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Christmas south of the equator falls in midsummer. Thus the decorations are fresh flowers and the goodies often are fruits taken direct from the trees.  
 The hanging up of the mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log are two of the most ancient customs which come from our pagan ancestors.

**GREETINGS!**

We're loaded with good wishes and thanks for our many friends who mean so much to us. . . .  
 May this Christmas be your merriest ever!

**T. D. "TOMMY" WORKMAN AND FAMILY**

**Season's Greetings**

To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!

**BOGGS GROCERY**

**(Mrs. Pettit's 3rd Grade) LETTERS TO SANTA—**

Rankin, Texas  
 Dec. 15, 1954  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 I saw one of your helpers at our Sunday school party. An our Preacher was ther too. And my Sunday school teacher had my mane and she gave me a book. We learning The Night befor Christmas at school. I want a babby doll and a bicycle and a cooking sat. My Mother want a new coffee pot and my daddy wold like a pear of shoes becaues he has a broken foot.  
 Love,  
 Jo Lynn Steele

Rankin, Texas  
 Dec. 15, 1954  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 Will you please bring me a bike, a airplane, a horse, a wolf dog and a knife.  
 Love,  
 Charles Newcomb

Rankin, Texas  
 Dec. 15, 1954  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 How were you doing?  
 Don't you every get cold in the northpole?  
 Do you know lff it well snow or not.  
 We have already our room Christmas I Am in Third year in Miss. pettit room  
 Love,  
 Anita Lopez

I want a armyset and Indianset and a armygun and a Junglegun and bring it to my grammothers and dont forget ny nother and my daddy and my sister and my broth-er I would like for you too come too Mrs. pettit's third grade  
 love  
 Jerry Stewart

Rankin Tex.  
 Dec. 15, 1954  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 I would like a B. B. gun. My brother would like a one pound bow and arrow. My sister would like a doll. We are going to have a party in Mrs. Pettit's room.  
 Love,  
 Sammy Cowen

Rankin Texas  
 Dec. 15, 1954  
 Dear Santa,  
 Would you come to our Christmas praty Dec. 21?  
 We would like to have you all of us. Would you bring me a bicycle a bow arrow and a train.  
 Love,  
 Gary Moore

Rankin Texas  
 Dec. 15, 1954.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 How aw yul ding. I want spair gitns I want spair poving glove. We have our Christms tre in our room  
 Love  
 Luke Helmers

There are Scandinavian, French and ancient Egyptian legends which claim to have given the Christmas tree to the world. The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is of one in Strasbough, Germany, 1605.

**Vic Vet says**

VA WANTS TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR BENEFIT CLAIM STRAIGHT BUT IT NEEDS YOUR HELP TOO. WHEN YOU WRITE ABOUT IT BE SURE TO GIVE YOUR "C" OR CLAIMS NUMBER.

For full information contact your nearest VETERANS ADMINISTRATION office

**Automatic Processing GI Loans**  
 In order to speed up the processing of GI home loan applications the VA has urged supervised lenders to process GI loans without asking for VA approval in advance.

These supervised agencies supervised by Federal or State Banking authorities originate more than one half of GI home loans, and they now have the authority or privilege of making, processing, and closing loans automatically without advance approval by the VA and then coming to the VA for guaranty.

Non-supervised lenders (mostly mortgage brokers) must get prior approval of the VA before making GI loans.

The VA emphasized that as long as the price of the property does not exceed reasonable value set by VA appraisal and the veteran is eligible, there is no need for supervised lending agencies to contact the VA in routine cases until after the loan has been closed and fully disbursed.

**VA Provisions for Burial Benefits**  
 The revised VA Manual on statutory burial allowance and accrued amounts due at the death payable as reimbursement, points, out among other things, the following in connection with adjudication procedure for these benefits:

1. If a person whose personal

MAY ALL THE SEASON'S PLEASANT NOTES RING OUT FOR ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS . . .

