Letters to Santa Claus

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Dear Santa Claus, I want two pairs of guns, for my sister a doll, for my brother a bike, for my dad a tie, for my Mom a book. JIM BRAGAW

Dear Santa I would like a milk car for my train and a loglooser too. I would like a bogin. I have tried to be good. DALE HOOKERT

Dear Santa, I want a BB gun and a catp gun and I tried real good to be good, ask my friends what I want. LEWIS HANCOOK

Dear Santa Claus, I want everyone to be happy. I want a new bike and some airplanes and to have A in my work and moceasins. GARY DOWNEY

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a sled an da deck of cards. I want a pokatar. My Mother wants some book. PAUL BOWMAN

Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll and a rock hobby and to decks of cards. My sister wants a pair of ice skates. HILDA CAMP

Dear Santa I would like very much to have a pen and pencil and a bow and arrow. I am trying very hard to be good. And I hope that you have a nice Christmas. JAMES NELSON HINDS

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a train station and some train cars. And some cars. DANIEL AIRO

Dear Santa Claus I would like an ice-skating suit and a Glamour Doll and a Doll baby's nurses kit and a big blackboard like Mrs. Haven's. Please bring Spot a play rubber mouse and a set of dishes and a ball. And my mommie a new wallet because she has not got one. And I would like my daddy to get an out door cooking stove. BECKY STEFFENS

Dear anta Claus, I would like you to bring me a bike and a basket along with it and a train and a Jack knife. BOBBY GODAW

Dear Santa Claus I would like a set of guns and I shall like a B-B gun. JOHN

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a Toni Doll and some roller skates with shoes o nthem. My sister would like to have a pair o fleginns please. PHYLLIS KAESCHER

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I want a game, or a doll with doll clothes, or a story book doll. SONJA PARRISH

Dear Santa I would like you to leave a doll. I would like very much if you would bring me a pin and pencil set. I would like some doll furniture. I want some slippers. BETSY QUINN

Dear Santa Claus, I love you and I will leave you some coco and cooies. I would like a glamour doll and please bring Rowdy a big ball and a dog dish and a big bell, and me a baby dolls nurser kit and that wedding dress. SUSAN HALLAS

Dear Santa Claus I would like a bow and arrow. An arrow case maybe. Give my brother Fred a b-b gun. Bring my mother a pair o fshoes and anklets. My dad a pair of ski gloves. I have tried to be a good boy. TOM WOODWORTH

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Unitarian Fellowship Will Sponsor Discussion On South American Life

A public meeting, sponsored by the Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship on Dec. 13, will feature an illustrated lecture by Mrs. Anne Garrison on "The South American Way of Life." The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Community House.

Mrs. Garrison has been a resident of Spain and Uruguay and has spent some time in each South American country. She has made a broad study of their culture, history and the progress of their arts and economics, as well as the development of their political life.

Her talk Thursday evening will be based on her own personal knowledge of life in the southern hemisphere and will include a comparison of the two Americas, socially and economically.

Mrs. Garrison will be introduced by the Rev. Merrill O. Bates of Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Eugene Hesz, Miss Helen Holmes and Albert MacCleery are also working on the program.

Pre-Xmas Open House To Be Held by Baptists

A pre-Christmas open house will be held at the Baptist church at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 7. The program, prepared for members of the church school and congregation, will be open to the public.

Colored films will be used to show the observance of Christmas throughout the world. Following this, church school departments will form their regular classes for brief periods. Parents will be invited to see examples of regular class methods.

Sunday Sermonette

A Continuing Series by Local Religious Leaders

Move to put 'Christ' Back into Christmas

By Rev. Arnold F. Runkel
Pastor, 1st Methodist Church

Making national news last week was the annual advent of Santa Claus into the American scene via television, radio and many city parades.

That he deserves a rightful happy place none will deny. However, there is a growing concern among Christians at the extremely bad manners of the kindly old man.

For after all it isn't really his birthday, and crowding into the Christmas celebration as he does obscures for multitudes (especially the children) the vision of the little babe born in a Bethlehem stable 2,000 years ago.

