

# The Rankin News

Serving the Interests of Rankin and Upton County

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1957

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I would like a train, kitty cat,  
guitar, and a big bag of candy.

Love,  
Hal Hutchens

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a set  
of dishes, some house shoes, gloves,

cake mix-set, some clothes, and a  
big bag of candy.

Love,  
Barbara Hutchens

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old and have been  
a good girl.  
I would like to have a bride doll,  
a black board  
Bring Don, my brother a Station  
& a train he has been a pretty good  
boy.

My big Sister Phyllis would like  
to have a dress & hat & shoes

Please bring my daddy a new  
hammer. & my mother a new  
couch  
bring granny a new couch too &

also a new table.

Love & Kisses  
Dana Jo Brown

Mr. Santa Claus  
North Pole, U.S.A.

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Bobby Absher  
Rankin, Texas

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Rankin, Texas

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**CHURCH SCHEDULES**

**First Methodist**

Lynn McAden, Pastor

Sunday Program:

Church School ..... 10:00-11:00  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00-12:00  
Evening:  
Youth Fellowship ..... 7:30-8:00  
Evening Worship ..... 8:00-8:50

**Rankin Church of Christ**  
Upton Street

Sunday:

Bible Classes ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Ladies Bible Class ..... 1:30 p.m.

Martin Kamstra  
Minister

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

4 Blocks West of Bank

Sunday:

Morning Worship ..... 10:00  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30

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Bible Classes ..... 7:30

**First Baptist Church**

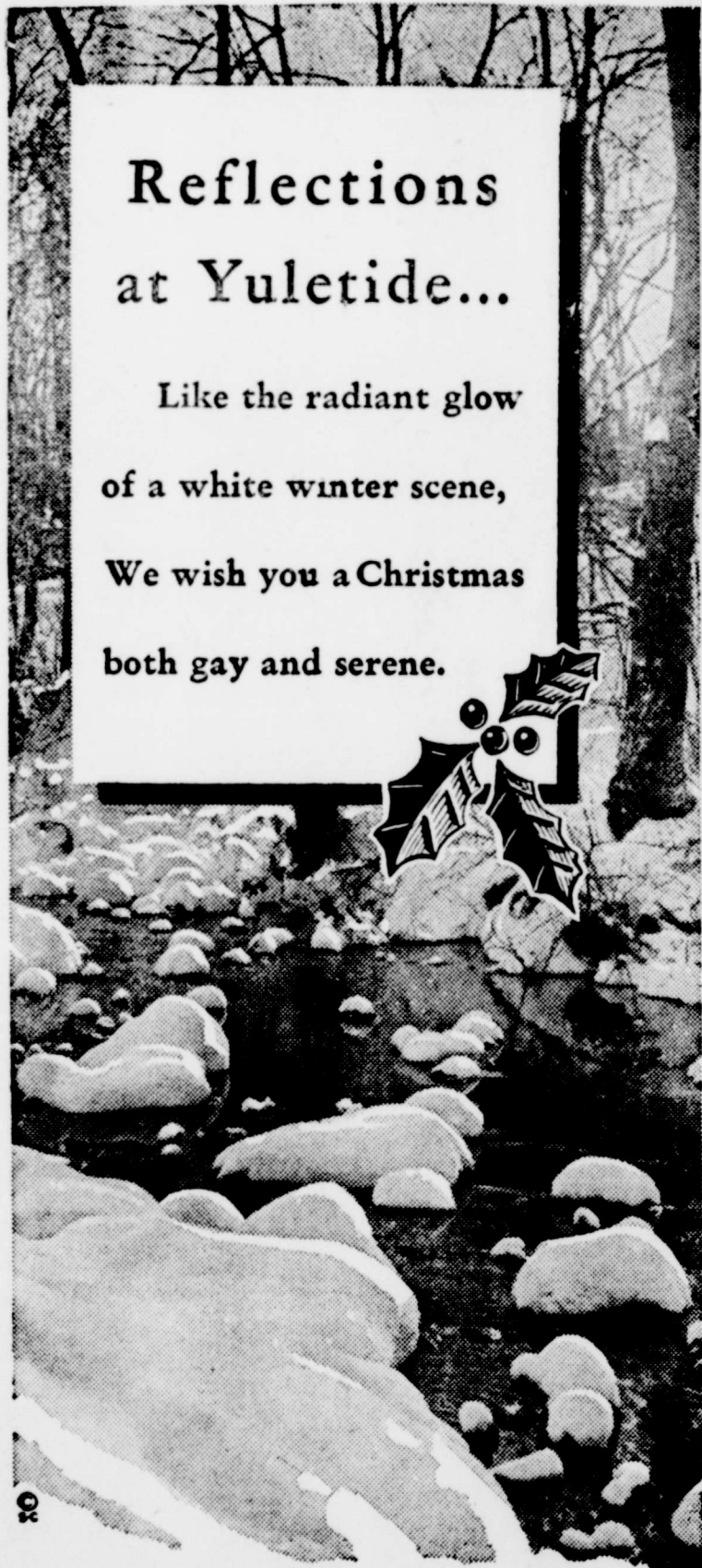
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Training Union ..... 7:00  
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Mid-Week Service:

Wednesday ..... 7:30



**Reflections  
at Yuletide...**

Like the radiant glow  
of a white winter scene,  
We wish you a Christmas  
both gay and serene.



**RANCHERS WOOL & MOHAIR ASS'N.**



**Greetings to One and All!**

We'd like to send our good wishes into  
every home and heart this Christmas to  
ensure the blessings of the holiday season  
to all our friends and their families.

**Lowery & Workman Insurance Agency**

### The Mail Up?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We ran this clipping about a year ago, considering the matter of Christmas time being the biggest of the year for our postal offices, it seems fitting that it should be considered once

... mail in yet?  
... due for half an hour, sir.  
... missus wants some stamps, two-cent ones.  
... will be 80 cents, sir.  
... I said forty-two "cent"

... want one cent stamps? I ... pardon. That will be 42

... two two's.

That will be 50 cents, please.  
And two three's.  
Will that be all, sir?  
And one air mail.  
There you are, sir. Sixty-two cents all together. (I think.)  
Can you change a ten?

