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DEAR SUE:

AIRMAIL—
From Long Beach, California

Dear Sue: Well, my dear, I'm still here, but kicking. Those nasty Japs—causing us to sit around in the dark all this time. They had better have their fun quick because it's going to be of short duration—I hope.

You've no idea how awful it is for everything to be all black at night. Only police and government cars are allowed to move on the street during a blackout, and those without lights. To show us that they mean business, a fine of \$500 will be imposed on all who move a peg. There is usually a few minutes time between the blackout signal and the air raid alarm. If you are out and don't get to your destination in that length of time, then it is just too bad. You can take your choice of sitting quietly in your car parked along the street, maybe for the rest of the night, or getting out and walking to shelter.

We've had only two or three nights since war was declared that there hasn't been a blackout. They vary in time from 30 minutes to all night. It looks like the people along this coast are going to take to their firesides and have to like it.

So far no bombs have been dropped, although flares fell in San Francisco and enemy planes have been sighted in the vicinity of Los Angeles and Long Beach. When the air raid alarm sounded we cover the windows with heavy drapes that keep an urgent wisp, and calmly go on with what we were doing. This past week I've embroidered a luncheon cloth, read all the magazines, addressed my Xmas cards and almost taken to chewing my fingernails. Looks like taffy pulling might stage a comeback.

No one gets very excited, after all there is nothing you can do. This isn't a cyclone center so there isn't even a good old cellar to rely on, and the only air raid shelter in Long Beach holds fifteen people. It's doubtful if even this shelter (formerly a vault) would withstand a direct hit. So, we just sit and wait.

I used to get tired seeing so many sailor suits around town but believe me, now that soldier's uniforms have taken their places, I would just as soon have it back like it was.

During the day people have gotten back to a more normal life, but as night comes on we just wonder what will start happening. The stores and offices now open at 8:00 a. m. and close at 4:30 p. m.

One night when the air raid alarm sounded and everything looked so black we stood on the porch looking out over the ocean at the sky. The stars seemed unusually bright and I've never seen such millions of them. They winked and twinkled and it was simply fascinating. It seemed that any moment you expected them to go into formation and start zooming down over the city.

One night during a blackout a neon sign could be seen from the air that read "Welcome to Long Beach"—guess even the Japs will have to admit that we are gracious hosts.

At the price it takes to bring a bomb all the way over here from Japan I'm sure they wouldn't waste one of the precious things on me, of course there is always the possibility of a miscalculation. Oh, there never seems to be a dull moment. I still keep thinking awfully it is a horrible nightmare that I will eventually awake from.

A messenger boy delivering a message to a navy wife whose husband has been killed in Manila told her not to feel that she was all alone in her sorrow as he had a hundred more just like it, to deliver here in Long Beach.

Let's talk of something pleasant for awhile. The poinsettias are looking their grandest now that Xmas is almost here—huge things, the top branches resting on the tops of the porches and flowers as large as big dinner plates. The roses are blooming also. Today from our own back yard I gathered bouquets of poinsettias, white roses and geraniums, and also some very firm red tomatoes. I do hope the wind isn't whistling down your collar while you are reading about all these nice things—but then of course the bombs probably aren't either.

Once again I'm my own beautiful (?) self. My eyes focus clearly and without strain, the rash is gone from neck and I feel marvelous. The trouble was all caused

DO YOU KNOW TEXAS

A reader of this newspaper can get the answer to any question of fact by writing to A. Garland Adair, Curator of Patriotic Exhibits, Texas Memorial Museum, University Station, Austin, Texas.

Memorable Passage—"While a patriot is taking the stumps and

by the fingernail polish I was using, a very dark shade called—"Zombie". I've heard of a number of similar cases, and just thought I would pass it on to you in case you should be likewise afflicted.

