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CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa Claus:— *Please bring me . . .*

PIERCE SCHOOL WISHES VARY

DSC—please bring me a scooter and a bicycle and a springing snake and a knife . . . from John Trenton.

DSC—I am going to some people's house for Christmas dinner and I won't be home. I wish you would bring me a little piano and a purse, a game of Old Maid and a set of cooking dishes that is all the playthings I want. Then I want a pair of stockings or maybe too. I would like to have some candy and nuts. But I would like to spend the day playing with my things. . . . Yours truly, Marian Jane Hayman. . . . P. S. Dear Santa I forgot to tell you I would like some more things besides playthings. I would like to have some more things to wear.

DSC—We have not been to my Grandpa or Grandma's for Christmas for a long time and if the roads are open we may go down. I want a roll top desk, sled, typewriter, wool stockings, tiddle-de-winks game, bookends and books, jacket, and hockey stick. I guess you have a lot of orders to fill. I am nine years old and my birthday is Dec. 24th every time. . . . Yours truly, Marion E. Tate. 1172 Bird Ave.

DSC—Santa Claus. I would like a little black doll for my little bed I have home. I would like to go to my aunt's for Christmas. I would have a Christmas pudding. Oh boy! Santa, I bet you wish you could have Christmas pudding for Christmas. But I guess you have lots of good things for Christmas anyway. I can't think of anything else to say now so goodbye dear Santa Claus. Yours truly, Betty Porter, 1876 Northlawn.

DSC—Please don't forget me this Christmas. I want a special thing. Will you give me a two-wheel bike? I would also like about seventeen books, among them Chatterbox. I would like a pair of skates and boots. And a new sleigh. We are going to have guests on Christmas. Lovingly yours, Joan Lawrence, 1407 Clawson Road.

DSC—I would like to have a nice big doll buggy, and a typewriter. I am going to my Aunt Ada's house for my Christmas vacation. We are going to have a big Christmas treat. Yours truly, Doris Lucille Prevo, 788 Ruffner Ave.

DSC—I would like a nice present for Christmas this year and would like it to be a good one it is a nice doll with curls and goes to sleep, and I will tell you some more. I would like a typewriter and a pair of skates and a buggy and a box of dishes. I would like a new hat. I am a girl 12 years old. Truly yours, Laura June Ablott, 652 Smith.

DSC—I want you to bring me a doll buggy, and a lumber-jacket. We are having company for dinner. I am nine years old. That is all. Yours truly, Frances Morrison, 1220 Bird St.

DSC—I would like to have a suit of clothes. I don't want a lot of toys. Would you please bring me a bicycle. I am 10 years old. I bet you have a hard job of making all those toys and I want a pair of shoes please Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Your loving friend, Harry Osborne, 648 Humphrey.

DSC—On Christmas I think we are going to my grandma then we will have fun Santa Claus. I am 10 years old and I will be 11 years old May the 25. Yours truly, George Cloud, 852 Davis St.

DSC—I hope I get something nice for Christmas. I would like some ice skates for Xmas and I would like about two books and a little electric stove and a Chalk board. I think I will take a girl's stocking. I hope I will have a good time on Christmas day. I think I will my mother has some decorations up already. I hope everybody has a merry Xmas. Yours sincerely, Lola Jean Schwallie, 747 Chapin Ave.

DSC—I would like a set of soldiers navy in white and a typewriter and questionnaire. Yours truly, Betty Jean Stevenson, 1208 Davis St.

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QUARTON THIRD GRADERS WRITE GOOD LETTERS

DSC—I am writing you a letter to tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. These things are what I would like to have. I would like a doll bed, a new baby doll, and I would like to have some games to play. But best of all I would like everyone else to have a very glad Christmas Day. Lovingly Cameron Biggers.

DSC—I would like a set of dishes for Christmas. And I would like a wrist watch and a toboggan, and some Lincoln logs. Love, Dorothy Prussing.

DSC—Please give me a Patsy doll and a work basket a indoor golfset and a doll wig. Love, Forbi Quinn.

DSC—I would like a pair of blue bedroom slippers, roller skates, Lincoln logs, moving picture machine, doll, doll house, snow shoes. For my doll I want a set of coat and hat and leggins for a doll about 14 inches tall. Lovingly, Elizabeth Sue King.