**CUNNY'S BARBER SHOP**

funds were used to pay the expenses of burial, funeral, and transportation, or of the last sickness and burial, dies before filing for the statutory allowance, or for the accrued benefit, no payment will be made;

2. Last sickness is, as contemplated by existing laws, the immediate attack which ends in death. If the attack is not acute, it shall be regarded as commencing at the time the beneficiary became so ill as to require the regular and daily attendance of another person constantly until death. If death is from some acute attack, the beginning of the attack shall be taken as the commencement of the last sickness;

3. Money borrowed to pay the expense of the burial, funeral, and transportation is considered to be personal funds of the person who received such a loan and not the funds of the person from whom it was borrowed.

4. The statutory burial allowance will not be applied as a set-off against an overpayment made to the veteran during his lifetime;

5. A pencilled signature on a claim is acceptable, and a claim signed in the name of a claimant's husband, preceded by the designation "Mrs." rather than her given name, is also acceptable. A claim signed by a "mark" but not witnessed, may be perfected by the execution by the claimant of VA Form 8-121, properly witnessed;

6. If two or more persons have paid from their personal funds the burial, funeral, and transportation expenses of the veteran, any statutory burial allowance awarded will be apportioned according to the apportioned share paid by each, unless waiver is made in favor of one by other person. In no case will there be allowed the person in whose favor payment is waived a sum greater than that which was paid by him on the burial, funeral, transportation;

7. If two or more persons have paid such expenses from their personal funds and one or more dies before filing claim, no consideration will be given to the amount paid by the deceased person, and the amount payable by the VA will be paid to the survivor in an amount not to exceed the amount paid from the personal funds of such survi-

The safest way to double your money—is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Bright as glistening snowflakes are our wishes, for a wonderful holiday, to you — our many customers!

**McEWEN WELDING SERVICE**

*Merry Christmas*

Each of us here send to each of our many loyal customers the warmest wishes of the Yule Season . . . "Serving you has been a real pleasure."

**SCARBOROUGH'S HUMBLE SERVICE STATION**

**A HEART-FELT SENTIMENT**

This time of year, as we count our blessings, we always recall our many faithful friends. To those of you whom we were honored to serve, and helped us achieve such a successful year — we say, with pride and gratitude

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**GREEN'S GULF SERVICE STATION**

To those friends whose patronage we have so well enjoyed — and to those whom we hope to serve in the future we send greetings and good wishes ★★ for

*a dog-gone Good and Merry Christmas!*

Ivy, Jack, and Sonny  
**WALLACE LUMBER CO.**

OUR CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS TO  
ALL OF YOU  
WHOM WE HAVE  
SO ENJOYED  
SERVING . . .

SAM HOLMES



Lora Simpkins

AUSTIN, Dec. 22. — Christmas, somehow, has taken on a new meaning this year. A gallant girl in a hospital bed 250 miles away is giving it a special glow.

Out in McKnight Sanatorium, near San Angelo, a very short time ago Lora Simpkins' life hung on the outcome of a hazardous lung operation. The odds were fairly heavy that she wouldn't see this Christmas dawn.

But she will . . . and that is what makes Christmas, 1954, different. Lora is just one of thousands of Texans who have TB, but to this erstwhile occupant of a newsdesk her audacious defiance of the deadly bacillus has made her a sort of symbol for all of them.

With Lora it isn't borrowed courage either. Tuberculosis has taken seven years out of her life. It hit when she was 21 and she has cheerfully refused to observe a birthday since then.

There have been times in those seven years that she appeared well on the road to recovery and a normal life only to find the tough little bug gaining the upper hand again. She's had the works in medical

treatment. Bed rest, surgery, miracle drugs, pneumotherapy. To some of these measures she responded with marked improvement—for a time.

And every time her hopes of health were dashed, she shrugged off the disappointment, refused to admit defeat.

Perhaps it is that innate fortitude—or maybe it is just the way she screens it with a rapier wit.

