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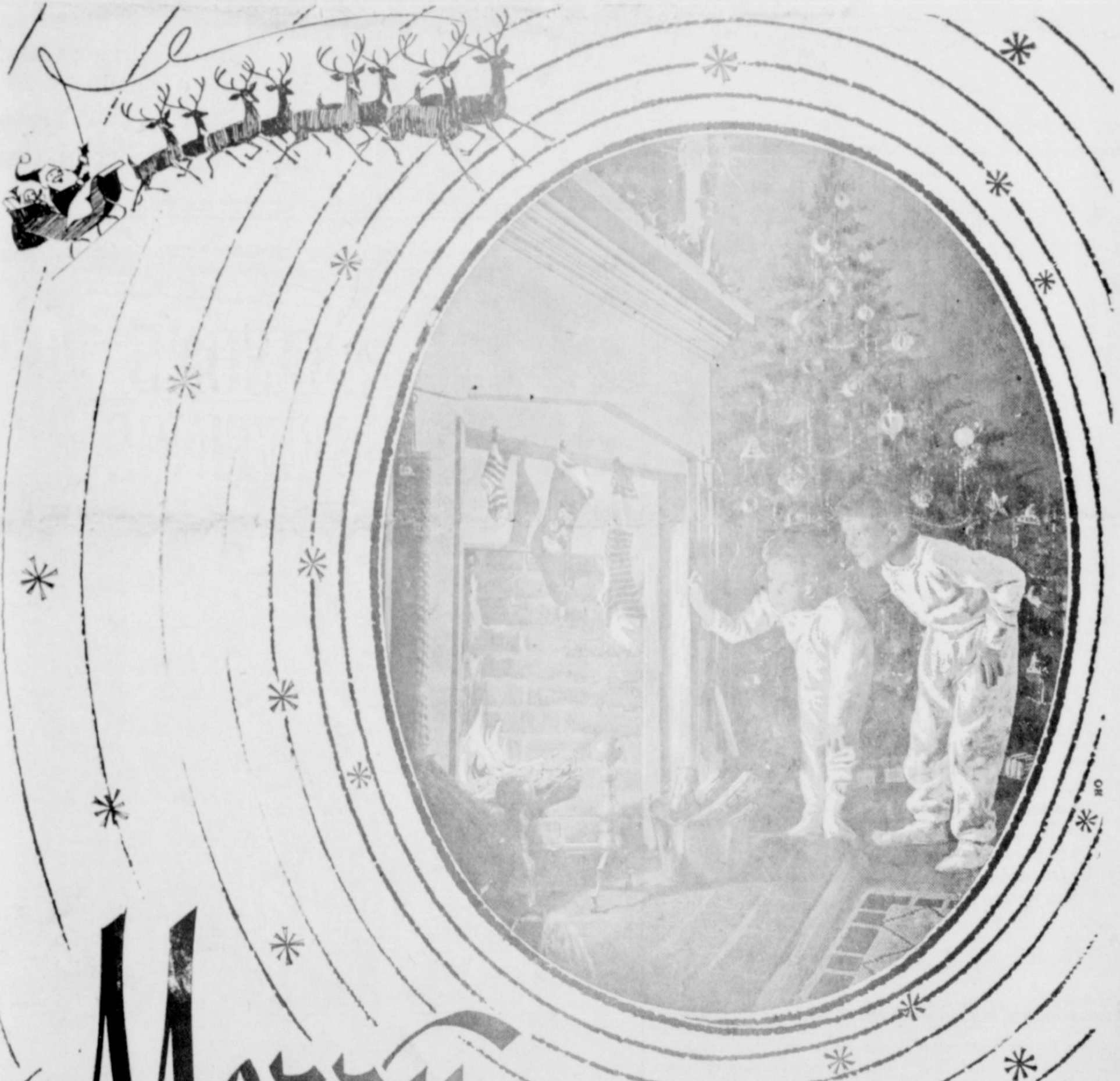
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# Merry Christmas

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B., Katie and Hal

# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

WHAT'S THIS—

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1970

Green ink, you say? Well, why not. It's Christmas and you're supposed to do things up with a little dash and color. Besides, these are the days of protest in which the conventional is put down and the new way is the in thing. This is my contribution.

Of course, I could have used red ink.

Actually, this being the Christmas issue, I'm not supposed to be doing this column but I did

have a couple of items which needed noting. One is the Santa Letters, published as nearly as possible like they were written because that's the way Santa likes to hear from boys and girls. To be regretted is the fact that space was not available to print them all; nevertheless, Santa has his ways of finding out things and if your Santa letter is not included, don't worry about it. He will get your message just the

same.

The other item was, on behalf of my family and myself, we extend the warmest Season's Greetings to all with the wish that your stocking will overflow in the Holiday time and the days ahead with all the bright and cheerful hopes and dreams that make a day in your life one big happy experience.

Cheers.

## CARD OF THANKS

WE ARE MOST grateful to our friends and neighbors who have been a source of comfort in the recent loss of our loved one. Each of your kind deeds has made our burden a little easier to bear. May God bless each of you.

