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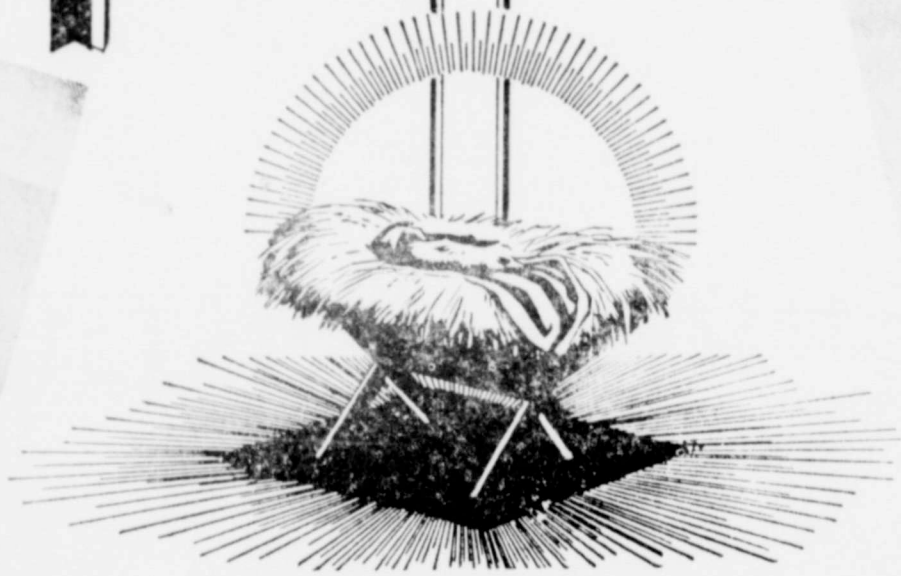


Lights glow on a tree in the hallway of Rankin Junior High, flanked by Jackie Barnett and Gregg Harvey.



Rene Sproul, Brenda Russell, Donella Mow and Bobbie Weaver pose for pictures in Mrs. Hurn's fifth grade class.

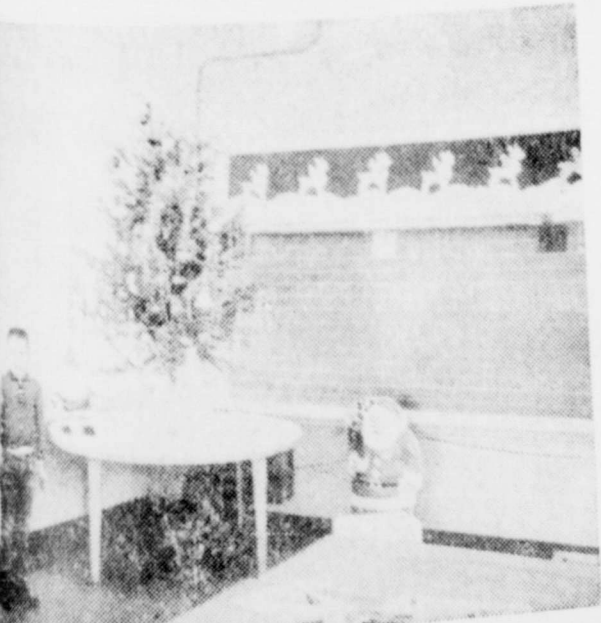
Peace



Mary Rosales, Claine Sanders and Gary Du... smiles over Christmas.



Carol Johnston and Tony Rosson from Mrs. Poage's room in elementary, admire the class Christmas tree.



Myrtle Reec, first grader in the room of Myrtle Reec, has a bracing experience.

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been waiting for Christmas a long time. Because you can have a lots of fun. But I don't think of just the fun of Christmas. I think of the birthday of Jesus on Christmas too. But the most fun is to have fun with the toys I wanted like the B-B gun and I can tell time with the clock I want. Well, by for right now Santa

Your best friend,
Mike Holder



Kathy Hoelscher and Richard Lofton, students in Mrs. Wimberley's elementary class, decorate a tree.

My Letter to Santa:

Dear Santa,

If this reaches you before you leave the North Pole, please leave my presents in Rankin this year.

I have been a good boy.
Joe Tom Freer

Dear Santa

I want a Baby Brite, and a parrot, some play food. I want a bathanet, high chair, a play kitchen. I want some

dishes, table and chairs buffet.

I want a typewriter also. With love,
Julie

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle without training wheels, and a pair of boots if you can find my size 13. also Teeny Tiny Tears doll. and patton-burp

Bye For Now
Gayla Tiemann

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a toy boat thot has red and blue colors. Your friend, Ricki McAlister

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bow and arrow. I want a car. I want a train. I want a gun. I like Santa Calus.

Love, Gary Dupriest

Dear Santa Claus's

I want a bicycle

Santa is the one you bring toy to us
Santa my brother wants a B-B gun.

