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## Work Started on Knobb Hill Field



Just swirling, a truck of Wheeler Company dumps a portion of some yards of top soil that is applied, along with 600 pounds of cotton burrs, in an effort to improve the facility. A contract in the amount of \$3600 was approved by the School Board for the work.

To be added to the field is a method watering system. It will be installed following completion of the top dressing dirt work. Final decisions have as yet not been made by the Board on the matter. Completion of all work is expected in time for next fall's season when the High School team will move their practices from the main field at Devil Stadium to Knobb Hill which is directly accessible by a new dressing rooms that are under construction.

## Date Near for Law Enforcement Change

With some paper work yet to be done, it is expected that, effective January 1, 1974, the Police Departments of the City of McCamey and the City of Rankin will be incorporated into one law enforcement agency in Upton County under the Sheriff's Department. Papers were in Austin this week and are expected to be returned here in time for all parties involved to sign before the end of December.

Outwardly there will probably be little change noted in operations by Upton residents as both cities will have about the same number of law officers on duty at any one time. One new innovation will be the creation of a full time dispatcher communications center. (Continued to back page)

## Santa's Helpers Out in Force



Gifts from local businesses indicate that Santa is going to be well supplied with gifts for Christmas. Shopping is reported to be brisk as the big day approaches.

As mentioned above, Charlie Wheel-

er of Johnson's shows a coat selection to prospective customers. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Humphries-Wheeler has announced that the store will be open Sunday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. to accommodate those who have not yet had a chance to pick out gifts.

## Supplies Ups Price to City Over 50 Percent--

# Thirty Percent Hike Voted in City Gas Rates

With the price of natural gas having been increased by their supplier, the City Council voted at their regular meeting December 6 to up charges to Rankin users by 30 percent with the minimum rate of \$3.00 for the first 2 thousand cubic feet to remain the same. In the past year the price paid by the City by El Paso Natural Gas Company has risen from 16-cents per 1,000 cubic feet, to 33-cents.

In their motion to increase the price charged local users, the Council also included the stipulation to pass on to the consumer any further price increases made by the supplier. Effective date for the 30 percent hike was made retroactive to December 1 and will be reflected in the gas billing this month.

charge presently in effect. These new rates are effective immediately.

## Hospitality Hour is Friday at Bank

First State Bank has extended an invitation to their customers and friends to attend their annual Christmas Hospitality Hour. Date is Friday, December 21 and the hour is 1 p.m.

"We cordially invite everyone to drop in at the bank during this time," said Dunn Lowery, president. "We always enjoy your visits at anytime, but especially during this Christmas time event."

First State Bank began their Christmas Hospitality Hour some three years ago and it has proved popular with their many customers as a good attendance has marked each event.

## District 6-A Takes no Action on Schedules

Supt. A. C. Copeland said this week that no actions were taken by District 6-A members when they met in Balmorhea December 12 to discuss the present energy crisis as related to the athletic program. A more or less mandatory order had went out to all school districts in Texas from the UIL to make adjustments in UIL programs — athletics primarily — that would contribute to a savings on energy use.

However, at about the time the district representatives were in session at Balmorhea, it was learned that Gov. Dolph Briscoe had had second thoughts about the state of the energy crunch as applied to Texas schools and had backtracked on some previously announced decisions.

"We (Dist. 6-A members) decided to just hold off until something more definite was learned," Copeland said. He did point out that the District voted to limit next year's junior high basketball program to one game per week and no more than two tournaments for the season. Copeland said that this decision would have very little effect on the Rankin program.

All current programs scheduled for the school year will be carried out as planned, including all basketball games and the spring field, track, tennis and golf programs. Also, literary events.

### NEW SCHOOL HOURS

In an announcement that will be forthcoming to parents, it is to be revealed that the hours of school here will be changed, beginning with January 7, 1974. Congress has voted to put the nation on daylight saving time beginning Sunday, January 6.

The new hours will see classes begin at 9:20 a.m. and dismiss at 4:40 p.m. Bus schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

## Some Do . . . and Some Don't Children Visit Santa at Lions Christmas Party



Yeah, Man, Right On, Santa



Put That in Writing, Would You, Santa

# THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

CHEERS —

Well, it's the Ho, Ho season again and time for all of us to be of good cheer and full of the jollies, which is a little hard to do just at the present time, still, it's not all bad and there are a lot of things that one can look to and take hope that next year will bring something better.

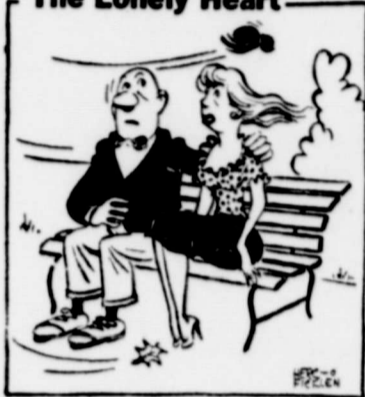
As my gift to readers of the Rankin News, I shall do my bit toward making the season a gay and happy one by not doing the usual column — which is generally filled with a lot of complaints and no answers. In place of that, I call your attention to the Letters to Santa, written by Second and Third Grade students in the Rankin Elementary School. Bits of wisdom can be gleaned from a close scrutiny of these epistles to Mr. Claus by the local small fry;

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and, as usual, there are one or two that are in a class all by themselves.

