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Dec. 17-18—Courtney Tournay
Boys —
Dec. 17—Odessa Jr. Col. there

The Rankin News

Serving the Interests of Rankin and Upton County

RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

TRADE AT HOME

If you spend a dollar at home you have some hope of getting it back; if you don't, you just spend a dollar.

THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1954

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN



Yes, I Will Be There Saturday.

Santa is on his way to Rankin. At last reports he had left the North Pole and would be here on schedule at around 10:30 Saturday morning, December 18.

It will be a big day for the youngsters with a free show, compliments of the Ford Theatre, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. While all the small fry are enjoying the picture, Santa will arrive with his bag full of fruit, candy and nuts and immediately following the show will go to the theatre to meet the kids.

He will remain there as long as necessary to hand out the gifts and to talk with those who wish to whisper in his ear about their hopes for Christmas morning. Following this session, he will make the rounds of the homes and the hospital to visit any youngsters who were sick or unable to get to the theatre.

If anyone has children who will be unable to attend and wishes Santa to visit with them in the home, they should either contact a member of the Lions Club or some other civic organization and they will pass the word on to Santa. Last minute calls could be made to the theatre.

For the older folks it should be a good day to do some Christmas shopping in Rankin as several of the stores are offering special inducements to buyers on that day. And it will without doubt be one time when the children's attention will be elsewhere giving mama and papa an opportunity to make a few purchases without having too many questions asked as to who they're buying what for.

This year's program is being sponsored, as it was last year, by local merchants and civic organizations with the Lions Club directing the proceedings.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD HEARS IRAAN PASTOR

Meeting for the second time since their organization, the men of the Baptist Brotherhood gathered at the church Tuesday night at 7:30 for their regular business meeting. This was followed by the inspirational program and an address by Rev. Chester Sylvester, pastor of the Iraan Baptist Church. Rev. Sylvester spoke to the group on the duties of Christian men and the needs of our times. He discussed the part played by men of their church in the recent wet-dry election in Iraan. Refreshments of coffee and fruit cake were served to 20 members and guests.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Murry McCain announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Clarence James Knox, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knox of Ozona. Scheduled for December 24, the marriage ceremony will be held in the home of the bride's parents here in Rankin. Miss McCain is a sophomore in Rankin High School. After her marriage, she plans to continue her schooling in Ozona. The bridegroom, a graduate of Ozona High School, is employed by a grocery concern in that city.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS APPEAR IN HOMES

Christmas decorations continue to appear in homes and business firms as the big day draws nearer.

Among some of the more attractively decorated homes is that of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Pogue, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Edgar, Dr. and Mrs. Gossett and many others.

A scene using figurines depicting the birth of Christ is displayed in the window of West Texas Utilities. According to manager Fred Welling the figures are over 70 years old.

BARBEE BAGS BUCK

Hunting on a tract below Sheffield, R. L. Barbee took his second deer of the season when he downed an 8-point white tail last Sunday afternoon.

In the hunting party were Charles Hale, Charles "Tadpole" Hale, Frank Absher and Barbee. They reported sighting several other deer but all were out of range.

WAYNE SCOTT BACK IN HOSPITAL

Wayne Scott, Rankin High School student who was stricken with polio during the past football season, is back in the hospital in Odessa.

According to a letter received here this week by school officials from one of the nurses in the hospital, Scott would like very much to hear from some of the folks in Rankin. It seems that we have neglected to remember Wayne and he gets very little mail.

A Christmas card addressed to Wayne Scott, Odessa Medical Center, Odessa, Texas, would be a very fine gesture from each of us to him. Mail yours today—won't you.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Classes will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, and resume on Jan. 3, at the regular time.

FOOTBALL JACKETS ISSUED TO PLAYERS

The following boys received football jackets for their play in the past season:

Freshmen:
Adolph Augular, Roy Barnett, Glen Brewster, Albert Browning, Joe Hamilton, Jimmy Pennell and Bobby Wheeler, all 1-year lettermen.

Sophomores:
Bobby Hudson, 2 years; John B. Lair, one year; Dick Lewis, 2 years; Jimmy Mathews, 2 years; Carlton Stephenson, 2 years.