The Travis Taylor Family

## GREETINGS



Warmest and Friendliest of the

Season's Wishes . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MR. & MRS. PORTER JOHNSON

# Greetings



It's Christmas, and time to greet good friends . . . time, too, to count our blessings. One of the greatest of these is the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve.

Tommy and Alene Workman

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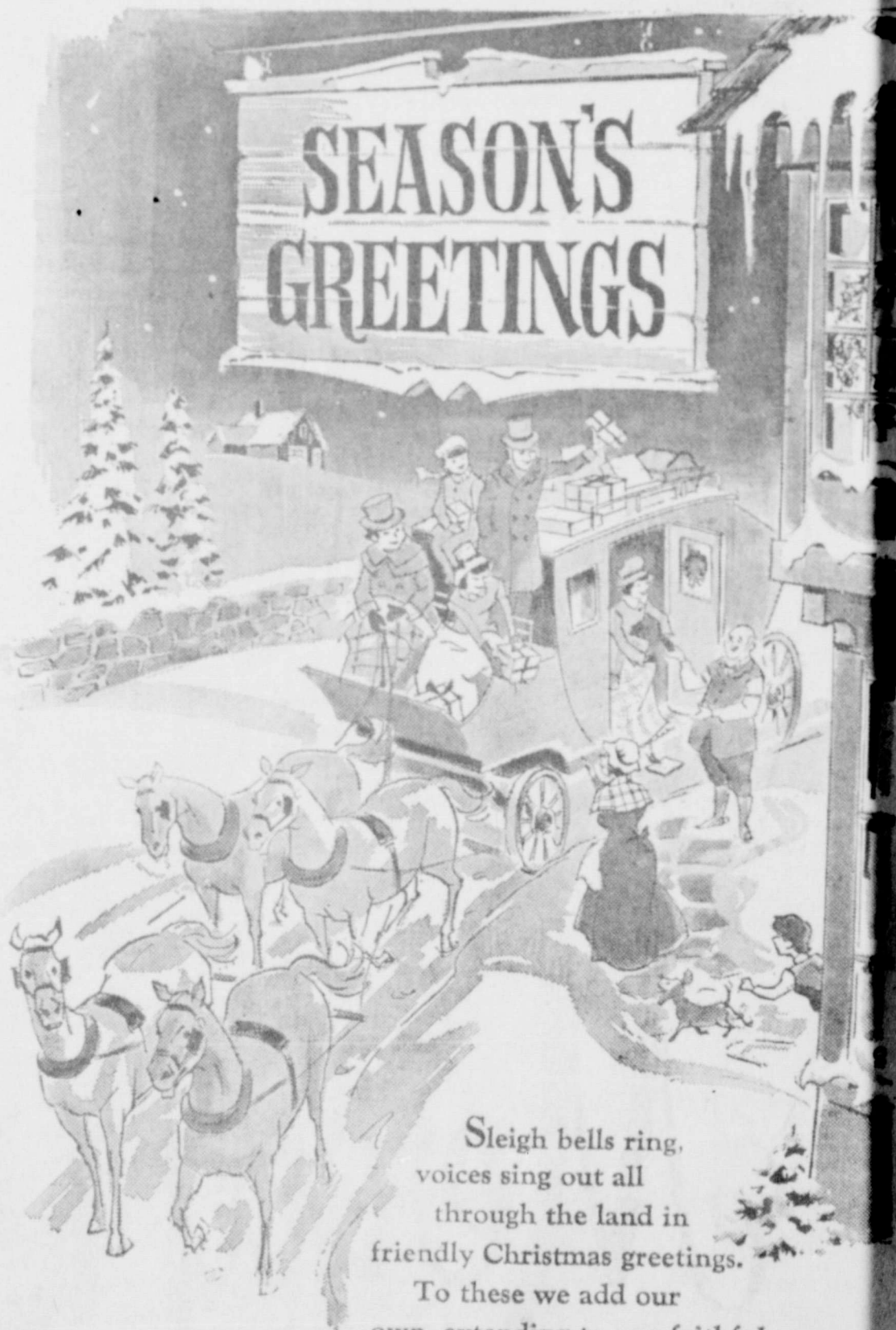
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Sleigh bells ring, voices sing out all through the land in friendly Christmas greetings.

To these we add our own, extending to our faithful customers and friends the warmest holiday wishes, the sincerest "thank you" for your patronage.

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Sug & Ray



# Merry Christmas

Rosy cheeks sparkling eyes, happy voices... children in anticipation of everything that Christmas brings: the family tree, stacks of presents, bells ringing out sweet carols, stockings filled with goodies, Santa Claus... and the solemnity of each tiny creche. Watching the delight, the awe, the wonder in a child's face is knowing the Spirit of Christmas. To all, our sincere greetings of the season plus our gratitude and thanks.

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### Eight from County Advance to State in Region Pecan Show

Upton County pecan growers continued to be strong contenders in a wide number of varieties as they qualified eight for the state finals in Regional Competition held last week in Abilene. The local growers garnered four first, three seconds and a third—all qualified for state.

Only in their second year of active competition, Upton growers have already gathered in several top prizes and are looking forward to still more awards when the state Pecan Show is held in Austin this summer.