I sent an order Monday and this is Thursday. Would it come on this mail?

It might, but it's hard to tell, during the Christmas rush you know.

We used to send an order in Monday and get it on Wednesday.  
Yes ma'am. (She thinks we are hiding her package.)

Well I finally got my cards finished! I need some stamps. Just a minute. I'll have to count 'em to be sure. Fifty-seven two's.

I'm sorry, ma'am. Those require

three cent stamps.  
But they aren't sealed!  
But they contain writing. (It shows through the envelope.)  
A dollar seventy-one, please ma'am.  
Could you charge it until morning.  
I'm sorry, ma'am. We do not charge stamps.

Do we have any mail?  
No, Janie, not this time. Tommy was in earlier.

Do we have a package?  
No, Janie, not this time. (The light goes out in her eyes as if you had flicked off a switch.)  
Mail's not all up yet, is it?

A NICE SELECTION of Bride's Books and Scrap Books at The Rankin News office.

### An Airlift for Santa Claus



Santa Claus, the world's foremost authority on air rides, recently tested the efficiency of Chevrolet's new Level Air suspension. Perched on a fender with heavy pack, he appreciably depressed the spring. Seconds later, the automatic recovery mechanism had restored pressure to the system to again bring the car level.



# Greetings

In honor of our many friends of long standing, we pause to wish them all the blessings of the holiday season.

**FIRST STATE BANK**

Member F.D.I.C.  
RANKIN, TEXAS



## Aglow with Christmas Cheer

... Our fondest wish to our friends for all the radiant joy of a happy holiday.

**WALLACE LUMBER COMPANY**

Ivy, Virginia and Sonny

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### SANTA LETTERS

To all our weekly proof readers who catch us misspelling words, we want to pass on a word of caution before you start keeping tabs on our Santa Claus letters.

There are some misspelled words in them. We have tried to set them as nearly like the originals—as written by the children—as possible—not to be making light of the kids and their spelling or wording but because we think that's the way Santa likes for his mail to read.

A prime example might be the letter of Bobby Absher. Bobby does not go to school as yet but his letter—which looked mostly like lines drawn on paper—will no doubt get the desired results.

### THE MILLIONAIRE

We who do not have it are told by those who do that money is not everything. Now that sounds

mighty noble—especially when you never expect to have any and are just naturally looking for an excuse to say that the grapes are sour anyway.

However, we see a little article in the paper this week about a Houston millionaire said to be worth around a 100,000,000 dollars and the article said that he had a number of "little idiosyncrasies."

Now if he had been just another old poor boy, it would have been said that he was "plain vanilla nuts."

### PLAY IT SAFE

On every side there are pleas for a safe and sane Christmas holiday—especially on the highways. The governor has issued special calls, the highway department has added extra officers and the safety council has made many pleas.

If you plan to be on the highways over the holidays—take care of yourself. There's still a lot to live for in this world of ours.

There is—well, for instance—on the other hand—anyway you shouldn't—

Notice: Everyone who has not paid their subscription and who plans to be on the highway for Christmas Holidays may now renew at half price.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Most of you folks who are readers of the news should get this Christmas issue at about 10.00 a.m. December 25th.

Being completely on your honor, we are offering free lolly-pops to all parents whose kids haven't—by this time—broken half of their presents.

And at Christmas time, the editor—on behalf of himself and his family—wishes to express his sincere and humble appreciation to the good folks of our community for their support and patronage over the past year.

As each year passes, our task

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here becomes more and more enjoyable due to the fine people with whom we are associated. We may not always agree with one another and we may sometimes take different sides of an issue but we still wouldn't trade places with Mr. Santa Claus himself.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL.

Bore: Someone who insists on telling you all about his troubles when you want to tell him about yours.

Good Neighbors: One who can watch you take it easy without thinking you're lazy.

Great minds discuss ideas, mediocre minds discuss events, small minds discuss personalities.

One of the worst tragedies that can befall a man is to have ulcers and still not be a success.

# Season's Greetings

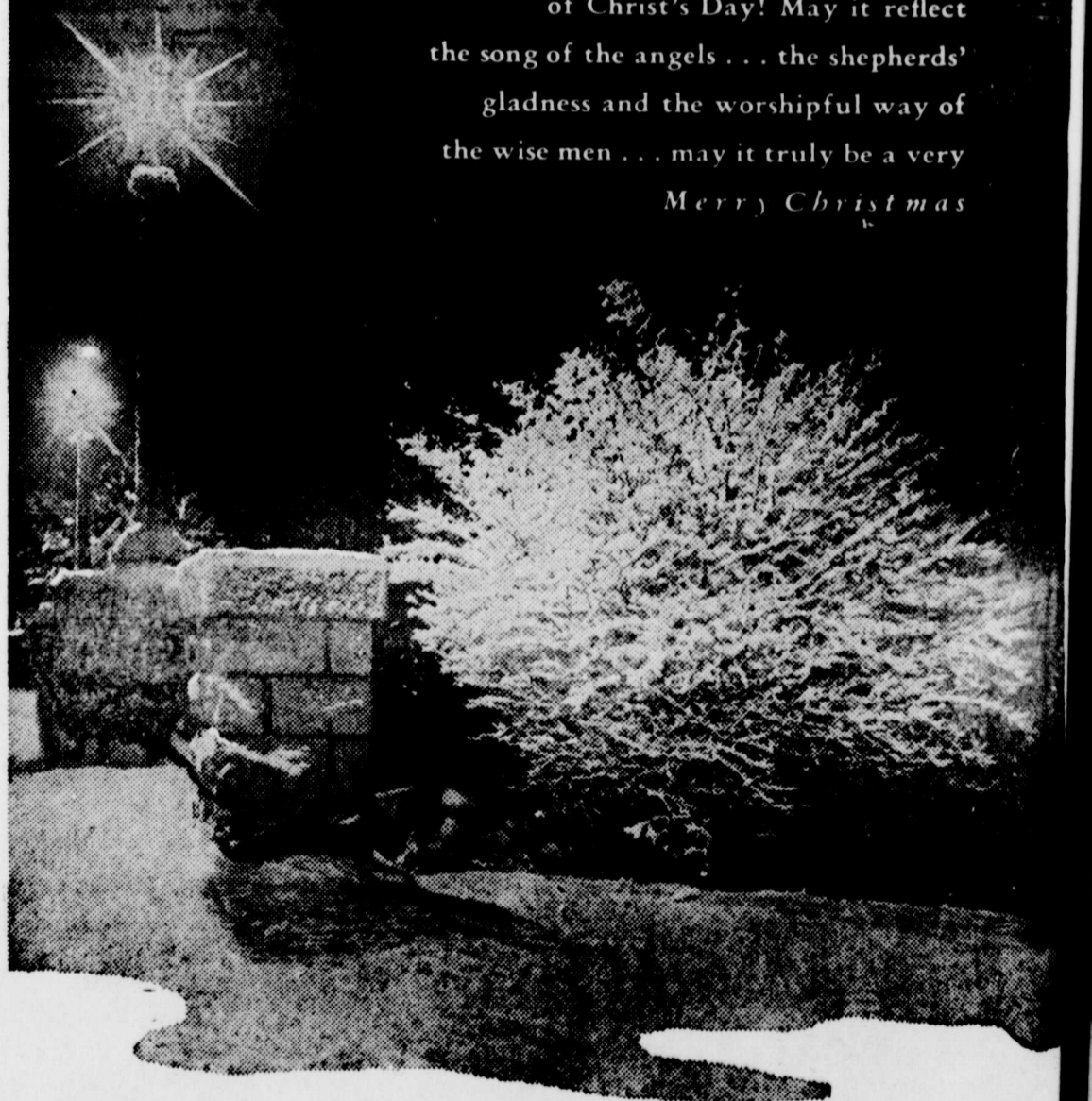
And... a Christmas with all the trimmings!



