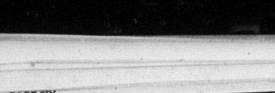


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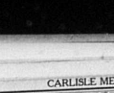

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 28, 1931

Dear Santa: You have always brought me what I asked for. I am eight years old and try to be very good. I want a metal wagon I saw at Mr. Barlow's store. I want some pistol caps, fire-works, some oranges, candy, bananas and nuts. Please don't forget my sister, Lizzie Fiest. She wants a piano to take music lessons.

Myers, Ky., Dec. 19, 1931

E. H. D. Allison, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little boys and have tried to be good. We want a wagon. Hez wants a toy truck and I want a toy machine, lots of candy and fruits. My little brother wants a stork horse. Don't forget our two brothers in school.

Your little boys,

Ray and Fleet Henson

Myers, Ky., Dec. 19, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little girls and we have tried to be good. We would like to have a wagon, a doll buggy and a pop gun. And of course I want some candy, nuts and fruit.

Your little boy,

Elizabeth Henson

Myers, Ky., Dec. 20, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl just past six months old. I want a big doll baby and a buggy to put it in. I am trying to please bring me a trike and a doll and anything else you have.

Your little girl,

Jane Alexander

Myers, Ky., Dec. 20, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old and I want you to bring me some story books, a ball and some of fruits, nuts and candy.

Your little boy,

Wesley Alexander

Myers, Ky., Dec. 21, 1931

Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy four years old and have been real good. I would like for you to bring me a horn for my Bike, some fire works, candy and anything you care to leave fruit and anything else you have.

Your little boy,

Billy Carrin Campbell

Myers, Ky., Dec. 21, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy three years old. I want a tricycle, a wagon a little lamp, fruits and candy.

Your little boy,

Ellis Lee Flora

Myers, Ky., Dec. 21, 1931

Dear Santa: I am a little boy and am expecting you Christmas. I want red rubber ball, a little suitcase, a drum and sack, a little pistol and a drum.

Your little boy,

Elmo Bing

Myers, Ky., Dec. 20, 1931

Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I am a little boy and bring me a wagon, a new suit and long pants, some fruit, candy and any kind of toy you have.

Your little boy,

Dewey Dixon

Myers, Ky., Dec. 21, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: We are wanting to tell you what we want for Christmas. Mary wants an embroidery set and some new shoes. I would like some boots and a pair of socks. Marguerite wants a doll baby buggy. Bring everybody a good candy.

Your little girls,

Susie and Sue Hunt

Myers, Ky., Dec. 21, 1931

Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy six years old. I am a big boy and want a little red cloud, some fruit and candy.

Your little boy,

Bernice Bronaugh

Myers, Ky., Dec. 21, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a train on the track, a sled, rubber boots, a new suit, some fireworks, some fruit, nuts and candy.

Your little boy,

Thomas Eli Vaughn

Flemingsburg, Ky., Dec. 12, 1931

Dear Santa: I am a little girl in the second grade. My mother wants a pair of bedroom slippers. My father wants a smoking stand and my brother wants a big truck and a basket ball and some blocks. I want a doll buggy and a doll, a blanket and a pair of shoes.

Your little girl,

Emma Ellen McCann

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 19, 1931

Dear Santa: I am a good little boy. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I want a wagon for Christmas.

Thomas Baker

Paris, Ky., Dec. 19, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little girls two and four year old. I want a big doll, a doll buggy, a set of dishes, a story book. Nell wants a doll, a story book and a ball. We also want candy, oranges and nuts.

Frances Haywood

Guy Nell Skees

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 15, 1931

Dear Santa: I am a little girl almost seven years old and I like to go to school. I want you to bring me a fountain pen, some ink, stationary, leather pocket book, lots of fruit, nuts and candies and anything else you want to bring me. Don't forget my little sister, daddy, mother and my grandmothers.

Your little girl,

Mildred Heflin

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 18, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I want you to bring me a sewing box, sweater and a pair of stockings. Bring me some candy, oranges, nuts and bananas. I want to also you when you come.

Your little friend,

Louise Ingram

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 18, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I hope you will bring me some more presents, candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget daddy, my grandmothers and grandfathers.

