



# THE RANKIN NEWS

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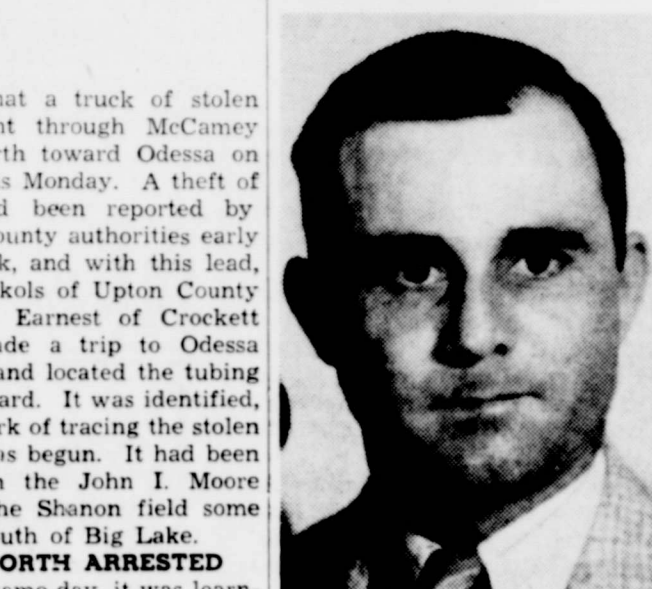
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Against	0	10
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For	77	76
Against	18	19
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Carnations decorated the party rooms and a refreshment plate of date cake, hot chocolate, coffee, nuts and candy was served. Favors were miniature storks made of safety pins carrying little rubber dolls. The favors were stuck in gum drops.

Attending the party were little Gregory Samuel, Mmes. Stanley Eddins, A. D. Zachary, W. Wake-man, W. J. Cowan, Jack Smith, Walton Harral, Jack Marshall, Bill Scoggins, Clay Taylor, Babe Wills, and Wilbur Alexander.

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The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Schlagal of Rankin, was attended by Miss Madge Smith, and the groom, son of Mr. H. C. Snell of Bolding, Ark., had as his best man Mr. Lee Roy Gaultney.

A blue gabardine suit with black accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds was worn by the bride. Miss Smith wore gray gabardine with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

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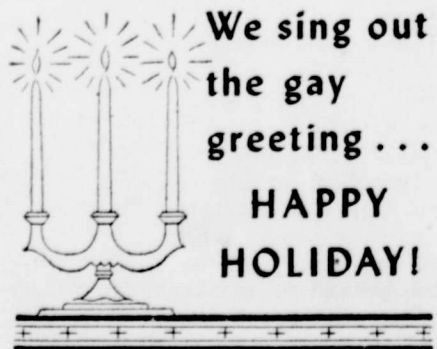
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Thanks to all our friends and customers for their patronage during the past 14 years of our operation of the Magnolia Service Station.

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**CHRISTMAS JOY**



**ELITE CAFE**

D. L. McKay

Rankin, Texas

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The reading of literature's most loved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for a family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session, planned for the last few days before Christmas, will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occasion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas tales of Matthew and Luke are beautiful poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Gospels, is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story that has become a Christmas classic. It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in denial.

For a good, unoffensive funny story about Christmas, try "How Come Christmas?" by Roark Bradford. It concerns the efforts of a group of Negroes to decide which came first, Santa Claus or the little Lord Jesus.

Probably the most famous American Christmas tale is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol." There are other American Christmas stories well worth reading, though, such as Louisa May Alcott's "Christmas at Orchard House" and Vincent Starrett's "Snow for Christmas." Christopher Morley's "The Worst Christmas Story" happens to be almost one of the best.

These are just a few of the possibilities for a literary Christmas menu. When it is selected and served to the family circle, have the fireplace going and the tree lights on.

**Christmas Went Underground With Puritan Ban Of 1644**

There was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas."

This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put downe, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this volume "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." The Judge was called Judge Hate-bate, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace."

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to

feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

**Animal Costumes For Christmas Eve**

Polish children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve. It's done to honor the leg-

end that attributes the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the animals who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.

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### Our Christmas Date Started By Romans

The first celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 took place in the fourth century. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's Nativity and Baptism was held on Jan. 6.

The first mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian Calendar" in the year 354, and the first time the festival was celebrated in Britain was in 598 when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In the year 567 the Council of Tours declared a twelve-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 991-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease

at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and Norway in the year 950.

### CHRISTMAS "PUTZ"

The Christmas "putz" is a decorative feature in many Bethlehem, Pa., homes during the Yuletide season. It is a representation of the birth of the Christ Child in the stable at Bethlehem in Judea.

The residents of Bethlehem, Pa., follow this custom, which was brought to this country by early Moravian settlers, and spend months arranging the exhibit.

The word "putz" is short for the German "putzen," meaning to arrange or decorate.

### PINE CONE LEGEND

Once upon a time—according to Harz mountain legend—a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So, she gathered the cones sold them to the villagers for kindling—obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

"Here, here are the biggest, driest cones of all! Take these," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly there was such a shower of cones that the poor

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woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier—she wished the elf hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket inside. Emptying the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are sold in modern stores, to decorate our homes—to burn and crackle gaily on our Christmas fires.