Whatever it is, and without any effort of her own, Lora became the emblem for this writer's personal quarrel with tuberculosis and what it does to Texans.

Late last year she was making such strides toward recovery she was allowed limited activity, part of which was editing the hospital paper.

Then came bad news. Lora was not doing so well. She was back on strict bed rest. Eventually the only alternative appeared—more surgery.

She's been there before. She knew the odds. But she sent a cheerful reassurance along to the Texas TB Association where her bubbling good humor has sparked a wealth of anecdotes.

On her way to the operating room they say she wagered her doctor a steak dinner that she would be well enough for medical discharge



*Christmas Greetings*

RAMSEY CAFE  
AND EMPLOYEES

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*Our thanks and  
good wishes ring out  
to our friends . . .*

*The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out  
our sincere thanks for your wonderful  
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"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"*

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*A Merry Christmas*

THE RANKIN (Tex.) NEWS—  
THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1954

in six months. It was by no means that simple.

For two days and a night the issue was in doubt.

Then came the heart-warming news, "Lora made it. She is going to live."

That was mid November but somehow the words had the song of Christmas bells.

Last week Lora was sitting up in bed, and although breathing with difficulty, was helping direct plans for a pageant of The Nativity she wrote last year.

And somewhere in the hospital Christmas program, with the inimitable Lora touch, there will appear her flippancy parody of a familiar Yule tide classic. It begins, " 'Twas the night before Christmas in Dorm Number 10—' Christmas? It's wonderful!"

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Greetings*

Maburn L. Harris

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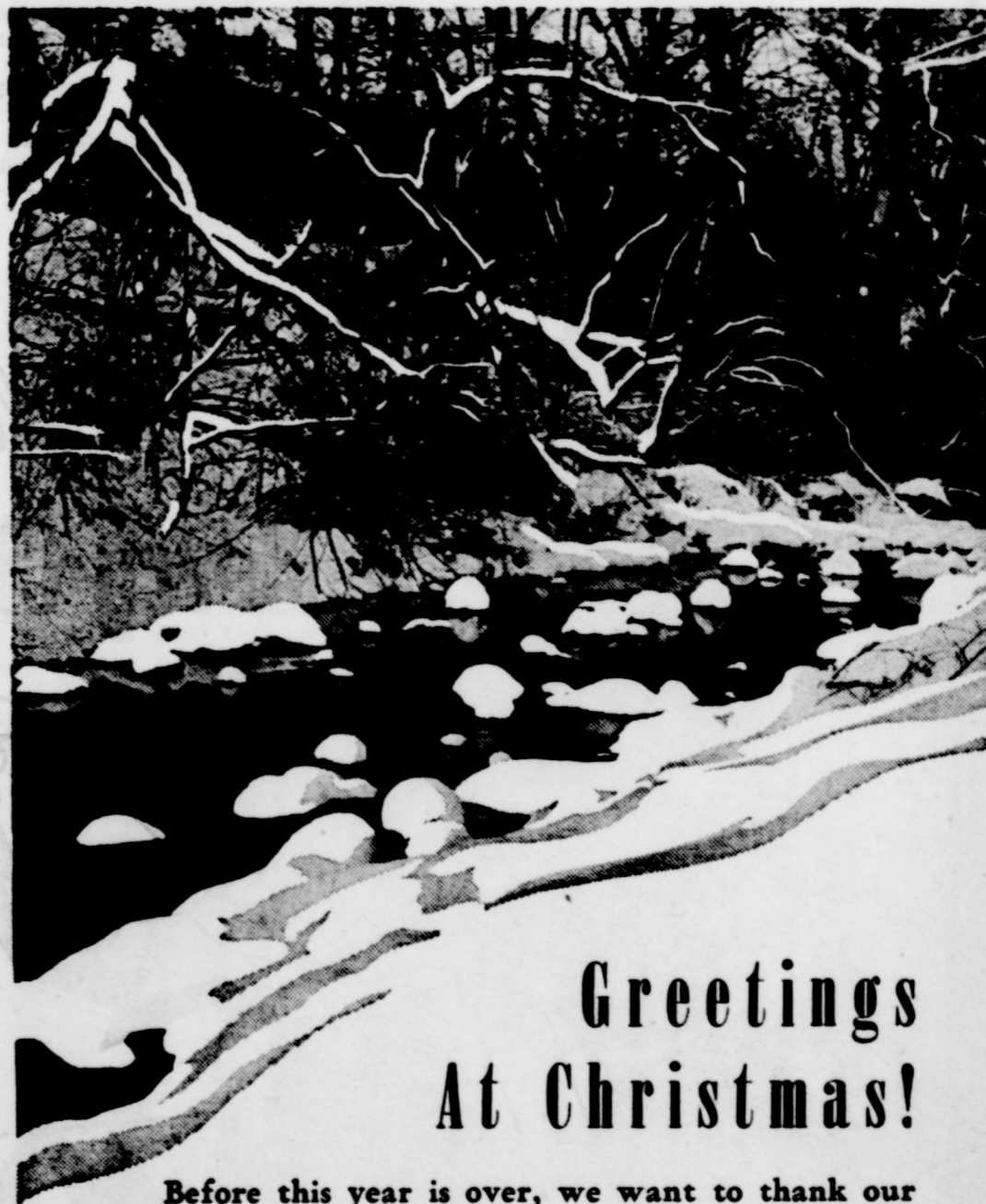
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Home Appliance