Juniors:
Clifford Chandler, 3 years; Joe Hodges, 1 year; Thomas Ford, 1 year; Tommy Hudson, 2 years; Jimmy Ingram, 2 years; Roger Langford, 1 year; Gene McCain, 3 years; Wayne Scott, 2 years.

Seniors:
Paul Abalos, 3 years; Bob St. Clair, 3 years; Timmy Thigpen, 3 years; Don Vickers, 2 years.

Other players will receive basketball jackets instead of football jackets since league rulings prohibit issuing coats for more than one sport. Several of the boys who played football for their first year will be entitled to several years of basketball credits.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNED BY METHODIST

The annual Christmas program is to be presented at the First Methodist Church December 19 at 7:00 p.m. under the title of "Unto Us A Child is Born." This nativity presentation is to be the story of the birth of Christ as would be told by His mother, Mary.

The scene begins the day of the crucifixion as Mary and the young disciple John returns from the crucifixion. Mary relates the life of her son. The story will be highlighted by sacred carols sung by the Youth Choir under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Alderdice.

The focal point of interest will be a Bethlehem scene in the choir loft created by Mrs. Jay Lane. We hope that through this presentation each member of the congregation will resolve to put Christ back into Christmas.

BETA SIGMA PHI TO HOLD DOLL DRAWING

A drawing for a lovely handmade doll, complete with approximately three dozen pieces of wardrobe, will be held by the Beta Sigma Phi at Home Appliance at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18.

Now on display in the windows at Home Appliance, the doll will make some girl a lovely gift. Further information may be obtained either at the store or from members of the organization.

Mrs. E. L. Coward and family of Odessa visited in the T. H. Blue home over the week-end. Others entertained in this home were Charles Edward Blue, his wife and family of Fort Stockton who visited here Friday.

EIGHTY-EIGHT ATTEND LIONS LADIES NIGHT

Records continue to fall in the attendance books as a "house-filling" eighty-eight Lions, their wives and guests filled the elementary school cafeteria for ladies night last Monday, Dec. 13.

A large table was needed to hold all the gifts donated by members and their families to be distributed to needy children at Christmas time.

In a room decorated in keeping with the Yule season, those assembled heard a reading of "The Littlest Angel" by Miss Hopkins, a musical number by Lion and Mrs. Fred Prentice, sang Christmas carols under the direction of Lion J. B. Lair, heard a progress report of the club by Master of Ceremonies A. E. Ivy and an address by Gilmer Atkin.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS GIVEN

Among the accomplishments listed by the club over the past year were the securing of glasses for two school children, contribution of over \$150 to Lions Cripple Children Camp at Kerrville, sending of one crippled child from Rankin to that camp the past summer, erection of street markers in Rankin, staging of election returns in the July primary, erection of signs along the highways, assisting in securing lighting along the highway, staging of several programs of entertainment, working toward securing additional housing in Rankin, staging basketball games for the March of Dimes, sponsoring Little League baseball throughout the summer, contributing to the 4-H Club and other worthy causes, preparing for the annual Christmas party to be staged by merchants and civic clubs next Saturday.

There are still several projects on the club schedule among which are committees working with other clubs in this area toward securing a state park at Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos and further civic improvements in Rankin.

In rural Norway the women bake a year's supply of bread at Christmas time and store it in mouse-proof rooms.

Letters To Santa-

Dec. 8, 1954

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 4 years old. Please bring me a gun and holster, a toy stagecoach, covered wagon, also some little toy animals, and a guitar. I would also like to have some coloring books and puzzles. I will leave a glass of water by my tree Christmas eve. So you can get a drink.

Sincerely
Gary David Treadaway

P. S.

I would also like to have some toy fence.

Dec. 8, 1954

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a cash register, a music box, some doll furniture, some coloring books and puzzles. I have a little sister, Phyl, who is 10 months old. Please bring her a stuffed toy, a toy telephone, and anything else baby's can play with.

Hurry and get here
Gayle Treadaway
Phyl Treadaway

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 3, 1954

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old. Please bring me a Roy Rger Cow Boy Suit, an army set, a cow Boy and Indian set, and a Jungle gun, dont forget my brother Jackie and his wife, and my mother and daddy

Yours truly,
Jerry Lee Stewart

Box 47
Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I have tried to be a good boy, so would you please bring me an electric train, a football, a set of guns, and just any thing else you think I need. Please don't forget the other boys and girls, and be sure to stop by my Granddaddy and Grandmother Bearden's house at Hawley.

