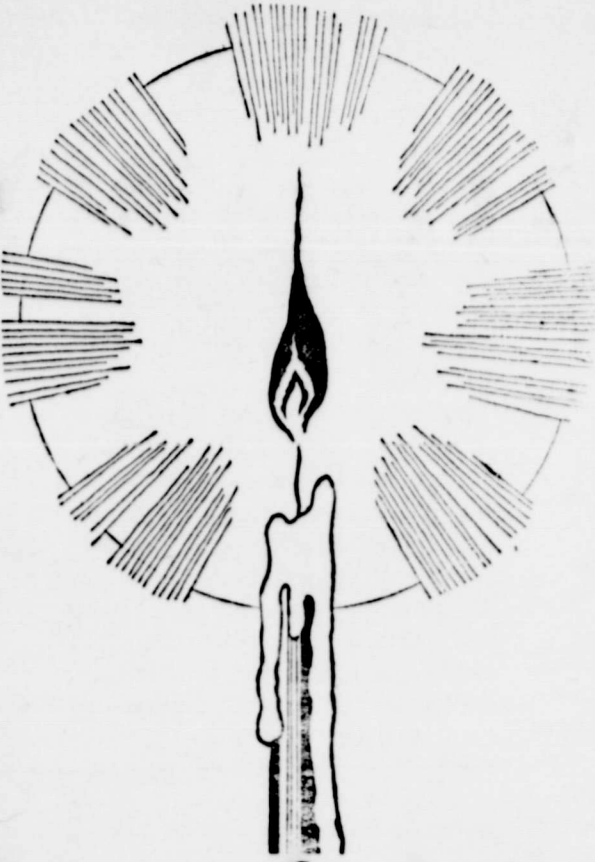


## Winners Named In The Lighting Contest

The Rankin Lions Club acting as judges, the Board of City Development last Monday night named winners to receive cash awards in the lighting contest and listed six for honorable mention. Their efforts to add to the Yule spirit in Rankin houses were not eligible to enter.

The first place award of \$10.00 was the home on Severn Street. Second place winner was the Boggs residence on North Court Street. In third place for a \$5 prize was the J. D. Gossett home on ... Street.

Honorable mention went to the H. Wheelers and ... twins on Severn Street, L. Z. Titsworth on ... Street, Leon Feuge on Elizabeth and Bill Medley on ... Street.



## Christmas Closings To Extend Thru Monday

As the Christmas Season descends upon Rankin, a general shut-down of business houses and offices will get underway for two days in a majority of instances.

Starting off the Christmas vacations will be the Rankin Schools when they dismiss classes at 2:30 Thursday. City and County offices will be closed from Saturday thru Monday and will be the First State Bank. Grocery stores plan a two day closing with the exception of the Highway Grocery which will be closed Christmas day only. McKelvy's Gro. will be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday while Bert's Ice House will remain open thru the holidays as will be Wheelers Mobil Service. The other stations will be closed Sunday. Johnson's Dept. Store will be closed Sunday and Monday, will open Tuesday and Wednesday and closed for inventory until Jan. 2.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1960

## Rankinites' Kin Dies At Sea Of Heart Attack

Chuck Wood, 49, twin brother of Mrs. H. C. Dishman, died at sea Saturday, December 18, of a heart attack. A member of the Merchant Marines, Wood was aboard the ... at the time of his death. He made his state-side home in Hermosa Beach, Calif.

He died on August 31, 1959, while attending school in that area at the onset of World War II.

He went to California where he later joined the Merchant Marines. Since his enlistment, he had traveled over most of the world, having made landings at the leading world ports.

In addition to Mrs. Dishman, Wood is survived by his father, S. H. Wood, also of Rankin; another sister, Mrs. E. L. Hoffman, Godley; and three brothers, A. T. Wood, San Antonio; E. M. Wood, Ft. Worth; and Dee Wood, Hermosa Beach, Calif.

Graveside services are to be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 26 in De Leon with burial in the De Leon Cemetery.

### TAL NOTES

J. Meinzer of McCamey died November 28.

W. Currey of Rankin was killed December 5 and dismissed December 16.

W. Shurtleff, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Dan Shurtleff of ... admitted December 7 and died December 15.

W. Sturgeon of Rankin died December 7 and died December 12.

W. Taylor of Rankin was killed December 7 and dismissed December 16.

H. Bain of Rankin was killed December 11 and dismissed December 1.

W. Rodriguez of Iraan died December 10 and died December 13.

W. Kelly, Jr. of Rankin died December 10 and died to back page)

## Theta Rho Girls Club Says "Thank You"

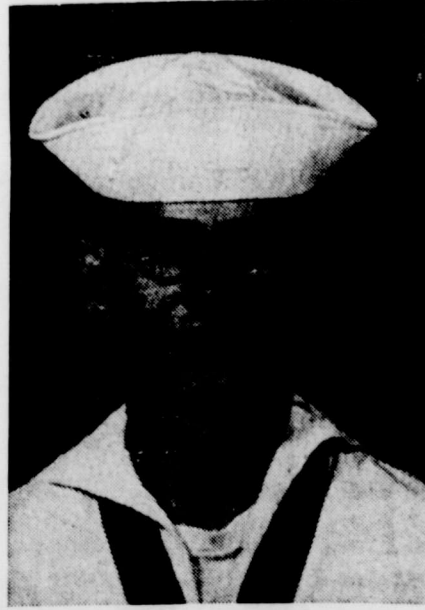
The Theta Rho Girls would like to announce that they recently received from the US Committee for UNICEF a certificate of appreciation and a receipt for \$71.28 which you contributed in the October "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" drive.

On behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund and the millions of children it aids, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, the townspeople, for your participation in this worthy drive.

## Rankinite Scores High Spot In Navy Training

Jay Helmers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helmers of Rankin, is finding the Navy training much to his liking and has just recently been graduated from the Aviation Electronic School as second in his class of twenty. Very high standards are set by the Navy for students taking this course and Helmers and one other were all who were picked from his first class of 35. He now holds a ATNAN rating and is scheduled for further technical training at the Navy School in Brunswick, Georgia and will eventually earn an instructor's rating.

He is a graduate of Rankin High School and joined the services on June 5, 1959.



JAY HELMERS  
... top student

## Services Held For Infant

Graveside services for Norman Glenn Stanley, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stanley, were held Tuesday afternoon, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rankin Cemetery with Rev. R. L. Shannon, pastor of the Rankin First Baptist Church, officiating. The child was born at 12:04 a.m. on December 19 at the Rankin Hospital and was pronounced dead at birth.

He is survived by his mother and father, two sisters, Jeanie and Debra Ann; one brother, David; his maternal grandfather, William E. Sherrill of Rankin and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. David Mitchell of Duncan, Oklahoma.

### RANKIN BOOSTER CLUB POSTPONES MEETINGS

Dr. J. D. Gossett, chairman of the Rankin Booster Club, has announced that the Boosters will not meet any more until after the holidays.

Program for the next meeting will be announced later. All members are urged to attend.



# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

## IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS—

Most of the youngsters have by now just about made it to Christmas and for a lot of them, it was none too soon for as one of the little chaps mentioned in his letter to Santa: It's hard being a good boy for so long.

Of course, that doesn't apply to Papas for they will go right on being their own ornery selves and get up and start playing with the kids' toys on Christmas morning anyway.

And it will be as good a time as any for husbands to find out how far they missed the hints the wife had been dropping around for the past month or so. For instance, if she had mentioned that she just loved the feel of fur and said husband bought her a cat for a gift, he's likely in for a surprise.

And Thanksgiving, the time to offer thanks for our blessings, is past by about a month but we can all still be thankful that we are still around what with all the traffic accidents that go with the holiday season. If you plan to be out on the highway for Christmas, take it easy. The car you save won't likely be your own for some payments yet but the finance company will appreciate the gesture.

And anyhow, you'll still have New Year's to get past.

## DEMOCRATIC DIALOGUE—

The election is over (thank goodness) and it is not my intention to stir up any trouble with the following clipping taken from the Wink Bulletin. Mr. Kennedy, although not my choice for president, has my best wishes in his job of filling the toughest position in the world and up to this point, he has done several things of which I, for one, approve.

This article struck me as being good for a laugh—and according to the way the vote went—it will seem funny to about fifty percent of you folks who read it.

Here 'tis:

## The Rankin (Tex.) News— Thursday, Dec. 22, 1960

Father, must I work to eat  
Oh, no, my lucky son,  
We're living now on easy street,  
with dough from Washington.

We've left it up to Uncle Sam—  
Now don't get exercised  
Nobody has to give a darn,  
We've all been subsidized.

But if Uncle treats us all so well,  
And feeds us milk and honey—  
Please tell me, Daddy, where  
the hell  
He's going to get the money?

Don't worry, son, there ain't a  
hitch  
In this here noble plan.  
He simply soaks the filthy rich,  
And helps the "common man".

But, Daddy, won't there come  
a time,  
If we take all their cash,  
When they'll be left without a  
dime—  
And things will go to smash?

My faith in you is shrinking,  
son,  
You nosey little brat,  
You do too much darn thinking,  
son,  
To be a Democrat!

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—

Now, just before Christmas, as we speak of peace on earth and good will toward men, it would be a good time to bring out some points on the subject as applied to Rankin.

Now Rankin is most likely no different from any other place—large or small—and I'm sure, if we'd be fair, we'll all have to admit that we are guilty to a degree on this matter—that of failing to respect our neighbors and their rights.

For the past few months, some three or four men have passed through Rankin, giving talks on what and how to improve a community and almost without exception they have stressed one big

point: Civic Pride and working together.

It seems that the two somehow always are tied in with each other and as the song says: "You Can't Have One Without the Other".

Christmas time is as good a time as any for us to resolve to take a bit more pride in our hometown and to be a bit more understanding of our neighbor and to respect his right to have his own opinion.

Being of the human race, most of us take the position that only we know what the answer is to any given question and that all who would disagree with us are either ignorant of the facts of life are that they are just plain narrow minded. We look with suspicion upon those who offer any suggestion that runs counter to

