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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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Children See Christmas . . .

Christ Child

Rhonda Sproul

There was a man called Joseph and a woman called Mary. Mary was a carpenter. Mary was

they had to go on a journey to pay their taxes. All day at night they were in the Inn. Joseph asked the innkeeper if he had a room. But the innkeeper said "Many people are here to pay their taxes. I have no room. But I do have a stable where the animals stay."

At something wonderful the Christ child was born. His name was Jesus. The shepherds came and worshipped him. We love him very much because he is God's son.

Workman, daughter of Mrs. Tommy Workman, at the Clinic Hospital in Rankin with pneumonia. Reports that she is improving.

Santa And His Reindeer

By Cheryl Little

One cold night Santa hitched his reindeer together. Their names are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen. Comet Cupid, Dunder and Blixen.

It was time for our journey over all the world he told them. When he left for his journey the reindeer had to pull hard.

After he had gone around the world he came back to rest and make things for next Christmas. As he worked he thought about his reindeer.

They were very old and he would take good care of them so he could use them next Christmas.

He had thought of using a jet and other things but he thought nothing was better than his reindeer.

Long Holiday Week-End In Prospect For Rankinites

Santa Letters . . .

This week, the Rankin News is publishing a large number of letters to Santa. Most of them were written by school children in the second and third grades and are reproduced as nearly like they were written as possible. Readers are to remember that Santa understands all Christmas letters—even though they may have misspelled words and such like here and there.

The group of Christmas stories were written by third graders and those published were not picked because it was felt that they were the best—there just wasn't room for all of them and those published were the first ones in line.

Prospects for a long Christmas Holiday week-end appear in store for many Rankinites as business houses, schools and offices bring to a close a grinding season of Yuletide activity on Wednesday night and retire to homes lighted with Christmas trees surrounded by gifts and surprises for all concerned.

A number of local business places have announced four-day closings while others will take two days. All are expected to be open again on Monday, Dec. 29.

Rankin schools were dismissed at

2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 23 and will re-open at the regular time on Monday, January 5.

Most County offices will be closed for four days.

TO REMAIN OPEN

At least one cafe, Highland Cafe, will remain open to serve the public throughout the holidays. They have indicated that they will take their holidays on December 28-31. Several of the well servicing establishments in Rankin will operate as usual.

MOTORISTS WARNED

Motorists who plan to travel on the highways over the week-end are warned to be extremely careful. Traffic fatality records are usually at their worst during the latter part of December. All law enforcement agencies have been instructed by the governor to be on the alert for violators and the pencil and ticket books are expected to be in heavy use by all highway patrolmen.

Sheriff Eckols has stated that he would advise all drivers to be particularly careful of their speed and to drive careful at all times. He has said that Upton County has a fine record for safety thus far in the year and that with cooperation from everyone, the year can be completed in a like manner.

SERVICES HELD DEC. 20 FOR ABBIE STANLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stanley and family attended the funeral services for his mother, Mrs. Abbie Louise Stanley at Velma, Oklahoma December 20th.

Mrs. Stanley passed away December 15 in Wasco, Calif. She was a former resident of Rankin and made many friends here.

What Christmas Means

By Kyle Adams

Christmas brings great joy to you, me, and everyone. It is a time to be happy. Christmas is the day we celebrate when Christ was born.

Christmas is on December 25, 1958 of this year. It is the day we give things to people because we love them.

Miss Myrna Holman is spending the holidays with her mother in Teneha, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Christy left Monday for Ruidosa, New Mexico where they will spend the holidays.

UPTON 4-H CLUB PREPARES LAMBS FOR STOCK SHOW

Clippers, brushes and combs with soap and water were the order of the day this week as the members of the Upton County 4-H Club prepared their lambs for their annual livestock show here on January 2.

Starting off the activities for the day will be a barbecue at the elementary school building. This year a charge of \$1.10 per plate will be made to all who attend the feed. Hurst Catering Service will serve the meal which is to consist of barbecue and all the trimmings.

Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Judging of the livestock entries will get under way at 6:30.

A fine group of lambs is expected to be on exhibit this year and the public is invited to attend at no charge. Buyers for the lambs are also needed and anyone may enter a bid.