One of these I consider a classic and have taken the liberty of using it in this column. It is ex-  
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The Lonely Heart



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SPECIALS for Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Dec. 19, 20, 21,

# Holiday Food Specials

FOR YOUR MERRY HOLIDAY FEAST

## NOTICE

We Will Have Specials on  
Monday Throught the Store  
Closed Dec. 25, 26, & 27

18-oz. jar Kim APPLE BUTTER	33¢
2½ Size Can CALA RIPE PEACHES	39¢
Duncan Hines LAYER CAKE MIX	39¢
Borden's EAGLE BRAND MILK	45¢
303 Del Monte Green LIMA BEANS	34¢

## FRUITS SAVINGS VEGETABLES

Large Delicious APPLES	lb.	25¢
Large Navel ORANGES	lb.	21¢
Golden Ripe BANANAS	lb.	15¢
Large Heads LETTUCE	each	25¢
Fresh CELERY	stalk	19¢
Cello Bag CELERY	each	49¢

## CHOICE MEATS

Fresh PORK CHOPS	LB.	1 <sup>09</sup>
Gooch's Slab Sliced BACON	LB.	1 <sup>09</sup>
Choice Beef T-BONE STEAK	lb	1 <sup>19</sup>
Choice Beef Round STEAK	LB.	1 <sup>19</sup>
Not Tenderized		
Fresh FRYERS	LB.	45¢
Peyton's Half or Whole CURED HAMS	lb.	98¢

Ranch Style Blackeyed PEAS	2 for	45¢
18 x 25 Heavy Duty REYNOLDS FOIL		49¢
100 Count PAPER PLATES		79¢
2-lb. package dry PINTO BEANS		69¢
303 Kimbell's Whole GREEN BEANS	2 for	49¢
46-oz. can Texsun GRAPEFRUIT JUICE		49¢
303 Van Camp's PORK & BEANS	2 for	49¢
303 Hunt's FRUIT COCKTAIL	2 for	57¢
Folgers (Limit: 2 lbs.) COFFEE	lb	99¢
Aurora 2-roll pkg. TOILET TISSUE		39¢
303 Diamond English PEAS	2 for	39¢
Big K All Purpose FLOUR	10-lb. bag	1 <sup>09</sup>
303 Larson Veg-All VEGETABLES	2 for	49¢
Quart Jar Kraft's MIRACLE WHIP		89¢
King Size Ivory LIQUID SOAP		69¢
Giant Cheer DETERGENT SOAP		79¢
4-oz. box DREAM WHIP		49¢
Geisha Mandarin ORANGE SLICES		39¢
No. 2 can Comstock sliced PIE APPLES		49¢
FROZEN FOODS		
Pet Ritz PIE SHELLS		49¢
8-oz. Frosty Acres BROCCOLI SPEARS		29¢
Frosty Acres 4-ear pkg. CORN ON COB		59¢
Small Size FROSTY WHIP		29¢

# BOGGS GROCERY AND MARKET

WE GIVE GOLD BOND STAMPS

DOUBLE STAMPS ON WEDNESDAY

You Are Invited to a  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

presented by the choir of the  
Grace Lutheran Church of Midland

to be held at the

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
on December 23 at 7:00 P. M.

refreshments will be served after the concert

**Come And Bring A Friend**

**The Scoop --**

(Continued from Preceding Pg.)

actly as penned by its writer —  
nothing added or takes therefrom.  
Here 'tis:

Dear Santa

Please bring me a teddy  
bear, puppy dog, kitten,  
skates, TV, Cinderella doll,  
glass shoes, football, base-  
ball, pony, cow, boy friend  
named Mike, cat, bee, rob-  
ot. PS .22 gun, 410 gun, a

dog that is 2000 feet tall,  
and a nice teacher.

With Love  
Brenda

Now I don't know Brenda, not  
even her last name, but here's a  
girl who's going a long way. She  
knows what she wants and tells it  
like it is. I like that. She may;  
however, with her last sentence,  
just blown all chances of getting  
an "A" in Santa Claus letter  
writing. At any rate, she's my  
kind of people.

We, the Rankin Cemetery Committee  
wish to thank each and everyone for  
donations in erecting the new chain link  
fence at the cemetery.

**H. WHEELER**  
**ELLA BARFIELD**  
**MAGGIE TAYLOR, Sect.-Treas.**

On other pages you will find a  
number of other Santa Letters, all  
printed as nearly as possible with  
the wording and spelling used by  
the writers. This is not done in  
any effort to show up the kids in  
their spelling—I'd be the last to  
ever jive anyone along that par-  
ticular line— but simply because  
Santa likes his letters that way.

**LATER --**

With this issue, the Rankin  
News finishes publication of the  
required 50 issues for 1973. There  
will be no paper next week—with  
the next issue to come out on  
January 3, 1974—the Lord willing  
and it doesn't come apart before  
we get it all together.

So, on behalf of myself, the  
wife and son, may I say thanks  
to all of you for enabling us to  
complete another year as your  
newspaper publisher, and to wish  
each and every one of you and  
yours the very best for Christ-  
mas and the New Year ahead.  
Take it easy on the celebrating,  
and if you're on the highways  
and byways, drive carefully. The  
life you save might be one of our  
subscribers.

