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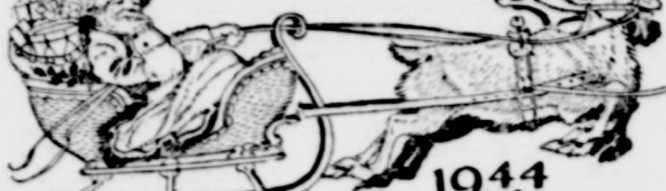
Clayton Dameron arrived in Rankin for the Christmas holidays. He is a student at the Arlington Military School of that city.

The Rankin public schools closed Wednesday afternoon after the various grades had enjoyed trees and parties in their respective rooms.

Miss Murlene Cuccio arrived Wednesday evening from New Orleans, La., for a visit with the parents of her fiancé, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell, and family.

Misses Kathleen and Norma Jean Wheeler, Christine Yocham, Anna Maude White and Pat Burress arrived home Saturday morning from Denton where they are college students, to spend the holidays with their respective parents.

'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



# Seasons Greetings

Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way, O! what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh!

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.



## Marathon Oil Company

Rankin, Texas

### Odessa Half-Breed Given \$100 Fine, 37 Days in Jail

C. C. Massad, Odessa half-breed, jailed and fined \$25 last week for committing an indecent act from the balcony of the Grand Theatre, was arrested for the second time in two weeks Saturday night, this time for drunkenness and the use of indecent language in the Cheerio Grill, according to Deputy Sheriff Harold Wynne, arresting officer.

Held in the local jail until Monday morning, Massad was fined \$100 and costs by Justice

of the Peace John Frierson. Unable to pay his fine, Massad was taken to the county jail in Rankin, where he will remain incarcerated for approximately 37 days.

Massad, who claims to be a former Notre Dame football star and a discharged veteran of this war, several days ago approached Jake Cockrum and ordered him to drive to the Negro section of town. Cockrum refused. Massad did not press the issue. It was not learned why Massad wanted to be taken to the Negro section.

Verda Nelle Harding left Saturday for Ballinger where she is spending the holidays with relatives.



### THE STAR IN THE EAST

Down through the ages has come the story of the shepherds tending their flocks at night, awed by the Star in the East.

During this sacred season, mellowed by the thought of those who cannot be with us, we have abundant reason for gratitude. We have come a long way since the dark Christmas of 1941. The Star in the East shines brighter now.

That this may, indeed, be a Merry Christmas for you and yours is our ardent wish.



At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart. Each of us holds in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities.

May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many which are finding their way to you?

# Rankin Food Market

# HARLAN HOTEL

# GREETINGS



## A Merry Christmas

MAY the blessings of God be with you, our friends, and with all of us... in our souls and upon our hearths. We can offer no more gracious greeting this Yuletide.

### McKELVY GROCERY AND MARKET

### how much WHITE LIGHT



### in a pound of BLACK COAL?

THE lamp has a 100-watt bulb in it and the lump of coal weighs one pound.

Pulverized and blown into the big boiler of a modern power-plant, a pound of coal provides enough steam to generate one kilowatt-hour of electricity.

That much electricity, in turn, will light the lamp for ten hours — long enough to read this newspaper and a couple of novels. Or it will run a small radio for 25 hours, a food mixer for 15 hours, a washer for almost 7.

"So what?" you say. The point is this. 25 years ago, it took about three times as much coal to produce a kilowatt-hour of electricity as it does today!

The all-around efficiency which gets several times as much white light from black coal has benefited YOU in many ways.

It has made your electric service better and cheaper year by year. It has met tremendous wartime demands for electric power, without delay, shortages or rationing. It has held the price of electricity at an all-time low, while other costs went up.

These results come from the sound business management of the nation's light and power companies — and from the hard work of men and women who know their business — and who are preparing for even greater accomplishments tomorrow.

\*Some plants use less than 1 pound; some more, because of differences in coal and equipment. The nation-wide average is 1.3 pounds per kilowatt-hour.

## West Texas Utilities Company



We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here!