Santa Claus

By Tony Case

There is a man called Santa Claus. Every Christmas he comes to town in his sleigh. There is a big crowd around Santa.

When the parade was over all the boys and girls went to Santa Claus. Santa Claus talked to all the boys and girls and after he got through talking to them he gave them some candy.

Then the next morning the boys and girls played with their Christmas toys.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, Jr., of McCamey, are the parents of a girl born December 22 at 7:00 a.m. weighing 6 lbs., 13 ozs.

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SHORT SNORTS —

This week we're going to take it easy and not write much of a column—sort of a Christmas present to you from us.

This is the week of Christmas and we are filled with brotherly love for our fellowmen—we even like Ike this week—so we are turning over most of our reading space to the children and their letters about Christmas.

After all, Christmas is said to be for the children and who can deny this when you read their letters such as the little fellow who said that his brother was sick and wanted him to get well for Christmas.

Or the one who told Santa that he was putting some nuts, apples and a glass of water on the table for him and that out in the yard there would be hay for his "raindeer" and that the door would not be locked.

You can't improve on things like that for Christmas.

To those of you who are faithful to read this column each week, we want to express our sincere thanks and to wish for you and yours the very best for Christmas and that we all remember and pause to thank our Lord for his goodness toward us.

A Merry Christmas To You!

A CHRISTMAS JOKE—

"All right, you fat guy in the red suit. Come down off my roof and bring that flock of reindeer with you."

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Letters To Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old. I have been a good girl. I want a doll, a diary, a ring an autograph book. A also want some clothes.

Love,
Mickey Hughes

Dear Santa Claus
I am Tony Case and I live at Midkiff. I am nine years old. For Christmas I want a swin bicycle a monokly set a six shooter an electric train. In Mrs. Pettit's third grade, we are decorating our room and getting ready for the party.

Your friend
Tony Case

Dear Santa,
I live in Midkiff and my name is Carol Phillips I am 9 years old. I am going to my Aunts for Christmas.

I want a bicycle, doll, ring and record player.
Our Christmas tree is ready for you. Our school room is ready too. Our bulletin board is pretty.

Love,
Carol Phillips

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a kitten and a dollbuggy. I have been a good girl all the time and gotten my lessons each day. We are having a Christmas party December 23th P.M.

We will have cokes, nuts and other things.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

With love,
Cheryl Little

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old and I live in Rankin. My Christmas tree is ready for you to come. I'm going to spend a week with my Grandmother in Eldorado.

I want a Bride doll with black hair, a record, a cook set, and a ring.

Our third grade is having a Christmas party. We have our own Christmas tree up and our room decorated. I hope you have a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year"

Your friend,
Rhonda Sproul

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Merry Christmas

In newspaper parlance, it's about "30" for the Christmas season . . . in plain words it's about over. So, everyone here, . . . all wish you a most delightful Christmas. May it truly be a memorable occasion and may the headlines of the New Year record only happiness and success for you and yours.

THE RANKIN NEWS

(Tex.) News—
December 25, 1958

To Santa . . .

Rankin, Texas.
Dec. 18, 1958.

Learning at School Please
I want a doll. I want a pig
I want a watch. Santa bring
I want a book

Rankin Texas-
Dec. 18, 1958

I learned to write letters
It is fun to write let-
I want a doll four CHRIST-
some dishes and lot's of

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

I learned to write letters
I want a dolly that has
and a set of dishes. and
house and a little kitchen.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Cape Canavral Set and
a B. B. gun. I hope you will come
to our home this Christmas Eve.
Merry Christmas to you.

Your friend,
David Prentice

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and a story book.
I also want a dollhouse. I want
a dress that is very pretty. I want
some paperdolls. I have been very
good.

Your friend,
Julia Moses

Dear Santa Claus,

Can you bring me a bicycle and
a bolt action 22?

Love,
Billy Wayne Hale

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a camera, a coke machine,
doll and sewing machine. I want
some doll clothes, too. I have been
a good girl.

Your friend,
Carol Jean Crawford

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Paladin gun and cards.
Also, I want an army set.
Your friend,
Larry Funderburg

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Cape Canavral Set and
an Artic Defense Set.

