



Santa Comes To Rankin Friday Afternoon

Santa comes to Rankin time, a free picture show is to be held at the Ford Theatre, open to all children in this area.

Following the show, Santa is due to arrive and make his appearance in front of the picture show stage. His sack will be loaded with candy, nuts and fruit for the kiddies and he will take time to talk to youngsters who might desire to make their Christmas requests known.

The annual Yule party is sponsored by the Rankin Lions Club with financial assistance coming from local business firms, lodges and social clubs. Ford Theatre also donates the picture show and the use of the building.

"All children in this area are invited and we hope to see them at the party," said a member of the Lions.

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1961

SA HAS OILY GIFT FOR RANKIN

seemed to have a few surprises in his sock for in the form of more gas discoveries this week.

parent new gas well has been drilled some 3 miles east where a re-entry into the well blew in last week-end.

force that one man was injured when equipment was used. The well was drilled in the week and was producing gas at an estimated 100 cubic feet daily. Re-entry to another old location is being made east of Rankin next

to highway 67 is said to be planned, as well as a try to get production on a supposedly dry hole just north of The Rankin Hospital.

Wednesday morning, a huge flare was visible on the location about 2 miles north-west of Rankin and it is said that this well has indications of being even better than the original discovery in that area, located just across the road from the Western Co. It is said to be producing both gas and oil.

In the Blue Danube Field east of town, one step-out location is nearing its contracted depth and is said to have had good shows while another step-out was started last Sunday.

Numerous details of further expansion of the new oil play in the immediate area are heard being discussed almost daily in the offices and coffee shops of town.

It would appear that an oily Christmas is in prospect for the Rankin area.

Two-Day Closings Set By Most Firms

School will dismiss at 2:30 p. m. Friday for the Christmas holidays—slated to last through January 1.

While the annual round of parties and celebrations continue in all parts of this area, local business firms and offices have scheduled a two-day closing generally for Christmas. Most firms will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26. Following this pattern will be all county offices.

Among the exceptions will be the First State Bank which will be open on Tuesday, along with a number of service establishments.

Speed's Cafe will close at 2 p.m. Friday and open Tuesday morning. Highland Cafe will remain open throughout the holiday to serve the public while Hurst Barbecue has announced a week's closing.

A LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUS

North Pole
Dec. 21, 1961

Dear Friends,

I want to let you all know that I will be at the Christmas Party in Rankin Friday, December 22 and also, I want to thank all of you for your nice letters and the Christmas cards you sent me.

So many letters came to Santa for publishing in this issue of The Rankin News—one from as far as Ft. Stockton—that there just wasn't room for all. But each letter was read and duly noted on my Christmas list.

In case you don't receive everything you asked for in

your letters, remember that there are many, many boys and girls for me to deliver presents to on Christmas and sometimes I run out of certain items—so don't be too disappointed if a few of you get substitutes.

See you Friday and Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
S. Claus

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Joe Kosel of Texon was admitted November 26.

Mr. Carter Murphy of Midland was admitted December 7 and dismissed December 14.

Mrs. C. E. Wilson and baby son of Rankin were admitted December 8 and dismissed December 13.

Neal Montgomery, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery of Midkiff, was admitted December 8.

Mrs. Earl Stanley of Rankin was admitted December 10 and dismissed December 15.

Mrs. C. R. Dosrey and baby son of Big Lake, were admitted December 11 and dismissed December 17.

Mr. L. L. Collins of Rankin was admitted December 11 and dismissed December 14.

Mrs. Carl Frazee of Iraan was admitted December 16 and dismissed December 18.

Mr. Willie Dean Stephens of Midkiff was admitted December 13 and dismissed December 18.

Mr. E. E. Minter of Rankin was admitted December 19.

Historical Society

Hears C. E. Bissell

The Upton County Historical Society held their regular meeting at the Rankin Park Building Thursday, December 14 with Miss Ethie Eagleton, president, presiding. Mr. C. E. (Bud) Bissell, archaeologist of Midland, was guest speaker and used as his topic, the prehistoric man in this area and the Indians who formerly lived here. He displayed interesting artifacts gathered in this area. After refreshments were served by Miss Maggie Taylor and Mrs. Bill Nix, a business meeting was held.

