

Letters to Dear Old Santa

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a gold watch and some apples too. I have never seen you at all I will sit up when you come and see you. I would be very glad if you would bring my little sister a doll with curly hair and some apples too.
ALICE KYZER.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy and I want you to bring me a rifle and a paper cap pistol and some apples and nuts. By by, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
BRYAN KYZER.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl three years old; have never seen you yet. I am going to sit up and see you this year. If you can I want you to bring me a folding table and two chairs; and Santa don't forget to bring little baby a black-eyed doll, as she is so small to make her selection. Now please don't forget me.
MAEBON SMITH.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy 12 years old and I want you to bring me a rifle and a pistol, some firecrackers and some oranges.
Your little friend,
OBURL HOOK.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I will write you and tell you what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me an air rifle and some shot to shoot in it, and some apples, too. Times are hard, but I will ask for.
Your friend,
RUDOLPH KYZER.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy 12 years old. I want you to bring me a paper cap pistol and firecrackers, and some apples, candy and some nuts.
Your little friend,
LEROY SHEALY.

Gilbert, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am going to ask you for something. I am not going to ask you for much, because I know how it is. Money is hard to get these days, and when you get it you want to keep it. So please bring me a pretty piano so that I can learn to play. I also want some apples, oranges and some good things. You needn't bring me a doll, because I am most likely to be for it, so please bring me just what I asked for, and I will appreciate it for I have never had any kind of toy. If you don't have any that I can play, bring me a ball player piano, and show me how to play it. I don't know anything about it. Well, guess I will have to close as news is scarce.
EVA MAE RAWL.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 11, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl eight years old. I want you to bring me a doll with long curly hair and a doll bed, some apples, oranges and candy. Please don't forget me.
Your little girl,
CECIL STEELE.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 11, 1921.
Dear Santa:—We are two little boys. I am five years old. I want you to bring me a cap pistol, some apples, oranges and candy and firecrackers. My little brother is 3 years old and wants a little wagon, some apples, oranges and candy. So be sure to bring them.
Your little boys,
L. M. and BRYAN STEELE.

Steedman, S. C., Dec. 10, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:—I will write and let you know what to bring me and my three little sisters, Olga, Anna May and Nadine.
Bring me a little airplane, hammer and a little wagon. Bring my little sisters pretty presents; a pretty doll for Nadine. We will be good and have a good warm fire to warm by when you come Christmas.
Your little friend,
WILLIAM KENNETH KYZER.

Dear Santa:—I hope you haven't forgotten me.
Please bring me a lot of nice things like you always do. I would like

very much to have some embroidery hoops, shoes with white tops and a gold chain for my necklace. And anything else you think a little girl eight years old should have.
With best wishes and many thanks,
Yours lovingly,
GRETCHEN MILLER.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 10, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl seven years old and go to school every day. Now will you please bring me a doll with black curly hair and a carriage for her also. I have a brother five years old and he wants you to bring him an automobile that will be big enough to ride in. Please bring me some fruit also, that will be all I want this time.
Katherine and Lanair Shealy.

Leesville, S. C., Dec. 9, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy seven years old and going to school. Love my teacher and little school mates. Hope you will not forget any of us.
I want a rifle and shells, firecrackers and roman candles, also apples, oranges and a lot of other nice things. A Merry Christmas to Santa Claus.
WALTER LOWELL SHEALY.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am writing you about Christmas for it is nearly here. I have three little brothers and one little sister. Be sure and come to see us. We are living at same place on Depot street.
JAMES LEWIS STEELE.

Dear Santa:—I am a girl eleven years old. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a story book and some candy and oranges, apples and nuts. Do not forget my little brother, Julian Shull.
ANNIE LOU SHULL.

Dear Santa:—I am a little boy six years old. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a mouth organ and some apples, oranges, raisins, nuts, candy and some firecrackers.
And please remember the little orphan children.
LEON SHULL.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 7, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl eight years old in the 2nd grade. Please bring me some fruit, nuts, candy, a silk handkerchief and a good book. My little brother is in the first grade and can't write you. He says tell you to please bring him a toy car, a book, candy, oranges and raisins.
NANCY REBECCA SMITH.