Your friend,
Joe Bayless Adams

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a black bicycle. I want
a box of airplanes too. The box
of airplanes cost \$1.69.

Your friend,
Mike Daniel.

Rankin, Texas
December 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I have learned to write a letter.
I want a gun and a bow and aroow
and coay and a B B gon, football,
Zoor gon.

Roddy

Rankin Texas
Dec. 17: 1958

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a accordion. I want a
sewing machine. I want a play hous
with swimming pool. I want some
dishes. Then dear Santa I like
to say Merry Christmas to all.

With love,
Darlene

Dear Santa Claus;

Would you please bring me a
baton, piano and a doil.

Mark would like a shotgun and
cowboy hat.

Dance wants a pair of blue jeans
and a little rattle.

Thank you,
Kathy Lee Brown

Rankk Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Sant Claus,

I want a doll. I want a picture
of Santi.

With Love
Connie Moore

Rankin Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle? I want a piano?
I want a real watch. I want a
dishes? I want a clothes. I want a
ice Box? I want a can teen. I
want a sewing machine.

with love
Vicki

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a sewing machine. And
a make-up-kit and a ballet doll.
Then dear Santa I would like to
say Merry Christmas to all.

Love, Debbie
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to you



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WISHES

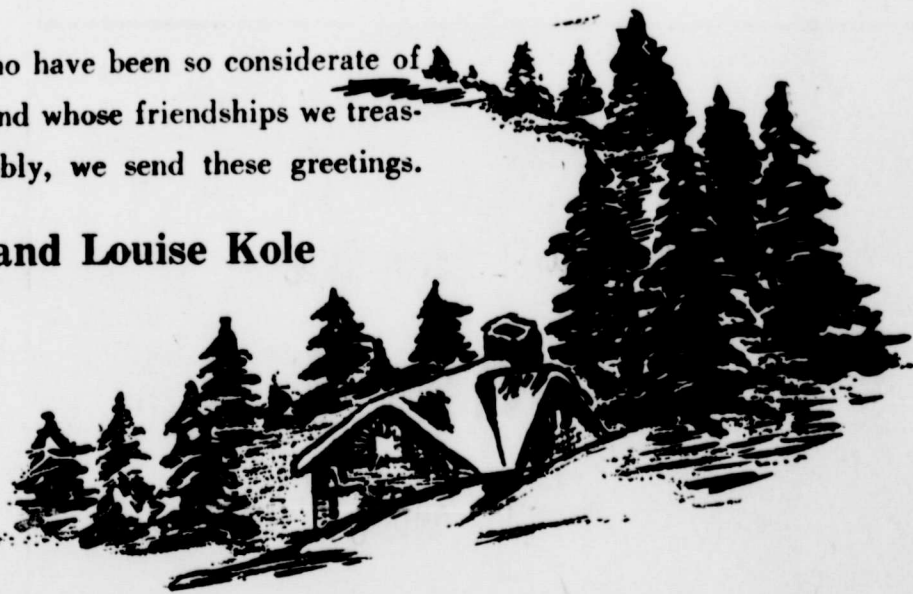
TO THOSE WE HAVE SERVED
DURING THE PAST YEAR, THANK
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us in the past and whose friendships we treas-
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Letters To Santa . . .

Rankin Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa

I want a B. B. Gun, an a electric train, an a Jimset, an a po. go, stick an a pair of guns, an a pack, an a bicycle an a canteen.

With love
David Trowbridge

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,

a Football suit and electric foot-
Ball game is what I want for this
Christmas.

With love,
Johnny Smith

Midkiff Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa

I want a real watch and a bicycle I want a jewelry and a boll with a baby battle put her in a bassinet. Merry Christmas Santa

With love Hilda

Dear Santa,

We are going to have Christmas at McCamey, Texas. We have already decororled the Christmas tree and the window.

I want a football suit, football, watch, guns, nuts, and candy.

Santa we want you to come to our Christmas party in room 105, at 12:30 P. M. We will have cookies and coke.