We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

## Yocham's Service Station

### RE-CONVENED SESSION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS DECEMBER 13, 1944

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 13th day of December, A. D. 1944, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, met in Re-Convened Session at the Court House in Rankin, Texas, with the following members present and presiding:

Hon. Wm. R. Edwards, County Judge  
 H. G. Yocham, Commissioner Precinct 1  
 W. E. Yates, Commissioner Precinct 2  
 Burley McCollum, Commissioner Precinct 4  
 Ralph H. Daugherty, County Clerk

WHEREUPON the following proceedings were had to-wit:

MOTION by Commissioner Burley McCollum duly seconded by Commissioner H. G. Yocham that since the Audit of 1942 showed that the Commissioners owed \$526.00 each traveling expenses, which there was some question about, and due to the statutes of limitation, we are unable to collect; we credit H. Wheeler's note for \$526.00, which makes said note paid in full, and refund \$526.00 paid by J. O. Currie; and J. O. Carl and W. E. Yates be credited with the \$526.00 charged against them.

Commissioners Burley McCollum and Commissioner H. G. Yocham voting Aye.

Commissioner W. E. Yates not voting.

County Judge Wm. R. Edwards voting Aye.

MOTION by Commissioner W. E. Yates seconded by Commissioner Burley McCollum that this Commissioners' Court re-

cess. All Commissioners present voting Aye.  
 Wm. R. Edwards, County Judge.

ATTEST:  
 Ralph H. Daugherty, County Clerk.  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF UPTON

I, Ralph H. Daugherty, Clerk of the County Court of Upton County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, dated December 13, 1944, as same appears of Record in Book No. 3, at page 156, of the Minutes of Commissioners' Court Records of Upton County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and official seal at office in Rankin, Texas, this the 18th day of December, A. D. 1944.

Ralph H. Daugherty, Clerk County Court Upton County, Texas.

### Praying Joe McCarty Jailed 11th Time in Year, Fined 1 Dollar

Joe McCarty, known as "Praying Joe" because of his predilection for praying in public establishments such as restaurants and beer parlors when he has partaken of the liquid that cheers, landed in the local hoosegow last Saturday night after he had created a drunken disturbance in the Cheerio Grill, new eating emporium operated by Eddie and Nancy Watton, according to Deputy Sheriff Harold Wynne, arresting officer.

Praying Joe, when drunk, likes to pray on his knees before groups dining in restaurants. Joe also likes to draw his knife and flourish it invitingly after he has prayed. In other words, Joe prays, then wants to fight. Fortunately, he has not allowed his enthusiasm for knife flourishing to get him into serious trouble. At the present writing, that is Joe, who has been hauled into Justice Court approximately 11 times during the past year, was fined one dollar and costs.

J. R. Bilderback, representative, Western Mattress Company, in Rankin twice monthly. Write Western Mattress Co. San Angelo, Texas.



Merry Christmas!

### Noel! Noel!

While ageless Christmas carols fill the air this the right comes to mind. We would like to share with you our Yuletide happiness, and to feel that in this year of grace, 1944, Christmas will mean more to you than it has meant for many years past.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. SIMCO



Christmas Cheer to All!

★ Holly and mistletoe, soft lights and Christmas trees, gifts that mean an outpouring of the spirit. Santa Claus is coming!

With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

Lowery & Workman Insurance Agency

THANKS EVERYBODY!  
 Christmas and New Year's Greetings

WE THANK YOU

S. E. SCOTT GROCERY AND MARKET



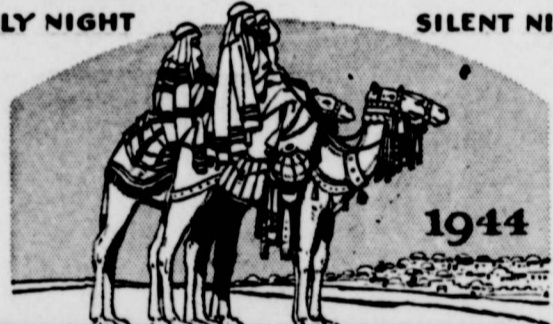
Not in the sense of custom only but with genuine appreciation, We extend to you our Best Wishes and may the Happiness and Good Cheer of the Holiday Season be yours. . . Thru All the Year. . .

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Harris-Luckett Co.

of the Upton Co. at the held Tuesday Justice of the Peace post-dur-

HOLY NIGHT SILENT NIGHT



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

First State Bank

Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



There is something in the very season of the year that gives charm to the festivity of Christmas.

