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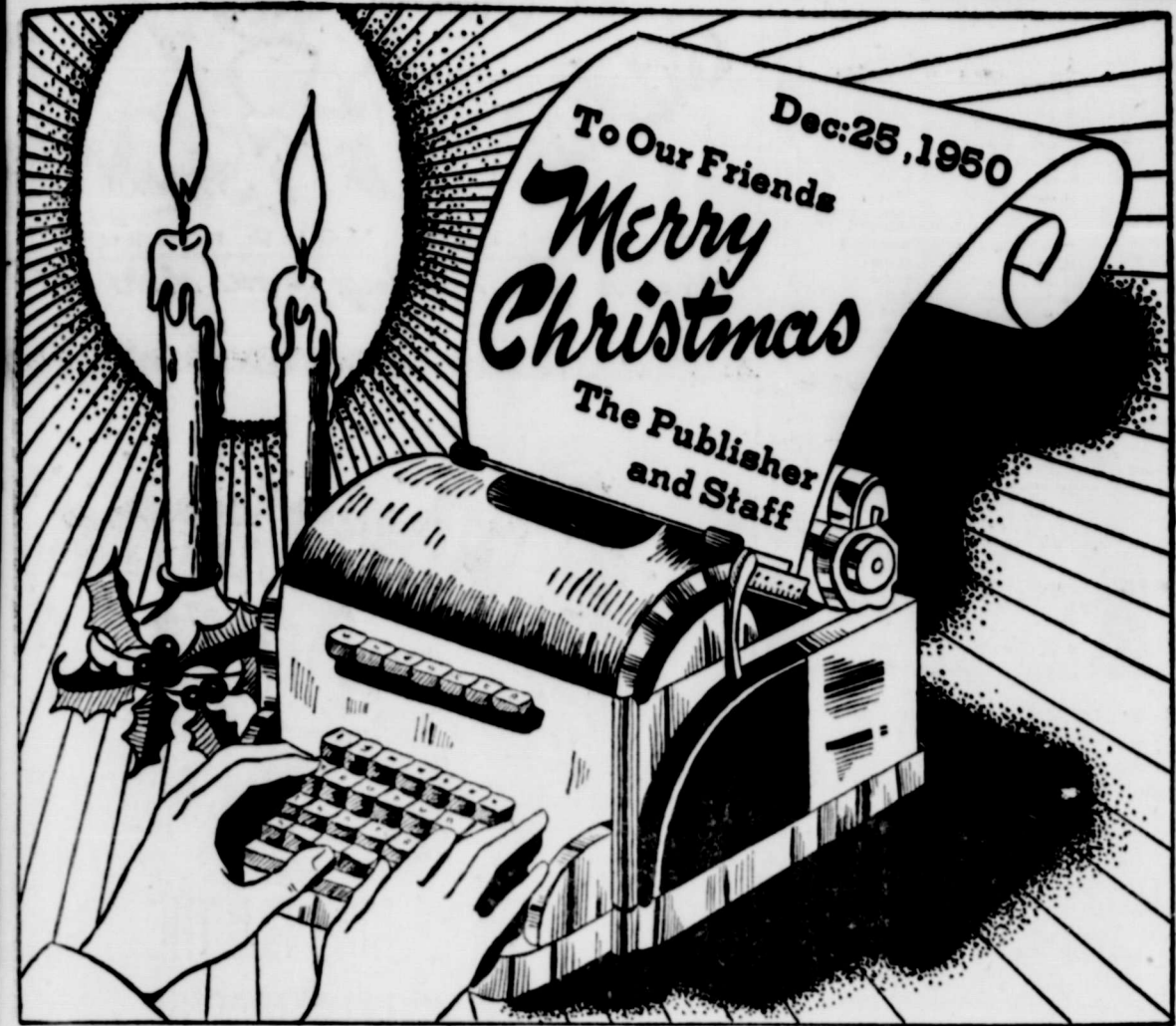
## THE RANKIN NEWS

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### Highway Commission Says "No" On Aid For McCamey-Midland Highway

According to a release by the Associated Press Wednesday, the proposal for State aid for a road from Midland to McCamey was rejected by the Highway Commission.

Commissioner Robert J. Potts suggested an east-west highway across the Pegasus field area, connecting highways 349 and 51 to serve the area in discussion.