Merry Christmas. Happy New  
Year.

**LATE SHOPPERS' NOTICE!**

**JOHNSON'S**

will be **OPEN** Sunday, December 23rd  
from 1 P.M. until . . .

Gifts for Everyone on Your List Are Still Plentiful. We  
Invite You to Shop Here for ALL Your Needs.

The Perfect Fit -- The Right Color

**GIFT CERTIFICATE**  
JOHNSON'S  
To \_\_\_\_\_  
Present this Certificate to us for merchandise of your selection  
to the value of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars  
With all good wishes from \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHORIZED BY \_\_\_\_\_



**GIFTS FOR . . .**

- ★ MOM
- ★ DAD
- ★ BOYS
- ★ GIRLS
- ★ ALL AGES

Cash, Charge  
BankAmericard



**GREETINGS**

Our warmest wishes  
for happiness  
at this Christmastime  
go forth to you.

**JOHNSON'S**

Charlie, Barbara  
and Employees

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

Here is what I want, six guns, a drum set and a pool table.

My brother wants a horse and a ssp car set, two jet planes and a smash up derby.

My daddy wants a tool box.

My mother wants a new

room.

Please hurry  
Your good boy  
Lupe Abalos

Dear Saanta,

I wot a pool table, electric football set, train, tow pars of sharts and tow pars of levis, football soot, record player, coat.

Your friend  
Danny Michum

A  
Merry  
Christmas  
to  
All



May your Christmas "stocking" be filled with every good thing you wish for . . .

And we'd like to say at this time that we're especially grateful for your support and the confidence you have shown in us in the past.

Mr. & Mrs. S. O. "Sid" Langford  
and James



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

With sincere wishes for a memorable holiday season goes our thanks for your friendship and trust.

Mr. & Mrs. T. D. Workman, Jr.

Dear Santa,

I want a set of drums and some houseshoes and bring me a big red and a bike and bring my mother a ring and a very nice Christmas and bring my daddy a lawnmower.

Love  
Doug Taylor

Dear Santa,

I want a tool set. And some T. V. magic card, soulder pads Dallas cowboy football helmet.

Your freind  
Mike

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Baby-alive, telephone, and I love you Santa. Will you please bring me what I asked.

When are you bringing fruit? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me my gifts when I am gone to look at decoration.

Your friend  
Suzie

Plese bring me a mini bike and 243 deer rifle add the bullets and 10 speed bike add a chain and lock and a Miami Dolphin football suit and a football and a set of walkie talkies and TV. magic card and some cleats size 3

Your friend  
Walter Woolf

I want rollor skat cycle, baton, sweet b b gun, g-i-joe, ro aster, big Jim. I ha good in school and I am in the 3rd will be in the 4th will leave candy or and pie.

Thank you  
Cheryl Reeves

In lieu of sending Christmas Cards to local peole, we are making a donation to the State 4-H Fund.

We would like to take this means to wish all our friends

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

THE DUB DAYS



Greetings

On our menu for the holiday - best wishes and thanks to our neighbors, patrons.

Roy's Restaurant

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Rutland & Staff



**GREETINGS**  
*for* **CHRISTMAS**

*As an expression of our thanks and  
good will, we are extending to all our  
friends and neighbors our very best wishes  
for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.*

**The First State Bank**

Member FDIC

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a football set and please bring other people toys. I want a football and A football stand. I want a B. B gun. I want a smash up derby.

Love,  
Billy Berry

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a G. I. Joe set and cassette and a Mickey Mouse Candy Machine and a gocart. May I have an aquarium with fish in it?

Your friend,  
Travis Brewer

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a GI Joe set and a Dallas Cowboy suit. I'll leave you some milk on the table. Bring me a cassette. Please bring my Dady a new shot gun.

Please bring my mother a new dress.

Love,  
George Woolf

Dear Santa Claus,

How has your wife been? How are your reindeers? and How have you been?

I have been a good girl? and I want a game and don't forget my brother a my siseer

Your friend,  
Sonya Webb

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? This is what I want for Christmas.

I would like B-B gun and a shooting balery and a race track with too cars. and three speed bike, saddle and a tent.

Your friend  
Eddie Templeton

Dear Santa Claus,

How has your year been? Rre you and Mrs. Claus been.

These are the thing I want for Christmas? I have been a good girl. Cotton candy maker, miker phone, micki mouse candy factor, ice cream maker, snow cone maker, records,

Barbie clous, Barbie head play house

Your friend,  
Tracey Swaim

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing this year. I have a good boy this year. I want a bike.

Your frend,  
Bruce Innes

Dear Santa Claus,

How have you been? How has Mrs Sant Claus been? How is your rainders been? Will you bring me crissy and sled.

Your friend,  
Shirley Heflin

Dear Santa

I want a baby Crissy and Barbies and case and how is your wife and I want lots of close

Your friend  
Christie Morgan

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Miss Santa and Roudolph.

I wood like some white cowboy boots and a cow boy belt and a Easy baker and a sink and a Refrigerator and Barbie doll clouths.