Your little boy,

Raymond Lee Schaffer

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 18, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: We are six little boys in the first grade. We go to school at Ellisville and are trying to be very good. We are looking for you Thursday night. Billy wants a cap pistol and some marbles. Marion Clay wants a cap pistol and marbles. Joe Raymond wants a dump truck and some automobiles. Tommie wants a little truck and a ball. Kenneth wants a train and a truck. Junior wants a dump truck and does not care what you bring him. We will go to bed very early and go to sleep. Don't forget Miss Geneva and Miss Effie. Bring them something too.

Your little boys,

Billy Prather

Marion Clay Hamm

Joe Hamilton Purcell

Tommie Williams

Kenneth Raymond

Junior Hodge

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 20, 1931

Dear Santa: I have been good and will expect you Christmas Eve. I want a story book, toys and candy. Bring me some fireworks, a pocket book and all kinds of candy.

Leota Frasher Hinton

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 17, 1931

Dear Santa: I want a little doll with bo dresses, a hat and coat, a pair of white shoes and stockings. I want a wrist watch and scooter.

Your little friend,

Dorotha Ellen Colliver

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 17, 1931

Dear Santa: I want a table and chairs, and stove. Don't forget a kitchen cabinet, a refrigerator and a big doll.

Your little friend,

Ann Nesbit Colliver

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 19, 1931

Dear Santa: I am a little boy five years old. I have been good. I want you to bring me some peanuts, candy, Frenchharp and some nuts. Don't forget daddy, my grandmothers and grandfathers.

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Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 20, 1931

Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old. I am going to school every day and I am trying to be good. I want a train, a ball, some fruit, some kitchen cabinet and some toys. Bring me some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget my other playmates.

Your little friend,

Curt Colliver

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 17, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I want you to bring me a train, a ball, some candy, fruit and nuts. I will be a good little boy.

Your little friend,

Virginia Frederick

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 19, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old and I want you to bring me a train, a ball, some candy, fruit and nuts. I will be a good little boy.

Your little friend,

Ann Adele Lewis

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 19, 1931

My Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy three years old. I want you to bring me a farm wagon, little goat and harness, a walking man, pop gun, pair of boots, some candy, fruits and nuts of all kinds.

Your little boy,

Ivan D. Lee Benton

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 17, 1931

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I want you to bring me a wagon, a ring and some fruit, if you please.

Your little friend,

Steve Frederick

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 20, 1931

Dear Santa: I am a little boy five years old. Please bring me a big top, a pop gun, a ball, some marbles, fire works and candy and please don't forget the fire works. I will have my tree ready.

Your little boy,

William Earl Freback

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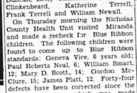

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And a New Year of promise before you;
A measure of wealth, abundance of health,
And the star of peace hovering o'er you.

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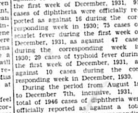

May the Christmas bells find you and yours in health, at peace with all mankind, anticipating a happy day with those you love.

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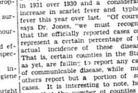

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For a glad Christmas day
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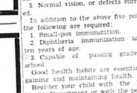

We'd a thousand happy wishes for our friends and patrons too,
But to sort them out would be a mighty chore,
So we give them all one wording,
Now no matter who is who—
Though we fear you'll say "I've heard that one before!"—
"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

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## HEALTH NOTES

(By Nicholas County Health Dept.)

On Wednesday, December 16, a Child Health Conference was held at East Union. Ten children were guided along the journey to health. John Burr, aged 3, came up to Blue Ribbon standard. Several others are in line for Blue Ribbons when they have a few defects corrected. Serving as nurse's aid were Mrs. J. E. Hopkinson and Mrs. Albert Henry. The examination was conducted by Dr. Sinner. Miss Hauswald and Miss Flood. The children who attended were John Barr, Charles Wilson, Betty Louise Wilson, Marcus Boyd, Geneva Duncan, Betty Clinkenbeard, Everett Clinkenbeard, Katherine Terrell, Frank Terrell and William Newall.

On Thursday morning the Nicholas County Health Unit visited Miranda and made a referral for Blue Ribbon children. The following children were found to come up to Blue Ribbon standards: Geneva Wise, 6 years old; Paul Roberts Neal, 6; William Smart, 12; Mary D. Scott, 14; Dorfon McClure, 15; James Platt, 12. Forty-four children have been corrected since the first examination, which was made September 9, 1931.

A Child Health Conference was conducted by the Nicholas County Health Department Thursday morning, Dec. 17, at Moorefield. The mothers were eager to give their children the best and most intelligent care.

