

Still More Santa Letters from Birmingham Youngsters

1952 Christmas Tree Lane
Santa Clausland, N. P.

Greetings, Birmingham!
I swear by Rudolph's red nose that I never knew there were so many boys and girls in Birmingham. Just look at this stack of letters, and believe it or not, there are more to come!
Only a few years ago, when I first made arrangements with The Eccentric to print these letters, I used to receive about 500 a year. How that town has grown!

ANOTHER THING, I think that each year the printing and writing gets better and better. You little folks must work like heavers to learn all that while you are still so young.
Now, even in a while I hear sounds of spankings coming from Birmingham. I even hear you boys and girls quarrel among yourselves. What I can't figure out is how you have enough time to be naughty when you must study and prac-

tice so hard. Oh well, when you are young you have time for everything!
BY THE WAY, a number of you are leaving lunches out for me. I have to explain something. There may be some of which I'll have to leave. Mrs. Claus had to let out the seams hundreds of times that if I get any fatter I'm not going to get up and down chimneys, and will have to turn the job over to someone else.
Now I ask you—How could we have Christmas if I didn't do the work myself? It just wouldn't be Christmas, would it? So, if you find I haven't eaten everything you leave for me, just remember your old Santa Claus has to watch his waistline!

See you soon, boys and girls!
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