### Xmas Mother's Day

In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is celebrated as Mother's Day. While mother pretends not to notice, one of the children slips in cautiously and ties her feet to the chair. The other children rush in shouting, "Mother's Day! Mother's Day! What will you pay to get away!" The mother then buys her release with Christmas gifts.

When we celebrate the birthday of Christ, we ought not to think of Him only as a child. Those who think Christmas is only a festival about a child, for children, veer away from facing Him as an adult.

It was Christ who, by His voluntary acceptance of the role of servant, has been elevated to the royal purple and seated at God's right hand.

### About Men, Women Christmas, Cigars

The gal who will try to reach her man's heart through a cigar humidor this Christmas can throw away her crystal ball and relax. And the 3 out of 5 men who are cigar smokers and who face the annual disappointment of the wrong cigars for Christmas can relax too.

For the first time she has some authoritative help in picking those Christmas cigars. For the Cigar Institute of America, Inc., has devised a simple set of basic rules to help the little woman pick the right cigars.

The three rules to the right cigar listed by the experts are: what blend, what size and how much. Those three clues in the hands of a good tobacconist will spell success and happiness all around.

As to taste — the experts suggest a medium full blend for the steady cigar smoker; a light mild blend for the occasional indulger; and a rich full bodied blend for the sophisticated after dinner smoker.

Sizes fall generally into three categories. The perfectos, full, shaped on both ends for steady smokers; the panetela shape for the young or fashion conscious smoker; and the corona for after dinner.

The experts also issue a word of warning about cost — "Money isn't everything in a cigar store," they say. Instead they suggest that the little woman buy "him" the cigars he would most likely be able to afford for himself.

As for women and cigars — the experts have only one thing to say — Women like men. Men like cigars . . . Sooooo?

### Silent Night

The famous Christmas hymn, "Silent night, holy night," was written in Obendorf, one of Austria's loveliest villages, on Christmas Eve, 1818, by the local clergyman, who took the words to the home of the village organist the same night, where they were immediately set to the well-known tune.

No man lives today who does not seek, in some way, to follow a guiding star.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

The minstrels played their Christmas tune  
Tonight beneath my cottage eaves;  
While, smitten by a lofty moon,  
The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,  
Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,  
That overpowered their natural green.  
Through hill and valley every breeze  
Had sunk to rest with folded wings;

Keen was the air, but could not freeze,  
Nor check the music of the strings;  
So stout and hardy were the band  
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.  
And who but listened? till was paid  
Respect to every inmate's claim;  
The greeting given, the music played  
In honor of each household name,  
Duly pronounced with lusty call,  
And "Merry Christmas" wished to all!

—William Wordsworth.

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As the wonderful, star-crowned story of Christmas moves once more through our lives, there is no one of us who is not conscious of the inexpressible divinity of the season. It is a time to be generous, a time for deep happiness, a time for neighborliness and good will towards all.

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REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

(In the passage below, an old miner living miles from what we today call civilization, wrote the following lines to friends. In these words, the prospector, C. F. Kullman, has befriended us in giving you our sentiments for the Christmas Season.—Ed.)

We are again in the season that revives sweet memories of the golden past, when all mankind should rejoice. Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment to many hearts. Many families who have been scattered far and wide in the restless struggle of life are then reunited to meet again in that happy state of companionship and good will.

I write these words now many miles distant from where year after year we met on Christmas Day, a merry and joyous circle. Some of the hearts that throbbled so gaily then have ceased to beat; many of the looks that shown so brightly then have ceased to glow; yet the old house, the merry voices, the laugh, the smiling faces of those happy meetings crowd upon our minds at each recurrence of the Season as if the last meeting had been but yesterday.

Happy, happy Christmas can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the aged the pleasures of their youth, the traveler back to his own fireside home. Yet the greatest joy of all Yuletide is to know that our beloved who departed we shall meet again in a land where there are no heartaches—no wars—no Hitlers—no Japs—no Demagogues—no Beaurocrats—no Dictators—no Communists—to defame our happiness. Though the modern world is turning its back on Jesus and ignoring His teachings, and with its modern guns of destruction destroying the little good and decency left of modern civilization, let us rejoice to know that we have a true friend in Jesus who will not forsake us in need, and may God be merciful to the multitude of blameless people on earth today, and to the souls of those who sacrifice their lives in battle so that those of us who are spared from an insane, cowardly war may live in peace.

Though I can't be with you this Christmas, it is my sincere hope that your Christmas will be bright, and that the New Year is filled to overflowing with health, wealth and happiness for you and yours, and many happy returns of the Season.



May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—'Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men.'