Two new members, Mrs. Herbert Hurn and Mrs. Zack Monroe, were welcomed by the president. The next project by the society is that of placing a marker at Castle Gap. The exact location in the gap and the plaque are in the formative stage in the hands of committees.

Guests on hand included the speaker and Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Shirley Little, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Yocham, Wallace Gary, Lewis Smith, Mrs. J. T. James, Mrs. Nan Daugherty and J. Linton Clark, all of Rankin.



May the Yuletide shine on you with all the joys that are a part of Christmas.



LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frazee of Iraan are the parents of a daughter born December 16 at 1:22 a. m., weighing 8 lbs and named Tina Luana.

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Dear Santa Claus,

Come and visit me on Christmas Eve. Please bring me a Poddle, Brownie dress and a car coat. I hope Rudolph can come, too. I have been good. I will set some cookies and milk on the table for you to eat. I love you Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Love,
Jeannie

P.S.—Merry Christmas

Midkiff, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

My Mother is sick. We hope she will be all right soon. I have a puppy and he is white. Will you come at Christmas and bring me a barbeedoll, and some jewelry. I want some clothes, and a baton.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Marthalene Howell

Dear Santa Clause

Please bring me a mixer. A stove, a set of pots and pans, a magnetic spelling board. A doll buggy and some golf clubs. I hope I have been a good girl. And I love you

Hurry and come to see me

Debra Welsch

LETTERS TO SANTA

Midkiff, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you will bring to my nouse, love, truth, faith, loyalty, peace, cheer and kindness.

My mother wants a pair of shoes and she wants some gloves, too.

By the way how is Rudolph? My Father wants some socks. I want a horse, a piano and a manicure set.

Love,
Robbie Harmon

Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

Please give my love to all. Can Rudolph come to school? We wish you a "Merry Christmas".

I am 8 years old and I have been good. I want a model airplane and a pistol set. I'm going to put cookies and milk on the table for you and oats for the reindeer.

Your friend,
Roy Pippen

Midkiff, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I have a cute puppy that my mother and father gave me. My puppy is black and white. It's name is Trixie. I am 8 years old. I want a Thumbalina doll, baton, roller skates and some clothes.

Love,
Stephanie Lee

P.S.—"Merry Christmas" to you and Mrs. Santa.

Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

Come and visit us Christmas Eve and you will fond some cookies and milk near the Christmas tree. I want a recordplayer and some records. I have been good.

I am in Mrs. Pettit's room and I am 8 years old.

How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? My little brother wants a gun.

Your friend,
Brenda Boyce



All Services Consistent with Sound Banking Policies



ON DEPOSIT

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!



The First State Bank

RANKIN, TEXAS

Member
FDIC

Coming your way with
best wishes for a very
Happy Holiday
Season

G. H. "Bud" FISHER

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

DEAR SANTA—

No need for you to fool around with all this gift business—just send me the key to Fort Knox and I'll work out something from there. Better yet, get me one of those foreign aid loans—there's more money involved that way.

Yep, here it is again—Christmas time. I still like that little saying that popped up about a year ago: "What this country needs is more children who believe in Santa Claus and less adults."

It's the time to be jolly and all that stuff, you know . . . keep up a good front . . . before the bills come due. One often hears the expression by older folks that they just don't seem to enjoy Christmas like they did when they were kids and you can't help wondering if the fact that somebody else had to pay the bills then couldn't have something to do with this feeling. Christmas is not so terribly bad however. If you're lucky and don't go overboard, you'll be paid out in time to start over next year.

There's the old saying that it's more blessed to give than to receive—or is it the other way around? In any case, I'm going to let the bank enjoy the blessing by giving me an extension on my notes. They'll flip over an opportunity like that.

As you know, they no longer tell newspaper editors that if they are not good little boys, Santa won't come to see them. Instead, we're told that if we're not good little boys, Jack Parr will get us.

And a Merry Christmas to you and everybody at your house.

The Rankin (Tex.) News—
Thursday, Dec. 21, 1961

A POEM—

A man is at his finest toward the finish of the year.

