

The Rankin News

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1955



Santa On His Way Here; Visit Theatre Party

are in store for the community today— is coming to town. at 10:00 a.m. at the re, there will be a free cartoons and comedies e. To run approximate- and a half, the show owed by the appearance d he will be loaded with ndy, nuts and fruit for n. is asked to pass the and to bring all the the theatre. Members s Club will be on hand anta in distributing the wing the presents, Santa with the kids—of all 1 to 80—and hear their Christmas. Time per- will make a short visit m. anyone knows of children ck at home and cannot should contact a mem- Lions Club and they will Santa to visit the chil-

Boggs Grocery	5.00
First State Bank	20.00
Dr. J. D. Gossett	5.00
Yochams Furniture	1.00
Home Appliance	2.00
Clarks Cleaners	5.00
Johnsons Dept. Store	5.00
Ranchers Wool & Mohair	5.00
Tom Workman	2.00
West Texas Utilities	10.00
Hogan Motor Co.	5.00
Rankin Drug	5.00
Mauldin Boot & Shoe	2.00
Cashway Grocery	5.00
Rankin Food Mkt.	2.00
McKelvy Grocery	5.00
Leon Houchins	1.00
Red Bluff Lumber Co.	5.00
Texaco Service Station	5.00
Wallace Lumber Co.	5.00
A. B. McGill	5.00
Hale's Garage	5.00
Dub Day	2.00
Masonic Lodge	25.00
Eastern Star	20.00
Rebekah Lodge	10.00
Beta Sigma Phi	25.00
Rankin Study Club	25.00
Gandy's Creamery	15.00
TOTAL	\$312.00

DONATIONS MADE

ts, clubs and individuals forward with donations hat insure a good Christ- the children and needy of the area. With a total onated by merchants, individuals, the Lions add to this profits from ey shoot held 10-11. This ll be set aside in a spec- mas fund and all that d this year will be carried

ns made were as follows:	
her	\$5.00
lf Service	5.00
effield	5.00
s. Ed Kole	5.00
am Service	5.00
ewellers	5.00
day	5.00
ervice Station	5.00
ews	5.00
Cafe	5.00
ms	5.00
68 Service	5.00
ervice	5.00
lcher Oil Co.	10.00

SANTA VISITS SANTA FE IN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Local Santa Fe employees, better known as the "Depot Gang," held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell last Tuesday night. Santa Claus arrived on the Super Chief at about 8:00 p.m. and after distributing Christmas presents to the children, left on his merry way. Present at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bud King and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Arnold and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guinn and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Schnaubert and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Thorton and son. Invited guests included James Young of San Angelo, John Wimberly and James Bradley of Rankin.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW LARGE INCREASE OVER LAST DECEMBER MARK

According to Grace Roach, postmaster, postal receipts up until Dec. 19 have already more than doubled the entire month of December a year ago. Postal receipts are usually an accurate measurement of the amount of business activity in a given area and their increase often signifies either an increase in business or population.

Miss Roach has remarked that "Now that we are coming close to the end of the big rush, we want to express our thanks for the fine cooperation from everyone.

The receipts so far this month have more than doubled last year's receipts for the entire month of December. The 1955 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign will be a rousing success if everyone will just keep up the good work.

Remember those last minute cards and parcels can still reach their destination in time for Christmas delivery if sent by air."

LETTERS TO SANTA—

(NOTE— All letters to Santa are set just as the children wrote them in order not to lose the enjoyment of their wording. Ed.)

Dear Sant Chaus,
I want and ice skaet doll.
I want a sewing maching.
Jane Rodes

Dear Santa Claus,
I wented a doll for Christmas. And a rubber ball and my sister wented a set of dishs. I'm in the 3 grade. P. S. I hope the other children get some present too.
Merrn Christmas
Love,
Myretta Day Turner

Dear Santo Claus,
You a joyful little mean.
Your are the nices man I every new.
I love you a hole lots.
You are the nices Santa Claus I every new.
Love
Jim Ivy

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little girl, I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. I would like to have some dishes and a doll.
P. S. I hope all the other boys and girls get lots of presents too.
Love
Sue Dishman
(Continued to Inside)

Western Acidizing Favors Rankin If Housing Available

Prospects for added growth to Rankin were brightened somewhat last week with the visit here of a representative of Western Acidizing Co.

This concern had previously expressed interest in locating in Rankin and had been visited by a delegation from the city. Specializing in oil well service, the concern is similar to other such companies already in Rankin.

It is reported that a location was

agreed upon between the representative and the Santa Fe railroad for property on which to erect their equipment. However, the main concern of the Western representative was that Rankin assure them of at least 10-15 two bedroom homes for their employees by April 1, otherwise, they would have to seek a location in another town where such housing would be available.

An agreement was reached between the official and individuals in Rankin whereby he would return after the first of the year for further consideration of the matter.

After several conferences between business men and individuals in town, it is said that most of them feel that Rankin will be able to supply the needed housing. At least one concern has indicated that they would build 5 new homes if necessary and several individuals have said that they would be willing to either build or remodel present property into the specified two bedroom houses.

The company ordinarily employs 10-15 men with families and a number of single men on an installation such as they are planning for Rankin.

STORES TO CLOSE THROUGH MONDAY FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Business houses and offices in Rankin will close Saturday, Dec. 24, and re-open Tuesday, Dec. 27, in observance of Christmas Holidays.

Although a complete list of business houses which will close is not available, it is assumed that some service stations will remain open to service the public. Several cafes have also indicated that they will remain open.

Rankin schools dismissed at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, and will re-open Tuesday, January 3, at the regular time. All athletic activities have been carried over until the January re-opening.

Dear Santa Claus,

I aw in the third garde. I wish you would bring me a bicycl for Christmas. And a cowboy shirt, And I hope the other boy and girl get a lot of present too.

Love
Lee Greear

SERVICES HELD FOR MOTHER OF MRS. FRED PRENTICE

Funeral services were held early this week in Beaumont for the mother of Mr. Fred Prentice.

Mrs. Prentice went to Beaumont by air and arrived a short time before her mother passed away.

Red Devils Show Improvement After Heavy Week Of Games

Rankin's Red Devil basketballers got in a very heavy week over the past several days and have begun to show improvements. After dropping their opener to Iraan, they came back in their first home game against Stanton for a 37-28 "B" game win and a 55-42 "A" game win.

Glen Welling with 18 points and Debs Gamblin with 14 led the scoring for the hometowners against Stanton.

In their encounter with Ozona on Dec. 16, they showed considerable improvement and won over a good Ozona five by a 67-64 mark with Carlton Stephenson canning 22 points followed closely by Gambelin with 21. They dropped the "B"

game 30-51.

On December 17, they journeyed to Mertzon for a single game, winning 58-45 with Gamblin hitting the hoop for 15 points, Ramirez for 12 and Stephenson for 11.

In their last encounter before Christmas holidays, the Red Devils were in Wink where they dropped both the "B" and the "A" games. In the "B" game, Wink edged out the Rankin five with 52-46. For the "A" game, it was 61-54 with Welling leading the scoring with 23 points, followed by Gamblin with 12.

No further games are scheduled until January 3 when they will go to Stanton for a return engagement.

Girl Scouts Planning Brick, House No. Sale

In their regular meeting last Tuesday, December 20, the Rankin Girl Scouts made arrangements to sell bricks for their new scout home.

These bricks, of pumice tile, will be sold individually at 25c each with purchasers asked to buy as many as possible. With each brick bought, the purchaser will receive a badge indicating that he has purchased one brick. If he buys one brick for each member of his family, he will receive a special badge indicating the fact that he made a family purchase.

To get underway after the first of the year, it is hoped that the sale will enable the girl scouts to raise enough money to complete their new home.

TO SELL HOUSE NUMBERS

Also, after the first of the year, the girls will begin their sale of house numbers in Rankin. A need has long been noted for such a project and with the completion of the street marking program started by the Lions Club, the girl scouts will now take over the task of getting the houses numbered.

These numbers will be on sale at all times at the city hall and may be purchased when water bills are paid. A city map will be available and property owners can determine their correct house numbers in this way.

With four troops now active, the scouts are planning for an intermediate troop which will begin operating after Christmas.

EXPRESS THANKS

Sales of the girl scout peanuts have been going very well and leaders of the girls have expressed their thanks to all who have made purchases. There are still a few packs of the nuts left and sales efforts will continue until they are all sold.

Three Famous Americans Born New Year's Day

January 1, perennially celebrated as the start of a new year, is also the birthdate of three famous Americans.

On January 1, 1735, a boy was born in Boston, Mass. He grew up to be a silversmith and engraver, designed and printed the first Continental money and the first official seal of the colonies. An amateur inventor, he discovered a process for rolling sheet copper. But he is most famous for a horse ride he made on the night of April 13, 1775. His name: Paul Revere.

Mistletoe, the most popular New Year's and Christmas green, has been an emblem of purity, friendship and goodwill since ancient Greek times. Ancient Britons revered it as a symbol of protection from evil spirits.

Burning of trees on "Twelfth Night" is an outgrowth of the special observance by early Christians on the last day of a twelve-day celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ.