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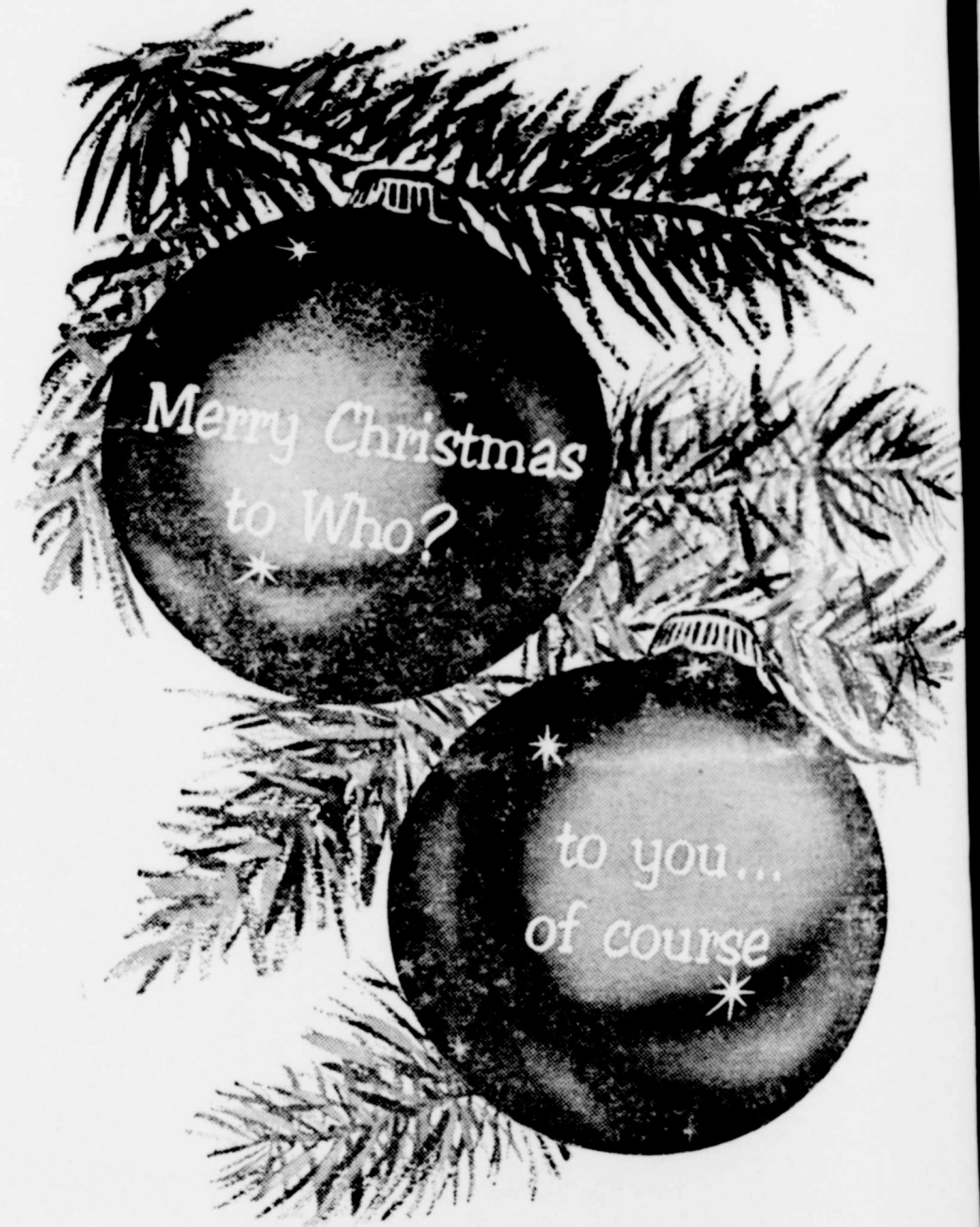
## CHRISTMAS SEASON

We cherish the happiness our old and friends have given us, and at this joyous heartwarming season extend our sincerest wishes for Christmas Happiness.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDLINESS  
AND PATRONAGE THIS PAST YEAR

## HIGHWAY GROCERY

MR. AND MRS. A. J. McDONALD & STAFF



We hope this Christmas is filled with all of the best things in life for you. As you enjoy Christmas at your house, may we offer to you our thanks and strongest wishes for a memorable Christmas.

# The Rankin News

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**THE SCOOP—**  
(Continued from Page 2)

our own way of thinking and have our doubts as to his motives.

Let us now resolve to take some steps toward becoming better unified in 1961 and to make an honest effort to work with our fellow citizens—one with the other—and see if we can't make Rankin a little better place in which to live.

It can be done. The question is: are we willing to give up enough of our self pride to accomplish it? I think we have the people with which the job can be done.

Take it easy, drive with care.  
Where you're going will still be there.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1960

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a foshion doll and a baton. My brother wants sum Weights. That is all.

Sharon Gryder.

Dear Santa

I want a machine gun with smoke, airplane, army set army tank, and a missile set.

Thank you

Alan—3 years

P. S. —  
and a rabbit

Dear Santa

I want a machine gun with smoke, and a toy airplane and an army set and a missile set and army tank

Eric—6

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a note book and a dollar tablet and 4 pencils and 48 crayola and a gun and holster.

Your friend,  
Diane Day

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good. I want you to bring my brother something.

I want a talk doll and a ball. I want you to bring my mother and father something

Your friend,  
Patricia Fitzhugh

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle, and a BB gun.

I want a Foot Ball  
I want a basket ball.  
I want a film.  
I am a good boy.

George Abalos

I Love you, Santa Calus,  
My sisters each want a doll.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a swimming pool.

Your friend,  
Billy Cockrell

Dear Santa Claus

I want a bicyle and a Foot ball and my sisters wants a doll.

I'm a boy

Larry Burden

To wish you all the joys  
and blessings of the  
Christmas season.

**ELLIOTT-WALDRON**  
**LE & GUARANTY COMPANY**



To our customers of long standing... to our friends of many years... and to those whom we hope will become old customers and old friends... to all whose courtesy and friendship have made our Christmas more thoroughly enjoyable, we say sincerely and heartily, Merry Christmas. Your trust and confidence in this modern banking institution is truly appreciated and we want to express our genuine appreciation for the privilege of serving this great community.

# The First State Bank

MEMBER F.D.I.C

Wishing you  
happiness  
this

Christmastime  
and every day



**WHEELER'S**  
**MOBIL SERVICE**

# Stock Up Now

## For Holiday feasting

SPECIALS FOR WED., THURS., FRI., & SAT. -- 21 -- 24

DROMEDARY PKG.