THE STYLE CENTER  
CREDIT BUREAU OF RANKIN

## "... Silent Night, Holy Night ..."

The day of joy returns and blesses another year with the true spirit of Christ's Day! May it reflect the song of the angels... the shepherds' gladness and the worshipful way of the wise men... may it truly be a very Merry Christmas



## BOGGS GROCERY & MKT.

## GLAD TIDINGS

Wishing our many friends a bright and shining Christmas season.

YOCHAM'S 66 SERVICE STATION

EDDIE YOCHAM, Operator



Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle a tent  
B-B gun. My brother  
a bicycle and a burning  
my sister wants a doll  
bicycle.

Love  
Jerry Sledge

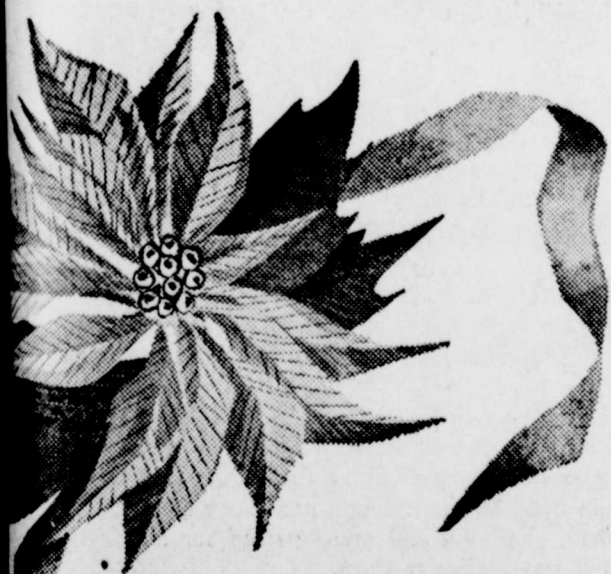
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I am eight years old, I  
live in Rankin, Texas. I  
would like a four-ten pump,  
and a twenty two automatic,  
and a ship that shoots rubber  
airplanes.

Love,  
Jim Pettit



May your celebration be wreathed in  
the happiness of the Yuletide season.

**THE H. WHEELERS**



**OUR GREETING...**

The spirit of the Christmas season is tied in  
with our good wishes!

**HIGHWAY GROCERY**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonald & Staff

Dear Santa Claus:  
I hope you and your wife  
are doing good. We are doing  
good.

We are going to have our  
Christmas play December the  
seventeenth at night.

Larry Don is wanting a  
real puppy. My Mother is  
wanting some dishes. My Dad-  
dy is wanting a shotgun. I  
want a B. B. gun.

Thank You,  
Bobby Scarborough

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll for Christmas,  
and a bird too.

We have already got a pre-  
sent or two under the tree.

I will be glad when you  
get here because there will be  
more presents under the tree.

I am doing just fine in my  
school. We have Spelling in  
the morning and Arithmetic  
in the afternoon.

Love,  
Fayne Zoller

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have train to be good all  
year.

I have had perty good  
grades. We are haveing a  
Christmas play the seventeen.

In the play I am in the  
Christmas tree.

I would like a doll with  
clothes, a set of dishes, a  
cooking sat, a stove.

I would like some clothes.  
Think you very much.

Love  
Linda Montgone

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want some luggage and  
a pair of shoes.

I have been making pretty  
good grades.

Mrs. Pettit is my teacher.  
We have 24 pupils in our  
room. Our Christmas party  
will be Dec. 20, at 12:45 p.m.  
Come to our party.

Love,  
Betty Ann Stewart

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am in the 3th grade. I  
would like to have a note-  
book, a cake mixing set, some  
dishes, some records. I am  
nine years old. I have not  
failed yet.

December the 17th.

Love,  
Linda James

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a filling  
station set, a xylophone, a  
U. S. S. Forrestal set, an  
Army combat set, and Ameri-  
can Skyline set.

I have tried to be a good  
boy.

Love,  
Leo Delaney

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a machine gun to  
play with and a stuffed mon-  
key to sleep with.

Love,  
Terry

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a b. b gun, and  
some boots. Please bring me  
a note book, too.

Love,  
Scotty Fields

# NOEL



May the many joys of Christmas be yours!

