

Letters From Bonny Oaks to Santa Are Written; Carry Varying Requests for Unusual Presents

Important Requests Include Rabbit Traps; Bicycle Generator

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"Dear Santa:

"I like Christmas very much. For Christmas I would like to have the following for Christmas. 3 steel rabbit traps, size 1½, 2 bottles of rabbit scent, and a flashlight and a dagger an sheath. I would appreciate this very much. I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade and like to fish and hunt and trap. Your friend, Mack Cranfeel."

Well, rabbits around Bonny Oak School had better watch out, because Mack is going to have a steel rabbit trap and two bottles of "rabbit scent," and a dagger.

His letter is an example of one of the orders to Santa Claus from the children of Bonny Oaks School. These letters are written every year by the children and sent to old Santa through the Chattanooga telephone operators, who see that he gets the messages, and that the orders are filled.

Requests have a wide range, though all are not as unusual as Mack's.

Roy Tucker, must have been talking things other with Mack, because he wrote the following letter:

"Dear Santa:

"I would like for you to bring me a first aid kit, and a walky-talky set also a tool-set. Your friend."

'FINE I HOPE'

Here is a letter to Santa Claus from Lois Williams, who inquired about the state of St. Nick's health:

"Dear Santa:

"How are you doing in the North Pole? Fine I hope. Santa my name is Lois Virginia Williams. I am fourteen years of age and classified as a freshman in High School. I am a student of Booker T. Washington School, and I tried to be a good girl this year. Santa please bring me seven days of the week panties and socks. Panties size 6, and socks size 11. Thanks, I am looking for you Christmas night."

George Frazer got all his request in one, brief sentence:

"Dear Santa:

"I would like a set of hot rod wheels with ball bearings for my



WAITING FOR SANTA—Well, it wont be long now. The children of Bonny Oaks School are ready and waiting. And for whom? Why, for old Santa Claus, of course. Shown under one of the Christmas trees at Bonny Oaks are, left to right, Freddie, Bobby and John Bramlett, three brothers who are orphans. A big Christmas is expected by all—because letters to Santa have all been written, and are on the way.—(Staff photo by Bill Truex.)

hot rod. I would appreciate this."

"Micky" kept his letter short, too. But it is evident that the request is quite important.

"Dear Santa:

"My name is Micky Walker and I am 13 years old an I would like to have only one thing, 'A bicycle generator.'"

C. L. Gunn didn't ask for any toys at all. He didn't need any traps, hot rod equipment or first aid kits. In his brief letter, he wrote:

"Dear Santa:

"My name C. L. Gunn. I am in the 7th grade. I am 15 years old. Will you send me a blue suit for Christmas. I will appreciate it very much."

Howard Dillard of Bonny Oaks sat down with a pencil and com-

posed the following order:

"Dear Santa:

"I am 13 years old. And in the 7th grade. I would like very much to have a pocket watch, tool set, monopoly set, and a identification bracelet. Your Friend."

George Pressley, writing in a clear hand with red ink, said he liked to work with tools, and told Santa:

"Dear Santa:

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to have a tool set. I am Jerry Pressley 15 years old. I like to work with tools. Thank You. I am in the eighth grade. I go to Tyner High School. Your Pal."

CONDUCT

Larry Cate, conservative in the

appraisal of his own conduct, wrote:

"Dear Santa Clause:

"I have been a pretty good boy. And I would like an electric bicycle horn, and a bicycle light with batteries and bulb. I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade. Yours truly."

Jimmy Young didn't bother with beating around the bush, he got down to facts:

"Dear Santa Claus:

"I would like for you to bring me a walky-talky set guns and holster also a flash-light. Your friend."

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (UP)—The school board, which had a budget of \$3,233,916.18, wound up the fiscal year with a balance of 4 cents.