He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season is here.

Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before.

And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.

When it's Christmas, man is bigger and is better in his part. He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart. All the petty thoughts and narrow seems to vanish for awhile. And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile.

Then for others he is toiling and somehow, it seems to me, That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

—Anonymous

LETTERS TO SANTA

Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Charles Wallace. I would like a timex watch, and a transistor radio, and race cars.

I will leave you pie and milk

on the table. We will have turkey. I am in Mrs. Pettit's Third grade.
Your friend,
Charles Wallace

An elevator operator of being asked the time he hung a clock in his office. "Everybody asks him, 'right?'"

To wish you a bright
and merry Christmas

MR. & MRS. WALTON HARR



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We look back over the past year . . . a good one, full of the enjoyment of life and count ourselves extra fortunate to have friends such as you.

May the coming year have a full measure of happiness. And for this season, again we say,

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Rankin News

MR. & MRS. J. B. HUTCHENS

MRS. CECIL SCARBOROUGH

MRS. SAM HOLMES



RED BLUFF
LUMBER CO.

Hi ONE AND ALL

BY FAYE SCARBOROUGH
Box 6607—Ph. JE 5-2224
Midkiff, Texas

This week my letter to you is to be short. My reason being that this is to be the children's edition, in which they have the chance to get their letters off to Santa. I do want to take this opportunity though to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to all of you for the way you have cooperated in helping me gather the news. I hope we will continue to be such good friends. To the Gay Blades, I wish an especially nice Holiday Season, and may the New Year afford us all bigger and better laughs. Youse is good guys.

To be serious for a moment, I want to express our love and sympathy to Dusty and Betty Walton and their children. Dusty is seriously ill in the Midland Hospital. He was rushed to the hospital last Tuesday suffering with a violent headache. Diagnostic treatment has revealed that Dusty is suffering from something similar to a cerebral hemorrhage. If all goes well, he is to undergo surgery on Thursday. Our prayers will be with them. Mothers and Fathers of the Pony League will remember Dusty—he was their assistant manager last years.

Christmas parties are in full swing around here. The Pembroke Humble plant held theirs last Friday nite. The guests were treated to Christmas Carols that were sung by the children, then there was a visit from Old Santa—he had gifts

for all the kiddos. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served. Everyone went home all filled with the Christmas spirit. Speaking of the Christmas Spirit, don't forget to read "The Christmas Story" with your family. It is Luke 2:1-20. No Joke—No nothing—Just Merry Christmas.

Bye—See you next week?
FAYE

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

We have been fairly good boys this year. All we are asking for is a box of Dominoes and an instruction book on "How to Play Dominoes". Also, bring our friend, Faye, something nice because she deserves it.

Jack, Dee and P. A.

Political Announcements

For County Commissioner,
Precinct No. 2:

T. D. "Tommy" Workman, Jr.
(Re-Election)

For County Treasurer:

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rains
(Re-Election)

For County and District Clerk:

Nancy K. Daugherty
(Re-Election)

For Justice of the Peace,
Precinct No. 2:

W. J. Price

For Justice of the Peace,
Precinct No. 1:

MONNIE McSPADDEN
(Re-Election)



WE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 23 thru JANUARY 1
HURST BARBECUE

SPECIALS for WED., THURS., FRI., SAT., DEC. 20, 21,
CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY



I'm in favor of these...

LARGE BOX 2 FOR

TIDE 59c

No. 303 Mayflower—ENGLISH 2 FOR
PEAS 33c

No. 303 Irvington Club
WHOLE GREEN BEANS—2 for 55c



POUND
CAN

65c

2 LB CAN \$1.29

BAKER'S 2 FOR

COCONUT 39c

No. 2 1/2 Gold Coast
SPICED PEACHES can 25c

Kraft's Philadelphia
CREAM CHEESE 2 oz. pkg. 15c

FROZEN FOODS

Swiss Miss—MINCE or PUMPKIN 3 for
PIES \$1.