**PEE WEE'S TEXACO SERVICE**



We wish for you all the happy hustle  
and bustle of a traditional Yuletide!

**NOTICE**

**WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24-25  
AND 26 FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**RAMSEY CAFE**

MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY B. RAMSEY & STAFF

# Who Is To Be The Author . . ?

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the room not a creature was stirring — not even a bloom.

The caskets were lined by the fireplace with care, and the fragrance of flowers covered the air.

Loved ones were gathered with tears in their eyes while the silence was torn with heart rending cries.

Dressed in the gifts of our children so sweet, were Mamma and I in eternity's sleep.

When up with the dawn we had jumped in the car to visit with Grandma — a distance quiet far.

Away through the country we'd sped like a flash, tore down the highway — a death dealing crash!

Our blood on the hilltop so high gave a silent reminder to those passing by

That out in the darkness of a cold winter's night stood a grim,

cloaked figure, ready to smite.

He was dressed all in black from his foot to his head and his clothes were all tarnished with blood from the dead;

Along curved sythe he had flung on his back, and he looked like a devil about to attack.

He was skinny and gaunt, a viscous old elf, and I screamed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A blink of his eye, and a twist of my head, soon gave me to know I had plenty to dread;

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work adding to his roll of nitwits and jerks.

More rapid than autos his coursers they came, and he whistled and shouted, and called US by name:

"Now, Speeder! now, Careless! now, Honker and Creepy! on Passer! on, Weaver! on, Drinker and Sleepy!

To the top of the hill, to the end of the curve! Now, dash away,

dash away, show you got nerve!"

And then in a twinkling I saw in my lights the tingling, spine-chilling, most awesome of sights.

As I drew in my head, and was turning the wheel through the windshield and dash came the grinding of steel.

As dry leaves, that night, the wild auto did fly, when we met with another to mount to the sky.

The stump of my pipe, it broke off in my teeth, and the smoke, it encircled my head for a wreath.

So hear as I speak from the death's darkened sill: Slow down my freind, pass not on that hill,

For he waits there ahead, omnipotent and cold for the drivers, lax, in his arms to enfold.

Escape him you can't, if you must take the chance; Death is the penalty — you know in advance.

For I heard him exclaim ere my eyes dimmed of sight, "Careless driving to all and to all a good fright."



Season's Best

May a wealth of good cheer find its way to your house this Christmas.

**CUNNY'S BARBER SHOP**

J. E. CUNNINGHAM

Lions International Names  
Executive Administrator



John H. Vogt

The Board of Directors of Lions International has appointed John H. Vogt, Executive Administrator of the association, according to an announcement by Edward G. Barry, President. Reporting to the President and working under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, Vogt will be directly responsible for the administrative activities of the world's largest service club organization whose membership now exceeds 560,000 in more than 13,000 Lions Clubs in 84 countries and geographical locations of the world. Vogt has been associated with Ford Motor Company as Assistant to the Divisional Administrative Manager of the Aircraft Engine Division. Vogt's offices will be located at the world headquarters of Lions International in Chicago.

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## THE Christmas STORY

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 2:1-20

We hope you will pause to read this old, old story because this is the true meaning of Christmas.

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**METHODIST PLAN SPECIAL SERVICES**

Madri Jones will be serving as the official hostess for Texas Methodist during the remaining days of December as she enters thousands of homes across the state via radio and television to invite Methodist, the unchurched and the general public to worship at a watch night service in some Methodist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 31. at 11 p.m.

From every walk of life, Texas Methodists will gather in city, town and rural churches to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted throughout the state in 1958. For the first time in history, says Quay Parmer of Fort Worth, director of the campaign, every Methodist church in Texas is being asked to have a New Year's Eve

communion and watch night service.

By television, radio, movie screen and all other available forms of communication, an invitation is being issued to active and inactive Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship in a Methodist church on New Year's Eve. All services will be designed to aid in launching the 12-month campaign which has as a goal the reaching of every inactive Methodist and unchurched person in the state and presenting them with the challenge of active participation in some local church.

Plans call for a prayer vigil in each Texas Methodist church beginning at 12 noon and continuing until 11 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Other scheduled events of the year's crusade include an All-Texas Census on Sunday, January 26. Area responsibilities will be assigned to each church, so that every home can be reached and information recorded concerning unidentified and potentially Methodist families.

On Sunday, March 2, Texas Methodist will join in "One Great Day of Witnessing." On that day, local church representatives will be knocking on doors throughout the state to invite thousands to accept Christianity and become active Methodists.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Season's Greetings to our new friends—may you have many happy memories of the holidays



**CURREY'S GULF SERVICE**  
Bob Currey & Staff



December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a tiny tear, and some dishes, and a teddy bear. And a suitcase, and some doll clothes. And a dollhouse. And I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Cheryl Little



**MARDI JONES**  
... to invite thousands



**A SLEIGHTFUL OF WISHES**

As Another Christmas Season Comes To Us — It Is Our Desire To Extend To All Of You— Our Friends And Customers— Our Very Sincere Best Wishes For A Happy And Safe Christmas Holiday. We have all enjoyed serving you for the past year and are looking to 1958 as another year of enjoying your patronage.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!

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**"ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE"...**

May the spirit of Christmas prevail

**ANN'S DRESS SHOP**



The Rankin (Tex.) News—  
Thursday, December 26, 1957

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a burp gun, a football shirt, a tool set, tool bench also a Safe. I will be in Big Spring Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Bryan Gossett



Seasons Greetings

We extend to our friends and neighbors of all faiths of the Rankin Community the Seasons Greetings of this year of 1957; May the season of Christmas bring joy and great happiness to you and your family, and may the days of Christmas bring a new challenge to you with a new understanding of the real "Message of Christmas." May the New Year of 1958 bring to you a new hope and a renewed faith in the goodness of God and the love of your fellowmen. May we all work for peace and for good will to men every where, and may we have no part in those things which create suspicion and fear, but give ourselves to those things which build confidence and understanding. Remember Jesus has said, "Blessed are the peace makers." May the peace, and love and grace of God be yours.