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, S. W. Lawson, intend to apply to the Texas Liquor Control Board at its office in the City of Austin, Texas, for a package store permit under the provisions of the Texas Liquor Control Act. The store will be located in section 23, Block 38, Township 5-South, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the NEC of said section: Th. W. along the N. boundary line of said section, a distance of 174 feet to a point; Th. South parallel with the E. boundary line of said section, a distance of 12 feet to a point for the place of beginning; Thence East parallel with the North boundary line of said section, a distance of 30 feet for the NEC of this tract; Thence S. parallel with the E. boundary line of said section a distance of 30 feet for the SEC of this tract; Thence W. parallel with the S. boundary line of said section, a distance of 30 feet to a point for the SWC of this tract; Thence N. parallel with the E. boundary line of said section to the place of beginning. This location is approximately 36.1 miles from the Town of Rankin, Upton County, Texas, and is situated on the West side of the Big Lake-Midland Road. S. W. Lawson, owner. The business will be operated under the name of Rancho Package Store, address: Box 41, Rankin, Upton County, Texas.



**Greetings  
At Christmas!**

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday! . . .

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MEMBER F.D.I.C.

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**ANN'S DRESS SHOP**



**THERE** are no other words that expresses so well the age-old greeting of **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

**G. H. "BUD" FISHER**

**Our Christmas Prayer**

Father, we are grateful for the Christmas season and for all the beauty and happiness it renews within us. We thank Thee for the human significance of the festival we are celebrating. We thank Thee for home and human fellowship and friendship. Deliver us, O Lord, from ever seeking our own good at the cost of others. Forgive us our envies and jealousies and so lead us in wisdom and generosity that we may know what is best for ourselves and for our neighbors. May we seek no good for ourselves which we do not seek for them. Fill our hearts with love and gratitude, tenderness and peace. Grant that we may build Christian ideals into our lives each day as we live together in friendship's warmth and strength. In His name who asked so little and gave so much. Amen.

**Happy New Year Too**

Don't forget that to have luck in the new year you must do these things: Eat blackeyed peas—dollars for every pea you eat. Wear something new—but be sure to put it on when you first dress. Say "rabbits" when you first wake before anyone speaks to you. Do everything left handed if you would have progress in love. Cross your fingers and wish everyone you meet a "Happy New Year"—do all these and luck is bound to be yours!