Winning first in Abilene regional were the following:

Noelke Estate, Burkett Class

Leroy Grigsby, McCamey, the Mahon Class;

Al Andrews, McCamey, Imperial Class; and

A. B. McGill, Rankin, Stewart Class.

Taking second places were:

Hollis Huffaker of McCamey in the Wichita Class;

J. Pearl Rankin of Rankin in the Variety Seedling Class; and

A. B. McGill, Rankin, Success Class

The final placing was a third by Edna Shaffer in the Burkett Class.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pair of skates, operation game, concentration, Magic "8" Ball, minitool.

Thank you for the football suit. I hope little children get what they want. Poor children may have fun with their toys.

Love,  
Scott

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa, I want a belt, operation, purse, music-box, nurse-kit, corn-popper, dolls-bed, Baby Tender-Love, rock-polisher. I hope I get it please. I love you please,

Your friend,  
Karla

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me a wal-

kie-talkie for Christmas. I also want you to bring some gifts for the man overseas.

Your friend,  
Lynn

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some guns an a basket-bell with a net and with the string with it too.

Your friend,  
Richard

### SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 4-8

#### BREAKFAST

MONDAY-TUESDAY

SCHOOL OUT

WEDNESDAY

Cold Cereal, Hot Doughnuts, Pineapples

THURSDAY

Hot Biscuits, Sausage, Hash Brown Potatoes, Honey, Apricots

FRIDAY

Buttered Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Jelly, Apple Sauce

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY-TUESDAY

SCHOOL OUT

WEDNESDAY

Pickles, Fried Ham, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Pine-apple or Peaches

THURSDAY

Tossed Salad, Corn Dog, French Fries, Beans, Cherry Cobbler, Hot Light Bread

FRIDAY

Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Peanut butter Cookies, Apricot or Prunes

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

## Please Note:

It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Upton County as Treasurer for 32 years. Of course there were ups and downs during that time, but thanks to each and every one.

You will send bills and correspondence after January 1, 1971 to: Mrs. L. Speed, Box 45, Upton County Treasurer, Rankin Texas 79778.

Remember, she is your County Treasurer so please work with her as you have with me.

May God bless each of you.

**ELIZABETH RAINS**

## Best Wishes for 1971:

The end of my first term as your state representative is an appropriate time to express appreciation for the splendid co-operation provided by the people of the 66th District.

Your future interest in the affairs of government and your continued friendship and support are appreciated. I repeat an earlier request to write, see me on any matter affecting state government. Views are helpful and welcome.

**George Baker**

State Representative, 66th District

#### JESUS CHRIST

the same  
yesterday,  
and today,  
and for ever  
HEBREWS 13:8



YOU ARE  
CORDIALLY  
INVITED  
TO ATTEND

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EACH SUNDAY

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Elizabeth & 8th Sts.

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Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.  
—Hebrews 10:23-25



WE CALLED HIS GIRL FRIEND FOR A DATE  
SHE SAID TO BE THERE HALF PAST EIGHT  
SHE WENT SADLY  
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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Claus,  
I want to bring me a baby-  
basket-ball, and a  
maker.  
I want to bring every one in  
something too.

There's one more thing I want  
it is a Barnabas Collins game.

Your dear friend,  
Karrie

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a tape recorder, sizzl-  
ers, walkie-talkie, and your wel-

come to give me anything you  
want.

Don't forget all the poor peo-  
ple and don't forget the rich peo-  
ple either.

Love,  
James

Dear Santa,

I want a Sheriff's Western Set.  
Here's what I want, a canteen,  
two pistols, a rifle, three bullets,  
a bowie knife, handcuffs, badge,  
and neckerchief.

Love,  
Charles

Dear Santa

I want a walkie talkie and  
that is all.

I have bin good.  
Your friend  
Caye

Dear Santa,

I want a Fronteir town and  
some Gigoe stuff and battle tops  
and a Los Angles Ram shirt, a  
five star basketball.

Merry Cristnas  
Your friend,  
Carl

Dear Santa,

I will see you at the park  
building Saturday. I been kind of  
good and kind of bad.

This is why I been kind of bad  
and kind of good. When I had to  
wash dishes I got bad.

When I was happy I did thing  
for my mother and father.

I want a necklace and a brace-  
let and a piano and a basketball.

Your friend,  
Marilyn

Dear Santa,

I want a walkie-talkie for  
Christmas.

I have been good this year.

Mark wants a walkie-talkie to  
and Morris wants a walkie-talkie  
to and Tony wants a walkie-tal-  
wie to and Wayne wants a wal-

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kie-talkie to and Shellah wants a  
basketball.

Daddy got a tape recorder on  
Saturday. Mother wants an ice  
box.

Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Cecil McKenzie

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing?  
I have been a good girl!

I want a Starline Botton, a  
piano, a guitar, new shoes and a  
tape recorder. And too, a basket-  
ball.

Merry Christmas!!

Your friend,  
Rhonda Bagley

Dear Santa

I want lots of goodies for my  
Christmas. A training bike, doll,  
cash register and lots more.

My brother says he wants a  
training bike, football and that  
will be all.

Bye for now— see you again  
next year.

Love,  
Kim & J. D.