**DATES 27c**

FLAT CANS 2 FOR  
**PINEAPPLE 37c**

Kraft's Miniature  
MARSHMALLOWS pkg. **18c**

HEART'S DELIGHT—303's 2 FOR  
**FRUIT COCKTAIL 49c**

Ocean Spray—No. 300 can  
CRANBERRY SAUCE **25c**

HEART'S DELIGHT—303's 2 FOR  
**Pears 49c**

NONE SUCH PKG.  
**MINCE MEAT 27c**

Stokely's 303 can  
PUMPKIN 2 for **29c**

80 COUNT ZEE 2 FOR  
**NAPKINS 27c**

Evangeline can  
SWEET POTATOES **27c**

POWDERED OR BROWN 2 FOR  
**SUGAR 29c**

GANDY'S Half. Gal.  
**MELLORINE 43c**

Hip-O-lite  
MARSHMALLOW CREME **24c**

WIPPING Half-Pint  
**Cream 27c**

### Choice MEATS

Armour's Star—Fully Cooked LB.

**HAM 59c**  
HALF OR WHOLE

Choice Beef—Arm or Chuck LB.  
**ROAST 43c**

AMROUR'S STAR LB.  
**BACON 55c**

CHOICE BEEF PRIME RIB LB.  
**ROAST 59c**

FRESH DRESSED POUND  
**FRYERS 35c**

PORK CHOPS LB.  
**59c**  
Peyton's or Gooch's Cured LB.

**HAMS 55c**  
HALF OR WHOLE

### FRUITS and VEGETABLES

Washington Delicious LB.  
**APPLES 18c**

BLU EGOOSE LB.  
**ORANGES 13c**

CALIFORNIA STALK  
**CELERY 15c**

PUERTO RICO LB.  
**YAMS 10c**

**Frozen FOODS**  
SUZANNE'S FROZEN PKG.  
**ROLLS 25c**

# BOGGS Gro. & Mkt.

We Give Frontier Stamps -- Double Stamps on Wednesday

### Mrs. Day Is Hostess To Xi Epsilon Chi

The Xi Epsilon chi chapter met in the home of Christine Day Monday evening.

After roll call the program was turned over to Bettie Elrod who was giving the program at this meeting. She, in turn, introduced Dub Day who showed film dealing with natural wildlife and also a film on birds in their natural habitate. This was reported to have been very interested and enjoyed very much by all those present.

After the program, Mae Price, president, presided at the business meeting and new and old business was discussed. The meeting was

concluded and cookies were served. The hostess, Christine Day, received a door prize was won by mi Odom.

Dear Santa Clause:

I want a doll, dress and a new sister. Best yours truly, love

Judy Kay Tournad

Mrs. Hattie Claiborn view is visiting with her son-in-law, Eddie Yocham.

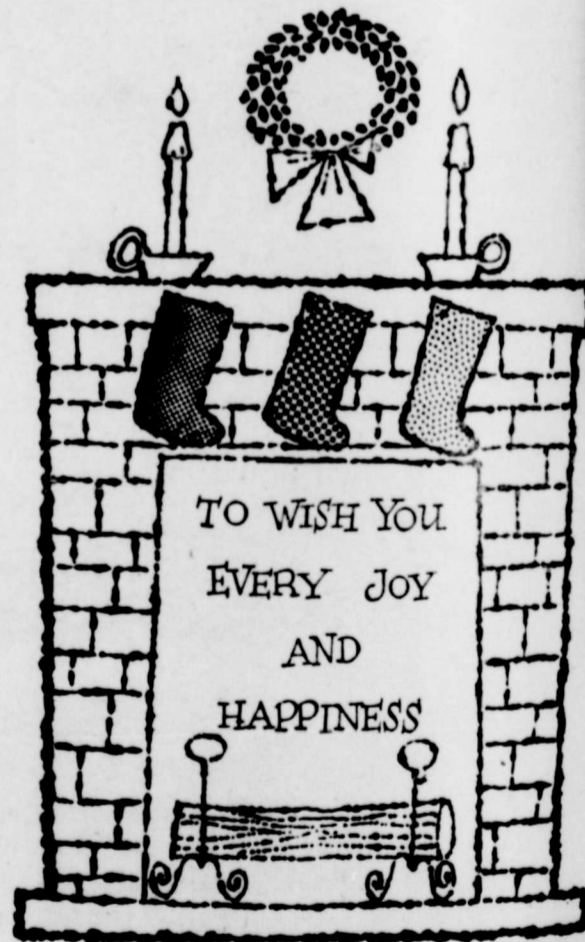
### CARD OF THANKS

TO OUR many friends for lovely flowers, cards and kindness, we say thank you much.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Sujanee and Charles

Greetings for CHRISTMAS

It's time to count our blessings, to acknowledge with gratitude the loyalty of our friends, and to express appreciation and good wishes to the fine people whom we serve.



YOUR RANKIN BOARD OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

## Club Hears sa Minister

Dunn Lowery presided during business session when the study club met in the home of the Rankin Park last Saturday. The roll call was made by each member and a Bible verse appropriate for the Christmas season.

Ralph Daugherty presented carols in verse and

R. L. Bell introduced the Lightfoot as guest speaker.

He was "A Look At Bethlehem" which was reported to

an impressive and interesting. Lightfoot is a former

of the First Baptist Church in Odessa and is now serving as

pastor of the First Baptist Church in

## Mrs. Autrey Hosts Omicron Tau Meet

BY MYRLE BROWN  
Club Reporter

The Omicron Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi concluded the year 1960 with a Christmas Party at the home of Tommy Autrey. Roll call was answered with a Christmas Carol and a short business meeting was held.

