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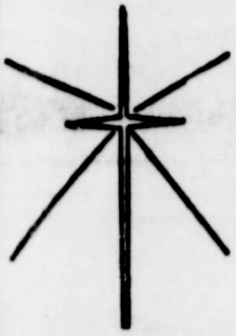
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa has a message for his reindeer . . .
"Be quick, step lively, it's Christmas!"
AND because it's Christmas, we have a
message for you and for all our
customers and friends. We'd like to wish
you every joy of the season, with much
thanks for the pleasure of having served
you for yet another year.

THE SCOOP by Scoop
J. B., Katie & Hal

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

THE END—

And a happy last issue of 1971 to you, too. With this publication, the News will be closed until January 3.

And as it the custom, our final issue is pretty well filled with Letters to Santa. Now these may not seem important to some of us, but to the smaller of our citizenry, they are a must and a considerable effort is made to get every one printed — space and time permitting.

Things change over the years, but the letters written to Santa by the children are pretty much the same. They are always set to type as nearly as possible as they were written and will always have a sage remark or two. However one young lady may have blown it. She did a real neat job down to the end when she wanted to sign off with "Your Friend", but somehow it came out "You Fiend".

But I expect ole Santa has a pretty good sense of humor and got a ho ho or two out of that.

PARTY TIME—

The Christmas Season is always party time and this year has been no exception. There have been a number in Rankin but one of the nicest had to be the one staged last Thursday by the First State Bank. They had put out the word that everyone was welcome and that the affair would start at 1:00 p.m.

Since newspaper editors are always looking for a free meal—partly by necessity—I put off my lunch until 1:00 and rushed right over ready to scarf up on all the goodies. I should have known better. The place was packed, cars everywhere outside, and the goodies turned out to be sandwiches so small you had to eat them off a toothpick to keep from biting your fingers.

The Rankin (Tex.) News — Thursday, Dec. 23, 1971

You're all familiar, I'm sure, with the story in the Bible about Jesus feeding the multitude with two loaves of bread and five fishes. Well Lowery fed half of Rankin and a number of folk from McCamey with two chickens and had some left over.

Then I was standing around licking my third toothpick when I understood someone to say something about some "spiked tea." Ho, ho, ho, I thought. The ole boy has come through after all and I shoved a little ole lady or two aside and got myself a b.g helping of same.

I just wish some people would speak a little plainer. There's a heck of a difference in spiked tea and "spiced" tea.

All of which, of course, is just a lot of bologna to fill up this column. It was a real nice party and I suspect that Dunn and the folk at the bank have started something and people are going to be looking for a repeater again next year.

A Merry Christmas to you and yours and a Happy 1972. May you get a big refund on your income tax.

Varied Schedule for Closings Set

With the big day coming on Saturday, Rankinites were in high gear the latter part of the week in preparation for Christmas. A majority of the local stores reported Yule buying as "running ahead of last year" and indications were for a pleasant week-end weatherwise — if West Texas weather can be indicated.

A variety of closing schedules have been posted for the holidays with most planning early closings

on Friday for the remainder of the week-end. Rankin Schools are to dismiss early Thursday and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 4.

County offices are to close at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday and take a four-day holiday, reopening on Monday, Dec. 27. The same schedule will be observed by the county work crews.

And along with the good eating, theft exchanging and Santa appearances, it is reported that there may be some who will watch some football on the idiot box.

Rankin Library to get \$2500 Grant

Rankin Public Library has been approved for a \$2,500 grant of federal funds for 1972, it was announced this week by Mrs. Ann Clark, Librarian. This is the first time an Upton County library has been the recipient of federal funds, allocated through the Texas State Library.

Funds are to be spent for library materials, defined as books, periodicals, newspapers, documents, pamphlets, photographs, reproductions, microfilms, pictorial

or graphic works, maps, globes, films, filmstrips, ed and magnetic tapes, published and audio non-conventional materials specifically for the capped, and other materials of similar nature.

The areas that will be utilized are drug education with limited reading skills by and how-to books, a selection of materials for schoolers.

"I will be happy to see any group in the sectorary material in the areas", stated Mrs. Clark.



Behold the Star.

It's Christmas! At this most joyous time of year we pause to give thought to our blessings . . . numbered among them, your favors and friendly good will. Please accept our sincere thanks along with our best wishes for holiday joy in full measure.

Boggs Grocery

RAY, SUG AND ASSOCIATES



A Christmas Prayer

With most sincere hopes that peace and happiness be with us all.

To all the fine people who make living in Rankin a pleasure, we wish a Christmas blessed with peace and love.

George, Bernice, Gene, David, Nancy and Kitta Weinkauf

Christmas Greetings



Christmas, each year, is a wondrous occasion bringing into every home an abundance of joy and happiness for all . . . and the eternal spirit of love and peace, which is the essence of the season, never changes.

It's the same feeling which makes us want to share the very best with our good friends and thank you for your loyalty.

THE FIRST STATE BANK

Member FDIC

A Real Dingaling Coming on Dec. 25

Even with Christmas only a few days away, one company in town still hasn't been affected by the season's fast pace—the telephone company.

"The Christmas rush hasn't yet bothered us," said John Zittle, Southwestern Bell manager here. "We know it's coming, though. Our Christmas rush is only one day, Christmas Day, but it's our busiest day of the year."

Zittle said the telephone company will add extra Long Distance circuits and will have every available operator on duty Christmas Day to cut down on calling

delays.

"Despit our best efforts, however, the avalanche of Christmas greetings by Long Distance sometimes stacks up calls at key switching centers around the nation," Zittle said.