**Burn the Christmas Greens**

Tradition says that all Christmas greens must be burned on Twelfth Night (January 6) else the elves and goblins who live in the woods will be up to mischief in your home. Maybe they're as distressed as some of us when the once beautiful Christmas tree is tossed out in the yard or even in the ditch by the side of the road.

A very pleasant custom is to gather around the open fire for a ceremonial burning of the greens in which a carol is sung as each piece is placed on the flames. It's even more fun if you have some fire magic or other chemicals sprinkled on to make the fire glow with blues, greens, reds and yellows.

**Schedule of the Week**

During the week of the 26th we'll be in East Texas and plan to do exactly nothing!

The week of the 2nd—well, that's a different story. It looks something like this:

Monday — Hadacol Home Dem. Club

Tuesday—Big Lake Jr. High, Big Lake Elementary and Rankin 4-H



**Holiday Greetings**

We wish a season of joy for our many customers and friends.

**HIGHLAND CAFE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kole

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Wednesday—Texon Home Dem. Club  
Thursday — Mikdiff Home Dem. Club  
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RANKIN, TEXAS  
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Christmas giving in England dates from the reign of Henry VII when Christmas boxes and New Year gifts were a common enactment of royalty from their subjects.

The Colorado Blue Spruce, the Black Hill Spruce, or the Alcock Spruce are the most preferable trees for use as Christmas trees.

Christmas cakes, seed cookies and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving confectionery gifts to Rome Senators.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**DECEMBER 24 & 25**

**"THE COWBOY"**

— PLUS SECOND FEATURE —

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**DECEMBER 26, 27 & 28**

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**DECEMBER 29 & 30**

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RANKIN, TEXAS



**Greetings**

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**Merry Christmas**

and a **Happy New Year!**



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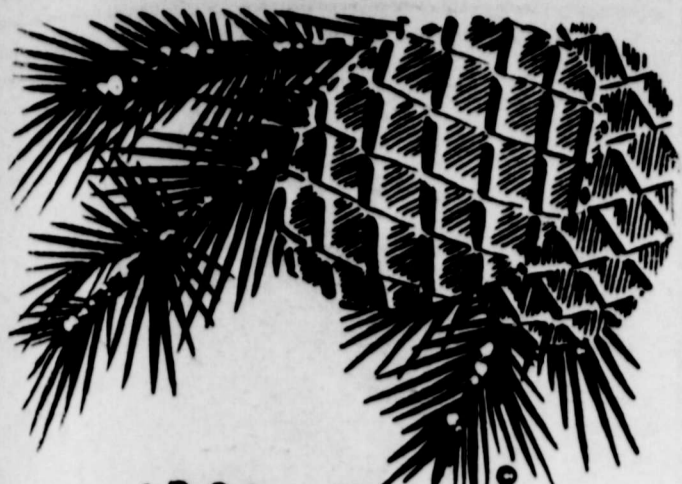
**We Greet You At Christmas**

We take great pleasure at this happy holiday time to salute all our friends: Thank you for your loyalty.



**Yocham Furniture**

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Yocham



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

Once again we pass from business details to honor our many fine customers and friends. Gratefully we say: Thanks, and merry Christmas.

**CLARK'S CLEANERS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Linton Clark



May all the pleasures of CHRISTMAS last you through the entire year!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
ELIZABETH L. RAINS

**LETTERS TO SANTA—**  
(Mrs. Pettit's 3rd Grade)

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Roy Rogers set for Christmas. And my little brother wants a fort apache set. I would like for you to come Christmas eve. I am going to my at Grandmothers. I would like to give my Daddy and Mother a pair of Sunday shoes.  
Love,  
Sammy Bean

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a toy robot. And a Cub Scout suit. And a watch that runs.  
Also a dog house. And a real horse. I would like a hunting knife too. And a b b gun also.  
Love,  
James Harris