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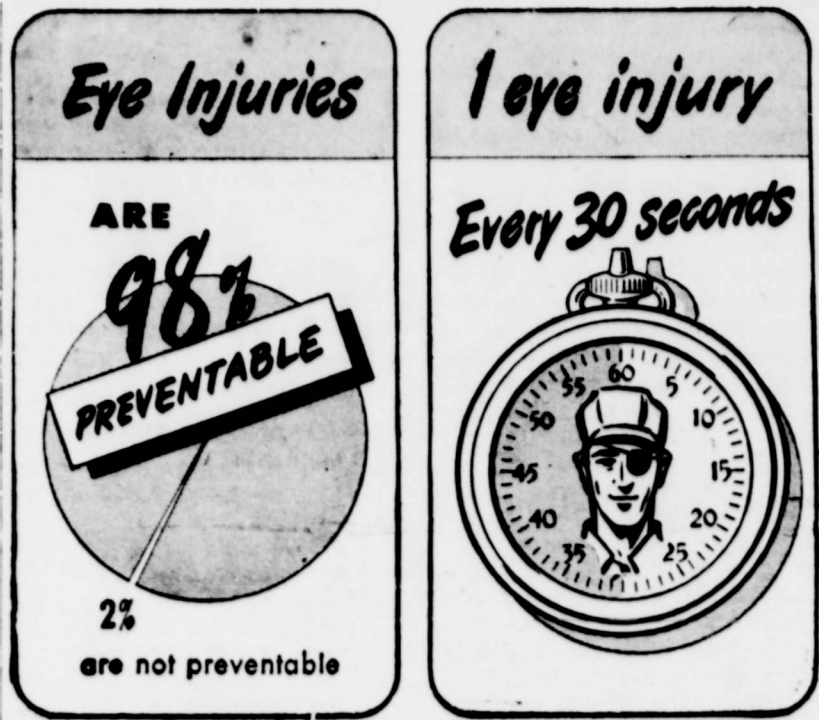


We pause, too, for a moment with you to say, "Thanks" for everything.

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TWO EYE ACCIDENTS A MINUTE; 98 PER CENT ARE PREVENTABLE



The Workers Who See Best Have The Least Injuries, States Optometrist.

Every thirty seconds of the working day an American suffers an eye injury, according to the American Optometric Association.

It is estimated that 98 per cent of all eye accidents could be prevented by adherence to well-known rules of safety, thus avoiding immeasurable suffering and a monetary loss of some 20 million dollars a year.

'Eye hazards increase' with intricate mechanism of industry and the farm and with the use of poisonous chemicals and other harmful materials," says Dr. E. H. Westland, chairman of the Association's occupational vision committee. "However, the means of protection keep pace with the dangers, and the accident rate can be kept in hand and greatly lowered by applying the safety measures available."

Dr. Westland said that inefficient vision itself is responsible

for one-fourth of all accidents, not only to workers but to others. The workers who see clearly and easily have the fewest accidents.

"By proper professional attention to vision, accidents of almost all types can be greatly reduced," Dr. Westland said. "As a result of records on millions of cases, we know the exact visual problems that are most likely to cause accidents in each of the major occupations. Fortunately most of these problems can be corrected either by glasses or by visual training, or by a combination of the two."

Visual training consists of scientific exercises which develop proper coordination of nerves and muscles used in seeing. This work constitutes a part of the practice of optometry.

Dr. Westland said that safety goggles often give the worker a false sense of security against accidents. Unless the goggle lenses are ground to correct the wearer's individual vision prob-

lems and unless they are properly and accurately verified and fitted to the individual worker, they may lower his ability to see properly and increase the danger of accident. Therefore safety goggles should be corrective as well as protective, he said.

"Education is the best solution to the accident problem," said Dr. Westland. "The public should be made more aware of the dangers of occupational accidents, and more familiar with the corrective measures which science has made available."

Toys Important In Growth Of Child; Educators Suggest Gifts

A toy is a serious present. A good toy stimulates a child to action, arouses his imagination, and helps him develop skills and dexterity, says Margot Gayle and Marion Howe. Writing in McCall's for December, they tell what nursery school educators and child psychologists have to say about buying gifts for children and, describe a few typical toys:

"Nursery school educators and child psychologists say that good toys stimulate a child to action. Playing, they point out, has a much more important role in a child's life than simply to give him pleasure and amusement. Playing is his way of learning and growing, discovering his own skills and coming to grips with the world around him. To do this properly he must have equipment that he work with imaginatively. If you give a three-year-old boy a wagon he will learn to push and pull and carry things in it. But if you give him a mechanical monkey, all he can do, once it is wound up, is to look at it.

"A good toy also has a variety of uses. The child who gets a set of building blocks for Christmas can exercise his imagination on them in a hundred ways. He can build a set of trains, copy his daddy's office building, make a fence, a house, etc. At the same time he uses his ingenuity, he develops skill and dexterity with his hands.

"Another quality of the good toy is play-appeal over a long age span. A tricycle or an adjustable easel are presents a child will enjoy for several years. While the price of gifts like this may seem like a lot at the time, it is really not so much when you compare it to the dozens of dollar gadget toys that are discarded often in less than a week.

"Here we suggest a few basic, uncomplicated toys in different price brackets for children from two to 14. Each has a variety of uses and each is designed to stimulate active, imaginative play.