Your friend,
Terry Holt

Dear Santa,

I live in Rankin, Texas and I am 8 years old. I have two brothers. One is 19 and the other is 16.

I want a bicycle and a B. B. gun. Jesus was born at Christmas and three wise men brought him gifts.

The wise men come from the East.

Love,
Jackie Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus,

I am eight years old and I live in Rankin Texas, on Upton Street.

I want an electric train for Christmas, bring my three brothers something nice.

I will put something nice to eat by the Christmas tree for you.

Love,
Darrell Berry

Rankin Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa,

I want a ice box I want some clothes I want some doll clothes I want a real watch I want a piano with my name on it

Love Gaylene

Midkff Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a electric football game. I want a Apache fort, and a winchester and 2 guns. I want a football.

With love,
Rusty

**The Rankin (Tex.)
Thursday, December**

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm 8 years old and Plymouth Camp. I'm Grandmoth's Christmas My Christmas tree is to come.

Would you please watch, Be Be pistol so candy too.

Would you come to mas party at school to be on Dec. 23nd in third grade room. The is 105.

Love,
Roy Lee Stacy



to wish you a
joyous
and happy

CHRISTMAS

THE RANKIN DRUG

Dear Santa,

I live in Rankin Texas. I am 8 years old. We are going to spend Christmas at home. We are going to eat our Christmas Dinner in Midland.

For Christmas I want a farm and a Bride doll.

Our school has a Christmas tree. It is very pretty. We have a fire place too.

Love,
Marsha Funderburg

Dear Santa Claus,

We live 18 miles out Rankin and I live in Sohio camp. My sister is 14 years old and I am 8 years old. My sister's name is Ellen, Blex and my name is Gene, Blex.

Santa, I want these things for Christmas a watch, football suit, shoes, gun, bicycle and candy. I hope you can bring them to me.

Our school room is decorated with picture and our window are decorated with picture too.

Love
Marshall Blex



*Christmas
Greetings*

JOHN A. MENEFFEE

It wouldn't seem like

CHRISTMAS

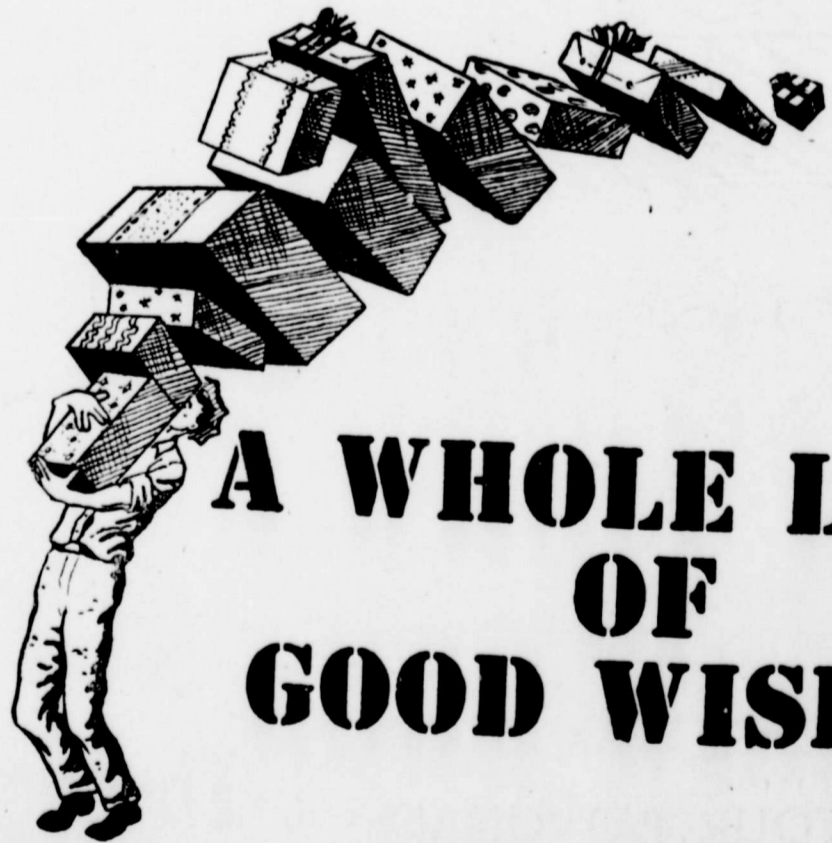
If we didn't wish Season's

GREETINGS

To those we like



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(Tex.) News—
December 25, 1958