Oh yes, I must tell you about Garbo's latest picture that I've just seen. It has been labeled "naughty, naughty" by the Hays office and has to be redressed before presentation to a palpitating public. She wears a bathing suit that is scanty enough to have been moth-eaten for years. I'll admit she looks her best in flowing draperies although she isn't as bad as you would expect. The dialogue was too, too scintillating—especially for Mr. Hays. Of course you must see it, or what is left of it.

Well, my dear, I haven't heard a siren screech for over an hour and the airplanes are unusually quiet. What, no blackout, or anything? Oh, it is just too dull—guess I'll just go to bed. Happy dreams—

Yours California Cousin,
(Non-Allergic) Anne

grubs out of the pathway of duty, honor and gratitude, his corporate eromies employ their time in digging trenches and throwing logs across his way."—James S. Hogg.

Q.—What are the seven principles which the state superintendent has said lead to a dynamic, scholastic curriculum?

A.—Individuation, the development of the individual in harmony with his fundamental needs and best interests; socialization, education of the individual in harmony with his fundamental needs and best interests; integration, whole rather than partial development; specialization, purveying to society's demand for special services on the one hand and to the special interests and abilities of individuals on the other; dynamic approach, factors which lead to

purposeful learning and dynamic (not static) teaching; guidance, individual guidance concerned with the youth's whole life career; sequence, articulation and continuity in the long series of curriculum experiences.

Q.—Is special provision being made for those children who have handicaps which make it impossible for them to attend the public schools of Texas?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What are some of the groups of handicaps and exceptional for whom special educational provision should be made?

A.—Special provision should be made for crippled children, children with defective vision, partially deaf children, children who are anaemic, left-handed children, tur-

behave, subnormal children, and bright children.

Q.—Has the State Department of Education made any effort to make special educational provision for the physically handicapped children of Texas?

A.—Yes. A bill has been introduced in a recent session of the Texas Legislature which proposes to make special educational provision for certain classes of physically handicapped children.

PATRIOTISM—The best method of perpetuating the throbbing, fervent patriotism of any great

democracy is for the people, each generation, to know the simple facts from which the great democracy has grown and which have sustained it time and again. The admonition that "man does not live by bread alone" is eternal

wisdom from the One who will judge the ultimate destiny of every soul.—Knowledge and Patriotism.

FACTUAL—"To know Texas is to live Texas."—Ben B. Hunt, Austin, Texas.



NO MATTER how you say it, "Merry Christmas" sounds wonderful and carries the implication of thrilling surprise! The point is—don't forget to say it—whether you've pin-money or a wad of cash to spend.

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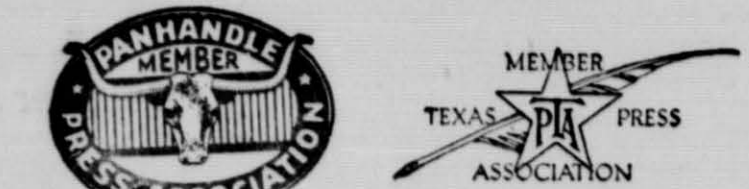
May all your wishes
be fulfilled!

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Baltimore Receives Exact Duplicate Of Original "Star Spangled Banner"



A flag which is the first exact duplicate of the original "Star Spangled Banner" was presented to the city of Baltimore recently with impressive ceremonies and it is now preserved in the War Memorial Building there. The original flag was flying above Fort Mifflin during the attack on the city on September 1814, and it inspired Francis Scott Key to write his immortal poem.

Santa Letters from Nazareth

Dear Santa: How are you? I am just fine. Are you very busy? Mother and Leona, Catherine and I are very busy. Please, Santa Claus, bring two more paint brushes for Leona and me. I will tell you my grades: Department A, Arithmetic A, Drawing A, Geography B.

Grammar A, Reading A, Spelling A, Writing B. Santa, please bring mother a pretty dress about \$3.49 and Daddy a new hat. I have been studying very hard. I am a very good girl. Your friend, Georgianna Schacher, grade 3.



LAST MINUTE MAN WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We're here in time to extend the season's wishes to all our friends and customers! With a new year ahead, we pledge ourselves to continue serving you well. And if the Christmas rush caused you a moment's inconvenience, please forgive us.