Johnny Abalos.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please give me a doll. Please give me a real watch, Barbie clothes, And a pole light
Please give me a big dress
Love

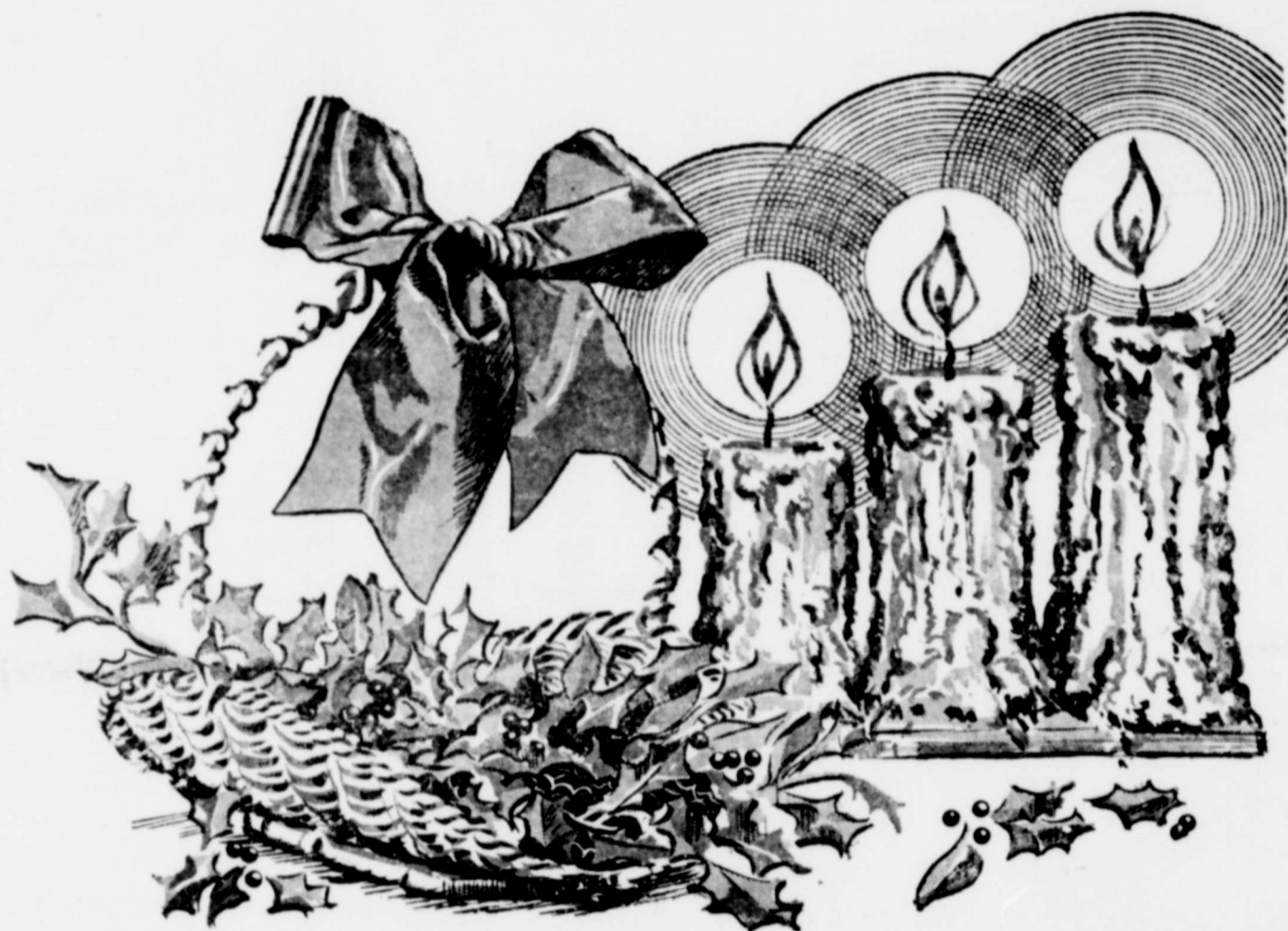
LaDonna Scott

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Dear Santa:

I want a B. B. Christmas. And else you would like me. I will leave you milk and fruit cake. I will try to be a boy.

Love
Alan,
Dale,
Speed



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 SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

And Family

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Claus,
a very good
I have been
grade. I am in
I want a baton,
mother got Mar-
be. And Steven,
and I got Grand
s. And my sis-
doll and a hair
you coming to my
Christmas? I want
oo. My brother
ing car for his
Claus,
basket ball.
a good boy.
Claus,
motor, a drum,
a pump. I have
boy.
Claus,
some hightop
like Debbie's.
like a birth-
I imagine Diane
something too.
buddy,
y

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll named Peb-
bes, a doll stroller, and a
surprise gift.
Love
Vickie Pharis

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I want a
one man Army gun-Vav-u-
form Slinky-watch. And get
my sister a talking doll-watch
Slinky. And get my Mother
a new dress and a pair of
shows-swater.

Get my Father a pair of
shows and a 4-10 watch.
You are nice. We will lave
a peace of cake.
Your friend,
Bobby Whisman

read it all

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch and my sis-
ter wants one too. I want a
Slinky too. Are you coming
to see us at the show? I
hope so. I say you last year
and by sister did to. Last
time I saw you, you were
fat.

Yours Truly,
Debra

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a vac-u-form, Slin-
ky and a watch. My little
sister want a slinky, Kem,
Barby.

Your friend,
Deborah Bisbee

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electric football.
I have been a good boy,
Love,
Charles,
Snell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cow hide football,
air pump, kicking tee, coat,
shoes.
Your neighbor,
Ricky Edgar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Alan and a
slinky and some clothes.
Yours truly,
Carole Cranfill

Dear Santa,
I want a Bobcat bike and
a truck with a trailer house
and a Buddy?L station wa-
gon.
Yours truly,
Ray McFadden

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a necklace
with a tiny china and a ring
with two pearls.
My sister wants a singing
TV.

The girl I picked I don't
know what to get her. I
think I will get her a neck-
lace with a funny little man
on it.

I want a watch too and
some games.
With love,
Joni Gail Latty

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a
watch, and a slinky for this
Christmas. My brother would
like a basketball, and I would
like one too.