Dear Santa,

Will you please send me a vel-  
vet. Velvets hair grows down to  
her feet.

And will you please send me  
at least three pants suits. Santa  
don't forget to give the poor  
people some toys.

Your friend,  
Gwen Johnson



## A VERY MERRY Christmas

To faithful friends old  
and new, hearty thanks for your  
good will and best wishes  
for a wonderful holiday season.

Elizabeth L. Rains



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

May this holiday season bestow  
on you every blessing and happiness.  
Please accept our best wishes,  
and may we express our gratitude to  
you for your loyal patronage. Thank you!

JOHNSON'S

Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. Porter  
son, Grace Bain, Bobbie McAlister and  
Jeanell Neill



## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

What is Santa carrying  
in his bag? All our best wishes for a  
happy holiday season, plus our sincere  
thanks for your confidence in us!

HALE'S GARAGE  
Charlie and Bess

## GREETINGS

Santa's on his way with a sleighful of  
merry wishes for you, plus a  
hearty "Thank you"  
from us, too!



The Allen Moores

Dear Santa,

Santa Claus for Cristmas I'll want two things. One of the things I want is Baby Tender Love. The other thing I want is a pair of walkie talkie that goes

a half mile. My little sister wants a play stove. The other thing she wants is Baby Tender Love. Santa Claus that is all me and my sister wants.

Your friend,  
Phyllis West

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and 21 Barbie doll and the rest be a surprise. My brother Robby wants a GI Joe. My little brother wants a play gun. and I want a Barbie picture maker.

Bring my mother a braclit and bring my big brother a stocking of candy. Bring my brothers and I a stoking of candy and bring me a watch.

your friend  
Tammie Jeannotte  
I Love you very much.

Dear Santa,

May I have a Francee that grows hair and some of her clothes? My little sister wants one. Please do not cend her one. I will share mie with her. I have ben good.

Your frind  
Greta Lynn Black

Dear Santa,

How are you? I've been good. I want downs stage, dawn, P. V., Lively Liven house, sand buggy, Cotton Candy Machine, baby tender Love, Projater.

The boys and girls I know have been good. I've seen you on T.V. in Abilne. I will see you Christmas.

Love  
Lisa Copeland

Dear Santa Claus

Will you bring me a G I Jo for Christmas? Send me a football, cowboy suit, and some guns for Christmas and a 30-30 gun and a race car track for Christmas.

I will leve some cookies and milk. I like you.

My ststr wants a table and dishes and a doll for Christmas, and I want a watch.

Are you my frind?  
Is it cold out there.

I like to play with Craig. We were playing together. I am your frind.

Kevin Smith

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Dear Santa,

I have been good. I play at my home. Will you come to my home? Bring me a car and a snowcone machine. Also, a truck and a play horse.

Your friend,  
Francisco Alvarado

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you Bring my Mother a Sewing machine.

Will you bring my Daddy a pair of levies and a pair of shoe. Will you bring me a top

Your friend,  
Carla Jones

Dear Santa Claus,

Bring me a truck.  
Bring my Little Brother a big car.

Bring my daddy a watch.  
Bring my mother a Dress.  
Your friend  
Selso Abalos

Dear Santa,

Please send me an airpump be be gun for Christmas. I will take good care of it so please send it to me.

Your friend  
Clay Midkiff

P.S. Thank you for the bicycle you sent me last year. It is a nice gift and I like it very much.



Greetings  
for  
Christmas

We'd like to extend to you the sincerest and heartiest "Thanks" and good wishes for this bright and sparkling season. May your holiday be full of joy.

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BEST WISHES  
THIS  
CHRISTMAS

It's the season of joy and good cheer... time to wish you a most merry Christmas, and to extend hearty thanks.

Mary Pierce

TROY LAUNDRY  
SUB-STATION



GREETINGS

At this joyous time of year we extend our greetings to our friends, whose confidence we highly value. Thank you.

Mrs. Doris L. Speed  
and Family



Greetings

To you — the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you — a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowsip. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.

Red Bluff Lumber Co.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

cleat shoes.  
Thank you,  
Rickie Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I want a two-wheeled bicycle.  
I am leavin a picie of candy  
for you.

Goger Liverman

Dear Santa,  
I would like a battieing top's  
and a electric football game and  
a rockom sockom robot's. I love  
you Santa Claus!

I want three game's for Christ-

mas. I like your toy's.  
Name Russell Clay Adams  
Mr. Adams I like you Santa  
Clausd.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll an a bike  
an a icebox, stove an tadle.

Your freind  
Felicia

I love you Santa.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you bring me a guitar,  
skate, rocking chair, and a Baby  
Tender Love. Please bring the  
other children the toys they want.

Your friends,  
Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walk-talker and some  
B. B.

Your friend,  
Tony Lynn McKenzie

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy crane and at Hot-  
wheel, sizzilers. I would like you  
to bring me a hunting Knife too.  
I hope you can go to Foreign  
countries to give them things.

Love,  
Mark

Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa Claus I want a mini bike  
for Christmas and a B. B. gun  
for Christmas and I want some  
walkie talkiers, Santa Claus and  
I want some clothes for Christmas  
to.