—WASHINGTON IRVING



★ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide . . .

Ranchers Wool & Mair Assn.



THAT clatter out on the porch means Santa Claus . . . or maybe it's only Uncle Joe in his annual role of St. Nicholas.

Yes, there IS a Santa Claus, and there will always BE a Santa Claus in the good old U.S.A.

We wish for you and your family this season of 1944-45 a typical American Christmas.

POWELL'S

# CLUB CAFE

Mrs. Wed. Orleans. Mrs.



**GOOD CHEER!** There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be spent!

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer we but pause to reflect

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

**F. L. CRANDELL COMPANY**

## Christmas Party For Rankin Student Body

The entire Rankin School student body was presented in a Christmas program Tuesday evening. A play by the sixth grade, individual readings and musical numbers and a Christmas story in song and prose made up the program. In the latter, most of the grades were represented. Zackie Monroe was the reader and announced the various Christmas carols which were given by the groups of singers.

### COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES

(Continued from the front page)

THE STATES OF AMERICA, COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS:

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is the largest owner of producing oil lands in the world; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the State of Texas, all public lands and income therefrom are set aside to the exclusive use and benefit of the public school system of Texas;

WHEREAS, by far the greatest part of the tax revenues devoted to the support and maintenance of the entire public school system of Texas is derived from crude petroleum and its derivatives, and therefore, any injury to the oil business would result in great loss of revenue to the public school system of Texas and other public funds of this State, and its municipal subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, it is our studied opinion that if the Anglo-American Petroleum Treaty, now before the Senate, is ratified, the power to regulate spacing, drilling, production, refining, transportation and marketing of crude oil and

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its derivatives will be taken from the regulatory agencies of the various oil producing States and lodged in the Federal Government of the United States and the Government of Great Britain and other foreign powers it will replace State control with Federal control on an international basis; and it will stifle individual initiative and incentive under which the American Oil Business has become the greatest in the world, producing the necessary oil for Victory and without which this war could not be won; and

WHEREAS, if this opening wedge is permitted it will be the beginning of other agreements providing for international control of the businesses of producing other commodities such as cotton, wheat, wool, rubber, tin and steel by Commissions and Bureaus sitting in Foreign lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it unanimously resolved on the 11th day of December, 1944, by the Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, that the Senate of the United States and its Committee on Foreign Relations be petitioned to reject the Anglo-American Petroleum Agreement, now pending before the Committee on Foreign Relations, as well as any other treaty, agreement, or devise, which has for its purpose taking away the regulation of the oil industry or any other business or industry, by the re-

spective States and substituting therefor control or regulation by either the Federal Government of the United States or any Foreign power or combination of foreign powers.

The Secretary hereof is hereby directed to forward to Honorable Tom Connally of Texas, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate; to Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas and to the members of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate a certified copy of this resolution.

I, Wm. R. Edwards, County Judge of Upton County, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Upton

County, Texas, at Rankin, Texas, on the 11th day of December, 1944.

Wm. R. Edwards  
County Judge Upton County, Texas.

MOTION by W. E. Yates seconded by Commissioner J. O. Currie that this Commissioner Court recess.

All Commissioners voting Aye.  
Wm. R. Edwards,  
County Judge.

ATTEST:  
Ralph H. Daugherty,  
County Clerk.  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF UPTON  
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of the County Court of Upton County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, dated December 11, 1944, as same appears of Record in Book No. 3, at pages 155 and 156 of the Minutes of Commissioners Court Records of Upton County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and official seal at office in Rankin, Texas, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1944.  
Ralph H. Daugherty,  
Clerk County Court Upton County, Texas.



★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful

myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!

Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

**Merry Christmas**

The Ralph Daugherty Family

**Mitchell Drug Store**

There's a joy in the heart  
That sets Christmas apart,  
To make it a day of all days  
And may its true peace  
And good will never cease  
To bless you in manifold ways

MARY PIERCE



Heartv and cheery  
And happy and true,  
An ever so fervent  
Merry Christmas to  
you! . . .

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Lola Jones



I Am Proud to Have Had You for Friends and Customers

To All A Good Christmas and A Peaceful New Year

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Good Cheer  
To everyone  
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