To Santa . . .
Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958
I want a Gun For Christmas. I want a Chester electric train and a plane Zorro Suit. and a box to keep my puppy in. I want a filling station and a bicycle chain.
Ann Abalos

Midkiff Texas
Dec 17 1958
Dear Santa
I want a football. I want a arrow.
With love,
Travis Watkins

Rankin, Texas,
Dec. 81, 1958,
Dear Santa,
Will you come to town Santa, I have to write letter to you, I want a doll Santa, I want a Christmas tree, I want a puppy, I want a record.
Ann Abalos.

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958
Dear Santa
I want a Ba by Doll. And I want a set of dishes. And a color book, Cook set. And I want a baby cat. and a Baby puppy. And a little girls ring.
Marilyn Sue Connally

Rarkin Texa
Dec. 81, 19158
Dear Santa,
Will you bring to me I want a record player. I want a doll. I want some dishes. I want a quppq. I want a horse.
Eva

Rankin, Texas,
Dec. 18, 1958,
Dear Santa,
Will you come to town Santa, I want a doll. Santa, I want a record, I waech some dishes, I want a Christmas tree, I want a puppy Santa.
Maggie.

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 17, 1958
Dear Santa,
xI want a B. B. gun and a monopoly set.
with love,
Randy Edgar

Rankin Texas
Dec 17 1958
Dear Santa
xI want a toy piano. I want a toy typewriter. I want a bicycle.
With love,
Jeanie Craig.

Rankin Texas,
Dec. 17 1958.
Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I want a bicycle. I want a piano. I want a picture. I want a sewing maachine. I want some dishes.
love Sandy.

Midkiff Texas
Dec. 17, 1958
Dear Santa
I would like a doll with rould earrings. And she has a little apron on her. And she has a cute pony tail.
And I wish you a Merry Christmas. With love,
Shelly Ritter

Midkiff, Texas
Dec. 17, 1958
Dear Santa
I want a ice box. I want a doll with clothes. I want a cabinet. I want a sink. I want a dollbuggy. I want a sewing machine. I want a ironing bord.
Kay Crawford

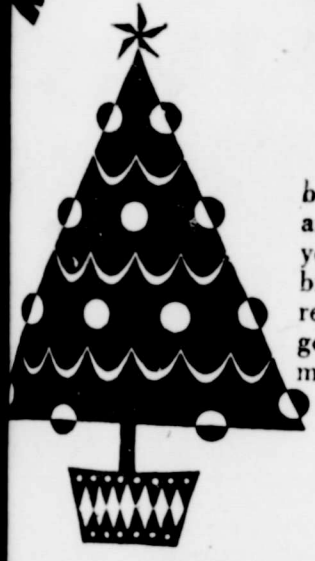
Midkiff, Texas
Dec. 17, 1958
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B. B gun and a bicycle and a Cub Scout suit. and a model airplane.
With love,
Sammy Don Howell

Rankin Texas
Dec. 1958
Dear Santa
I want a bicycle and doll, and dishes and doll clothes, and sewing machine. and a picture. is what I want for Christmas, Santa.
With love,
Mildred Melton

Rankin Texas
Dec. 17, 1958
Dear Santa Claus
I want a B. B. gun. I want a pack. I want a canteen. real hunting knife. I want a real pistol. I want a real watch
With love
Gary McVay

Midkiff Texas
Dec. 17, 1958
Dear Santa Claus
I want a canteen and a pack and I want a real hunting knife and I want some boots and I want a telescope
With love to Dear Santa
David Reynolds

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thank you, friends and neighbors, for your fine cooperation and helpful courtesy in the past year. We look forward to a bright future and hope you will receive a generous share of the good will and happiness so much in evidence today.

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Letters To Santa . . .

Midkiff, Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa,

I want a electric train and a model airplane.