My little sister would like
a doll and a doll bed.
Your friend,
Terry Lester

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like
an All Star Electric Football
Game, A Lie Detector Set,
Football and a Watch. Thank
You.

Your friend,
Larry Don

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a
vac-u-form, Skipper doll, a
baton and Slinky, Tammy
doll, record player and pia-
no.

Your friend,
Marilyn Braden

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a hair dryer, Slin-
ky, Skipper doll, watch, mus-
ic box. My brother wants a
electric giutar, record play-
er. Thank you.
Your friend,
Joyce Thompson

tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people."
Luke 2:10



May the
Peace and Joy
of Christmas
be with you
today and always

SKIN INSURANCE AGENCY



With Thanks and
Best Wishes for
Christmas
Boggs Grocery

Ray & Sug

Work Started on Track Curbing

The final phase of development of an athletic facility on Knob Hill across from the Rankin High School is now underway with curbing and laying of the topping of the track. Work is by contract to H. Wheeler and Tommy Workman.

A concrete curb will be constructed on both the out-

side and inside of the track which runs around the outer edge of the hill. On the inside of the curbing an asphalt substance, somewhat similar to that used in paving work, will be poured and rolled level. This will be the running surface of the track.

This type structure was decided upon by the Rankin School Board after they had made a rather wide investigation of track surfacing, the cost of installation and

its maintenance. In the past the cinder-type surfacing has been popular for tracks but it has been found that in West Texas there is a considerable expense to the upkeep of the cinder track due primarily to the high winds that hit in the spring and fall. The asphalt base track is somewhat cheaper initially and it requires only minor upkeep once it is in place. A number of tracks of this type have already been put

into use in the Southwest.

Already completed and in use this past fall for band and junior high football practice was a regulation football field in the center of the area.

Dear Santa Claus,

My sister would like a Teary Geary baby doll. I would like a watch and blue jeans.

Your friend,
Sherry Gary

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Rankinite's A Dies in Colem

Mrs. Oleta Bloom Rankin left last m. after receiving her aunt, Miss Rickey, had passed a rest home in Co. Funeral services Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. city.



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 FDIC

Rankin, Texas

n (Tex.)
 Dec. 24
 been good.
 a guitar for Christ-
 wants one to.
 the one who

brings us the toys.
 I love you sant claus.
 You love me sant claus.
 Your friend, Roger

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a baby brite. I've
 been a good girl. I love San-
 ta Claus.
 Love, Dianne
 Absher

Dear Santa,
 I wood like a race car set.
 Will you Bring me and my
 brother a chemistry set. Will
 you get my little brother a
 tricycle? Donot for the
 others.
 Your friend,
 Ronnie Surber

Box 95
 Midkiffe Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you? Fine I hope.
 This is what I want: a train
 monopoly, an a Vac-u-form.
 Your friend,
 Mason Courtright

Box 104
 Dear Santa Claus I want
 a penny Bright and a Barbie
 lunch pail andabaton and a
 vac-u-form and a vo-Room
 Motor andapairof 5 slacks
 and dresses of 5

Your friend, Kathy Under-
 wood. Good-By

Dear Santa Claus
 I want a horse for Christ-
 mas.

I want a watch for Christ-
 mas.
 I want a Lunch pail for
 Christmas.
 Don't forget the other
 children.

Your friend,
 Cindy Howell

Dear Santa, Claus,
 I am a good girl. I want
 a doll, a play house, a ring,
 a bicycle, and a wagon,
 I love you. You are cute.

Love,
 Shelia Diann French

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a big bicycle.
 I have been a good girl.
 I want a little doll.
 Love,
 Melinda Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
 Bring me Johnny seven
 OMA, Please bring me a b-
 b gun and some b-b's, a farm
 set, and a black hat.
 Love,
 Johnny Cowen

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want an electric football
 set, and a top. I have been
 good
 Love,
 Ardon Lee

Dear Santa Claus,
 I love you Santa Claus.
 I will be a good boy.
 I want a one man army
 gun, a Maroon truck, and a
 basket ball.
 Love
 Poly Abalos

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a doll called Pebb-
 les and another new doll.
 I also want a ring.
 I have been good.
 Love,
 Deborah

Dear Santa Claus
 I want a Johnny seven
 OMA, a Big Bruiser, a bike,
 a pack and a helmet.
 Love
 Mark Glass

Christmas GREETINGS
 to Each of our Friends

And, may we add, our sincere thanks for the
 splendid patronage which you have given us

Cunningham Barber Shop



A Glowing Christmas

This is our wish for you as once again we come to the
 Season when we re-affirm the hope of Peace and Good
 Will among all men.

Our thanks to you for your past favors and our wish
 that this be the brightest Christmas ever.

LOWERY & WORKMAN
 INSURANCE AGENCY

GREETINGS
and
Best Wishes



May this be a
 real Old-fashioned
 Christmas full of
 genuine old-fashioned happiness

T. D. "Tommy" Workman
 And Family

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a cook set, Patty Burp Baby.

Dena wants a Patty Burp Baby too.

Robbie Wants a rifle. All of us would like some clothes.

Love,

Rai, Dena and Robbie

TOPS Club Has Weekly Meeting

Rankin's chapter of TOPS, the nation-wide reducing fraternity, met at the Girl Sout Hut on Monday, December 21. Belle Hood and Winono Hodges tied for the high losers—having lost the most weight the past week. The club is still in the process of picking a new name and expects to make their final selection within a few days.

The next meeting will be December 28. An increase in membership is said to be expected by the club following the holidays. Everyone is invited to join.

Dear Santa

For Xmas I would like to have skipper and some new clothes and apron for Barbie and Allen.