Lynn H. McAden, Pastor  
Rankin Methodist Church

Dear Santa Claus:

I am nine years old. I go to school in Rankin. Mrs. Pettit is my teacher. And I would like to have a record player, and a few records. I would like to have a grown up doll, and a few clothes for her. Mother and dad say that I have been good this last year. I am just writing you to say do not forget me at Christmas.

Love,  
Judy Andersen

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm eight years old and I have tried to be as good as I could all summer.

I would like to have a camper blade knife, a Timex watch, a 410 cap shot gun for Christmas. I want a football suit. That is all for now. And I go to Rankin School in Texas. My address is box 72. I hope I can get some candy for you.

Thank you, Santa and happy Christmas to you.

Love,  
Craig Cannon

December 25, 1957

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, a pogo stick, a bike, a Record player, and some records for Christmas.

This year in our room we made pictures. On Halloween we made pictures of Halloween.

For Thanksgiving we made pictures of Thanksgiving. Now we are making Christmas pictures.

Love,  
Sharon Woodfin



THE 44-VOICE HUMBLE Glee Club is scheduled to be heard during the present Christmas season as they sing the traditional carols on Texas in Review.

All Glee Club members are company employees with the exception of the rector, John Nichols of Bellaire.

Sincere  
Best  
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Holiday  
Season

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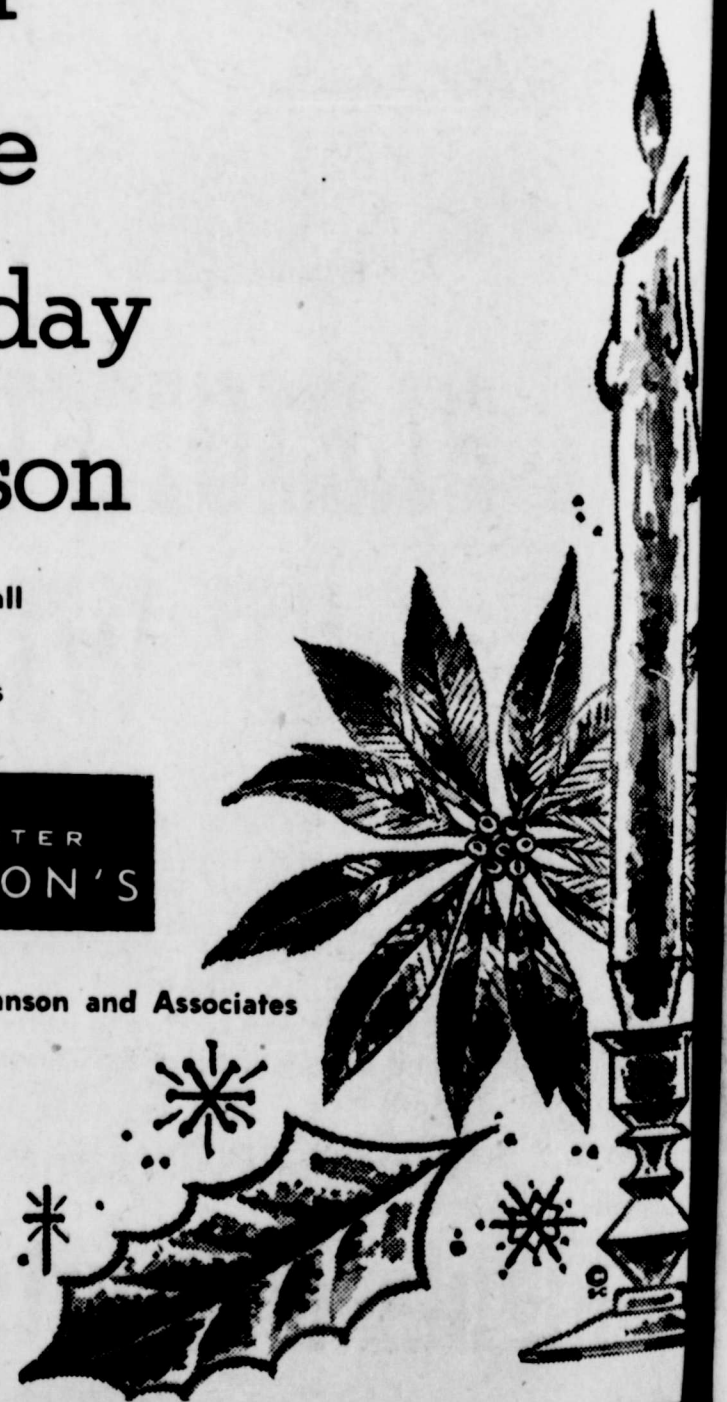
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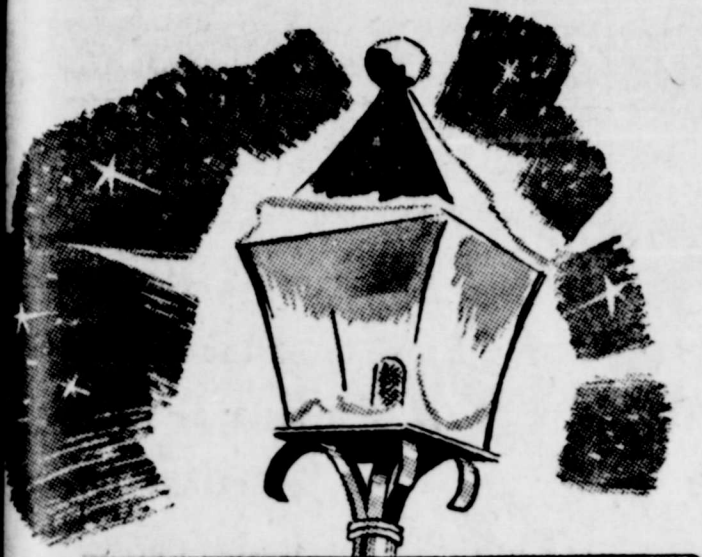


Best Wishes

STEVE PRESLAR

And FAMILY





**Season's Greetings**

**SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION**



December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:

from Tony Case  
I want a B. Bggn.  
I want a foot ball suit. and  
I want a pony and I want  
an aircraft carrier  
Tony Case

