

Woman of the Week . . .

Mrs. Santa Claus Lets Out Contents of Letters

By BETTY ROBERTSON

The short, chubby woman with soft white hair, spectacles, pink cheeks, and a cheery smile looked just like the ideal grandmother. She rested for a moment by settling for a good rock in the old-fashioned rocker in the sitting room, knitting as she talked.

"Mercy me!" Mrs. Claus exclaimed, laughing, "it certainly has been busy around here. I don't quite know where to begin in telling about it. Santa is mainly concerned with the servicemen right now, and he wants to be sure that all of them get a lot of Christmas presents this year.

When asked about the number of letters coming to the North Pole from all over the world, she hurried into the workshop and returned with a large mailbag overflowing with correspondence. "These are all very interesting letters," she smiled. "Santa brought them to my attention one day last week because they're from University of Oregon students." After but slight persuasion she consented to read several of them.

Not Particular

The first envelope she picked out of the bag was of a sky blue color, heavily perfumed, and daubed with smudges of ink. "Dear Santa Claus," it read. "Please bring me a man for Christmas. Any kind will do, though preferably a young, good-looking one. Anyway, young. Well, do your best. Sincerely, Connie Coed."

"Poor girls," Mrs. Claus said sympathetically, "there are quite a few letters just like that one. Some girls are more fussy, however. They ask for blond sailors or red-headed marines, or air corps lieutenants. I don't know just exactly what plans Santa is making for them. And we have received the most unusual requests since the war. Marilyn is asking for nylons, and Edith begs for a gallon of gas, and Wally asks for a carton of Camels with a box of matches. We've never had such letters before," she said, shaking her head sadly. "Santa is quite perplexed."

What's This?

An investigation of the shop brought many gifts to view. A box of aspirin had a card which said, "For all U. of O. editors from Santa." There was a box of shells for Audrey Holliday and the latest Duke Ellington recording to Dean Kratt. How did that happen? A letter pinned on the wall requested Betty Grable for the Sigma Nu boys, and a postscript said that Hedy Lemarr would do in a pinch.

"I'd better get back to work," Mrs. Claus concluded. "A lot of things to do, you know." She bustled off cheerfully, still murmuring to herself, "Most unusual."



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A Christmas tree, and other festive decorations by Jeanne Villair, will provide holiday atmosphere in the court of the art school. A program of Christmas music by music school students is also planned.

The "art in action" feature will show students actually at work, so that visitors may get a glimpse

of how art works are created. It will include demonstrations of: oil painting and water color, ceramics, weaving, drawing, lithographs, other items will be on sale. To keep up spirits of shoppers, Dorothy Nansen and Drusilla Johnson will manage a food booth and dispense coffee, hot dogs, and doughnuts.



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