A well informed mother is the child's greatest asset. The children present were: Laura Frances Hunt, John William Hunt, Jessie Hunt, Jerry Wilson Irvin, Corbin, Elisabeth Linville, Harold Jean Vice, Carroll Gene Dennison, 13, as nurse's aids were Mrs. Mildred Seamonds and Rena Hall Leggett. The children made a good showing and we hope there will be many pre-school enrollees to receive Blue Ribbons on May 1st. Miss Hauswald gave Blue Ribbon talks at Ellisville and Headquarters.

Much interest was taken and we feel sure many more will have defects corrected during the holidays. We urge every parent having children with defects, see your family physician and dentist at an early date as we will begin the first of the year to have Blue Ribbon examinations. Blue Ribbon boys and girls who will be awarded Blue Ribbons on May 1st., National Child Health Day.

### The Child's Bill Of Rights

The ideal to which we should strive in that there shall be no child in America:

That has not been born under proper conditions.

That does not live in hygienic surroundings.

That ever suffers from under nourishment.

That does not have prompt and efficient medical attention and inspection.

That does not receive primary instructions in the elements of hygiene and good health.

That has not the complete birthright of a sound mind in a sound body.

That has not the encouragement to express the fullest measure the spirit within which is the final endowment of every human being.

Herbert Hoover, President U. S.

### Five-Point Star Standards For Blue Ribbon School Children In Kentucky

1. Normal weight for height and age.
2. Good posture.
3. Normal teeth, or defects corrected.
4. Normal throat, or defects corrected.
5. Normal vision, or defects corrected.

In addition to the above five points, the following are required:

1. Small-pox immunization under 15 years of age.
2. Diphtheria immunization under ten years of age.
3. Capable of passing grade in school.

Good health habits are essential in gaining and maintaining health.

Register your child with the local Health Department or with the person who has charge of the Blue Ribbon Campaign in your town or county. Then follow the suggestions in this leaflet.

No more valuable gift can be bestowed upon your child than good health habits and freedom from defects. They will be his greatest assets throughout life and are formed by doing a thing over and over again.

Make your child a Kentucky Blue Ribbon child!

### AMONG THE COUNTY AGENTS

Graves county farmers received $39,000 for milk delivered in November to the Pet Milk Company at Mayfield.

Menifee county farmers have disposed of more than a half of their big sorghum molasses crop.

Montgomery county farmers are replenishing their feedcuts, many of them having been defoliated in Autumn Cyclone.

An association has been organized in Market Christian county with a group of legumes seed.

Walter Barnes of Logan gathered 1,500 bushels of corn from 30 acres of bottom land in Clay county. The yield will grow its largest corn crop.

Harrison county 4-H club members won $300 in prizes on stock exhibited at the Louisville fat cattle show and sale.

Thirteen barns were built and five old ones remodeled in Jessamine county last year.

Lawrence county farmers increased their wheat acreage this year, much of which will be cut or feed. Previously the largest acreage in wheat had been grown in the county for 10 years.

Arrangements are being made to distribute a large acreage of limestone land in Rowan county.

Bell county farmers report satisfactory production of soybean hay this year.

Mrs. Walter Perry of Trimble county made a profit above feed cost of $761 from her flock of 504 hens.

Belgium is said to be the most densely populated country in the world, having nearly 8,000,000 residents occupying an area of 11,782 square miles.

### Prevalence Of Communicable Diseases In Kentucky

Dr. J. L. Jones, Director of the Bureau of Epidemiology, State Board of Health, made public yesterday an interesting tabulation representing the comparative number of cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever and typhoid fever officially reported in the State for each month, from August 1st to December 7th, inclusive, for 1930 and 1931, respectively.

During the month of August, 1931 the cases of diphtheria were officially reported as against 15 during August, 1930; 46 cases of scarlet fever in August, 1931 as against 20 cases in August, 1930; 183 cases of typhoid fever in August, 1931 as against 190 in August, 1930. In September, 1931, 497 cases of diphtheria were reported as against 38 in September, 1930; 224 cases of scarlet fever in September, 1931, as against 81 in September, 1930; 224 cases of typhoid fever in September, 1931, as against 149 in September, 1930. In October, 1931, 703 cases of diphtheria were officially reported as against 16 during October, 1930; 324 cases of scarlet fever during October, 1931, as against 200 cases during October, 1930; 200 cases of typhoid fever in October, 1931, as against 154 in October, 1930. In November, 1931, 605 cases of diphtheria were officially reported as against 131 in November, 1930; 204 cases of scarlet fever in November, 1931, as against 293 in November, 1930; 151 cases of typhoid fever in November, 1931, as against 53 in November, 1930. During the first week of December, 1931, 91 cases of diphtheria were officially reported as against 11 during the corresponding week in 1930; 75 cases of scarlet fever during the first week of December, 1931, as against 47 cases during the corresponding week in 1930; 37 cases of typhoid fever during the first week of December, 1931, as against 10 cases during the corresponding week in December, 1930.