Good by Santa Claus  
Your friend,  
Eddie

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for you to bring  
me a cotton-candy-maker, toot-  
sweet-treat, battieing tops, ker-  
plunk and baby-tender-love if you  
could. Don't forget to leave the  
poor kids something.

Thank you for the things you  
gave me.

Your friend,  
Kim Rose

Dear, Santa  
I been hoping you would bring  
the robots and a can of silly  
string. Santa don't go on our  
house because we don't have a  
chimney and it might wake me  
up.

Santa there is one more thing  
a new gun.

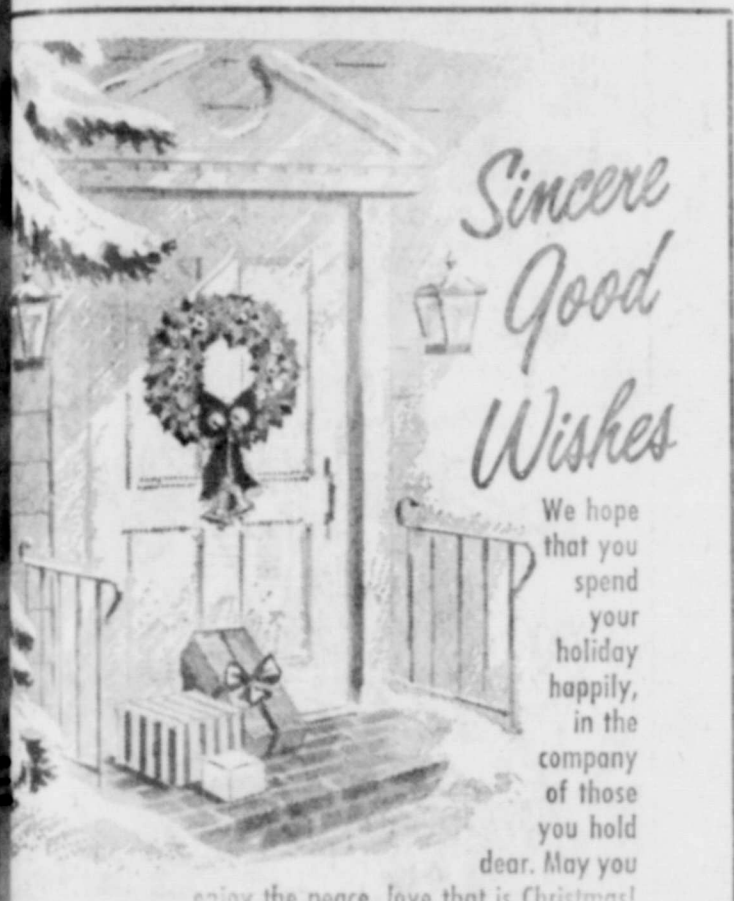
Your friend,  
Craig

Dear Santa Claus,

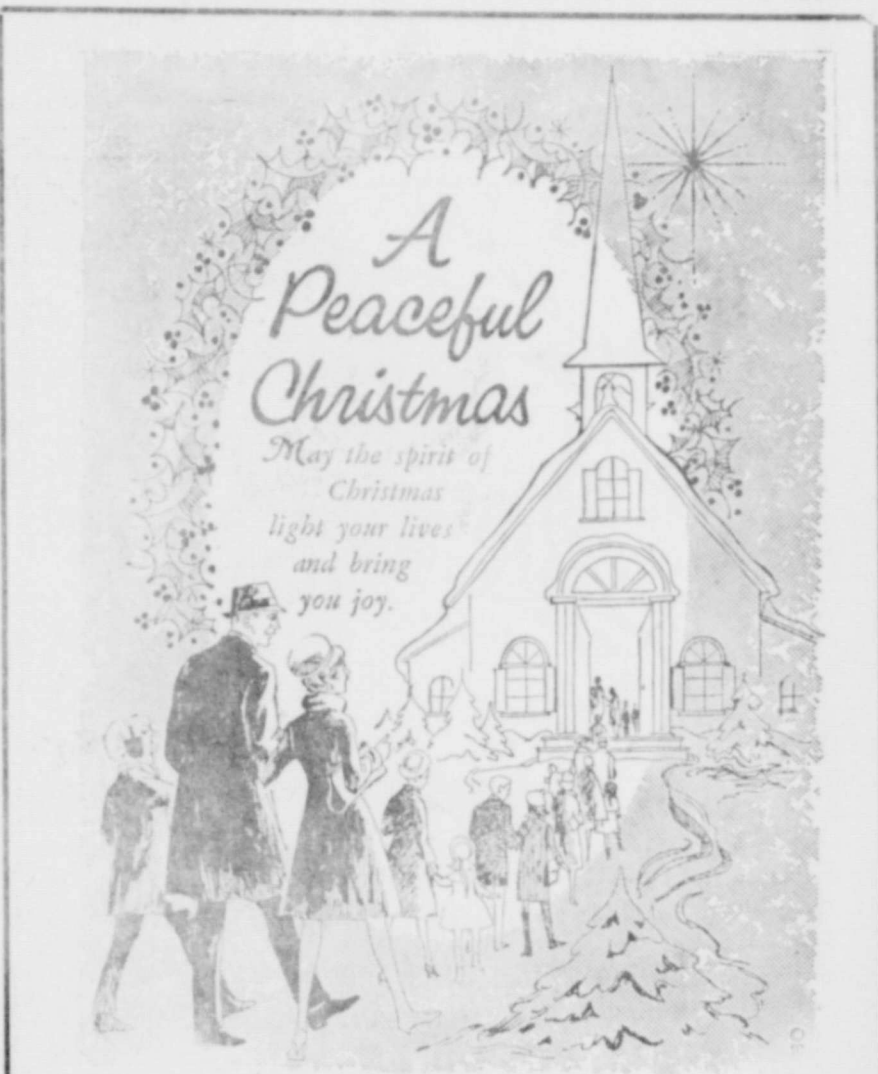
I have been very good and I  
would like you to bring me a  
Baby-tender and love, an easy-  
show projector, a kickball and a  
football.