From Where Came Christmas Trees?

Like so many other Christmas customs, the origin of the tree tradition is not definitely known.

One theory holds that the 8th-century missionary Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of Odin's sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child.

Popular legend has it that the first Christmas tree originated in Egypt where the first trees used were palm trees. Another story says that Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow.

We do know the Germans did much to popularize the use of Christmas trees, introducing them into both England and America. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, started the custom in England when he had a tree for his young daughter. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with Hessian mercenaries during the American Revolution.



NEW ADDITION . . . Santa Claus (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) fondles a new member of his reindeer team presented to him by proud mama, Blitzen (left). This was the first fawn born to the group of Alaskan reindeer flown last year from Alaska to Santa's workshop in North Pole, New York.

If your tree holder is the type that allows the butt of the tree to rest in water, you can help keep needles from dropping by dissolving plant food in the water. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food (or one plant food tablet) to each gallon of water in the container.



May all the season's best be yours at Christmas time!

Sam Holmes

and family



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy New Year

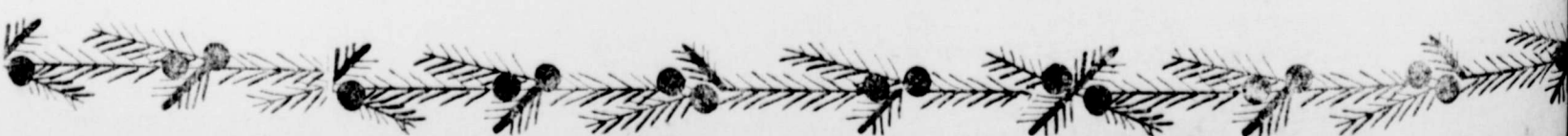
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JOHNSON'S DEPT. STORE

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December 22, 1955

**HUMAN GUNTER,
OF MRS. RAINS,
BY DEATH**

Human Gunter, 48, of [unclear] died in a hospital at [unclear] Thursday after a brief [unclear] [unclear] Funeral Home [unclear] of arrangements. [unclear] was born in Mills [unclear] 2, 1907. He went to [unclear] in 1940 and had re- [unclear] since. He was an em- [unclear] most Daries most of [unclear] his arrival in Brown [unclear] member of Calvary [unclear] ch. [unclear] include his wife, Mrs. [unclear] Gunter; one daughter, [unclear] Westfall of Albu-

**CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The J. W. Robbins home was the scene for a lovely Christmas court- [unclear] Sunday noon when Mr. and Mrs. Robbins entertained the Adult Sunday School Class with a Christ- [unclear] dinner. This class meets each Sunday morning in the Robbins' home and all of the members ex-

cept Pop Yates were present for the occasion. Guests were served buffet style and were seated at two separate tables. Those who chose China plates were seated in the dining room at a table laid with a Christ- [unclear] cloth and those who chose pottery plates ate from a table laid in colors of brown and gold on the sun porch. All enjoyed a most delicious meal consisting of both baked ham and turkey, salads, vegetables, three kinds of cake and all the trimmings. The class presented Mr. and Mrs. Robbins with a hand-painted China cake plate and in turn Mr. and Mrs. Robbins presented butterfly corsages to the ladies and note pads to the men. Those present were: Mrs. H. M. Roberts, Mrs. Will Nix, Mrs. W. L.

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Goodwin, Mrs. Albert McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Carter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Higday, Rev. and Mrs. Lynn McAden, and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. White

Dear Santa,
I will be glad when Christmas is here. Please bring Sandy a pair of ear rings. I want a doll. I want an Annie Oakley suit. I have been good, Santa.

A complete line of bookkeeping needs at the Rankin News.

Love,
Sherry



It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the bolsterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobbled streets were alive with laughter.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peaceably to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not foresee at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.



It adds much to the enjoyment of the season
to extend to our friends and customers
our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS...

First State Bank

Member FDIC



T. D. "TOMMY" WORKMAN, JR.

and family

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
ONE YEAR (IN ADVANCE) \$2.75
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Filler by J. B.

And a Merry Christmas to you, too. If anyone has some Christmas cards that they are tired of looking at, we'll swap a few with them.

Between the Christmas cards, the bargain sales, and the bills that have filled our box two or three times a day for the past week, it's no wonder that about all you can get out of the crew down at the post office is a weak "pooped" sort of greeting. They've sure been busy—so much so in fact that they are not getting to read over half the postcards.

Looks like Rankin is never able to get all the coons up one tree. Western Acidizing has indicated that they want to move to Rankin. They have found them a location along the railroad track and they like the fact that Rankin is cen-

trally located as far as the oil business is concerned.

But as usual, there's a catch. They must have a guarantee of at least 10-15 two bedroom houses by April 1 for their people to live in. There will be that many family men and a number of single boys.

Now as far as doing anything about the houses, most of us are just out of luck. But for folks who are in the business of rent houses, this would look like a pretty good thing.

There is no doubt but what the business of acidizing, sand-fracturing, de-lousing, etc., of oil wells is here to stay. If anything, it is getting bigger all the time as new ways are found to make old wells produce more oil. If Western Acidizing folks are as reliable and as good citizens as Halliburton and company, and we're sure they are, they would be the ideal folks to have as citizens and renters.

Western Acidizing, a reasonably large concern in that field, probably know what they are doing in deciding to move to Rankin and will probably be here for a long time. Since oil firms have just about all gone out of the housing business, renting to such concerns should prove to be a profitable venture for landlords.

It's getting a little late for this sort of thing now, but somebody reminded us to come out strong for a Christmas lighting contest next year. We have some mighty attractive decorations up now in homes and business houses and it would be our guess that a little contest would prove to be very popular. Anyway it ought to sell more decorations and a little more electricity.

Along the line of Christmas decorations, there are at least two ladies we know of in town who undoubtedly have artistic talents of some sort. Ann Phillips down at Ann's Dress Shop and Mrs. A. E. "Mayor" Ivy can both make something out of nothing.

Ann took an assortment of greasewood, cactus, and other as-

sorted weeds and brush and decorated her store in a manner that looks something like a Japanese version of how it ought to be done—very attractive.

Mrs. Ivy scouted around and found a large tumbling weed, sprayed the thing silver, hung it with bells and other decorations and has just about one of the brightest, most unusual decorations we have seen.

These two ladies should definitely be on the judging committee for next year.

A TIP TO SPORTS FANS: If you like basketball you are missing some mighty good games at the local gym. Both the Red Devils and the girls teams are beginning to click and are definitely going to give somebody trouble this season in the district.

When Rankin beat Ozona last Friday night, they turned in a very good performance although their

passing on the fast break was not all it could have been. However, they beat a very good team and are playing the kind of ball that deserves our support. Let's get out

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Thursday, December 10, 1953

Moore Funeral Home

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Station KCMR

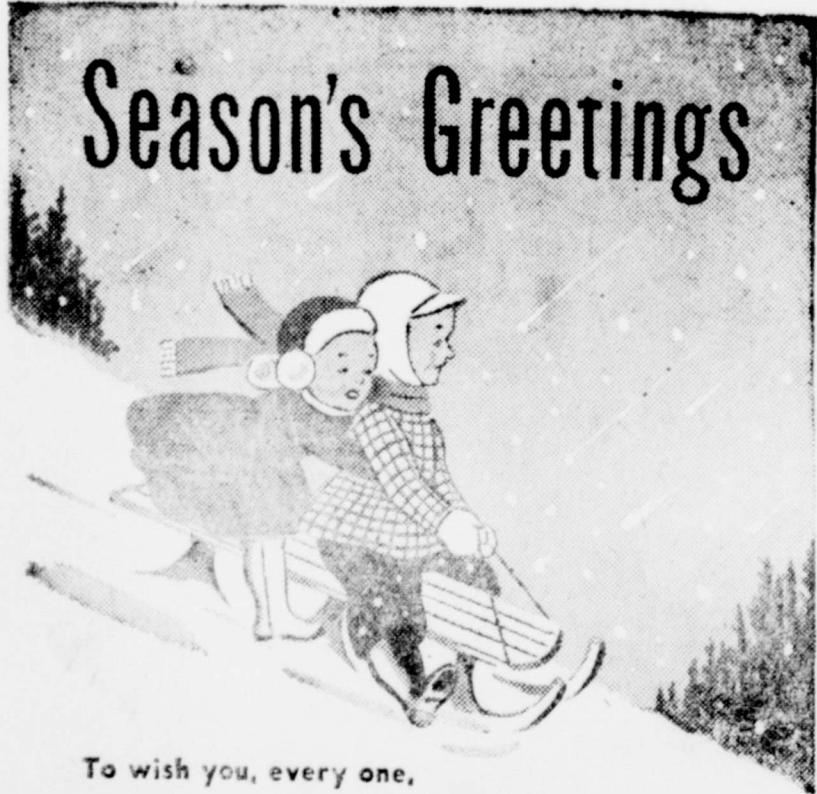
L. PORTER JOHNSON

Rankin



It is with humble hearts and thankfulness for the consideration shown us during the past year that we take this means of saying to each of you, our friends, neighbors and customers, "May the true blessings of Christmas be yours."

