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Letters to Dear Old Santa

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 13, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I hope you will come this year. I wish it would snow Christmas day. I want you to bring me a pretty doll and a doll carriage for Christmas, and some oranges, apples, nuts and candy, too. I want to have a pretty Christmas tree. Good-by Santa.

HELEN OSWALD.

Dear Santa:—I am a little girl and want you to bring me a doll baby and a pencil box and some apples, too. I want you to bring my little sister a doll baby with curly hair. And a carriage to roll it in.
Now don't forget me Santa.

LILA KYZER.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 13, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl and will soon be ten years old. I want you to bring me some apples and candy and please bring my little sister a doll baby and some apples. Please bring me some oranges and some nuts. I won't ask for much this time but please don't forget me. Thank you. From your little girl,

EVELYN KYZER.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 20, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl six years old, have been going to school and have learned to write so you see I can write and tell you what I want. I want a sleepy doll with hair, oranges, apples and other fruits.
Am anxious to see you, dear old Santa.

VERNONA ROOF.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 13, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy 8 years old. I am going to tell you what I want. I want a cap pistol and some caps. Also a toy automobile and some fruit. I am not going to ask for much.

Your little boy,
HAROLD LONG.

Swansea, S. C., Dec. 17, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy nine years old. I am telling you what I want for Christmas. I wnat an air gun and some shot, some firecrackers, too, oranges, and apples, raisins, nuts, candy, and a merry Christmas Santa Claus.

Your friend,
WOODROW MOORE.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 19, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy 5 years old and I want you to bring me a mouth organ and some fruit, as there are so many little boys like me I won't ask for much this time. Good-by.

EDWIN ALEWINE.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 19, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a girl 13 years old and go to school every day. I want you to bring me some good story books to read for I enjoy reading and you can bring me some fruit nuts and some firecrackers. Well, that is all as times are so hard.

LILLIE R. POUND.

Swansea, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy almost 4 years old. I want you to bring me a rifle and a rocky horse and some fruit.

LEWIE RUCKER.

Swansea, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Uncle Santa:—I am just a boy and I want you to bring me a wagon. I won't ask for much Christmas.

J. K. RUCKER.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 19, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl 6 years old. For Christmas I want you to bring me a doll and a bed. And Donald wants a wagon. Little sister, Christine, wants a rag doll and we all want some fruit, candy, etc.

SUSIE OSWALD.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 20, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:
As Christmas is drawing very near I will write a short letter telling you what I want. I am a little girl not large enough to go to school, but I help mother. I want you to bring me a beautiful doll and a silk handkerchief and oranges, apples and nuts and candies. And also some small toys.

ELAINE SMITH.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 19, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:—We are two little cousins, four and five years old. Myrtle wants a doll and some fruits, nuts and candy. And Ozelle wants a doll and doll bed, and some fruits. And don't forget our little brother and sister, Donald and Blondelle. Bring them some candy.

Your little friends,
Myrtle Leaphart, Ozelle Roof.

Newberry, S. C., Dec. 18, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl eleven years old and in the 5th grade. I want you to bring me a ring and a big box of candy. My little brother four years old. He wants you to bring him a horn and train that runs on a track and all kinds of fruits and nuts.

ERNESTINE McCARTHA.

Gilbert, S. C., Dec. 20, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl eleven years old. Please bring me and my little sister, Marie, each a big doll with long curly hair, ome apples, candy, bananas and oranges.

EUNICE SMITH.

Gilbert, S. C., Dec. 20, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am a little boy nine years old. I go to school every day and love my teacher. Santa as times are hard I will not ask for much. Please bring me and my three little brothers each a toy car, some apples and candy.

CARL SMITH.

Dear Santa:—I'm a little girl and will soon be eight years old. I want you to please bring me a doll carriage, a ring and a bracelet and some nice fruits. I go to school and love my teacher. Well, I won't ask for any more this time.

Your friend,
MODELLE SHEALY.

Dear Santa:—I am a little boy eleven years old and I want you to bring me fireworks, some apples, oranges, bananas, candy and a rifle.
I know you are poor and I will not wish for much.

Your little friend,
ANSEL YON.

Leesville, S. C., Dec. 14, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:—I will tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I want you to bring me a doll with black curly hair, some apples, oranges, candy, firecrackers and a string of pearl beads, I will close for this time.

From a little girl,
JOSIE TAYLOR.