The release read in part as follows:

"Delbert Downing, manager of Midland's chamber of commerce, headed a delegation from Upton, Crane and Midland counties requesting a highway from State Highway 349 to U. S. 67, with a 'Y' connection to State 51.

He said the 'Y' project would help oilfield workers in Crane, Rankin, McCamey, and Midland get to a new oilfield, the Pega-

sus, which is developing rapidly. Representatives of the three counties said they would be willing to devote future farm-to-market road funds to this 64-mile project.

Potts viewed the job as "too much of a bite for the commission at the present time." He thought it would be best to connect state 349 and state 51 "straight across" at their closest points. This, he believed would serve all the communities involved.

Greer said estimated cost would be \$1,250,000.

Commission consideration was promised."

Those attending from Upton County were County Attorney John A. Menefee, City Secretary Bob Davis, and Chamber of Commerce manager, Larry Trimble.

### O Come Let Us Adore Him



### Baptists Hold Xmas Program Sunday Night

A Christmas program with the traditional gift-laden tree and Santa Claus was presented at the First Baptist Church Sunday night. Two playlets were presented under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Fitzgerald, assisted by Mrs. W. A. Hudson. Suzanne Fitzgerald read the Christmas story. Scripture and background music was by a group of young people singing Christmas carols with Neva Rae Taylor at the piano.

Taking part in the playlets were Ruth Patterson, Gloria Morgan, Virginia Lee, and Jean Shaw, Ann Shaw, Marlene Holmes, Mary Alice Bean, and Don Skiff. Gifts, candy and fruit were distributed at the close of the program. Mr. J. R. Senter, Sunday School Supt., was in charge of the service.

### New Books Added To The Rankin Library

Among recent books donated to the Rankin Public Library are three volumes in Memory of Will Nix: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Autobiography of Will Rogers; and donated by the O. R. Altizer family of Del Rio, Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, and Colorado by Louis Bromfield.

### Methodist WSCS Hold Christmas Party In H. Carter Residence

Mrs. Hamp Carter, assisted by Mrs. Darby Anderson, was hostess to the WSCS of the Methodist Church in her home on Tuesday night. A Christmas tree, holly and poinsettias made a beautiful setting for the party.

A short program was presented by Mrs. Don Cochran. The group sang carols and Misses Cleona Quiett and Mary Anderson played a Christmas medley piano duet. Mrs. Cochran read "The Little One" to close the program.

A refreshment plate was served by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Anderson after the distribution of the Christmas exchange gifts to Mrs. J. L. Bodine, Mrs. Walter Goodwin, Mrs. Clint Shaw, Mrs. S. H. Boyd, Mrs. R. O. White, Mrs. R. L. Yancey, Mrs. Dan Runyan, Mrs. Leola Hurn, Mrs. Walton Poage, Mrs. B. B. Brown, Mrs. W. T. Elrod, Mrs. E. D. Yates, Mrs. D. O. McEwen, Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Mrs. Linton Clark, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Lusk, Mrs. E. C. Higday, Misses Mattie McDonald, Quiett and Myrna Holman.

### Fidelis Matrons Club Holds Christmas Party

The Fidelis Matrons Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party and gift exchange in the Rankin Park Building Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Tyson Midkiff hostess.

Following the gift exchange, refreshments were served by the hostess to Mrs. Dave Gentry, Mrs. Omar Warren, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, Mrs. Zack Monroe, Mrs. F. L. Smith, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Grace Zachary, Mrs. Warren Capps, Mrs. Sam Holmes, Mrs. Ralph Daugherty, and Mrs. McMillan.

### HAS SURGERY

Mrs. E. W. (Cowboy) Brown is a patient in the Clinic Hospital, San Angelo, where she recently underwent major surgery.

### ATTEND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Haesly returned Monday from Fort Worth where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Haesly's sister.

### Mrs. Taylor, Son In Wreck Sunday Night

Mrs. Jimmy Lou Taylor and little son escaped serious injury when Mrs. Taylor's car swerved and overturned early Sunday night about four miles east of Rankin on the Texon highway.

Mrs. Taylor was returning to Eldorado where she teaches when the accident occurred. She returned to Rankin where she stayed a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powell, to recuperate from the shock and bruises she sustained. The car was damaged considerably.

### Mrs. Homer D. Smith Dies In Houston Friday

Funeral services were held in Ozona Baptist Church at 2:20 on Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Homer D. Smith, 83, who died in Houston Friday night.