The secret sister for the year 1960 were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Secret sisters names for 1961 were drawn. Special occasions such as Valentine, Easter,

Odessa. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lightfoot.

The club collect was repeated as the closing prayer.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Herbert Hurn and Mrs. Sam Holmes.

## GO-KART WINNERS TOLD

In the Go-Kart races held here last Sunday afternoon, Don Brown won two trophies, taking the A-Industrial and A-Standard Class in the Junior Division. Earl Brown had two wins, in the Men's A-Industrial and the Consolation

Jack Sheppard, Texon, won the Main Event and the Special Event while Shorty Easter, Big Lake, had top honors in the Australian Pursuit.

Mothers' Day, Christmas, Birthdays, and Anniversaries are used by the secret sisters to make a remembrance with a gift or act of kindness.

Coffee and cake were served to fifteen guests in a truly holiday atmosphere with Christmas songs being sung and reminders of peace on earth—good will to man decorations throughout the room.

## NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE AT HOME IN RANKIN



Mrs. Everett Sly

Everett D. Sly and his bride, the former Miss Vera Elaine Garrett, are now making their home in Rankin. The couple were married recently in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Garrett with Rev. R. L. Shannon, pastor of the First Baptist church, reading the vows.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McCartney of Midkiff. David Sly, brother of Charles, served as best man. Miss Nina Gayle Pettit was maid of honor and Miss Pamela Rucker of Odessa, soloist. Miss Betty Garrett, sister of the bride, was the pianist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a gown of chintilly lace and satin. Her bridal veil was attached to a circlet of seed pearls and satin and she carried a white Bible.

A reception was held in the home immediately following the ceremony.

Dear Santa Clause.

Please send me a doll, some clothes, a train, and a new bottle for me.

Thanks, love  
Rusty Dee Tournade

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll, a baton, and three pairs of leotards. My little sister Clara Ella wants a Tiny Tears and a spray bath. My oldest sister wants a tennis racket. My name is Diana Warren. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Little. I am 9 years old.

I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Diana Lynn Warren

Dear Santa Clause:

I want some dishes, sacks, dolly, train, and boots.

Yours truly, love  
Larry Wayne Tournade

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl I think. Now lets go on with my letter. I would like a doll. I do not know what kind. I just want a nice. I have a sister she would like a different doll from mine. I have a brother he would like a pellet gun and I would like to buy it for him. I have a puppy that has nothing at all to play with I would like to buy him a toy cat and a dog leash and a collar. My Mother would like a living room that is brown.

My mother would like a pair of shoes. She would like a new bedroom suit. My Daddy would like a heater for working in the garage and in his room. Now for the family we would like a piano. Merry Christmas.

Judy Lee Phillips

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Cowgirl Doll and a Donald Duck stuffed toy. Please bring me a Malt Shop and a Desk Pen Base. I am in the third grade and I have been a pretty good girl. My big brother wants a twenty-two. My little brother would like a rocking horse for Christmas. Are you and your elves all right?

Love  
Sue Kendrick

# Merry Christmas



Good Wishes and Hearty Greetings  
for

**A Glowing Christmas**

And The **NEW YEER**

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

MR. AND MRS. L. PORTER JOHNSON  
AND ASSOCIATES

We Will Be Closed Monday, Dec. 26th But Will Be  
Open on Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 27 & 28.

We Will Then Be Closed The Rest Of The Week For  
Purpose of Taking Inventory -- We Will Reopen  
For Business Jan. 2. -- Thanks For Your Cooperation



May your  
Christmas be merry

At Christmas time we realize more than ever how much it means to have the friendship and good will of the fine folks of this community. Please accept our sincere thanks and good wishes.

**HURST BARBECUE**

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll.  
I want you to give me a football.

Your friend,  
Robbie Harmon

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a watch.  
I have been good.  
I want a swimming pod.  
I want a real horse.  
I want a real saddle and a bridle.

Your friend

Darrell Thames  
Don't forget by two brothers.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me a bicycle.

And a tinytear with a bathtub.

And a buppy with a top.  
And a yoggiebear doll.

And a baby bed.  
I'm going to my grandmother for Christmas.

I live at 404 S. Severn in Rankin.

Happy Christmas Santa Claus,

Love,  
Deborah Deel

Dear Santa Claus

I want a train and hot rod and a pick up

Your friend,  
Jerry Don Smith

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Foot Ball and a Basket Ball. I want you to bring some things to my brother and sister.

Your friend,  
LeeRoy Montez

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll. And a dress-up. Don't forget by sister and brother.

Your friend  
Stephanie Lee

Dear Santa,

I don't want much this. I want a 3 year old doll. and an electric train.

Your friend,  
Linda McCormick

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To You



Once again, we say to you "Merry Christmas" and add our genuine appreciation for all the nice things you've done for us!

UPTON COUNTY 4-H CLUB  
AND DUB DAY

Wheeee!



