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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Waynesville and Haywood Children
Must Have Been Pretty Good for
They Dare to Ask St. Nicholas
to Make a Visit

East Waynesville.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an air rifle and plenty of
candy and oranges for this Christ-
mas. Yours truly,
PAUL GALLOWAY.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little pair of leg-
gins, lots of candy and nuts. This
is all I want this year. I am in the
third grade and I like to go to school
very much. Yours truly,
FRANCIS MASSIE.

East Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to please bring me an
air rifle and a pair of leggins, too.
Very truly,
WADE FRAZIER.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little doll and a
bed for it, too. I would like to have
a piano too. I am eight years old
and in the second grade. Very truly,
JOSEPHINE GALLOWAY.

(This was mailed at Clyde).

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 4 years and I
have been good as I can and my Bro-
ther has to be older than I am.

Now Santa I am going to tell you
what we want you to bring. I want
a little Chair and James wants a gun
and I want a gun to and we want a
train. James wants a hat and I
want a Baggen and we want lots of
Candy and nuts and arnges to some
gun and Bannans to.

Hoping to get all I want I will
Close,
ROBERT and JAMES,

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a tool chest and a pair of
skates. From
HENRY T. SHARP.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a big doll that has brown
eyes that will open and shut. I am
nine years old, my name is Hop Pot-
ter. I would like a doll buggy too
if it would not be too much trouble.
Yours truly,
HOP POTTER.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please Bring me a pair of leggins
and an air rifle and some shot.
I am seven years old. Yours truly,
JACK FELMET.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am eight years old and in the
second grade. I want you to please
bring me a little doll bed, a little chair,
a little dresser and candy and nuts.
Very truly,
LUCILE LEATHERWOOD.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa:
I will wright you a verry little if
I dont spell the word all right why
next time I will do better. I want
you bring me a nice doll with blue
eyes a curly hair all so bring me some
candy an nuts. I am in the second
grade. I love my teacher, Miss Wil-
lie Bradshaw is his name. So Re-
member all little girls. Good-by.
ESTHER BURRESS.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa: I will wright you a
sweet little letter. If I dont spell
the words all right why next time I'll
doe. Santa I want you to bring me
some ribbons and some nice Books
to Read and I want some nuts and
candy. I am a Eliven years old an
in the fifth grade. I like my teacher
her name is Miss Sara Thomas. Now
Santa I want you to remember papa
an mam an my little sisters Ruby and
all my schoolmates.
So good Buy
RUTH BURRESS.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
Are you going a Round to visit the
children this Xmas? I am a little
boy just nine years old and would
like to see something to make me
happy for Christmas. I have tried to
be good and I want a pistol and candy
oranges and steal trap; but Santa
don't get my two litle sisters and
remember my Dear Brother in France

MR. W. C. ALLEN

Mr. W. C. Allen, field director at
U. S. A. General Hospital, No. 18, for
the American Red Cross, is well
known in this community, having been
superintendent of schools here for 14
years. Besides being an educator of
long experience, he is also an author
of considerable reputation. He has
written and published several works



Mr. W. C. Allen

on history, among them a history of
North Carolina, a story book that is
being used in the public schools of the
state, a history of Haywood county,
and the History of Halifax County,
just coming from the presses of the
Cornhill Publishing Company, of Bos-
ton, Mass. His work here among the
boys of the hospital has been much
commended.

Through the efforts of Mr. Allen,
the construction of the splendid Red
Cross building was made possible.
This building is to be magnificently
furnished and will be a valuable ad-
dition to the hospital site here. Mr.
Allen deserves the heartfelt thanks
of all for his splendid efforts in be-
half of the men and he has accom-
plished much in making the life here
more pleasant. He has also written
hundreds of letters to the boys' home-
folks and in every way possible as-
sists them.

Mrs. W. C. Allen has also done
much for the men, especially the bed
patients and is a friend to every man
here.—Bombproof.

and I guess that will be all Santa for
you must not get those little chil-
dren in Belgium which would like to
see some thing Santa would leave.

I will close hoping to see you a
Round soon, one of your little Boys,
CHARLIE COMPTON.

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a baby
doll a doll trunk and doll clothes.
Please fix my dolls head that I got
last Christmas and please bring me
a box of peanuts. With love,
VIRGINIA.

Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I've been a good little boy, and
please bring me a rubber ball, and
a knife with a chain to it. And some
oranges and candy and an "A B C"
book. Your friend,
GLENN CATHEY.

Crabtree, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 4 years old. I
want you to bring me a little knife
with a chain to it and a rubber ball,
some candy, oranges and peanuts and
lots of other good things. Please
don't forget the knife, from your little
boy,
L. EDWIN NOLAND.

Crabtree, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old live in
the country. I want you to bring me
a big doll to sit in my rocking chair.
I have a doll now good Santa Claus
I dont care so much for candy or nuts
but please be sure and bring the Doll.
I have a little sis 8 months old. I
want you to bring her a white wool
leggon to match her sweater. From
your little girl, RUBY C. NOLAND.