Rev. C. R. Tension, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Cedar Hill cemetery under direction of Cody Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith had lived with a daughter in Houston since the death of Mr. Smith in 1942. She was a resident of Rankin for five years prior to moving to Ozona. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Carson of Houston and Mrs. M. J. Leath of Beaumont; two sons, Timp of Maples and Clayton of Iraan; one brother of Rochelle; 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

### ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes and Mrs. Dave Gentry attended funeral services for Mrs. Homer Smith in Ozona Sunday.

### Catholic Services For Christmas Eve, 1950

The traditional Catholic ceremonies of Christmas carols and Midnight Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, McCamey, beginning on Christmas Eve at 11:45 p. m. On the altar banked with poinsettias and with Christmas cherries, Holy Mass will be offered at midnight; on one of the side altars the Christmas crib will silently, but beautifully, tell the Christmas story. After the Midnight Mass, there will be the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and special prayers for peace.

In Crane, in the east wing of the Community Hall, the second Mass of Christmas will be celebrated at 8 a. m.

In St. Thomas Church, Rankin, known to many as the "tin cathedral," the third Mass of Christmas will be offered at 10 a. m.

Everyone who is interested may and is welcome to attend any one of these services.

Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve from 4 to 6 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

### George Martin Rites Held In San Angelo

George Martin, 81, of Stround died in Big Lake at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Noble, at 9:15 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted from the Robert Massie Funeral Chapel in San Angelo at 9:15 o'clock Sunday morning. The Rev. Fr. Fidelius Albrecht officiated and burial was in Belvedere Memorial Park.

Pallbearers included J. P. Conley, R. R. Kerlin and W. C. Diez of Texon, and M. R. Williams, Bert Deusing and W. C. McKinney of Big Lake.

He was a Catholic and a member of the Stround Camp of Woodmen of the World.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. D. C. Noble of this city, Mrs. A. L. Rangle and Mrs. A. F. Goertz, both of Texon; Mrs. J. L. Clark of Rankin and Mrs. T. C. Brown of Ft. Worth; three sons, Joe of Sinton, Jerry of Los Angeles, Calif., and Paul of Amarillo; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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### SE Upton Wildcat Gets Distillate; Pegasus Field Extended To South

Completed as an Ellenburger discovery 5 1-2 miles southwest of the Pegasus Ellenburger field in Upton County, Sinclair and Magnolia No. 1 G. R. Davis flowed 174.57 barrels of 53.6 gravity oil plus 11 per cent water in 24 hours.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,915-1. Flowing pressures were 1,200 pounds on the casing, 225 pounds on the tubing. Production was through a 12-64-inch tubing choke and 100 perforations from 13,153 to 13,178 feet, the total depth. The section was acidized with 1,000 gallons.

No. 1 Davis is in the C NE NE 20-45-4s-T&P.

Gulf No. 1-A McElroy Ranch, wildcat six miles northeast of Crane, was drilling at 5,535 feet in Permian lime. Recovery was 30 feet of mud on a one hour drillstem test from 5,325 to 5,502 feet.

Another Upton wildcat, Sinclair No. 1 McElroy Ranch was drillstem testing from 8,925 to 8,974 feet in lower Permian lime and shale.

C. W. Murchison No. 1 Cannon, 1 3-4 miles north and slightly west of Magnolia No. 3 Dr. Roy Glass, most northerly producer in the Pegasus Ellenburger field in Midland County, which is mostly in Upton County, perforated 5 1-2 inch casing from 10,465 to 10,530 feet in the Pennsylvanian and at 13,110 to 13,163 feet in the upper part of the Ellenburger.

Dually completing as a discovery from the Pennsylvanian and an extension to the Pegasus field was planned. Production attempt from the Pennsylvanian will be through perforations, and from the Ellenburger through the second set of perforations and 10 feet of open hole. Location is in the C SE SE 13-41-4s-T&P.

Cities Service and Continental No. 1-AH University, Ellenburger discovery in eastern Upton County, recovered 1,912 feet of distillate and a small amount of gas-distillate-cut mud on a three hour and 38 minute drillstem test from 10,806 to 10,855 feet, the total depth.

A 1,000-foot water blanket was used. No. 1-AH University was

going in with bit to clean out packer rubbers. Mud on top of the tool had sulphur odor.

