

The Rankin News

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1956

SANTA CLAUS COMING SATURDAY

ST. CHURCH SCHEDULES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND SONGS SUNDAY NIGHT

Shannon, pastor of the St. Church, has announced their annual Christmas program will be pre-ay night, December 23. The program has been extended to attend.

Items on the program will be by the entire congregation.

WRECKS IN HOUSE

Man, manager of Rankin and Mohair, says that he has announced that the office No. 1 warehouse is not safe and would appreciate if trucks would not park on

ay night, a large doodle parked at the post office wandering ways and in the front office of the Damage is reported to be on top of that. The first rain in many with the front of the building a large opening.

CHRISTMAS

ceived a most unusual present this week in the form of rain. The rain fell between 3 and 4 and moisture fell in the city on Wednesday with heavier amounts to the

gregation, a Christmas Pageant including songs, acts and readings with every department in the Sunday School having a part, a visit from Santa and a Christmas tree with gifts for the children.

In past years, this event has drawn a full house on almost every occasion and this year's program is expected to be one of the best ever presented by the church. Considerable practice has gone into the pageant and choir rehearsals have been numerous.

"We want everyone to know that they are welcome, regardless of whether or not they are a member of our church," Rev. Shannon has stated. "We are expecting a large attendance and are looking forward to their coming," he said.

NEWS TO PUBLISH LATE NEXT WEEK

In observing the Christmas holidays next week, the Rankin News will be a day late in publication, coming out on Friday instead of Thursday.

News items and advertising will be accepted until noon Thursday, December 27. The issue of January 3 will be on the regular Thursday date.

NO SHOW CHRISTMAS

The Ford Theatre will be closed Christmas night.



Special Treat In Store For Children Saturday At 10:00

The big day for the kids will be Saturday, December 22. That's the day Santa Claus will take off from his home at the North Pole and arrive in Rankin for a personal visit with the small fry.

A considerable amount of activity has been arranged for the youngsters with the Ford Theatre giving a free 90 minute picture show beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be a series of cartoons and comedies and will be open to all children and parents, if accompanied by their children.

SANTA TO ARRIVE

Immediately following the free show, Santa and his helpers—Lions

Club members—will arrive at the theatre and will be loaded with gifts for the children. These will include bags of nuts, candy, and fruit.

While his helpers hand out the gifts, Santa will hold private consultations with boys and girls and hear their requests for Christmas. He also plans to visit around at the stores in town if time permits. He also will come to homes in which children are sick and cannot attend the show. A call between 10:00 and 12:00 to the Ford Theatre would serve to make arrangements for these visits.

GIFTS FOR NEEDY

This year, as in past Christmas seasons, gifts of food, clothing and toys will be distributed to the needy of the community under the sponsorship of the Rankin Lions Club. Anyone knowing of families who might need this sort of aid could contact either Rev. R. L. Shannon or Rev. Lynn McAden who are in charge of distributions to needy families and make arrangements.

DONATIONS MADE

A number of local merchants and service organizations have given to this program again this year. Last year a total of \$317 was collected for the Christmas fund.

All of this money was not used last year and is being put into the program this season.

Stores To Stay Open Monday

Late shoppers will be able to take advantage of last minute buying in Rankin Monday with almost all of the stores in town announcing that they will be open on Christmas Eve.

Grocery stores are expecting a large volume of business as last minute preparations are made for Christmas dinner with some "hot bargains" being offered by Cashway Food Kkt. and Boggs Grocery and Market in this issue of the News. Both Johnson's and Ann's Dress Shop will remain open with a good selection of gifts still to be sold.

UPTON TAX DEPARTMENT IS RATED TOPS IN STATE BY AUDIT OFFICIALS

Upton County's Tax Collector-Assessor office has been given a straight "A" by state auditors who competed a two-day check of records in the court house December 10-11. They reported that not one single error was found on the books.

It was also noted by the group of auditors that Upton County's Tax Department ranks among the best in the state in total amount of collections with a 99.9 percent of 1955 taxes collected last year and 95.6 percent of the current taxes due already paid for 1956 as the last of November. Although unofficial, it is believed that the 1955 collection record is the best in the entire state.

A total of \$900,392.76—just short

of a million dollars—was on the tax rolls in 1955. This year \$888,236.12 is on the rolls for collection.

Delinquent taxes collected in 1955 amounted to \$18,467.22 and through November of this year, \$4,767.92.

In 1955, 1.1 per cent sales tax on automobiles in Upton County amounted to \$19,148.46. Through November of 1956 the figure stood at \$17,523.39.

AUDIT COVERS 1955-56

Audit work completed in the recent check covered all phases of tax collection for 1955 and 1956 through November. It was on these figures that the state auditors reported "no errors."

The auditors were very complimentary to the county department and made mention of the fact that their work was excellent considering the amount of money handled and the rather crowded conditions under which that office is operated.

FUTURE CITIZENS OF RANKIN



"IS IT REALLY SANTA," might well be the expression reflected by the above Future Citizens of Rankin. (Left to right) Marsha and Lois Burns, 4 and 2 years daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Burns; and David, 16-months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Yocham. Row: Stephen Foster, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster; Michael Holder, 5-months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holder; and Stephen McSpadden, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. McSpadden.



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CARD OF THANKS \$1
SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
ONE YEAR (IN ADVANCE) — \$2.75
ADVERTISING RATES ON REQUEST

Filler by J. B.

If the number of cars up and down the street the past week was any indication of the amount of Christmas shopping that was being done, just about everybody in Rankin should have spent more money than he could afford. As they say, the stores were crowded, you couldn't find a parking place, there was too much to buy, the mall was late, we forgot to get a gift for uncle John, Ned sent a Christmas card and we didn't send him one—any everything was normal.

And a Merry Christmas to you, too. You Bet.

Commish Workman says that things look reasonably good for Rankin to get some more paving in the early months of 1957. He pointed out, however, that the number of blocks paved would not be as many as last year but would

still be a substantial amount. Now would be an ideal time for property owners who have not already done so to run their curbing. The advantages of a curb can easily be seen by looking over some of the paving put down last year without it.

Already it has washed considerable and we haven't had much more than a good sprinkle. Property owners would be doing themselves a favor and adding a good number of years to their paving if they would curb their lots.

This is the time of year when one begins to hear of all the things that are going to happen "after the first of the year." Naturally, with only a week or so remaining, just about everything will have to "happen after the first of the year," but the big projects that always seem to be just in the future are the ones referred to.

Personally, we think this may be one time that a good bit of activity will be evident after the first. There are several folks planning new homes which ought to be getting underway before long and at least one reliable report indicates a new business house will be constructed.

Oil activity will likely be about the same with a rather steady increase in the area south of town. Some expansion is also anticipated by the schools.

All in all, 1957 will probably not be a "boom" year for Rankin but it should be a good year.

Rankin's third place win in its first tournament last week-end is rather encouraging to basketball fans. With only three games under their belts, the Red Devils stayed in with some of the best teams in the area and lost only one contest, that going to one of the better basketball teams to come out of McCamey in the past several years.

And a word of congratulations must go to Debs Gamblin for his high point honors. Seventy points in three games is mighty consistent shooting.

FUTURE CITIZENS OF RANKIN



Above are the future editor and star reporter of the Rankin News. They are Barbara Kay, age 10, and Hal, 18 months, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hutchens—and might also be called "Filler by J. B."



... to all our friends and wishing you much happiness!

TED YOCHAM
MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION



Merry Christmas

Jolly good wishes for a Christmas as gay and sparkling as the decorations on your tree!

EXTENDING OUR SINCERE HOLIDAY

Greetings
... to all our friends, and wishing you the best always!

