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CHRISTMAS TREE with a message is featured in First Grade decorations in Mrs. Tippett's room as it lights up the "Spelling Tree".

## It's Christmas Time

And everybody is getting into the spirit.

It's Christmas Time in Rankin Schools and the students have had a busy week of studies, decorating, parties and open house. Throughout this issue of the News are pictures of the final days of activities in the school rooms as everybody lends a hand in preparation for the holiday season.

It's Christmas Time and a good time to wipe the slate clean of old arguments and disagreements—to make a fresh start at keeping the Spirit of Christmas in our hearts and lives for the rest of the year. It's time to wish everybody "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

## Rankin Will Close For Yule Holidays

A general three-day closing has been scheduled for the Christmas Holidays by most Rankin business houses and offices. Everyone has indicated that they will close on Christmas day.

Bert's Ice House will be open throughout the holidays while the Ramsey Cafe and several service stations plan a one-day closing.

Rankin Schools were dismissed on Wednesday, December 23 and will reopen on Monday, January 4.

## Large Bobcat Killed, Believed To Be Rabid

Joe Eckert, who ranches on the University Ranch some 7 miles West of Rankin on the McCamey highway, was displaying a large 26-pound bobcat which he and his wife killed in their back yard early Monday morning as it was fighting with the family dogs. The big cat carried a strong odor of a skunk and was believed to be rabid.

Eckert reported that he and his family had been having trouble previously with rabid animals, indicating that the carriers of the disease are in or near Rankin. In both McCamey and Crane, rabies scares have prompted a speed-up of control methods of stray animals and the putting out of poison.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whorton of Iraan on December 18 at 5:35 a.m., a son weighing 6 lbs., 7 ozs. and named Charles III.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newcomb of Forsan on December 20 at 2:40 a.m., a daughter weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs. and named Anita Ann.



"NOW ISN'T THIS PRETTY" say First Graders in Mrs. Shoemakers room as they inspect their Christmas dream decorations.



NOT TO BE LEFT OUT, three high school girls stop by the Christmas tree prior to getting in studies on a large load of books.



THE LESSONS MUST GO ON as Mrs. Zollie Mae Rawlins gives instructions to Sixth Graders in the Junior High School.

CHRISTMAS TREE and a session at the black board in Mrs. Marcus Price's Second Grade — fun and work combined.



SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

## DEAR SANTA.

This week, as for the past three weeks, The News has carried a batch of "Letters To Santa" for which I'd like to express my appreciation to the writers. We all like to read the letters the kids write—or have written—and often they ask that the other children be remembered at Christmas time by Santa.

That, right there, is what it's all about.

But, suppose there was a Santa who would grant one of us one wish? I wonder what we would do?

Would we make a selfish wish like having all the gold in Fort Knox or would we think of the needs of our fellow beings on this earth and wish for substance for their bodies and their souls, knowing that we, ourselves, would get no more nor less than everyone else.

I expect that we could each ask

ourselves this question and know just how much Christmas Spirit we have by the answer we get—the truthful answer, that is.

Of course, we could always cross the old boy up and wish that everybody else would get the same one wish but then we'd have used our own wouldn't we?

Anyway, knowing that it is more blessed to give than to receive, I'm going to let each of you who are readers of this column give a little blessing this week by cutting the thing off right at this period.

"Dear Santa Claus: Please bring a bed for my daddy. I have a little bed, sister has a little bed, mommy has a bed, and poor daddy has no bed—he has to sleep with mommy"—From Art Linkletter's "The Secret World of Kids".

IF IGNORANCE is bliss, asks the Anderson (S.C.) Independent, why aren't there more happy people?

OLE NORLAND, in the Indian News, notes there's a contradiction present: the good guys always win out, consistently, on tv detective and western shows, but not in the newscasts.

POPULAR as money is, notes George Bowra in the Aztec (N.M.) Independent-Review, few people are of the desire to work for it.

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old. My name is Bill Hood. I live in Rankin, Texas.