Crabtree, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 2 years old and mean as I can
be but please bring me lots of candy
I have apples walnuts toys of all kinds,
so will take mine all in candy so I
can divide with Isabell. Lovingly by
your boy,
LYLE NOLAND.

Hazelwood, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you a letter to tell you
what I want you to bring me a doll

A Word About Old Glory

(By Jesse Daniel Boone)



I wish to brag about our flag
Which never in the dust did drag,
Nor did its sponsors ever lag,
When duty made appeals,
It has been said it's brilliant red
Stands for the blood our fathers shed
When this fair land was overspread
With oppressors' crushing heels.

Its snowy white stands for the right;
In brightest day or darkest night,
Our flag opposes wrong and might,
And must forever wave.
So white and pure, it will endure
As long as truth is firm and sure;
And ills exist which men can cure—
This emblem of the brave.

This other hue, so bright and blue,
Is emblematic of the true.
It says to me, and says to you:
We must not compromise.
In fight or play, by night or day,
May all the nations ever say
Wherever it is on display:
This flag we recognize.

May all its stars and all its bars
Save countless wounds, and hurts and scars,
And by our soldiers and Jack Tars,
Be amply glorified.
Long may it wave above the brave
And help to succor and to save
A host which tyrants would enslave
And more who would have died.

WILL SOON BE HUNTED AS SLACKERS

Waynesville, N. C., Dec. 17, 1918.
(List of registrants who have failed
to return their questionnaires):

- 593—W. K. Hall, Canton, N. C.
 - 624—E. P. Thomson (col), Sun-
burst, N. C.
 - 645—H. H. Messer, Waynesville, R.
F. D. 2.
 - 936—J. W. Smith, Waynesville, R.
F. D. 4.
 - 1118—Hardy Jones, Waynesville, R.
F. D. 2.
 - 1127—Chas. Blythe (col), Canton.
 - 1152—C. M. Holland, Canton, R. F.
D. 3.
 - 1168—W. F. Plemmons, Canton, R. F.
D. 3.
 - 1202—S. H. Brown (col), Waynesville.
 - 1289—A. L. Kilby, Hazelwood, N. C.
 - 1539—William Anderson, Chattanoo-
ga, Tenn.
 - 1574—J. A. Darlin, Crestmont, N. C.
 - 1673—Burton Smith, Waynesville.
 - 1680—Roy Ross, Waynesville, R. F.
D. 2.
 - 1621—Eugene Davis (col), Waynes-
ville, N. C.
 - 2384—J. C. Johnson, Waynesville, R.
F. D. 2.
 - 2104—P. L. Dobbins (col), Waynesville.
 - 957—C. N. Howell, Waynesville, R.
F. D.
 - 1944—F. T. Aims, Canton.
 - 1951—H. M. Davidson, Sunburst.
- If the above named registrants do
not fill out and return their question-
naire to the local board at once, we
will have to send their names to the
adjutant general of the state of
North Carolina as delinquents.
Local Board of Exemption of Haywood
County.

CHRISTMAS PENSION CHECKS

Many an old confederate soldier
will be made happy this week in North
Carolina with pension checks which
always come in time to make Christ-
mas happier than it would be other-
wise.

Jerry R. Leatherwood, clerk of the
Superior Court, is distributing about
\$10,000 this week to about 140 men
and about 120 widows. The number
and the amount distributed is less
than last year, because these old peo-
ple are gradually dying.

and a doll cart and bed and a stove
and a story book and a pair of skates
and a little iron and a little broom,
candy, nuts and oranges. Now I will
close. Good-bye Santa Claus.
PAY SNYDER.

"OLD FAITHFUL"

He hails from "The Land of the
Flowers," that splendid old state in
the far south, which is typical of his
disposition, one so full of the joy of
living and the desire to aid others that
the men of this hospital have given
him the name of "Old Faithful." He
was sent to us under the auspices of
the Y. M. C. A., as one of the "Y"



"Old Faithful"

secretaries here, but so broad is his
vision of hospital work, so deep his
understanding of human nature and
possessing that rare combination of
love for his fellowman and a concep-
tion of the human elements involved,
his work passes beyond bounds of sec-
retarial routine.

So gentle, so kind, yet possessing
every attribute of a man, he goes
about his work among the men of this
with the desire to brighten the path-
way for others and truly his very
hospital with his whole being imbued
presence is a tonic in itself. Where-
ever "Old Faithful" goes, there is al-
ways a cheery word spoken, a friendly
banter or smile which always leaves
one feeling better. No one can esti-
mate the vast amount of good he does
among the men of this hospital for his
is a work which is not reckoned by the
individual deeds performed.

"Old Faithful" is practically indis-
pensable to us; he is almost an insti-
tution and everyone knows him so well
that many do not know what his right
name is and would not know whom
you were talking about if you men-
tioned Mr. Beckett. He has made for
himself a place in the hearts of all
because he has traversed the "road of
the loving heart."—Bombproof.

GRADED SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAYS

The school board met Tuesday night
and decided to close the city schools
until Monday, Dec. 30, when they will
reopen.