Thank you very much

Love

Nisa

My Daddy wrote all but my name.

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope I get a Johnny Seven O.M.A. I hope you are ok. I picked a girl at school. Her name is Joann Sullivan.

Your friend,
Tommy Gray

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Skipper, New Barbie, Slinky, some stuffed toys, a picture of you, a hair dryer, a New Barbie house, dishes, stove, icebox, washing machine, My sister, purple evening gown, clothes Frankie suit, watch

Your friend,
Lee Ora Herrington

Holiday Closing to be Varied in Rankin

Holiday closings for Rankin during the holidays are to be considerably varied with no set closing plan for business houses and offices as a whole.

Rankin Schools dismissed at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 23. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4.

County offices at the Upton County Courthouse will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26 & 27 for Christmas and January 1, 2, & 3 for the New Year. City Hall plans the same schedule.

Most business houses will be closed two days for Christmas but only one for New Years. And still others have announced individual plans.

The News office will be closed December 24 to January 4. There will be no issue published December 31. Also skipped each year is the publication on July 4 week.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a B gun. I would really like it.

I would go bird hunting with my friend. We will go out in the country to hunt.

Your friend,
Greg Copeland

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like to have a vac-u-form, a slinky, a b-b gun, a watch, and a Defender Dan machine gun.

Your friend,
Tommy Harvey

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Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas I want Skipper Barbie's sister. I want a coat. If I can have a slinky.

Your friend
Joann Sullivan

SEASON'S GREETINGS

and
best wishes

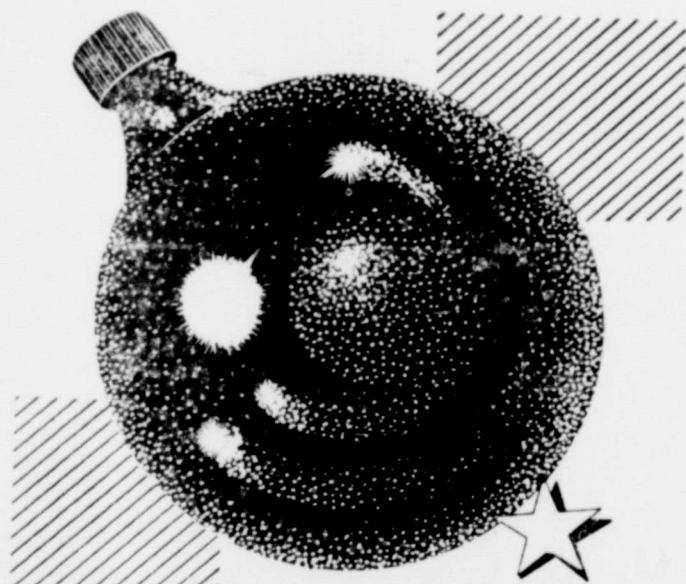


When we say "Thank You" for past favors it comes straight from the heart.

Highway Grocery

CLOSED
Christmas Day

OPEN
All Sundays



Greetings

with all good wishes for Christmas
and a sincere thanks for
all past favors

The Allen Moore Family

Greetings

No matter where
we are,

There will always
be a

Christmas

With the bright
shining Star

So full of hope
and happiness



NANCY K. DAUGHERTY
County & District Clerk

NOW! Big travel bargain for cities along Santa Fe

It's Chico Bargain Fare time again on the Santa Fe—through April 30, 1965.

For example, a regular round-trip ticket costing \$100 will be sold at the off-season bargain fare of \$80. Round trips costing \$75 now will be only \$60, and similar reductions will apply for round-trip tickets from all stations except for local trips within the State of California.

No matter where you travel on Santa Fe trains, round-trip bargain fares will save you approximately 20%. Tickets on sale every day with a return limit of 30 days. Yes, bargain fares apply for both round-trip coach and first-class tickets.

Now you can leave the car at home and save money traveling by Santa Fe.

See the Santa Fe Agent in your home town for complete information



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Dear Santa Claus,
 We are putting our Christ
 mas tree up Tuesday.
 I wood want a VoRRoom
 motor and a gettar and foot-
 ball.
 four
 friend,
 Keith Crow
 December 11, 1964.

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a Poosie Pixie. It
 is a doll.
 I would like a big dog to
 put on my bed. and a
 watch.
 I will be a good girl.
 your friends,
 Love, Cindy Burson

you.
 Love Sandy
 Sanders
 Dear Sante
 I have been good.
 Jimmy and I want a mo-
 tor scooter.
 So do Carol and Peggy.
 You are the one who
 bring us toys.
 I like you Santa claus.
 your
 friends,
 Ronnie McBee

Dear Santa Claus.
 I want a talking doll and
 I want a swing set, and I
 want a house coat and house-
 shoes, and Tammy's play-
 house.
 Elaine Fowler
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a slinky and I want
 a cry doll and I want a pop
 E's book and I want a talk
 doll and want a fish and I
 wish I hed a picture.
 Mary RosaLES

MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND ALL GOOD WISHES
CRANE FUNERAL HOME
 COLLECT CALLS ACCEPTED
 OL 2-4601 Crane—JO 4-3543

Dear Santa
 I have been good.
 I have two brothers and
 three sisters.
 I like Santa Claus He is
 good to me. He brings us
 toys.
 Love,
 Linda Ann Gossett

Dear Santa Claus,
 I wanta slinky and movie
 projector.
 Love,
 Janet Flangan.