Snow Crop—BROCCOLI 2 FOR
SPEARS 43c

Sun Country 2 FOR
STRAWBERRIES 39c

Southern Sun 2 FOR
ORANGE JUICE 45c

SUZANN'S PKG.
ROLLS 29c

Brown or Powdered
SUGAR 2 for

KRAFT'S MINIATURE

Marshmallows

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

BANANAS lb.

Large—FLORIDA
ORANGES

Ocean Spray
CRANBERRIES pkg.

CALIFORNIA
CELERY

Red, Delicious
APPLES lb.

SPUDS 10 Lb.

CHOICE MEATS

Choice Beef—ARM or CHUCK
ROAST

Choice Beef
T-BONE STEAK lb.

Choice Beef—CLUB
STEAK

PORK CHOPS lb.

LEAN & FRESH GROUND
GROUND BEEF

Peyton's Allmeat
FRANKS lb.

GOOCH'S BLUE RIBBON

BACON 49c

BOGGS Gro. & Mkt

We Give Frontier Stamps -- Double Stamps on Wednesday

**Rebekah-Odd Fellow
Party Held**

Rankin Rebekah and Odd-
fellows held their Christmas party
last night at the Odd Fellow

Hall. The hall and tables were
decorated with the Christmas mo-
tif and a Christmas tree.

The Rebekahs presented the
Oddfellows with a white Bible,
engraved with their emblem. Mrs.
Alice Bell made the presentation.

Mrs. Rufus Windham presented
the Rebekah Lodge with a gift
of five dollars.

A turkey dinner was served to
thirty-eight members and guests.

After the dinner, the group sang
Christmas Carols.

**P-TA PROGRAM DRAWS
GOOD MONDAY NITE CROWD**

With a large audience in at-
tendance, the Kathryn Secrest P-
TA, in connection with the Ran-
kin Schools, presented "Christmas
Recaptured" last Monday night at
the High School Auditorium. A
large cast, composed of students,
gave an excellent performance of
the timely topic. Also presented
was an interlude of organ music
by Cecilia Burch, a choir compos-
ed of Fourth and Fifth graders,
and "The Christmas Story" by
members of the Fifth and Sixth
Grades.

Assisting the students were the
members of the faculty.

With best wishes
for a Merry Christmas



Our Thanks & Appreciation
MARTHA'S BEAUTY SHOP



to all in your house:

Merry Christmas



**Good Wishes and Hearty Greetings
for
A Glowing Christmas
And The NEW YEAR**



**MR. AND MRS. L. PORTER JOHNSON
AND ASSOCIATES**

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halford, Rankin, announce the en-
gagement and approaching marriage of their daughter,
Janice, to Robert Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H.
Rogers, Iraan. The wedding will be December 29 at 7
p.m. at the Northside Church of Christ in Rankin.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring my brother and I
a road construction set, a cattle
truck, and a camper and any-
thing else you would like to bring.

Don't forget our little sister,
Janice who is 6 months old.

Love

Bruce and Danny Lynn

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 2 years old.
I've tried to be good and do what
Mommy and Daddy told me.

I'd like a tricycle and truck for
Christmas and don't forget my
baby sister. She wants a doll and
rocking chair.

Edroy Riley

REBEKAH NEWS

DECEMBER 14 MEETING—

Rankin Rebekah Lodge No. 8
met December 14 at 7:30 for re-
gular meeting with Noble Grand,
Elsie Turner, presiding. Seven
members were present, 3 cards
sent and 20 sick visits made.

Christmas Special

WASH & GREASE

**\$2.98 plus tax—with
purchase of gasoline**

De-Icer—\$1.25 per can

**YARBROUGH
CHEVRON SERVICE**

Hiway 67—Call MY 3-8829



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.

WARREN GRO. & ICE

LETTERS TO SANTA

Rankin, Texas
Dear Mr. Santa,

How is Mrs. Santa, and the reindeer and especially Rudolph?

My brother wants a gun. My Mother wants a dress. My Father wants a tie.

I want a doll and a dress.

I am in Mrs. Pettit's third grade. We will have our Christmas Party Dec. 22 at 12:30 P.M. Will you please come to our party?

Love,

Patricia Fitzhugh

Rankin, Texas
Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a red bicycle because my old bicycle is wore out. Also I would like a typewriter. I like to write.