"A classic pounding bed and mallet for the child 1 to 3. He pounds pegs through the board, turns it over and starts again. Pegs can't come out or get lost. A hardy wagon, strong enough for a child to ride in. Good for ages 2 to 6. A canvas play house that fits over any bridge table and makes a fine firehouse, garage, doll house or grocery. Appeals especially to children to 5.

"A homemaking corner with furniture scaled to child size. Good blocks never warp or wear out. Buy a set geared to child's age and add to it later from open stock. When you buy a tricycle, select the largest one your child can comfortably manage. Be sure it has adjustable seat and handle bar. Wonderful basic toy for children 3 to 6.

"A gymnasium that clamps onto the door casing includes swing, rings, trapeze and climbing rope; supports 350 pounds. Good for ages 3 to at least 10 years. Wooden easel can be used from the age of 3 through adolescence; painting surfaces and paint trays adjustable as child grows."

School's Out!

Rankin schools closed Tuesday afternoon for the holidays with gift exchanges held in the various grades. Classes will resume Jan. 3, 1949.

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### Recipes For The Traditional Christmas Puddings And Sauce

Plum pudding is as traditional for a Merry Christmas as old St. Nick himself. The ingredients are simple, but it takes time to steam the batter and achieve a masterpiece of fragrance and flavor, says Bernice Burns, who tells you, in Redbook Magazine for December, how to prepare your puddings now for the holidays ahead.

#### PLUM PUDDING

(Two one-quart molds)  
Scald 1 1/4 cups milk. Pour over 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs. Chop into small pieces (pea size) 1/2 lb. (1 cup) suet. Cream with 1 cup sugar. Beat until thick 4 egg yolks. Add to creamed mixture. Combine thoroughly with softened bread crumbs.

Cut in half 1 cup seeded raisins. Chop in bits 1 cup dried figs, 1/2 cup (1-4 lb.) citron, and 1 1/4 teaspoon mace, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, and 1-2 teaspoon cloves. With fingers rub flour and spices through the mixed fruit until pieces are separately coated with flour. Stir into pudding. Beat until stiff 4 egg whites. Fold into pudding with 1/4 cup sherry.

Spread a light coating of butter or margarine over entire inner surface of two molds (1 quart size). Fill three quarters full. Cover with tight fitting lid (or two layers of waxed paper or sheet of metal foil with cord or heavy rubber bands). Steam for 5 hours. Let cool before unloading. Serve with flaming brandy, whipped cream or hard sauce.

#### DATE AND NUT PUDDING

Cream until soft 3-4 cup butter or margarine. Add 1 1/2 cups dates, chopped fine and 3-4 cup chopped nuts. Combine 3 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs (made from day-old bread), 3 teaspoons baking powder, and 1-2 teaspoon salt. Scald 3-4 cup milk. Pour over bread crumbs and combine with date nut mixture.

Beat till thick 3 eggs. Add 3-4 cup sugar. Fold into batter and stir in 1-3 cup sherry wine. Pour into well greased pudding mold (1 qt. size). Cover with lid or waxed paper or metal foil. Steam for 3 hours. If desired, pour additional 1-3 cup sherry over pudding when cool. Serve with hard sauce.

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#### SHERRY HARD SAUCE

Cream thoroughly 1-4 cup butter or margarine. Blend in 2 cups confectioner's sugar. Add 1-4 cup sherry, tokay or port wine, (add 1 tablespoon at a time and stop when desired consistency is obtained. Mixing should be like very thick icing.) Add 1-2 teaspoon salt and 1-2 teaspoon nutmeg. Chill before serving.

#### TO MAKE DESIGNS OF HARD SAUCE:

Spread mixture of 1-4 inch thickness on waxed paper. Dip spatula in hot water and run over surface to give a smooth, glossy effect. Place on flat pan. Chill until firm. Dip metal design cutter in hot water, cut design and lift onto pudding or serving-plate with spatula.

### Six Divorces Granted In 112th District Court In Rankin

In a special called session of the 112th District Court in Rankin last Wednesday, six persons were granted divorces by Judge J. B. Randolph of Ft. Stockton.

- The cases tried were: Billie Jean Edwards vs. Wm. R. Edwards, divorce granted.
- Alma L. Dickson vs. John S. Dickson, divorce granted.
- Idella Jewel Rogers vs. Jas. Howard Rogers, divorce granted.
- Lena Katherine Davis vs. Jefferson Davis, divorce granted.
- Edward Modell Allison vs. Edward Bernice Allison, divorce granted.

**THINK THIS OVER!** The stranger who rings your doorbell, seeking to sell you merchandise, usually talks impressively about a "guarantee." But how would you force him or his firm to make good on a guarantee after he is gone? It is never done, and he knows it. Compare his values with local stores before you purchase.—Courtesy of The News.

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## Kids Believe; Men Know YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

Back in 1897, little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the following letter to the editor of the New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?" The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here:

"Yes, indeed! Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. "All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal lights with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!" "You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

### PLEA MAY BE ANSWERED

A letter to Santa Claus from a "grown-up child" came to the desk of W. C. Pool Jr., of the Greenville Morning Herald.

Publisher Poole published it in his daily front page column, explaining "it is so well written and expresses such an unusual theme, that we think everyone who reads it will be as deeply impressed as we were." Author is unknown.