HIGHWAY GROCERY
A. J. McDonald and Family

THE RANKIN NEWS

The Rankin (Tex.) News —
Thursday, December 20, 1956

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like you to bring my Mother and Daddy something. Would you bring Audrey Lee a present She is two years old. Would you bring me a real palomina pony and a cart. If you can't bring the pony bring me a reindeer.

I would also like a doll with high heels and lots of clothes.

You're so kind and I like you so much. I hope you like the snack we put under the tree.

Love,
Kay Rankin

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a nice doll for Christmas with a ponytail, high-heels, and a pretty dress.

I have been a good girl most of the time.

Our room always looks nice and clean. We have our Christmas things up and our Christmas tree. It looks pretty.

Do not forget my big brother he went's somemagic tricks.

Nancy Tippett

Dear Santa Claus,

Happy New Year to you. I wish you would come to our party I hope you have. A good Christmas Day. Merry Christmas to Mrs. Santa. P biring may sister a doll. I want a piano.

Love to you
Mary Romiriz



HOLIDAY NOTE . . . Even in whiskers and costume, this Santa would give himself away with the first note. He's Gordon McRae, popular baritone, probably dressed to play Santa for the three children in his household.

Christmas Ornaments May Stain Carpets

Christmas crepe paper and New Year's confetti can permanently stain rugs and carpets.

Party papers are colored with a wide range of cheap dyestuffs. When the paper becomes wet, the dyes run badly. The dyes will transfer permanently to textiles. If crepe paper and confetti accidentally get wet, keep them off rugs and carpets.

Should a rug become marked with a paper stain, immediate first-aid is necessary. Mix a teaspoonful of neutral soapless detergent in one-half pint of lukewarm water.

Apply the detergent solution directly to the stain a few drops at a time. Use an eye dropper. Sponge the stained area with clean, white, unstarched cloth or cleansing tissue. This will blot up moisture. Begin at outer edge of stain and work in. Repeat if necessary.

Finish by absorbing any remaining moisture with a clean, damp cloth. Complete absorption is important.



Hi!

Here's hoping that you
have a very Merry Christmas!

CUNNY'S BARBER SHOP

J. E. CUNNINGHAM



Greetings

May all the
joys of this Holiday
Season be yours!

OGGS GROCERY AND MARKET



Greetings

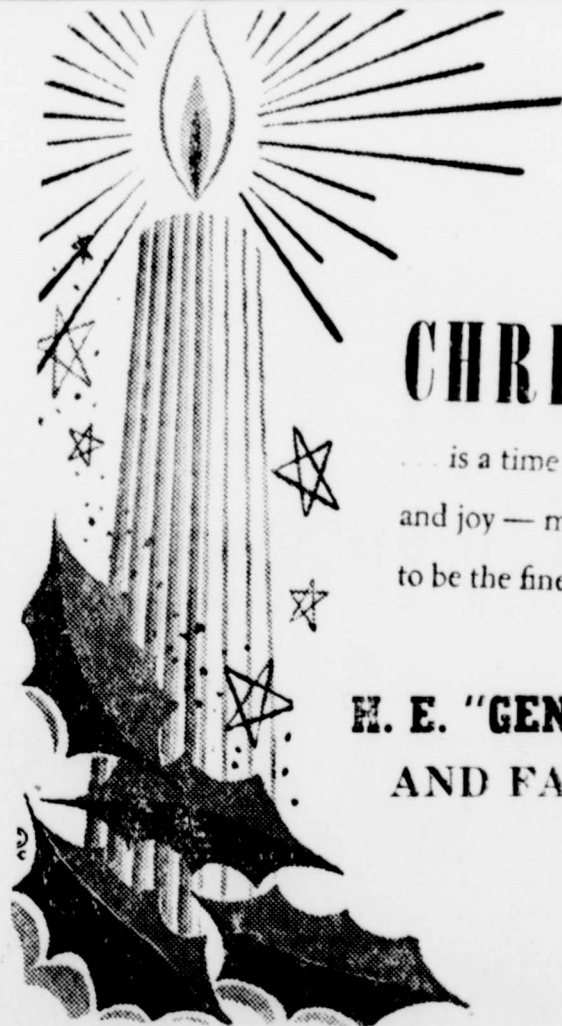
Extending our best
wishes for a cheery
Yuletide Season!

SCARBOROUGH'S HUMBLE SERVICE STATION



We wish you
a sparkling, joyful
and Happy Holiday Season!

NORMAN ELROD INSURANCE AGENCY



CHRISTMAS

... is a time of peace
and joy — may yours prove
to be the finest ever!

H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS AND FAMILY



You'll believe in **SANTA CLAUS**

Special Good For Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Monday, 22.

When You Visit Our **CHRISTMAS** SALE

COFFEE FOLGERS
1 Pound Can

PURE CANE **SUGAR**

GIANT SIZE **Tide or Clorox**

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WE WILL HAVE EXTRA TURKEYS ON HAND

PEYTON SMALL—1/2 OR WHOLE **CURED HAM** POUND **59c**

FRESH WHOLE **PORK HAM** POUND **59c**

3 to 3 1/2 lb. Average Frozen **CHICKEN HENS** LB. **39c**
 4 to 6 lb. Average Frozen **CHICKEN HENS** LB. **49c**
 Hormel Value **BACON** LB. **33c**
 Half or Whole Old Fashion Hickory Smoked **HAMS** LB. **49c**
 Center Cut Cured **HAM** LB. **89c**

Fresh Dressed **FRYERS** (Cut up if you like) Pound **39c**
 Armour Star Thick Sliced Ranch Style **BACON** 2 lbs. **89c**
 Semi-Boneless **PORK ROAST** LB. **39c**
 Choice Baby Beef Arm or Chuck **ROAST** Lb. **35c**
 Armour's Matchless **BACON** LB. **43c**

Armour Star Pear Shaped Canned **Ready-to-Serve HAMS** 9 1/2 LBS. **\$7.69**

HORMEL LARGE Ready To Serve—1/2 OR WHOLE **CURED HAM** POUND **59c**

Hormel **OLEO** 5 LBS. **96c**

80 Count **NAPKINS** 2 PKGS. **25c**

Eagle Brand **MILK** CAN **29c**

No. 303 Libby's **PEARS** 2 CANS **55c**

303 Irvington Club vertical pak Whole **GREEN BEANS** 2 Cans **49c**

Cracker Jack **POP CORN** 2 lb. Bag **27c**

Betty Crocker-except Angel food **CAKE MIX** 3 FOR **95c**

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We Give Frontier Shopping Double

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 7c
 9c
 71c
 5c
 38c
 45c
 43c
 35c
 39c
 49c
 35c

CLEARFIELD

CHEESE

2 LB. BOX

73c

CAMPFIRE

Marshmallow Creme

PINT

19c

SHELLED

PECANS

12 OZ. PKG.

79c

GANDY'S

ICE CREAM

HALF GALLON

71c

GANDY'S

EGG NOG

QUART

59c

TEXANS Buy MORE

GLADIOLA
 than ANY Other Flour



5 lb. 49c

TIN

SNOWDRIFT

3 LBS.

79c

APPLES

Washington Delicious
 Pound

17c

Large Ripe
BANANAS

LB.

15c

California Navel

ORANGES

LB.

12c

Fresh
CELERY

Stalk

10c

Fresh Tokay

GRAPES

LB.