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll. I want a bug-  
gy. I want a suit case. I want  
a mixer. I want a sewing ma-  
chine I hope you have a  
Happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Carol Crawford

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:

I want a football suit.  
I want a basket ball  
Larry Funderburg

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a train and  
a helicopter and a jeep and  
some clothes.  
Jackie Hamilton

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:

I want the biggest sea plane  
in the whole NAVY and the  
front end opens up.  
I want some men that call  
cavemen  
Love Bernie Ritter

Dear Santa Claus:

All I want this year is a  
swin bicycle.  
I have tried to be a good  
boy.  
I would like a bible too.  
I wish you would bring  
Mother a new dress with roses  
on it. My daddy would like  
a pare of socks and a warm  
coat with fur on the collar.  
Love,  
Doyle Nicholson

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Ballerina doll for  
Christmas, some baby kittens,  
some dishes, some clothes, a  
Bible and some games to play  
with I am nine years old I  
have been good all year I  
have been doing good in  
school.  
Love,  
Joyce Schnaubert

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish you could come to  
see us more often than you  
do. One year is a long time.  
I am doing fine in school. I  
wish you would bring me an  
army set, a rubber airplane  
that you can shoot with a  
rubber band, a cannon that  
shoots guided missels, an air-  
plane that has a motor and a  
bike.  
Love,  
Mike Wheeler

**SCHOOL MENU**

**Thursday, January 2**  
Jelly-Butter  
Sausage Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes Blk-eye Peas  
Hot Biscuits Milk  
Chocolate Pudding

**Friday, January 3**  
Hot Dogs — Beans  
Potato Chips Milk  
Pineapple Cake

**Monday, January 6**  
Cabbage & Pineapple Salad  
Salmon Croquettes  
Carrot — Buttered Potatoes  
Carrots — Milk — Bread  
Butter  
Cherry Cobbler

**Tuesday, January 7**  
Sweet Relish

Weiners — Pinto Beans  
Hominy — Corn Bread—Milk  
Butter  
Banana Pudding

**Wednesday, January 8**  
Vegetable Salad  
Meat Loaf — Boiled Cabbage  
Mashed Potatoes—Corn Bread  
Butter — Milk  
Prune Cup Cakes

**Thursday, January 9**  
Gelatine Salad  
Baked Ham — Candied Yams  
English Peas— Hot Biscuits  
Butter—Milk  
Oranges

**Friday, January 10**  
Vegetable Salad  
Steak — Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes Green Beans  
Donuts — Hot Biscuits

**Best Christmas Wishes**



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Carol Phillips

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a B. B. gun and a electric football set. I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love,  
Marcus Price



H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS  
And FAMILY

May the best gift of  
all — the spirit of  
peace and good will  
... be yours always.



ELIZABETH L. RAINS  
Upton County Treasurer

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a very good little boy so would you bring me these things: Doodle bug, with a dump, Maintainer, Airplane, Mechanical train and a Basketball.  
Sister has been a good little girl too so please bring her a doll and a teddy bear.  
Thanks a lot "Dear Santa."  
I love you,  
Stevie Foster

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a football suit and I want a flag and a airplane and bow a arrow.  
I hope you have a good Christmas.  
love  
Mike Turner

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a big bear. I want a baton.  
Happy CHRISTMAS.  
Mickey Hughes

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a football and a guitar. I want a model airplane and a bow and arrow and a type writer.  
I hope you have a good Christmas.  
Love,  
Gary Peacock

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a baby doll. and some games. and some books. Santa I with been pretty good.  
Murettas been pretty good to get her something to. I want a record player. Santa I want a ring. Santa I want a suitcase I want you to have a pretty Christmas.  
Love Jo Ann Turner

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doll and some dishes. And some clothes.  
I hope you have a merry Christmas.  
love  
Mary Trowbridge

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a doll for Christmas.  
I would like a record player.  
Thank you Dora Snell

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a tiny tear doll and a record player and a telephone.  
I hope you have a good Christmas.  
love Judy McAden

December 25, 1957  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a doll house. and a doll and a play house.  
Santa Claus I wish I would I did make a 100 today. and Santa Claus I wish you would bring me a rabbit. Dennis been pretty good to today.  
From Julia Wilson

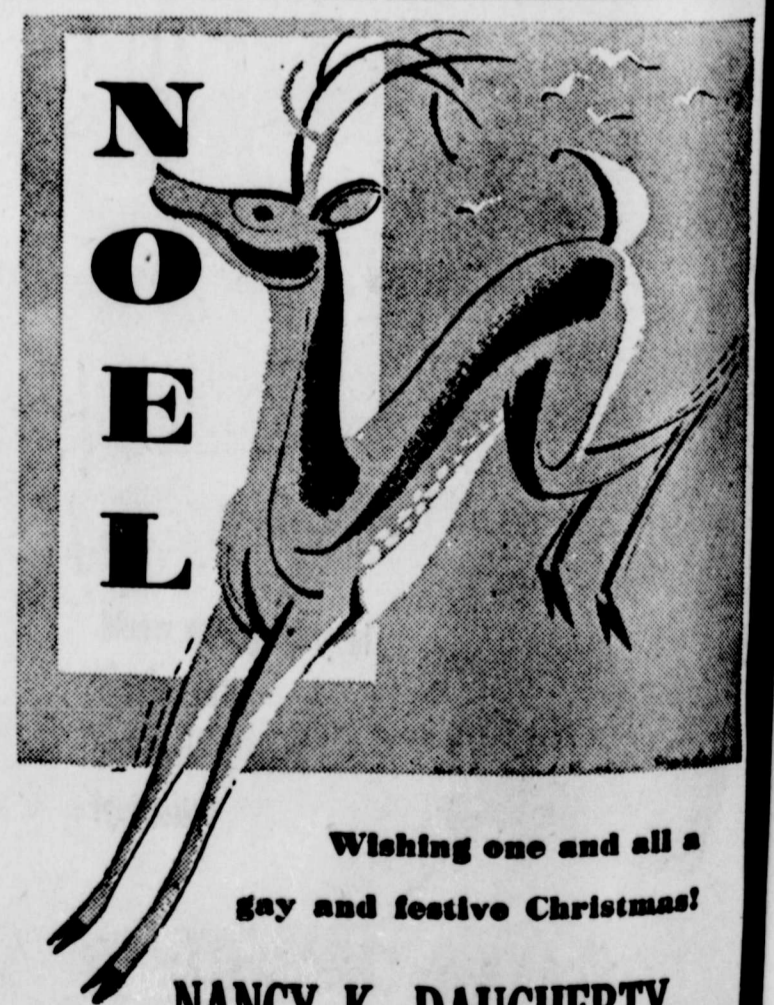


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greetings for a  
blessed Christmas.