Your friend,  
Trina Peterson

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Mrs. Santa Claus? is she fine? May I either have a Barbie head and a meimei. Is Roudolph fine? Is Blisen fine? Is Rudolph's nose red steel?

My sister wants a baby tender love. My brother want's some truks. My cat's want a cat bowl and a can of cat food. I have been good.

Your friend,  
Kimberly Adams



A line of visitors waiting to see Santa formed three or four deep across the main room of the Rankin Park Building last Saturday—for almost an hour.



To you  
and yours,  
we send  
best wishes  
for a  
holiday  
season filled  
with the  
warmth and  
wonder of  
Christmas.

**GOSSETT EXXON**  
Ruben Peterson and Family



*Wishing You Christmas Joy*

*A season of peace and wonder,  
excitement and joy is Christmas! May  
this spirit of happiness be with you always.*

**Highway Grocery & Dry Goods**  
Archie & Pearlle McDonald



**GREETINGS  
at CHRISTMAS**

Seasonal excitement is in  
the air as spirits mount. To all  
our good patrons go sincere thanks.

**Dunn Lowery  
Insurance Agency**

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Clouse,  
 re you, and Mrs.  
 I homp you and Mrss.  
 are well. I want a  
 and a po go stick and  
 an my sisters and  
 haven't made up  
 mind yet but has  
 have a red noise  
 friend,  
 Merrill

Der Santa Claus,  
 I wat a BB gun. And a doll  
 for Kelly. And a hostre and  
 gun for Kevin.  
 and a shotngallrre for me.  
 Your friend  
 Todd Page

Dear Santa Claus,  
 How is your wife? This is  
 what I want a bike. Sisers  
 want bike to.  
 Your friend,  
 Prissy Escarsega

Dear Santa Claus,  
 How is Mrs. Claus doing?  
 I hope you did not forget  
 to bring a baby crisy and a  
 easy bake oven and for John  
 David a put put and a tri-  
 sickle And we hav ben  
 good kids.

Your frind,  
 Shery Binkley

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Will you please bring a  
 dolls for my sisters?

I would like a BB gun. I  
 have tried to be a good  
 boy.

Your friend,  
 Marsial Hamirez

Dear Santa Claus,  
 How has the raindeers  
 been. Santa I want a doll  
 Head for Christmas. Crissy  
 and cow boy boots.

Love,  
 Colette Lane

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Please bring me play  
 dishes and play spoons and  
 forks and a cofee pot.

And how are doing your  
 raindeer and Rudolph and  
 Mrs. Claus you Santa

Your friend  
 Ange

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me T. V.  
 magic cards, candy, a good  
 football, tenspeed a little T.  
 V., walkie talkies, pocket

knife, teddy bear football  
 suit, coat.

I will be good. Sorry but  
 I have to go.

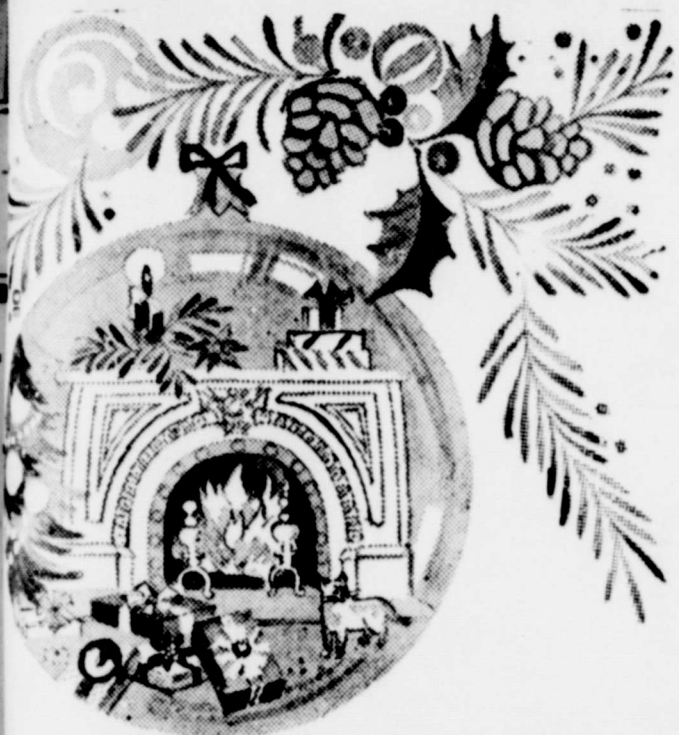
Love,  
 Quad

Dear Santa  
 Please bring me a twenty  
 two, football, radio, pocket  
 knift, tent, back pack, and  
 some camping gear

Your friend  
 Kendal Nelson

Dear Santa  
 I want some shoes and I  
 want baton and a doll and  
 a bike nd my Mother was  
 some shoes and a purse and  
 he was a car and bring my  
 daddy was some broet per-  
 fewm. and bring my sisters  
 some dolls and some shoes  
 and they are 7 girls.

Love  
 Maria Ramirez



## CHRISTMAS

... may it bring you and yours  
 lasting peace, joy and blessings.

Mr. & Mrs. O. R. (Doc) Adams



May the inspiration  
 of faith and love fill  
 your heart with quiet peace  
 and happiness. A joyous Noel to all.