H. E. HUDSPETH, Agent. TEXAS OIL CO. DIMMITT, TEXAS

Dear Santa Claus: I will try to be good. How are you? I am just fine. I will tell you my grades: Department A, Arithmetic A, and Drawing A. And my Geography B.

Dear Santa Claus: You give us nice things to play with. On my report card I have Arithmetic A, A, Drawing B, B, Geography C, C, Grammar C, A, Reading C, B, Spelling C, A. I will try to be good, Santa Claus. I am good to mother and father. Mother has four children in the family: I am one boy and there are three girls. I will name them: the boy's name is Somy, the girls' names are Marian, Grace and Louise. The boy is four years old and the girls are 5 years old, 6 and 1 year old. From Marian Schacher.

Dear Santa Claus: Santa, how are you getting along? I am getting along all right. Are you working hard on toys? I think you are getting ready for Christmas. Mother sent off for two dolls for Christmas, one for Joan, my little sister and one for me. I want some paints, too. Joan and I want a wagon. I will tell you what I get in school: In department I got A, A, in Arithmetic I got B and then A. In Drawing (Continued on Page Three)



THIS IS CHRISTMAS. I stand at no other time in the year do warm feelings and fond words seem more fitting! MERRY CHRISTMAS, we say, from the bottom of our hearts! Castro Drug Dimmitt, Texas



CHRISTMAS comes but once a year—may it be all brightness and cheer for you, its sincere wish. Serving you day and night in humble tasks as well as in the more demanding of life's activities, we strive to lighten your burdens, and add to your comfort. Please accept these Christmas greetings in the spirit in which they are heartily offered. Dimmitt National Farm Loan Association JOHN LOGSDON, Secretary-Treasurer

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Merry Christmas. WE HOPE that this Xmas brings you fulfillment of every wish, and that it finds you happily surrounded by the things and the people you love. These are the things that make for contentment—than which nothing is more precious. And if our greetings add one iota to your enjoyment of the holiday, then our Christmas shall be happier too! MILLER HARDWARE DIMMITT, TEXAS

Santa is Coming! MERRY XMAS LANGFORD LAUNDRY

AH! MERRY XMAS TO YOU ALL! DIMMITT BAKERY HAROLD GLADMAN

Yuletide Greetings. LITTLE COTTAGES with coal stoves and roasting spits at the hearth have given way to handsome homes, electrically equipped, functionally furnished. Housewives once dragging from dawn to night, have leisure, have careers, aid in defense. These are modern times in which we play an active part. But now—the holly hedges bright green and red—we revert to an old-fashioned sentiment and say, "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—ONE AND ALL!" SHIPLEY'S Dimmitt, Texas



EVEN AS THAT JOLLY OLD FELLOW WOULD SAY IT--- WE WISH YOU ---

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I got A, A. In Geography I got B, B. In Grammar I got C, A. In Spelling I got A, A. In writing I got B, B. I'm in the third grade in the Nazareth School. Your little friend—Lois Book.

Dear Santa Claus: I've been you. I am just fine. I will tell you my grades: Department A, Arithmetic A, Drawing A, and Geography B.

Dear Santa Claus: I will try to be good. How are you? I am just fine. I will tell you my grades: Department A, Arithmetic A, and Drawing A. And my Geography B.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? I am just fine. I like my teacher, sister Jerome, very much. I am studying on time tables. It is very close to Christmas. I know you will be busy. Mother was telling me how many pretty dolls you have in America. I just don't know what I want for Christmas. I guess mother will tell you by that time.

Dear Santa Claus: Christmas is soon here. I don't want much for Christmas. They said that Santa went to war. But I don't believe it's so. I want a truck for Christmas. I am in the third grade. Your friend—John Henry Miller.