Your friend
Willie Ray Thorn

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy four years old. My name is Bobby Buchanan. Linda is my little sister and she is only two years old. Please bring me a barn, a filling station, a cash register, and a fiddle. Linda wants a baby buggy, and a baby. And some dishes too. I am trying to be a pretty good boy.

Don't forget I'll be in Breckenridge at Granddaddy's and Grandmother's for Christmas. My mommy and Daddy need something for Christmas too.

Bobby Buchanan

Box 47
Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year, so would you please bring me a walking doll, a sewing machine, skates, and house shoes. Oh yes, don't forget the guns.

Santa be sure and look on both sides of the street as you come into Texas Natural Camp as there are kids in nearly every house.

Your little friend
Shirley Ann Thorn

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 10, 1954

Dear Santa,

I am nine years old, and in the fourth grade. I do fairly well in my lesson, except my writing. Well that's enough about me, but I have cousin that live with me. She's six years old. I want you bring her something that will keep her awake and keep her from crying so much. What ever it is I hope she will not tare it up. Then if she's pleased with her toy or toys, Then maybe I can keep what ever you bring me. I like a colored walking doll, two dresses, panties and anklets. I would like for you to remember all the children all over the world. And remember all the good people in Rankin.

Love
Barbara Ann Nichols

P. S. remember Mother & daddy
(Other letters throughout paper)

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dec. 6: Mrs. S. T. Bates, medical, dismissed 6th.
Dec. 6: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McFadden, a baby girl, weighing 4 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. Named Audrey Lee. Both dismissed Dec. 11.

Dec. 9: Patti Gale Robinette, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Robinette, medical, dismissed Dec. 11th.

Dec. 9: Mr. Douglas Maupin, Midland oil field accident, dismissed Dec. 10. Re-admitted Dec. 10, dismissed Dec. 13th.

Dec. 9: Mr. Donnie R. Hess, oil field accident, dismissed Dec. 10.

Dec. 9: Ellen Jane Jones, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jones, medical, dismissed Dec. 13.

Dec. 10: Charles Vernon Crider, 2-month-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crider, dismissed Dec. 11th.

Dec. 11: Charles Morris, 3-yr-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Morris, dismissed Dec. 14th.

Dec. 13: Mrs. J. A. Weatherbee, Midland, surgery, still confined.

Dec. 13: Mr. Don Bickers received emergency room treatment. Steel removed from left arm.

Friday Shower Honors Miss Lois Shackelford

A Friday afternoon shower was held December 10 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Walton Harral home honoring Miss Lois Shackelford, bride-elect of Jesse Bryan Ferris, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McGill.

The home was decorated with the Christmas motif with a white color scheme carried out. Coffee, served from a silver service and poured by Mrs. Maude Frazier, was served along with cookies to some fifty guests who called during the afternoon.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Clint Shaw, Walton Harral, R. H. Johnson and D. S. Anderson.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES HELD AT 3:00 P. M. FOR ALBERTA HALEY

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 15, in the First Baptist Church for Alberta Haley. Alberta Haley, colored, had been a resident of Rankin for the past 27 years and was well known in this area. A leader among her people, she was often known to give assistance to those in need.

Born on June 26, 1892, in Louisiana she was 62 years old at the time of her sudden death last Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. when she suffered a heart attack.

Survivors include two daughters, Thelma Burns and Eliza Mae Jackson, and one son, James Haley, all of Kansas City, Kansas; and one brother of San Francisco, Calif. Graveside services were held by the Bluebonnet Chapter No. 296 Order of Eastern Star, of which she was a member.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of L. Porter Johnson.

Mrs. R. D. McSpadden, Mrs. W. C. McSpadden and Mrs. J. R. McSpadden were San Angelo visitors Monday.

BETTER THAN EXPECTED ATTENDANCE FEATURES LIONS TURKEY SHOOT

Despite two days of adverse weather, shooters turned out in force for the Lions Club turkey shoot last Saturday and Sunday evening.

Twenty of the big birds were given to gunners who will feast on the traditional turkey and dressing comes Christmas Day.