Earlier, No. 1-AH University flowed 252.7 barrels of oil in two hours and 17 minutes on a drillstem test from 10,782-805 feet. It flowed 156 barrels of oil in two hours on a test from 10,710-755 feet, and in October flowed oil from the Sprayberry sand at 7,128-85 feet. The Sprayberry flow averaged 10 to 12 barrels with no water hourly.

N. 1-AH University is 860 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 29-3 University, eight miles east of Rankin and seven miles south of the Benedum field.

Humble No. 1 Tippett, Upton Wildcat, recovered 180 feet of mud on a 46-minute drillstem test from 8,710 to 8,827 feet and was drilling ahead at 8,910 feet.

### Reno Oil Employees Attend Company Party In Wichita Falls

Employees of the Reno Oil Co. and their wives were treated to a trip by plane to Wichita Falls last Tuesday, Dec. 19, to attend a Christmas party. The group arrived at 5:30 and were met by a welcoming committee. Rooms were reserved for them at the Kemp Hotel.

With the party in progress at the Elbow Room of the Kemp Hotel, a banquet was attended. During the banquet, the Midwestern College orchestra played, followed by a floor show.

The room was cleared of tables and dancing was held from 9 to 1 o'clock, by the music of the Denny Beckner's orchestra.

Everyone met at 3 o'clock the next morning and made a tour of the Reno's new office building.

Those attending from McCamey and boarded the plane at 11:30 for the return trip home were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Windgrove, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cox and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Stacey.

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### Santa Claus Hit As 'Sugar Daddy' Instead of Saint

Assailing the Santa Claus myth as 'foolish fiction' and rival of the Holy Child, the Rev. John S. Martin, editor of the Catholic Review, declared in a 1949 editorial that Santa the saint has been lost in Santa the sugar daddy—and that the whole idea is bad psychology and bad pedagogy.

"Our children learn about the reindeer, but have never heard of the ox and the ass," Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better . . . for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."

Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus. So, German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents—Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the Infant Jesus sent earthward at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children.

The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mothers' lips the story of the Holy Child.

What's the idea of hiring that cross-eyed man for a store detective?

Well, look at him. Can you tell who he is watching?

Convict: How long are you in for?

Cellmate: Ninety-nine years. How about you?

Convict: Seventy-five years.

Cellmate: O K. then you take the bed nearest the door—your getting out first.

Nowadays one reads the menu from right to left.

### Silent Night

Joseph Mohr. Franz Gruber.



1. All is calm, all is bright, all is calm, all is bright.  
2. All is calm, all is bright, all is calm, all is bright.  
3. All is calm, all is bright, all is calm, all is bright.

*Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Sweetest sound that ever came,  
This night and this night,  
When the world was first begun,  
This night and this night.*

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A - men.

### FAITH AND LOVE TRIUMPH

According to the familiar old carol, St. Joseph was an old man. He probably was considerably older than Mary, but people may have thought of him as being older than he actually was because he enjoyed earnest conversation and the companionship of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasures.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages; she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Lady traveling with friend to airline pilot: "Now don't start going faster than sound. We want to talk."

### Christmas Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

1. Confection
2. Tender
3. Biscuit
4. Biscuits (incl.)
5. Color
6. Christmas (Fr.)
7. Cheese
8. Pastry
9. Sausage
10. Food (incl.)
11. Food (incl.)
12. Food (incl.)
13. Food (incl.)
14. Food (incl.)
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**DOWN**

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### Letters to 'Santa Claus' Come From World Over

Post Office officials in Santa Claus, Indiana, are accustomed to overloaded sacks of mail during the pre-Christmas rush. Senders want their cards and gifts stamped with the famous Santa Claus postmark, plus thousands of wistful letters "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

And then there is the annual crop of "Santa Claus" letters written by youngsters in far-away places who haven't heard about Santa's permanent address in Indiana, U. S. A. At least a dozen versions of the time honored note-in-the-bottle story find their way into metropolitan newspapers every year.

The notes, sealed in small bottles and securely tied to Christmas trees, are discovered by Christmas tree dealers, housewives; and even enlisted men at naval centers and military barracks: they come from places like Renous, a village in New Brunswick, Canada, boasting a total population of 85 inhabitants.

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of over-shoes.



PLEASANT as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the back-slappings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily. However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

The first steam-powered newspaper printing press in Texas was used by the Galveston Civilian in 1850.

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### United States Is Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

IN TOWNS AND CITIES throughout America, in churches, public squares and along home-lined streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies—old as bygone centuries, young as "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas . . ."