I would like a football, a four-ten shotgun and a castle.

We are studying clothing in our Geography book. I like the story about cotton best.

Love,  
Bill Hood

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*Best Wishes*

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

May we also take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your help and cooperation over the past years and to wish each and all A HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS

And Family



Beautiful indeed, is the story of Christmas ... the story of how, so many years ago, the wise men saw the light ... the Star ... and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward. Again it is Christmas ... a time to draw our loved ones and our friends closer to us ... a time to find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of Christmas. It is in this spirit that all of us here at West Texas Utilities Company send warm and cordial Christmas Greetings to you and yours. May you have a very Merry Christmas. And may its laughter, its friendships and its good cheer be yours in abundance in this joyous season.



West Texas Utilities Company

December 24, 1959  
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 party the 19 of De  
 Pettit's room 105,  
 having our Christmas  
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December 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a watch. And I want fluffy.  
 And I want some records. And I  
 want a puppet.

Your friend,  
 Sue

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like to  
 have a pretty doll, and a pair of  
 skates and dishes or any thing you  
 want to bring me. My brother would  
 like to have a pair of roller skates.  
 I do not know what My Mother  
 are Dady would like to have.

Love,  
 Mildred Melton

Dear Santa,

I would like a bow and arrow,  
 some gloves, a pellet gun and  
 bring my Mother a coffeepot. And  
 my Father a box of cigarettes.

Love,  
 David Trowbridge

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me an electric train,  
 a red bicycle, a records of Paulina.

Love,  
 Raymond Aguero

Mrs. T. L. Blue and Mrs. Ken-  
 neth Acuff and daughter of Crane  
 were in Rankin Sunday visiting  
 friends.



IN THE FIFTH GRADE, Mrs. Bill Cook's room shown here, you don't take too much time from your lessons; however, the group does display some of their handwork.

FROM  
 U. S. Postal Office Employees  
 Rankin, Texas

PEACE  
 ON  
 EARTH  
 GOOD WILL  
 TO  
 ALL

TO --

OUR POSTAL PATRONS

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

AND

Our Sincere Thanks For Your Cooperation  
 EVERY DAY

"Glory to God in the highest..."  
 LUKE 2:14

Christmas Peace  
 and Blessings-  
 and  
 every Happiness



May they all be yours to enjoy  
 on this glorious occasion.  
 And with this wish our sincere  
 thanks for your friendship.

NANCY K. DAUGHERTY  
 And Family



May the meaning  
 of Christmas be deeper,  
 its friendships stronger and its  
 hopes brighter for  
 each of you.

JUDGE HART JOHNSON  
 112th Judicial District



WALLACE LUMBER CO.  
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FIRST GRADE STUDENTS from Miss Myrtle Reed's room inspect the decorations and presents as they prepare for their Christmas Party, held this week. Note the home-like atmosphere of the fireplace.

LETTERS  
TO  
SANTA



Dear Santa,  
We will be glad when Christmas comes. I live on a ranch 7 miles on the McCamery highway. I would like a 2 gun set, a B. B. gun, a toy boat, and a sled. We will put

some cookies and milk on the table in the dinette.

Your friend,  
David Wright

Dear Santa,  
Open house will be Tuesday night at 6:30 to 7:30. Then the program starts at 7:30 to 8:30. For Christmas I would like a dress for my mother and some dishes for my grandmother. For my father I would like a saddle and I would like a football, football suit, chemistry set and a Scubble game.

Your friend,  
Johnny Smith

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Dear Santa Claus

For Christmas I want a scooter. My Mother wants dishes.

My name is Gary Taylor. I am 7 years old. I am in 1st grade and in 1st room.

Come to our Christmas party at 1:00 o'clock in room 105

Love,  
Gary Taylor



Greetings

No matter where  
we are,

There will always  
be a

Christmas

With the bright  
shining Star  
So full of hope  
and happiness

HIGHLAND CAFE

WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 25, 26 & 27

To wish you  
all the joys  
of a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Season



JOHN A. MENEFFEE  
And Family



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UNLIMITED  
GOOD WISHES

It's all made out in your name!  
As we look forward to another year of banking service we are sincerely appreciative of friends like you. Your loyalty and confidence have made Christmas and every day wonderful for us!  
We hope your future is filled with all good things and that this will be your Merriest Christmas ever!