The letter: "Dear Santa: "It has been a long, long time since I have written to you.

"I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Ave.

"All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.

"Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lode star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

"In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have—but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

"I will have my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa and, please, this is what I want:

"Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer and please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.

"Sincerely and thankfully,  
"A GROWN-UP CHILD".

### HASTINGS THINKS

BY HASTINGS BAKER

Now that the war is over, practically nobody in Japan is wealthy. Previously, there had been some fantastically wealthy families like the Mitsins who controlled long lists of industries. In 1947 Koyo Mitsin had an income of only \$66 for the whole year.

Almost every bar in New York has a television set. Usually these sets show football, hockey and the fights to a perfectly happy audience of bar flies. But when the opera was recently televised, the patrons responded with mixed emotions. Some liked the high brow music. Others sought relief by playing the juke box. Sometimes the bitter words that passed caused the bartenders to long for the good old days when life was not so complicated. Nobody bothered to notice that for the first time television used "black" lights whose infrared eye give the brilliant illumination needed for the camera but cannot be seen by the human eye.

Way back in 1932, Herbert Hoover used to run the government on four billion dollars a year. It seemed like a lot of money at the time. Most people have forgotten that Roosevelt, in his first campaign, charged Hoover with spending too much money. Now it takes a good deal more than ten times as much money to run the government.

For more than a year, Hoover, at the head of 24 teams of experts, has been studying how to make our government more efficient. They have been digging up some eye-raising facts. There is so much red tape in government purchases that it costs \$11.50 in paper work to buy something for \$10.00.

It is estimated this efficiency program would save almost four billion a year—about the same as the total cost of government in 1932.

It takes political courage to streamline the Government, but President Truman has given this program his official approval.

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### To You and Yours

May the Holiday Season bring to you an abundance of Joy, Love and Fulfillment.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Dutch Miller's Back In Uniform

After ten days in the city, Dutch is back in uniform. I don't mean Army khaki or Navy blue—but a different uniform, that's every bit as patriotic and American.

Blue jeans and a denim shirt, for work around the yards and barns; stout boots for tramping through the fields; and a straw hat when the sun gets high—a uniform you see from Maine to Texas, Iowa to Alabama.

It's the uniform of an army—the great army of American farmers who, by their productivity, are helping to keep this nation strong—bolstering the forces of democracy that guard our freedom.

And in their way of life, too, they are champions of freedom. Temperate folk who enjoy a moderate glass of beer—but never quarrel with those who prefer cider. Tolerant people who fight to the bitter end against oppression and intolerance. From where I sit, a credit to America!

Joe Marsh

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All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolizes this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.

### CRYSTAL'S FLOWERS

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Many unusual and picturesque tales have been told about the modern useage of Christmas flowers. Although they are legendary, the carefully spun bits of folklore provide a colorful background for present day flower decorations which are used during the Christmas season.

Holly, with its red berries, dark green leaves and needle-like spikes, is a light-hearted symbol of friendship and good will when December arrives. According to legend, though, holly originally was used as an instrument of cruelty. The crown of thorns which Christ wore was fashioned from holly. Prior to the crucifixion the berries turned a bloody crimson. Mistletoe, a close associate of holly, is said to have been the wood from which Christ's cross was made.

One of the most beautiful legends woven around Christmas flowers concerns the Christmas rose. While en route to Bethlehem, the Wise Men crossed the path of a little shepherdess named Madelon. Enraptured at the wondrous tale about the birth of Christ which they related, she was heartbroken because she had no gift to offer.

While she was crying she detected a sweet-smelling aroma and looked up. Standing next to her was an angel who inquired the

**TABLE TENNIS ACES**



LA GRANGE, ILL.—Training for the All American Table Tennis championships to be held in Chicago next April 16 are these pretty 16-year-old twins, Joan, left, and Caryl Van De Houten. Joan is last year's champion in the women's division; Caryl won third place in the intermediate girls' division. District championships in various age groups will be held throughout the country prior to the national finals. The national winner will be awarded a trip to Dublin, Ireland, where the world's championship will be decided. Juniors in La Grange High school, the twins play in the band and orchestra and are active in swimming, track and lawn tennis.

reason for her sadness. Madelon explained that while she wanted to pay homage to the newly-born Babe, she didn't even have a single, beautiful flower such as grew in the fields in the summer to give Him. The angel waved her arm and a stunning bunch of gorgeous, snowy white Christmas roses appeared.

Madelon gathered her precious gift in her arms and hurried off to Bethlehem where the Wise Men had gone. After the Wise Men's offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, she humbly proffered her flowers to the tiny Infant, who stretched out a hand to touch the roses. His fingers lightly brushed the immaculate petals and immediately they changed to a delicate pink.

Poinsettias which head the popularity list of Christmas flowers, ironically enough, do not have any legends to them because of their recent introduction. In the beginning of the last century the poinsettia was introduced by J. R. Poinsett, an American politician and diplomat.

For years evergreens have flourished in homes at Christmastide to create a woody, outdoor atmosphere. In the aged line, "hang up the holly, the box and the bay," it is significant to note that two of the plants mentioned, box and bay, are mentioned in Holy Scriptures as thriving on the mountains of Lebanon in the Holy Land.