THE RANKIN NEWS
J. B. Hutchens & Family
Genevieve Titsworth



To wish you, every one,
A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS
and family

The Rankin News

**GIRLS HAVE
PARTY**

Club Girls met Decem-
ber 10 at the Park Building with

their leaders, Mrs. H. Adams and
Mrs. Jack Abernathy.

Games were played. Christmas
carols sung and poems were re-
cited by Jimmy Adams, Carolyn

Shipp, Yudora Pettit and Linda
Hughes.

Show tickets were presented to
the girls by their leaders.

Cookies and punch were served
to the following: Dorothy Aberna-
thy, Linda Bushong, Patty Adams,
Yudora Pettit, Kay Abernathy,
Carolyn Langford, Barbara Bus-
hong, Carolyn Shipp, Sharon
Wheeler, Dovonia Higgins, Betty
McCain, Helen McCammon, Bar-
bara Wright, Linda and Gloria
Hughes.

MIDKIFFS HAVE VISITORS

Visitors in the Tyson Midkiff
home over the week-end included
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Midkiff of Mid-
land and Mr. and Mrs. Hudson
Hanks and Don.

Miss Carolyn Midkiff, student in
Hardin-Simmons, is also home for
the holidays.

A WORD OF THANKS

The family of Bud Hurst wishes
to thank each and every one who
was so kind to us through our sor-
row and for the beautiful flowers
and the delicious food. Also the

ladies who served it. We also want
to thank those who were so faith-
ful, especially Mr. Roy Bell, Mr. E.
G. Branch, Mr. McGill, Mr. Joe
Powell, Mr. W. O. Adams, Mr. O. R.
Adams and Dr. Gossett who has
been so faithful for over two years.
May God bless each one.

NOW OPEN

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

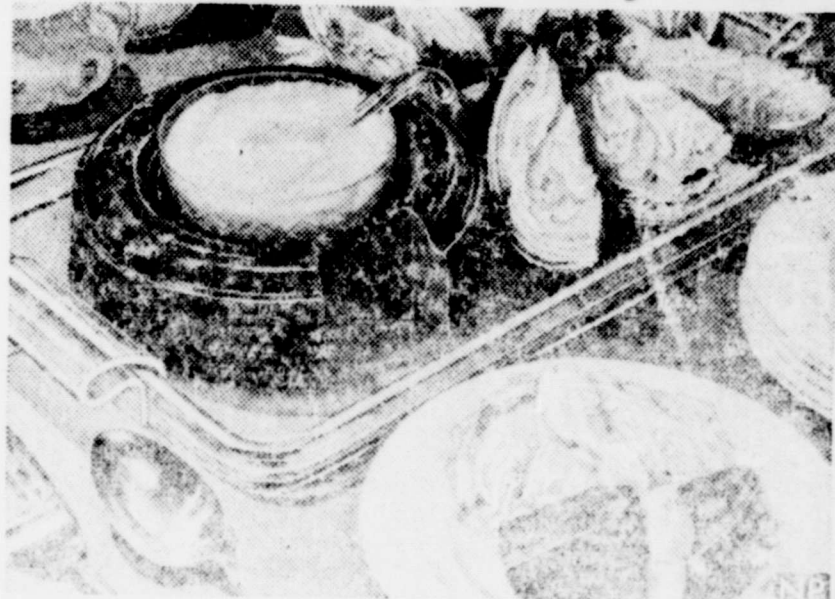
Mc's Drive-In Cafe

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Serving in Mexican Foods, Steaks, Short Orders
and Good Service

Apple-Cranberry Holiday Salad



You'll have fun serving this jellied salad during the holiday
season. The salad is rosy-red. Given the contrast of fresh green
lettuce wedges, it's sheer delight to the eye.

And the taste! Tart and refreshing, it's a fruity combination
of apple, cranberry and orange. You'll notice, too, that the crunchy
pieces are evenly distributed all through the salad.

The secret is canned apple sauce.

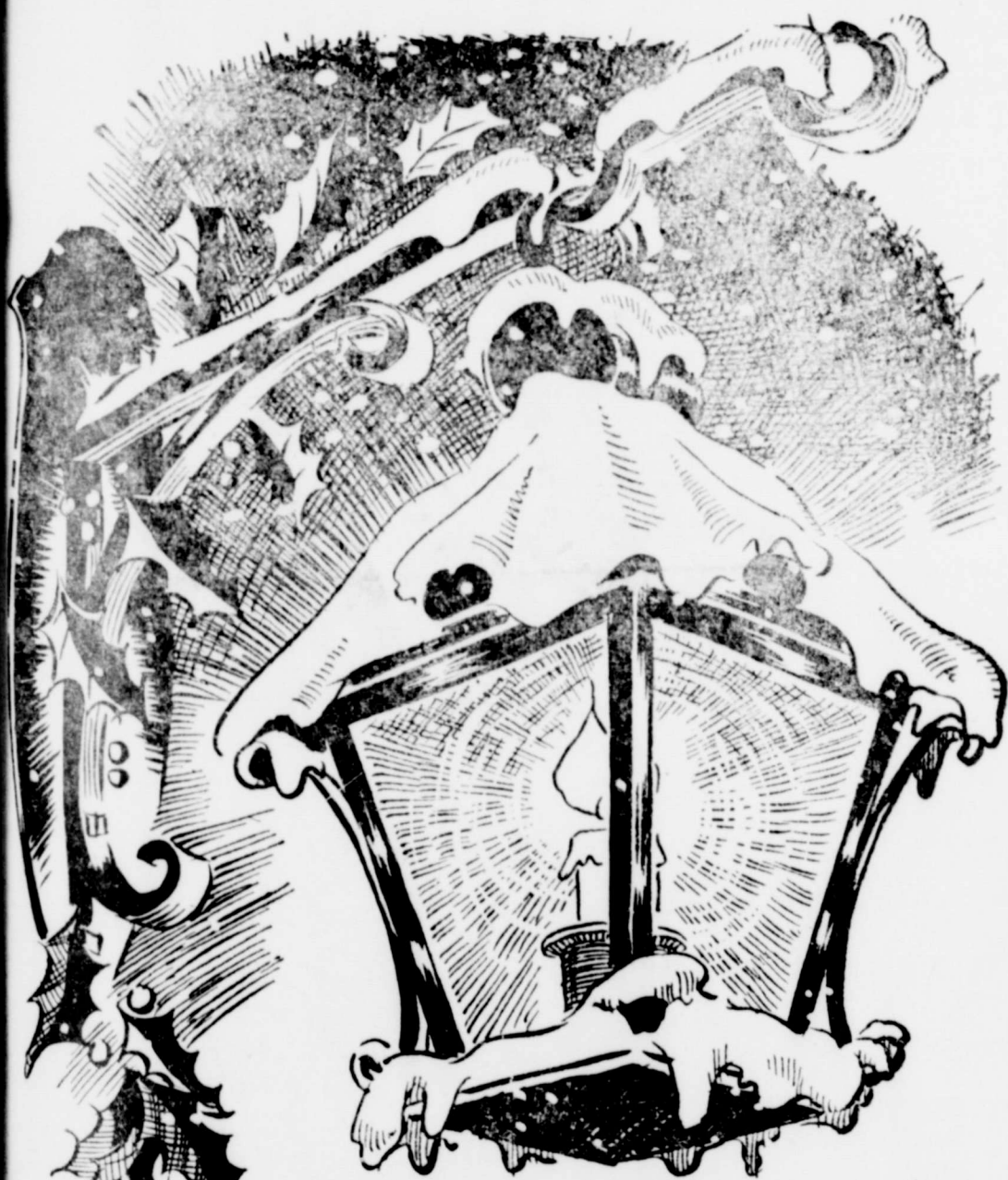
Canned apple sauce provides smooth "body" for the chunky
bits of cranberries, nuts and celery, holds them blended evenly
throughout. It also bestows the delicious apple taste.

Make the salad . . . try it out on Dad and the youngsters.
Chances are, it'll end not only as your pride as a party salad but
a family favorite, too.

APPLE-CRANBERRY HOLIDAY SALAD

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 cups raw cranberries | 1/2 cup cold water |
| 1 orange, quartered | 1/2 cup boiling water |
| 1 cup sugar | 1/2 cup chopped walnuts |
| 1 1/2 cups canned apple sauce | 1 cup diced celery |
| 2 envelopes unflavored gela-
tine | Salad greens |
| | Mayonnaise |

Using medium blade of food chopper, grind cranberries and orange
(rind and pulp); add sugar. Mix well. Soften gelatine in cold
water, let stand 5 minutes. Add boiling water to gelatine, stirring
until dissolved. Combine cranberry mixture, apple sauce, walnuts,
and celery; gradually add dissolved gelatine; mix thoroughly. Pour
into 1 1/2 quart ring mold, which has been rinsed in cold water.
Chill until firm. Unmold on salad greens. Serve with mayonnaise.
Yields 8 servings.



Season's Greetings

The brightest light of the Christmas season
is the opportunity to express our thanks for your
confidence and loyalty and to wish to each of you
the many joys of a Merry, Merry Christmas . . .