Gilbert, S. C., Dec. 15, 1921.
Dear Santa:—Just a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas. I have a little sisten just about two years of age. She wants a little doll that will cry and I want a doll that opens and shuts its eyes and a silk handkerchief and some apples and oranges and other things that a child likes for Christmas. Now Santa, Don't forget to come to see me and my little sister Christmas night.

RUTH RAWL.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 4 years old. I want you to bring me a little doll and a handkerchief and also lots of oranges, apples, candies and nuts; firecrackers too.

ROSALYN SMITH.

Dear Santa:
We are two little girls. I am 10 years old and my sister is 8 years. And we go to Oakville school. I am not going to ask you for much for I know that your money is scarce and you can't buy so much. But please bring me a doll with black hair and some good things to eat. My little sister wants some firecrackers and some good things to eat.

Your friends,
Mar[illegible] and Margie Long.

P. S.—Ple[illegible] don't forget my teacher, Miss Janie Lee Tennant.

Dear Old Santa:—I will write you to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a big doll with curly hair and my sister wants her a doll too.
Santa bring my teacher a doll too. And bring me some sparklers, apples, oranges, nuts and firecrackers.

Zula and Rosa Belle Craps.

Pelion, S. C., Dec. 17, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I will write you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a little train and a little horse and wagon and also firecrackers and a story book, Roman candles and lots of fruit and candy. Please be sure and bring my four litle brothers something too. We stay at the same place we did last year, so I guess you know where I live. Now please don't forget me. I will close. I wish Santa Claus a happy Christmas.

Your little friend,
GEORGE BELLE GANTT.

Dear Santa Claus:—Christmas is near and I don't want you to forget me. I'm a little girl six years old and I want you to bring me a great big doll with black curly hair and something good to eat. Do not forget my little brothers. Please remember us Santa.

Your little friend,
MARJORIE SEASE.

Lexington, S. C., Dec. 13, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a vase and a muff and fur. Santa Claus my little sister wants you to bring her a doll and a carriage.
Santa Claus comes in the night when everyone is asleep.
Good by dear old Santa Claus.

JUANITA RISINGER.

Sandy Run, S. C., Dec. 12, 1921.
Dear Santa:—I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a doll that will open and shut it's eyes and some candy and chewing gum.

JANETTE SAYLOR.

ORDERS ELECTION FOR ANNEXATION

Section of Lexington Wants to Join Richland—Vote Friday, December 30.

Governor Cooper yesterday ordered an election Friday, December 30, on the question of a part of Lexington annexing to Richland. The section proposing to leave Lexington and join Richland embraces 8,900 acres or 14 square miles in the section around Summerville school house and Peak.

The commissioners appointed to examine into the proposed annexation have reported that all the requirements have been met. This commission says that one-third of the qualified electors have signed the annexation petition and that the debt owed to Lexington now is around $175,000. If the section involved votes into Richland county, Lexington will not be affected along constitutional lines, the commissioners report. The commissioners are: J. B. Addy, J. W. Wessniger, N. S. Derrick and George H. Koon.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Paralyzed in both arms and legs, confined always to his wheel chair, Mal Rose, vigorous of mind and indomitable of soul, composed on twenty four hours notice and dictated the following poem for the 1921 Christmas Seal Sale.

"I Am A Little Christmas Seal.

"I am a little Christmas Seal,
Oh please, sir, won't you buy me?
For I've a mission that is real,
And no one should deny me.
A penny, sir, will pay for me,
I'm sure you'll never rue it—
My misison is to fight T-B;
And you must help me do it.

"It's more than just a one-hand stunt
To slay this thing of terror,
So I'm the army at the front,
And you're the stretcher-bearer;
For where we come or where we go,
In foul or fairest weather,
Tuberculosis is our foe,
And we must stand together.
"Both life and health we may prolong,

If you will pay the penny;
Let's help the kiddies to be strong,
For unfed tots are many;
And, house to house and town to town,
Let's work to save the babies—
Oh please, sir, do not turn me down,
With promises and maybes.

"Just kindly kiss me on the back
And stick me to a letter,
And for a penny and a smack,
We'll make the whole world better;
And oh, how glad we both shall feel
If you'll but trust and try me;
I'm just a little Christmas Seal,
Oh please, sir, won't you buy me

—Mal Rose."

LEXINGTON COUNTY TEACHERS GET MONEY.