My brother wants a close-and-  
play, some cars, and a big-wheel.  
And please help the ones that do  
not have Chhristmas.

Your friend,  
Ronda



Nancy K. Daugherty



The H. Wheelers

Joyous wishes for a happy holiday.  
Sincere thanks to our many friends.



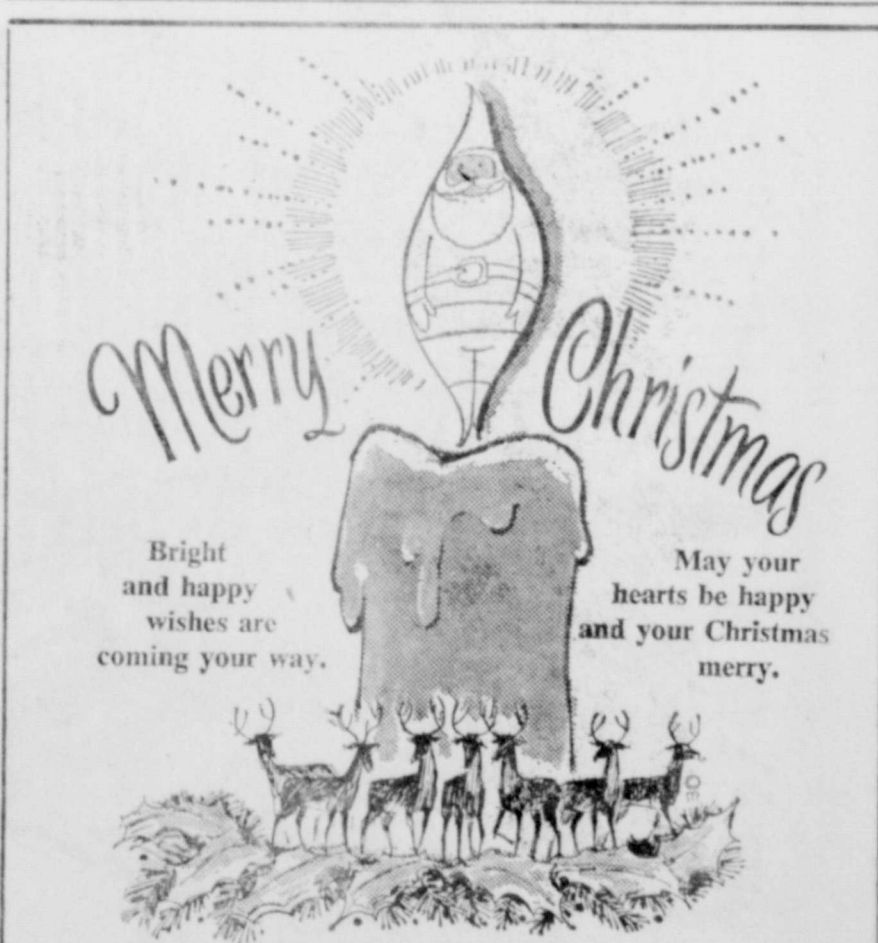
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. "Gene" Eckols



### Greetings

To our many friends,  
we wish you much  
happiness during the  
Holiday Season.

MR. AND MRS.  
HORACE WEST



Ranchers'  
Wool & Mohair Association

## Santa Claus Was Once Slim, Yule

### Customs Different

(Reprinted from "The Bells" of  
Mary Hardin-Baylor College)

It could have come from Sweden. Or France. Even Turkey played its role. Some of the more ancient customs might seem a bit strange to us today, but each had a hand in revealing and in shaping many of the Christmas customs and tradition we now enjoy.

The delightful custom of kissing

under the mistletoe actually is of the ancient Druids, who called it "all heal" in the belief that it had the power to cure disease.

In the 13th century, the "carol" signified a dance rather than a song. In fact, St. Francis of Assisi led villagers in joyous dancing around the Nativity scene.

And it was an eighth century Benedictine monk, St. Boniface, who probably trimmed the first Christmas tree when he convinced heathens to stop worshipping a sacred oak and adorn fir trees in the homes as a tribute to the Christ Child.

A fourth century bishop of Turkey, St. Nicholas, was the real-

life predecessor of Santa Claus. According to a legend, he dropped a bag of gold coins down a chimney into a stocking which a poor girl had hung by the fireplace to dry; hence our custom of hanging Christmas stockings.