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T. D. "TOMMY" WORKMAN, JR.



Wishing one and all a  
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NANCY K. DAUGHERTY  
And FAMILY

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red about their disability  
ecording to Harold P.

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Thomas, Manager of the Odessa  
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Formerly regularly employed wor-  
kers, who are at least 50 years old,  
who have been disabled for at least  
6 months, and have not been able  
to work because of their disabled  
condition may lose disability in-  
surance if they do not file an app-  
lication by December 31, 1957. The  
loss of payments could very easily  
run into hundreds of dollars de-  
pending upon the length of time  
the person has been disabled, his  
former social security income, and  
how long he delays filing his ap-  
plication.

Persons who have already spoken  
to a representative from the of-  
fice do not need to see the rep-  
resentative again, as their cases  
are being handled or have already  
been processed. The deadline of  
December 31, applies only to those

who think they meet the general  
requirements mentioned above, and  
who have not yet made inquiry  
about their disability.

Thomas stated that more detail-  
ed information on disability in-  
surance benefits and the disability  
freeze can be obtained by writing  
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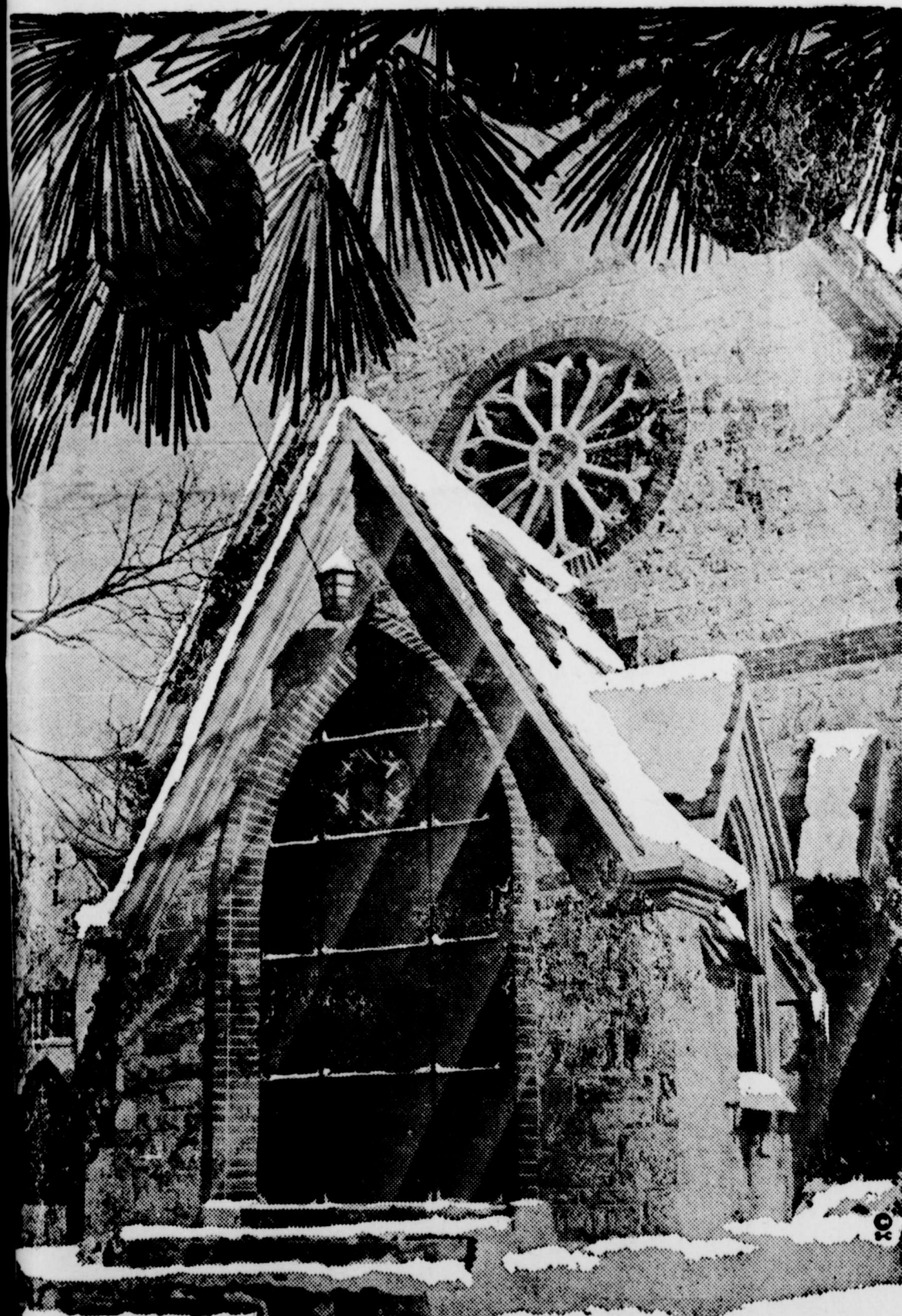
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it come laden with hap-  
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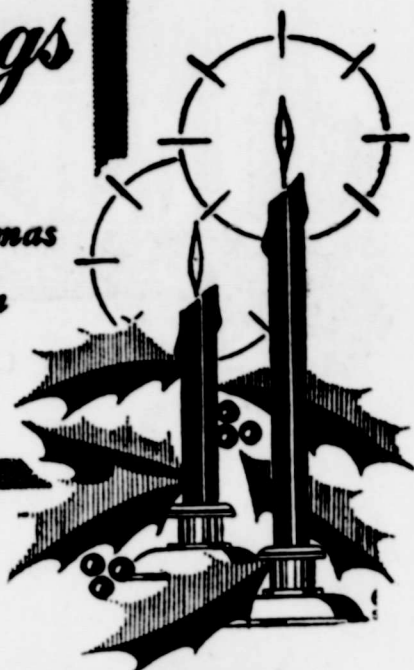
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*Season's Greetings*

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Dear Santa Claus:  
We are going to have the Christmas play. It will be at night December 17th at 8:15.  
I just want about three things. I want an airpain, a led melting set, and some candy.  
I'm 9 years old and I live in Midkiff Texas.