Gilbert, S. C., Dec. 7, 1921.
Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a doll, some oranges, apples, nuts, candy, bananas and some firecrackers. Well I must close.
BLANCH McCARTHA.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—We are little brothers five and three years old. I want a black pony with good eyes and Dial wants a red pony that don't kick-up, and all kinds of good candies and fruits.
FRANK AND DIAL PRICE.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:
I guess you will be surprised to get a letter from me. Santa, I am not going to ask for so much but I want you to bring me a pair of gloves and a ring. And bring all the fruit and candy you can find. I will close for this time.
Yours truly,
MARY SUE PRICE.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy three years old and I want you to bring me a pair of harness for old "Bill" and please don't forget the whip; and remember Vance he wants animal crackers.
KENTON ROOF.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 13, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a sleepy doll with black curly hair, and I want some oranges, apples, candy and nuts.
Well, that is all I will ask for this

time. Do not forget me, Santa.
Your friend,
SUDELLA SHEALY.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 13, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy just in the first grade. I do not want you to forget me. I want you to bring me a mouth organ, a horn, a little horse and wagon and some marbles, some apples, oranges and nuts.
Your little friend,
C. W. HARMAN.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl ten years old. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a piano and I want you to bring some apples and oranges, raisins, nuts, candy and some firecrackers. Please remember the little orphan children.
CORINE SHULL.

SCHOOL NEWS

By JULIUS E. SHARPE, County Superintendent of Education.

The teachers of the County held a meeting in the Batesburg-Leesville High school building last Saturday. The meeting was attended by 45 Lexington county teachers. The program was much enjoyed. Prof. Scott, Superintendent of the Batesburg-Leesville system spoke on "Types of Teachers," followed by County Superintendent Sharpe, who spoke on the need of the County Teachers Association. The speaker of the occasion was Dr. Reed Smith of the University of South Carolina, faculty who spoke on "Tax Reform." Dr. Smith's address was a masterpiece on this particular subject which is of so much interest to the public at large. At the conclusion of Dr. Smith's address those present went into a business session at which time the association was reorganized with the following officers elected: Prof. C. S. Addy of the Lexington High school, president; Miss Ellen Hendrix of Lexington, vice president; Prof. J. E. R. Kyzer, treasurer; Miss Annie Lou Taylor, secretary. A program committee and an executive committee will be appointed by the president. It was decided to hold the next meeting in the Lexington high school building on January 14th. After the business session was over the visitors were served with an excellent dinner by the domestic science department of the Batesburg-Leesville high school. The day was a most enjoyable one and those who did not attend missed a fine meeting. It is a source of much regret to note the number of teachers present when we have about two hundred and fifteen teachers in the county. But then we know that we have those among us who cannot give any time to bettering themselves and think of the dollar only when it comes to teaching. Only by attendance upon these meetings can we make them a success. It is hoped that a large attendance will be present at the next meeting.

The county superintendent in company with Mr. D. L. Lewis visited twenty-three schools during the first week. Mr. Lewis could stay only one week. The county superintendent visited eleven schools the second week and hopes to complete the rural graded schools this week. The other schools need not feel slighted as they will be visited later. The rural graded schools are the ones being looked after at this time.

The teachers will be paid up in full for Christmas. This ought to come as glad news as there has been very little delay and hold-up of the payment of school warrants this year.

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NOTICE—DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.
All persons having claims of any nature against the estate of G. J. Wingard, deceased, will present them properly attested to L. Augustus Wingard, executor, and those in any way indebted to said estate will make payment on or before January 15, 1922 to the undersigned. L. AUGUSTUS WINGARD, Executor.
Jan 15.

SUGGESTS PLANS TO REDUCE TAXES

Adoption of a resolution or platform seeking to reduce the property tax and the choosing of permanent officers to work for a better tax system in South Carolina were the main actions of a conference of citizens here yesterday morning. They were called together to discuss tax problems.

As finally adopted the platform of the conference suggests as means for remedying the present property tax the following new taxes: A tax on gasoline, the amount to be fixed by the legislature; an occupation tax, an inheritance tax, an increase in the corporation license tax, passage of the constitutional amendments proposed at the last session of the legislature that would give the legislature leeway in determining the tax system, a luxury tax and an income tax based on the federal government returns not exceeding 10 per cent. of that paid to the federal government. Practically all details of this program were left in the hands of the legislature, the conference merely suggesting the above changes as possible remedies.