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS go up at the Rankin Junior School. Students take a little time from their studies to "deck the halls" as the tree and the trimmings are placed in the lobby of the building.

**Science Instructor  
Science Workshop**

Students and Mr. Vir- high School science tea- led a junior high school and math workshop at December 12. Students at- tended the workshop at- tended the workshop at- David Zoller and Bil- seventh grade; Sammy Dan Humphreys, eighth James Tippett and Ron- ninth grade. Workshop held at the And- High School, consisted interests groups, panel "Careers in Science", projects, a talk on Math and Science and a tour of the of Andrews Jun- attended the special of their choice. One attended the work- "The math and sci- that I attended was one interesting and edu- type that I have ever the information that was during the meet open- fields of science to

**Mrs. Workman Hosts  
WCS Yule Party**

Mrs. Tom Workman was hostess in her home on Wednesday night for the annual Christmas party of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Decorations for the party were in keeping with the yuletide. Entertainment in story form with all the guests participating and the exchange of gifts were enjoyed. Mrs. Hamp Carter, president of the society, was presented a gift from the membership. Mrs. Workman served a sadad- dessert plate to Mesdames B. E. English, Kenneth Welsh, Walton Herral, Hamp Carter, Clint Shaw, Bob Dod, A. B. McGill Ross Wheeler, Lynn McAden, W. L. Goodwin, Dunn Lowery, J. Linton Clark and Mary Ann Workman. It set before me examples of what people of my own age group have done in different branches of science." Mr. Dobbs reported that all of the students especially enjoyed the luncheon and free cokes, compliments of the Andrews Junior High Student Council.

*May peace*

*be your gift at*

**Christmas**

*and your treasure in the  
coming year*



**DUNNINGHAM BARBER SHOP**

*Merry Christmas*

**TO  
You' All!**

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Wed., Thurs, Dec. 23-24

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**BOGGS Gro. & Mkt.**

We Give Frontier Stamps -- Double Stamps on Wednesday



THIRD GRADERS in Mrs. Oscar Pettit's room at the Rankin Elementary School, make a study of the stars in their Christmas Decorations. They held their annual Christmas Party at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 23 and were also heavy contributors to the "Letters to Santa" series which appears in this issue of the Rankin News—getting in a little practice at letter writing and enjoying themselves—all at the same time.



To wish you all the joys of the  
Christmas Season

RANCHERS'  
WOOL AND MOHAIR  
ASSOCIATION

WE WILL BE CLOSEL DEC. 25, 26 & 27

### Fidellis Matrons Meet In Edwards Home

Mrs. M. J. Edwards was hostess in her home on Friday night for the annual Christmas party of the Fidellis Matron Class of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. J. L. Manry, Jr. and Mrs. Grimm Taylor presented the program. The years offering from the class for Foreign Missions was also counted and totaled \$68.00.

Mrs. Edwards served a salad plate to eighteen guests.

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a bicycle. My Mother wants a set of dishes. My brother wants a pellet gun. My name is Arturo. I'm 11 years old. I am in the third grade and in Mrs. Pettit's room. Come to our Christmas Party at 1:00 o'clock December 23.

Love,  
Arturo Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus

Bring my brother a motorcycle. Will you bring my mother a set of dishes and bring my father some shirts and some socks and a new pair of shoes. Bring me a Terry lee doll and a stove and a radio. Santa Claus. We will have hoce chocolate pie and a cup of hot cffee for you.

Love,  
Vickie Harshbarger

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Alice Ramierz. I am 9 year old. Please bring my brother a toy bbgun and a little car.