17c

FRESH

CRANBERRIES

1 LB. BOX

21c



**FREE
 Turkeys**

THAT'S RIGHT

We Will Be Giving
 Away Free Turkeys
 Each Day From Now
 Until Christmas

All You Have To
 Do Is Come In And
 Register Each Day

Drawings:

Thurs. 1 Free Turkey
 Fri. 1 Free Turkey
 Sat. 1 Free Turkey
MONDAY
3 FREE TURKEYS

SANTA CLAUS

will be in our store Friday,
 Dec. 21, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 Free ice cream to the children.

GROCERY AND MARKET

Double Stamps On Wednesdays -- Shop Our Every-day Low Prices

NEW MACHINE FOR CANCER FIGHT

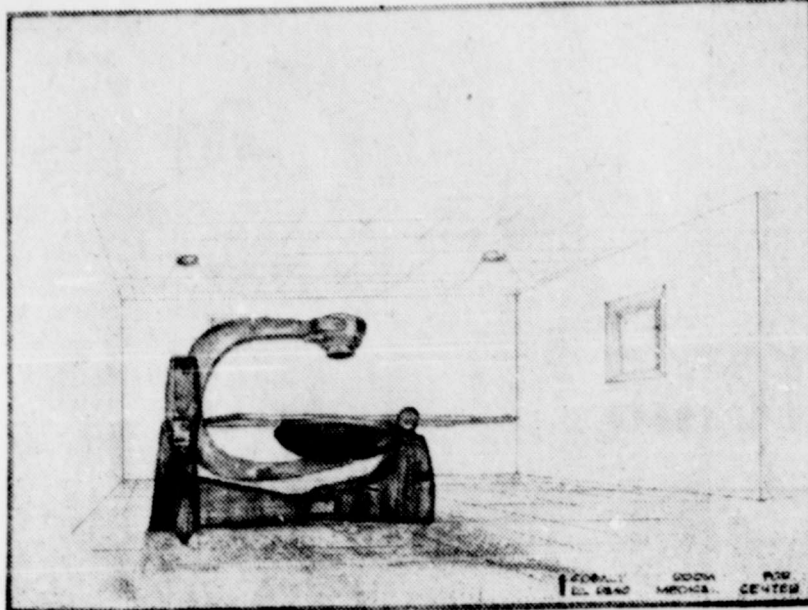
NEWS EMPLOYEES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Employees and their families of the News Publishing Company met in the offices of the McCamey News last Thursday night for their annual Christmas party. Forty-nine were present.

Staged this year as a surprise to C. C. Carll, publisher, the party was highlighted with the presentation to the "boss" of a large office desk. Mrs. Carll received a household piece.

Refreshments were served to those present and Christmas bonuses were distributed to the employees.

Attending from Rankin were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hutchens and family.



This is an architect's drawing of the new radioactive Cobalt 60 machine which will be placed in operation at El Paso's Medical Center some time in February.

The machine will be used in the treatment of some cancer cases and will be the first of its kind in the Southwest between Dallas, Albuquerque and Los Angeles. The machine emits radiation of extreme intensity and has penetrating power similar to the rays from a 2,000,000 volt x-ray unit. The machine will be housed in a special concrete walled building.

INVENTORY PADS AT THE RANKIN NEWS

Favorite Carols Came From Many Lands

Three of our favorite carols were brought to us by early settlers from European lands. England contributed "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen." France gave us "Cantique de Noel," from Germany came "Away in a Manger."

"Adeste Fideles" belongs to no one country, but has been translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

Three Americans enriched our heritage of lovely carols. The earliest contribution, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was made by Edmund H. Sears in 1849; Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., in 1859 composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and in 1868 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Phillip Brooks.

PLACE MATS

If you feel your Christmas cards are too pretty to throw away, make them into place mats. Cardboard such as a shirt pasteboard makes a good base for them. Paste the cards to the cardboard with shellac. Then coat the surface with one or more coats of thinned fresh white shellac.



BACKYARD SPECIAL
This electric locomotive is designed for use in the backyard and comes complete with tracks and all the trimmings. Toys for 1956 are designed to appeal to both boys and girls—and the train seems to have captured the attention of this young couple from New York City.

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INSURANCE NEEDS
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Norman Elrod Insurance Agency

If It's Renewal Time On
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Like The Opportunity To
Talk Over Your Needs.

FORD THEATRE BLDG.
Office Phone MY 3-2482
Res. Phone MY 3-2890
RANKIN, TEXAS



Season's Greetings

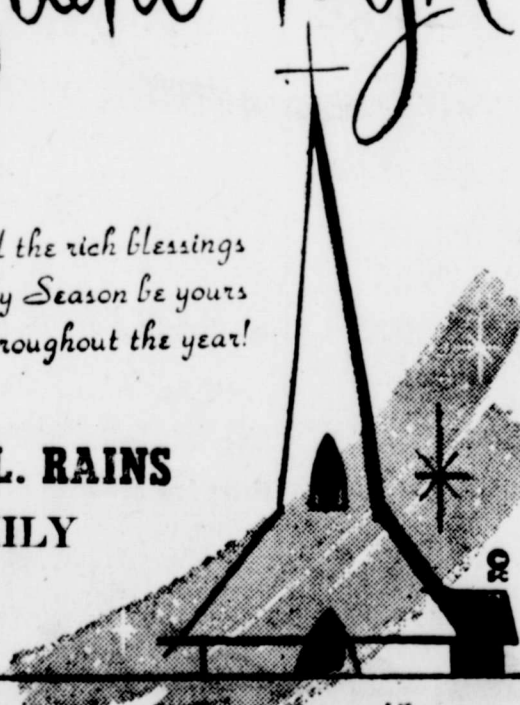


CLARK'S CLEANERS

Silent Night

May all the rich blessings
of this Holy Season be yours
throughout the year!

ELIZABETH L. RAINS
AND FAMILY



WITH THANKS TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS,
WE SAY, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

McKELVY GROCERY AND MARKET



Merry Christmas to
everyone — we
hope Santa brings you
the best of everything!

JOHN A. MENEFEE
AND FAMILY

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like have a Rin Tin Tin gun, an electric trian, an, Army set, farm set, guitar, drum, cattle truck, gyro top, walkie talkie, wood burning set, and a Lone Ranger set.

My little sister wants a monkey and a doll.

My big sister wants a walking doll, doll house, dress, walkie talkie, and a spring,

And please come to the Christmas party Dec. 20 at 12:30 P.M. in Mrs. Pettit's room.

Love,
Bobby Phillips

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a walking doll for Christmas. When I wake-up will it be undr the tree?

My big brother wants a pair of goves and a hat

My little brother would like a bicycle for Christmas

As for my little sister I could not say.

My class room is having a Christmas play and I have four parts in it. The roon would like to have you at the play Dec. 20.

My Mother wants a sewing machine.

Daddy wants a new 1957, car fore Christmas.

Love,
Sally Eckols



WHO'S HAPPY? . . . Most everybody, it seems, but happiest of all is this young gentleman who, we suppose, represents the bright, new hope offered by the new year of 1957.

Long Ago, Man Began Celebrating New Year

The Japanese have always used nolly in decorating for the New Year celebration. It is an old belief that "the prick of the thorns on the leaves would scare away devils." The emperor's first bath Hatsumizy, taken early New Year morning, was called a "religious rite of cleansing and purification performed by the ruler to bring peace and prosperity to Japan and his people."

Long before history was recorded, the Persians discovered sugar cane and made sweetmeats an important part of their New Year celebration. These pagan Persians also made human sacrifices on the eve of the New Year in the belief that their barren fields would be fertilized by the gods.

It was custom in ancient China to make visits shortly after the New Year had begun. Hilarity reigned in old India and Babylon, where celebration of the New Year was a wild affair.

Dear Santa

Please bring me a set of boring gloves and a punching bag. Please dont forget my brother, sister and all the other boys and girls.