DSC—I hope you are well. I want a football suit for Christmas, a moving picture machine, too. I would like a racing wagon. And a train and a set of tools, too. Lovingly, Gordon Craig.

DSC—I would like to have a big doll with long yellow curls, and a bed for her and a set of cooking dishes. And some clothes for the doll. A dresser for the doll. I'm going to hang a stocking for the doll. Love, Esther Farr.

DSC—I want a football for Christmas and I want a train and an airplane. I want a toboggan for Mother. Bobby Thomas.

DSC—I am writing to tell you what I want. I want a bicycle, a toboggan, and some skates. Betty Brown.

DSC—I would like a big baby doll, and I would like a pair of roller skates and a toboggan. I also want a set of dishes. And a set of log cabin blocks. Lovingly yours, Charlotte DuBois.

DSC—I want a doll and a bob-sleigh, a doll's coat and hat. I would like a watch and a Lincoln logs. Love from June Weller.

DSC—I'd like a trunk and some doll dresses. I might like some Lincoln logs. I hope all is well and you still have your helpers. With love, Louise Mills.

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'6 and 7 Years Old'

(Grade 2B Quarton School)

DSC—I want a baby doll. I want a toy car. I would like a baby house. I want you to bring Mother something nice. Mary Christmas. Love to Santa. Constance.

DSC—I want a scooter, please give me a scooter. I want it so bad. I want a playhouse. Joyce.

DSC—I want a Patsy Ann doll and some furniture for my doll house and buggy so it will fit my doll. Barbara Beeman, 7 years old.

DSC—I want a doll and a little stove and some dishes and some games. Betty P. Stoll.

DSC—I want a doll. I want a reading book. I want something to eat. I want a doll house, a ball too. Catherine, 7 years old. 638 Pleasant Ave.

DSC—I want a bilo Doll, I want a cradle, I want some covers, I want some roller skates. Dorothy Duffield.

DSC—I want a nice sled. I want a roller skates. I want you to come to my house. Leigh Ely.

DSC—I want some skates. and a sled. I want a boat. I want a ski pole. I want a knife. Dale Fisher, 324 Greenwood Ave.

DSC—I want a electric train and a foot ball and roller skates and a ball. I am seven. Tom Billings.

DSC—I want a bike. I am six. And I want a sail boat and a pair of skates. Milner Thom, Puritan Road.

DSC—I want electric train and cars, logs, boat. Buddy.

"WHAT TO DO"

On Christmas Day

We are going to my grandmother for Christmas. Maybe my uncle and I will go skiing just dinner. For Christmas my sister and brother and I have got a picture of my mother. Wherever you stand she is looking at you. My grandmother and aunt have got me a pair of knicker. Maybe my father will got my sister and I a pair of Hockys skates for Christmas. We must have a Christmas tree. My father Is going to had a picture framed for him. Maybe my father will let me go Ice Skating to the Mill pond. We will give presents to other people. I wish all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Christmas Day

When I get up and look at my toys I will go and play with my new sledge. Then I will go ice skating. When I get tired with that, I will go out skiing. Then I will run in the house and play with my games. We will eat apples, candy, nuts. We hope other people had a good time too.

2B ADAMS SCHOOL

DSC—I have been a good boy. I help my mother and my father. Please bring me my work bench you forgot last year. Please fill my stocking. I have a baby brother. How do you get down the chimney. I hope you bring me my skates, I do. Yours truly, Paul Dunn, 2192 Yorkshire Road.

DSC—I hope you get to Birmingham. I got 100 on my last spelling lesson. I hope your reindeer are well. I want a baseball and a bat. With love, Jimmy Norton.

DSC—Our class is going to make a calendar. Send one of your helpers down because I want you to get to all the children in Birmingham. These are the things I want: a playhouse, a buggy, a baby-doll, and a little girl doll that walks and talks. From Mary Carleton, 519 Rivenoak.

DSC—I hope your come to my house and don't forget to come down my chimney will you? With love from Mary Jean Colcott.

DSC—There are many things I want but I know that I can not have them. I want you to come to our party. With love from Billy Brown, 831 Maple.

Here's What Quarton Fourth Graders Want

DSC—I would like a Electric could not bring me that. Your Questioner very much, and also would like some books for I like to read. And I would like a book of Robert Louis Stevenson's poems. I would also like to have a wrist watch a fountain pen. I want a basket to put on my bike. I would also like some Lincoln Logs and Bridge. I could not like anything more this Christmas. Much love to you. Nell Wasey.