Mother wants a new table and a ne wbed. Daddy want a gun, and a new car. I am in the third grade in Mrs. Pettit's room 105. We will have our party Wednesday December 23 at 1:00 o'clock. We will have our open house Tuesday night December 22 at 6:30.

In my room there are 20 children.  
Love,  
Alice

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Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want scooter.

My mother wants a daddy wants a gun. I wants an airplane. I Pettit's Third grade.

Love,  
Ellis Cavness

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want ball, a Treasure Hunt School clothes and my bride doll.

Do not forget children.

Thank you for gave me last year. I live in Midkiff Box number is 155.

Love,  
Janice Eaton.

## A Policy for All Happiness Insurance

There's a policy we want to write for each of you...one that would insure everyone for a maximum amount of happiness for Christmas and the days to follow. May the benefits of this Christmas policy bring you lasting contentment and joyfulness and prosperity. Thanks, also, to each of our policy holders for your very fine friendship.



Lowery And Workman Insurance Mr.

May the blessings  
of the season  
be yours



May all the days that  
are still in store for  
you be filled with every  
kind of Happiness.

*Merry Christmas*

**ELIZABETH L. RAINS**  
County Treasurer

**LETTERS  
TO  
SANTA**



Rankin, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I want a bicycle and a record player and a big doll and with baby clothes.  
Love  
Debra Houchins

Debbie, Rankin, Texas,  
Grade 2  
December 9, 1959

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll bed and a big dollhouse and a record player.  
Please bring all the little needy children some toys, too.  
Love,  
Debbie Avery

**MY WORK IN THE 4-H CLUB**

By  
**Rusty and Katie Garner**



**RUSTY GARNER**  
... third year

I've been in 4-H Club for three years and Katie joined last year. We both love animals and feeding show lambs is really fun. The lambs become pets by the time the shows start so we miss them after they sell.

My first year in 4-H I fed two lambs, but didn't win anything. That year I was a member of Junior Wool Judging Team. We placed 2nd in Alpine and went to San Angelo, Brownwood and Sonora. These were my first experiences of being away from home.

Last summer I worked for a week at the Frank Boyd ranch during shearing time. The Boyd brothers are older 4-H members and along with other 4-H'ers have helped me a lot.

This year Katie and I are feeding seven lambs. A Southdown lamb of ours died last week so we have learned to take hardships along with good luck. 4-H Club work has taught us to accept responsibility for we feed and care for the lambs ourselves. We are as proud when any Upton County kid wins at a show as when we win. We are glad to be 4-H Club members and work hard in school so we can go on trips.

Last year we won the following ribbons:

- 1st — Fine Wool — Upton Show
- 4th — Southdown — Upton Show
- 5th — Fine Wool — Upton Show
- 5th — Southdown — Denver
- 2nd — Fine Wool — Houston

We got four other ribbons for lambs placing at El Paso and San Antonio.



**KATIE GARNER**  
... second year

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I would like a wrist watch and a cooky sheet for my mother.  
My father wants an electric shaver. I don't know what my brother and sister want.

On December the 14, at 7:15 we are having a pack meeting at the Park Building.

Your friend,  
David Welsch



**Behold, A King is born this day!**

From that glorious night many centuries ago, when the shepherds came from their flocks to worship at the manger, mankind has looked to the Child of Bethlehem for guidance and hope.

As we remember once again that starry night, let us remember the promise of it... and let its light guide our path.

Our best wishes to your entire family for this Christmas season and all the days to follow.

nce **Mr. And Mrs. Dave McKelvy**

*May  
Christmas  
bring you joys  
and blessings*

Thank you for the fine consideration you've given us in the past year. You've been most thoughtful.



**ANN'S DRESS SHOP**



TIME OUT FROM STUDIES to put on their best holiday smiles in the Fourth Grade as teacher Hefton and Principal Stewart look on.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Don Rhorick of Rankin was admitted December 13.  
 Mrs. Charles Wharton of Iraan was admitted December 17.  
 Mrs. T. L. Harbin of Rankin was admitted December 17.  
 Mr. S. C. Horned of Crane was admitted December 18 and expired December 21 at 9:03 a.m.  
 Mrs. Robert H. Newcomb of For-san was admitted December 19.  
 Mrs. Mona Pear Ellis of Midland was admitted December 21.  
 Baby Lasaro of Rankin was admitted November 27.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a 22, a puppet, a gun machine and a 8 ball.