Flowerery and Workman Agency



ELIZABETH L. RAINS
and family

You'll believe in **SANTA CLAUS**

When You Visit *Our*

CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE

Stokely's Finest Food
Make any Meal a Feast
Buy by the Case and

COCONUT FRESH LARGE **19c**

Delicious APPLES LB. **15c**

Idaho Russetts Plastic Bag POTATOES 10 LBS. **39c**

Large Firm LETTUCE Head **15c**

Large Pascal CELERY Stalk **15c**

ORANGES Temple LB. **17c**

SUGAR POWDERED OR BROWN 2 FOR **25c**

Tide or Cheer GIANT SIZE EACH **.69**

COFFEE ADMIRATION OR SCHILLING POUND **.89**

White KARO Quart Bottle **49c**

Zee 80 Ct. Asst. Colors NAPKINS 2 FOR **29c**

Dromedary Pitted DATES 1 LB. PKG. **39c**

Lipton's TEA 1/2 LB. **69c**

400's White or Colored KLEENEX 4 PKGS. **\$1**

Hormel OLEO 5 LBS. **\$1**



Gift Box Smuckers, Jams Jelly, Preserves Box **4⁸⁹**

Preserves Ma Brown PURE CHERRY 21 OZ. **39c**

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No. 3 Squat Can Stokely's Puerta Rica SWEET POTATOES

46 Oz. Stokely's TOMATO JUICE

Stokely's 14 oz. Bottle CATSUP 2 FOR

Stokely's Sour or Dill PICKLES 22

Stokely's Sweet Chips PICKLES 12

No. 300 Van Camp's PORK & BEANS

Van Camp's VIENNA SAUSAGE

Van Camp TUNA 2 FOR

Guardian DOG FOOD 3 FOR

Ocean Spray CRANBERRY SAUCE

CASHWAY FOOD MKT.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 22 - 23 - 24 — We Close Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m. and Will Open Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 7:30 a.m.

5 CANS FOR 49c

ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS

1 LB. CELLO PKGS. **\$1**

PURE CANE **95c**
10 POUNDS

81c

Can Vacuum Pack
Golden Whole Kernel **35c**
2 FOR

Frozen **\$1**
ORANGE JUICE 6 CANS

Frozen **33c**
Apple JUICE 2 FOR

10 Oz. Frozen **19c**
ENGLISH PEAS

12 Oz. Frozen **29c**
RASPBERRIES

46 oz. **37c**
ORANGE JUICE

303 Stokely's **37c**
TOMATO SAUCE 2 FOR

303 Stokely's Halves **49c**
CUCUMBERS 2 FOR

303 Stokely's Red Pitted **49c**
RASPBERRIES 2 FOR

303 Stokely's No. 303 **49c**
FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 FOR

Pumpkin

No. 303 Stokely's **59c**
PEARS 2 FOR

No. 303 Stokely's **29c**
SPINACH 2 FOR

303 Stokely's Small Whole **31c**
NEW POTATOES 2 FOR

No. 303 Stokely's Honey Pod **45c**
ENGLISH PEAS 2 FOR

No. 303 Stokely's **25c**
2 FOR

303 Stokely's sliced or halves **45c**
PEACHES 2 FOR

300 Stokely's All Green **59c**
Asparagus Spears 2 For

No. 303 Stokely's Sliced **35c**
BEETS 2 FOR

303 Stokely's Green Ford Hook **49c**
LIMA BEANS 2 FOR

Green Beans

No. 303 Stokely's Whole **59c**
2 FOR

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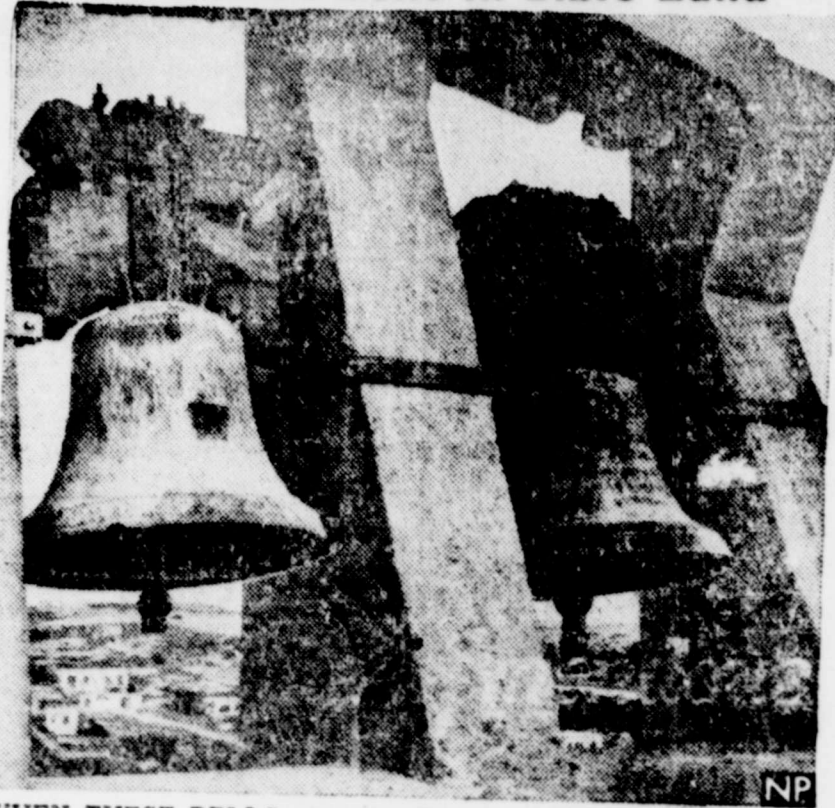
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WHEN THESE BELLS atop the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, Israel ring out the tidings of "peace on earth, good will toward men," Israel's 40,000 Christians will observe Christmas much as their fellow-believers in the United States do—with prayer and feasting. Each year Israel also welcomes thousands of pilgrims and tourists to take part in extensive Christmas observances in the Holy Land.

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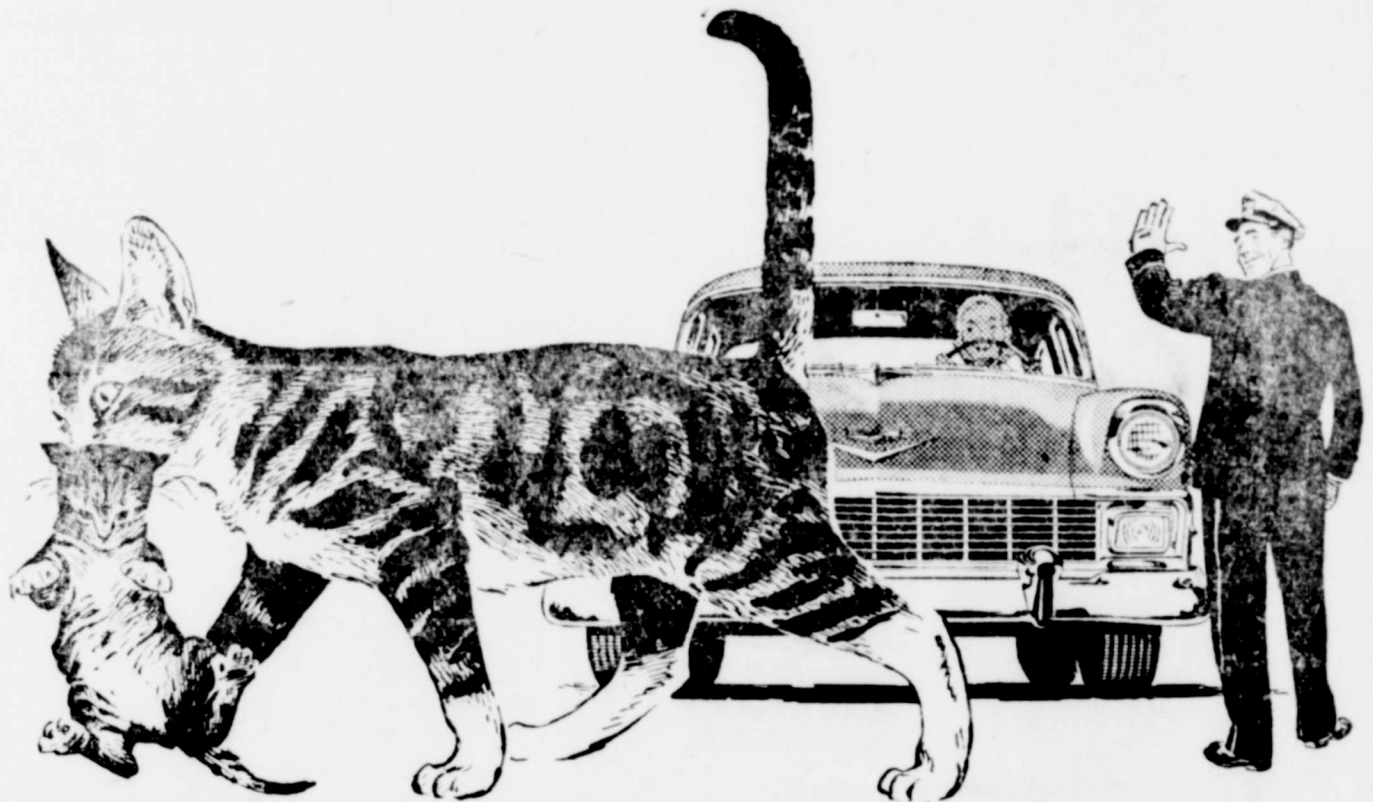
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The first and most important thing is you — the driver. The courtesy, care, and common sense you show count more than anything else.