Your friend,
David Summers

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a walking doll, I would like a set of dishes, too

Bring my sister and brother some toys, too. My sister wants a ballerina doll.

My brother wants a train and some cars. I hope I will see you at the show. Will you come to our Christmas party at 12:30 o'clock December 20, at school?

Love,
Sandra Broyles

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Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl. I am eight years old, and I am in the third grade.

I like school very much.

My teacher's name is Mrs. Pettit.

I want a doll with a ponytail and with high heels. I also want a watch, some dishes, and a piano.

Your friend,
Kathy Bramlet

Dec. 14, 1956
Rankin Tex

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been a good girl this year. So I would like a pretty doll, games and a bicycle for Christmas

Love,
Linda



Our countless wishes, sincere and hearty, are sent your way for a joyous Christmas Season!

THE RANKIN DRUG

Greetings

Christmas brings thoughts of old friends, good times, and all that's best in life. May this Christmas add richly to your store of happy memories.

ASHWAY GROCERY & MARKET



THE STEVE PRESLARS



Merry Christmas to all our friends! May it be a truly festive and joyous one!

WALLACE LUMBER COMPANY
IVY, JACK AND SONNY

Santa
... is bringing you
our wishes for
a Happy
Holiday!

**G. H. "BUD" FISHER
AND FAMILY**

FUTURE CITIZENS OF RANKIN



Vic, 4, and Jim, 10, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ivy; and Jerry Schooley, 5 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schooley.

Legal Notice NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

The Commissioners' Court of Upton County, Texas, will receive sealed bids until 10:00 o'clock A.M. January 14, 1957, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read, at the Courthouse, Rankin, Texas, for the purchase of:

One 1957 Model 8 Cyl. 4 door

Automobile, equipped with Radio, Heater and Automatic Transmission. Bidder to take trade-in fully equipped 1955 Oldsmobile 4 dr. Sedan.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

J. A. Moore,
County Auditor,
Upton County, Texas

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 2 1/2 years old. I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a horse, football, guns, table and a trike.
I'll be looking for you on Christmas Eve.

ATTEST:
Nancy K. Daugherty,
County Clerk,
Upton County, Texas

Use the classified ad



May all the good things come your way at Christmas!

To our many customers and friends,
our sincere wishes for your happiness
and a Merry, Merry Christmas to you all!

**Lowery & Workman
Insurance Agency**

(Tex.) News —
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ard luck fishing, and on
me he entered the fish
said to the dealer: "Just
and throw me five of

the biggest of those bass."
"Throw 'em? What for?" asked
the dealer in amazement.
"So I can tell the family that I
caught 'em. I may be a poor fisher-
man, but I'm not a liar."



DON'T DEPEND ON
THE OTHER GUY . . .

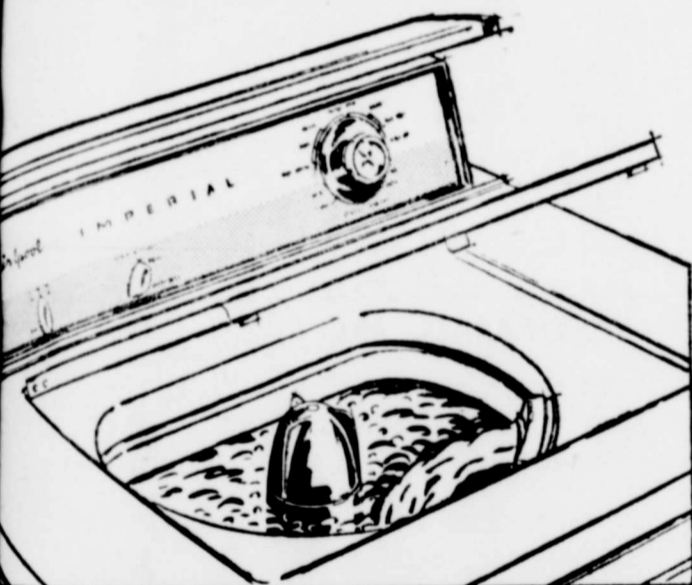
motorist who depended on the OTHER guy's insurance,
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insurance costs just a few dollars a year—should be a
with every driver. If you aren't covered, see us today!

Let US Take the Risk!

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no lint
ON YOUR CLOTHES!
no tray
IN THE WAY!



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—the automatic washer with built-in lint filter

with a lint filter that's out or
way—no tray! Nothing
interfere with loading! Fil-
s out lint full-time, auto-
tically, even when water
level is low. Two washing
cycles, too—Normal for your
regular wash, Gentle for your
delicate things. See it now. Choose
from all-porcelain white or
new Matchmaker colors.

Yours for as little as

As Low As
3.50

a week
(Imperial model)
your old washer makes
the down payment

HOME APPLIANCE

J. T. JAMES, PROP.
RANKIN, TEXAS

FUTURE CITIZENS OF RANKIN



The Gray boys strike a pose for
the camera. Tom, 8 months, and
Terry, 8 years, are the sons of Mr.
and Mrs. Billy Gray.

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Pipe Protectors, Cable, Scrap
Iron, Batteries, Copper wire,
Brass, Aluminum & Rags.
If Dollars mean anything to
you, see us before you sell!

San Angelo Iron & Metal Co.

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William Granger

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Rankin, Texas

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Identification Cards, Social
Security Cards, Drivers Li-
censes, Pictures, etc., sealed
in lifetime plastic for as little
as 59c.

Inclose your items, along with
a self addressed and stamped
envelope and mail to:

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RANKIN, TEXAS

CHURCH NEWS

First Methodist

Lynn McAden, Pastor

Sunday Program:

Church School 10:00-11:00
Morning Worship 11:00-12:00
Evening:
Youth Fellowship 7:30-8:00
Evening Worship 8:00-8:50

Rankin Church of Christ

Upton Street

Sunday:
Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

Martin Kamstra
Minister

First Baptist Church Program

R. L. Shannon, Pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Service:
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Closing Notice

WE WILL
BE CLOSED
DEC. 23-24-25

If You Have Cleaning
To Be Ready For The
Holidays, Please Call
For Your Work By
Saturday, Dec. 22nd



OUR
MOTTO

**CLARK'S
CLEANERS**

Cowboy Christmas Dance Friday, Dec. 21

8:30 'til 12:00

RANKIN PARK BUILDING

Music By
Tex Collins and His Tom Cats

Sponsored By
RANKIN ROPING CLUB

Moore Funeral Home

COMPLETE MORTUARY SERVICE

24 HOUR AMBULANCE SERVICE

Listen Every Sunday, 12 o'clock

"Memorable Melodies"

Station KCMR

L. PORTER JOHNSON

Rankin

C. W. Tilley, Mortician



You'll have a Merry Christmas
DINNE

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY, D
 NOTICE: This store will be closed Tuesday and

COFFEE MARYLAND CLUB
 1 Pound Can

CAKE MIXES BETTY CRO
 3 Boxes

FROZEN FOODS

Flav-R-Pak
STRAWBERRIES 2 Cans **45c**
 Parker House or Clover Leaf
ROLLS 2 doz. To Pkg. **39c**
 Mince Meat
PIES **49c**
 10 oz. Libby's
BROCCOLI SPEARS **21c**

Sunshine
CRACKERS 1 Pound **25c**
 Stokely's 46 oz.
ORANGE JUICE **39c**
 Supreme Pecan Sandies
COOKIES 1 Pound **45c**
 No. 300 Stokely's All Green
 Asparagus Spears 2 Cans **59c**
 Stokely's 46 oz.
TOMATO JUICE **29c**

Sandwich Style

OLIVES

KRAFT'S

MIRACLE

GRADE "A"