During the period from August 1st to December 7th, inclusive, 1931, a total of 1946 cases of diphtheria were officially reported as against a total of 295 cases during the corresponding period in 1930; 1026 cases of scarlet fever as against 710 and 887 cases of typhoid fever as against 576.

In 1931, it is pointed out, cases of diphtheria were reported from 85 counties, scarlet fever from 77 and typhoid fever from 58, in 1931, diphtheria was reported from 50 counties, scarlet fever from 53 and typhoid fever from 58.

The above figures, it is noted, show a very marked increase of diphtheria in 1931 over 1930 and a considerable increase in scarlet fever and typhoid fever this year over last. "Of course," says Dr. Jones, "we must recognize that the officially reported cases only represent a certain percentage of the actual incidence of these diseases. That is true in the counties in the State, as yet, are failing to report any cases of communicable disease, while many others report but a portion of such cases. It is interesting to note, however, that the number of counties reporting cases in 1931 shows a substantial increase over 1930. This is largely due to the installation of new and effective reporting, perhaps, amounts very largely for the increased number of cases of scarlet fever and typhoid fever in 1931 as noted in the table. However, this is not the case with diphtheria, since here is shown a marked actual increase in the number of cases of this disease this year over last, in a majority of the counties in the State.

Diphtheria, scarlet fever and typhoid fever are three definitely preventable diseases. Yet in spite of this, thousands of people suffer and many die from them each year in Kentucky. This is a challenge to the imagination and conscience of all intelligent people. Were it not for ignorance and prejudice, these diseases could be so reduced that little suffering and few deaths would result from them."

### Eggs May Be At Seasonal Peak

Rising prices featured the November egg market. During the month prices on fresh eggs at New York rose from 24½ cents per dozen to 32 cents. Recovery from the late October decline followed close on an increase in consumption at the lower price levels and a seasonal decline in production which exceeded that of last year by 6 percent.

Since December 1 egg prices have dropped a few cents. This may be the beginning of the seasonal decline in April. It has usually not gotten under way later in the month, says the department of markets at the Experiment Station, University of Kentucky. Pullet eggs have been arriving on the markets in increasing proportions during the past few weeks and have been quite sufficient to diminish the market, and cause prices to move down. Eggs from eastern Kentucky farms are the principal source of supply at this season, while shipments of eggs from the Mississippi Valley are light from the Mississippi Valley, the principal markets in the week ending December 5 were 1,000 cases less than for the previous week a year ago, but 5 percent over the previous five years average.

The stock of cold storage eggs on hand on December 5 totaled 2,300,000 cases compared to 2,700,000 cases last year. The market for these eggs was weak throughout November, with a slow out of storage, movement, but more recently there has been increased movement into trade channels.

The number of laying hens on farms has been reduced from last year's figure. Heavy culling has left 5 percent fewer old hens and reduced hatchings last spring lowered the number of pullets by 10 in all probability be reduced in similar proportions, except as heavier feeding and extra care may result in heavier than usual laying per hen.

More than 200 self-help students are expected to enroll at North Carolina State College this year.

### WHAT IS ADULT PROBATION?

(By Frank L. McVey, President, University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky.)

It has always seemed to me that dictionaries in their advertising might well use as illustrations two words whose meanings are often confused and often confused than any other two words in the English language. These words are probation and parole. Time after time I pick up a newspaper only to see staring at me in headlines, "parole granted to such and such a one," and on reading the article find that it was probation which was granted and not parole, or vice versa. For the words, probation and parole, stand for two entirely different services and are quite unlike in their application.

Parole as defined in the so-called Wickersham report on Penal Institutions, Probation, and Parole, "is the release of an offender from a [penal] correctional institution after he has served a part of his sentence and upon conditions imposed by some competent authority." These conditions usually include the manner in which the offender should live while on parole and the legal right of the proper authority to return the parolee to the institution without trial if he violates his parole by committing additional crimes or disobeying its conditions.

