

Rev. Wakefield's Christmas Letter

Dear Santa:

No doubt you will find me anyway though I have moved since writing you, you always have, but will write you anyway. Since you came this way many changes have taken place: some of our dearest friends have left us, new homes have been set up, many babies born, school houses remodeled and new churches being built. In spite of these changes which are new to us you will find your way around bringing joy of its kind to all.

Please bring Felix Picklesimer a few more civic activities. Andrew Gray wants a box of good cigars. Joe Bird wants some right-handed golf balls. Charlie Price wants a new Post Office building without parking meters. Martin Cunningham, Roy Ensley, Chic Young want everything photographic equipment. Velt Wilson and Rudy Hardy want several toy football games. Barnwell Burrus and his father want a home in Sylva. Grayson Cope will be satisfied with either a basketball or football. Ralph Smith wants a movie outfit. Hoyt Robinson wants a car that will run fast. Dan Hooper wants a pool table for his basement. Fred Hooper wants something to keep rabbits from eating young fruit trees. R. N. Morris wants to add to his recreation parlor some bowling alleys, if he had room. Mayor Allison wants several water meters. Howard Allison wants a short-cut to Hendersonville. Alliney Bryson wants a bear attachment in front of his car radiator. Jackson Dunn wants a violin that will not make discords. Ralph Bumgarner wants a good appetite. Vernon McHan said he would be satisfied with more

contributions to the building fund of the Presbyterian church and Santa, he believes you will bring them too, please don't disappoint him. Charles Moody wants some travel for his road, some that will not wash away. Charles Pettit and Mike Strong want aeroplanes.

Frank Terrell and Ed Wilson will be satisfied if you will bring them some coffee. Boyd Sossamon wants another store. Bring Frank Monteith a smoke eliminator for his cafe fuel, also ask him to hurry and pipe coffee to my study so I won't have to get out in bad weather. Lewis Cannon wants to reduce in weight yet not interfere with his regular and irregular eating. Can't you fix him up? Tom Cannon wants some new chessmen; his old ones are worn out.

You might bring Cannon Bros. Service Station some noiseless tire tools to be particularly used from midnight until daylight. Woody Hampton wants a new motor boat. Bring Harry Ferguson a Tennessee Walking horse. John Wike wants a whole set of lefthanded tools. Nick Beacham wants an automobile that will not use gasoline on long trips. W. O. Perkins wants city mail delivery so he won't have to come to town so often. Hugh Monteith needs a new pipe. Leader Hooper could use a regular squirrel gun, one that won't just cripple them. Dexter Hooper wants some steel so he can finish his garage. Dick Wilson and Dick Jr. want a cow that is trained to come to the milking place; little Dick says he would have much more time to practice his horn if this were so. Jim Gray, Jr. wants better connections with some school in Asheville. J. D. Moore and Ray Cogdill might use some football tickets, to any bowl will do, just so it is football. C. M. Warren wants plenty of sweet candy and W. Q. Grigg wants a fishing reel that will hold the big ones. Harold McGuire could use some forceps that wont hurt. Joe Sutton wants a dog kennel. Kelly Guthrie wants a set of drawing instruments. He likes to remodel and build houses. Kineth Reed wants some more shop tools, the kind that will not cut fingers. Alex Southard wants some trees for his lawn. Bring Venoy Reed some plans for cottages. Bring A. R. Butler a job in Sylva so he can come back. We miss him. Vernon Cope wants more teachers who are really interested in teaching. Bring Willie Fisher some plans whereby he can make it easier for us fellows to borrow money. Bring B. S. Hensley a new church building; be very generous of him so he will not have the financial worries that usually accompany church building projects.

W. C. Hennessee, B. E. Harris and Phil Stovall want you to do something about the price of lumber. P. A. Donnahoe wants some field seed that will grow without having to be cultivated.

Also, remember the good ladies who have worked in all the Sylva churches, serving luncheons and doing their bit to raise funds for their churches. And too, remember my many younger friends and my little wee friends. Especially will you please remember with every kindness Mr. W. H. Belk of Charlotte and Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson of Montreat for their generosity toward our local Presbyterian church.

Now a few things for the town

of Sylva: More industrial plants, a convention hall, a Y.M.C.A. and a Y.W.C.A., the Sylva Baptist a new church, and remodel for the Methodist. The Episcopalians need a new church too, and since they have been so kind and generous toward us Presbyterian by allowing us to use their church while we are building ours please be extra nice to them. Bring the high school a basketball team that will be as good as their present football team.

Please do not overlook our Firemen, City and County officials, and especially the men who keep our town sanitary and clean. Remember our doctors, nurses, dentists and health officer, telephone operators, and postoffice employees, the mechanics who keep our cars running. The business men

who are so courteous that Sylva is known as a friendly little town. And, too, the waitresses who are so patient with us coffee toppers, and all others whose names space forbids mentioning who contribute to the building and service which make a town good.

Now for myself. I don't want much this Christmas. Since my car runs faster down hill out of gear than it will in gear guess I could use a car like Woody Hampton rides around in. Would like four or five thousand more dollars to spend on the Presbyterian church. Would like more of my church members to be more regular at church attendance. If I had a watch like Rudy Herdy wears so my congregation would not have to nod their heads telling me I had talked long enough. All

Zuna wants is a truck load of knitting yarn.

Now Santa, we all hope you have in store for use love toward our fellow men, peace of mind and soul, the spirit of forgiveness for any wrong and offense committed, a real sense of cooperation in civic and religious affairs, a faith that will not let go and a hope for a better life here and hereafter. Also to be able to accept whatever lot shall become ours without complaint or excuse and wholly lean of Jesus Christ who makes no mistakes.

So long until next Christmas. Your little friend,
Hoyt Wakefield

P. S. Remember kindly the many friendly people whose contributions helped very much in making possible the building of the Pres-

CHRISTMAS

Down in Bethlehem little Lord Jesus lay,
He lay in a manger filled with hay,
Over his head shown a great star
Shining brightly from heaven afar.
Late at night the shepherds were tending their sheep,
While away in a manger the Christ Child did sleep.
In this land the shepherds saw the light,
And began to feel afraid at this great sight.
The angels said, "Be not afraid for I bring great joy to you this night."
The shepherds walked for miles away
Looking for the place where Jesus lay.

(Written by Doris Cooper, 7th grade student of Qualla School)

Farm fire losses throughout the nation will run as high as \$300,000 per day during the Christmas holiday season unless steps are taken to reduce the fire threat, says the Fire Protection Institute.

Friendly Good Wishes for Christmas

We extend to you the warmest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever... a New Year filled with gladness and contentment.

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... to wish one and all a Christmas brimming over with laughter, song and good cheer—a New Year filled with health and happiness. May the lights on your tree be symbolic of the brightness ahead—may the glow of the Yule log fill hearts with eternal warmth, everlasting friendship and good will.

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The shining star of Bethlehem is symbolic of the joy in our hearts which we want to share with all our friends when we say "Merry Christmas."

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