Rankin School  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Clause,  
I have a present for Daddy and Mother. They do not know that I have it. My Mother and Daddy got a T. V. for me. I like it very much. Oother Mothers and Daddys will get T. V. sets for Christmas for their own Children. I like Christmas to. The best thing of all is. That we will go on a trip. I have a gun and we are going to hunt deer. The best thing that I like about Christmas is that Christ was born on Christmas Day. I hope that you fill my socking ful of nuts and fruit. Thank you.  
Love,  
Jerry McDonald

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a B. B. gun and a bow and arrows. I would like a pair of boots and some socks. I would like a pair of boxing gloves and a rubber gaint to box. I would like a pair of Sunday shoes for my Daddy and a pair of Sunday shoes for my Mother.  
Love,  
Louis Thornton

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a watch and a Christmas tree too. I would like

you to come to our Christmas party. I am in Mrs. Pettit third grade.  
Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Larry Windham

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a girl's bicycle and a 27 inch doll that has a fur coat and a dog. The doll moves her hand. How are you doing? Don't you every get cold in the northpole? Do you know if it will snow or not?  
Carol Ann Shipp  
Love,

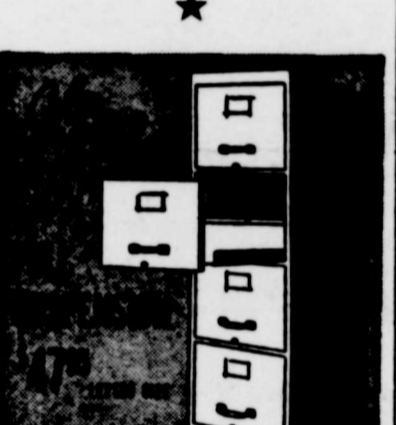
Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a monopoly set. I would like a box of old made cards. I would like some mistery books to read.  
I would like some boys bluejeans.  
Love,  
Carol Ann Hale

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
We have our Christmas tree now.

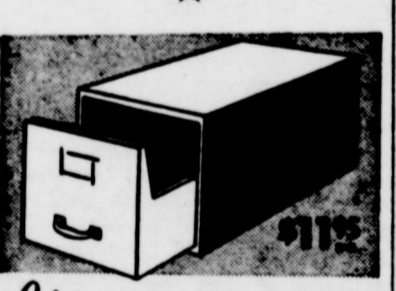
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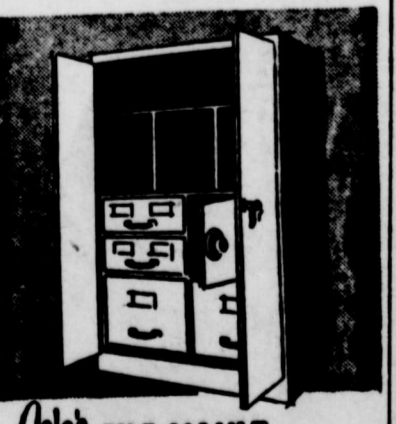


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And we have some gifts under it too. Will you please bring me a dart set, a football, a type, a hardball, and bat.  
Gene Graham

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a wilking doll and a cooking set. We are going to a Christmas praty. Would you come to it. It will be on the 21 of Dec. at Mrs Pettit third grade. My brother wants a cowboy slut for Christmas.  
Love,  
Judy Taylor

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a B. B. pistol. And a Army set. Best of all I would like a bathrobe. And a cowboy suit. Also a pair of boxing gloves.  
I am in the third grade. Come to Mrs Pettet room for a Christmas party December twenty farst.  
Love,  
Richard Miles

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like you to bring me some skates for Christmas. We have a Christmas tree. We would like you to come to our Christmas party at Mrs. Pettit room. We will have a good time if you will come. We will have a good time at the sunday school party too. It is fun to get gift. But the best thing I like about Christmas is that Jesus was born. I hope you can come to our party. Will you come?  
Love,  
Patricia Taylor

Rankin  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a car that will run and a gun that will shoot and a airplan that will fly in the air.  
Love,  
Ronnie Stark

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a knife and a football. I would like a b b gun too and a little yellow car and a truck. And I would like a pair of boxing gloves. I would like a tractor.  
Love,  
Jim Bob Bacon