Love,

Roy Kelley

Midkiff, Texas
Dear Mr. Santa,

I am in Mrs. Pettit's 3rd grade. I haven't failed a grade in school, yet. I have been a very good girl. I've been trying to draw your picture but I just can't do it. I am 8 years old. My birthday is March 30. Please, if, you have the toys I want a nurse set, candy, a toy cash register with toy money in it, and a music box.

Love,

Jackie Barnett

P. S.—"Merry Christmas"

Midkiff, Texas

Dear Santa,

I would like a Thumberline baby doll, a little hand radio, a little purse, and please bring me a jewelry box with a little girl dancing inside.

My grandmother and a lot of other people might come to my house for Christmas. She has a lot of children. We will have a turkey for Christmas Dinner. We will not all sleep in beds.

Your friend,

Sandra Shannon

P.S.—A "Merry Christmas" to you.

Midkiff, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want a train that shoots missiles and rockets, a bow and arrow set, a capgun that shoots caps. I will leave oats for the reindeer, cookies for you.

Love,

Marshall Lee Mills

Rankin, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good and also my 3 brothers and my 2 sisters and my Mother and Father. How are you and your reindeer? I do not have a chimney so we will open the door.

I want a cowboy set, an army set, a record player and a bicycle. "Merry Christmas".

Love,

Ellie Speed

FOOD FOR THOUGHT—

Christmas is a happy time—if you live through it.

Rankin School

Dear Santa Claus,

Come and bring me some presents a transistor radio, baby doll and a dog. I have been a good girl.

How are your reindeer?

Merry Christmas.

Love,

Bernice Wise

Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph and the others?

I have been a good boy. My brother has been good, too. Please set a tent by the Christmas tree for me.

We have just gotten our Christmas tree.

My brother wants a gun.

Love,

Kim Humphreys

Life is much like Christmas—you are more apt to get what you expect than what you want.

No wonder mother gets a thrill out of watching the children hang up their Christmas stockings; she is delighted to see them hang up anything.

The Rankin (Tex.) News
Thursday, Dec. 21, 1944

Christmas—like July 4th but one a year—Thank G



Wishing special happiness
For You at Christmas

Greetings

WALLACE LUMBER CO.

Virginia, Ivy & Sonny

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.



SPREADING THE NEWS



CASHWAY FOOD STORE
Mr. & Mrs. Dell Cooledge

Lowery & Workman Agency



Christmas Greetings
and the best
good wishes

GEORGE WARFIELD
Conoco Agent

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want to see you. I like you. I will give you a piece of pie on Christmas. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.
Love
Larry Dean James

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a pair of boots, and a cowboy hat, and some pencils and a ball and some clothes.
Your friend,
Diane Day

Dear Santa,
I want a robot commndo and a visible man. I would like to have a ball and a rubber mouse for my pets. I want a bicycle, too. I want a lot of candy. I want a real elephant.
Your friend,
Mike Holden

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Bertha Salas. I am in the third grade. I want a box of doll clothes for a little doll. It is a boy about a foot long.
Your friend,
Bertha Salas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dress.
Rita Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade. We are working hard in school. Would you please bring me a kissie doll.
Donna

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I want a little red spinning wheel for Christmas. I want a doll too. My sister wants an iron. My sister wants a doll too. I want some kangaroo shoes. My grandmother is coming for two weeks. We wish you could come to see us.
Merry Christmas
Jan Boyd

*May the Glory
and the Peace of
CHRISTMAS
be with you all*

**ELLIOTT-WALDRON
TITLE & GUARANTY CO.**

Dear Santa,
When are you coming to see me? I think we should start our list, because I have a lot of things I want. I want a diry, a doll, Fascitone game.
Best Wishes,
Judy

Uncle Daly says the man of the hour is the one whose wife told him to wait a minute.