With love,
Ray Don Fuller

Rankin Texas
Dec. 18 1958

Dear Santa,

I have learned to write a letter. I want a doll for Christmas. I want some dishes. I want a ring. a watch. I want a book to
Alice

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I have to learned to write a letter in school. I want a winchester saddle gun. And a bicycle too. And tinkertoy too. And sooe caly and Helicopter to. Superman suit.

Johnny Kidd

Rankin, Texts
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I am writing you a letter. Santa. I want a doll and a piano to and a playhouse and a ring and dishes. Santa please come to town.

Your friends
Susie

Rankin, texas.
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I want a pistol B B gun. A package of B B's
David C.

Rankin Texas
Dec. 18 1958

Dear Santa,

I have learned to write letters in school. I want a gas station and 3 car. And a rifle with a scope. 2 gliders. A machine gun. And 4 model air planes.

David Hardin

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I want a football suit and army men and boxing gloves and Superman suit and a tent and basketball.
Lester Ray

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I have learned to write letter. I want a B B gun and a wester shirts and blue Jeans.
Jimmy

Rankin Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I a mwriting you a letter Santa I want a piona and a watch to and a necklace and a ring and a big Jewelry box. please come to town.
Edna

Rankin Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I want a Superman Suit and Electric football Set. I want a bicycle and armyman. I want a sleigh.
Biff Yocham

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,

xI want a B. B. gun, and a model airplane a electric train and some clothes.

With love,
Ron Leach

Dear Santa Claus,

I am eight years old and I have been a good girl all year.

I want a Tear-a-Belle doll with lots of clothes and matching shoes, an electric stove with a bake & tin ware set with it. I would like some more toys too.

Your friend,
Penny Woods

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

I have learned to write letters at school. I want a puppet and a little puppy with brown and white spots and a lot's of candy for CHRISTMAS. and That is about all
Judy Lynn Dean.

The Rankin (Tex.)
Thursday, December

Rankin, Texas
Dec. 18, 1958

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a I want a bicycle and ty want a Dick Tracy set.

I want a toy helicop a watch. I want a el
Tommy Ray

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a set of a table and chairs. I want a doll that cries, wets and

Your friend,
Neva Patton

Thanks!

Expresses most sincerely our appreciation
for your friendliness and
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We extend best wishes
for your happiness at Christmastime



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CHRISTMAS



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DECEMBER 25 - 28



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TO ---

OUR POSTAL PATRONS

A Merry Christmas - A Happy New Year

AND

Our Sincere Thanks For Your Cooperation

EVERY DAY

PEACE
ON
EARTH
GOOD WILL
TO
ALL

Letters To Santa . . .

Dear Santa,

I live in Rankin, Texas. I am 8 years old.

We will spend Christmas at home.

I want a real watch, a real camera, and a little doll for a baby girl.

We decorated our Christmas tree. We want you to come and see our party.

Love,
Debbie Medley

Dear Santa Cluse

I'm nine years old. I live in a Midkiff Humble Camp.

I would like to have an electric football set with red and yellow men.

We have decorated our tree. Our room is going to have a Christmas party Dec. 23 at 12:30.

Your friend
Bernie Ritter

Dear Santa Claus,

I live at Midkiff, Texas and I am nine years old. Our Christmas tree is ready for you. We are going to my Grandmothers Christmas.

For Christmas I want a portable T.V. Please leave me some nuts and candy when you come. If I don't get a portable T.V. I want a big baby doll to set on my bed.

In our third grade room we have our Christmas tree. We also have things that we painted and colored. Come to Christmas party Dec. 23 at 12:30 P.M.

Love,
Sandra Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing up there? Is Roudolph alright? I want you to bring me a football and football tee. I would also like a bicycle. I hope you think I was good this year.

Love,
Jimmy Adams

Dear Santa,

I live in Rankin, Texas, I am eight years old. My Mother and Daddy and I are going to Grandmother's and Granddaddys for Christmas. My Grandparents live in San Angelo, Texas.

I would like an electric car convertible, a real camera with film and some nuts and candy.

Mrs. Pettit's class has our room decorated for Christmas. We want to invite you to our party Dec. 23, 12:30 P.M. Will you please come? We have a Christmas tree all decorated, and a cardboard fireplace with no chimney. The fireplace has an artifical candy cane on it.