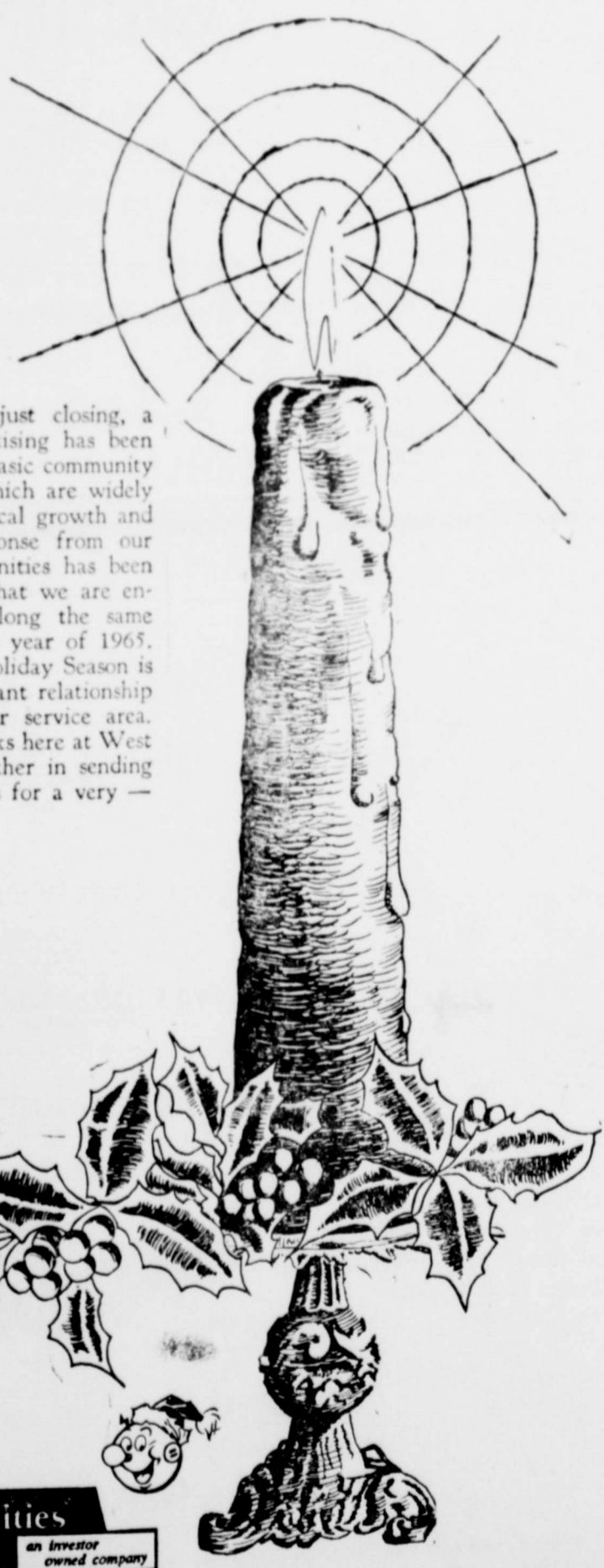
Dear Santa Claus
 I want a slinky and I want
 a girl's wig. I wnt to be
 good and I want to have a
 dog and a horse.
 I wish I had a picture of



Warmest Wishes

CLARK CLEANERS

Throughout the year just closing, a
 tion of WTU advertising has been
 oted to some of the basic community
 opment elements which are widely
 sidered essential in local growth and
 rovement. The response from our
 wth-conscious communities has been
 . . . so much so that we are en-
 raged to continue along the same
 eral lines in the new year of 1965.
 e true spirit of the Holiday Season is
 e found in this pleasant relationship
 th communities in our service area.
 at is why all of the folks here at West
 as Utilities join together in sending
 ings and best wishes for a very —



Wishing You
 a-very

THANK YOU FOR

Merry YOUR GOOD WILL
 AND CONFIDENCE
 Christmas

JOHN A. MENELEE
 AND
 FAMILY

West Texas Utilities
 Company an investor
 owned company

Rankin Takes 4th in Wink Tournament

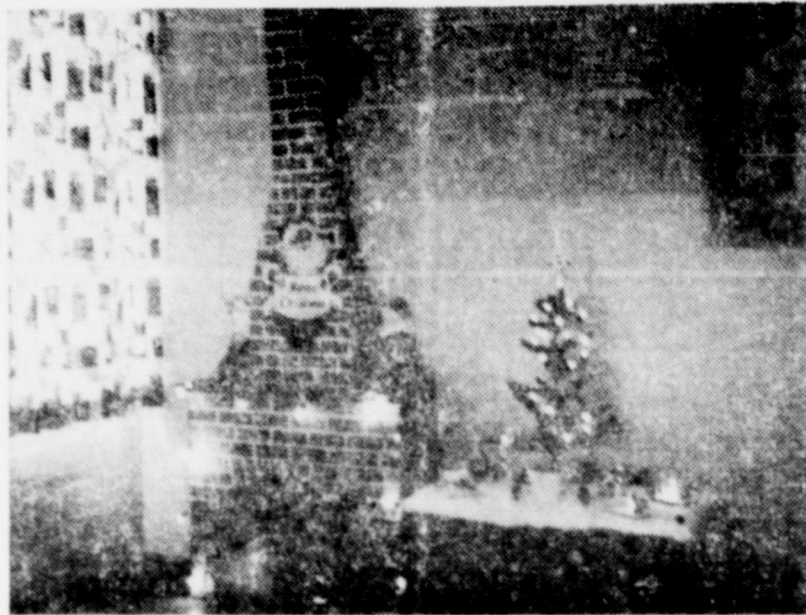
In basketball action last week, Rankin's High School boys won 4th place in the eight-team Wink invitational. They defeated McCamey in their opener, were edged by only a few points by Kermit B team in their second round a fell to Alpine in an overtime in their final match after having four starters sidelined for penalties.