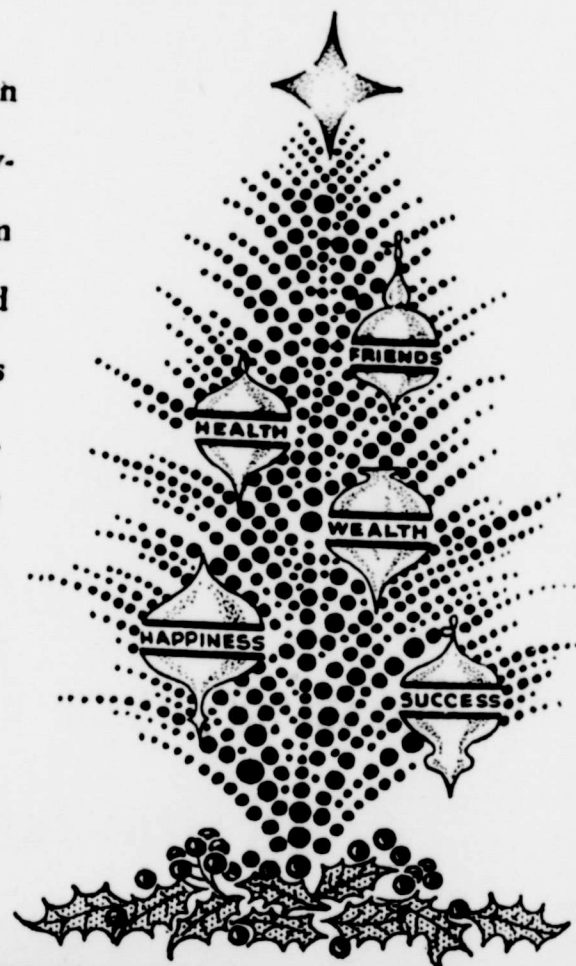
It's fun... this habit we have of wishing our patrons a Merry Christmas. Each year, by way of thanking them for their loyalty, we enjoy the fun of extending best wishes. So, to all of you, "We hope this Christmas is the best ever for you and yours!"

**Boggs Grocery & Mkt.**

RAY AND SUG

Merry Christmas

This is the happy season, when hearts of men are filled with fellowship and good will; when esteem and affection for things near and dear to us find expression in words and deeds of love and generosity. So, in keeping with the spirit of this joyful season, we send the age-old Holiday Greeting — Merry Christmas.



... and LOADS of good wishes

TO OUR POLICYHOLDERS AND FRIENDS IN THIS COMMUNITY

**Lowery & Workman**

INSURANCE AGENCY

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old I am 3rd grade.  
I would like a Navy Suit, chemis-  
ty, I could like a watch, I  
a bick for Christmas, My  
brother like a car toy.

Love,  
Terry Sanders

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs. Santa are well.

My brother wants a new car for Christmas and I want a foot-  
ball suit. for Christmas.

Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa.

Love,  
Terry L. Strode

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you are not sick?

Please bring me a puppy, a wach, a scotter, a sewing machine, and bring my sister a buffo.

And do not for get the other people to. I am 8 years old.

I wish you would come to my Christmas party

Love,  
Deborah Avery

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll  
I want you to bring by sister a ball.

Your friend,  
Regina Meixner

Dear Santa,

It has been a long time since you last came to see me. Let's skip discussing my behavior for the past year for I know our opinins will vary. So if you will skip the switches—here is my list.

I would like a Winchester rifle that smokes, a filling station set, a transport truck that carries cars, a view master, some cowboy boots and some clothes.

I will hang up my stocking so there will be a place for candy and nuts.

Your friend,  
Jim Leach

Dear Santa,

Are you and Mrs. Santa fine? I hope you aren't sick.

I go to Rankin School. My teacher is Mrs. Pettit and I am eight years old.

I want some dishes and a mink set for Christmas.

Love and Kisses to you and Mrs. Santa.

Kathy Uibanek

Dear Santa,

I'm eight years old I saw you in Odessa. I would like a basket-  
ball and a 3 year old doll. My sister Joan would like a camel. Please don't for get the other children.

Love,  
Vickie Jo Hood

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike and would you Santa bring me candy to put in my stocking? When you come in the house it will be unlocked. Would you please bring a Fanner Fifty gun and a Winchester saddle gun too?

Your friend,  
Larry Dean Titsworth

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a bicycle. I want some guns. My sister wants a doll and a buggy. I want some cars. How are you doing Santa? I have been a good boy.

Larry James Luckie

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you would bring me a few toys. My brother wants a few toys too. My sister wants a doll. I want a train and a truck. My brother wants the same thing. I am a good boy. I am in Rankin School. I am in the third grade. I work as hard as I can.

Your friend,  
Robert Miller



To everybody . . . and especially to YOU . . . our appreciation for your loyal patronage and

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**CECIL & SYLVIA**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS, All!**

**RANCHERS' WOOL-MOHAIR ASSN.**



Wishing You  
a-very

THANK YOU FOR  
**Merry** YOUR GOOD WILL  
AND CONFIDENCE  
**Christmas**

**JOHN A. MENELEE**  
AND FAMILY

Wishing you  
the true  
happiness  
of  
Christmas

**RANKIN MILK CO.**  
Marcus Price, Owner



We hope you are surrounded by all things good during this Yuletide Season. Our sincere thanks to you and a very Merry Christmas.

**THE TOMMY WORKMANS**

Dear Santa,

Are you and your elfs doing good? I want some tinker toy. My brother Rickey wants a firetruck. My brother Jimmy wants a stuffed puppy. My sister Deborah wants some dishes and a doll.

Your friend,  
Bobby Alcorn

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll bed. And a watch and a puppy. I would like a doll house. Would you fill my stocking?

I would like some springs to the trampoline? I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Lou Browning.

Dear Santa,

I want a Winchester and a knife and a hatchet and a Fanner Fifty Gun and shoulder pads.

Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
James Hal Holt

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good girl. For Christmas I would like same records and a bicycle. Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Janice Kay Braden

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

Are you and Mrs. Santa well My brother and I are well.

For Christmas I want a big nurse doll and some records. My brother wants some guns and a red truck.

I hope you and Mrs. Santa have a nice Christmas.

Love,  
Charlotte Jarvis

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the third grade. I want a doll that can really talk. I want a typewriter. My brother wants a B-B Gun. I want some new shoes. I want new piano. I want a new doll dress. Would you bring the candy. I want a watch. I want a ring. My mama wants a ring. My Daddy want a watch. My brother want a fishing pole. Where have you been? I am 8 years old. My brother is 7 years old. I want a recordplayer.