He advised callers not to wait until Christmas afternoon or evening to call. "If people place their calls early Christmas Day, there's less chance of delay—and the low rates will be in effect," he said.

The low evening rates will apply Christmas Day on call to cities within or outside of Texas. The same rates will be in effect all day New Year's Day.

"Call early and avoid the rush is our advice," Zittle said.

RHS Grad Member of Girls Ball Team



DIANE DAY

Stephenville (Spl) — Tarleton TexAnns coach Sue Baker put 18 candidates for the girls basketball team through rigorous drills this week in preparation for their season opener January 28, against Texas Wesleyan College.

The TexAnns will be idle during the holidays and will have only 10 days to prepare for their

first game after returning to the campus January 18.

Outstanding freshmen for TSC are Diane Day of Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Day, and a graduate of RHS where she participated a number of years in girls' basketball.

Other freshmen: Tracine Phil-

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lips, Cranfills Gap; Bartter, Anson; and Susan Dublin.

The TexAnns will play six single games and five tournaments during the coming

We Extend Hearty CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip West

for their efforts in maintaining the Santa Telephone at their home. It is a great delight to many children and reflects the true spirit of Christmas in giving of yourself to others.



*The Best
to You
at Christmas*

May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday. We thank you warmly.

M & N DRIVE-INN

WEST HWY. 67 — RANKIN — 693-2730
Call Your Orders in & Come by & Pick Them Up
HOURS: 10 A. M. TO 8:00 P. M.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I wount a Dallas Cowboy suit and Rack sockem robot. Santa I imagine that it is cold in North Pole.

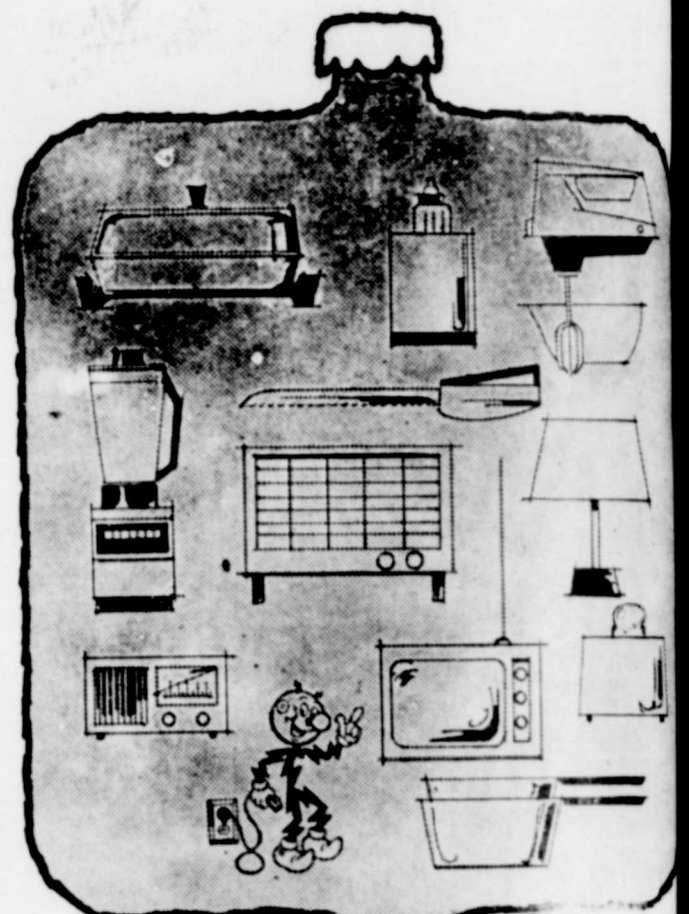
Your friend,
Blair

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a battle ship and a big rail work train and a punching bag.

Santa the biggest day of the year is Christmas. I like Christmas because I like for people give me something and I like give them.

Your friend
Pablo Cervantes



Kiss getters for Santa

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa,
I'd like a race car
football, and a dart
I have been a good
I would like the
called Voice of the
friend
Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been good this
year. It might cost too much.
But I want a bike, a trampoline
and a boxing clown.
Your friend,
Denny

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a black puppy and
a bike. I want a pony and
a set of cowboys having a
bottle with indians.
Your friend,
Juan

Dear Santa,
I only want a few things
for Christmas. I want a
Baby tender love. And a op-
eration game. And some
mixes for a easy bakeoven.
Love,
Gwen

Dear Santa,
How are things at the
North Pole? I would like
you to bring me a bike and
some other little things. I
have been extra good this
year. How is Mrs. Santa

Claus? We have a pinata
of you in our room. How
are the elves? How are your
reindeer doing? I want you
to bring me some clothes.
Ges I had better go.

Love,
Bo Rose

Dear Santa,
How have you been this
year? How is your wife?
I want a gun. How is
Rudolph doing? Is he good
or bad?

Your friend,
Lujan

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa? I
hope she is fine. I hope you
are fine too.

I want a wig, a baton,
with a case and a purple
and blue bicycle. Santa, I
love you and Mrs. Santa.

The bicycle with a basket
Santa. And my brother
wants a screaming demon.

Love,
Teri Cooley

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I
want some rollerskates for
Christmas. I have been very
good. My brother wants a
basketball. My sister wants
a doll. I want a talking bar-
bie.