The High School Girls' game with Alpine on Friday, December 18, was cancelled due to icy roads.

In Junior high games, the 7th grade boys beat Barnhart and the 8th grade boys lost. For the girls, the 7th graders lost to Iraan while the 8th grade won theirs.

These games were played in Barnhart and Rankin last Monday.

Next action will see the A and B Boys and the A Girls in games with Sterling City on Tuesday, Decem-



IN A CORNER at the school cafeteria is a gay fireplace and a most conservative Christmas tree—adding a bit of holiday cheer at mealtime for students of Rankin Schools.

DPS Says 105 Texans to Die in Holiday

"Operation Deathwatch is to begin at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, December 24 and continue until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, January 3," according to the West Texas Region of the Department of Public Safety.

During this period Patrolmen will be assigned traffic duties from all departments in an effort to reduce those traffic violations that contribute to traffic accidents," he Department has stated.

"May we urge all motorists to drive legally and sanely during this 11 day holiday and accept their respon-

ber 29. The B game was added to the original schedule.

Western Zone of District 8-A opens district play January 5 when the Boys and Girls go to Sanderson.

Rankin, Sanderson, Iraan, Big Lake and Ozona make up the Western Zone of the large district while Junction, Eldorado, Sonora and Menard play in the Eastern Zone. Winners of the two zones will then play for the district title.

sibility of safe motoring and prevent the 105 traffic fatalities from occurring that has been estimated for this period. Past experience indicates many of these tragedies can be prevented if motorists will shoulder a personal responsibility of compliance with rules of common sense and good judgment and remain alert and attentive to the job of driving at all times," officials said.

"Texas is already experiencing it's highest accident loss in history, and if holiday estimates are reached, our state will record over 3,000 deaths this year—an alltime high for Texas.

"Won't you do your part so that you and your family may return to experience a happy and prosperous 1965," the department asks.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
YEAR-AROUND GOOD WISHES

Thanks, friends,
for your liberal
patronage and
friendships.

Speed's Cafe



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

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. McKelvy

Wishing you

all

the joys of
the

CHRISTMAS
SEASON

Red Bluff

Lumber Company

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

Rancher's Wool & Mohair Ass'n.



Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler

Named in Contest

...ing held last Su...
... three homes in
... were selected for a
... the Christmas light
... sponsored by the
... Phi. Exemplar
... and local business
... first prize was
... of Mr. and Mrs.
... h. located at 508
... second place award
... H. Wheeler resi-
... 901 Severn Street,
... place was won by
... of Mr. and Mrs.
... age. 501 Elizabeth
... prize was worth \$15.

Former Rankinite Buried in Rochester

Frank Salman, 74-year-old father of Joe Salman, a member of the editorial staff of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, died last Sunday in a Big Spring hospital after a long illness. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church at Rochester.
Salman had operated a store in Rankin in the late 20's and early 30's and had second \$10, and third \$5. The homeowners were pleasantly surprised last Tuesday morning when a member of Beta Sigma Phi delivered the prizes.

moved to Midland in 1931. His son, Joe, graduated from Rankin High School and is a frequent visitor at bridge games in Rankin.
Other survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, three brothers and seven grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD like to express our appreciation to those responsible for the nice awards made for Christmas home decorating. Your award to us was a most pleasant surprise.
The H. Wheelers

Lions to Meet Next on January 4th

Rankin Lions Club will not meet, Monday, December 23, due to the holidays. Their next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 4.
Despite the fact that last Saturday was the coldest day thus far in the winter, the Lions reported a bumper turn-out for their Christmas Party. Santa made it on time and there was fun and gifts for everyone.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a very good girl.
And I want a slipover sweater I want it to be blue. And I want a Skipper doll that is about all I need but I want something for my brother.
He wants a modle and a portable T.V.
Your good girl,
Lennah Hayes
P. S. I want a Slinky.

Dear Santa Claus

My family wanted a piano for Christmas and I want a doll and her name is Tressy. Tressy's hair grows and grows and you can fis Tressy hair the same way yours is.

Your friend,
Melissa Whatley

Dear Santa,

May I have for Christmas a Johnny seven OMA, bicycle, and a chemistry set and a 36 powdered telescope, a rock-em sockem and a slinky, a watch and a camera.

Your friend,
Howard

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. J. T. Ponder of Midkiff, admitted December 18.
Mrs. J. T. Ponder of Midkiff, admitted December 14.
Mr. Don Bolen of McCamey, admitted December 21.
Mr. J. D. Christy of Rankin, admitted December 9.
Mr. L. C. Steele of Rankin, admitted December 15.
Mrs. A. L. Lindsey of McCamey, admitted December 22.

Santa Letters

All Letters to Santa are printed as received—the old boy seems to understand them better that way.



To wish you

Joy at

Christmastide

Thank you
for your friendships
and loyalty.