Your friend,  
Linda Smith

Dear Santa,

The first thing I want is a toy drum. The second thing I want is a little bag of peanuts and candy. The third thing I want is a football. Merry Christmas.

John Howard Smith

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Fanner Fifty holster. I want a football and a football and some shoes. I want a bicycle.

Your friend,  
Ricky Smith

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NANCY K. DAUGHERTY

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the sock in  
Susie's Christmas?

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Ever since that time, visits from the jolly old fellow, known as Old Santa, have been awaited by children like Susie ... with very special eagerness, hoping he might fill their stocking with gifts!

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a doll for Christmas.  
shoes.  
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Dunn

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old.  
We are going to New Mexico  
for Christmas.  
Please bring me a BB, gun,  
and a football Suit a go kart.  
My brother wants a ring  
Love  
Donald Boyd

Dear Santa,  
I have been a pretty good boy.  
For Christmas I would like a pair  
of black and red boots, some shirts,  
some pants, and some socks. I  
would also like an electric football  
game, electric basketball game. I  
would like a game of geo-graphy  
world wide and a game of Con-  
centration.  
Don't forget the nuts, and can-  
dy.  
Ron Leach

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old and in the  
third grade. I go to Rankin  
School but will have to move to  
McCamey.  
I want a Doll, Dress watch, and  
shoes.  
Have a good Christmas.  
My Love  
Janice Brown.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a ring, shoes and  
some clothes for my doll. I also  
want a cat. I am a good girl. I  
wish you a Merry Christmas. I  
live at Midkiff, Texas. Fill my  
stockings full. I want some dishes.  
I also want a watch.  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
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Christmas Eve. I go to Rankin  
School, and I am 9 years old.  
My birthday is on Jan. 16, 1951.  
For Christmas I want a football  
suit. And do not forget to bring  
me a deck of cards. For my brother  
please bring him a truck.  
And don't forget the other chil-  
dren.  
Your friend,  
Guy White

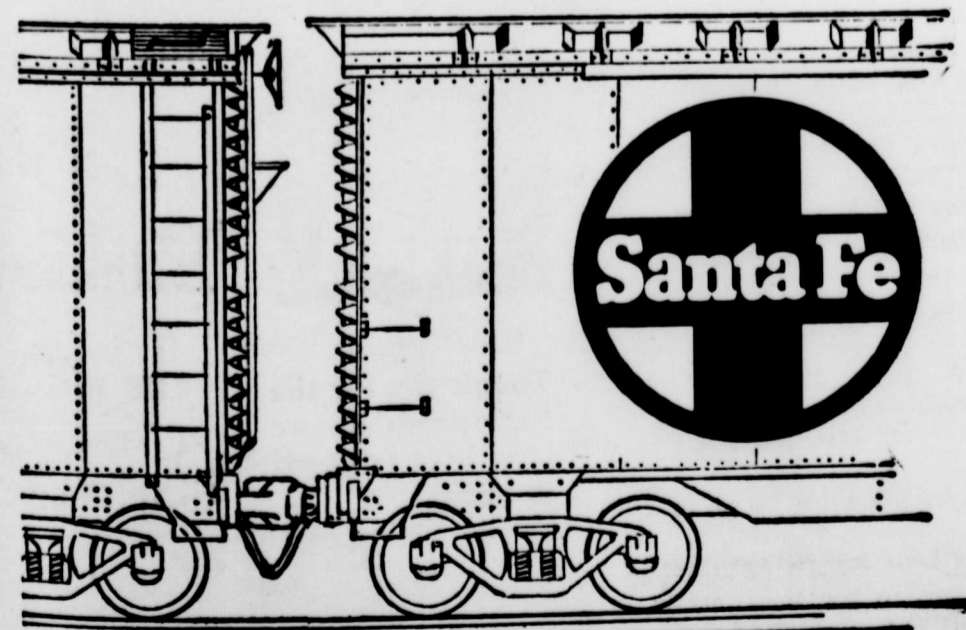
Dear Santa Claus  
My family will not be at our  
house on Christmas. We will be  
at Granit Shoal.  
I would like some toys. I want  
a Baltimore coats uniform with  
Rerry Berry number. His number  
is 82. I think Bill Hood would like  
the same, But he would like John-  
ny Unitus uniform. His number  
is 19.  
Please don't forget Jim.  
With Love  
Viv Ivy