After the adoption of the program a resolution calling for rigid economy in the state government and in the appropriation bill next session was adopted. This resolution was introduced by L. A. Manning of Latta.

Several features of the program came in for considerable discussion, especially the income tax. After a warm debate the income tax was placed in the suggestions by a majority of one vote. B. F. McLeod of Charleston having offered this as an added item. The original program as offered by Mayor H. C. Harveley of Greenville did not include the income and luxury taxes. W. Bratton DeLoach of Camden introduced the luxury tax clause.

Elect Hartsville Man.

Following the adoption of the program C. W. Coker of Hartsville was unanimously elected permanent chairman of the conference. Mr. Coker was not present, but is deeply interested in the work and no doubt will give much of his time to carrying out the program. He left his home yesterday morning for Columbia, but due to automobile troubles, had not arrived when the meeting adjourned at 2 o'clock. Mrs. F. S. Munsell of Columbia was chosen vice chairman, she having been nominated by E. W. Dabbs of Maysville. Mr. Dabbs was nominated by Mayor Harveley, but he declined and insisted upon the election of Mrs. Munsell. An executive committee, one member from each congressional district, was chosen as follows: B. F. McLeod, First district; J. D. Prothro, Second; C. C. Wharton, Third; Mayor H. C. Harveley, Fourth; W. B. DeLoach, Fifth; C. P. Hodges, Sixth; E. W. Dabbs, Seventh. This committee will choose a secretary. Following the general conference, the committee met and began the work of carrying out the program. The chairman and vice chairman were made members of the executive committee.

B. W. Crouch of Saluda wanted the conference to adopt a resolution calling on the general assembly not to appropriate over \$3,000,000 next year, but the resolution was never put and died a natural death. Mr. Crouch was strongly against the imposition of any further taxes, but wanted to reduce the present burden. "Constructive legislation has ruined the state," Mr. Crouch said.—The State.

NEW TREATY SIGNED.

As a result of the Conference on Limitations of Armaments, a treaty has been negotiated between the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France, whereby the powers involved agree to respect each others' territory and to consult together in case of aggression by any other power. The agreement has been signed in behalf of the powers interested. It must be ratified by the United States senate.

NEW STATUS FOR IRELAND

A treaty has been negotiated whereby there is created the Irish Free State, giving to Ireland dominion status in the commonwealth of Great Britain. The treaty has yet to be ratified by the Irish and English parliaments. The Irish parliament appears to be divided, but ratification by the English parliament appears certain.

D. E. HAMMOND SHOT BY GEORGE W. MILLER

D. E. Hammond, one of the best known and most popular citizens of Lexington county, was shot Tuesday morning by George W. Miller, also well known. The affair occurred near Miller's home, several miles from Gilbert. The shooting was done with a double barreled shot gun three shots being fired, all of which took effect. Mr. Hammond's right arm was terribly lacerated, though the physicians are hopeful that they will be able to save it. Another load made a glancing wound in the abdomen, while a third load entered Mr. Hammond's face.

Details of the shooting are rather meager. From what could be learned it appears that Mr. Miller had been cutting a road through lands claimed by Mr. Hammond. The latter on Tuesday morning went in an automobile to his place and took the matter up with Mr. Miller. The difficulty had apparently been settled and Mr. Hammond made ready to leave. Later, however, Miller ap-

peared from his house with a shotgun and proceeded to open fire.

In the absence of Dr. Smith of Gilbert, Dr. G. F. Roberts attended the wounded man and made him as comfortable as possible. Later he was removed to Columbia for hospital treatment under the care of Dr. Smith. At last accounts he was doing as well as the painful nature of his wounds would permit.

Mr. Hammond is married and lives at Gilbert, where he conducts a large mercantile establishment and is interested in farming operations. He is also president of the Bank of Gilbert, and is highly esteemed by his neighbors and people throughout the county.

Mr. Miller is also well known in the section where he lives, near Gilbert. He is a farmer, and is married, having a wife and twelve children.

Soon after the shooting Miller surrendered to a posse of Gilbert citizens, who went to arrest him. He was immediately placed in jail to await the result of Mr. Hammond's wounds.

DEATH OF DAVID EFIRD HOOK.