Your friend,
Vicki Templeton

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a
talking baby Tender Love,
P. J. Barbie, Barbie's coun-

try camper, Pom-Pom Pets,
Popcorn game, kickball,
football, granny boots, and
I want a doll brought for a
doll

Your friend,
Leesa Yocham

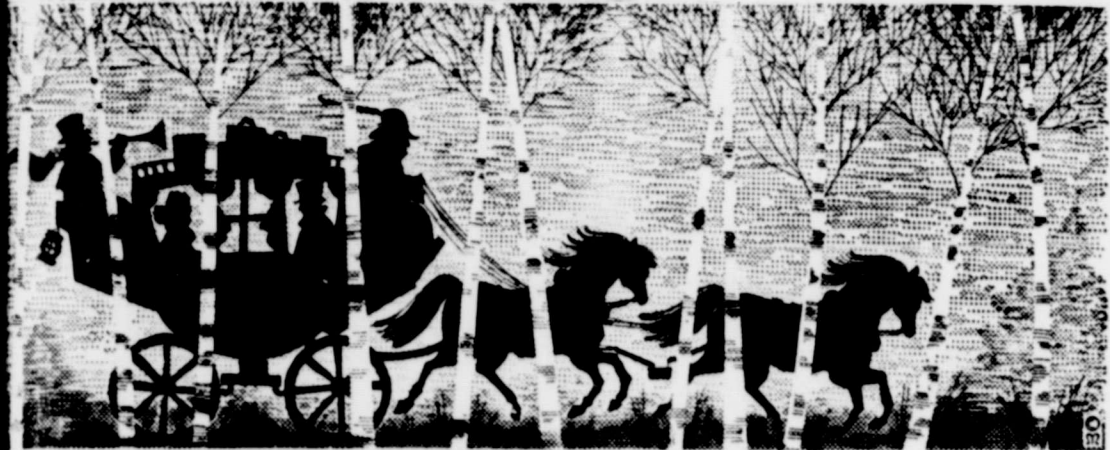
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this
year. Here is my list of
things. I want a gun set,
and a mini bike, a race set,
and a rifle. That is all now.
Merry Christmas to you.

Your friend
Greg

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? For
Christmas I want a tape re-
corder. If you cannot bring
me a tape recorder I want
a baby Smarty Pants.

I hope you and Mrs. San-
ta Claus have a very Merry
Christmas.

Your friend,
Phyllis West



GREETINGS

We're speeding
you Christmas

Greetings and hope that they find you gathered together with your loved
ones enjoying the peace and happiness of this most beautiful of seasons.

The Allen Moores

Merry Christmas

May the essence
of Christmas
once again fill
your heart and
home with peace
and lasting
serenity.

To all our
faithful and
steadfast pa-
trons, we wish
the very best
at the holiday
season.



Roy's Restaurant

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rutland & Staff



To Greet You at Christmas

Extending the
best of the
season, saying
"Thank you so
much" to all.

MARY PIERCE
Troy Laundry
Sub-Station

We Will Close
at 5 p.m. Dec. 23
Open Morning
of Dec. 30th

Good Neighbor Review of Fort Stockton

Fort Stockton Mobile Home Sales

Fort Stockton Mobile Home Sales is located at 1509 West Dickinson, phone 336-5858. Here you will find new mobile homes manufactured in widths and lengths to suit your needs. Mobile home living is a growing factor in American living. According to a major mobile home manufacturer, 1 out of every 4 home buyers choose a mobile home.

You will find that the mobile homes here will be as low or lower than those anywhere else in this section. They are completely furnished, cost an average of only \$8.00 per sq. ft. while other type homes without any of the furnishings, cost an average of \$14.00 per sq. ft.

Mobile homes are easily financed, easy to maintain, comfortable

and luxurious in decor and furnishings, and are offered in several different periods according to your personal taste and preference. You are cordially invited to come by Fort Stockton Mobile Home Sales and let them take you through for an inspection tour. You will not be obligated in any way.

This is a locally owned and operated firm by John Cram. If you are planning on a mobile home, patronize a firm in our area—keep the money in local circulation. John Cram and his associates wish to take this opportunity to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Healthful and Prosperous New Year.

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Thursday, Dec. 23,

Ft. Stockton Barber Shop

Ft. Stockton Barber Shop located at 110 E. 1st and operated by Ray Falcon who specializes in Roffler Sculpture hair coloring, razor haircuts and also carries men's suits. No longer is a barber just a place to go to get a hair cut shorter. It is modern art, as it should be. It is just as necessary for a man to keep up his appearance and all good grooming starts with the hair. If it is becoming styled just right for your personality, the rest of the day becomes much easier. So visit the Ft. Stockton Barber Shop. Remember, it is important for a man to be groomed for his lady—it is his duty—as it is for a lady to do her very best to be attractive to the eye of her friend.

Ray Falcon extends
Greetings to the readers

First Savings & Loan Assn. of Fort Stockton

As it is the purpose of this Review of Fort Stockton to bring to the attention of our readers the most outstanding and prominent concerns of the area, we would not feel we had completed the Review without prominent mention of First Savings & Loan Association of Fort Stockton and the part they have played in making this a better place in which to live and work. They are located

at 612 N. Main, phone 336-2207. As of January 3, they will be located in their new and modern quarters at 1108 W. Dickinson. Plan on going by and registering for some of the many free prizes to be given away.

This Savings & Loan Association can take care of all your needs whether it is to open a savings account (You know you can save by mail.) or making a loan, they appreciate it so why not

do all your saving — as well as obtaining all loans—at First Savings & Loan Assn. of Ft. Stockton where they pay the highest rate of interest allowed by the government.