I would like you to come to our Christmas party room 105, Dec. 22 at 1:00 o'clock.

Love,  
 Thomas Joe Kendrick

### Thieves Hit In Rankin And McCamey Area

For the second time in a little more than a year, burglars have broken into the Rankin High school. Latest efforts were made last Sunday night as the offices of the superintendent, school secretary and high school principal were ramsacked. About \$15 was believed to have been taken while a considerable amount of damage was done to the doors of the offices and some of the filing equipment. In last year's raid, the thief had little success as he was surprised by one of the custodians and fled the building to be picked up later by officers from the County Sheriff's department.

Also robbed Sunday night were West Texas Utilities and Fisher Drug in McCamey. Nothing was

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missing from the WTU and the Drug Store reported of several lighter and razor. No narcotics were Officers believed that and McCamey break-ins by the same parties.

Dear Santa,

Steven wants a B.B. lot of things.

Mommy wants a new will have some cookies waiting for you.

My desk mate is Judy spent the night with me ago. We had a lot of Christmas I want a baby

Love,  
 Rhonda Riley



**GOOD WISHES**  
 and  
**Hearty Greetings**  
 for  
*Merry Christmas*  
 and the  
**NEW YEAR**

**J** L PORTER  
**JOHNSON'S**

Mr. and Mrs. L. Porter Johnson  
 And Associates



**FRIENDS**

**RED BLUFF LUMBER CO.**

*HOLIDAY GREETINGS*

"And thou shalt have joy and gladness and many shall rejoice at this birth."

—LUKE 1:14

May every joy and blessing  
 be yours at Christmas time

**YOCHAM'S "66" SERVICE STA**





**GIRLS TAKE OVER** in decorations in the Fifth room of Mrs. Theresa Hurn as the students prepare for open house at the schools.

### Study Club Stages Christmas Party

Mrs. M. J. Edwards and Mrs. Tyson Midkiff were hostesses for the Rankin Study Club last Thursday. Flowers and green decorated the club rooms.

Mrs. Ross Wheeler spoke on the subject of religion and its influence on citizenship, showing a display of community life as brought out in the home, school and church. Mrs. Wheeler stated that pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Mrs. Hamp Carter read the club pledge and Mrs. J. L. Manry, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Gifts for the Childrens Home in Mexia were on display. The club sends a box of gifts each year for these children.

Christmas carols were sung by the group and the meeting closed with the repeating of the club collect



**FIRST GRADERS** make a serious study of the decorations in Mrs. Young's room

### GRAB HELD FRIDAY MORNING INFANT

L. Shannon of the First Church conducted graveside Friday, December 18 for Joe Harbin, infant son of Mrs. T. L. Harbin of Court Rankin. The baby was born at the Rankin hospital at 8:15 p.m. on November 17 at 8:15 p.m. and was loved by his parents, one brother age 11, and two brothers, 5, and Mike, 20. The family came here about two months ago.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Mary Sue Beck and I would like a tears doll a stove a sink and some dishes.

There is a family that goes to our church in Midkiff, that will not have a very good Christmas. Their mother has been in a car wreck. Please do not forget the children in the orphans home.

Mother will have some cookies and a glass of milk for you. Thank you Santa.

Your friend  
Mary Sue Beck

### REBEKAH LODGE ATTENDS TEXON CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 8 met at the Odd Fellow Hall Thursday night for regular meeting with Noble Grand Nancy Cummings presiding.

Seven members were present and six sick visits were reported.

After lodge, the members were entertained at the Texon Club with a Christmas Party and served a turkey dinner.

HERE'S WISHING YOU A



**HOLIDAY SEASON**

WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY  
may be closed part of Dec. 24 -- some want off -- some want to work - I would like to close "Period".  
anyway . . .