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McCAMEY, TEXAS

People Still Celebrate Feasts of Ancient Calendar

People who use the Grego-
rian calendar still solemnize tradi-
tional feasts, including New Year,
in accordance with ancient calen-

ders. They observe a 10-day New Year
festival at the time of the winter
solstice. The observances include
Rosh Hashana and end on the
Day of Creation and the annual
day of judgment. The festival
is being irrevocably Yom Kippur
(the Day of Atonement); therefore
the spirit of the solemnities is
also a feature of Hinshantse,
solemnized in accordance with
the ancient lunar calendar during
the spring equinox. The Jewish
calendar, which began in 3760
B. C., is unique. It has twelve
months of the year, but the
approximate new year is deter-
mined by calculations geared to
the seasonal changes. Thus, the
months—and the days, too—retro-
grade the entire year in about 33



The evergreen bough, mistletoe
and holly used as Christmas deco-
rations have been associated with
ceremony and curious custom for
thousands of years.

Ancient Romans raised an ever-
green branch at the December
festival of Saturnalia, honoring the
god of sowing.

Long before the Christian era,
the Tuatons and Scandinavians held
the mistletoe sacred and hung it
over their doorways as charms.
They also worshipped the oak and
their priestly Druids brought in a
great Yule log at the feast of the
winter solstice and lighted it from
a brand of the log of the year
before.

In parts of Europe the first trees
used for Christmas decorations
were dormant branches of fruit
trees. They were brought indoors
several weeks before Christmas
and forced into bloom by Christ-
mas time. Holly, the subject of
many superstitions, was also used
because its prickly leaves were
thought to represent the Saviour's
crown and its red berries drops of
blood.



Best wishes

JOHN A. MENEFEE

Novel Christmas Decorations Add Value To Presents

With so many gifts to wrap this
time of the year, paper, cards, rib-
bons, seals and other package deco-
rations can add up to quite a sum.

By using a little imagination,
these costs can be kept at a mini-
mum.

Ends of wallpaper rolls, whether
left over from your own walls or
bought as odd stock at your local
paint store, are especially pretty
for large packages. Even newspa-
pers can be used to wrap large
packages and the want-ad section
is more attractive than the other
pages.

Small pieces of aluminum foil or
shell paper from the end of the
roll are excellent for wrapping
smaller packages. Or if you have
a young child who fingerpaints,
why not wrap gifts in some of his
paintings.

White tissue paper can be made
quite appealing by spattering it
with red or green ink or water
with food coloring added.

For seals, cut out colored pic-
tures from magazines, old Christ-
mas cards or even small bits of
wrapping paper and paste them
on the package. Or you can paste
them on a small piece of folded
construction paper to make an en-
closure card.

Acorns, pine cones or oak leaves,
painted or shellacked and tied on
top of the package will catch the
eye of both young and old.

Harvesting Trees Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees
to the consumer is conducted en-
tirely in the few weeks just prior
to Christmas, the harvesting, pro-
cessing and shipping of the trees
may begin as much as three
months before Christmas.

Approximately 25 per cent of the
retail price of a Christmas tree is
the stumpage price; trees retail-
ing for about 25 cents per lineal
foot will be worth about 6 cents
on the stump and could wholesale
for from 10 cents to 15 cents per
lineal foot. Total number of trees
distributed in the United States
is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important
Christmas tree associations and
groups representing the industry
in the United States and approxi-
mately 5,000 individuals and firms
are registered as retailers and
wholesalers of Christmas trees in
the United States.

Lincoln Proclamation issued on New Year's

On New Year's day, 1863, Presi-
dent Lincoln issued a proclama-
tion freeing the slaves in states
and parts of states where the peo-
ple were then in rebellion.

The areas designated were Ar-
kansas, Texas, Mississippi, Ala-
bama, Florida, Georgia, South
Carolina, North Carolina and large
parts of Louisiana and Virginia.
Tennessee was excepted from the
proclamation, although the Union
armies were far from complete
success in their task of bringing
it under government control.

The Emancipation Proclamation
did not abolish slavery. That was
accomplished by the thirteenth
amendment, which went into ef-
fect Dec. 18, 1865.

FIRST CABLE

The first cable across the Pacific
between San Francisco and Hono-
lulu, 2,800 miles was completed on
January 1, 1903 and the first mes-
sage sent that same day. The
cable was played out by the "Sil-
vertor" a cable ship which de-
parted from San Francisco, Dec.
14, 1902 and arrived at Honolulu
or January 1, 1903, the same day
the first message was sent.



Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

to all of you
from all of us at

W.T.U.

West Texas Utilities
Company



NEW YORK SPECTACULAR . . . Among the brightest Christmas displays anywhere is the annual Rockefeller Center arrangement. In this display flickering bulbs are set into 300 giant red and white tapers in the channel gardens while the tree, symbol of peace and good will, lights up the surroundings.

RANKIN STUDY CLUB HAS THURSDAY MEETING

The Rankin Study Club met at the Park Building at 4:00 Thursday Dec. 15th.

Miss Helen Bolton, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Donald Orr, Southern Baptist Missionary to Cali, Colombia, who is on a furlough and visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers, here. Mrs. Orr sang, "O Holy Night," by Adolph Adams. She was accompanied by Mrs. A. E. Ivy.

Mrs. Fred Prentice, public school music teacher, reviewed "Dickens Christmas Carols."

The Club donated \$20.00 to assist the Lions in their Christmas Fund for the underprivileged chil-

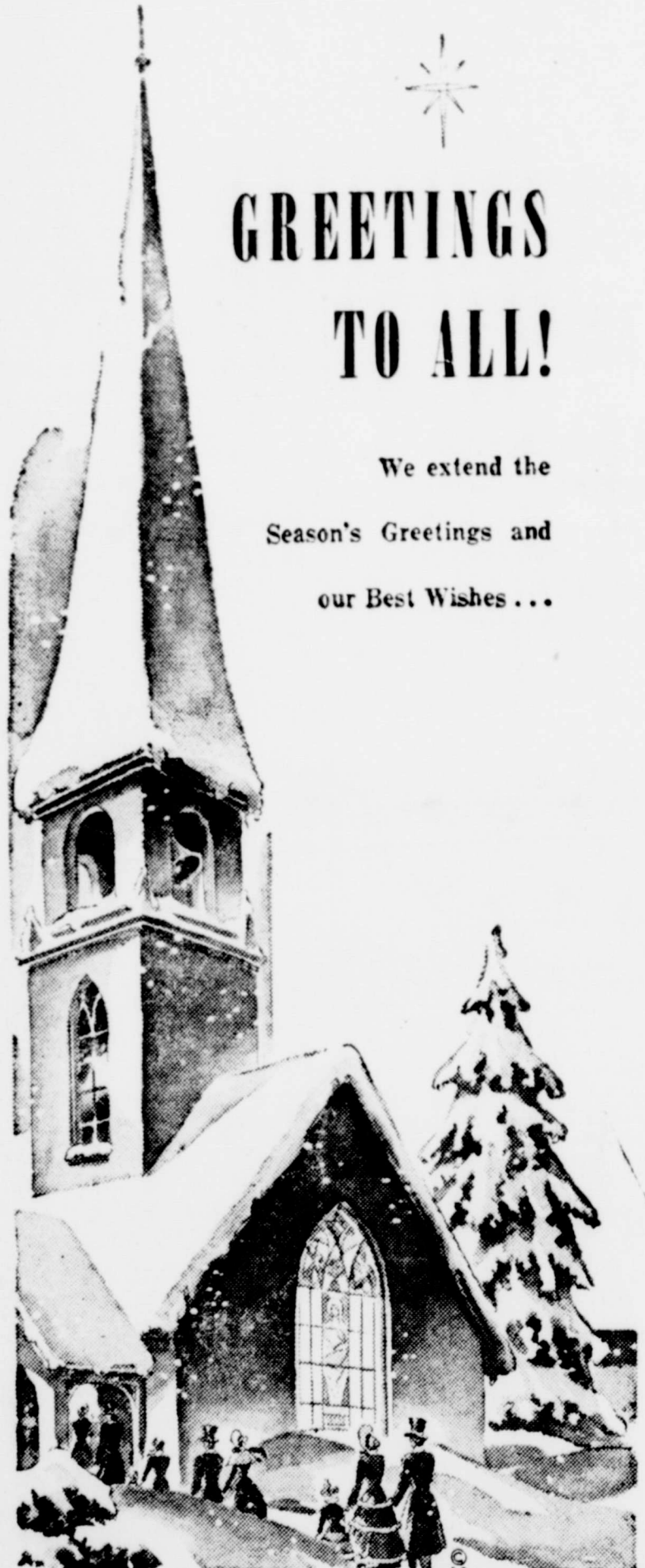
Dear Santa,
I want a doll and doll clothes.
I want some skates. I play with children. I am good.
I want some shoes.
Love,
Diann

Dear Santa
Please bring me a basket ball and basket and a basketball suit too.
Your friend,
Abel Gutierrez.