DSC—I hope you will be at my house Christmas eve, and leave some presents for me. I will tell you just what I want most for Christmas too. The first thing is an electric stove and a whole Patsy Doll suit of winter clothes with a jacket, leggings, cap, and golashes, with zippers. We will have a Christmas tree too put the presents under too. Goodbye, don't forget, Kitty Ruthenburg.

DSC—I want some ice skates for Xmas. And a little cubboard just like mother's. I want it ivory with green trimmings. Then I would like some clothes for my Patsy doll. And next a two wheel bick. Most of all I would like house. Much love, Herbert Moore. a baby sister, but I know you

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Oh, the Sweet Things to Do! . . . .

It is wonderful for children
That there are cut-outs,
And pictures to paste,
Besides sand to play in,
Balls to toss and hoops to roll.
These are wonderful things to do.
How the joys crowd:
Blocks to build,
Ships to sail,
Stories to tell each other,
Even dolls or puppies to care
for and sleep near.
These are good things to play, hard and long.
Talking to fairies in the
sweet woods,
Thinking of round-faced Santa Claus,
Picking flowers and berries, too,
Running at games in the big yards,
Eating bread and jam, and apples—
What nice things are in the world!
I love it that children do these things!!

—Santa Claus

To Complete Their Little World . . . .

DSC—I am a little boy 8 years old. Please bring me a pool table for Christmas. Please bring me a cowboy suit with a pistol. Ronald Clement, 1063 Bird St.

DSC—I am a little boy 7 years old. Please bring me a cowboy suit with a pistol and I want a 25c ball and I want a bow and arrow. Goodby Richard Johnson, 891 Humphrey St.

DSC—I am a little boy 8 years old. Please bring me a puzzle. Goodbye, Robert Johnsmiller, 728 Lincoln St.

DSC—I am a little girl 7 years old. Please bring me a doll blanket. and also a doll dress. And please bring me some Handkerchiefs. Good bye. Evelynn Clark, 1336 Bird St.

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From The Eccentric

Dear Santa Claus—

Many Birmingham children have written you this week, and we are printing a good many of the letters.

Thank you so much for writing a little letter for us to publish so they all may read it!! This note is just to thank you formally, in printing. We all love "Santa Claus" you know!

All we ask for ourselves is that the people will love us enough to remember to phone the Society Editor when anything, however small, happens that they'd like to "see in print," or that would interest others and help "make the paper."

By return mail, please, we would like to have at least one news item from every reader of this issue of The Eccentric,—just written roughly, on any kind of paper, and put into any scrap envelope. We will appreciate anything and everything. Our only wish is to be able to get out a newspaper every week that most of the people will really like very much, and we would appreciate every word of comment and news.

Santa Claus,—please,—promise us at least one item by return mail (or by phone) from every reader of this issue of The Eccentric.

Ever so sincerely,
The ECCENTRIC.

THREE FRIENDS WRITE ST. NICK

DSC—I want an ampico piano and a Baby doll with clothes and a big doll with coat and hat, big table and chairs. My baby wants galoshes and Rubbers, and Patsy wants new clothes and new shoes and shoestrings. Also a cash register, and anything else to bring me.

With love, Marjorie Ann Elliott, 1887 Townsend.

FROM QUARTON FIRST GRADERS

DSC—I want bubbles, doll, a doll buggy, and a dishes. From Mary Gardner.

DSC—I want some lead solgers and a b. b. gun. Billy Bull.

DSC—I want a electric train and a sailboat and a pair of skis. Sammy.

DSC—I want a two wheel bike and a baby doll and a pair of dishes. from Nancy Kirn.

DSC—I want a paten comb and brush clows. Barbara Welch.

DSC—I want a sled, 3 wheel bike. Jack.

DSC—I want a two wheel bike and doll buggy. Bethel Ruth Bird.

DSC—I want a clock, muff. Phyllis.

DSC—I want some lead soldiers and a b. b. gun. Edgar.

DSC—I wood like a doll, a dog, and a doll buggy. I would like some logs. Kathryn Mary Carr.

DSC—I want a pair of ice skates and a two-wheel bike and a rifle. Nicky.

DSC—I want a doll and a pair of skates. Betty C.

DSC—I want ice skates. Shirley.

DSC—I want a purse and a muff and skis. Caroline.