RANKIN DRUG

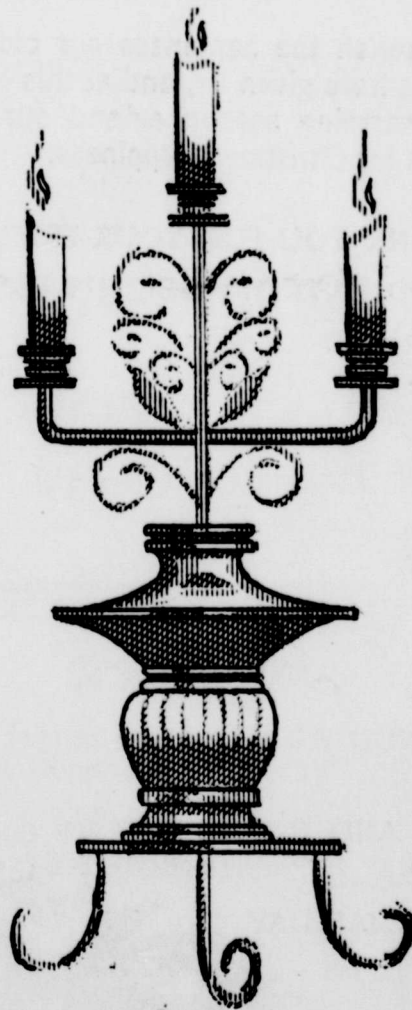


It's with the old-time spirit of joyful greetings that we say "Merry Christmas" to each of you ...and too, we want to say "Thank you."

**With good wishes
for Christmas**

EDDIE & MAXINE YOCHAM

for a Merry Christmas



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.

MR. & MRS. DAVE McKELVY

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a watch. Mother would like to have a car. Daddy would like to have a truck. Ray Day would like to have a watch also. Puffer wants a bird to play with. A Merry Christmas to you.

Your friend
Connie Fuller

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a 22 pellet rifle and a gas model flying airplane. My brother Edward would like to have a rifle too. My brother Bill would like to have a be be gun with a scope on it.

Your friend,
Garry Baird

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm a little girl 7 years old. I do not really no what I want for Christmas. So why don't you bring me a surprise.

Bring Ennisa something, too. A tricycle maybe. Leave it here at my house or at my big sisters house.

Love,
Susie Hurst

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you, I am fine. I have been a good boy. I have been good to others.

Santa this year I want a B. B. gun for Christmas. My sister wants a doll. For our holiday, we are going to Mexico. I am going to see my grandmother in Mexico.

Your sincerely
Johnny Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a Thumbelina doll. And I would like to have a little bitty play modern kitchen set. I would like a little bitty soft and fussy little bitty teddy bear.

Carla Odom

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the second grade.

Would you please bring me a toy? Would you please bring me some roller skates.

Bill Baird

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good.

I wish I had a bike.

Love

Joe Villanueva

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a sink and my sister wants one too. I want a table and my sister wants one too. I have a little brother. He want a horse.

Your friend,
Rosalinda Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus

For Christmas I would like to have a little red spinning wheel, and a ring, and I would like to have a few clothes too. And leave the rest to you. You can bring me any thing that you think I'd like

Your friend
Judy Blythe

Dear Santa Claus,

I am eight years old. I want a record player for Christmas. I want a ballerina doll too. I want a little red spinning wheel. I am in Mrs. Little's room third grade. Thank you.

Your friend,
Sheryl Eggemeyer

Dear Santa

I want a stuffed dog that is black and white. I'm eight years old. I am in Mrs. Little's room. She is a good teacher.

Your friend,
Faye Collins

Dear Santa,

I am nine years old. I want a bicycle for Christmas.

I have two brothers and a dog; his name is Pepper. I have a Siamese cat too.

Your friend,
Lou

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To You



CUNNINGHAM BARBER SHOP



CHRISTMAS SEASON

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDLINESS AND PATRONAGE THIS PAST YEAR.

HALE'S GARAGE

Bess and Charlie

MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH
PEACE AND CONTENTMENT ON
CHRISTMAS DAY



BEST WISHES

NANCY K. DAUGHERTY

County and District Clerk



JOHN A. MENEFEE
And Family

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND YEAR-AROUND GOOD WISHES

Thanks, friends,
for your liberal patronage and friendships.



HIGHLAND CAFE
Louise Kole, Prop.