Doris Speed & Family

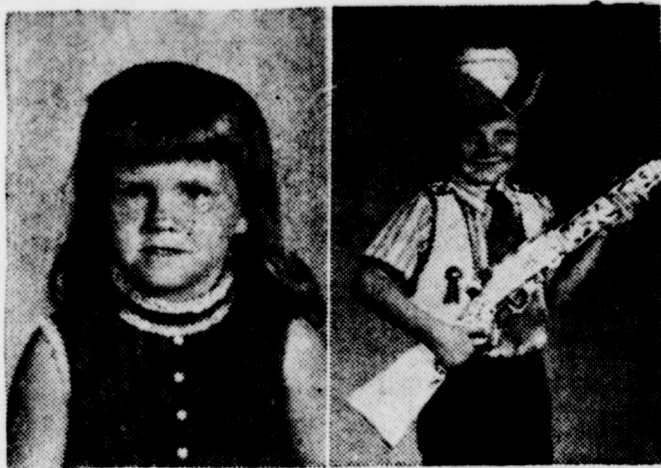


## GREETINGS

May the joys of Christmas ... peace,  
 serenity and goodwill ... bless  
 you, your family and your loved  
 ones. Thank you for your support.

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Menefee

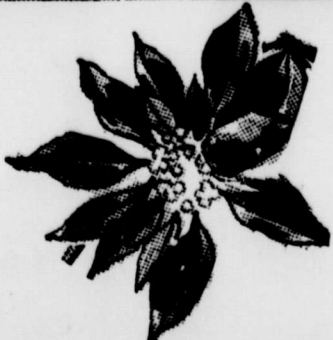
# Merry Christmas



Heartly Good  
 Wishes of the  
 Season

M & N DRIVE INN

DEAN, LINDA, KIM AND SHOT



## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Clas,

Will you please bring me a Big Jim rescue rig, a play Stove a refrigerator and a sink and a Sweet April Baby doll? I would like a Play all, some play guns and a hat. Wil you bring me some pants and shirts? Give other things.

Love,  
Diannal Lovelace

Dear Santa Claus,

Come to my house. Bring a doll for my sister and bring me a Barbie doll and a Coke Machine and a Snow Machirte.

Love,  
Rosemary Armendariez

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa, please bring me a Barbie Dynamite doll and a Barbie House, and a Baby Alive doll. I would like a real horse and a saddle to go with the horse. I want an orange bike. Please bring other people something.

Love,  
Melissa Rene Edge

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Vanity case, A Mickey Mouse Candy Factory, and a Mickey Mouse toothbrush.

I would also like a Snow Cone Machine, a Dynamite Doll, and a bicycle.

My next door neighbor would like a dishwasher.

Love,  
rina Wheeler

Dear Santa Claus,

It is time for you to give the others some presents. Please give me a Mini Bike and one tape recorder.

Please bring my brother a present too.

Love,  
Forrest Neal

Dear Santa ClaauS,

It is time for you to come again. I will be happy to see you. Please bring me a Barbie Camper and my brother wants G. I Joe.

Love,  
Fay Flutsch

Dear Santa,

Santa please dont forget others. I will be glad to see you. I want a Baby A-live please. Please bring my Mother, Daddy, Sister, Brother, something.

Love,  
Tammy Whisman

Dear Santa,

I want a G. I. Joe set and a Miani Dolphin suit. I will give you some milk when you come to my house.

Love,  
Doug Doege

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a teddy bear and a tape player. Bring Nicki a bean - bag that talks. Grandpa wants golf balls. Mama wants a house coat. Grandma wants

a new watch.  
Your friend,  
Staci McGrath

Dear Santa,

Please bring me an organ, go-go boots, skates

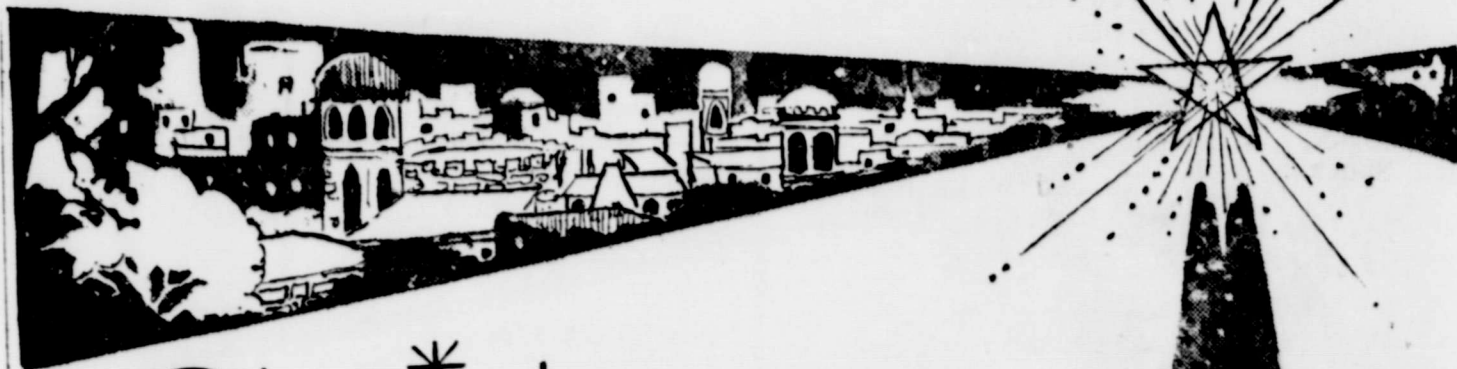
with boots, clothes and a hairdryer. And dont forget the other children.