Dear Santa Claus—I hope you are as fine as always. I would like some clothes and shoes. You may know why. I asked for them because my dad is not working and he has no money for toys. And my sister would like some clothes too. We would like a rocking chair for my sister, she is only one year old. Yours truly, Ramona

BARNUM TOTS WANT PLENTY

"Hard Year" Excuses Santa

DSC—If it is possible for you to get me a short wave set I would like to have you. But you know this is a hard year. I will have some toddy for you. I am in the 2A grade Barnum School, Birmingham, Mich. Love, Hartland Smith. 328 George St.

Just a Candy Cane—

DSC—I have been a good boy and I want a candy cane. We have been going good at home. I have a dog named Jack and I want you to give him a big bone. Robert Falberg.

Knows Prices Already—

DSC—I would like those things, a doll 20 inches tall $3.65, and a doll's crib 22 inches long $3.52. I hope you will have a Merry Christmas. Phyllis Allen 7 years old.

Helps Her Mother—

DSC—I have been going to brownies and have learned a whole lot of things about helping my mother. An my mother says she thinks you'll bring a whole lot of things but not too much. Because don't forget the poor children. But there's a few things I do want. I want a great big baby doll with a shawl with it. And a wrist watch. And a typewriter. With love Doris Franklin, 902 Purdy St.

Uses "Psychology"—

DSC—I love you. Now let me see what I want. I want a doll and a doll house. I am in 2A. Love, Mary Esther Shrock.

2B Graders Are Brief—

DSC—I want a wagon and a base ball. Lennart.

DSC—I want a two-wheel bicycle. I would like a pair of high-tops. I would like an electric train and a leather hat. I would like a tractor. I would like a sheepskin. I want a book. Charles Chapman, 568 Ann St.

DSC—I would like a doll, a doll buggy, a doll cradle, a two-wheel, a little piano, a fountain pen, a handkerchief, a pair of mittens, bath robe, a table, chairs, a book, and socks. Audrey Smith.

DSC—I would like a pair of high tops, a quirk, a pair of mittens, a sheepskin, and a set of Lincoln logs. Robert Traxler.

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Here's Happiness

2B Pierce School

Wants Speed—

DSC—I would like a train. I would a airplan. I wuld a pair of ice skates. Theodore Thomas Marcette, 1183 Bird Ave.

Variety!

DSC—I would like a doll bed. I would like a red drag. I would like a blankets. Winifred Keogh.

Little Housekeeper!

DSC—I would like a doll. I would like a stove. I would like a doll cab. I would like a sewing machine. I would like some clothes for my doll. I would like a box. Lucille Morehouse.

Versatile!

DSC—I would like a stove. I would like a sewing machine. I would like a doll cab. I would like a sled. I would like bicycle. I would like a pair of ice skates. Esther Marie Smith.

That All?

DSC—I would like some soldiers and some boats and a bicycle and a candy cane and some games and some dogs that is all. Signed "Loyes."

DSC—I would like doll. I would like a dust pan, broom and a dustless mop and I would like to send you a present too. Geraldine Fern Jones.

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Letter FROM Santa

Dear, DEAR Little Children—

This is a letter FROM Santa Claus!

Please know that I love every one of you, with all my heart.

You've been really rather good this year. Being bad is only because of little misunderstandings. And I know that every one of you has tried mighty hard,—and that you'll try even harder next year, all year long. I love little children that try, and try.

Wash your teeth, and keep sweet and clean.

Drink your milk like good boys and girls,—and eat your carrots and peas and spinach, and whatever Mother serves you (or whoever takes care of you, darlings).

Keep a window open at night for fresh air, and keep covered up (all except your head).

Obey your parents,—they know pretty well what is best for you.

Do your chores faithfully, and "save your pennies" wisely.

Play together pleasantly, and don't fight. Govern your displeasures sensibly (ask someone to explain this to you if you do not understand . . . it is important).

Study your lessons well. They will help you to become helpful and respected citizens of a great and good world.

Above all, remember, little sweethearts, that I'll bring you everything I can,—this year, and every year. If I fail to leave you something you wanted especially,—be patient, and love me just the same. There's some good reason why I couldn't leave everything,—and I promise you that you'll have the things later if you really want them very much.

BELIEVE me, with all the love in the world, I am,

Sincerely,
Your Own SANTA CLAUS.