Because of its symmetrical leaves, bay has been used for design

because its treetops were frequently covered with snow throughout the ages. The Greeks used it on their coins and the Romans, too, favored it as a beautiful show piece. Today bay shrubbery graces the entrances to many American homes at yuletide.

Cedar, which furnishes greens for Christmas, likewise existed in Lebanon. The people of Lebanon regarded cedar as a symbol of endurance, strength, life and eternity. Recognized by its characteristic, pleasant aroma, cedar also was an emblem of purity during a large part of the year.

An old-time favorite of sailors who visited Mediterranean ports was Rosemary because of the aromatic perfume the plant yielded. Familiar to most Americans as a straggling hedge plant, Rosemary droops in massive festoons 12 feet long in its native Italy.

Legend has it that the flowers were colorless until the Blessed Virgin, during the flight into Egypt, hung the clothes of Jesus on Rosemary bushes to dry. Thereafter, Rosemary bushes bloomed forth with their sparkling blue flowers.

The Hawthorn bush with its white or red flowers originally

was the May tree of the Old World. Peculiarly, the bush never blooms in May. According to historians, Joseph of Arimathea went to Finland and on completion of his pilgrimage at the Abbey of Glastonbury he pushed his staff into the ground where it burst forth leaves and flowers. Since then the Hawthorn bush always flowers at Christmastide, which is out of its regular season.

Heywood Brown once said, "Christmas is not a date. It is a state of mind."



"OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS!" WE HOPE YOU HAVE ONE, AND THAT THE THOUGHT OF SUCH A DAY BRINGS YOU A FLOOD OF HAPPY MEMORIES.



Bud and Heloise, Sheri and Mike Fisher



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

H. E. "Gene" ECHOLS



Greetings to all our friends this Christmas Season.



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Don and Gertrude

Rankin, Texas



OUR TRADITIONAL WISH FOR YOU IS ONE OF JOY-FILLED DAYS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

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Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

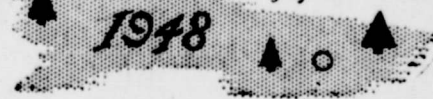
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As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.



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### Some Safety Rules For Holiday Season

It only takes a small amount of carelessness to turn the joyful Christmas holiday into a tragic event. The Christmas tree is the danger spot. There are a few simple precautions that will assure you a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on your tree.

Don't risk using frayed cord and broken plugs.

Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, syn-

thetic materials, paper or cotton. Don't go away and leave your tree lighted.

Be very careful when smoking around Xmas package wrapping material.

Secure the tree by wires to the wall so that tiny tots will not be able to bump or pull it over.

Place your tree so that, standing or fallen, it cannot block a doorway which might be needed to escape from the room.

If you go in for elaborate decorations, better make sure they are all made of incombustible material. Flameproofed materials can be purchased at many stores. Insist on them.

### Tree Decorations Symbolize Myths

You may not realize it, but most of the ornaments on your Christmas tree are symbols of myths and legends that were popular three thousand years before the birth of Christ.

At that time the Aryan race, living in the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains, saw in the rays of the rising sun, bent as they passed through the humid air, the image of a gigantic tree. These sun poets added to the tree image suggestions from the more distant heavens; the sun, the

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moon and the stars became the golden fruit that hung on the branches. The larger clouds suggested birds, swans and doves flying in and about the tree. The golden flash of heat-lightning became the mystical flower that grew on the tree, the celestial mistletoe.

The showers that watered the tree came from the streams at its base.

From these fragmentary old legends in folklore we get the tree itself, the golden tinsel to represent the rising sun, the golden fruit for stars and the moon, swans and doves for clouds, mistletoe for lightning and showers

or streamers of silver tinsel for water.

### Christmas Name For Three Islands

Although Santa Claus doesn't live on any of them, there are three islands in the world named Christmas.

One is the largest atoll in the Pacific ocean. It was discovered in 1777 by Cook, and annexed by Great Britain in 1888. The island is about 100 miles round and less than 100 people live on it. They earn their livelihood by cultivating the island's coconut groves.

Another Christmas island is located in the Indian ocean, 200 miles south of Java. It is 12 miles long by nine miles wide. Surrounded by ocean depths of 14,000 feet, its own highest ground reaches more than 1,000 feet above sea level. It also belongs to Great Britain and a few hundred Chinese, Malays, Javanese, and a few Europeans are engaged in the shipping of phosphate of lime.

Christmas Island in the Little Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia, 30 miles southwest of Sydney, is a tiny fishing island of 1,400 population.

### Thousands Of Bulbs On The Largest Tree

Three thousand multi-colored electric bulbs and tons of Spanish moss decorate the world's largest Christmas tree in Hilton Municipal Park at Wilmington, North Carolina. The giant, 300-year-old water oak rises to a height of 275 feet and its branches spread 110 feet.

Its magnificence has been enhanced by a radio station constructed beneath the spreading limbs from which emanates Christmas music that reaches the crowds from loud speakers concealed in the branches and an apparent voice from the heavens that comes from a speaker mounted atop a nearby giant water tower.