And Santa wasn't always the fat, jolly man you recognize today. He's gained plenty of weight since the Dutch called him Sinter Klaas, and he rode a skinny white horse, not reindeer.

Yet when his legend began, he was just as important to men and women, as children. According to researchers of Christmas customs, St. Nick was the patron saint of sailors.

The Swedes and Danes make a Christmas practice of baking a oat in the shape of a boar-pig.

Called Noel by the French, Navidad by the Spanish, Natale by the Italians, and Weinhachte, by the Germans, Christmas in our part of the world is derived from the Old English term Crises mæsse (Christ's Mass), a term first used in the 11th century.

One custom has it that, if the Yule log stays lit throughout the night, it's good luck. But watch out if a squinting person comes in while it's burning. That's bad luck.

While American youngsters are putting their gifts under the tree, Slavic children go to sleep on a bed of straw and hay on Christmas eve, to share in Christ's humble birth. In Mexico and Spain the Three Wise Men leave presents in the children's shoes on January 6.

One of our most recent customs, the exchanging of Christ-

mas cards, began in England in the 1840's. Christmas cards were introduced in the United States by Louis Prang, a German immigrant. Often called the "Father of the American Christmas Card," Prang printed his first "Season's Greetings" in 1873.

In many countries of Europe, people still believe that all trees break into blossom for a few moments at midnight on Christmas Eve. The most popular flow-

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ering Christmas plant  
setia, brought to  
States more than 120  
from Mexico.

To put it briefly, Christmas is  
a holiday full of surprises  
they're not all found  
Christmas tree on the  
December 25th.



*Greetings*

May Christmastime joy

and laughter be yours on this

happy holiday . . . and may we

gratefully thank you for your patronage.

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May your hearth be  
happy and your heart  
content. We send  
this greeting with  
our thanks  
to all!

*The John A. Menefees*



*MERRY  
CHRISTMAS*

Our wish to you this happy  
season: days full of joyous holiday  
spirit, a heart brimming with  
good will for all, and a host of  
friends, both old and new. A very  
Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Dunn Lowery

INSURANCE AGENCY



## Reports on Basketball

This week on Girls basketball by coach Butch Butler that Rankin teams strong advances.

and results in following:

Rankin 18, Grandfalls Vicky Owens high 4 in a rematch, Rankin 23 with O-high point with 16.

that the 7th Grade girls last two but will be parents moving.

won their last three now stand 4-4 for the games: Rankin 53 29 with Cindy Howell at 25; Rankin 26, Howell again high

point with 12; in a rematch, it was Rankin 29 and Grandfalls 10 with Sherry Page high point at 14.

On the 8th Grade team, Butler stated that they were looking very good and that their guard positions were their strongest point of the team—that on the new weight machine, Diane Absher can lift 340 pounds on the leg unit—a fete few of the high school boys can match.

High School B-Team: Undefeated with a 4-0 record. On Monday, December 21, they smashed Grandfalls 62-26 with Debbie Winters high point with 25—playing only the first half. A total of eleven girls put points on the scoreboard.

Girls A-Team, winners of third in last week's Alpine Tournament, have begun to come around after a slow start the coach has said. In the tournament, the A Team downed Grandfalls 44-36 with Diane Day and Cindy Braden posting 17 points each. In the next game they lost to Alpine by 47-35 and Day and Braden again tied for high point with 16 each. In the final game, Rankin beat Van Horn 38-37 with Day getting 26 points.

Barbara Peterson was named to the All-Tournament Team as a guard.

Between the A and B Girls, they have won 10 of their last 11 games.

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## SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

are telling the glory of God; and the firmament his handiwork." (Psalm 19:1). Much can be said in re- agreement between science and the Bible. Both, for combat superstition (Isaiah 44:9-20; Acts 17:16ff). The state the uniformity of natural phenomena, and indi- it is a good thing to study the works of God in crea- answers to questions which science cannot settle are the Bible: questions of ultimate causes and goals, and related to the needs of the spirit within. Science, how- to one's appreciation of God's greatness and wisdom.

WORSHIP WITH US AT  
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.59	Whole Chicken	2.98
.98		

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Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year

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## Drug Lab Scheduled for Rankin Faculty in Jan. 5 Session

Members of the faculty of the Rankin High School and Junior High will attend a one-day Teacher Drug Lab at the high school library Tuesday, January 5. The event is to get underway at 9:00 am and run until 3:30.

Mr. Jim Reed will be the main speaker for the session which is to include such topics as "A dialogue On Drugs," and "Positive Self Development Through Inquiry." After a break for lunch at 12 noon, a film, "The People Next Door" is to be shown in the high school auditorium. This is to be followed by a preliminary analysis of the film, after which the group will be dismissed.

On Monday, January 4, the teachers will work on their first semester reports and grade averages.

Also on January 5, for elementary teachers, an art workshop is to be held.

## Closing Dates Noted for Rankin Firms

A wide variety of closing dates has been announced for Rankin business houses and offices for the Christmas Holidays. School was dismissed at 2:30 Wednesday and is to resume at the regular time, Wednesday, January 6.