ELIZABETH L. RAINS
County Treasurer

To wish you
all the joys
of a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Season



CLARK CLEANERS

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I am in the fourth grade.
I would like to have a Blue and Gray Battle Set and a Robot Com- ando and a Tom Edison first flight bulb. I would also like a Edison Electric road race set, tackleen Dummy, Pass catcher Dummy, Minute man car.

Vic Ivy

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Merry- bell doll and a game.
My little brother want a train and a game for Christmas.

I hope you have a happy Christ- mas.
Love
Donna Price

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like an electric train. I have been look- ing forward for Christmas and I still am.

Your friend
Gordon

Dear Santa,
I hope I have been a good boy, I have tried hard. For Christmas I want a pair of boxing-gloves. I also want a camera and a 22- rifel. My little brother wants some guns and holsters. But— please—no switches.

Your friend,
Johnny Donnelly

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you give me a 30-0-6 for Christmas, and a horse. I would like a 16-gauge and 10-gauge. I would like a car.

Your friend
Danny

Dear Santa,
You don't have to worry about getting me a lot of presents this Christmas. Because I don't won't much this Christmas. Because last Christmas I got a lot of presents. Almost plenty to last this Christ- mas, but not quite.

Because I need three more this year. The presents I won't this year is a purse, a car set and a Fascination. Well thats all! And a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

From,
Susie Lacy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy. I like Christmas. Christmas is fun.

I Like you Santa Claus. Thank you Santa Claus.
Love,
Doug Cook

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you up in the North Pole? I'll get right to the point. I hope the thing that I want will not be to much bother. I want a bicycle for Christmas. I know you have a lot of work to do so I won't bother no more.

Loving always,
Kathy UrbaneK

Dear Santa,
I would like something new this year. I want a pump action B. B. Gun and a whole bunch of BB's too. I would like a Bop-Baseball set, a Flintstone set, an a Eldon Electric Race-car set, I also want a factination game. This is not all. I want a net for a basketball goal. I want a new football. This is all I want. I will write you a- gain next Christmas.

Your friend,
Mike Donaldson

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pellet gun. I want a warm pair socks.

Love,
Lee Mallett

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. For this Christmas I want a doll. I also want a stamp album. I want a watch. Please bring my brother a basket ball. Another one of my brothers wants a car. I want a bicycle. My dog wants a rubber bone. My dog's name is Cindy. She is a nice dog.
With love,
Sharon Gryder

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Dear Santa Claus,

We will be at our Grandmother's in San Angelo, Texas. We will be there for Christmas.

I want a Brownie dress.
My family is nice.

Love,
Donella Mow

Dear Santa Claus,

Want a Thumblina doll. I want a new red dress. I want a watch. I want a new blue bike.

Love,
Brenda Scott

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Susie Snoozy doll for Christmas this year. I want a doll buggy to go with her. And a little red spinning wheel. I want some games too. I want a record player and some records. I want the record of the Allen singers. My brother want some toys too.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Deborah Deel

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a big teddy bear. And a barbie Doll. and a pot holder maker. And my brother wants a bicycle.

Your friend,
Debbie Henry

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For Christmas I would like a Little Red Spinning Wheel. And a pair of Bell Bottom Britches and a Barbey doll.

Tell your elvs Hello
Deborah Avery

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a football and the suit. I would like some pads.

Your friend,
Mike Hodges

Dear Santa,

I want a typewriter and a piano and a baby doll? I am eight years old.

Your friend,
Yolanda

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you bring me a doll with high heels? We have been studying about mammals.

Your friend,
Sue Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 7 years old. I want a doll. I want a toy horse and my mother wants a potholder.

Please give me a stuffed dog. My real horse needs a saddle.

Love,
Amanda Williams

Dear Santa Claus

We hope you come this year. For this Christmas I want a train and a bicycle. Bryan wants toys and a fire truck.

Your friend
Manuel

Dear Santa

I want a barbie doll, some dresses and a pair of clacks. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Your friend,
Diana Warren

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a Mr. Machine Game, and any more toys you can spare? I will leave you an Orange and a Coke under the tree again this year.