The teachers of Lexington County have been unusually fortunate this year in getting their salaries. This is due to the fact that County Superintendent of Education Julius E. Sharpe in conjunction with Treasurer Smith and Supervisor Steele have borrowed funds to pay them. These funds were borrowed right here in Lexington county and the credit for it goes to the National Bank of Leesville and the First National Bank of Batesburg, through their efficient cashiers Messrs. H. A. Meetze and J. R. Unger, respectively. The first loan was put through for $30,000.00 on October 15th, each bank taking half. The second loan was put through on December 15th, with each bank again taking half the loan, and the amount again $30,000.00. These banks and bankers are always ready to come to the aid of the county when money is needed and thus it is that the teachers will be paid up in full for Christmas. The loans being for a short time the cost will be very little and the schools and the county generally will be greatly benefited by having had about $60,000.00 turned loose this fall right here at home. Some of the money is still not paid out as the pay days did not all correspond but it took practically all of this amount to pay the town schools which have run four months and the country schools three months. So it can be readily seen that we are sp nding a big sum on the most important work that we have before us. The teachers must be paid and it ought to be done. The holding up of claims causes the officers at the Court House much embarrassment. When a teacher gets his claim he feels that he ought to have his money and he ought, and the only way to give it to him during these hard times is to borrow it, for taxes are coming in slowly compared with former good years.

AN UNTRUE ANNOUNCEMENT

Editors Dispatch-News:
The announcement of our daughter's wedding which appeared in last week's issue is untrue. It was given out by parties who are not truthful, else they would not have such an untrue statement published.

We are very sorry they did not realize how they were endangering themselves, but guess they thought we would not find out their names, and furthermore if I were those parties I would not be writing through the newspapers until I got a little more education, or if I could not wait I would be careful and not announce a lie.

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie P. McCartha.

ANTIOCH AND SARDIS

There will be regular services on Fourth Sunday at the usual hours: Antioch, 11 a. m.; Sardis, 3 p. m.

JAS. R. McKITTRICK,
Pastor.

Swansea, S. C., Dec. 19, 1921.

HOME NATIONAL BANK PAYS DIVIDEND

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the statement in the advertisement in this issue, of The Home National Bank, to the effect that this institution has paid its stockholders in dividends, an amount equal to the investment. We understand they are paying a nine per cent dividend this year.

NOT HIS EXPERIENCE

Say—Did you ever notice that it's easy come, easy go with money.
No, I always thought it came hard and it seems hard when it goes.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

There will be Christmas exercises at Macedon school house on Friday, December 23, beginning at 1 p. m.
Everybody cordially invited to attend. No admission fee.

THOMPSON—HARMAN.

On Thursday, December 15, at 7 p. m., Lexington, S. C., Mr. W. F. Thompson and Mrs. Rosa Seay Harman were married at the parsonage by Rev. O. B. Shearouse. They were attended by a number of relatives and friends to witness the ceremony that made them man and wife, and to extend best wishes and hearty congratulations.

JOHN KONNERTH TAKES SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDE

A pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Konnerth of Broadway, when their son, John, took as his bride Miss Iola Taylor of South Carolina. The Rev. T. Merton, pastor of St. John's Evangelical church officiated.

The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor as matron of honor and best man and Miss Lordina Snyder as bridesmaid and Herman Snyder as usher.

Miss Taylor wore a suit of navy blue tricotine with hat to match. Her flowers were a corsage bouquet of sweetheart roses. Mrs. Taylor wore a blue tricotine dress while Miss Snyder, bridesmaid, wore a brown velvet dress. Both wore yellow chrysanthemums.

Immediately after the ceremony a delicious course dinner was served to the bridal party and immediate families. Cut flowers were used as decorations throughout the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Konnerth will reside with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Konnerth of Broadway.

Mr. Konnerth is widely known in this city. He is employed at the National Tube Co., and is a member of St. John's Evangelical church. He is affiliated with the Maccabees and the Security Benefit association.—The Lorain (Ohio) Evening Journal, Dec. 11.

Mr. P. C. Bouknight gave us a short call one night last week. Call again Pickens.

Mr. M. R. Crout is preparing to leave these poor diggins to take up his abode in better quarters.

Messrs. P. C. Bouknight and N. R. Gunter of the Oak Grove section passed through this way last Sunday evening.

Well, in conclusion we will say that if any one expects to see any more news from this writer between now and Christmas, 1921, they certainly will be deceived and that badly.

BATESBURG NEWS.

Batesburg, Dec. 20.—Summerland college will close for Christmas vacation Wednesday, December 21st, ending a very successful term of work. The students will spend their vacation at their respective homes and return to the college January 4th, and resume their classes January 5th.