Warmly  
wishing you  
the Season's  
happiness



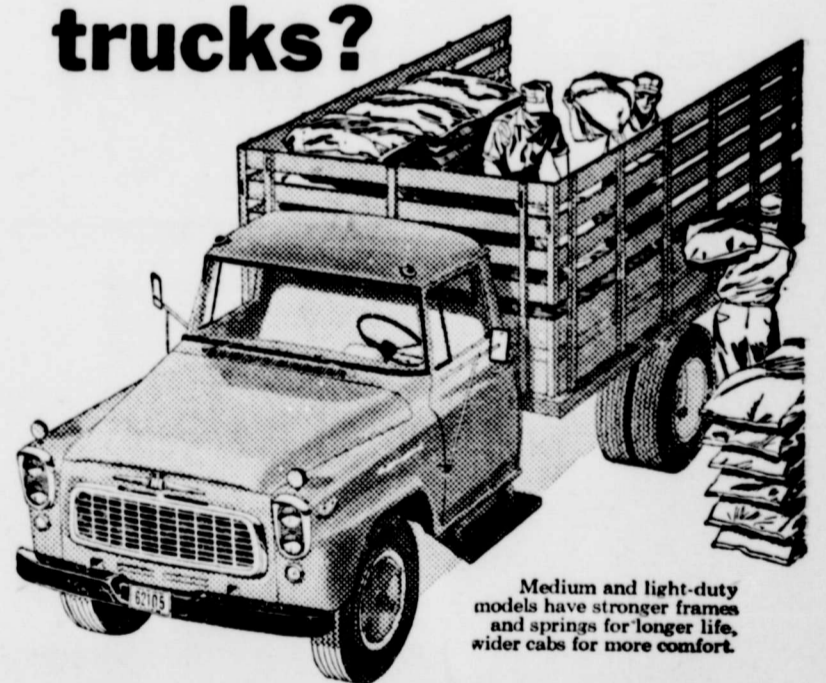
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old and Mrs. Pettit is my teacher. I am in the third grade in Rankin School in room 105.  
I want a football, a football suit, a hooster set, a watch, a pair of cowboy boots, a set of bows and arrows, and my brother wants a B.B. gun for Christmas.  
I hope you and Mrs. Santa have a happy Christmas.  
Your friend,  
David Thames

Dear Santa,  
I am eight years old I am in the third grade  
My sister wants a doll, doll buggy, and dishes.  
I want a B. B. gun a monopoly set, a wood burning set, a football suit and a football I hope you have a Merry Christmas

Love  
Jackie Miller

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am eight years old On Dec. 29, I will be 9 I am in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. Pettit.  
I want a watch for Christmas and a b. b. gun. My brother wants a toy truck and toy car.  
Are you going to visit our school? My grandmother is coming over here to visit us I hope you have a good Merry Christmas.  
Your friend  
Willie Abalos

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you have a happy Christmas.  
I am eight years old, and I go to Rankin S.  
I want a baby size doll and some doll clothes.  
Love  
Cheryl Parson

Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Connie Mitchell, and I am in the third grade. We are staying home for Christmas this year.  
I would like a pretty doll and a pretty watch, too.  
Please do not forget my friends.  
Love,  
Connie Mitchell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade.  
I want a Bible, a bicycle and a doll for Christmas.  
Kim want a truck, car, and train.  
Please don't forget the other boys and girls.  
I hope you and Mrs. Santa are well and happy.  
Love,  
Donna Price

Dear Santa Claus  
I hope you and Mrs. Santa are well.  
I am eight years old. I go to Rankin School.  
I want a Lone Ranger Set. My little brother wants some cars and trucks. Please don't forget my big brother Larry.  
Your friend,  
Johnny Donnelly.



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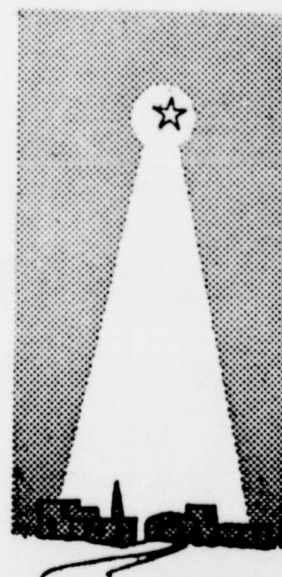
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Dear Santa

I am seven years old And I Have Been a good girl So please Dont Forget me this Year.

I want a Doll And a Doll Stroller Also Some Dishes

Love  
Marilyn Workman

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll, some doll luggage, and a doll bed, a broom and mop set and some dishes.

Bring Calvin and Donnita's toys to my house because they will be here.

I love you, Mrs. Santa and helpers.

Kathy Lee Brown

Dear Santa

I am a little boy 5 years old, I have been a good boy. I want a cement truck, skates and some tanka trucks, my brother Randy wants a bicycle. I will leave some candy for you.

Love  
Rickey Edgar

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Dear Santa

I would like some guns with blue handles, a Josh Randall gun, a bow and arrow set, lookers (field glasses) knife and an outlaw to shoot at.

It is hard being so good so please hurry.

Hoping to see you soon,

Mark Brown

Dear Santa

Would you please bring me a punching bag and a little go-kart.

I am a pretty good boy.

Thank you  
Dace Brown

Christmas  
Greetings



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Our wish for you and our heartfelt thanks for all past courtesies.

ELIZABETH RAINS

County Treasurer

Dear Santa,

My name is Hal Wayne & I'm 5 years old. Bring Ricky a cement mixer and Randy a bicycle and Barbara likes pretty things. Bring Rickey a robot machine. Bring Jo a Poodle and bring Linda a baby doll. Bring Tom something else and bring the rest of the kids anything they do want.

I want a cement mixer & a robot.

(Editor's Note— Etc., ect., etc. ect.)

Love,  
Hal Wayne Hutchens

Best Wishes for  
a Merry Christmas

May you have heaps of nice things to brighten your Christmas, but more important... may you enjoy every happiness possible during the season of good will.

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dismissed December 14.  
 Baby Boy Rodrigues, born December 10, still in the hospital.  
 Mr. F. S. Beckham of Midkiff was admitted December 11 and dismissed December 14.  
 Mrs. Earl Stanley of Rankin was admitted December 15.  
 Mr. Clint Shaw of Rankin was admitted December 15.  
 Mrs. Cecil Merriman of Rankin was admitted December 16.

Mike Schneider, 7-week of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sch Iraan was admitted Dec  
 Mrs. Herman Stanley kin was admitted Decem  
 Loylene Muncy, 2-year- ghter of Mr. and Mrs. L. cy of Midkiff, was admit  
 ember 18.  
 Mr. McKinnley Brow Rankin was admitted D  
 Mrs. L. G. Arledge was kin visitor this week.

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