Your friend,  
Donna Louise Nayfa

Dear Santa,

I would like you me a Speedometer Cassette. Do not other kids to.

Love,  
Rusty Hughes



# Christmas Greetings

Let the spirit of that first Holy Night fill hearts with love, adoration. Let its wonder shine throughout the season.



*We are grateful to our loyal customers for the patronage shown us.*

## MARTIN'S

E. L. Mary Julie Emmett and Richard  
Mary Anne Glass Nadine Gunnells  
Pam Berger

McCamey, Texas



## LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Clouse,  
 Would you bring me a bear, and a fruit hat, a banana and grapes, a play phone with a doll and a doll.

Your friend  
 Line

Santa,  
 How are you? How is Mrs. I want a Walkie Show and Tell, Sock-ers, Cowboy Suit, Ball and Spurs.

Santa Claus,  
 Please bring me a drum and bedroom! a bunch of shoes! walkie tokie! tell Santa hello!  
 By

Your friend

Santa,  
 Please bring me Electric set, pool table, two

pairs of Sirts, two pairs of levis, blue jean jacket, foot ball suit, Record player, coat,

Your friend  
 Keith

Dear Santa

Want a little puppy my died. Bring me a bicycle for Christmas and a clothes.

Come to our clase, please. And my mother wants a pant suit for Christmas and she wants to have a pair of shoes for Christmas 2.

My dad wants a pair of boot for Christmas and a pair of red pants for Christmas. My brother wants tap player for Christmas. And a cherry bomb muffler. Tell your elves to work hard.

Love  
 Rickie Kelley

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a pool table and a red white and blue football and I would like to have a big jim canper and I would like to have a set o gunfs and

my sister would like to have and organ an she would like to have a walking doll and Santa I would like to have a watch.

But Santa if your elves are too busy making the other toys tell them not to get in a harry and thats all I wanted. Thank You

love  
 Dennis Black

Dear Santa

want a new doll he name is New born baby tender love. and a baton. I hope you find my house.

My brother wants big Josh and his eagle. and I want 7 dollars.

Merry Christmas  
 Tully Theriot

Dear Santa,

What have you been doing? Please bring me a doll with a stroler. And please bring me a gabybed with it. I will be in the forth grade. Will you please bring me a motorsicol too. I might leave you something if my mother will let me.

Love,  
 Kimila Koen

Dear Santa

I would like to have a football and a pair off drums, houseshoes, and a bowl off fish, treehouse, big jim, horse. I ackt as nice as nice as I can. I do not like school. I got my mother a preseant. I want a happy new year.

Love  
 Robert Robison

Dear Santa,

I want a 20-2, Pool stick, Airplane that flies, Football suit, Stunt block. Get Mother a dimmond ring. And 20-2 shells for me. And a new girlfriend. And get Daddy a new tie and belt and ten dollars under his pillow.

Merry Christmas  
 From your friend  
 Cody Helmers

Dear Santa

I want a motor scooter, Tinkertoys with moter, Lon don Bridge, Barrl of monkeys. and Don't break the ice. I have been good this year iff I knew what my brother and sister want I would write it but I don't.

Love your friend,  
 Larry Pyeatt

Dear Santa Claus,

How I want a tenspeed, a bunch of clothes and a furry brown hat and a pro football and a little T. V. and a radio. Sorry but I have to go.

Your friend  
 Todd

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. Mother wants a tiny drier, and a builtonneer. Father wants a rodden real, and the baby want a dump truck.

Love  
 Doris Ann Patton

Dear Santa

I would like a basketball and a masetrapgame. I will leave you some cookies on the table.

Love  
 Philip Stanley Shankle

Dear Santa,

I want cow boy boots, basketball, sweet April, cowboy hat, baby doe. I have been very nice all the time. I'm 8 years old and in the 3'rd grade. I want barbies camping van, horse and real Christmas tree.

My brother wants ssp motersikle, ttp car, big Jim.  
 Love,  
 Angela Michele Reece

# GREETINGS at Christmas

"Hello" to our many friends and neighbors

who have done much  
 to make the  
 past year a  
 memorable one  
 for us, we  
 thank you  
 most heartily.



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 Ray, Sug and Staff



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May your holiday be filled with wonder and all your wishes come true. Many thanks for your loyal, continued support.

*The Allen Moores*

## Former RHS Coach Named to Honors

Announcements were made last week to the effect that former Rankin assistant football coach and girls' basketball coach at Rankin High School, Butch Butler, had been named "West Texas Coach of the Year" in Class B.

Butler, along with former Rankin Junior High coach Roger Goodwin, went to Rock Springs at the end of last year's school term.

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guided the Rock Springs school to one of its most successful seasons in football, gaining a berth in the state playoffs before being eliminated.