The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed . . . England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay . . ." and France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

## NEW 1951 Chevrolet

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### Texas Enjoys Almost As Much Sunshine As Florida In Wintertime

AUSTIN. — The "Lone Star State" gets more sunshine than the "Sunshine State" of Florida during the summer and almost as much in the winter months, according to a study just completed to determine the need for alleviating sky glare affecting motorists.

The study, based on the U. S. Weather Bureau records for the last 50 years, shows Texans and visiting motorists can expect approximately 150 to 200 hours of sunshine in December and January, compared with 200 to 225 for Florida. On the other hand, Texas should get 300 to 350 hours next June while Florida is getting about 275.

In analyzing the problem of glare, motorists reported that a new shaded windshield offers one solution. The new glass cuts out most of the bothersome infra red and ultra violet rays of the sun and

still admits more than 70 per cent of average daylight, according to Dr. Geo. E. Watkins, director of research for Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.

The windshield, now being used in cars in 44 states, has a bluish-green tinting with a shaded area of graduated density extending from the top to above the eye level. This acts as a filter and still gives drivers good visibility.

small families. Large families sometimes have two or three radios. In England there is only one radio for every five people. Therefore fewer people hear the radio each night. But in Russia radios are very scarce. There is only one radio to every 45 people and it is against the law to listen to anything but a Russian station.

The telephone is the invention that Americans lead the rest of the world by the biggest margin. There is one telephone for every five people in America. One for every 155 people in England and one for every 188 people in Russia.

This may not mean anything

to most people but it should. Men have died to give us the right to use these tools of luxury and education. When ever we use them, we should be proud that we live in the best and most advanced country in the world.

installed in Galveston.

Texas' first printing press was

**Help Fight TB**



**Buy Christmas Seals**

### The Night Before Christmas In Texas, That Is

'Twas the night before Christmas in Texas, you know,  
Way out on the prairie (without any snow).  
Asleep in their cabin were Buddy and Sue,  
A-dreamin' of Christmas, like me and like you.  
Stockings, not boots, at the foot of the bed,  
For this was in Texas; what more need be said?  
When all of a sudden from out of the still night,  
There came such a ruckus it gave me a fright!  
And I saw 'cross the prairie like a shot from a gun,  
A loaded up buckboard come on a run.  
The driver was 'gee-in' and hawin' with a will.  
The horses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.  
Come on there, Buck, and Prince to the right.  
There'll be plenty of travelin' for you-all tonight.  
The driver in levis and shirt that was red,  
Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head.  
As he stepped from the buckboard he was really a sight,  
With his beard and moustache so curly and white.  
As he bust in the cabin the children awoke,  
And both so astonished that neither one spoke.  
And he filled up their boots with such presents galore  
That neither could think of a single thing more.  
When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,  
He asked in a whisper, "Are you Santa Claus?"  
"Am I the REAL Santa?" well what do you think?"  
And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.  
Then he leapt into his buckboard and called back in his drawl,  
"To all children of Texas, MERRY CHRISTMAS, you-all!"



**Merry Christmas**  
**1950**  
May the season give you peace.

**MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS**  
Upton County Treasurer



**Merry Christmas**  
**1950**

May the wonderful tidings of Christmas sound in all your hearts.

**LOWERY AND WORKMAN**  
INSURANCE AGENCY  
RANKIN, TEXAS

### Lucia Day Starts Christmas Season In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304, A. D., and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

In addition to beauty, other qualifications for "Lucias" or "light queens" are fair hair, a nice disposition and high character.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucy day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star-spangled horse drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village square and through city streets.

Parade participants depict alternate scenes from Sweden's picturesque Lapland and the Wild West of the United States, while musicians in multi-colored costume alternate playing northern folk tunes and American jazz.

Lady traveling with friend to airline pilot: "Now don't start going faster than sound. We want to talk."

The first steam-powered newspaper printing press in Texas was used by the Galveston Civilian in 1850.

Sidney Porter, better known as O'Henry, published a humorous newspaper called the Rolling Stone, in Austin in the 1890's.



**Merry Christmas**

*It Doesn't Seem Long...*

Christmas comes, is enjoyed and is gone. This old world spins and whirls awhile, events come and pass and then first thing you know, why it's time for that festive season again.

It seems only yesterday that we were wrapping presents and wishing everyone a Joyous Holiday. That time is here again, so here's our wish for a Merry Christmas.

