



The Governor and Mrs. Bickett  
send  
Christmas Greetings  
to  
All the People of North Carolina

May the Joyous Season bring to us all a new birth of love and laughter, a surer grasp of Heaven and a keener relish of the earth; and above the discordant cries of shell-shocked and debt-haunted men may we still be able to hear the Blessed Angels sing.

LETTERS FROM THE LITTLE TOTS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me an automatic pistol, some caps, a top and a wagon.  
Mack Parlier.  
403 E. Franklin Ave.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a cap pistol, a football, an air rifle, some marbles, some sparklers, a train, a story book, some bananas, apples, oranges, nuts and candy.  
Harold Shelby.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring us a doll baby and carriage apiece, any other toy you want us to have, some candy and fruits of all kinds. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Margaret and Katherine Shelby.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me an air rifle, a cap pistol, some apples, candy, nuts, oranges and bananas. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.  
Robert Shelby.

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 18, 1920.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl five years old. I want you to bring me a sleepy doll, a cradle, a tea set, a horn, and some fruits and nuts. Don't forget all of my little friends.  
Lena Rivers Sprouse.

P. S.—Please don't forget my Grandma.  
Gastonia, N. C., R-1, Dec. 20.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl and live on the farm just about two miles from Dallas. I want you to bring me a big curly-headed doll, a doll bed and carriage and don't forget my little brother, Carl Holland. He wants a train on a track and a pair of gloves.  
Your little friend,  
BESSIE HOLLAND.

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 21.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a monkey on a string, a horn, a drum and a train that runs on a track. Don't forget my little brother and sister, Cecil and Tressie.  
Your little friend,  
BURRELL ELLIS.

SOUTH GASTONIA, Dec. 21.  
Dear Santa:  
I am a boy six years old and go to school. I want you to bring me a horn and a train and some nuts and candy.  
BRANDER LONG.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl four years old. Please bring me a big doll and a cart, a pair of gloves and lots of good things to eat. Please don't forget my little brother William, Jr.  
INEZ GILLEN.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 11 years old. I would like a big sleepy baby doll with curly hair, a nice carriage for her and lots of nuts, candy, oranges and other fruits.  
BYNUM RUSH.

Dear Santa:  
I will be 8 years old Thursday. I go to school. I would like a big baby doll and carriage, a sweater, a tablet and pencil, a pretty hair ribbon and lots of fruits.  
MARGARET RUSH.  
Route 2, Rex Mill.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want you to bring me a doll and carriage, a piano, a tea set, fruits and candy. Don't forget my little aunt, for we have both been good little girls.  
HELEN WALKER.  
612 South Marietta Street.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 8 years old and I go to school every day. I would be so proud if you would bring me what I ask for. I am not going to ask you to bring me very many things, because I have a brother.

I want you to be sure and not forget him. I want you to bring me a little train and track, a horn, a little automobile, some apples, oranges, candy, nuts and raisins.  
BRADY STAMEY.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 10 years old. I go to school at Lander's Chapel. My teacher's name is Miss Ella May Paysour. I am in the fourth grade. Now, dear Santa, I want a bomb-stick and some caps, some candy, apples, oranges and nuts. Please remember all of my little friends.  
VERNON KISER.  
Route 5, Lincolnton.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 8 years old. I like to go to school fine. My teacher is Miss Bertha Thornburg. Santa, I want you to bring me some candy, apples, oranges, bananas and nuts, a bomb-stick and some caps. Don't forget my little brother Howard. He is two years old and wants a little wagon and lots of good things to eat.  
WILBUR KISER.  
Route 5, Lincolnton.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me an electric train and track if you can find one. If not, bring me the other kind, also some nuts and candy.  
JOHN WOLTZ.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a coaster wagon and some candy and nuts.  
BILLIE WOLTZ.

CHRISTMAS ILLS.  
A young lady came into the room singing "Christmas will soon be here with its thrills and its frills." A boy of six who sat on the floor drawing looked up at her and said, "Yes, and its bills."

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Concerning the Discontinuance of Saturday Banking Hours.

Yorkville Enquirer.  
Of course there will be more or less grumbling at the action of the banks in discontinuing their practice of keeping open Saturday nights for the purpose of receiving deposits. The common disposition to object to change of any kind is natural, and of course there are people who are accommodated by the custom the banks have been following in keeping open Saturday nights. But the custom was a mistake from the beginning in that it was a hardship on the clerical staffs of the banks and a great inconvenience generally. The banks now propose to remain open two hours beyond their usual time on Saturdays. This will give business people ample opportunity to deposit the bulk of the cash receipts during the day, and the arrangement will be somewhat less burdensome on the bank people. The average business man knows somewhat the routine of the bank folks and will fully approve the step they have taken in this matter.

SENATOR CALDER GIVES REASON FOR HOUSE SHORTAGE

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—One great cause of the existing shortage in dwellings, Senator Calder, republican, of New York, said in addressing the senate today, is the high rate of federal income tax. This he declared was driving wealthy investors to place all their available funds in tax exempt securities issued by municipalities, the states, and the national government, and he suggested that congress meet the situation by making mortgages on dwelling houses tax exempt to a reasonable figure.  
"I am informed that the Marshall Field estate in Chicago and the Hetty Green estate, both of which formerly loaned heavily on real estate, find their incomes from this source to be less than two per cent under taxation," Senator Calder said, "and they are diverting their capital funds to more lucrative investments. Tax exempt securities during the last five years have increased from \$3,000,000,000 to over \$14,000,000,000."

Should Be Quarantined.  
Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure—the sooner one rids himself of a cold the less danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

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