Rankin School  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing. Did you get my letter. plase bring me a dollhouse and a Viewmaster.  
We have put our Christmas tree up in our School room.  
Love,  
Linda Lou Jarrell

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a set of Roy Rogers and some boot for Christmas and

my borther wold like a suitable of Sant Claus for Christmas.  
Love,  
Juan Ramirez

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1954  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gun and horest for Christmas. I would like some boots and a pocket knife and a bee-bee gun. I have a tv. Christ was borned on Christmas day.  
Love,  
Jerry Stacy

May the spirit of Christmas bless you, always! . . .

**RANCHERS WOOL & MOHAIR ASS'N.**



It is with humility that we thank our many customers for their continued patronage -- and it is with sincerity that we extend to all our wishes for a VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!


**Hogan Motor Company**

**Merriest Christmas...**

in the spirit of Christmas that is reflected in gift-happy little children . . . In the spirit of peace and plenty that is the essence of these Holy Days — we say to you: our many friends . . .

A HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAY!

**RED BLUFF LUMBER CO.**



# Christmas

Once again we are happy for this opportunity to thank our many friends and to wish each and everyone — the Merriest Christmas ever ...

H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS



## HAPPY HOLIDAY

ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.


EDDIE YOCHAM



# Merriest Christmas

There's no time like now to say thanks and Merry Christmas!

**CASHWAY GROCERY AND MARKET**



**STOP! ... here are our Christmas Greetings**

*"Midst all the bustle of this festive season, please, don't overlook all our good wishes ... we are proud to have served you."*

**YOCHAM & HAYES  
MAGNOLIA STATION**



## Christmas Blessings To All ...

All of our staff joins with us in wishing you The Many Blessings of Christmas Happiness ...

**RANKIN ICE HOUSE**



*at Christmas we wish you well ...*

To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, we extend our greetings for a Very Merry Christmas!

**RANKIN DRUG  
MR. AND MRS. BILL MIDKIFF**

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**LETTERS TO SANTA—**

Rankin, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck, a tractor and a tool chest for Christmas, and if you can spare one, a jacket to wear to school. Don't forget my brothers, Charles and Ronnie. We have all been pretty bad boys but will try to do better next year.

Thank you  
Tommy Sheffield

Box 439  
Rankin Texas  
Dec. 14, 1954

Dear Santa  
I am a little boy nine years old. I would like to have an English bicycle. I have a little sister that wants a walking doll and a brother that wants a big red wagon. Please remember all other little boys and girls. There will be something on the table for you Christmas night. I will be glad when you come.

Love,  
Cecil Howard

Rankin, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1954

Dear Santa:  
I am Gary Gene Upham and I have been a nice little boy this year. I am six yrs. old and I go to school am in the 1st grade and I like my teacher Her name is Mrs. Helen McCammon.

I want you to bring me for Christmas two guns in scabarts and a belt with wooden bullets on a belt, a Daisy B B rifle which shoots BBs. I am spending Christmas at Hico, Texas at Grandma and Grandfather Haines so you may bring my toys to Hico this Christmas.

I want a pr. of cowboy gloves with fringed cuffs on them. I want some building logs, a drum, a handy Andy set, story books, funny books, clothes, candy, nuts, fruit and anything else including a bow and arrow set and clothes to wear.

Also some Indian feathers.  
Truly yours,  
Gary Gene Upham

Guests in the Walton Harral home over the week-end were Mrs. Harral's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swofford of Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Visiting in their home now are Mrs. Harral's nieces, Sally and Margaret Swofford of Tela, Honduras. Other guests for the Christmas holidays, which will be spent at their Pecos County Ranch, will be their daughter, Amaryallis, who is attending Texas Tech, and Mr. Harral's mother, Mrs. Helen Hokit of Lubbock, and his sister, Miss Helen Harral of Carlsbad, N. M.

Bobby Ash of Texas Tech is here for the holidays.