Savings is a good form of security for old age, for the college education for your children — just to mention a few. So plan to start your Savings Account this very week at First Savings and Loan Association of Fort Stock-

ton. You will be surprised after you once start your savings account, with regular additions, how fast it will grow.

Your savings are insured to \$20,000.00 as they are a member of Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. At this time Mr. Wayne N. Merrill, president, and the staff wish our readers a Most Joyous Christmas Season and a Very Healthful and Prosperous 1972.

FORT STOCKTON GLASS AND MIRROR

Ft. Stockton Glass & Mirror is located at 408 N. Main, phone 336-5462. They feature glass for every need and requirement, auto glass for all makes of cars, window glass—whether for residential or commercial requirements—store fronts, marquees—for anything in glass, see Joe Campbell, the owner, or one of his staff.

They are thoroughly familiar with the glass business and their experience puts them in a position to give expert advice. Fair and honest business dealings at all times, along with their superior merchandise, and their courteous service, is responsible for the success of this firm.

In this Review, all connected with Ft. Stockton Glass & Mirror express their appreciation for your past patronage and ask that they be allowed to continue to serve you. The Very Best of Season's Greetings is the wish from all the folks at Ft. Stockton Glass & Mirror.

JESSIE'S ANTIQUES

Jessie's Antiques is located at 306 S. Everts, phone 336-3995. Antique collectors should come in to see the nice selection of antiques and bric-a-brac of every description you will find here. Ward and Jessie Albro, the owners, know the antique business and what is most in demand by their customers and they try to have these items on hand for you at all times.

There is a great thrill in owning a real antique. Some feel

our forefathers had better for antiques than we do. Whether it is furniture, china, etc. you are looking for, you will find it here. Whether you wish to make a purchase or just to browse around, you are always welcome. Ward and Jessie Albro would like to express their appreciation for your past patronage and to ask that they be allowed to continue to serve you. They also wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season.

290 MILL, INCORPORATED

290 Mill, Inc. is located at E. Hwy. 290, phone 336-5522, if no answer, phone 336-2454. They feature a complete line of PURENA CHECKERBOARD Feeds.

This company is an authority on the subject of feeds, consequently the people of this section have come to look to them for information and advice regarding feed which is right for your particular needs and use.

You will find custom feeds, mixed feeds, insecticides, and many other items which are in daily demand by the ranchers & farmers. The service of 290 Mills, Inc. covers a wide territory — their customers come from many miles around—because word has traveled far about their high quality feeds and efficient service.

If you are not exactly sure just what feeds you should be using, feel free to stop in at their place of business and you will find the expert advice they give you will help in many ways. We wish to compliment 290 Mills, Inc. on their commendable business methods and high-grade products. They extend Season's Greetings to all of the people of this area.

PAULINE'S SPORTSWEAR

Pauline's Sportswear is located at W. Dickinson and N. Butz, phone 336-8409. This is the ladies shop we wish to call to the attention of the ladies and young ladies of this area as one of the finest selection of sportswear to be found in this section—these items are from nationally - known name brands.

They feature sportswear for ladies and teens such as slacks, surfers, boluses, skirts, shorts, capri pants, shifts, bermudas, and

if you should happen to oversize you will find a selection of there here at a ladies store will specialize in these items, but this is done just that. Stop in on your next trip to Fort Stockton let Myrtle, Jim and Mary Ann show you their stock and at the same time you will be astounded you would like to wish our Very Joyous Holiday Season. They express their thanks for your patronage.

M. L. "RED" SPENCE PEST CONTROL

M. L. "Red" Spence Pest Control is located at 600 W. Dickinson, phone 336-3591 for information or free estimates. This is a locally owned and operated business and they offer this area a complete pest control service for residential and commercial requirements. Millions of dollars worth of property is destroyed annually by termites and other pests.

Let this firm look over your property and give you free estimates upon the cost of extermination treatment. You will be surprised at how very reasonable you can rid your property of these pests. Anytime is the logical time for treatment of homes and buildings of all types against termites in spite of the popular belief to the contrary.

M. L. "Red" Spence Pest Con-

trol has been entrusted with some of the largest contracts in this area and it is a known fact that attention rendered the home owners is just as carefully handled as their largest contract. We wish to recommend this firm for anything in pest control service. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Spence and their staff wish all a Merry Christmas and a Healthful and Peaceful 1972.

Merry Christmas

LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa,
What are you doing? Fine
Bring me a Super
Football game, a pump
n. 22 caliber Rifle
shots. How is Ruoolph
How is Mrs. Claus
Fine I hope. I live
kin, Texas.

Your friend,
Ael Northcott

Dear Santa
I have been good this
year. This is what I want a
microscope set and a tele-
scope please.

Your friend
Mark

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I
wont a bike and a truck
and watch. I hope Mrs. San-
ta is doing fine. How are
the raindears doing? Fine I
hope.

Love,
Darren Warren

Dear Santa Clius,
I wnat a lettli train and
a gun and a zoo. How is
Mrs Santa.
Your friend,
Jose Martinez

Dear Santa,

How have you been? This
year Roger has gone. And
I have been good.

How has your wife been?
Santa how has your Rudol-
ph been? Santa bring me a
Barbie? And, send me a
letter.

Love,
Teresa Escarsega

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a football game
and two walkie talkie and
a watch and a scooter.

Bring me a drus sit and
a top and a bicycle and al-
so some play animals and
some hot wheel nnd a new
pan for my Mother and
bring my Daddy a bill fold
bring my bother twc spur
and a football pictures.