According to an unofficial count of funds, the club made enough to finance completion of their street marker program. Signs have already been ordered and should arrive before long. They are to be erected as quickly as possible.

Principal attraction at the shoot proved to be the skeet range. Al Owens was high shooter in this department with three turkeys.

SUBSCRIPTION RUSH ON

We certainly appreciate the way folks have been paying their subscription dues. It is certainly gratifying to have cooperation such as we have been receiving on the matter.

A number of subscribers have asked if the special rates being offered until January 1 apply to renewals. Yes, they do. It would only be fair that they should. If you have just recently renewed your subscription, or if it is due soon, you can pay it now on the bargain rates and have it extended one year from the date it expires.

A further note on things to come will be a column in the paper beginning in January that will list the various activities of the week here in Rankin. We will call it "This Week's Calendar" and any organization planning an event may have it listed along with the time and date in this column. All that will be necessary will be to give us a call.

If you have not paid your dues yet and do plan to subscribe, we would like for you to do so before January 1. We are in the process of mailing out notices for renewals and if you do pay and still receive one of the notices, don't worry about it. We have had them made out for some time and what with the rush of renewals, we may fail to take it out before mailing.

METHODIST HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Adult Sunday School and both circles of the WSCS of the First Methodist Church held their Christmas party last Thursday night, December 9.

With approximately 45 in attendance, the group sang Christmas carols, heard a reading of a Christmas story by Mrs. Herbert Hurn, and exchanged gifts. The group presented Rev. and Mrs. Ray Lee with a nice set of dishes. Refreshments of pie a la mode, coffee and tea were served.

Among those attending the workers conference of the First Baptist Church in Crane last Thursday were Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mrs. Jack Smith and Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shannon.

Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—Highlighting the news in Austin is the resignation of U. S. District Attorney Charles Herring.

Herring is the only remaining Democrat in a federal attorney's job in the nation. He leaves an impressive record as a prosecutor. He will return to private practice in Austin, when his resignation becomes effective, January 1.

Rumor is that he will be a candidate for Attorney General of Texas in 1956.

Russell Wine, San Antonio attorney, is in line for the district attorney's post. He has Republican National Committeeman Jack Porter's backing for the job.

State Building Program

Karl Kamrath, Houston architect and chairman of the state planning commission says that state plans for new buildings in Austin will probably be delayed until the capital city's new "Master Plan" is developed, so that city and state plans may dovetail.

Kamrath was here to talk with the city's planning officials about the employment of a consulting engineer for preparation of the new master plan.

State voters recently approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the transfer of surplus money from the Confederate Pension Fund to a building fund for the erection of a new courts building and a new state office building.

Another Attempt

If you wear glasses you'll be interested in the latest move by the state optometry board.

Last year the Legislature refused to pass an optometry bill granting the board dictatorial powers over newspaper and other advertising.

Legislators felt that the public's

interest came first, and that the board's bill would only serve to jack up the cost of glasses. As one legislator put it "They are out to make the people pay through the eyes."

Twice in the last 13 months the board has issued a "ruling" — and recalled it — outlawing newspaper advertising by optometrists, except for card ads. This order was in direct defiance of the state Legislature and in spite of Attorney General John Ben Shepperd's ruling that they had no such power.

Now the board has called for "public" hearings, January 3 at the statehouse, as a buildup for another such ruling.

Democratic Harmony

Maybe there is going to be a little more harmony in the Democratic Party.

Governor Allan Shivers expressed that possibility in a press conference here.

He said that the trend of a party meeting in New Orleans seemed to indicate a feeling on the part of Democratic leaders to yield somewhat in their attitude toward southern conservatives.

"It should be looked on in that light," the Governor said.

Legislators At Work

Texas legislators, with a \$15 per day pay boost, will spend little time in getting back to work in January.

Committee appointments and election of a speaker of the House are expected to present no problems.

Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey is planning to name the Senate committees by January 11, when members convene.

Rep. Jim T. Lindsey of Texarkana is unopposed for speaker of the house and the first day's business will see him elected. He's also ex-

pected to have committee appointments ready early.

Under new regulations, legislators receive \$25 a day for the first 120 days, and nothing thereafter. Heretofore they were paid \$10 a day for the first 120 days and \$5 a day for regular session overtime. The new rule should speed up 1955 action.