The school children who were to
bring oranges and apples on Friday
for the Army Hospital Christmas tree
are asked to bring them to the club
room next door to the Waynesville
Pharmacy any time next Monday.
Those who have practiced singing the
Christmas carols will meet Friday
night for practice at the Baptist
church.

SECRETARY WILL EDWARDS TO RETURN ABOUT FEBRUARY

Secretary Will Edwards in letters
to his mother and sister, Mrs. Charles
Morris, says he is located in a beau-
tiful little French town, Bar-le-Duc,
and expects to leave for home not
later than February 1st. He was re-
cently made district secretary of a
large army division and the responsi-
bility is so great and the opportunity
so wonderful for real service that he
felt he could not refuse. He has
four large rest areas where thou-
sands of troops will be with a large
force of secretaries to assist in the
job. He doesn't know yet whether
he will go into Germany with the
troops or not.

He says they have had some influ-
enza over there but evidently not so
much as back home. Says he had a
great time the day before writing,
when he took in his car his friend
Charlie Bell, a Y. M. C. A. secretary
from Gerogia to Verdun over the bat-
tlefields. He had been over it before
and the first time when shells were
falling. These two letters were
written Nov. 17th.

CONGRESSMAN WEAVER THINKS COLA ALLEN IS SAFE

Mention was made in last week's
issue of the report that Lieut. Wil-
liam C. Allen, jr., was killed in action
Oct. 3, and that a telegram from Con-
gressman Weaver to Prof. Allenn had
assured him that it was a mistake and
that William C. Allen, jr., of Waynes-
ville, was allright.

Resting upon that assurance, Prof.
Allen and family were satisfied until
Friday night of last week when the
following letter was received from the
War Department:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11, 1918.
W. C. Allen, Field Director
American Red Cross,
Waynesville, N. C.

Sir: Acknowledging receipt of your
telegram relative to the death of Wil-
liam C. Allen, jr., second lieutenant,
18th Machine Gun Battalion, you are
advised that under date of Dec. 2,
1918, the War Department reported
to this office that William C. Allen
was appointed 2nd lieutenant Infan-
try, R. C., November 27, 1917, from
training camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.,
was assigned to the 1st Infantry, left
the United States for France about
July 6, 1918, and was reported killed
in action Oct. 3, 1918, A. E. F., while
on duty with the M. G. Co., 7th Infan-
try. The emergency address given is
Mrs. W. C. Allen, Mother, Waynes-
ville, N. C., and home address, Sun-
burst, N. C.

Since receiving your telegram, the
matter of service was taken up with
the War Department and it is further
reported that William C. Allen, jr.,
(service as given above), was trans-
ferred to the 16th M. G. Bn. and then
to the 18th M. G. Bn.

Respectfully,
J. L. BAITY,
Auditor for the War Department.

Feeling that a blunder had been
made and having had three letters
from Cola Allen since Oct. 3, and yet
being uneasy, Prof. Allen did some
more wiring, sending a cablegram to
Major E. B. Garey, of the 18th M. G.
Bn. in France, and a telegram to Con-
gressman Weaver to investigate the
matter thoroughly in the War De-
partment. No reply has as yet been
had to the cablegram, but Congress-
man Weaver replied as follows:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14, 1918.
W. C. Allen,
Waynesville, N. C.

Second Lieut. William C. Allen, jr.,
Machine Gun Co., 9th Infantry,
father, William C. Allen, 1339 Bed-
ford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., killed
in action Oct. 3rd. William C. Al-
len, jr., son of W. C. Allen, Waynes-
ville, N. C., rank, second lieutenant,
18th Machine Gun Battalion, all right.
These were taken from General Persh-
ing's reports. I believe Cola safe.
ZEBULON WEAVER.

This telegram is believed to be en-
tirely authentic, but all doubt will not
be removed until the cablegram is
heard from.

GWYN-SHOOK

Of special interest in North and
South Carolina is the announcement
of the marriage of Miss Anne Gwyn
and Mr. Leslie Shook, which took
place Dec. 10th, at "Springdale," the
home of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by
Dr. Watkins from Spartanburg, in
the presence of the immediate mem-
bers of the family. There were no
attendants.

Miss Gwyn is the daughter of Mrs.
J. M. Gwyn and sister of Mr. T. L.
Gwyn, a well-known business man of
this section. She is a young lady
of unusual personal charm, and has
many friends.

Mr. Shook is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. C. P. Shook, of Birmingham,
Ala. The ceremony took place at
noon, and the same afternoon Mr.
and Mrs. Shook motored to Asheville
where they took the cars for an ex-
tended trip to Florida and Cuba.

After Jan. 10th, Mr. and Mrs.
Shook will be at home in Tarboro, N.
C.

The World's Religions

According to the latest available
figures, the religions of the world are
divided as follows: Christians, 564,
510,000; Confucianists and Taoists,
300,830,000; Mohammedans, 221,825,
000; Hindus, 210,540,000; Animists,
158,270,000; Buddhists, 128,031,000;
Shintoists, 25,000,000; Jews, 12,205,
000; unclassified, 15,280,000.—From
The People's Home Journal.