CHURCHMEN of all denominations are becoming alarmed at the steadily increasing commercialism of Christmas and according to news accounts protests are rising all over the country.

"Let's put Christ back into Christmas" they are saying.

Better than that, many communities are beginning to take action in that direction. At Louisville, Ky., the annual Christmas parade included one float with a life size scene of the Nativity.

In Milwaukee Christian mothers have arranged to have the slogan "Put Christ back into Christmas" appear on billboards in taxies and store windows. Churches are urging that Nativity scenes be displayed on mantel places.

ONE GROUP of mothers has suggested that a birthday cake be baked to adorn the Christmas table and that a single candle in honor of Christ's birth be lighted on it.

REV. ARNOLD F. RUNKEL

The custom of sending Christmas cards with a Christian message is highly commendable.

Yes, all of this is news for it suggests a noble appreciation of Christ's place in the thinking of mankind. Let's put Christ back in our Christmas observance.

What's Being Planned By BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES

Copy for the church page must be in The Eccentric office by 3:30 p.m., Thursdays.

Presbyterian

Missionary A will meet Dec. 12 at the home of Mrs. Seymour Adams, 1088 Rivenoak, for a 2 o'clock meeting.

A pot luck dinner and Christmas party will be held by the Sarah Hunter guild at 7 p.m., on Dec. 13. The hostess of the evening will be Betty Rieman of 31740 Glencoe.

First Baptist

Miss Nancy Smith of Seattle, Wash., will address youth groups Sunday morning at the regular church school hour, 9:45. Miss Smith is giving a year of volunteer christian service as a discipleship interne, and will speak of her activities throughout the country. A similar address will be given at 6:30 for members of the Youth Fellowship.

The first pre-Christmas vesper service will be held in the church at 7:30 Sunday evening. "The Guiding Star", technicolor film, will be shown. This modern interpretation of the Christmas story was produced in Hollywood.

First Methodist

A program of Christmas music by the Birmingham high school a cappella choir, under the direction of Victor Ulrich, will be given at the Women's society meeting Dec. 12. Also featured will be Florence Morgan, violinist, with Donna Bernd, accompanist. The devotional period will be led by Mrs. Paul D. Carter.

Mrs. Henry McCurry, 820 Puritan, is giving a Christmas tea for all ladies of the First Methodist church Dec. 19. The affair will be held from 2 to 5 p.m.

A dinner and program will be held by the Young Adult Fellowship at 7 p.m. in the church parlors on Dec. 7. Mrs. A. W. Hameister of Mt. Clemens will have charge of the program on Christmas decorations.

Kirk In The Hills

The Adult Bible class will meet in social hall Friday evening at 6:30 for a turkey dinner.

On Dec. 13, a 12:30 luncheon, program and business meeting is planned by members of the Women's association. Mrs. H. C. Patterson, Mrs. Harry Ellwood, Mrs. A. R. Gross, Mrs. H. J. Hart, and Mrs. Delina Bohls are in charge of the luncheon. Mrs. Albert Middlestead will lead the devotional period.

The program chairman, Mrs. Herbert Mason, Sr., will present a youth quartet of Alice Mohler, Janet Wiegert, Barbara Johnson and Margaret McCaul, who will sing Christmas selections.

The Rev. Dr. Leslie A. Bechtel will install the new officers who are Mrs. John Lifsey, president; Mrs. James Brodie, first vice-president; Mrs. W. Dale Weitzel, second vice-president; Mrs. Donald Neal and Mrs. James Severy, secretaries and Mrs. Walter Xarey, treasurer.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

Sunday, Dec. 9
Christian Science

The sermon-lesson here will be "God the Only Cause and Creator," which is based on the Golden Text, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

First Baptist

The Rev. Emil Kontz will continue his series of sermons based on The Lord's Prayer, speaking at 11 o'clock on "Meeting and Mastering Temptation".

United Brethren

The sermon topic for the morning worship will be "Peculiar People". The Rev. Lee J. Griffy will preach.

First Presbyterian

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will deliver duplicate sermons at the 8:30 and 11 o'clock services Sunday morning on "The Lord Is Good".

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