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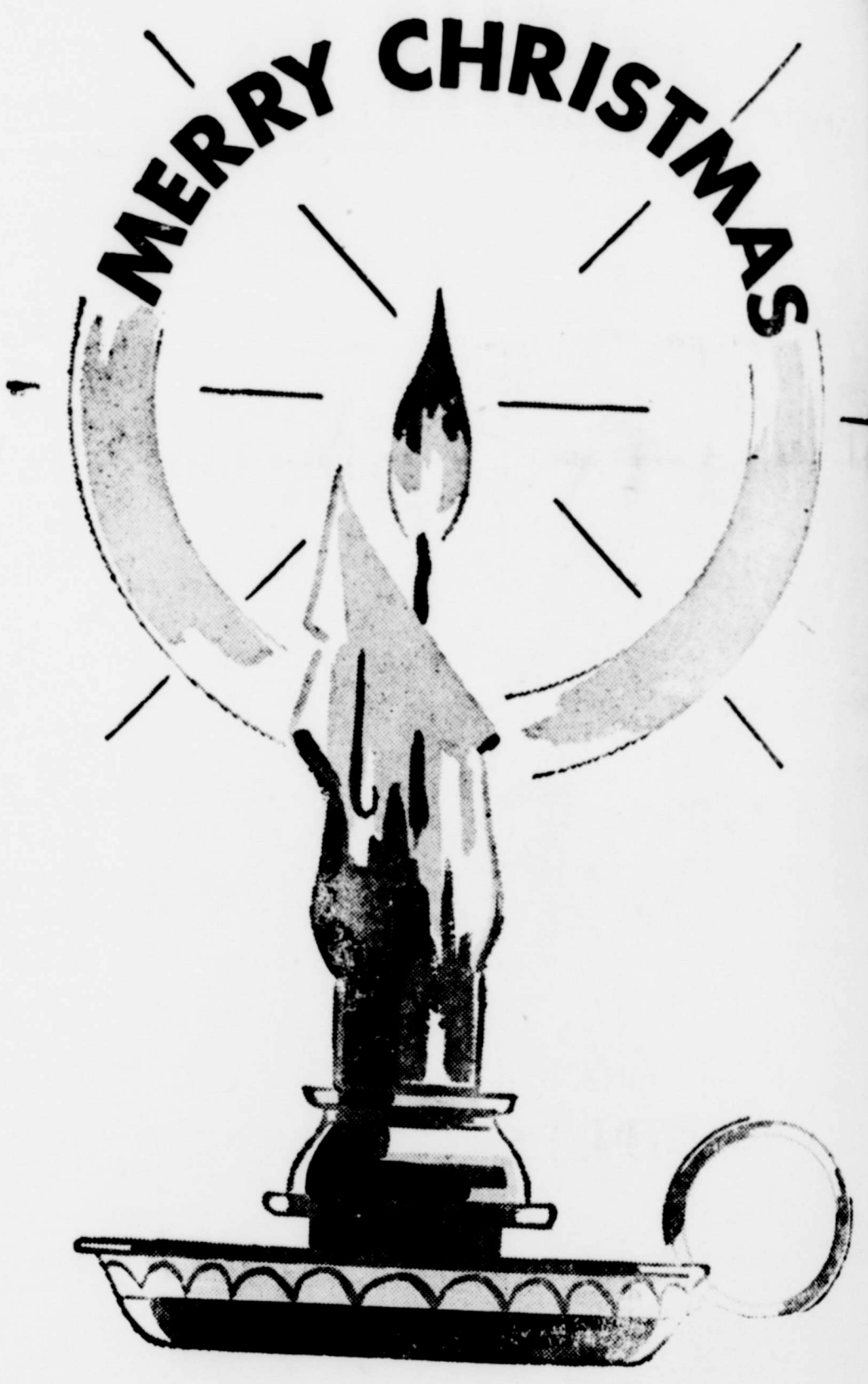
TALKING TO SANTA . . . an old, old story that every year for thousands of children, this visiting Santa big department store asks about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most of them there's a proud parent nearby to do a little proof if necessary.



GREETINGS TO ALL!

We extend the Season's Greetings and our Best Wishes . . .

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*To our many friends:
best wishes for a
very Merry Christmas!*

NANCY K. DAUGHERTY
and family

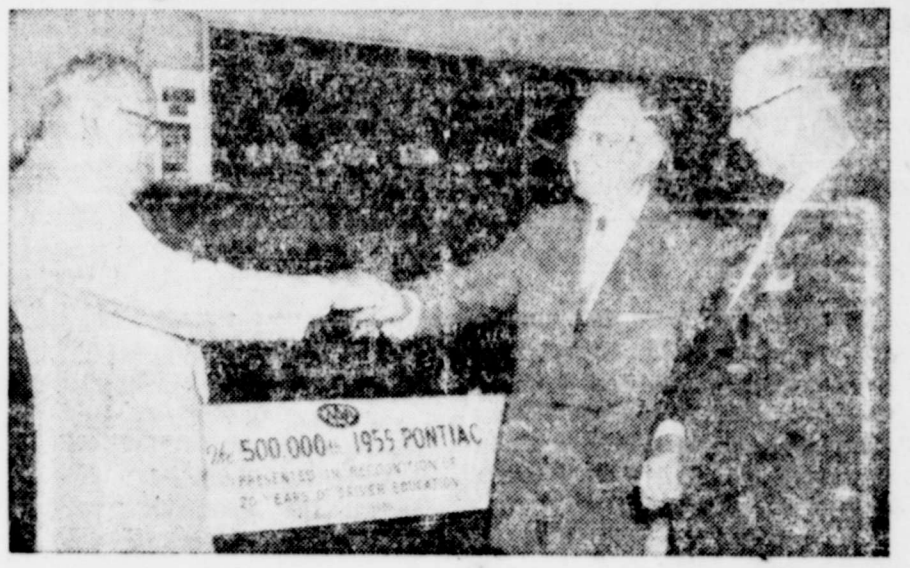


CHRISTMAS TREE . . . The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus. Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.

December 9, 1955
Iran, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like an accordion for Christmas, a doll suitcase, some skates, and a Doctor case. Well, I guess that is all for now.
Love,
Linda Ransleben

Commemorate 20 Years of High School Driver Training



WASHINGTON, D.C.—R. M. Critchfield, (2nd from right) Vice President of General Motors and General Manager of Pontiac, presents the keys of a Pontiac Station Wagon to Andrew J. Sordoni, President of the Automobile Association of America. The car, the 500,000th 1955 Pontiac to be produced is for the use of Amos E. Neyhart, (right) "father" of student driver education. The presentation was made in recognition of 20 years of high school driver education, pioneered by Pontiac and the AAA.



Special Notice

WE WILL CLOSE SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 24TH AT THE HIGHLAND CAFE AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 5:00 A. M. THURSDAY, DEC 29.

GREETINGS at CHRISTMASTIME



THE GATEWAY CAFE—
Will Be Open During Christmas Holidays and Will Be Serving A Complete Christmas Dinner.

We Invite You to Bring Your Family and Enjoy Dining At the Gateway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kole

Highland & Gateway Cafes



Holiday Greetings

To all of you whom we have been privileged to serve—we extend our thanks for your patronage and our best wishes that your Christmas be filled with much happiness and joy!

RED BLUFF LUMBER CO.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl I am 9 I am in the third grade, and I want a bride doll and my sister wants one, too. Will you come to our party. We have a big Christmas tree. You are a nice fellow because you give children toys

Love,
Sandra Vineyard

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a tiny tears doll, and a nurse set. I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. And I would like some clothes. And some clothes for my doll. I hope other children get present too. And I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas

Love,
Patsy Cantrell

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an twentytwo gun and a pair of shoes. Next year I want a pony and a tent and a Robotman that you can control. I want some undershirts too. Please come to our party today. When you come to my house there will be a cup of coffee on the table.

P. S.
Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Love,
Charles Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,

I went a doll an a toy typewriter for Christmas. I went some games to. Santa Claus would you come to our Christma Party at 12:30 I hope all the ather children get good toy at Christmas.

Love,
Marsha Hargrove

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl, I am nine years old and I am in the third grade. I would like to have a cooking set and a doll.

P.S. I hope other boys and girls get lots of toys.

Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Ann Moore

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl. I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. I would like a set of dishes and a doll. And may all of the children get lots of presents too.

Love,
Jimmie Fields

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me a pair of guns and a woodburning set. And a bingo game and dog. And I wish you a merry merry Christmas.

Love,
Charles Newcomb

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT—Two bedroom furnished house. W. O. Adams, phone MY 3-2207.