Special sessions, under the law, must end in 30 days, with \$25 a day applicable.

Highway Plans

A \$25 million highway program for Texas has been okayed by a special committee appointed at the request of Governor Shivers.

State Highway Commission Chairman E. H. Thornton Jr., who set up the committee said that the problem of financing the program would be submitted to the legislature in January.

Money and Water

Financial and drought problems will be the major matters facing the legislature next year.

State departments are clamoring for funds—a \$41 million increase in appropriations.

A majority of the lawmakers are expected to go along with Governor Shivers on the money problem.

Carter Provides Fund

Austin headquarters of the board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools know that there really is a Santa Claus.

A donation of \$5,000 has been received from the Amon Carter Foundation of Fort Worth. It is for a special Christmas fund to purchase gifts for patients and students at state hospitals and special schools.

Amon Carter is publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

H. D. CHATTER

by Myrna Holman
Co. Home Demonstration Agent

Want to Save Time?

Would you like to save a bit of time each day from a busy schedule for another task or just to sit and rest? Or would you like to save some energy, so you'd feel rested to enjoy your family in the evening? You can do both by analyzing the work to be done, improving the method, and practicing the new method until it becomes a habit. That is work simplification.

We're creatures of habit, so don't try to change every task all at one

time. Take one job at the time and learn a new habit on it, then go on to another. You might start with making the beds. Mrs. Eula J. Newman, Home Management Specialist with the Extension Service, has given us these figures on bed making. The usual method requires 200 feet walked, six minutes of time, 26 hand operations, and 21 moves to get the bed made. By changing the method the bed can be made just as well and walk only 23 feet, using three minutes, make 20 motions, and move only 6 times.

We'll be glad to give you a leaflet on making the bed. That's just one household task, of course, but a good one to start with. Then one could go on to mopping, dusting, dish washing, food preparation, and all the other tasks, learning a new habit with each. You'll need to remember that the first time you try a new method that you won't save much if any time. That's because you are re-learning and are inclined to go to the old method each time. A bit of practice though begins a new habit and with it a saving of both time and energy.

Snap on Curtain Rings

Speaking of time saving, the latest convenience to save time is a snap on curtain ring. It is made of nylon resin with no metal parts to rust or corrode. They slide easily over the curtain rod and can be snapped off quickly leaving a straight panel for laundering or cleaning.

The rings are naturally milky white but can be dyed in ordinary household dyes in a few minutes.

Here and There

We had a good program at the state agents' association meeting this week-end. Do you know how many costumes you need to be well dressed; how to get in and out of a car gracefully; how long your steps should be; how to get rid of unwanted bulges; the best way to care for your hair; how to sit and get up from a chair gracefully; and how much jewelry to wear? If some day you fail to recognize your agent, you'll know she has the Band Box Look as taught by Dee Duncan of the John Robert Powers School in Dallas. On the otherhand, if you see us flying around as usual, you'll know that's another thing she may get around to practicing when she retires. Miss Duncan tells us that it's never too late as they have had 87 year olds in their classes! Anyway, she didn't tell a home demonstration agent how to get in and out of doors and cars with her arms

loaded with bags, trays, or papers and handling a sewing machine at the same time! Anyway, we can give you a hand box course if you'll do the practicing of it.

You'll be able to find us in the office most of the coming week! We'll be going to McCamey on Wednesday and leave for Christmas Thursday or Friday.

Stapling machines at the Rankin News.

Scotch tape at the Rankin News.

This Christmas be Sure...



Give Her an Electric Appliance

The gift that will give leisure, comfort and convenience every day for years to come... an electric appliance gift means more than an ordinary gift. Women see the new convenient task-saving, time-saving appliances as a passport to year 'round freedom from fatigue and strain. This Christmas, smart "Santas" will be sure... they'll give Electric Appliances.

