

### Letters to Santa Colorful, Heartfelt

Santa Claus must know boys and girls are writing from their hearts when he receives letters like this one from Jerry Potter, a Tulelake youngster:

"Dear Santa - Thanks for all the super things you've given me before. This year I would like a few switches for my train. It is an American Flyer. I have been a good boy this year. If you don't think so just ask me. I'm gonna be special good now that Christmas is comin. I put away my toys most of the time when my mama tells me to. If you can get the switches I'll prelate it. If you can't I prefer live. Heaps of love from Jerry Potter, Tulelake, California."

Jerry is just one of a great many boys and girls who have written nice letters to Santa. A lot of letters were given to Santa at the Christmas Festival on Modoc Field. The letters we are writing about here were just mailed to the North Pole. We will have another story in the paper about the letters taken to the Christmas Festival.

Most of the boys and girls re-

membered to thank Santa for things he had given them in other years. And one little girl, Dana Baker, 1728 Wall Street, thought of what a busy night Santa would have Christmas Eve and wrote at the end of her letter:

"I'll have you six cookies and a bottle of pop on the dining room table in case you're hungry."

Sally Ann and Liz Rizzo, 1419 Lookout Street, remembered Santa's reindeer too. They wrote that when Dancer, Dunder, Blitzen and the other reindeer pulled Santa's big sleigh up to their home "the reindeer will get radishes."

Judith Johnson, 4500 Clinton Street, knows that there are other nice gifts besides toys. Besides a wood burning set and a few other things, Judith wrote that she would also like to have "a tube of toothpaste and a silk scarf like Jean Miller's."

Shirley Ann Parr, 44 Flinchacker Street, wants "bride and groom dolls that look like mama and daddy" but wrote that "the best present for me this year is to get to see you land on the football field." We hope Shirley Ann did get to go to the big Christmas party and see Santa arrive by helicopter.

Hoyle Ann Rubkals, Rockleim,

Calif., wrote that "all my babies have fallen apart" and her brother, Michael, told Santa "I am five years old and I can ride a 2-wheel bike already. The only trouble is that I don't have a bike..."

In his first letter, Doug Olson just sent Santa a picture of a shooting gallery clipped from a catalog. Then Doug wrote another letter and said "I want a music box too."

Many other fine letters were sent by the following boys and girls:

Debbie Westover, 1972 Portland Street; Louise McLoughlin, 419 N. 8th Street; John, Sharon and Charles Vochatzel, Stockton, Calif.; Peggy Martin, 2525 Orchard Way; Billy Wynant, Merrill; David Vincoe, 437 Adams; Edith Smith, 120 Main; Ricky Hankins, Merrill; Majorie Ann Stroop, 1729 Lowell; Betty Joe Monroe, 3533 Flint; Jean Johnson, 4500 Clinton;

Larry Conner, Merrill; Greg and Dick Scott, 925 Newcastle; Sheryl Hunter, 253 E. Main; Johnny Church, 1821 Arthur; April McCall, 302 Nevada; and Randy Howard, 2540 Eberlein.

### Electoral Vote Cast Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's 531 presidential electors today formally cast their votes to elect the next chief executive of the United States.

Under the Constitution, the Electoral College has the legal right if it wishes to elect Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential candidate—or anyone else.

But pollsters would be taking almost no risk in predicting a 442 to 89 victory for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"That's the way the states' voters indicated they wanted their electors to vote today when Eisenhower, the

Republican candidate, was swept into office by a record 33,927,549 votes in Stevenson's 27,311,316 last Nov. 4.

However, most electors are legally free to vote as they please. Few states bind electors by law to vote for the candidate who carries the state.

Nevertheless, wrong-way electors are extremely rare. Only three out of 14,379 electors in the nation's history have voted "for others than whom they were commissioned," according to a former Electoral College president.

Latest such case occurred in 1948 when Tennessee went for President Truman but one of the state's 12

electors cast his vote for J. Strom Thurmond, States Rights candidate.

The final step under the much-criticized Electoral College system comes Jan. 3 when Congress meets to record the results, with the presiding officer of the Senate tallying off the electors' votes.

Many in Congress and out consider the present electoral system an outmoded relic. This year's electors themselves are divided over whether it is archaic, or should be guarded against any new-fangled changes.

Some believe the college should be discarded and presidents elected by popular voters. Others favor retaining the present system but changing it to permit a split of election votes within states.

All present, one candidate gets all a state's electoral votes even if

he wins the state by just a handful of popular votes. The proposed change would work like this: If a state has 10 electors, and the popular vote was 600,000 to 400,000, one candidate would get 6, the other 4 electoral votes.

Both changes would require revision of the Constitution, a complex process.

An Associated Press spot sampling of electors in several states showed that among 38 who would be quoted, 24 favored a change of some sort, 12 wanted to retain the college as it is, and 2 recommended a study.

The majority of those favoring a change recommended election by popular vote.

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### U.N. Prisoners 'Lose' Time

Our men who are prisoners of war in Camp Two, Peking, China, have lost track of time, according to a letter received this week from her grandson by Mrs. H. L. Wood, 2184 Wiard.

The 26-year-old pilot, Lieut. Robert L. Wood, was shot down in Sept., 1951, and has been in prison since that time. He is allowed to write periodic letters to his wife, Lou, in North Carolina and his grandmother here who shares here with his father, George Wood, Keno Highway, and other members of the family.

He requested cigarette papers (tobacco is furnished) and snapshots of the family which he hoped would get through to him.

A veteran of World War II, his plane was shot down in the South Pacific in that war as well, but he was rescued by American soldiers.

### Home Freezer Food Saved

Macdonal area residents, with no regular electricity supply from Saturday night until about 12:45 yesterday afternoon, managed to save thousands of dollars worth of meats and other perishable foods stored in home freezers. The feat was accomplished through the use of four portable, gasoline generators.

The generators were loaned by the King Bros. Drilling Co., Dorris, the Associated Box Co., Dorris, and Stikkyou County. The portable units were put on a regular "freeter circuit" and each freezer was serviced at frequent enough intervals to keep the foodstuffs safe.

In Klamath Falls today, gas firms called attention to the fact that their service was uninterrupted throughout the storm period. Persons with gas furnaces and kitchen stoves suffered no other inconvenience than from switching from electric thermostat control to manual.

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