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*Merry Christmas to you-good friends all.*

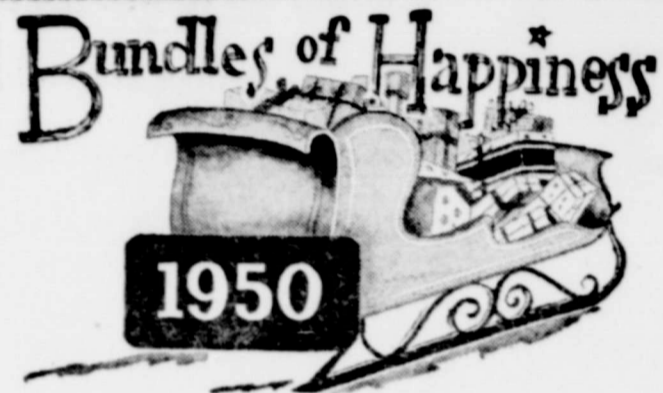
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# Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for your Yuletide joy. 1950

THE RANKIN PACKAGE STORE  
DOC ADAMS, MANAGER  
RANKIN, TEXAS



To all in our town:  
May you enjoy a superbly happy Christmas.



MITCHELL DRUG COMPANY  
RANKIN, TEXAS

# NOEL 1950



For our town and its good people, a joyous and bountiful season.

DON AND GERTRUDE RHORICK  
RANKIN, TEXAS

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## MIDLAND MARKET REPORT

The market was strong and active on butcher cattle at Midland Livestock Auction Co. sale on Thursday, Dec. 14. Most classes of stocker cattle were weaker than the record high of a week ago. 1,020 head were received and sold.

Movie Actress Greer Garson, who was visiting in Midland and who raises white Durham cattle on her New Mexico ranch, was a guest at the sale and visited with ranch and cattlemen.

Fat calves and yearlings sold for \$27 to \$32.50, mediums \$24 to \$27, commons \$20 to \$24. Fat cows brought \$20 to \$23, heiferettes were higher, medium cows \$18.50 to \$20, canners and cutters \$14.50 to \$18.50. A good selection of bulls went at \$22.50 to \$26.

Stocker steer calves auctioned for \$29.50 to \$31.50 and a few were higher. Stocker heifer calves were bid in at about the same price. Steer yearlings drew \$28 to \$29.50 and heifer yearlings \$115 to \$205 by the head.

Stocker cows moved at \$18.50 to \$23 and cow and calf pairs for \$175 to \$275.

Consignors included W. J. Cates and Wavley of McCamey and Bud Calcote and Walton Poage of Rankin.

## El Paso Youth In Crane Hospital For Gunshot Wounds In Accident

Joe Deckert, El Paso, was admitted to the Crane Hospital Dec. 18 at 9 a. m., where gun pellets were removed from his right shoulder, neck and the side of his head, following an accident, that occurred when he and his classmate, Billy Dan Lively, were shooting at targets on a quail hunt and a bullet went astray.

The boys are spending the holidays with the parents of Billy Dan, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lively. Both are students at Texas Western, El Paso.

A newspaper was printed in Austin, Texas, as early as 1839.

## School for Santas



With all his experiences, the modern trend makes the old-fashioned Santa Claus embark on technical education. "School for Santa Clauses," sponsored by a Hollywood actors' organization, is coaching Kris Kringle "doubles" for their roles during the holidays. Cultivation of a hearty, or belly, laugh is in the curriculum (top photo). Santa is shown how he must open his mouth wide to force booming "Ho Ho" through chin brush. Photo in center shows instructor demonstrating application of tourniquet so that Santa will know what to do if a boisterous celebrant happens to injure himself. At bottom, melodious renditions of "Silent Night" are practised at each class session.

## Instead of Wreath, Hang Bells, Ornaments on Door

Instead of the conventional wreath on the outside of the door why not string some bells and tree ornaments on narrow baby ribbon and hang from a huge red bow? Make your door and window frames bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.

## MINCE PIES AND CHRISTMAS

A wealth of tradition is covered by the crust of the Yuletide mince meat pie.

Although few people today know it, the pie represents the cradle of the Christ Child surrounded by the gifts of Magi. It was made originally in oval form to symbolize the cradle, and the varied ingredients were the gifts.

At onetime mince meat pie was banned, and at still another time in its history, it was the cause of Christmas itself being abolished for a brief period.