EGGS

PUFFIN

BISCUITS **49c**

Dromedary Pitted **6 1/2 Ozs.**
DATES **21c**

WHITE **Pint Bottle**
KARO SYRUP **25c**

SUGAR PURE CANE **5 lbs. 49c 10 lbs. 95c**

Stokely's Blue Lake Smi. Whole
GREEN BEANS No. 303 Can **29c**
 No. 303 Stokely's Red Pitted
CHERRIES 2 CANS **49c**
 No. 303 Stokely's
FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 CANS **49c**
 Dole's Crushed
PINEAPPLE No. 2 Can **29c**
 No. 300 Stokely's
APPLE SAUCE 2 CANS **35c**

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We Give S & H Green Stamps -- Double Stamps on Wednesdays

Across the

CELERY Pascal Stalk **10c**

APPLES Delicious Pound **19c**

ORANGES Texas 5 Lb. Bag **35c**

FRESH CRANBERRIES POUND **23c**

CARROTS Cello Pkg. 2 Pkgs. **19c**

No. 300 Austex **BEEF STEW** 3 Cans **89c**

Giant **CHEER** **71c**

Austex **Spaghetti & Meat Balls** 2 Cans **49c**

Kraft's **DINNER** 2 PKGS. **25c**

Kim **DOG FOOD** 3 CANS **25c**

Heinz Plain or Kosher Style **DILL PICKLES** 25 oz. **39c**

Elfin **TISSUE** 4 Rolls **29c**

Van Camp's **BEANIE WEENIE** 2 Cans **35c**

Giant **TIDE** **71c**

Popular Brands **GUM** 3 For **10c** Box **59c**

KIMBELL'S 3 LB. CAN **Shortening** **79c**

CUT RITE ROLL **WAX PAPER** **27c**

HORMEL'S 5 POUNDS **Oleomargarine** **\$1.**

KRAFT'S 1 POUND PKG. **Caramel Candy** **39c**

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Half or Whole — Pound

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GRADE A
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NICE AND LEAN
PORK CHOPS

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CHOICE

CHUCK ROAST
35c pound

CHOICE

ARM ROAST
39c pound

ENGLISH BRAND
SLICED

BACON
49c pound

HORMEL'S MIDWEST
SLICED

BACON
45c pound

PEYTON'S
PURE PORK

SAUSAGE
2 LBS.
69c

Longhorn

CHEESE

Aged Wisconsin Pound
51c



To our many friends --
our deep felt appreciation
for your loyalty and friendship
during the past year . . .
we wish you a Very Happy Holiday!

T. D. "TOMMY" WORKMAN, JR.
AND FAMILY

FUTURE CITIZENS OF RANKIN



A pair of brothers is easy to tell when Randy and Ricky Edgar get together. Randy is 5 years old and Ricky is 1. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Edgar.

You've reached middle age when you've learned how to take care of yourself and intend to begin almost any day now.

County Revises Budget For 1957

In their meeting of Monday, Dec. 10, Upton County Commissioners' Court, among other business matters transacted, approved a revision of the budget for the county in 1957.

One item which was increased over its original listing was the amount going to the Rankin library. This was put at \$1800. In their first budget set up for the year, the amount going to the library had been set at \$1200. A number of individuals and organizations contacted the court in favor of restoring the amount to its present figure.

Other "budget cuts" which were changed was the amount set up in the Youth Council and Athletic Program funds. The new budget changes call for an allotment of \$4300 for the McCamey Youth Council and Athletic Program and \$2900

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IT PAYS OFF —

How big a part does public promotion play in an entertainer's career? Where does the stop and fame begin?

Well, this we know, Elvis appeared about two years ago, a troupe of entertainers over to an Arkansas town in Memphis. The whole party was so bad, a refund of \$5000 was demanded and received. A complaint for sub-par performance was against the unknown playing singer named Pres

for Rankin's program.

Other matters voted on in court in this meeting included retaining of W. W. Gray, engineering engineer, to draw plans for baseball parks to be built in Rankin County.

A very
**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
to all



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as are Diane and Debbie
e 3 and 5 1/2, daughters of
Mrs. Dub Day.

POST OFFICE LAMENT

He Who Laughs Last —
Is the mail in yet?

It isn't due for half an hour, sir.
The missus wants some stamps,
forty two-cent ones.

That will be 80 cents, sir.
No, I said forty-two "cent"
stamps.

You want one-cent stamps? I
beg your pardon. That will be 42
cents.

And four two's.
That will be 50 cents, please.

And two three's.
Will that be all, sir?
And one airmail.

There you are, sir. Sixty-two
cents all together. (I think)

Can you change a ten?
I sent an order Monday and this
is Thursday. Would it come on
this mail?

It might, but it's hard to tell,
during the Christmas rush.
We used to send an order in
Monday and get it on Wednesday.

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Yes ma'am. (She thinks we are
hiding her package.)

Well! I finally got my cards
finished! I need some stamps.
Just a minute, I'll have to count
'em to be sure. Fifty-seven two's.

I'm sorry, ma'am. These require
three-cent stamps.

But they aren't sealed!
But they contain writing. (It
shows through the envelope.)

Humph!
A dollar seventy-one, please
ma'am.

Could you charge it till morning?
I'm sorry ma'am. We do not
charge stamps.

Do we have any mail?
No, Jane. Tommy was in earlier.

Do we have a package?
No, Janie, not this time. (The
light goes out of her eyes as if you
had flicked off a switch.)

Mail's late, isn't it?



NOEL

May your Christmas be abundant
in joy, peace and every happiness!

**NANCY K. DAUGHERTY
AND FAMILY**

At this Holiday Season, we would like to
wish all of you, our friends and patrons, a
Wonderful Christmas!



First State Bank
Member F.D.I.C.

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GETTING

to All -- at this
Merry Christmas Time!

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TO Henry M. Sachs, Paul S. Bernstein, T. Rosser Reeves, Elsie Sue Lowe Criddle, Post Wheeler, Leone Brown, Lester Howard, William Kearns, Joseph R. Busk, Walter C. Everett, Clinton Ferris, Thomas F. Harrington, Maitland L. Griggs, Van Vechten Burger, Drayton Cochran, Laura Dorelis, Courtland F. Dixon, David S. Foster, John Hemmaway, John Hemmaway and Wesley A. Stenger, Jr (as joint tenants), Craig Leonard, Jane H. Leonard, Marion Hope Smith, B. F. Jones, and Dolores A. Kelley, defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause, you, and each of you, are hereby commanded to appear before the 112th Judicial District Court of Upton County, Texas, to be held at the Court House of said County, in the City of Rankin, Upton County, Texas, at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance thereof; that is, at or before ten o'clock a. m. of Monday, the 28th day of January, 1957, and file a written answer to the petition of R. M. Edwards, et al. filed in said Court on the 3rd day of April, 1953, against the above persons and others, for suit, said suit being No. 1012, the nature of which demand is as follows, to-wit:

A suit to establish a vacancy located in Upton County, Texas, and which vacancy is more particularly described in plaintiff's original petition and which is more particularly described as follows.

M. A. 44077

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at the N. E. Corner of Survey No. 20, Block D, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co., in the West line of Survey No. 1, Block D, D & W. Ry. Co., for the S. E. corner of this Survey.