## Recent Memorials to Auxiliary Listed

Recent memorials received by the Rankin Hospital Auxiliary include the following:

IN MEMORY of Bill Sherrill, from Louise Kole, Mr. and Mrs. Shank Bloxom;

IN MEMORY OF Ray Ramirez, from Louise Kole, Mr. and Mrs. Shank Bloxom;

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Luther, from Mr. and Mrs. Shank Bloxom, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parr;

IN MEMORY of Glenn Parr from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parr;

IN MEMORY of Mr. Steve Parr from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parr;

IN MEMORY of Mr. Lee R. Jackson, father of Mrs. Dell Coledge, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Travis Bley;

IN MEMORY of Louis Roach from Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor;

IN MEMORY of Mr. M. E. Rouse, father of Elva Nell Dupriest, from Rankin School Employees.

## Rankin Founded Company in Name Change January 1

In an announcement released on the 10th of December, it was revealed that a number of firms will merge into one entity, effective January 1, 1974, and will thereafter operate under the title of Eddins-Walcher Company.

Effectuated will be firms currently operated as Eddins-Walcher Oil Company, Eddins-Walcher Butane Company, Eddins - Walcher Fuel Company, Bowers Liquefied Gas, Inc., Bowers L. P. Gas Company, Inc., and O K Gas Company. The firm's address will be Box 551, Midland, Texas.

In making the announcement of the change, Jack Walcher stated, "This merger does not result in any change in ownership or in management. It will result in efficiencies in our operations and less confusion to some of you who do business with more than one

of the companies."

All accounts owed will be paid by Eddins-Walcher Company.

The original firm was started in Rankin in 1937 by the late Stanley Eddins and Jack Walcher and has continued to expand over the years. They still maintain offices here in addition to Midland, Odessa, Snyder, Sundown, Andrews and Lubbock, all in Texas, and at Hobbs, New Mexico.

## Telephone Company Expecting Crunch in Christmas Calls

Gasoline and the telephone normally don't relate, but they are going to this Christmas, says Southwestern Bell Telephone.

"With fuel shortages and 50 or

The Rankin (Tex.) News-Press  
Thursday, Dec. 20,

55 m.p.h. speed limits, people are going to be called instead of driving out of family and friends," a spokesman said.

"The Bell System expects to handle 12 million long calls nationwide this year," he said. "That's three more than last Christmas."

The telephone company  
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Dear Santa,

How are you doing and your wife doing fine. Well not gifts small T. V. food

Love,

Glenna

## First Baptist Church

Pastor: J. C. Tankersley, Phone 693-2324

God is promoting his redemptive purpose through the New Testament church, the body of Christ. (I Cor. 12:27) Christ is the savior, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

If you are not abiding in the only hope of salvation, Jesus Christ, we at First Baptist Church would like to take this opportunity to invite you to share with us in our hope.

### ACTIVITIES

#### SUNDAYS:

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Sunday School

Worship Service

Training Union

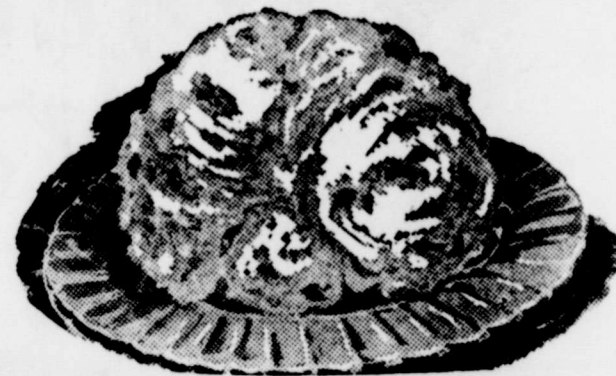
Worship Service

#### WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 p.m.

Bible

and Prayer Meeting



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## School Menu

JANUARY 2-4

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Hot Biscuits, Fried Ham, Hash  
Brown Potatoes, Honey, Orange Juice

THURSDAY

Hot Donuts, Rice or Oatmeal,  
Pineapples

FRIDAY

Hot Cinnamon Roll, Oatmeal or  
Cream of Wheat, Grapefruit Juice

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

LUNCH

WEDNESDAY

Pickles, Steak Fingers, Cream  
Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey,  
Sliced Peaches

THURSDAY

Tossed Salad, Chili, Pinto Beans,  
Crackers, Corn Bread, Chocolate Pie

FRIDAY

Gelatine Salad with Fruit,  
Hamburgers, French Fries,  
Oatmeal Cookies

Fresh Milk and Butter served with each meal.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

EACH SUNDAY

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.

Elizabeth & 8th Sts.

### Christmas Calls --

(Continued from Preceding Pg.)  
way to get call through  
before 10 a.m., between  
and 6 p.m., or after 11 p.  
the lowest rates are in

effect at those times, the spokes-  
man said.

"We're bracing for the heavi-  
est calling in history. We'll have  
extra operators on duty to help  
those requiring assistance, and we  
will be utilizing the most sophisti-  
cated equipment in the world in  
trying to keep the calls going  
through. But this Christmas is

going to be something else."

The spokesman cited another  
way people can beat the prob-  
lem: "It's natural to want to talk  
on Christmas Day, but to im-  
prove your chances of getting the  
call through quickly, you can call  
Christmas Eve day (Monday) or  
the preceding Saturday or Sun-  
day."