For many years in England during the time of Oliver Cromwell, the custom of feasting and drinking at Christmas was regarded as worldly and sensual, and the more strict Puritans refused to eat mince meat pie during the holiday season. This prejudice was finally overcome after the Restoration.

In the New World, during the first half century after the Pilgrims' arrival at Plymouth, similar troubles caused the banning of mince meat pies and Christmas. In 1659, and for several years thereafter, there was no Christmas in New England as a result of an argument over the shape and meaning of mince-meat pies. Eventually the indignation spent itself and the ban



PLEASANT as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its cards and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

## Wax From Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, tablecloths, and mantels are almost inevitable.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS . . . Despite the spectacular mouse that Andrea Kleczek is displaying, Santa Claus being the jolly and understanding old gent that he is no doubt will let the seven-year-old off with a warning that time is running out for good behavior.

land cooks began preparations making the mince meat in vance of the actual pie baking. The greatest difference occurred not in the ingredients, but in preparation. The American housewife now depends on the baker to perform all the labor of preparation. The American Bakers Assn. says that American bakers tons of the same high quality ingredients as are used in the taking care of the demand in this traditional part of the Christmas dinner.

The second printing press stalled in Texas was brought by Mena, a Spaniard, in 1817.

Girl answering telephone: "rie isn't in now. This is her pound, five-foot-three, blue-sister."

The Texas Republican, printed at Nacogdoches in 1817 was the first newspaper published in Texas.



Here's to a bright and beautiful Christmas 1950

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RANKIN, TEXAS



For you may the day be as bright and hopeful as its name.

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# CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLDTIME FINLAND



The Christmas Eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing. The oldtime Finnish bath-room was usually a three-room hut; one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing, and one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone oven, heated for hours before the scheduled bath, and the "bath-room" was really steaming. After bathing came the rub-down and the switching of the body with birch twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper. For supper there was usually stockfish and prune tarts to be enjoyed, plus the traditional barley porridge in which cream and sugar and almonds were mixed. After supper the boys and men watched their strength; while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and set away to visit other homes inognito and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted help, but went from house to house secretly to watch the festivities. And when the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floor in commemoration of the Christ Child.

## Indestructible Mistletoe

The flame-thrower and atomic energy—lethal instruments borrowed from modern warfare—are out to kill that ancient symbol of peace-making and love, the Christmas mistletoe.

The unusual battle front is Australia where too many valuable trees each year have been receiving the kiss of death from the harmless looking shrub. Despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the Yuletide promoter of romance, it is a public-enemy parasite in the woodlands, killing off the trees that play it host.

Australian foresters have finally resorted to the flame-thrower as a quick executioner for the plant and are using radio-active tracers, furnished by the U.S. atomic energy commission, to study how the mistletoe saps the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

## Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

The average Christmas tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use nonflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted." Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring of the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

## Post Holiday Rites

In 1937, a Waukegan, Ill., minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserved better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areaways.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observances committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols.

And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas tree are dispatched to some far Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.

One young modern to another: "It was strange the way we met—we were introduced."



**HARD TO GET . . . Mary Jane Ng** (yep, that's Ng) is only 14 months old, and as a result is playing hard to get with Santa. She was at a Christmas party held for 450 underprivileged Bowery children in New York.

## Make the Covering Gay When Wrapping Up Gifts

HALF OF THE GIFT is the wrapping—let's make the covering as gay as the gift inside.

For the girl who likes to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package. If you give yarn for a sweater, use one skein for the big bow.

Disguise a flat box of letter paper as a desk pad. Use a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Why not use a necktie knot in decorating the box containing a tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 4 way down; bring to center; tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use a dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.

Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.

## American Christmas as Old as Columbus

The celebration of Christmas in this country has deep and permanent roots, although at one time its observance was nearly exterminated.

The first Christmas observance was shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and

all Christmas day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it was found hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken to the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

## KING RICHARD'S CHRISTMAS FEASTS

Once upon a medieval Yuletide, King Richard III of England celebrated at Litchfield—and during the festivities 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

Of course, the feudal set-up provided the great lords with the wherewithal for magnificence—the lords received gifts from their tenants and kings received gifts from their nobles; and the graduated scale for giving and receiving was as well ascertained as the quiddam honorarium of any barrister or physician.

Queen Elizabeth received a large part of her wardrobe as gifts from her courtiers, and if the quality or quantity was not satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously informed of the situation.