Larry Don Scarborough

Dear Santa,

I am four years old, and my mother and daddy says I am real sweet. Since I have been so good will you bring me a whole bunch of toys? I want a kissing doll, a doll carriage, a doll bed and a bicycle. Please don't forget my brother, Bobby.

With love,
Debbie Whisman

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a very good little girl. I wish you would bring me a Kissy Doll, a Baby Carriage, a Bracelet, and a Nurse's kit. I Love you.

Jackie Lynn Shannon


Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle for Christmas. I want a ballerina doll for Christmas.

I want a doctor kit for Christmas.

I want head scarf for Christmas.

Love,
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translation. The original Greek,
as written by Saint Luke, reads:
"Peace on earth to men of good
will."

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa

Please bring me a sink,
cabinet, stove, refrigerator,
dolly and dishes
Thank you
Susan

Dear Santa,

My name is Candy. I am
6 yrs old. I have been a good
girl most times.

I would like a radio, twin
baby dolls, 3D Viewmaster,
Doll trunk and Clothes, and
A Fascination Game.

Remember all boys and
girls. I will have a nice sur-
prise for you on the table
at Grandmother's House.

I love you
Candy Green

Dear Santa Clause

Please Bring me a Doctor
set a Golf set a little tractor
I want a little huckle berry
hound Game.

I have Been a good boy.
I go to school I like my
teacher

Bring me a magnetic spel-
ling Board

Gary Lynn Welsch

Dear Santa,

I want a shotgun and Day-
mond a shotgun. And Day-
mond and I want a truck
that carries cars.

My name is Tom and I am
six years old. My little bro-
ther's name is Daymond and
he is three.

Love
Tom and Daymond
Lindsey

Dear Santa,

I am 5 years old and a
pretty good boy. I am really
looking forward for your vis-
it.

Would you bring me a
space suit and Helment, &
3-D viewer, Electric Train
and a Johnny Reb Cannon,
and a pajama bag.

I'm going to my granny's
so be sure and come up there.
We will put out some coffee
and cake for you.

I love you
David Green

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a music box and a
bride boll and little red sepnd
ing will and a record play
from

Arlena

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a cow girl doll.
I want slacks.

I want a Jump Jack.
Lanelle

Dear Santa Claus

I want a firetruck set and
a BB Gun. I have been a
good boy. I hope you have a
Merry Christmas.

Love,
Tommy Lee Harvy

Dear Santa

Please Bring me a Civil
War musket. A bike. A can-
non, sword, and Lone Ranger
mask.

Thank you
Mike Holder

Dear Santa,

My name is Kim. I am 4
years old. Please come see
me at Granny's House.

I want a doll and doll
trunk, a big Huckleberry
Hound stuffed toy, a 3-D
viewer and a doll buggy.

Remember all the girls and
boys everywhere.

Love,
Kmi Green

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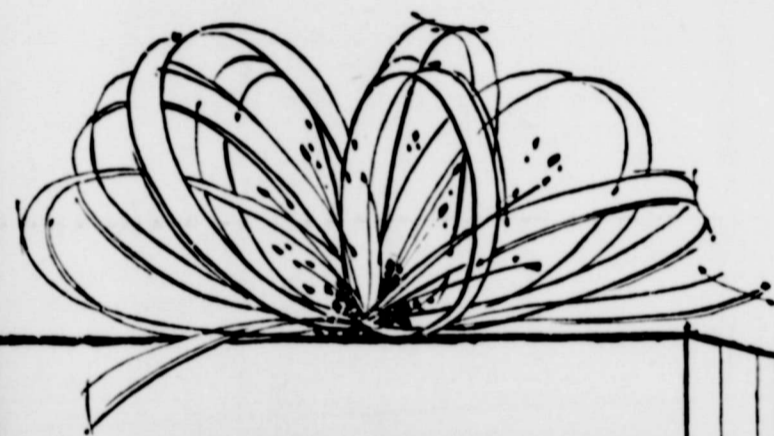
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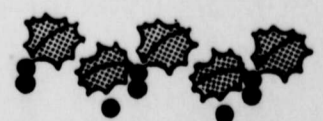
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