### Basketball Tournneys Slated for RHS Team

Both the Rankin High School  
Boys and Girls A Basketball units  
are slated for participation in a  
series of tournaments starting  
this week and running through  
the latter part of December.

For the Girls, it will be a trip  
to Iraan Thursday through Satur-  
day, December 20-22. On Decem-  
ber 26-29, they will go to Stanton  
for a four-day affair. The Red  
Devil A unit is to be in Coahoma  
for a two-day affair December 28  
and 29.

On January 3, they are to en-  
ter the Big Lake tournament and  
the Boys B squad will be in the  
McCamey tourney.

For the Red Devils it has been  
an abbreviated season due to the  
football team advancing well in-  
to state playoffs. The Maroon and  
White has been able to play only  
three games so far— all district  
matches. They lost the opener to  
Sanderson by two points but have  
since downed Clint and Wink for  
a 2-1 district record. For the  
Girls, it has been a 1-1 district  
start, having won over Sanderson  
and lost to Clint. The Girls took  
an A and B game over Ozona in  
their last outing Monday night.

District 6-A member Sanderson  
is on probation in basketball and  
can not represent the district in  
playoffs; however, games lost to  
them count against the team they  
defeat. In district play, each of  
the teams play twice and the Red  
Devils will get another shot at

the Eagles on January 18 in a  
game to be played here.

For Rankin Junior High, play  
for December is to be completed  
here on Thursday, December 20  
when the 7th and 8th Grade Boys  
host Imperial with a 5 p.m. tip-  
off time for the 7th Graders. They  
resume Junior High play January  
3.

### Vandals Rip Off High School Offices

Over the years Rankin High  
School, for some reason, has been  
a favorite target of thieves and  
minor vandalism. However, in  
recent months, this activity had  
dropped off—until last week-end.

And then it was back to the  
same old tricks again with a win-  
dow being broken to gain entry  
into the building and several door  
locks damaged in efforts to break  
into offices. A new typewriter was  
reported stolen from the office of  
the principal's secretary.

### Hospital Notes

Cecilia Corrales, McCamey, ad-  
mitted December 17.

W. T. Hutchinson, Iraan, ad-  
mitted December 1.

Mrs. Ella Barfield, Rankin ad-

mitted December 14.

Pete Brown, Odessa, admitted  
November 29.

W. T. Gogan, Rankin, admitted  
December 14.

George Brooks, McCamey, ad-  
mitted December 18.

Mrs. Lester Titsworth, Rankin,  
admitted December 15.

Mrs. Roy Phippen, Rankin, ad-  
mitted December 17.

Mrs. John Marrs, Crane, ad-  
mitted December 11.

Billy Carnes, McCamey, admit-  
ted December 17.

### It's A Girl

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester R.  
Titsworth at 2:15 p.m., Saturday,  
December 15 in the Rankin Hos-  
pital, a daughter named Kristin  
Leigh, weighing 5 lbs., 13 ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr.  
and Mrs. Wayne Webber of Levit-  
land and Paternal grandparents  
are Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth  
of Rankin.

### Hot Purse

Rankin firemen doused a blaze  
inside a purse, inside a car, in  
front of Johnson's at about 1:30  
Wednesday. The purse was a loss  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND HUNTER LOTT AND MARIE ELIZABETH LOTT:**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate and persons of Raymond Hunter Lott and Marie Elizabeth Lott were issued to the undersigned on the 5th day of November, 1973 in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate and persons are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. My residence is 3525 Boulder, Odessa, Texas 79760.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1973.

(s) MAXINE WELLING

Maxine Welling, Guardian of the Estate and Persons of Raymond Hunter Lott and Marie Elizabeth Lott

No. 1072, County Court of Upton County, Texas

**BRIDE'S BOOKS**, wedding announcements and shower invitations at the Rankin News.

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ELBERT SHERRILL, DECEASED:**

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of William Elbert Sherrill were issued to the undersigned on the 23rd Day of December, 1973 in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that we now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. My residence address is 1209 Kilborn, Rankin, Texas and my post office address is P. O. Box 184, Rankin, Texas 79778.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1973.

(s) Betty Jean Sherrill Stanley  
(s) Ada Margarette Sherrill Tiemann

Ada Margarette Sherrill Tiemann and Betty Jean Sherrill Stanley

Co-Administratrix of the Estate of William Elbert Sherrill, Deceased

No. 1073, County Court of Upton County, Texas

**Law Enforcement --**

(Continued from Page 1)

office that will employ four people for 24-hour operation.

This center is to be established in the present living quarters of the Upton County jail adjacent to the Upton County courthouse. Also, offices will be set up in the jail quarters for taking care of the paper work of the department.

Only minor renovation, plus installation of equipment, will be needed to convert the jail living quarters to accommodate the new set-up.

Sheriff S. O. "Sid" Langford will be in charge of the operation and will be responsible for hiring of officers and communications operators.

A number of similar consolidation programs of this nature are "in the works" over the state; however, a state representative has told County Judge Allen Moore that the Upton County effort has been carried out more quickly and with less trouble than any he had worked on.

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