Love,  
Rodney.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish I had a pretty doll this year I would like a nurse kit. I would like some clothes, too. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Janice Cockrell

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are having a Christmas play December 17.  
My name is Janis Owens and I am in the third grade. I am eight years old. I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a real horse, and a toy boat with a real motor in it?  
Love,  
Janis Owens

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a doll bed. I have tried to be a good girl. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Judy Elrod

Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you could come every month and visit us, but I know you can't. I want an electric train for Christmas. I would like for you to be at Rankin School December 17, 1957. We will have our Christmas Program in the High School Auditorium.  
Sincerely yours,  
Richard Browning

Dear Santa Claus:  
I hope you and your wife have been well all this year. I want a truck that shoots little rockets with rubber tips, and it has a jet on the little spot light. I want a U. S. Army set and a round box of tinker toys.  
Jamey Sawyer

**BIRTHS**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Owens of Rankin a baby girl, name Vicki Margaret December 18th at 10:22 p.m., weighing 5 lbs. and 14 ozs.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Razo of Rankin a Baby Boy, named Jessie Henry, December 23rd at 2:50 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

Mrs. Duke Hill left last Saturday for Golden, Colorado, where she will spend the holidays with her son, Glenn, and family.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors for the flowers and many kindnesses shown us during our sorrow.  
Mrs. Ferguson and family.

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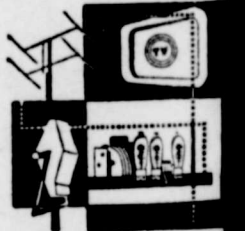
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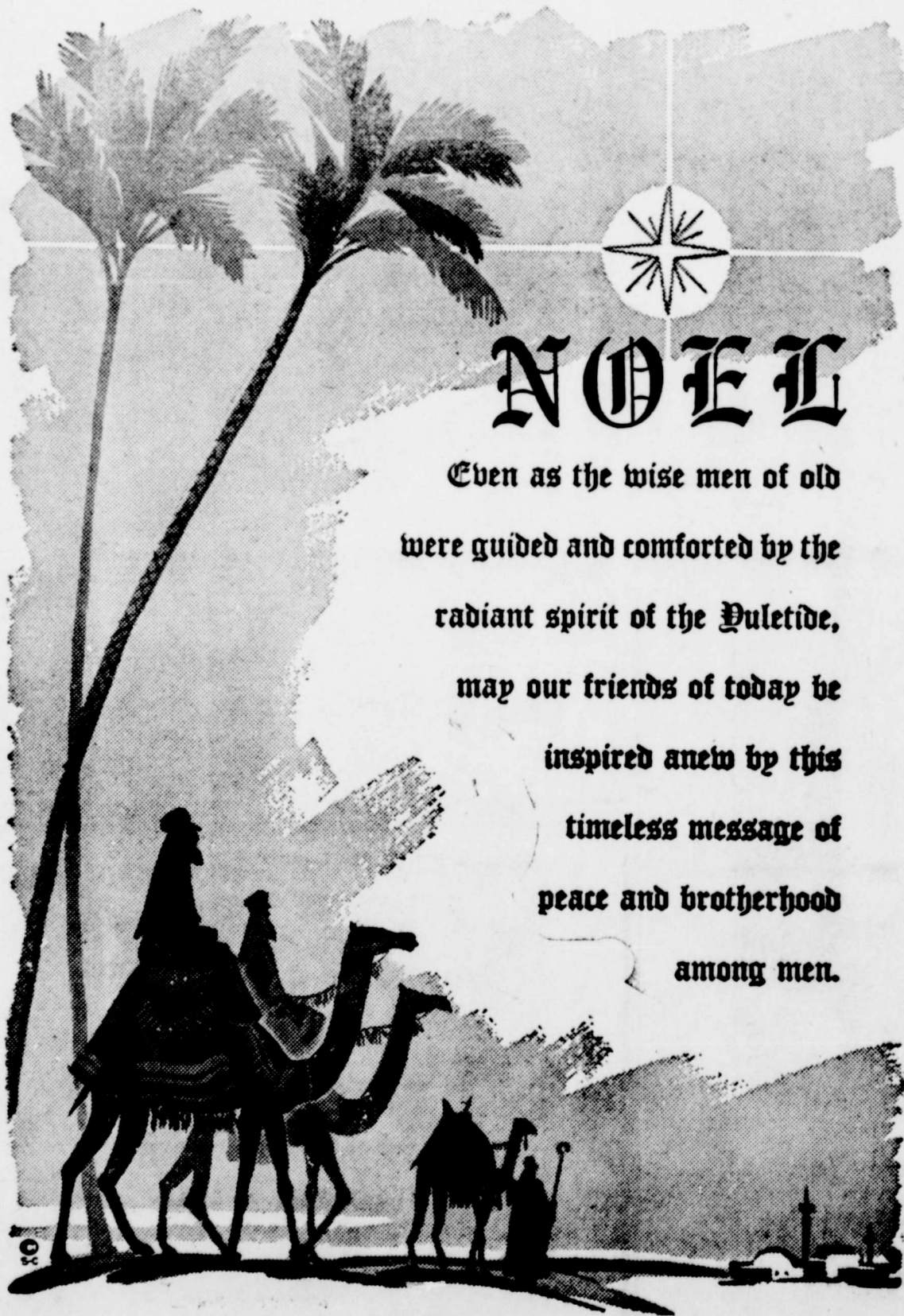


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