersey.