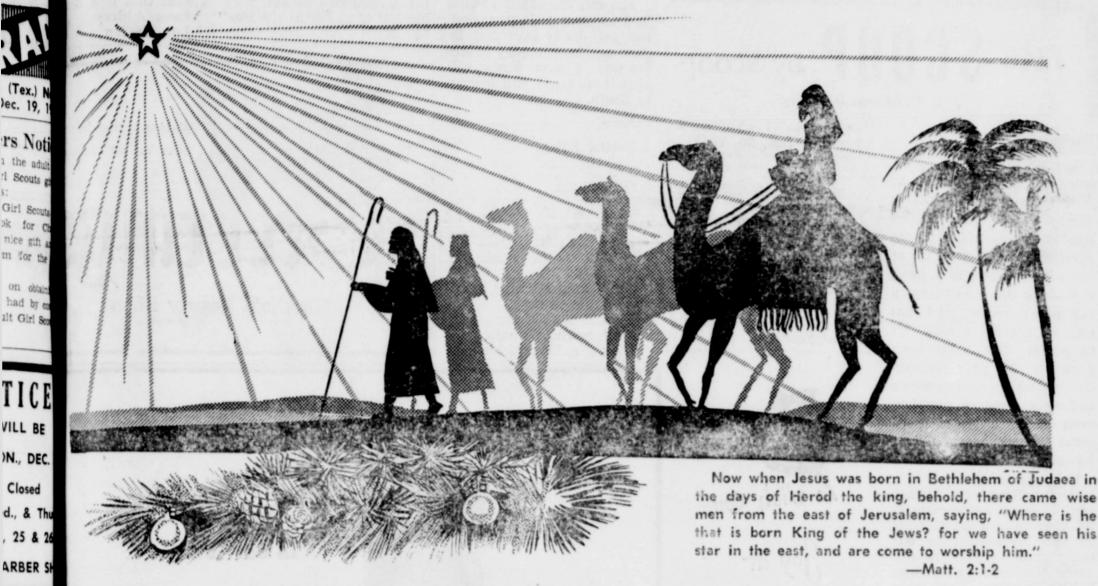
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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1963

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al services were held Glen Rose Funeral in Glen Rose Snuday p.m. for Dr. E. R. ther of Mrs. Leon f Rankin. Dr. Pate ursday in the Ranpital following a relong illness. He was old on Wednesday, before his death.

ates had been living Worth for the past rs. Prior to that, he associated with the Sanatorium in Glenthirty years.

ate had been confinhe Rankin Hospital ov. 26th. Mrs. Pate Rankin with her hus-

survivors include Ruby Helen of 3819 t. Worth: two other s, Mrs. Gene Keller and Mrs. Gene of Euless; two Jack Pate and J. both of Houston; ers, Mrs. Vera New-San Antonio, Mrs. lmann of Mason, n Ingram of Los Aalif., and Mrs. Clauer of Booker, Texgrandchildren and grandchild.

was in Squaw Creek in Glen Rose.

r of Mrs. Feuge Red Devils Entered In 33rd Reagan **Basketball Tourney**

On January 2 and lasting through January 4, the Rankin Red Devils will match talents with a part of the 24-team field in the 33rd playing of the Regan County Basketball Tournament. Big Lake is the defending champions of their own get-toget-

Other teams entered are Alpine, Wall, Wink, Sterling City, Bronte, Crane, Forsan, Miles, Eldorado, Colorado City, Mason, Garden City, Ozona, Rocksprings, Marathon, McCamey, Eagle Pass, Balmorhea, Iraan, Brady, Sonora and the hosts, the Big Lake Owls. Two teams, Del Rio and Stanton, dropped out last week, leaving the bracketed matches somewhap up in the air.

Rankin last won this particular event in 1954.

The Red Devils found the company pretty fast last Friday in the Wink Tournament when Balmorhea dropped them into the consolation bracket by an 80-64 score.

Final results were not available at press time on the Wink play.

Dear Santa Claus

I want a robot command for Christmas and a tape recorder and cars. I have fun at school and at home I play with my dog when I come home. I have two dogs and one horse. My Mother yousto have a dog and a cat and a perkingise and a collie we lost the ctt and the collie got run over.

love Johnny

Dear Santa

I want a train, gun, movie projector. I will have fun on Christmas. fill my stocking with candy please, do not forget. My Mother wants me to get a race track but I want a train.

love Douglas Dear Santa Claus.

How have you been? I'm fine. And Christmas is here And here is what I want

A Vac-u-form and a paint set and Cecil puppet. We will leave a glass of

milk and ten pieces of fudge Love

Candy Sue Green

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas a 22 gun, roller skates, giutar, 24" bicycle, Jacknife and case, dog, football, and ax.

Your friend, Danny

Rankin Closes for Yuletide Holidays

Closings in Rankin for the Christmas Holidays have again taken a somewhat irrigular pattern with some planning a two-day lock up and others to close for only one day. Some more or less public service firms such as service stations, will remain open on December 25.

Among those who have indicated their plans are Boggs Grocery and L. Porter Johnsons, both to be closed December 25 and 26, and Cashway Grocery, planning only to close Christmas Day.

Rankin schools shut down at 2:30 p.m. last Friday and will re-open on January 2.

Both barber shops have stated that they will be open for business, Monday, Decem ber 23.

The News office will be closed from December 23 to January 6. There will be no newspaper on Thursday, Jan uary 2.

Practically all firms have announced a one-day closing for Wednesday, January 1.

Travel plans for Rankinites do not seem to be extensive. Those, however, who do take to the highways are cautioned by law enforcement officers to be extremely careful. Christmas and

Christmas Spirit Prevails in Midkiff

The Christmas spirit was going full blast in Midkiff last Friday and reports were that everyone was getting into the festivities. Proving that the old fashioned way of doing things can still be found if one will look close enough-say at Midkiff-the K and N Cafe opened their doors to their friends and customers all day Friday with a big, free Christmas Smorgasbord.

And one Rankinite who more or less stumbled into the happy event reported that the party was being thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. It is the second year in a row for the owners to treat their customers with a free dinner. The cafe closed Friday and will reopen on

December 26.

New Year holiday traffic accidents have taken a high toll in the past and with the bad weather prevailing, are expected to again run up a tragic figure.

As one wag has put it, Watch that Slippery Skid Stuff.'

Ninety-six Motorcides are forecast for Texas from Dec. 24 through January 1. Don't be a statistic.

THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

Christmas-

For the tenth year now it has been The Scoops pleasure to extend the Yuletide felicitations to readers of the Rankin News-and such are herewith extended to each of you with the thought in mind that there has never been a newspaper editor who has enjoyed serving a nicer lot of people. You have been generous in your compliments and encouragements and very slow to complain even when I have made some of my more glaring mistakes.

I do appreciate it.

And without any further ado, it seems appropriate at this time to turn the columns of The News over to our many guest writers represented this week with their Letttrs to Santa. There may not be room for all of them but for any who are omitted I can assure you that Santa will get the word. He has ways of finding out what all children want for Christmas and does his best to provide.

If some of the letters are worded a little strange or if you find some words misspelled, don't knock it. These letters get real results.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year may be an old cliche but I can not find any other way that says it quite so well.

The Rankin (Tex.) News-TTursday, Dec. 26, 1963

Dear Santa,

Thank you for doll you gave me last year.

I want a vanity, Pebbles a vac-u-form, a record play-

Thank you

Carol Frost

P.S. Thank you for all the candy and stuff you brought me last year.

Dear Santa,

For this Christmas I would like to have a Barbie Doll. But my daddy says that he does not have money to buy me one. I said Santa will give it to me. I still believe in Santa.

Love,

Bertha Salas

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I've

been fine. It is Christmas again and I've been waiting weeks for

And I want a Barbie house and Barbie dresses.

I would like to have a little sewing machine, too.

I have a Tina Marie doll

and I want a dress or two for it and she is not very big she is as big as the Barbie doll.

There is one more want that is a vacue Love Audrey Lee Braden

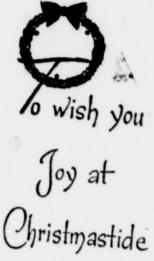




Thank you for your friendships and loyalty.

Elizabeth L. Rains

County Treasurer



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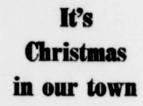
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In every house . . . every store . . . every church ...IT'S CHRISTMAS! Trees are decorated, plans are made and everybody is waiting for Santa. Whatever your plans for Christmas, we hope this Yuletide Season is a happy one for you.

from all of us!

BOGGS GROCERY

Ray and Sug

e more Santa a vacu-f ant a gun for Christ-

Please send me a new And anything you ne I will take. r friend,

neth Santa Claus ould like to have a Big and a combat set.

id Green

Christmas

Dear Santa Claus

I want Santa CClaus to bring me a model-T for Barbie and Ken.

I want Santa Claus to began a football suit and a baseball suit for Ken.

I want a picture of Santa Claus. I have been a good little

girl, Love,

Gay Garlington

Dear Santa

I would like for you to make me a doll and a Tammy and a dollbuggy for this Christmas. I want lots of toys in my stocking. I do not have a chimney for you to go down. I will not have any

Why can't you go though the door, then I will have some toys.

from Tania

Dear Santa,

I want a spinning wheel and a Tammy doll. Your friend,

Rebecca Blevins

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a doll and a bicycle. Your friend,

Sheri

Dear Santa Claus,

I am glad Christmas is coming and Christmas is my best of all in all the Holi-

I like Christmas because in Christmastmas we all give presents. And I wonder what did I got. My Father is going to get me a present I like presents because we get something I am going to give somebody I want for you to bring me a doll or some doll close.

Love Maria Magdalena

Salas

Dear Santa.

How are you this Christmas? I am just fine. This year I want a football. Mine went down a month ago. I want a video village game

Your friend,

Stevie

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good at School I want a Cotton Candy machine and bring Allen a Martha and Don.

Love,

Cindy Howell

Dear Santa Claus

I want a Hockey g ame, and bring by little sister a

Santa Claus I will leave toy too. some candy for you. I have

been a good boy. I play with my cousin's hockey game. I like hockey games I like.

Love

Ricky A. Edgar

Dear Santa Claus,

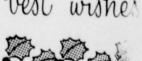
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there. My grand father lives there.

Love, Carole Cranfill

SEASONS GREETINGS

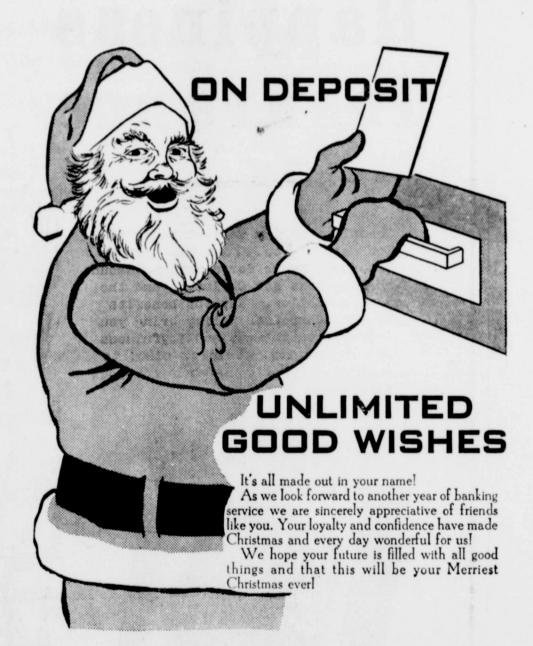




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Dear Santa,
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Your friend Calvin Luck

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike and a electric train. I want a bike like my Brother.

Love,

Ray McFadden

Dear Santa Claus

I want a Polly Ann doll.
I want some clothes to go
want my Barbei that I have
at home too

Love,

Debra Welch

Dear Santa,
I want a vac-u-form and a football.

Your friend, Alan Dear Santa Claus

I would like a robot commando and tiger Joe and a cowboy suit with guns.

And I would like to have a bebe gun, too. And a 22 rifle and a pistol. I would like my stocking full of things. I want a Duncan top and a string. And a play machine gun that fires play bullet.

Your friend Randy

Dear Santa Claus

want a Ken doll. I want a Barbie house. My brother wants a race car set.

I am a good girl. Love,

Joann Sullivan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a spinning wheel.
I want a record player too.
I want some records too.
Yours truly
Debbie Jean

Dear Santa Claus

I am seven years old. I want Nancy Nurse and a vac-u-form and Charing Chat ty and a barbie house and shop.

Love, Sherry Gary

Dear Santa Claus,

I am eight years old And I want a vac-u-form. And a Nancy nurse and Charming Chatty. And a Barbie house.

Love,

Denisa Day

I am 9 years old. For Christmas I want a football and a Kicking tee for Christmas time.

Your friend, Rudy



THRISTMAS SEASON

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Nancy K. Daugherty
County & District Clerk

TO Santa Claus
Greg Copeland
Lear Santa Claus,
On Christmas I want a
four-ten shot-gun

I love you Santa Claus. Do you Love me? Love,

Greg Copeland

Dear Santa Claus, I want a watch.

My mommy wants a slip.
My daddy wants a new
Convertable. I am a pretty
good girl.

Susan Eason

Love,

Dear Santa,

may get me any of these. A vacum form would be nice. But an I reany want is a watch.

Your friend,

Pam

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a B B gun for Christmas and a train to.

December is here.

I want a robot commando and a vacu-form. Your friend

Gilbert

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are all right. I am all right.

This Chritmas I want a big electric train, a microscope, an a telescope.

Your boy,

Jimmy Wayne Williams

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Tammie doll. I have been a good girl.

And I want a neckless. My sister wants a transistor radio.

Love

Debora Ann Brown

Debora Ann brown

I want a Midge doll and a Ken doll. I want a watch too. I want some clothes for a Ken doll and a Midge doll.

Lennah Jo Hayes

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Midge and a Barbie car and a Barbie house for Christms.

love,

Regina Caviness

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Dear Santa Claus,

Bring me a fun. A helment and a knife A train and a 100 pieces of candy.

Love, Richard



CAFE

Dear Santa

I am 8½ years old. For Christmas I want a football and some black football shos and some red football and a thuder Jet 500 rode racing set. I will leave you some candy and some milk on the porch.

Your friend,

Terry

Dear Santa Claus,

Judy wants a play shot needle, Tammy doll clothes, Barbi doll clothes, Ken doll clothes, nightgown, and a white toy car. Please put some candy in her stocking and a peach. I want a Tammy doll house and some clothes and Ken clothes and some candy. Thank You!!

Love Always, Paula and Judy Loftin

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some guns and Tiger Joe and a army set with 448 army men and tanks with Geramn men with cannons and army trucks and Jeeps. I want a race car set and some working trucks. I want a football and some knee pats.

love Wyndell Dear Santa Claus,

I want a vacu-form a movie projector and a robot commando for Christmas. I also want a basket ball set and a toy twenty-two. I want a sled that I can turn with some bass. I want a King Zor and sky rail too.. I want a two?way-wrist radio for this Christmas too.

To all, Merry Christmas Mike D.

I Love you Santa Claus Santa Claus please bring me a doll. I like dolls I Want a cowgirl pants and Barbie and some candy and some bell and a Christmas tree.

Love, Aida Armendariez

Dear Santa Claus,

I what a pair of shoes and a dress with a flower—too. I what a doll house for Barbie and Ken.

My sister whats a walking doll—for Christmas.

For My Mother she whats a—electric cooking pot. Please get me a doll with brown—hair. Your friends Linda



CHRISTMAS

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ear Santa, hank you for the doll you e me last year. want a baby doll This a buggy, a vac-u-Form a game of set Back. ank you for all the dy and stuff you brought year hank you lary Jon Frost

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Dear Santa Clause.

Please bring me a radio, doll, dress-up set, doll carriage and bring my little sister a dolly, blocks, clock, and a ball-nuts and bolts.

Charlene & Cathy Sims P. S. Bring Herman mice, and Princess a carrot.

Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old. I want a little baby doll and bottle. I wil be at my Nanny's and PaPa's- Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Faulkner.

Don't forget my little brother Keith.

Thank you.

Kathy Harper Odessa, Texas

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Dear Santa Claus,

My sister wants Tiny Chatty brother, Singer Sewing Machine, Spinning Wheel, Ball, Doll hair dryer, Bissel Carpet Sweeper. I would like Pebbles Flintstone, Singer Sewing Machine, Vacum Iron, Doll hair dryer, I would also like a hair dryer for myself and a foot ball.

Love, Audrey and Patty McFadden

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Bamm-Bamm. and a dolly hair dryer and a po-go stick. I live at 5442 Lampasas Hoouston, Texas I am 7 years old.

Nancy Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Tiny Tumblelina doll and Tiny tears, and a play horse when it's warm. Be careful on the icey side Walk.

Love,

Gayla Tieman

Dear Santa,

I want a snowman with candy in it.

And some Ken clothes and a Tammy doll and some clothes.

Love,

Sheryl

Dear Santa Claus

for Chrismas I want a pony a monkey a Zebro a trip to Hawaii a bicycle and a raindeer named

Rudolph and with

a rednose

and a vacuform tape recorder a robot and twenty two Love Hal

ED. NOTE: The above letter is from the editor's son. Its quite evident that that boy really bebelieves in this Santa bit and to which I say: How would you like a belt in the snout, young

every good wish for your **HOLIDAY** SEASON

Red Bluff Lumber Company Dear Santa,

I would like a hot rod. With a little V-8 engine. That's all I want.

Your friend. Guy Yocham Dear Santa Claus

I want a B B gun for this ChCristmas and a model of a plane, and a cowboy hat. Your friend Mike



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GREETINGS Best Wishes



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The Allen Moore Family

Dear Santa

I want a new bicycle with a light and a carrier. I want it to be black with white, so it will how up at nght. I want it to be a 26 inch. I want a cub scout knife too.

Your friend Steve

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I want a football helment and an army helmet. I want a toy machine gun, too. I want a basketball, too.

Your friend Larry

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like some Barbie clothes, Barbie game, and a watch, and a camera. I would also like the Barbie car, and a Barbie bed. I especially want a real brown horse.

Carol Johnston



Christmas is everywhere! And it is especially here as we offer you our sincere

Merry Christmas

H. E. "Gene" Eckols & Family



It's time again . . . time to plan . . . time to

enjoy . . . time for the happiness that comes

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for you and yours!



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