Your friend
Rickie Kelley

Dear Santa Claus

I want a bicyle, pair of
knee boots. Also a maxie
dress and timey tell doll,
watch. Please bring Sandra
and Judy a doll and knee
boots. Bring my brother a
big wheeler and my baby
sister a teddy bear and a
pair of booties. Daddy a
watch. Mother a diswasher

Your friend
Pamela Kay Merrill

Dear Santa Claus,

My Dagguy wants a real
toy poodle. My Mother
wantsten pant suits. My
Teacher wants two blue
pant suits. I want timmy
tell and smarty pants cris-
sy velvet and shoping shell.
And some records. And go
go boots. A barbie doll
house. I want a real rabbit
and a gold fish.

Your friend
Laura

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gogoboos, I want
a dancing Cerina, a tedd-
bear, a pop corn machine,
a hobby horse.

Part of these are for my
baby brother. I have been
good.

Your friend,
Belinda

Dear Santa Claus,
Christmas is near. We
have our stocking up so I
hope you see it.

We are having a Christ-
mas party over at Evas. I
wish you could come. You
were there last year.

I want a baby tender
love and a trampoline and
a baton.

Love,
Gina Hughes

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a
baby doll. And a big ball.
I would like to have a game
to. Pease bring me a bicy-
cle to and bring me one
more thing a puzzle to.

Bring my two brothers
these toys to. A kite and a
drum and a tricycle and a
top to.

Your friend,
Andrea Pyeatt

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some bardie dosll
and I want a crown.

I want a little piano and
a purse and little telephone
and I want some go - go
boots. I want a bardie for-
my babysisteir. I want some
dishes for my Mothr and
I want a buggy. I want a
cape. I want some play
dishes and I want record
player and some records. I
want dancin Cering.

You fiend
Lisa Lujan

Dear Santa Cuals,

I want a pair of football
cleats and a football.

Your friend,
Scott Sides

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Stockton, located at 202 E.
Blvd., phone 336-2254.
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dustrial and agricultural develop-
ment of this entire area. In the
past the farmers and ranch-
ers have seen this organization
strengthen and build finan-
cing through the accumu-
lation of investments of its members

who are farmers and ranchers
themselves.

Farmers and ranchers, both as
member - stockholders and as
board of directors, operate the
local establishment. And they
have found that the credit ser-
vices of the Federal Land Bank
of Ft. Stockton are filling a defi-
nite need in the financing of their
farm and ranch programs and op-
erations. All agree that their

membership has helped them to
become more successful farmers,
ranchers and businessmen.

To mention a few of the worth-
while projects on which they
grant loans: for the purchase of
livestock, implements, land im-
provement, buildings, etc. All of
the folks at the Federal Land
Bank of Ft. Stockton extend a
Merry and Happy Holiday Sea-
son to our readers.

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have a size and type for all re-
quirements. Besides their sales of
machinery, they operate a parts
and repair department. Stop in
and let one of their representa-
tives show you the many advan-
tages of owning and using this
modern machinery. A Happy Holi-
day Season is the wish from all
the folks at Lem Smith Machin-
ery Co.

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readers need no introduc-
tion to Sears Roebuck & Co. and
their high quality merchan-
dise. Their sales catalogue office
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Fort Stockton you will
find many items, such as appli-
ances of all kinds, TVs, stereos,
tires, batteries, etc.

item is fully guaranteed. Deliv-
eries are usually made in from
3 to 5 days in Rankin. Nowhere
will you find such high quality
merchandise for such low prices.
Andy Pesta, the manager, and
staff would like to extend Seasons
Greetings to all of the folks from
this area, and to wish each a
Happy and Prosperous 1972.

And remember, every

They appreciate your patronage
and ask that you continue to let
them be of service to you.

SPARKEY'S BODY SHOP

Sparky's Body Shop is located
at Hwy. 290, phone 336-
2254. Besides giving 24-hr. wreck-
ing service, Sparky's carry a good
inventory of used auto and truck
parts that will save you up to
50%. They are specialists in all
types of auto body repairing, au-
to painting, and specialize in in-
stallation of windshields. If you
are the owner of a late model
or burned car, this firm
will give you top market dollar for
your car.

and trucks and get the good parts
from them which, in most cases,
are as good as new. If they don't
happen to have the particular part
you need, they can obtain it for
you in a very short time. If
you need auto glass installation,
body work of any kind, or auto
painting, take it to Sparky's Body
Shop. They welcome insurance
claims. George "Sparky" Galle-
more, the owner, and his staff
extend Seasons Greetings to the
readers.

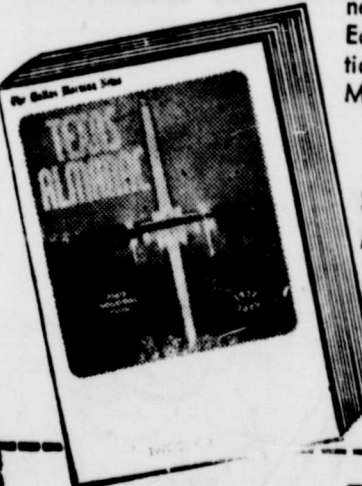
Stockton Engine & Supply

Stockton Engine & Supply is
located at 1110 N. Main, phone
336-5180. This firm is most ne-
cessary to our region as they
have a modern machine shop
specializing in engine rebuilding—
whether it is automotive, indust-
rial, irrigation or other types of
engines. They have the latest in
modern machinery and only ex-
perienced workmen for the job.
C. D. and Wilma Graham, the
owners, know this business and
they have made sure that they
have the equipment and experien-
ce to render the best service,
so if you need crankshaft re-
grinding, boring, valve and head
repairs, etc., take it here. Mr.
and Mrs. Graham and their staff
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and a dog I been a very good girl. My siseter what a lirieb-are. My of sisteer what clothes.

Love,
Sharon

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? Can you give me a tent? My brother wants a basketball so we can beat the Badgers. I like to have a football. If my mother wants to buy clothes fur our family. I glad to get these toys.

Santa, how are the raindeer? I hope they are all right. I would like to be you. My teacher's name is Mis. Wimberly. I want a bicycle. I wish that I can get car win I get big.

I am sure you are like my daddy. I sure hope so. My daddy is the head coach of Rankin high school. We are in second place in football. I wish I would get the clothes I need.

Your friend,
Terry Turner

Dear Santa Claus,

I live you so much. How have you been in North Pole? I want a toy. My sisters want a toy too.

I want a doll and a record player and a watch. I hope you are fine. And I hope Mrs. Snta Claus is fine too. Is Rudolph good?

I hope he is good. How have you been this year? I am 9 years old. My sister is 6 years old. I love Christ mas so much.

Love,
Jovita Martinez

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a record player and talking baby tender love.

Don't forget my brother, Byron, as well as all of the other boys and girls in Rankin.

Hope to see you Christmas Eve night at my house.

Love,
Rhonda Renee Phillips
Age 3

Dear Santa

I have been good in school. I have made good grades in school. I want a Dallas cowboy suit. My size is sze eight for my suit. I hope you will bring my sister's baby a baby tender love. And I want a football helmet to.

Your friend,
Naldo

Dear Santa,

I want a gun with the gun belt to. and a truck for my bother. And a doll for my sisters and a watch for my father. And some dishes for my mother. And some shoes for other sister and a two little bears for the baby.

Your friend
Selso

Dear Santa

I wants a B. B. gun and my daddy wants a shot gun amd my mother wants can oper.

Your friend
Charles

Dear Santa

I want a scranbler hel- net, and a chain drive speed stres. My brothers want something but they want tell ne.

Your freind,
Jeff

Dear Santa,

I went a football suit of the Dallas cowber. I wear seize 8 on suit. The number 22. And football hat is seize 6 5-8. I live a Rank- in. Santa I went a football to. Merry Christmas Santa. I love you.

Your freind
Apolonio Gonzales
P. S.

Dear Santa,

How is your woman? We are going to have a Christ- mas party. We are going to have a good party. We are going to give Presents, and I want a wagan, and a Ricochet Race way.

Your friend,
Mark McKenzie

Dear Santa

How are you doing I am doing good

I have ben wontong an elektre shout shooting gal- ury and spie.

Love
Richard

Dear Santa Clause,

I want a sno-cone mach- ine, voice of the mummy, dawns new dress shop and a dawn doll, cookware set, pogo stick, and a trampal- ing. I hope I have been a good, very good girl.

Love,
Connie

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Dear Santa,

I have been good year. Will you give Juke-box and play and hair stylist Bab Flop. I love you.

Love
Karen

Dear Santa,

I want a baby love and a Live acsh bee. I want crisse her foshens. I have good girl.

Love
Regina

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me I. Joe and a shot have been manting a Could you seend me and a gettor?

Your friend,
Michael

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FROM ALL THE GANG AT . . .

JONHSON'S

to snow anyway, but Merry
Christmas Santa Claus.

Love
Lisa

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy hat and
shirt and a pair of britches
that or velvit and a gray
nylon hunting vest.

How are you doing. I
hope you come by my house
Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Rex

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a record player,
Rackum Sockum Robots and
a tape recorder.

Your friend
Cecil Holcomb

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Rockum Sockum
Robots. Electrified shuting
gallery. 30 30 with shells,
Pup tent. 40.40. Greg

Your friend,
Robert

From Scott Cooley to
Santa Clause

I love you Santa. I want
a bicycle and screaming
demon accordian.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me
a Timey Tell and a Suey Ho
Maker And I want a Org-
an and I want a Great Big
Globe.

Roudolph The Red Nosed
Reindeer and Frosty the
Snowman Records Tape re-
corder

Checker game
Dominoes

Your friend,
Ronda

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? I'am
doing fine. I wish you bring
me a shotgun. I wish you
bring we a Rockumsockum
Robt. And I want some GI
Joe stuff. And I want a
game called which wich.
And one more wish that I
could have a wish that the
Merry Cristmas is all about
the Lord.

Your friend,
Bradley Hale Bains

Dear Santa Claus,

If your elves not to busy.
I want a doll and a doll-
house and organ an a bicy-
cle and a checkers game
and TV. Viewer and a schoo
deak and black board

Your friend
Marie Black

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope I have been a
good boy this year. I have
a short list I would like.

I would like to have a
Punching Bag and a top on
top and a Rockum Sockum
Robot. Hope you and your
wife are feeling jolly.

You friend,
James

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a dog it is a Ger-
man Shepard.

Most child do not believe
in you but I do.

Thre is one more thing
it is a eletric football set.

Your friend
Todd

(Ed.: Son, most grown-
ups believe in Santa Claus,
except after you group up,
he's called Uncle Sam.)

LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Claus,
I want a tape recorder, a
Baby Tender Love,
a clock, a Karousel
Do you wan it to
this year? I do!
It's been pretty cold
and it's suppose



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*It's the happy season, time to
rejoice in good fellowship and in the
spirit of the first Noel. To our
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of you.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

As joy and laughter fill the air during the
Christmas season, we wish to take a
moment to add our best wishes and thanks.