David Efird Hook departed from this world December 2. He had been in ill health for about three years, but his death came as a distinct shock to every one.

Mr. Hook was greatly loved by all in the community. He was especially endeared to children. Tiny tots passing on their way to school or Sunday school always called him "Uncle Dave." He was not only loved by children but by all who knew him.

Mr. Hook was a farmer until ill health caused him to retire. After retiring from the farm he kept a store. Mr. Hook was born in Lexington county in 1872, thereby making his stay on earth 49 years, and he spent his entire life at his old home place with his mother and brother. He was a member of Mount Hermon Lutheran church.

He is survived by his mother, one sister, Mrs. D. K. Hook, and three brothers, Hampton Hook of Lexington county, Alvin Hook of Columbia and Will Hook of Johnston, Tennessee. Besides these he leaves many relatives and friends throughout Lexington county and Columbia to mourn his death.

Funeral services were conducted at Mount Hermon church December 3 at 4 o'clock. Interment in the family burying ground. The following acted as pallbearers: Julius Arehaert, Ray Bouknight, Lonnie Frye, Eugene Hook, Quitman Mathias and Sam Roof.

ENTERTAINMENT AT GILBERT.

An interesting programme will be rendered by the pupils of the Gilbert School Friday evening, December 23 at 7:30. The public is cordially invited by the Ladies' School Improvement League, under the auspices of which the entertainment is being given.

A FINE TURNIP.

The Dispatch-News man is under many obligations to Mrs. S. P. Slice of Chapin for a very fine turnip, the largest we have ever seen. The weight of the turnip including the top was 13 3/4 pounds. It was of the White Egg variety, and notwithstanding its enormous size was as tender and sweet as any turnip we have ever tasted.

MAUDE MOORE ACQUITTED.

Maude Moore, who was tried last week in Knoxville, Tenn., for the killing of Leroy Harth, a former Lexingtonian, was acquitted. The killing created quite a sensation at the time Maude Moore escaped and fled to Washington state, where she married a Mr. Stubbs. She was finally arrested and brought to trial, being acquitted.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie P. McCartha announce the wedding of their daughter, Miss Ethel McCartha, to Mr. Silas Keisler. The wedding will take place sometime during the Christmas holidays.

AUDITOR'S 1922 SCHEDULE.

In accordance with law in reference to the assessment and taxation of real and personal property the county auditor or his assistant will be and attend the following named places for the fiscal year 1922. Come prepared to name township and school district. Also the number of acres and buildings, as well as automobiles, make and model.

First Week.

Irmo—Thursday, P. M., January 5.
Chapin—Friday and Saturday, January 6-7.

Second Week.

Edmund—Monday A. M., January 9.
Gaston—Monday P. M., January 9.
Swansea—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10-11.
Pelion—Thursday, January 12.
Steadman—Friday A. M., January 13.

Samaria—Friday P. M., January 13.

Crout's Store—Saturday A. M., January 14.

Third Week.

Batesburg—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17-18.
Leesville—Thursday and Friday, January 19-20.

Fourth Week.

Summit, Tuesday A. M., January 24.
Gilbert—Tuesday, P. M., January 24.
Ed. Addy's—Wednesday A. M., January 25.
Franklin Keisler's—Wednesday P. M., January 25.
Cayce—Thursday P. M., January 26.
New Brookland—Friday and Saturday, January 27-28.
Red Bank—Tuesday, January 31.

At Lexington Court House all days not included in above schedule from January 1st to February 20, when 50 per cent penalty will be added for failure to make returns.

Poll tax from 21 to 60 years.
Road tax from 18 to 55 years.
Dog tax (6 mos. old), \$1.25.
W. D. DENT,
County Auditor.

A PLAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S.

There will be a play, "That Rascal Pat" given at St. Michael's school Friday night, December 23. There will also be other entertainments. Admission for play 10 and 15 cents.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The public is cordially invited to attend a box party at Cross Roads school house on Thursday night, December 22. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5 o'clock promptly. Proceeds will go for payment on piano.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be an oyster supper, chicken stew and also roasted pork at Fairview school house on Thursday night, December 22. Refreshments will also be served. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy a good time.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

There will be Christmas exercises at St. John's church, Calk Road, Christmas day at 2 p. m.