Batesburg Lodge A. F. M. installed the officers Monday night for the ensuing year. W. M., Ira C. Carson; S. W., J. Wilmot Parler; J. W., H. L. Fulmer; S. D., G. W. Wightman; J. D., B. F. Watson; Treasurer, W. B. Miller; Tyler, Lefie C. Shealy; Stewards, Arthur Timmerman and L. H Wright.

The members of the Middleburg Sunday school will give a Christmas tree Saturday night. An interesting program has been arranged and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Solicitor Callison was in town Saturday to represent the state in the preliminary given one of the men accused of robbing the man from Harrisburg, Pa., alleged to have occurred in this town last Saturday night, one week ago. Magistrate Steadman sent the case to higher court, the defendant giving bond for his appearance at the next regular term in January.

Mrs. J. B. Stokes of Columbia spent several days last week with her cousin, Miss Nannie Gunter.

Mr. C. W. Hallman returned last week from a business trip to Ninety Six.

Mrs. W. A. Cooner spent Saturday with friends in Columbia.

Miss Anna Hartley, who has been in the Leesville Infirmary for the past few weeks is reported to be slowly improving.

Mrs. M. B. Edwards of Augusta spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Students attending the various colleges are arriving daily now to spend their vacation in Batesburg with their parents.

The student's recital given by the music and expresion departments of Summerland college last Friday evening was greatly appreciated by the music lovers of Batesburg and Leesville.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT RED KNOLL

There will be a Christmas tree at Red Knoll school house Saturday night, December 24, 1921, beginning promptly at 7 o'clock. After the exercise there will be a contest and refreshments by the Ladies' Improvement League.

NEWS FROM ST. THOMAS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wessinger visited Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wessinger Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Wessinger visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wessinger Sunday evening.

Mr. W. K. Shealy daughters, Ethel and Mary, and son, Horace Shealy and Mr. Lawrence Wingard worshipped at St. Michel Sunday morning.

Miss Leila Wessinger spent Saturday night with her cousin, Miss Eva Shealy.

Mr. W. B. Frick was the guest of Mr. J. N. Wessinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Shealy and grand children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wessinger Sunday evening.

Mrs. E. B. Wingard and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wessinger.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wingard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Killian Shealy.

Miss Julia Harmon and Mr. Bill Rodgers were happily married Saturday evening.

There will be Christmas exercise at St. Thomas church Sunday morning beginning at 10:30 o'clock prompt.

SANDY RUN HIGHWAY DOTS

Small grain is looking fine in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Saylor visited Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Culler Sunday.

Miss Bessie Stabler spent Wednesday night with Miss Rosa Belle Rucker.

Mr. Dewey Jumper visited his brother, Mr. J. A. Jumper Friday afternoon.

Mrs. L. G. Culler and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rucker Saturday afternoon.

Miss Emma Lee and Janette Saylor were the guests of Miss Sallie Carrie Culler Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rucker and little daughter, Hilma visited Mr. and Mrs .W. L. Saylor Friday evening.

Miss Mae Moit Stabler spent last week in St. Matthews with her friend, Miss Sara Youngblood.

Miss Ruth Rast spent Monday night with Miss Saphronia Dantzler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Saylor visited Mr. L. G. Culler and family Saturday evening.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius E. Sharpe, will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs .Sharpe's parents at Salley.

Quite a number of people were here Tuesday paying taxes and they kept Treasurer Smith busy.

All the schools will recess Friday for the holidays. Most of them will take one week but others will take longer. The teachers will be paid up in full.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT CHARTER OAK

There will be a Christmas tree at Charter Oak school house Friday night, December 30, beginning at 6:30 o'clock, Refreshments will be served during the evening. There will be amusements to entertain both old and young. The public is cordially invited to attend. Remember the date and the place, Charter Oak, December 30.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Red Bank—Saturday evening December 24th at 7 p. m. The Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools will unite in their services. Readings, dialogues, recitations and songs by the children. And a tree loaded with presents for the children.

Hebron—Sunday morning at eleven o'clock services in charge of the Epworth League, consisting of readings, cantatas, chorus' and Christmas carols.

Lexington—Sunday evening December 25 at 5 p. m. Consisting of Tableau, Readings, recitations and drill, and special music. A tree and presents for the children of the Sunday school.

Horeb—Tuesday afternoon December 27th at three o'clock, readings, dialogues, recitations and special music by the children of the Sunday school. Also a tree with presents for all the children.

The public is cordially invited to all the exercises.

H. A. WHITTEN,
Pastor.