Buena R. Coffee



Joyous Christmas Wishes

*In the happy spirit
of the holiday
that abounds, we
thank our faithful
neighbors and friends.*

Doris Speed & Family



An old-
fashioned
wish from us
to you, dear
friends. May
your joys be many.
And, special thanks.

Mr. & Mrs. Sid Langford
And Family

Could This Be Our Town?

ED.: The following is from a clipping handed in this week by a local reader.

THE PRAYER THAT STARTLED GLOUCESTER

David Wilkerson, author of the current best-seller, "The Cross And the Switchblade", told of a lesson his grandfather had taught him about prayer. His grandfather said, "David, the day you learn to be publicly specific in your prayers, that is the day you will discover power."

"I want you to read a man's prayer that was public, specific and powerful. This prayer was

uttered by Dr. Levi M. Powers at the inauguration exercises of the Municipal Council of Gloucester, Mass., on January 3. The local newspaper said the of prayer, "Some of those present sat a if stunned. Some were plainly shocked. But there was a noticeable tendency to applaud at the close."

Read this prayer, and I think you will understand their reaction. Dr. Powers prayed:

"Almighty Father, we begin today a new year of civic life. We know that no matter how much You many want to bless this city,

You cannot do it unless the citizens are willing to be blessed.

We pray, therefore, first of all for the voters of this city. There are some too lazy to vote but not too lazy to grumble. Bless them.

We pray for the taxpayers who want good streets, good schools, good fire, police protection and good health officers but who wish other people to pay the bills.

We pray for those business men whose votes are determined by the expectation of special favors for themselves.

Bless them if You can.

We pray for those who believe that all laws should be enforced except the laws they do not like.

We pray for the comfortable who do not care about anything so long as they are left at ease.

We pray for political managers who swap votes and sell out their friends and let bad candidates go unopposed.

We pray for ministers who say what is pleasant to hear rather than what is true.

We pray for all connected with newspapers who openly advocate civic righteousness and secretly promote crooked politics.

We wish, O God, that all these people might be blessed, but perhaps we are asking too much. It may be that the only thing You can do is let them go to hell where they belong. You know best.

But, O God, before Thee are those who can be blessed, those who may be a blessing to themselves and to the world. Here today are hundreds of young men who soon will be voters. Bless them with a vision of the world that ought to be and will be when

we are wise to our own good. May each one think of his home not merely as the house in which he lives but as a city of which he is a part. May he see how much finer and better life will be when each one works for all and thinks of all and all for each.

Finally, we are here this morning, O God, to induct five men into office. It will be their duty to think and plan not for any one class but for all of us, not

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for the best citizens, not who pay the taxes merely for those who earn the pay the taxes. Help them to plan and act honestly and efficiently for the all."

That prayer was spoken but it fits our day doesn't it?



Greetings

The merriest of holidays to you and thanks for your loyal patronage.

HALE'S GARAGE
Charlie & Bess



GREETINGS

Allow us this moment, to send our sincere and hearty thanks and best wishes to all our friends and neighbors, whom we have served with pleasure and pride throughout the year. May the best of holidays be yours.

The John A. Menejees



a Joyous Christmas

Here's wishing you and yours all the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Christmas. We deeply value your continued patronage... and friendly good will. To everyone, a heartfelt thank you.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the various classification. Political Announcements carried in this newspaper the coming election year below.

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for announcements is of each week. Candidates listed in the order in which their announcement is received, first come, first serve.

announcement carries the candidate's name in the Political Announcements column until he is defeated or wins election. Advertisement will be at the rate of 4-cents per column in.

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TO ACTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOMINATIONS OF 1972

City Attorney:
 W. M. Menefee

City Tax Assessor:
 "Pete" Bearden

Commissioner,
 No. 1:
 Bloxom
 (Grimm) Taylor
 "Doc" Adams

Upton Growers Big Pecan Show Winner:

In the 1971 Regional Pecan Show, held Dec. 15-17 in Midland, Upton County entries took approximately a third of the first place slots when they garnered eight 1sts and the Reserve Champion.

All these winners will advance to the State Show to be held in 1972.

Upton winners were: Native — Cody Bell Jr., Reserve Champion; Hamp Carter, 3rd.

Imperial: Al Andrew, 1st; C. Andrew, 2nd

Garner: E. G. Wilerson, 1st

Mahan: Wilkerson, 1st; LeRoy Grigsby, 2nd.

Stuart: Bruce McGill, 1st

School Menu

JANUARY 4-7

BREAKFAST

TUESDAY

Hot Biscuits, Sausage, Hash
 Brown Potatoes

WEDNESDAY

Cheese and Egg Toast, Oatmeal,
 or Cold Cereal, Apricots

THURSDAY

Hot Doughnuts, Rice or Cold
 Cereal, Prunes

FRIDAY

Buttered Toast, Bacon, Scrambled
 Eggs, Jelly, Orange Juice

Fresh Milk and Butter served
 with each meal.

LUNCH

TUESDAY

Pickles, Swiss Steak, Buttered
 Carrots, Mashed Potatoes,
 Green Beans, Hot Light
 Bread, Rice Crispie
 Cookies

WEDNESDAY

Cabbage Slaw, Barbecue on a
 Bun, Pinto Beans, Apricots

THURSDAY

Tossed Salad, Pizza, French
 Fries, English Peas, Ice Box
 Cookies

FRIDAY

Gelatine Salad with Fruit,
 Hamburgers, Potato Chips,
 Pork & Beans, Brownies

Fresh Milk and Butter served
 with each meal.