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 600 fat oxen

from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exhorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in Westminster Hall in 1248, which lasted a week.

Striving to outdo his predecessors and give his successors something to shoot at, Henry VIII kept one Yuletide at which the cost of gold cloth that was used amounted to 600 pounds alone. He had tents erected and artificial gardens plotted within the spacious hall of his palace. Knights came out of the tents to joust in tournaments and fantastically dressed with gay ribbon streamers, emerged from the gardens to entertain the guests.

Preparation for the feasting on such occasion is perfectly appalling to epicures of the 20th century—and can only be vaguely comprehended by considering that Richard II normally employed 2,000 cooks to prepare food for the 10,000 persons who dined—irrespective of special feasting—at his expense every day.



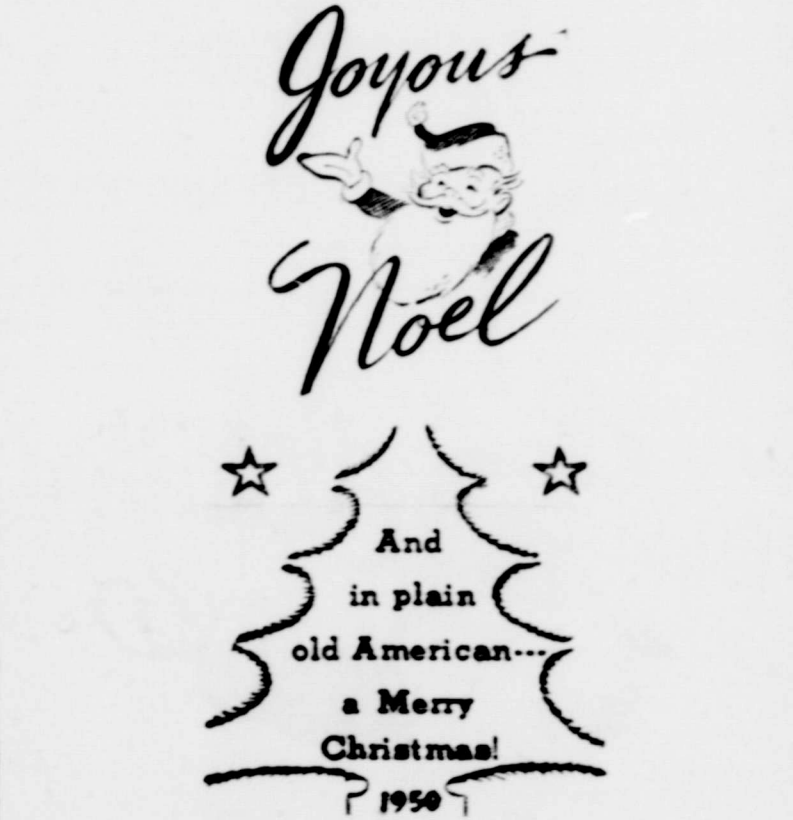
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G. H. "BUD" FISHER  
UPTON COUNTY JUDGE



Let a holiday spirit prevail, and giver and receiver alike cherish the happiest Christmas ever. May the faith of the children be strong in your hearts.

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## Merry Christmas and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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We want to say, with deepest sincerity, a very happy holiday to you.



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To you, a full measure of peace and plenty.



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**EDNA MAYES DRESS SHOP**  
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**Bob Pauley On Second All-American Team In Lone Star Picking**

ALPINE, Dec. 12.—Sul Ross State College Lobo football players who made the Lone Star Intercollegiate Conference All-Conference team have been announced by the conference. Five Lobos were chosen by the coaches of the conference for the first team. They are: James Cleveland, end, Senior, Monahans; Dale Garner, guard, senior, Colorado City; Bob Broyles, junior, Pampa; Charles Boyles, fullback, senior, Pampa; Ted Scown, halfback, senior, Monahans.

For positions on the second all-conference team, the following Lobos were chosen: End, Bob Pauley, McCamey, who will be back next year; guard, Arthur Dawson, San Antonio, senior; center, Mike Flanniken, Morton, senior; and quarterback, Charles Laffoon, of Pampa, who will return next year.

Radio announcer. Do you suffer from acid indigestion? You do? Then quit drinking acid.

Moe: What is an undertaker called in the South?  
 Schmoe: A Southern planter.



May Santa's packages hold peace, joy and health.



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