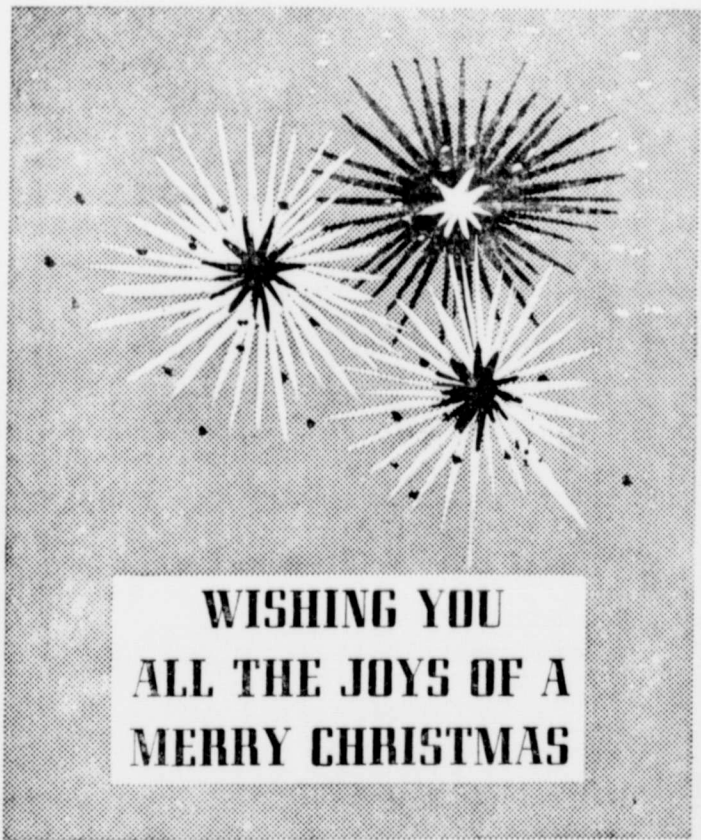
Elizabeth L. Rains
County Treasurer



a sincere
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Porter and Gena Johnson
West, Barbara McSpadden
Grace Bain, George Smith



**WISHING YOU
ALL THE JOYS OF A
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Elliott & Waldron
Title and Guaranty Company

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a top and a sled.
I want an electric train,
I will be a good boy
I want a one man army
gun, and a Maroon truck,

Love
David Turner

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a race car game
and a lie detector game. I
tried to be godd.
Remember the other boys
and girls. They have been
good too.

Your friend,
Mark Wheeler

YES, KLEA, WE DO BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS . . .

(From a Christmas letter received by a girl from her father when she was four years old.)

This Christmas you believe with unshakable faith in the vision of Santa Claus, his sleigh and his reindeer — your complete faith in this vision is a beautiful part of the happy childhood we want for you.

But as you grow your belief in the child's version of Santa Claus will dissolve, you will be disillusioned, perhaps hurt.

Santa Claus is the spirit—a very real spirit—of all that is good in people. Our unselfish sharing, our capacity for tender feeling and love, for giving and forgiving, the impulse of kindness, respect and dignity and tolerance, day-by-day honesty, reverence for our God—these are the things that are Santa Claus.

As long as a child's laughter warms the hearts of men and women—as long as there is joy in a flower or a sunset—that long will there be a Santa Claus.

Yes, our child, Santa Claus to us is many big and little things—our country's open door to the homeless, our gift to a local orphanage, support of our church with our presence, our efforts and our money, your kindness to a stray kitten, respect for our neighbors, our tolerance of the human faults of others

His is the language of living together happily, of a stirring Christmas carol, of working for each other, of creating beauty, of rising above defeat or sorrow.

In more than half the world today there can be no mention of Santa Claus. Misguided governments attempt to destroy the spirit that is Santa Claus. Yet that spirit lives. We must help to keep it alive, to strengthen it and make it grow. As long as it lives, so long shall hope for mankind live, so long shall the opportunity of greatness remain.

Our capacity for believing is great because our capacity for feeling is great. We believe and have faith in that which we feel. We believe in Santa Claus.

Yes, there is a Santa Claus, Klea. He is as real as our love for you—as real as the small-child faith which made him real to you. Long may he live in the hearts of all of us.

JANUARY

BASKETBALL

SCHELUDE

- 4, 7th-8th Boys, Big Lake H
- 5, A Girls & Soys, Sander. T
- 7 7th-8th Girls, McCamey T
- 7-8-9, A Girls, Lakeview Try.
- 7-8-9 A Boys, Big Lake Try.
- 11, 7th-8th Boys, McCamey T
- 11, A-B Boys-A Girls, Iraan H
- 15, A & B Boys, Crane H
- 18, 7th-8th Boys, Iraan T
- 18, 7th-8th Girls, McCamey H
- 19, A-B Boys, A Gls, Ozona H
- 21 7th-8th Girls, Iraan T

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- 25, 7th-8th Boys, Crane H
- 26 A-B Girls, Grandfork H
- 26, A-B Boys, Big Lake H
- 28, 7th-8th Girls, Iraan T
- 29, A-B Boys, A Gls, Iraan T

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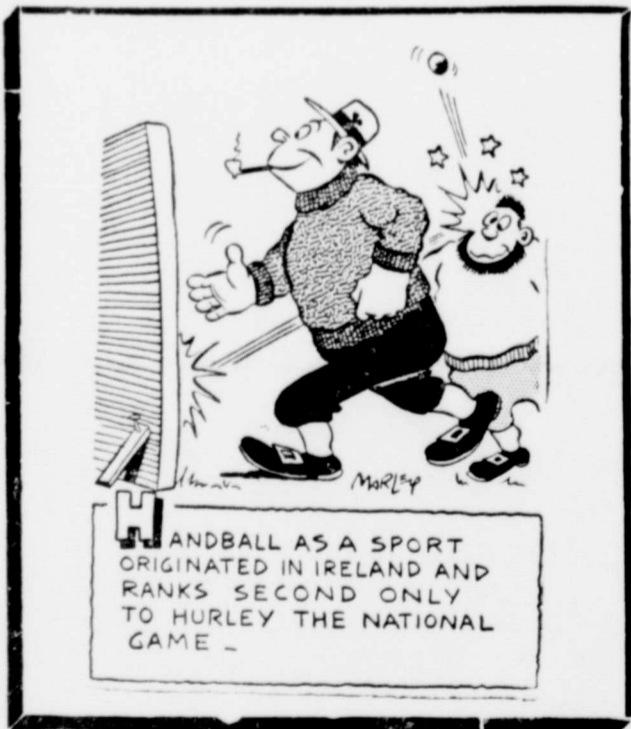
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Scout Pack 56 held annual Christmas get-together on Tuesday night, December 15 at the Rankin Building with a record on hand. Songs were sung and the participants in decorating Christmas tree as a part of the Christmas

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mas Tree" was read. Each boy told of the many blessings we receive, in the form of the decorations they themselves made.