Throngs of people gather around it each night during December to listen or join in the Christmas caroling. The tree won its title as the largest Christmas tree in a contest held several years ago.



May this Christmas be one of dreams come true, a day that will find you happy and contented

HAYES BAKERY  
McCAMEY, TEXAS



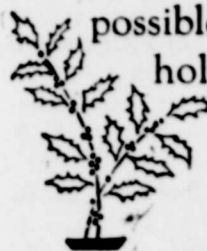
Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible. That means you, you... and you!

RANKIN COFFEE SHOP  
RANKIN, TEXAS



### We Hope...

that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during this holiday season.



We're stopping by with a cheery greeting.

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That's our greeting to you in this happy season.



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Season's Greetings

★ The tree, emblazoned with bright lights and shiny tinsel, is the age-old symbol of the Yuletide season.

★ May your gift from the Yule tree be a year of true peace and happiness.

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Merry CHRISTMAS

May there be a "Song In Your Heart" all during the Joyous Christmas Season.

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# THE RANKIN RED DEVIL

RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL, RANKIN, TEXAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1943

## Reagan Owls Win Tournament

### Pyote Takes Runner-up; Barnhart In Consolation

Reagan took first place in the Rankin Annual Invitational Tournament Saturday night by defeating the Pyote team by the score of 37 to 25. Barnhart took the consolation honors by defeating the Fort Davis Indians by 43 to 27.

In the first game of the tournament, Big Lake took Barnhart by the close score of 38 to 32. In the second game, Mertzon beat Grandfalls 43 to 22. In the third game, Rankin swarmed past the Reagan B team by the overwhelming majority of 35 to 19. In the fourth game, Pyote beat Imperial 42 to 22. Following this, the Barnhart team defeated the Grandfalls team by a tally of 32-20. Also in the contests, Reagan 29, Mertzon 21; Pyote 31, Ft. Davis 29; Ft. Davis 28, Imperial 23; Pyote 32, Rankin 14; Ft. Davis 25, Reagan "B" 20; Barnhart 43, Ft. Davis 27. Pyote took second place and Ft. Davis took runner-up consolation.

There was a lot of good playing in this tournament and this is the first time in history that Rankin hasn't had a man on the all-tournament team at their tournament. Rankin plans to take part in the Reagan County tournament and also the Ozona tournament this season.

### Owens From Barnhart Selected Outstanding

Buckshot Owens from Barnhart was selected as the most outstanding player in the Rankin tournament here last Friday and Saturday. The all-tournament team was also selected, these being Davis from Reagan, Alvarez from Ft. Davis, Megwood from Mertzon, and Price from Pyote.

We are sorry that none of the Rankin team made the team, but they lost out in the tournament to Pyote in their second game. They all enjoyed the tournament very much and hope to have better luck next time.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

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ADDING MACHINE FOR SALE—Nearly new Smith-Corona, 7-column hand-operated adding machine. Bargain. Guaranteed. See Cook and Watson Grocery and Market, Iraan, Texas.

### What Everyone Wants To Find In Their Christmas Stocking

Ruthie—Either Bob Fitzgerald or Pete Hough.

Wanda Hunsinger—Ted Yocham.

Marlene—Just a MAN!!!!!!!

Joveta—Hamilton (watch, that is).

Ted—He had better want Wanda Hunsinger.

Wanda Burleson—Harry Gene Yocham.

Virginia—She says that she doesn't know.

Dee Aun—Mona Sue Branch Fields—Myra James

Jean—A little nigger doll

Jody—J. R. Foster

Theo—Helen Henderson

Billy—Temple Terry

James—Oh! Just anything as long as it is a girl.

Bill—Just a girl

Jimmy—A certain girl from Mertzon.

Martha—A lot of happiness

Donald—Muscles

Winnie—John Kidd

Den—Anything as long as it is Joveta Yocham.

Wilma—Wayne

Louie—Just a girl

Charles—Barbara

Pete—Marlene.

Andy—A real live doll

Toad—Jean

Earl—Oh! Anything

Dillard—A fog horn muffer

Billy Ross—Just a girl

Harry Gene—Wanda Burleson

Mona Sue—Dee Aun

Lawanda McDaniel—Norman Yocham.

Barbara—Billy Dean

Mary Tom—She says that it doesn't really matter.

Myra—Fields Branch

Joy—Bill Hurn

Bill—Joy Ward

Emma Lou—James Gambin

Billy Dean—Barbara

Loyd Gene—Just a girl

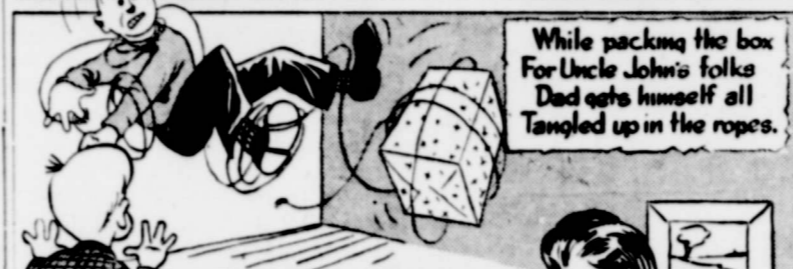
Paul—Anyone

George—Mona Sue or Wanda Burleson.