County offices, will be closed from Thursday until Monday while the City hall will observe a Friday, Saturday, Sunday closing.

Johnson's has also indicated a

## H. G. Adams Gets Committee Post

H. G. Adams, superintendent of Rankin Schools, has been notified by the Texas Education Agency of his appointment as a member of the Evaluation Committee, School Administrators Advisory Conference on Education. First session of the committee is to be held in Austin, Wednesday, January 6.

Among other members listed on the committee are Bill J. Hood, superintendent of the Snyder Independent School District, and Joe Scrivner, superintendent of the Taylor School System. Both are former Rankin School superintendents.

WHEN IN ODESSA

## WESTERN BOOT & SHOE REPAIR

WILL REPAIR YOUR SHOES WHILE YOU SHOP

Western Boot & Shoe Repair

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Odessa Texas

Friday thru Sunday closing as has Boggs Grocery. Cashway is planning a Friday closing—open on Saturday—and Highway Grocery is to close Friday and Saturday—open on Sunday.

Roy's has announced a Thursday, Friday and Saturday closing date while the M & N Drive-Inn plans to close Friday and Saturday—open Sunday. Hurst's will be

closed Christmas Day only.

Rankin Library plans to close from Thursday until Monday.

Generally, the same dates will be followed for New Year's with the exception of the M & N Drive-Inn where they have announced a January 1st, only holiday.

The News Office will be closed from December 25 until January



## IT'S LIKE SITTING UNDER THE MISTLETOE WHEN YOU GIVE ELECTRIC GIFTS!

A sure way to her heart is to select a gift you know she will really enjoy long after Christmas is over ...ELECTRIC GIFTS ARE LIKE THAT; men and boys like them too, shop around, they are everywhere!



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## To Greet You at Christmas

The carolers sing out our greetings to you for a most happy holiday season! Thank you for letting us serve you all through the year.

**Mary Lou's Drug**  
Mary Lou Midkiff and Staff  
CLOSED FRI., SAT., & SUN., DEC 24-26

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you bring me a honda 90 and a mini bike  
I want a camera to  
Your friend,  
Steven Midkiff

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football suit and some football shoe and a football helmet and I want some hot wheels and a football and my Mother wants some pretty dresses and my Daddy need some shoe and some clothes.  
Your friend  
Apolonio Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some bell bottoms and shirts and shoes and socks under shirt and camera and fish puzzle and puppet and a ship.  
Your friend  
Darren Warren

# WANT ADS

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The Rankin (Tex.)  
Thursday, Dec. 24,

**FOR SALE:** 808 Kilborn, three bedroom house and extra corner lot with old building. Write: John S. Wimberley, Star Route, Midkiff, Texas 79755.

**FOR RENT:** Three bedroom, living room and den, 1/2 mile outside city limits on West Hiway 67. Leased by year - \$85 per month, first and last month in advance. C. B. Coleman, Ph MU 2-4652, Box 1783, Midland, Texas. (btf-10-22)

**FOR SALE:** Two (2) bedroom house with central refrigerated air conditioning and electric heat. Carpeted. Call 693-2376 or 693-2242 or contact J. L. Manry, Jr. (b-4-91)

**FOR RENT OR SALE:** Two bedroom house. Will sell for \$2000. Call 693-2262. (tfb)

**MATTRESSES:** New or rebuilt. Made by Western Mattress, 2430 W. 8th, Odessa. They are guaranteed. For a convenient home appointment, call Turner Motel, 693-2274.

**BEAUTY BY MARY KAY** — Skin care and beauty needs for men and women. Free gift wrapping for any occasion. Call Pasty Kellogg 693-2772, 504 Severn. (a-12-24)

**SEMI DRIVERS NEEDED**  
Experience helpful but not necessary, for local and over the road hauling. You can earn \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year if you are willing to learn. For application, call 713-529-8369, or write: Safety Dept., United Systems, Inc., % Herrin Transportation Bldg, 2301 McKinney, Houston, Texas. 77003. (b-1-7)

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric lery and spring shoes new basketball gold. I had has the net off. I of Walkie Talkies that long.  
Your friend,  
Denny Latham

Dear Santa,  
I would like a GI like a sleeping bag and sockem robots and a and a 22 gun an a Daddy would like a sh my mother would like and I would like a I love you Santa.

Your friend  
Clay Adams

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun. I want sockem robots. I want I want a toy trin. I want a 30-30. I want I want football. I want my sister. I want a chine.  
Have I been good? picture of you. I Santa.

Robert Kenney  
**FOR SALE:** 95 foot picket fence, include three fenceposts. \$30. Hyatt or call 693-2376

**LATE SHOPPERS** At Mary Lou's Drug still find something a delight on Christmas. Come on in and let get out of a jam.

**FOR RENT:** Large house, West of hospital, repainted inside. the News Office or 2873.



# GREETINGS

Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. May your blessings be many, enriching your days and bringing you joy.

**Cashway Grocery**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dell Cooledge

# FOR LEASE

American Service Station  
in Rankin, Texas  
Small Investment Necessary

Contact: Bert Browning,  
Eddins-Walcher Oil Co  
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