FOR RENT — Duplex apartment, furnished, three rooms, private bath, part of bills paid. One two-bedroom unfurnished house near school. See Louis Smith or phone MYrtle 3-2284 or 3-2309. 1-5-c

FOR SALE—My home located in northeast Rankin. 5 room and bath with attached garage, hardwood flooring, air conditioned with duct system. Floor furnace, venetian blinds, plumbed for automatic washer, TV antenna and tower. R. D. King, Phone MY 3-2217. 1-5-c

RELIABLE BABY SITTER—2 1/2 blocks west of bank across from Eades Beauty Shop in trailer house. Will sit in your home nights, Monday thru Saturday. Also ironing wanted. Phone MYrtle 3-2886, ask for Bessie Bowers. 12-15-c

FOR SALE—Nice electric stove and other furniture. FOR RENT—1 two-bedroom furnished apartment, part of bills paid. Mrs. Al Turner, phone Myrtle 3-2274. 12-15-c

FOR SALE—Two bedroom modern home, garage. Will sell furnished or unfurnished. Will sell for equity, no down payment required. Located on Court Street Write Box 323 or Phone 3378, Travis Arney, Brownfield, Texas. 9-29-c

FOR RENT—furnished apartment, bills paid. Also, two office buildings. Inquire at Cashway Grocery.

NOTICE TO BIRD HUNTERS —

In the past it has been my pleasure to have all my friends hunt on my property during dove and quail season. This year, though, due to the extreme drouth and scarcity of birds, I wish to ask you NOT to hunt on my land. Trespassers will be dealt with.

Billy Tom Cowden
Crane, Texas 1-15-c

FOR SALE Almost new baby car bed. J. B. Hutchens at the Rankin News Office.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Loads of jolly wishes for the best

Christmas ever, to our friends

and customers from our

entire staff

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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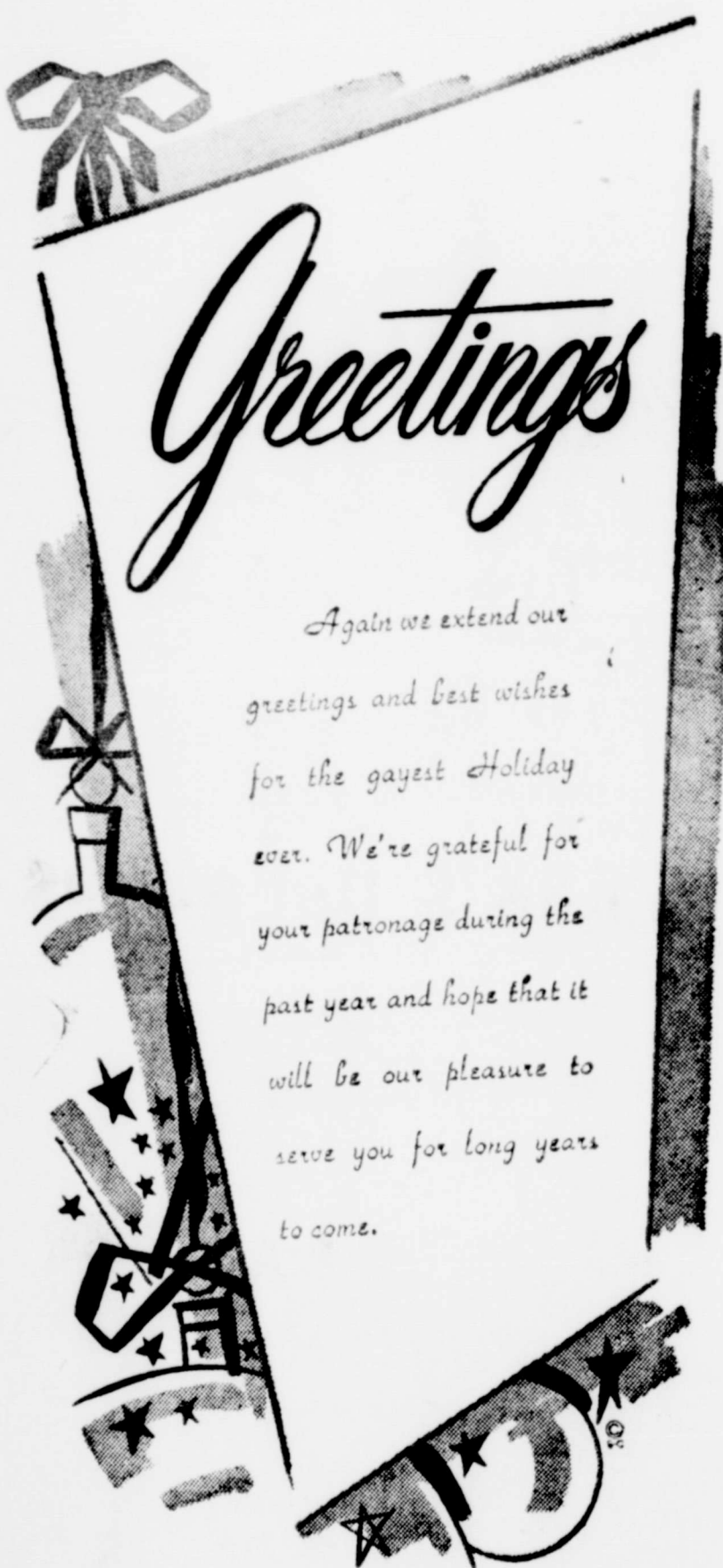
At this season we extend

to all our friends and customers

the warmest greetings of the

Christmas Season.

CASHWAY GROCERY AND MARKET



Again we extend our greetings and best wishes for the gayest Holiday ever. We're grateful for your patronage during the past year and hope that it will be our pleasure to serve you for long years to come.

Rankin Gas Company

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December 22, 1955

Claus,
er wants a Davy Crocket
t a nurse kit and nurse

suit. I want a Doctor kit too.
Linda James wants a nurse an
Doctor kit too. I am 8 years old
I am in the third grade.

Love,
Wanna Smith



G. H. "Bud" FISHER

and family

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll an a pair of roller
skates. Toy typewrtter an some
games to play whit.
Santa Claus would you come to
our party. Our party stars at 12:30
P.M.
P.S. I hope the other grils and
the boys.
Love Lynn Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pushing bag. I would
like for you to bring me a pair of
boots too. and I would for you too
bring me a pair of chaps and guns
and hosters. I would like to invit
you to are room today at 12:30 P.
M.
P. S. Merry Christmas Santa.
Murry D. Merriman
Love

Dear Santa Claus
I wish you would bring me a
Alamo set for Christmas. Santa will
you come to our Christmas Party
12:30 P.M.
Love
Vance Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like my Mother to have
a new dress if you don't mine.
I would like my Daddy to have
new coat. We have a Christmas tree
at school.
Love,
Gayla Wilson



Season's
Greetings

To all our friends for
a happy holiday season.

WE WILL BE OPEN
THROUGHOUT THE
HOLIDAYS

GERTRUDE HALL
AND EMPLOYEES

Mion Cafe



Mayburn Harris



YOCHAM 66 SERVICE STATION



The age-old story takes new
meaning each year as again we wish
all our friends and customers:
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

CLARK'S CLEANERS



ANN'S DRESS SHOP

Beginning Of Christmas

(The Christmas story centers in the Christ-child of Bethlehem. However, this fascinating story had its beginning in ancient Mesopotamia, the cradle of the race and the probable site of Eden.)

The "twelve days" of Christmas, exchanging of gifts, brightly decorated floats, merrymaking, singing from house to house, feasting, and religious processions were all found in Mesopotamia more than 4,000 years ago.

The New Year's festival lasted 12 days, as the Christmas season is supposed to do. It was a time of crisis for the people as the old year died and the New Year born.

Many masqueraded in gay costumes. Friends exchanged gifts with one another.

Such was the festival spirit of this ancient land.

These ancient festivals found their way westward to Greece and Rome. It was in Rome that the

festival of the Saturnalia was conducted with such boisterous rejoicing.

It began around the middle of December and lasted until January 1. In the midst was December 25, the day when the sun was at its lowest ebb but soon ready to increase again and send its rays of warmth and growth to the earth.

They exchanged gifts and wished one another good luck. Moreover, the Romans decorated their houses this time with boughs of laurel and green trees and with lighted candles and lamps.

Slaves and masters ate together, often exchanging places, the masters waiting on the slaves.

After a battle of centuries the thoughts of the people were turned from the pagan gods to the worship of the Lord.

The festival spirit of pagan merrymaking became the glad rejoicing over the birth of a Saviour.



PEACE ON EARTH . . . Music is an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and there is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices sing out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.

When was Jesus born? No one knows the exact historical date of His birth. The observance of December 25 as the birthday of Christ was chosen several centuries after

His death.

In fact, the early Christians were not interested in the date of His birth. The important thing to them was His death and resurrection.

Jesus was finally given a birthday. The Christmas story, after a long voyage of many centuries through many lands, has centered its message in the birth of the Christ-child.

Today it is a story that has become sacred to untold millions, not because of its ancient pagan background but because of its meaning to every Christian.

It means that more than 1,900 years ago the supra-temporal Christ broke into the stream of human history by taking unto Himself a human nature and being born of a human mother.