Thence with the North line of said Survey No. 20 and the North line of Survey No. 21, Block D, E. L. & R.R. Ry. Co., S 74 degrees 50' 50" W 3801.6 vrs. to the N. W. corner of said Survey No. 21, in the East line of M. A. 44510;

Thence with the East line of M. A. 44510, N 14 degrees 58' W 2.6 varas to its N. E. corner in the South line of Survey No. 46, Block 38, Tsp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., as Patented;

Thence with the South line of said Survey No. 46, as Patented, N. 74 degrees 50' 50" E. 1744.2 varas to its S. E. corner;

Thence with the East line of said Survey No. 46, as Patented, N 14 degrees 22' W. 121.3 varas to a point in the South line of Survey No. 47, Block 38, Tsp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., projected S. 74 degrees 50' 50" W;

Thence with the South line of said Survey No. 47, N. 74 degrees 50' 50" E. 1899.4 vrs. to a point in the West line of Survey No. 48, Block 38, Tsp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., as Patented;

Thence with the West line of said Survey No. 48, as Patented, S. 15 degrees 09' 10" E. 121.2 varas to its S. W. Corner;

Thence with the South line of said Survey No. 48, as Patented, N. 74 degrees 50' 50" E. 156.2 varas to a point in the West line of said Survey No. 1, Block D;

Thence S. 14 degrees 53' E. 2.6

varas to the place of beginning and containing 42.56 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at the N. W. corner of Survey No. 3, Block M, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co., and the S. E. corner of Survey No. 48, Block 39, Tsp. 5-South T. & P. Ry. Co., as Patented.

Thence with the East line of said Survey No. 48, as patented, N. 15 degrees 09' 10" W. 121.2 varas to a point in the South line of Survey No. 43, Block 38, Tsp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., projected S. 74 degrees 50' 50" W;

Thence with the South line of Surveys No. 43, 44, and 45, Block 38, Twp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., N. 74 degrees 50' 50" E. 5740.4 varas to a point in the West line of Survey No. 46, Block 38, Twp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., as Patented;

Thence with the West line of said Survey No. 46, as patented, S. 15 degrees 09' 10" E. 121.2 varas to a point in the North line of Survey No. 1, Block M, E.L. & R. Ry. Co.;

Thence with the North line of Surveys 1, 2, and 3, Block M, E. L. & R.R. Ry. Co., S. 74 degrees 50' 50" W. 5740.4 varas to the place of beginning, and containing 123.24 acres, more or less.

M. A. 44510

Beginning at a point in the South line of Survey No. 46, Block 36, Twp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., as patented, also in the West line of Survey No. 21, Block D, E.L. & R. Ry. Co., and being 121.8 varas S. 14 degrees 58' E. from the N. W. corner of said Survey No. 21;

Thence with the West line of

Surveys 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block D, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co., S. 14 degrees 58' E. 6738.2 varas to a 1/2" G.I.P. for the Patented N. E. corner of the South one-half of Survey No. 20, Block N, H.E. & W.T. Ry. Co.;

Thence with the North line of the South one-half of said Survey No. 20, as Patented, S. 74 degrees 45' W. 153.5 varas to a point in the East line of said Survey No. 20;

Thence with the East line of Surveys 20, 9, 8, Block N, H.E. & W.T. Ry. Co., and the East line of Survey No. 1, Block M, E.L. & R.R. Ry. Co., N. 15 degrees 09' 10" W. 6738.5 varas to a point in the South line of Survey No. 46, Block 38, Twp. 5-South, T. & P. Ry. Co., as Patented;

Thence N. 74 degrees 50' 50" E. 175.4 varas to the place of beginning and containing 196.28 acres, more or less.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS: Nancy K. Daugherty, Clerk of the District Court of Upton County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Rankin, this the 14th day of December, A.D. 1956.

NANCY K. DAUGHERTY
Clerk of the 112th Judicial District
Court of Upton County, Texas.

(SEAL)
Issued this the 14th day of December, A.D. 1956.

NANCY K. DAUGHERTY
Clerk of the 112th Judicial District

Dear Santa Claus,

I live on a ranch and I have a horse & saddle. His name is Dud. Oscar and I have been riding our horses.

I think I have been a good boy. Please bring me a B.B. gun pistol, some boxing gloves, and some school socks. Please fill my Christmas sock with candy, nuts and fruits.

Love,
Carl Pettit

Court of Upton County, Texas.
(SEAL)

(1-3-57)

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Dear Santa Claus,

I'd like to have a baby because Mother wants you to bring something.

Our school room is looking better because we put some pictures up.

We got our Christmas tree for our home. We decorated it.

We hope you can come to our program Dec. 20 12:30 O'clock.

Love,
Rodney G.

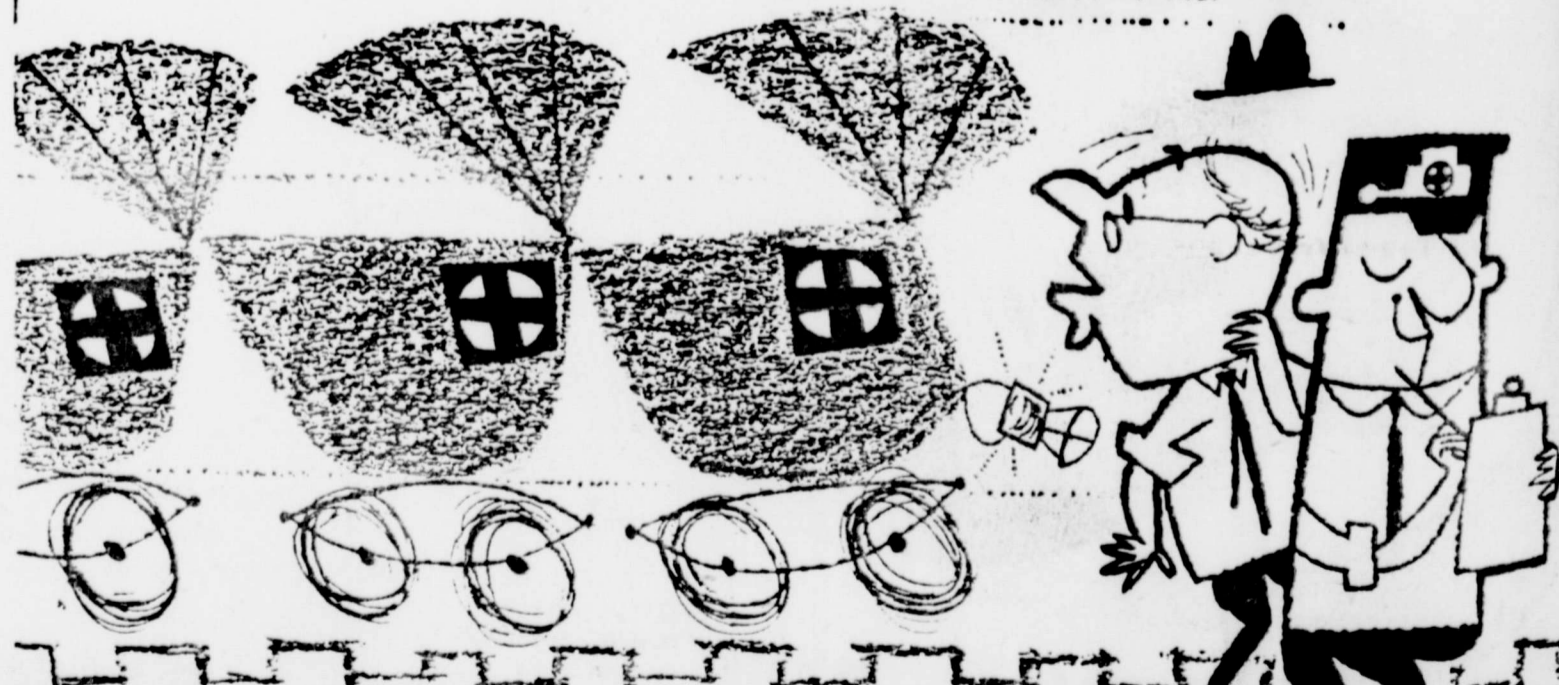
Back To The Bible

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 3:8.