Dear Santa Claus: I will try to be good. How are you? I am just fine. I will tell you my grades: Department A, Arithmetic A, Drawing A, and Geography B.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been trying to be real good. I study my lessons till I know them well. Good St. Nicholas was good to us. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I saw it in the catalog. It has seven different sets of clothes with it. It is seven inches high and it costs \$2.29. Please bring it to me. That is all I want for Christmas. There are so many things I want for Christmas, but I cannot get them. Please do bring me the doll. I will have to stop now, but I want to wish you a very very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. I hope you have all of your Christmas toys made. I am a little girl 9 years old and in the fourth grade. Your friend — Laurene Whilliam.

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I hope it will snow on Christmas night. We usually have a little snow. But we have a lot of fog. I guess I was a good enough girl to have something for Christmas. I had a good report card. I had all A's so far. Mother told me to keep it up. I am glad when it is Christmas.

Well, Santa Claus, I guess it is time for you to be doing something. I want it very much. But if you cannot get it, it's O. K. We have 24 puppets. I like Christmas better than any other holiday.

Saint Nicholas gave me some candy, apples, oranges, and nuts. Tell him I think him very much for it. I am going to church on Christmas eve. I am going to see the little child Jesus. Your friend — Jo Anne Heman.

Dear Santa Claus: Christmas is near and I am glad. We have good times on Christmas night. I hope we can see you on Christmas night again. We thought that on St. Nicholas night we wouldn't get anything. My brother got his desk drawer full of many good things to eat. I stayed over at my aunt's and when I got home though we didn't have anything. All they had left was a cup full of nuts.

For Christmas I want a doll with moving eyes. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Santa Claus. Your little friend—Marianne Gerber, fourth grade.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you a Merry Christmas. It will soon be Christmas. I will be a good girl. (Continued on Page Four)

AS SANTA HAMMERS AWAY with the Age-Old Saying—We Join Him in Wishing You MERRY XMAS CONSUMER'S OIL CO.

Whew... Just in Time to Wish You the Merriest of MERRY CHRISTMASSES... We'd have hung our head if we missed this edition of the paper! It's our last chance to wish you a jolly Christmas—but you know our good wishes are always with you! And note that we've caught our breath—Yuletide Greetings to one and all! PHILLIPS 66 DIMMITT, TEXAS

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I hope you will be good to sister. I hope you will come to me. Please bring me some skates for Christmas this year, and I have plenty from last year. Sister Jerome is a nice teacher. She gives us things to draw. Charles wants a dog and wagon and candy. He always gets under the table when you come. I went to church on the holiday last week. I hope you are well. I hope it will snow so that you can use your sled. I am in the fourth grade. Your friend—Calista Heck.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy nine years old and in the 4th grade. I was a good little boy. I would like to have a cowboy suit, also a tool set. Floyd, my brother, wants a BB gun and an airplane and a toy set. How are you, Santa? I hope you can use your rain deer. If it snows I will have a bucket of oats for your rein deer.

I know my time tables up to the twelves. I study hard in school. Your friend—Gilbert Schulte.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you getting along? I'm getting along all right, Santa. I want an air rifle for Christmas. I hope you have a good one for me. I get my lessons in school. In Arithmetic I have A, and in Reading I have A also. But in Geography I have C. My teacher is Sister M. Jerome. I wish you a Merry Christmas, Santa. Your friend—Cecil Hoelting, Grade 4.

Dear Santa Claus: I am very glad that Christmas is near. We have 7 days of school from today. Today we are reading the First Thanksgiving Day. For Christmas I would like to have a small train, and a tool set. I like to skate on ice. That is the best fun of all. My report card was pretty good last time. I like to go to school. It is fun to play ball. I like reading best. I like spelling second. Your friend—Luke Acker, Grade 4.

We aren't going to have a big Christmas. We are glad when Christmas comes. I will mind my mother and Daddy. I was very good. My brother has a caterpillar.

I have a very big doll. I want a play book and rosary for Christmas. I hope you will read my letter. We are making many things in school. We are going

to sing some songs.—Betty Lou Wolfe, fourth grade.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you?



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Christmas GREETINGS

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