See Your Electric Appliance Dealer or

West Texas Utilities Company

DOLLAR FOOD SALE Runs Thru Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 17 THROUGH 24

Lighterust FLOUR
25 POUNDS \$1.89
10 POUNDS 85c
5 lbs. 49c

Grayson OLEO 5 LBS. \$1
Van Camp TUNA 4 FOR \$1
303 Jack Sprat POTATOES 7 FOR \$1
Any Brand CRACKERS LB. 25c
Sun Spun or Kimbell's PRESERVES 4 FOR \$1

No. 1 TOMATOES 10 FOR \$1
No. 300 TOMATOES 7 FOR \$1
1 1/4 oz. Franco American SPAGHETTI 7 FOR \$1
No. 300 Our Value PEARS 4 FOR \$1
No. 2 1/2 Cal-Top Yellow Cling PEACHES 4 FOR \$1
No. 300 Kimbell's BUTTER BEANS 10 FOR \$1
15 oz. Box Sun-Maid RAISINS 4 FOR \$1
No. 300 Diamond Brand PORK & BEANS 10 FOR \$1
1 lb. Box Del Monte PRUNES 3 FOR \$1
No. 300 Diamond Brand PEAS & CARROTS 10 FOR \$1
No. 300 Sun Spun Whole GREEN BEANS 4 FOR \$1

Pure Cane SUGAR 10 LBS. 89c
Ranch Style BEANS 8 FOR \$1

Large Wolf Brand CHILI 2 FOR \$1
Ireland's Large CHILI 2 FOR \$1
No. 300 Diamond Brand Golden HOMINY 10 FOR \$1
No. 300 Jack Sprat Whole Sweet CORN 5 FOR \$1
No. 300 Jack Sprat Small POTATOES 7 FOR \$1
Fresh BEEF RIBS 4 LBS. \$1
Fresh GROUND BEEF 3 LBS. \$1
Pure Pork Pan SAUSAGE 2 LBS. \$1
Not Sliced SLAB BACON 2 LBS. \$1
All Meat BOLOGNA 3 LBS. \$1
Longhorn CHEESE 2 LBS. \$1
Fresh FRYERS LB. 45c
Mrs. Tuckers SHORTENING 4 LBS. \$1

Fresh Kitchen FRUIT CAKE 2 LBS. \$1.85
Clean PINTO BEANS 4 LBS. 39c
Cello FRANKS LB. 39c
Fresh Dressed HENS LB. 49c
Canned BISCUITS CAN 10c
Naval ORANGES LB. 10c
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Alamo TORTILLAS PKG. 15c
Large size WALNUTS 2 LBS. \$1
Large LEMONS DOZ. 35c

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FREE! FREE!
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Delicious APPLES 5 LBS. \$1
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Mesh Bag POTATOES 10 LBS. 40c
Permanent-type ANTI FREEZE GAL. \$2.98
Regular Size VEL 5 FOR \$1
Regular Size FAB 5 FOR \$1
Vel BEAUTY BAR 4 FOR \$1
ALL WASHING POWDER 6 LBS. \$1
White Swan PUMPKIN 10 FOR \$1

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Filler by J. B.

Up and down Main Street and over the coffee cups there is considerable talk this week about getting a new road out into the Amacker-Tippett oil field being developed some 12 or 14 miles west of Rankin.

At the present time it is necessary to drive better than 20 miles to get to the wells from Rankin even though they are just off the Crane highway west of here. It is felt that a dirt road leading off the Crane highway into the location of drilling would give better access to Rankin for drilling crews and workmen. As it is, most of the crews and workmen are living in Odessa and driving out to the field.

After doing some "smooching" on the subject, we find that there are two schools of thought on the matter.

A number of interested parties are of the opinion that the road should be put in immediately and try to encourage more of the business from this work to come to Rankin.

On the other side of the question are those who think that it would be best to wait and see exactly where the road would do the most good. In other words, to see which direction the field is developing. They feel that if a road were put out to the present wells, it might later develop that the trend of the field went off in some other direction and the road would not serve the entire area.

It is unofficially reported that those owning the land in question are in favor of a road on the later proposition. They do not want to see a road put across their land and then at a later date have to have another cut through if the field developed in a different direction. They want a road into the area but not until it is definite as to the best route for such a road. This view point is understandable.

There seems to be some thought that this may make a fair size field and that there is the possibility of houses being built at a later date. If such should be the case, a road would definitely be desired that would serve the area in which they were located.

That brings the question down to

whether to put the road out to what is already there or wait until the field is completed and then put in one that would serve as much of it as possible.