Probation, on the other hand, as defined in this same report "is a process of treatment prescribed by the court for persons convicted of offense against the law during which the individual on probation lives in the community and regulates his own life under conditions imposed by the court or other constituted authority and is subject to supervision by a probation officer."

Probation is only granted in cases in which the court feels, after due investigation, that there is a chance of the offender becoming a law abiding citizen without confinement in an institution. The cases which are most apt to be considered as deserving of probation are those of children, youthful offenders, persons who have committed their first offense and others who, in the judgment of the court have a strong chance of making good if given this form of ' eatment.

It is interesting to note that probation for children has been cordially received in the United States. Today there is only one state in the Union, Wyoming, without legislation for this important service. Provision for adults however, has had a more difficult road to travel. Many think that when a person reaches what is termed "the age of discretion" he is responsible for his acts against society and should be punished to the full extent of the law. This theory is generally advanced by people who know little or nothing of the workings of adult probation and who are inclined to think that probation means "letting offenders off" in an easy way. This is not true. When adult probation is efficiently handled by experienced probation officers it becomes a form of discipline and positive treatment which correct weaknesses through wise and careful guidance and is a most effective service in reclaiming offenders.

Although, as I already stated, adult probation was slow to meet with public approval, it is today established to a greater or less extent in 34 of the 48 states and in our federal courts. Only 14 states now are entirely without this important service. Kentucky up to this time has had adult probation service limited to cases of a few minor offenses only. To be effective in its results this service should be given to all criminal courts of the state with full license of limited discretion as to its use.

Nothing can illustrate how adult probation works as well as an actual case story. The case I have selected comes from California where adult probation has been in effect since 1903 and is now so well established that that state would no more think of being without adult probation than we in Kentucky should consider being without our institution for higher learning.

A builder was arrested for misappropriation of his employer's money. Through his attorney he entered a plea of guilty. A thorough investigation of the case was made and the court was given a written report recommending probation for a period of five years. He was placed under the guidance of an experienced probation officer and started life afresh as a carpenter. He worked hard and was able to keep up the payments set for the change and he started out in this new career. He made good. It was not long before he was head of the department and the best carpenter the firm had. He called on the probation officer weekly for advice and friendly guidance but usually with him. When he had accumulated enough money through hard work, he went into business for himself.

During the five years he was on probation he regained the position he held in the community and became a respected citizen. When released from probation he continued in the same way. He was elected to a very responsible position on a certain board in the same town. He was able to educate his family and live in a comfortable manner. All in a period of ten years!

This man learned through bitter experience the value of honesty. If the state had sent him to a prison he would have had a month more of freedom time to make good when he came out because of the stigma such a sentence would have placed on him and the valuable years he would have lost in confinement. The state would have had the expense of his confinement in prison and the public finement in prison and the public would have had to assist the family. As it was—the man redeemed himself and carried his own burdens.

The probation officer who submitted this case story stated that in the county in which he works 2,000 persons had been handled with a saving to that county of $230,000 in trials alone. The earning power of these men, set at $125 per month, totalled between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000, thus showing the value of probation to the community in monetary terms alone. The thirty-four states in which adult probation is now an established form of service proclaim the advantages of probation over imprisonment in selected cases. In the following summary recently given by the Wickersham Commission:

1. Probation avoids instilling bitterness of spirit which penal institutions often instill.

2. Probation keeps the offender in normal social relationships.

3. Probation does not abut a man up in close confinement with other offenders from whom he can learn all that he does not know about crime.

4. Probation withholds the stigma from both the offender and his family) of having "served time" or being a convict.

When probation is applied to only cases which are deemed suitable prospects, "it keeps," states the Wickersham Commission, "the offender's hope alive, enables him to work out his problems of adjustment under normal conditions of life, and for many types of offenses is entirely sufficient as a warning or punishment."

A committee of citizens has been organized in Kentucky to study the best method of developing a probation system in our state. The cooperation of the National Probation Association has been secured in supplying information and assistance in preparing the necessary legislation. The support of our forward looking citizens ii now sought to secure for Kentucky the benefits of a system which has reduced prison population and given a chance to thousands of first offenders to redeem themselves without the danger and expense of prison confinement.


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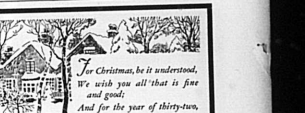


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