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**RAMSEY CAFE**

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ramsey & Employees

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



and

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

WE WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS

**BERT'S ICE HOUSE**

THE BERT BROWNING



**IF** We could play Santa Claus to all our many friends and customers, we would leave you our warmest good wishes to each and every one for a . . .

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**CURREY'S GULF SERVICE**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Currey

# H. D. CHATTER by . .

MYRNA HOLMAN  
Home Demonstration Agent, Upton County

## TO YOU—

If I could do whate'er I want to do,  
To make complete your gladsome Christmas Day,  
I would not bring a single thing to you,  
But I would come and take some things away:

I'd take away all trouble from your heart;  
Each pain and sorrow I would have relieved;  
And every word that caused a single smart,  
And every hour through which you sadly grieved.

I'd have them all gone—forever—gone—  
Forgotten, like the things that cannot be;  
And then each hour would be a

joyful one,  
For only good things would be left, you see.

Now that is what I'd really like to do—  
If I could do the things I wish for you.

## Letters To Santa . . .

Box, 374  
Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle to ride to school.  
I want some trucks and some cars.  
I want some candy.  
Your friend,  
Eldeen

Rankin, Texas December 7, 1959  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll for Chrismac. I want some dishes and skates and

bicycle. How is rudolph?  
Your friend,  
Connie Fuller

(ED. The above letter was decorated with a green tree and a red sleigh and two reindeer. Very pretty.)

Rankin, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am Janice

I am 8 years old  
I want a record player and a doll.  
Love  
Janice Braden

Rankin, Texas  
December 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a watch for Christmas.  
I am a good Girl.  
Your friend,  
Dana Jo

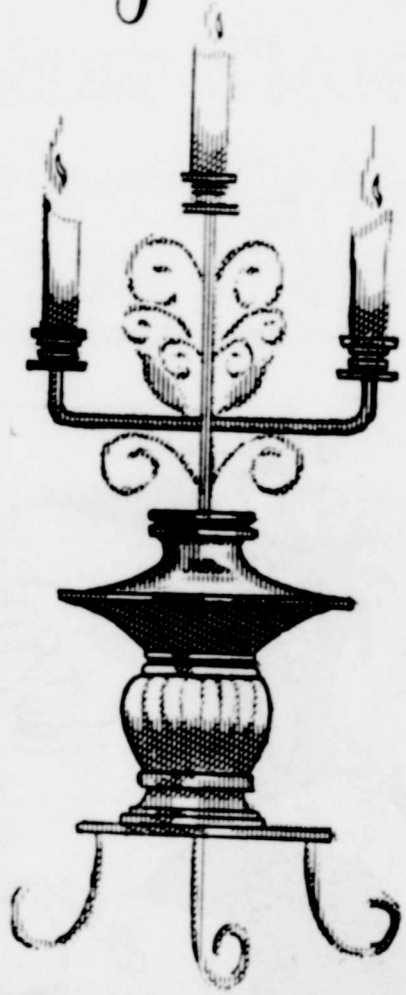
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Rankin, Texas  
December 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a teenage doll glasses. I want her to have a dress and a fur coat and shoes.

Your friend,  
Jana

for a Merry Christmas  
Greetings



May this Christmas and those to come be increasingly enjoyable to you and yours. We hope we may have the pleasure of serving you in all the years ahead.

## HURST BARBECUE

WE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY EVENING  
UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## January 31st Is The Last Day To Pay POLL TAXES

PAY EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH -- POLL TAX  
EXEMPTIONS ARE ISSUED WITHOUT CHARGE.

### Ad-Valorem Taxes Are Delinquent After Jan. 31st

PENALTY AND INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED  
AFTER THAT DATE

## NOTICE Out-Of-State Title Holders

Most of the out-of-state car and truck titles in Upton County have already expired or will expire shortly. OWNERS SHOULD REGISTER FOR TEXAS TITLE IMMEDIATELY AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE IN RANKIN.