Personally, we don't know which is best but it reminds us of the saying that "a bird in hand is worth two in the bush." We are just a little inclined to think that it would be better to go ahead but what we think probably doesn't make much difference, anyway. Practically since the first day we came to town, we have been "beating the war drums" for some street paving here in Rankin and to date nary a foot of the black stuff has been laid on said streets.

This we do know. If a road is to be built now, there will have to be some action taken by interested citizens and some time and effort will have to be put forth on the project. The area under consideration is located in Precincts 3 and 4 with Commissioners Grief and Conger being the men to see on the project.

When it comes to turkey shooting, there are some fancy gunners in Rankin but Doc Adams could probably take the ribbons when it comes to being a real "expert." In the shooting last Sunday afternoon at the Lions Club shoot Doc had knocked down five in his first round of firing. This put him in the shoot-off where two clay birds are turned out at a time with approximately 10 seconds or less for the shooter to bust both birds. Doc stepped up and fired away, breaking the first bird and then the gun jammed. Whipping it down to his side in an effort to clear another shell into the barrel, Doc pumped the gun while holding his finger on the trigger. The shell was pumped into the chamber and the gun fired. Wham, went the gun and puff went the bird with a direct hit. That's pretty good shooting for a country boy.

It's a funny thing about those golf clubs my daughter wanted for Christmas. I didn't want to make the kid wait until then to have fun so I went ahead and got her a set of clubs. So far, she hasn't paid much attention to them; however, that's the way with kids. They think they want something until they get it and then it just lies around the house.

What They Write -

Crane, Elementary School Box 997
 Crane, Texas

Dear Editor:

We are working on a project that we hope will interest other boys & girls. This project is a plan where by American children can give their money to the "hungry & needy" of the world, instead of buying fireworks this Christmas.

We suggest that the money be sent to local churches, Salvation Army, C.A.R.E. & etc. We feel that this is no sacrifice for fortunate children of America.

Yours truly,
 Nancy Webb
 Fifth grade 5-4

LETTERS TO SANTA—

Rankin, Texas
 Dec. 10, 1954

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl. I have a little sister and her name is "Pamala."

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Keeping Christmas

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you?

To ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world?

To own that the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life?

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children?

To remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old?

To stop asking how much your friends like you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough?

To try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you?

To trim your lamp so it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you?

To make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open?

Are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed Life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.

—Henry Van Dyke

What They Write —

Sterling City, Texas
Dec. 14, 1954
The Rankin News
Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 5 yrs old. Please bring me a steam shovel, a road grader, a dump truck, and a train. I have a little bro. 2 yrs old. His name is James Hal. He wants a dump truck and a little train, too. Don't forget all the little boys and girls at Xmas time.
Terry Kent Holt

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want: Spell-It the news.
Sincerely yours,
W. R. Morgan

LETTERS TO SANTA—

Dec. 3, 1954
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I am a little girl 5 yrs old. Please bring me a steam shovel, a road grader, a dump truck, and a train. I have a little bro. 2 yrs old. His name is James Hal. He wants a dump truck and a little train, too. Don't forget all the little boys and girls at Xmas time.
Terry Kent Holt

Dear Santa Claus,
I have not been too bad. I'm a pretty good girl so please bring me some dishes and an ironing board. My sister, Diane, needs a baby and baby buggy. I guess that's about all.
Thank you,
Debbie Day

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Game. Annie Oakley doll, spinet piano. And please bring Steven squeeze toys and a teddy bear that grows. We have both been good.
Love,
Judy and Steven Candler
Dec. 10

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Player	FG	FT	FT
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Poage	1	1	1
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	1	13	14

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Guess It's Called a Safety "Drive"

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"The sign says, 'At 25 miles an hour, you can drive through Center Junction in 2 1/2 minutes!' It slows people down too—some just take it easy to check on that 2 1/2 minutes, I guess. Hasn't even been a dented fender since that sign went up."

From where I sit, it wasn't what the sign said, but the way it was said. People are usually pretty understanding if they understand what you mean. It's the same way with differences of opinion. Perhaps your neighbor prefers a temperate glass of beer, and you would choose buttermilk. What I'd like to see is for all of us to "slow down," talk it out, and be respectful of our neighbor's rights.

Joe Marsh

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