Success: McGill, 1st; Dunn Lowery, 2nd.

Western: Ray Barrett, 1st; Sid Langford, 2nd

Other Varieties: Ray Chadwick, 1st.

Heaviest in Shell: Al Andrew, 1st; E. G. Wilkerson, 2nd; Chas. Andrew, 3rd.

Native Heaviest: Hamp Carter, 3rd.

Bearden-Pippen

Vows Read Dec. 11

Marriage vows were exchanged at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 11 in the First Baptist Church at Sand Springs, Texas, between Bonnie Bearden and Roy Pippen.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bearden of Rankin. She graduated from the Rankin High School last May.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pippen of Snyder, formerly of Rankin. He attended Rankin Schools a number of years.

Mr. Pippen is currently serving in the U. S. Navy and is stationed at Charleston, S. C. His wife will join him at his station in the near future.

Halliburton Award to Rankin Station

Rankin employees and their wives at Halliburton Services were honored Monday evening, December 20, at a banquet dinner, for driving company vehicles one million miles without an accident. The million miles was accomplished December 1, 1971.

Their last vehicle accident at Rankin occurred in April of this year.

This is the fifth million mile award received by the Rankin employees. They have twice driven two million miles consecutively without an accident since the

Million Mile Club was started in 1953.

This is the 197th one million mile award presented to a location.

Mr. Roland W. Guy, Manager of Safety, Duncan, Okla., presented the award plaque. Accepting on behalf of the Rankin employees was Mr. C. E. Taylor, district superintendent.

Out of town guests were Mr. M. E. Shelton, division manager, Mr. B. J. Tillman, Division Tool

Superintendent, and Mr. J. T. "Jake" Blackwell, regional safety supervisor, all from Midland.

Allen Sides is the current safety chairman.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. T. B. Crow are her son and family, M-Sgt. Travis Crow, and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moore of Tyler.

Sgt. Crow has recently returned from a tour of duty in Japan and will now be stationed in Wyoming.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

INVITES YOU TO WORSHIP

Sundays:

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MORNING WORSHIP	11:00 A. M.
EVENING WORSHIP	6:30 P. M.

Wednesdays:

BIBLE CLASSES for all ages	7:30 P. M.
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JESUS CHRIST

the same
 yesterday,
 and today,
 and for ever

Matthew 13:9

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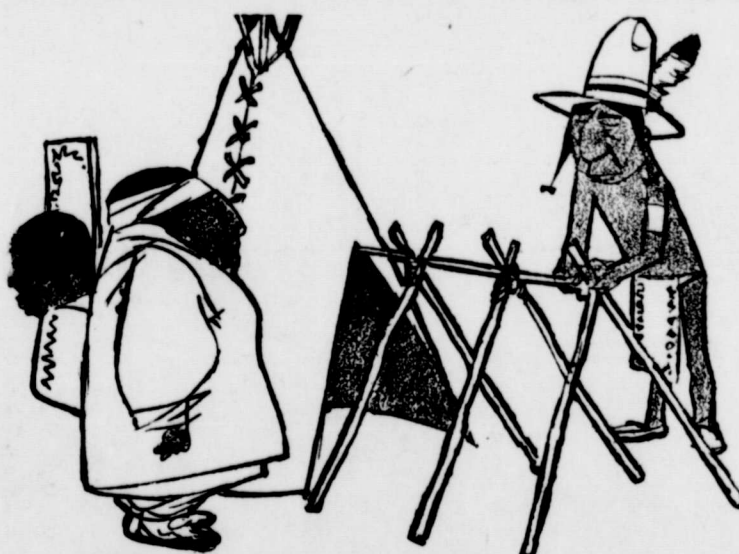
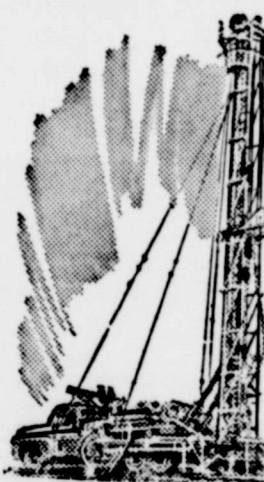
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 as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall
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SCHOOL 10:00 AM TRAINING UNION 6:30 P.M.
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Hospital Notes

J. T. Abernathy, Crane, admitted November 24, dismissed on December 17.

Mrs. Alma Sullivan, Rankin, admitted December 6.

Mrs. H. E. Barber, McCamey, admitted December 8, dismissed December 17.

Mrs. Donald Mann, McCamey, admitted December 14, dismissed December 19.

Baby Boy Mann, born December 14, dismissed December 18.

Mrs. J. A. Weatherbee, Midkiff, admitted December 19.

Mrs. Dwayne Turner, Rankin, admitted December 19.

Cecil Lancaster, Rankin, admitted December 20.

Mrs. Octavia Dixon, Rankin, admitted December 21.

CARD OF THANKS

WE'D LIKE to take this means of expressing our thanks and appreciation for all the cards, gifts and words of encouragement during the recent hospital stay of Charles. All were most appreciated.

The Ruben "Cat" Peterson Family

RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

RHS Girl Basketball entered the Iranan Tournament last week and came out with some good news and some bad news. Among the good, according to Coach Butler, was the team effort displayed in the Lake View game. He noted that Rankin out-hustled

their opponent in all positions.

Among the bad news, they lost two games, to Lakeview and to Stanton and the services of Audrey McFadden for some time with a knee injury. High pointers in the games were Winters and Weatherbee. Varnadore led in the rebound department.

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