## To our many friends at Christmas time ...

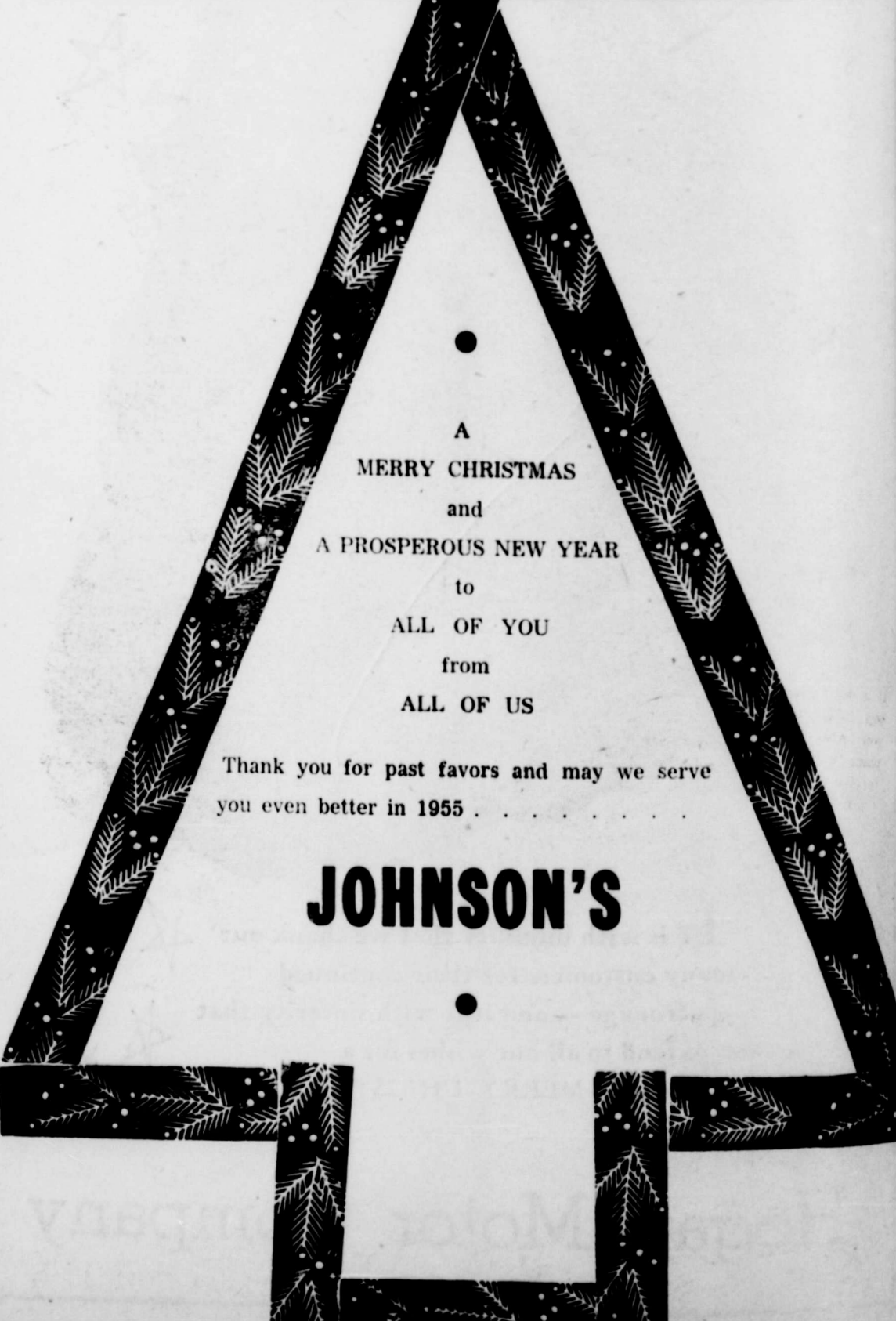
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