Jimmy Lee—No one

### Attention, Please!

The staff wishes to announce that there will not be a Red Devil put into publication next week because of the Christmas holidays, but that they will be back in swing on the week that they return from their vacation. We thank you for your cooperation so far and hope to get much more in the future.



### Schlagal And Snell Are Wed In Candlelight Ceremony In Rankin Saturday Evening

#### Christmas Greetings And Good Health A Worthy Reward

The editor of this paper has just received a beautiful Christmas card signed by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, carrying the following message to be published for the citizens of Texas.

"The Texas State Department of Health is happy to report that with your help the incidence of communicable disease in Texas has reached an all-time low; also people are living longer, on the average, than at any time in the past.

"Christmas is a proper time to give thanks for the degree of health we now enjoy. I want to thank you for your assistance in making this record possible, and ask you to continue your efforts to further public health in Texas.

"May you and all those you hold dear have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Good Health. Sincerely yours, Geo. W. Cox, M.D., State Health Officer."

On the front of the card is a handsome picture of the new State Health Department Building which was first occupied by the Department in 1943, and on which has just been completed a fourth floor addition. Prior to occupying this building, the entire Health Department was housed on part of one floor of the old Land Office Building.

Dr. Cox was re-appointed to his 7th consecutive two year term as State Health Officer, by the State Board of Health in December.

The Schlagal and Snell vows were read Saturday night about 6 p. m. in the Schlagal home with a few close friends and relatives present.

The ceremony was held in candlelight with one real dim light. The bride wore a dark blue gabardine suit with a corsage of orchids.

Immediately following the wedding the bride and groom were honored with a turkey supper.

Immediately following the supper the couple left to honeymoon in Arkansas with the groom's parents. They plan to be back by New Year's Day.

### BENEDUM FIELD—

(Continued from page 1) have been working together gathering needed information to get all the persons involved in the crimes.

All the arrests were completed this week.

The men will be tried in the February term of the 112th District Court to be opened the first Monday of the month.

Mikeworth, who was working for the Production Service Co. of Seminole, had access to the Slick-Urschel Lease, according to officers, and knew when no one would be around the yard, and made his plans accordingly. Simpson was the source through which all the stolen materials were sold back on the market.

It is one of the few major pipe stealing rings to be broken up in West Texas oil fields in the past several years, and was potentially one of the largest in West Texas, it was believed by the investigating officers.

### Student Interview

The interview for this week is a sophomore. Her name is Marlene Holmes, better known as Stinky. The origin of her nickname is known by everyone and not likely to be forgotten. It originated when Marlene got mixed up with a stripe. (If you get my meaning).

Marlene has been a resident of Rankin for quite a while. She is a blue eyed brunette. She is 5 feet and five and one-half inches tall.

Marlene likes her new music box which plays the Vienna Waltz and it is made especially beautiful when it harmonizes with Wanda's "How Dry I Am."

She likes to play basketball and she has played many good games on the RHS team as a guard.

Her statement for the paper is "Let's go home," so that is exactly what we will do.

So, 'till next week, so long. RUTHIE ELLIOTT.

### Girls Win Basketball Tilt With Mertzon

Rankin defeated Mertzon 24-17 Saturday night in the Rankin gym in a fast moving basketball game. Virginia Still was outstanding with 14 points, all field goals.

Ruthie Elliott was next highest with ten points.

Joveta Yocham did some very good guarding. The other girls did also.

They are all looking forward to the next game.

### The Christmas Tree

All the school had their Christmas tree Tuesday afternoon and Santa was very good to all of them. The high school had their tree in the study hall. They were first presented with their new jackets and then the other presents were given out but none of them were appreciated as much as the football awards.



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### WHAT IF?

Joy saw ghosts in the cemetery.

Jean got mad at Toad.

Mona Sue could make up her mind between Dee Aun and Ted. (She almost made up her mind Monday night—Dee Aun).

Joy could get her hands on Bill's jacket.

Lawanda McDaniel gave the freshman girls blue unmentionables for Xmas.

Don and Marlene liked to discuss Marlene's Christmas presents.

Dub Day was admired by some of the freshman girls.

Billy Dean presented some of the girls with rolling pins for Xmas.

Dee Aun could out-run Virginia.

Mona Sue could go riding.

The Rankin girls got jackets. Bob Fitzgerald talked to "Teddy Bears."

That Luscombe Silvaire had some gas in it, Bob. If it did where would you go?

James happened to go to a desha?

The seniors had to study? Theo and Fields didn't know that Sodium was very active water?

Ella Ruth could day dream? Dee Aun didn't like to be temporary editor when Virginia came around.

Theo got nervous around Christmas time.

Joveta, Marlene and Virginia tried Marlene's Christmas presents for size while they were supposed to be working on the paper Tuesday afternoon. Funny thing, Dee Aun caught them.

### LOOK WHAT'S COOKING DOC —

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