The Rebekah Lodge presented each boy with a Cub Scout tooth brush and also donated the tree used in the program.

Three new boys were added to the Sub Scout family, Mark Wheeler, Donnie Cole and James Campbell.

Cub Scouts receiving achievement awards were Kirprice, Joe Reed, Kieth Cranfill and Randy Hodges.

The Cubs honored Mr. P. L. Bell, community representative, with three big bows, the Boy Scout appreciation signal, in appreciation for the beautiful tree and the thoughtful gifts. Mr. Bell re-

presented Rebekah Lodge, the sponsoring organization of the Cub Scouts in Rankin.

County Judge Picks
RAMPS Committee

County Judge Allen Moore has announced the appointment of the Upton County Historical Survey Committee for the county Recordation, Appreciation, Marking, Preservation and Surveys (RAMPS) of Texas history. This is a two-year term which begins on January 1.

Chairman of the Committee is Miss N. Ethie Eagleton of McCamey. Other members for 1965-66 are Mrs. Bill Nix, Mrs. Jack Smith, Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. Sam Holmes and Mrs. E. C. Higday of Rankin and Mrs. Hal Holmes, Mrs. George Ramer, Mrs. Anna Wolf and Mrs. Dee Locklin of McCamey.

Judge Moore pointed out that the over-all objective of the Committee's work is the development of the county's history as a tourist attraction by working with local cooperating tourist-related organizations and for the preserving of this history for future generations.

In accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor John Connally naming January 10-16 as See and Save Texas History Week, Judge Moore has called a meeting of the Committee for January 16 to issue plans for the coming term.

School Menu

January 4-8

Monday

Steak Fingers, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Apricot Halves

Tuesday

Celery Sticks, Sweet Relish, Barbecued Wieners, Pinto Beans, Onion Rings, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding

Wednesday

Vegetable Salad, Hamburgers, French Fries, Beans, Cherry Cobbler

Thursday

Lettuce with French Dressing, Roast Beef, Brown

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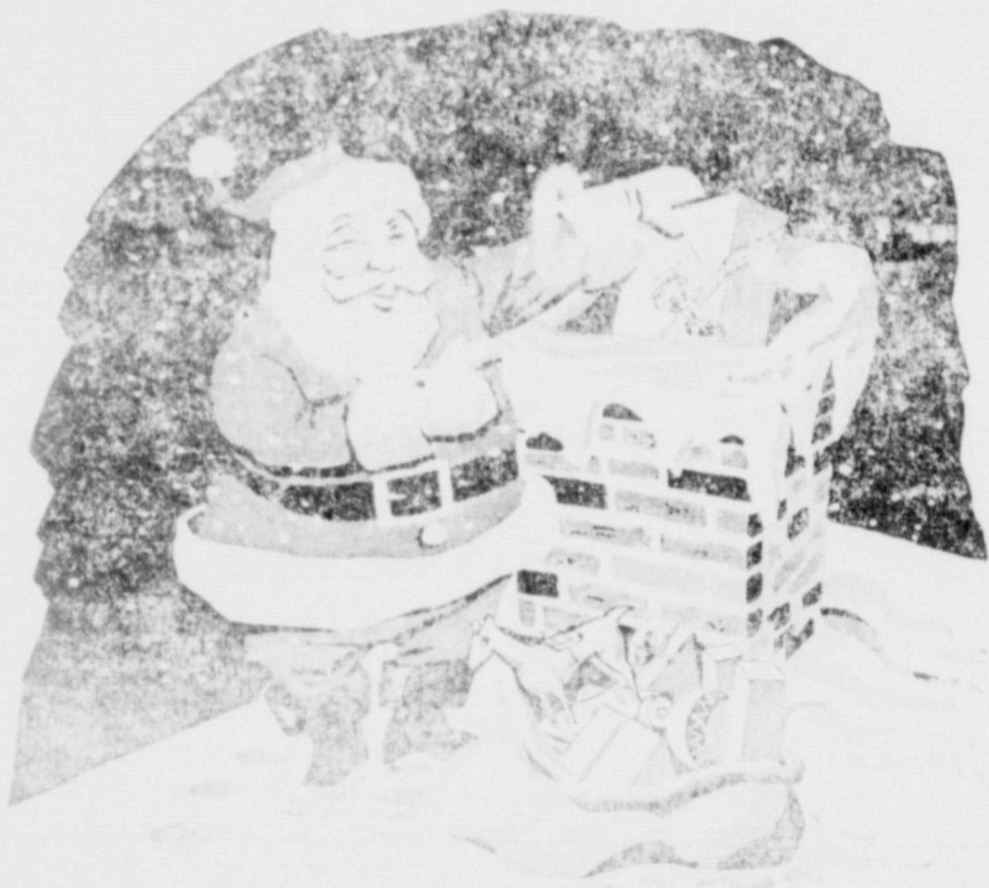
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