It means that God has revealed Himself to man.

It means that God has come near man.

It means that God has become

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man, the divine and human man.

It means that the story of angels was true.

"For unto you is born a Son in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ, the Lord."

Dear Santa,
I want a dog for Christmas and a doll too. I want a watch.
Your friend, Carlene

Dear Santa,
Please bring me two pairs of shoes, a hat and a coat. Bring me a little cat.
Love,
Ray Smith

Dear Santa
Please bring me a book and a dancing doll. Also a bird.
Love
Mary De



We're pulling in on the Holiday Main Line with a load of old fashioned greetings to say "Thanks, Friends!" for your past patronage, and to hope you'll have **A GAY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

WALLACE LUMBER COMPANY
IVY, JACK AND SONNY



I'VE GOT THE BEST CUSTOMERS AND BEST EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD.

WHEN I GET MAD AND THROW A HISSY, THEY JUST SLAP ME DOWN — WALK OVER ME AND KEEP THE BUSINESS GOING.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MAN WHO THINKS HE'S THE BOSS.

MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY B. RAMSEY

RAMSEY CAFE

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Dear Santa
Please bring me a new doll also
a Doctor Kit and some sKates
Love
Linda Kaye Tennyson.

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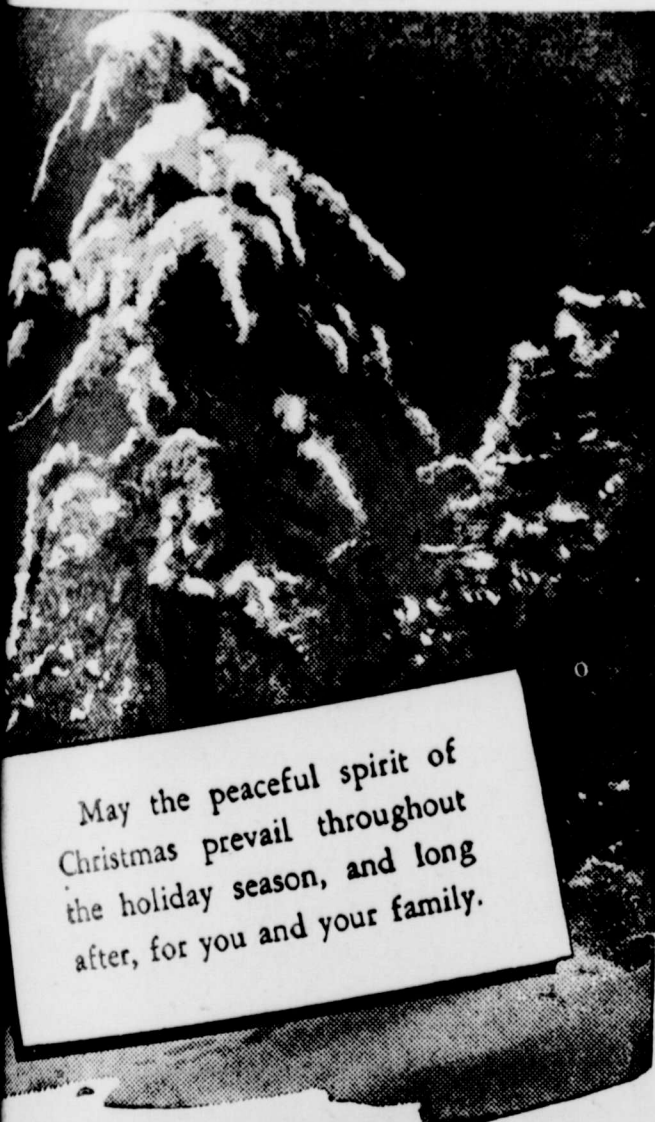


As another year rolls around
we express our thanks for your past
patronage and wish you all . . .
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Some Last Minute Gifts We Still Have Some Nice
as in

- ★ COSMETICS
- ★ TOBACCOS ★ CANDY
- ★ OTHER GIFT ITEMS

RANKIN DRUG



May the peaceful spirit of
Christmas prevail throughout
the holiday season, and long
after, for you and your family.

Steve Preslar



By Janet Hall

EVERYONE was so nice, Kathie Carter thought as she remembered the Christmas gifts she had received last year. So many of her friends, neighbors, and relatives had remembered her. I'd love to buy something for them all, Kathie thought, but she knew it was impossible. She had only saved enough for a gift to her parents. She had tried to get a sales job, but she had discovered she was too late. There were no jobs left.

"Your relatives and neighbors don't expect you to give them gifts," her mother said.

"I'd like to give them all some little thing."

"When you're older you can return their thoughtfulness."

After supper Kathie went to Aunt Betty's and Uncle Ted's house to return a book.

"Hi, Kathie," Aunt Betty greeted. "I'm doing dishes so come on out in the kitchen."

"I've been hoping to make some fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said. "The



By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

children seem to take up all my time."

"Your fruitcakes are delicious."

"They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day."

"I'll help you," Kathie volunteered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want."

For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

Busy Week

The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them.

Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping. After Kathie got them interested in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things.

Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer.

As Kathie wrapped her mother's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

Appreciation

Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.

"Dear Kathie:

"Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."

There were other letters, too. "Dear Kathie: I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help"—"I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful." With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.

"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.



To our many customers and friends—
May this Christmas be bright and gay
And filled with many, many blessings!

Ranchers Wool - Mohair Assn.

SPECIALS

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 22, 23 AND 24

We Give Blue Pacific Stamps—Double on Wed.



... to our many friends and customers.
May your Christmas be merry and bright!

Aunt Jemima 5 Pounds
FLOUR .45

No. 300 Kurer
BLACKEYED PEAS 2 FOR 25c
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PEACHES 3 FOR \$1
No. 303 Sun Spun
CHERRIES 19c
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KLEENEX 2 FOR 25c
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TISSUE 4 ROLLS 31c
46 Oz. Our Value
TOMATO JUICE 2 FOR 45c
Reynold's
ALUMINUM FOIL 25 Ft. 29c
No. 303 Our Darling
CORN 2 FOR 35c

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PORK CHOPS LB. 45c
Semi-Boneless
PORK ROAST LB. 39c
Choice
BEEF ROAST LB. 39c

Pascal
CELERY Stalk 13c
Fresh
TOMATOES LB. 20c

Folgers Pound
COFFEE .91

Frozen
MINCE PIES 55c
Libby's Frozen
ORANGE JUICE 15c
Frozen
STRAWBERRIES 24c

Pure Cane 5 Pounds
SUGAR .49

No. 303 Libby's
FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 For 45c
17 oz. Ocean Spray
CRANBERRY SAUCE 19c
10 oz. Tin Pops-Rite
POPCORN 2 FOR 25c
Libby's
VIENNA SAUSAGE 15c
Assorted
JELLO 3 FOR 25c
Baker's
COCONUT 2 FOR 29c
Betty Crocker
CAKE MIX 3 FOR \$1
Libby's Sliced
BEETS 2 FOR 25c
Pillsbury
HOT ROLL MIX 25c

Tin 3 Pounds
Snowdrift .75

Fresh (Cut up if you like)
FRYERS LB. 39c
Fresh Pan
SAUSAGE LB. 29c
Cello
FRANKS LB. 39c
Hormel's Midwest
BACON LB. 39c
Ranch Style
BACON 2 LBS. 98c
Chicken
HENS LB. 59c

Bag No. 1
POTATOES 10 LBS. 49c
Delicious
APPLES LB. 12c

BOGGS Gro. & Mkt.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. R. L. Bell entertained her Sunday School class with a Christmas party in her home last Monday night.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bishop and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Craig and children, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Priddy, Mrs. Jan Thigpen and the hostesses. The Christmas theme was carried out in the party.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a tiny tear doll and clothes for my doll.

I want clothes for my self too and a ste of dishes for me and my doll. I am in the third grad. I am eight years old I hope all the other children get lots of presents to.

I wish you a Merry Merry Merry Christmas

Love,
Judy Hayden

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bick for Christmas. And I want a play gun and a ball. Will you bring me a car.

I want a tennis set to. I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Love Richard
Sledge

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a English bick mas. I want some picture view master. I love you

I am 8 years old. Our tree ts siver. It is decer

I wish you a very Merry Christmas

Love Tom

Dear Santa Claus,

I wanted a elecastrail little boy and I am eight and I am in the third hope the other Children present.

love Billy

Dear Santa Claus,

How are doing Santa would an Robot and wa plane and would an present.

Robert B

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you would bring and a hote and to I wa of boots a a cow boy docker set.

Love,
Fred. M

Dear Stanta Claus I

old. I want a gun.

Love,
Richard



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

BINGO NIGHT — \$50 JACKPOT

Abbott & Costello

"MEET THE MUMMY"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 & 24

Technicolor

"FORT YUMA"

Peter Graves — Joan Vohs

SUNDAY & MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 & 26

Jane Russell — Jeanne Crain

"GENTLEMEN MARRY BRUNETTES"

Technicolor — CinemaScope

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 & 28

"AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' "

Rory Calhoun — Piper Laurie

Jack Carson — Mamie Van Doren

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