Growth is a normal consequence of birth. The principles that produce strong physical growth operate in the spiritual realm. Good food is essential. Man that does not keep daily contact with the word of God deprives his spiritual being of its essential food (Matt 4:4). Prayer and exercise is essential for strong growth. Feeding the soul upon God's revelation without translating its message into daily activity will produce a contentious hypocrite. Freedom from disease is also essential to proper growth. The disease of worldliness will destroy the spirit (1:27). Worship that is not free from the disease of hypocrisy, tradition, authority or doctrine will produce spiritual death. Our Lord said "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" Mark 7:7.

Martin Kamstra Rankin Church of Christ

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TAKES 3RD TOURNAMENT

their first annual to be held on the home number of years. the Devils won two and trest for a third place other honors captured high point man of the taken by Rankin's Debs amblin was also named ournament team.

WINS FIRST GAME

Opening play against O- Rankin took a 24-14

half time lead and held on to win 40-35 with Gamblin hitting the hoop for 21 points. This win put the Red Devils in the Championship bracket of play.

At the same time, McCamey was trouncing Imperial, Iraan dropped Crane 56-44 and Grandfalls and Fort Stockton staged a thriller with the Cowboys winning by a matter of two points. This left Rankin, McCamey, Iraan and Grandfalls in the semi-finals for Championship play while Fort Stockton, Ozona, Crane and Imperial went into consolation rounds.

McCAMEY OVER RANKIN

Opening play Saturday started early in the morning with Ozona defeating Imperial 44-38 in consolation and Crane edging by Fort Stockton 41-40.

Opening the Championship brac-

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ket in the semi-finals, McCamey had little trouble beating Rankin 74-56 while Iraan had to come from behind to take Grandfalls 43-42. Gamblin had 25 points for the Devils.

FINAL GAMES

In the final contests, Ozona topped Crane 41-29 to win consolation while McCamey downed Iraan 47-62 for top honors. Rankin and Grandfalls staged another thriller with a close contest ending in favor of the Red Devils by a 59-56 marker. Gamblin again led his squad with 24 points.

FINAL STANDINGS

Final standings in the eight team tournament were:

CHAMPIONSHIP

McCamey Badgers 1st place
Iraan Braves 2nd place
Rankin Red Devils 3rd place
Grandfalls Cowboys 4th place

CONSOLATION

Ozona Lions 5th place
Crane Cranes 6th place
Pt. Stockton Panthers 7th place
Imperial 8th place

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a bow and arrow guns and a truck and a horse.

James Hal Holt

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a table and chairs guns and house shoes. Tractor

Terry Kent Holt

Dear Santa, Claus,

I have been a good boy.
I would like two guns, a canteen, and a tent.

Dont forget my sister.

She would like to have a doll.

Love,

Leslie Lancaster

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May your Christmas be surrounded
by all the blessings and joys of this
festive Holiday Season!

HOGAN MOTOR COMPANY
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Mrs. Ivy Hosts Beta Sigma Phi Meeting

Mrs. Virginia Ivy was hostess to the Dec. 11th meeting of Beta Sigma Phi sorority which met at the evening hour of 7:30.

Mrs. June Prentice, president, presided at the business hour at which time sorority members voted the continuation of support of civic projects by contributions of \$100 to the Rankin Girls Scouts; \$15 to the Rankin Boy Scouts; and \$10 to the Texas Crippled Children Foundation.

Mrs. Alma Adams, finance chairman, suggested the re-ordering of Christmas fruit cakes for sorority sales as a current finance project.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a cultural program was presented by Mrs. Sara Rozean on musical interpretation of the rhythmic melodie aspects of music as it affects each individual.

Mrs. Ann Phillips was awarded the door prize. Refreshments of cokes or coffee were served to approximately 24 members.

Rankin Rebekahs Elect New Officers

New officers of the Rankin Rebekah Lodge have been elected.

They are Pauline Sheffield, noble grand; Alice Bell, vice grand; Elizabeth Rains, secretary; Martha Snell, treasurer; Mary Lou Holt, lodge deputy; Cora Lee McKelvy, team captain; Dorothy Howard, representative to the Rebekah Assembly; alternate, Elizabeth Rains.

HOSPITAL NOTES

James Holt, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Holt of Rankin, was admitted December 10.

Mrs. Alva Lee Jones of Texon was admitted December 12 and dismissed December 17.

Mrs. W. A. Wadropp of Midkiff was admitted December 12 and dismissed December 15.

Glenda Merle Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy of Rankin, was admitted December 15.

Terry Holt, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Holt of Rankin, was admitted December 13.

Cecil Loyd of Rankin was admitted December 16.

Mrs. Darwin K. Pittman of Midkiff was admitted December 16.

Mrs. Geo. Plumer of Big Lake was admitted December 17.

Sandra Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy of Rankin, was admitted December 17.

Mrs. Omar Warren of Rankin was admitted December 17.

BIRTHS:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Lee Jones a baby boy on December 12, weighing 8 lbs. and 3 oz. The baby was named Ricki Lee. Mother and baby were dismissed December 17.

Baby Pittman of Midkiff was born December 16, weighing 7 lbs. and 6 1/4 ozs.

JOHN A. MENEFEY
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Rankin, Texas

OFFICE IN FRONT OF COURTHOUSE
OFFICE PHONE MY 3-2291
RESIDENCE MCCAMEY
OLIVE 2-3087

FUTURE CITIZENS OF RANKIN



Top Row: (left to right) Lester Ray, 5, and Larry D. sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth; and Stephanie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee. Bottom Row: Jeffrie, 19 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee; Ria Louise Reams, 2 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reams; and Paschall, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Paschall.

Dear Santa,

I want a b-b gun. I want a crane. I want a dump truck. I have been a pretty good boy.

Thank you
James Don Sawyer

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman spent the week-end in Midland with their son, David, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Shaw are in town from their ranch south of Maratnon.

Mrs. J. W. Garner was released from St. Johns Hospital Sunday. Mrs. Garner is very much improved but will stay in San Angelo with her daughter, Mrs. Ray McLaughlin, for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wheeler of Brady spent last week-end in Rankin visiting with relatives and

Mrs. Zack Monroe, Mrs. Roscoe Snell and Mrs. Calla Henley were Christmas shopping in Midland last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Monroe and little daughter are with Mr. Yocham's parents

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Eggen shopping in San Angelo Saturday.

Sandra Kennedy is at home A.C.C. for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Langford, Carolyn and Butch visited in Rankin with Mrs. Langford's Sunday.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas bring me a bike and a pair of guns, and a pair of boxing gloves and I want this year.

I would like for you to come and play the 20th.

It is starting at 12:30 P.M. It will end at 2:00 P.M.