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**DECEMBER PROCLAIMED  
"WARM SPRINGS" MONTH**

A boost for the Warm Springs Foundation at Gonzales came from Gov. Price Daniel as he proclaimed December as "Warm Springs Month" in recognition of the Center's "contribution to the conservation of human resources in Texas."

Mrs. Betty McCullough and Miss Wanda Puryear, former patients of the Center, are shown receiving the proclamation. H. P. Orts, Foundation president, San Antonio; and Edward Badough, second vice-president, New Braunfels, represented the Foundation.

Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation (The Texas Rehabilitation Center) treats the after-effects of catastrophic injuries and diseases such as spinal cord injuries, arthritis, polio, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, brain damage and birth defects.

Rankin, Texas  
December 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bootball suit for Christmas. I want a wanteddeadoralive gun and a shotgun too.  
Your friend,  
Ben Wayne

Box 115  
Rankin  
Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll and a watch and recordplayer.  
I have my bride doll.  
Your friend,  
Caye

Rankin, Texas  
December 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a recordplayer and some records and a bride doll with clothes.  
Your friend,  
Charlotte Jarvis

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Rankin, Texas  
December 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a good boy.  
I want a B. B. Gun for Christmas and a hot for Christmas, too.  
your friend,  
just John Gonzales

Rankin, Texas  
December 7, 1959

I like you Santa.  
I want a train.  
My sister wants a doll.  
I love Santa.  
Your Friend,  
Donald

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old. I live in Midkiff, Texas. My address is Box 6612 Star Route, Midkiff, Texas.  
For My mother I would like you to bring a box of candy. It may be any brand. For my father I would like you to bring a hat but it must be light brown. For me I only want one thing that is a football with a tee.

Merry Christmas Santa.  
Love,  
Donald Ray Laird



A Christmas Message To Texans Who Care:

# WHAT'S WITH TEXAS?

Texans send millions of dollars out of Texas each year in response to appeals for support from various charities.

This is very laudable because most of these appeals are sincere and worthy.

However, TEXAS RANKS NEAR THE BOTTOM of all states in providing for its own citizens needing rehabilitation services.

THE REASON: LACK OF PUBLIC SUPPORT! Surely this is not in the image of true Texans!

THE TEXAS REHABILITATION CENTER (Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation) is one of the nation's outstanding hospitals specializing in the care of the severely handicapped. TRC urgently needs additional funds with which to carry on its program.

All funds contributed remain in Texas to provide needed services to all Texans, regardless of their age, race, or ability to pay.

Make your own Christmas brighter by sending a contribution to The Texas Rehabilitation Center; P. O. Box 58; Gonzales, Texas.

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EVERYBODY LENDS A HAND in decorating the tree in Mrs. Little's Third Grade room — even the boys

### Letters To Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus,

I will be glad when Christmas come. I will leave a glass of milk and a bowl of cookies for you.

I am 9 years old. My birthday is September 12, 1959. My sister is 14 years old. My brother is 12 years old. I live in Rankin, Texas.

I am in Mrs. Pettit's room. I am in the third grade. The room number is 105.

For Christmas I would like a little teddy bear with a big bow, a teenage doll and china dishes. For my sister a teddy bear and some clothes. For my brother a B. B. gun and a model airplane. For my mother a table cloth and for my Daddy a gun.

Love,  
Helen Leyd

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## SELL RENT TRADE

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!** \$79.95 Reclining Chairs, U.S. Koylon foam Special at \$59.95. Also an assortment of swivel rockers from \$59.95 and up. Home Appliance Co.

**FOR RENT:** 2-bedroom house near school, furnished or unfurnished. 6 room house, also duplex apartments with part of bills paid. Call MY 3-2309 or MY 3-2284.

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

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"Good tidings of great joy,  
which shall be to all people."

Luke 2:10



May the  
Peace and Joy  
of Christmas  
be with you  
to-day and always

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Holiday  
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BE FILLED WITH  
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