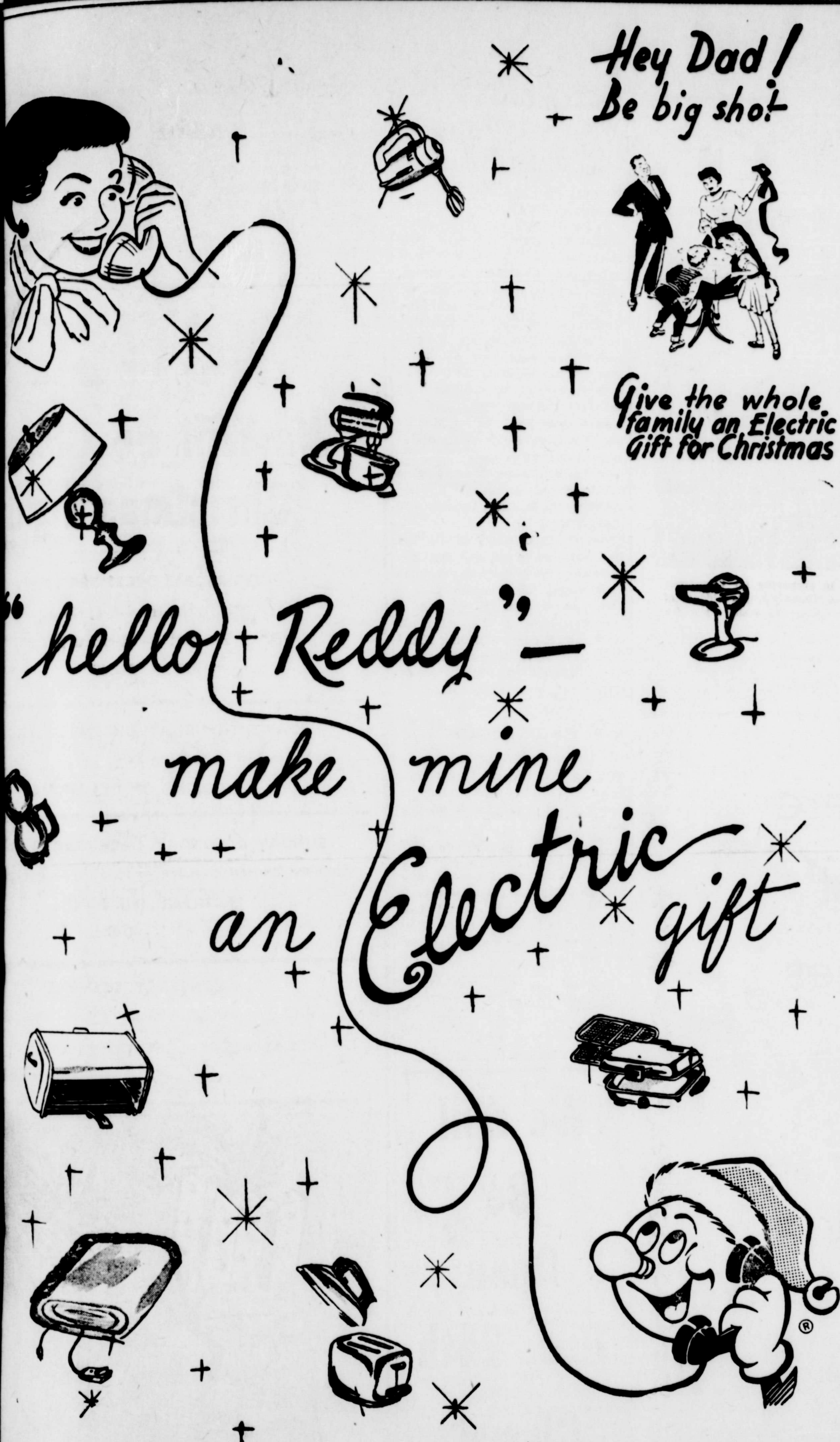
And don't forget my little Cherles and Ronnie.

Tommy Sh



May you and yours enjoy
a Yuletide season filled
with cheer and goodness!

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Be big shot!



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hello Reddy -
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Company

**HOME DEMO CLUB HAS
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

By ALLAHLE BROWN
Reporter

The Midkiff Home Demonstration Club had their annual Christmas party at the home of Thelma Payne Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., December 11.

This concluded our last meeting for the year. Mitzi Case opened by playing records of a Christmas story "The Littlest Angel" by Loretta Young. Everyone enjoyed it very much. Then we played several games including Gossip, Zip, Gobble Gobble, and Coffee Pot.

Louise Chesnut won the door prize. Thelma handed the presents out and everyone enjoyed opening the packages. Refreshments were served to nine guests including Vera Carroll, Lila Ritter, Jeralda Taylor, Betty Howell, Joan Farley, Louise Chesnut, Mitzi Case, Mary Speers and Allahlea Brown.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you can bring me a doll for Christmas. I have a little brother too. He wants a bicycle, a gun, and soon candy, for Christmas. I want a bicycle too. We have drawn picture of you and put them up in our room. I hope you can come to school on Dec. 20, 1956. I hope you can come to my house. I want soon shoeskts my little brother wants soon skts too.

Love,
Norena Jane Sturgeon

Dear Santa,

I want a bicy for Christ'ns. I have been a very good boy this year. We are having a play Dec. 20 at 12. 30o'clock in Mrs. Pettets room.

Love,
Salvador



NO FOOLING . . . Gil Hodges swapped his baseball uniform for a Santa Claus outfit but he wasn't able to feel this young Dodger fan at the children's clinic of a New York hospital.

BRIGHT DECORATIONS

The conventional wreaths which adorned Christmas doors and doorways for years have given way to popular use of bells and tree ornaments.

You can make both doors and window frames bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. Hang ribbons in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an English bicycle a size 24. We have a very pretty School this year. I hope you will come to see us for the party this year. Our Christ-

mas party will come on December 20 at 12:30 o'clock
My little sister wants a teaset.

Love,
Dan Brown



THE TREE . . . Part of the joy in preparing for Christmas centers around the selection of a tree. These young residents of New York City are deciding between a long and a short pine for their home.

Closing Dates Will Vary For Rankin Firms

Closing dates for the Christmas Holidays will vary considerably for Rankin business houses next week.

A majority of the firms have announced that they will close on Tuesday and Wednesday. These will include several of the grocery stores, lumber firms, dry goods, etc.

Clark's Cleaners has scheduled their work in such a way that they will be closed Monday and Tuesday and re-open Wednesday. Customers who have dry cleaning for the holidays should call for their work by Saturday evening.

First State Bank, as required by law, will observe only December 25 as a closing date.

Offices in the county court house will be closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 22 through 25.

West Texas Utilities and the City Hall will observe the 25th and 26th while the Post Office has scheduled their closing for December 25.

Most service stations will take a one-day closing on December 25 while several cafes, including Highland Cafe, have announced that they will be open and serving Christmas dinner on the 25th.

A BOY FOR HOGANS

A late scoop Wednesday reports that the Ted Hogans, former residents of Rankin now living in Crane, are the parents of another boy.

Born at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Crane Hospital, he weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs., and the entire family, including the Rankin grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan, are reported to be doing fine. Thus far, only the name Robert has been decided upon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains spent last week-end in San Angelo with her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Word, and family.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you bring me a doll? My sister Olivia Stone, would like a doll. Sandra Stone wants a doll. Lola Gay Stone, wants a doll. Penny Denea Stone has a doll. My Mother needs a clock.

Love,
Beatrice Stone.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you would bring me a football set, and a baseball. I wish you would bring me a doll. Come to our play at school on December 20, at 12:30 o'clock.
Your friend
Terry

NOTICE

We Will Be Closed Christmas Night

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

BINGO NIGHT — \$115.00

Bruce Bennett — Richard Arlen

"HIDDEN GUNS"

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 & 22

Randolph Scott in

"THE DOOLINS OF OKLAHOMA"

SUNDAY & MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 & 24

Richard Widmark — Trevor Howard — Jane Bryan

"RUN FOR THE SUN"

Superscope — Technicolor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Walt Disney's

"THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE"

Cinema Scope — Technicolor



We've wrapped up our sincerest wishes for your Merriest Christmas ever!

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Sincere
Best
Wishes
for
the
Holiday
Season

from all
of us

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We Will
Be
Open
Dec. 24th
Closed
25 - 26

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