Love,
Kyle Adams

Dear Santa Claus,

I live in Rankin, Texas I am nine years old.

My name is Lola Abalos. Are Christmas tree is ready for you. My brothers name Frank Abalos.

We invite you to our party. We have decorats our school room For Christmas I want a bicycle, doll, and Brownie suit.

Love,
Lola Abalos

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you bring me a bicycle and some guns to play with? Also I want a B B gun.

Love,
Bill Armendariz



CHRISTMAS
Greetings

Let us give thanks unto God in this Holy Season
for the Christ Child who was born for us in a
manger nearly two thousand years ago.

May we all follow His example of kindness and
goodness and brotherly love . . . and in so doing,
make the burdens of life lighter for others.

In this joyful and triumphant season, we rever-
ently send you greetings, and thank you deeply
for your friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKelvy



CLARK'S CLEANERS

A wish for Peace
and Joy
at Christmas
and
Always

ELIZABETH L. RAINS

REBEKAH LODGE HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Rankin Rebekah Lodge had their Christmas dinner on Tuesday evening, December 16 at the Rankin Park Building with Rankin members as hostesses honoring the members from Texon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains gave the Invocation. Mrs. W. C. McDonald read the Christmas Story. Mrs. Allen Moore gave a Christmas pantomime and Mrs. R. L. Bell closed the program with Candlelight Christmas prayer.

Tables were centered with red net Christmas trees and favors were miniature Christmas trees.

Following the dinner the group played games and sang Christmas carols. Twenty-nine members attended.

College students home for the holidays include Linda Harral, Bobby Bushong, Debs Gamblin, Jimmy Lee, Dick Lewis Robert Reims, Billie Granger, Carolyn Midkiff, Ester Clark, Bobby and Cox Wheeler Johnny Boggs Lou Dod, Glenda Kennedy, Genevieve Poage, Myrle Woody, Pasty Stephenson, Adolpho Aguilar and Wallace Gary and his family.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. J. T. Holmes of Rankin was admitted August 24.

Carol Ann Dunn, 6-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dunn was admitted December 11 and dismissed December 15.

Kenneth Wright, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wright of Midkiff was admitted December 15 and dismissed December 18.

Mr. D. R. Kephart of Rankin was admitted December 15 and dismissed December 16.

Mrs. Dora Thomas of Rankin was admitted December 19.

James Edwin Langford, 10-month old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Langford of Rankin, was admitted December 20.

Mrs. Ralph Brown, Jr. of McCamey was admitted December 21.

TEACHER IN GERMANY

Mrs. Jim Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, is now teaching at Mainz, Germany at the Army Base where her husband is stationed.

She is teaching the 2nd and 3rd grade and is teaching under a negro principal. Mrs. Campbell is a former teacher in Rankin and Big Lake.

"When Christmas Comes" Is Presented To Study Club

"When Christmas Comes" was the topic presented to the Rankin Study Club at the Park Building Wednesday, December 17 at 4:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Tom Workman was leader of the program with Mrs. M. J. Edwards as reader. Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Rex Little sang to the accompaniment of Mrs. W. O. Adams.

Mrs. Bruce McGill, president, presided at the business meeting. Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Harral have as their guests Mrs. Fred Hokit of Fort Stockton and Miss Helton Harral of Carlsbad, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Elliott of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor of Beeville.

Hamp Carter led the Club Collect.

Gifts were brought to be sent to Mexia School for Mentally Retarded Children. Fruit cake, tea and coffee were served to eighteen of the members and several guests by hostesses Mrs. Zack Monroe and Mrs. Sam Holmes.

The Rankin (Tex.) Thursday, December

Pfc. David Gentry is stationed at Fort is visiting with his and Mrs. Sam Holmes

Mrs. Buddy Craig Brownie Troop No. 5 ternoon in her home mas party. The gifts and refreshments Christmas cookies were eighteen members and



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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May you have a Christmas of bountiful happiness.

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FOR SALE: 3-bedroom house, central heating, attached garage, equity of \$1,800 and assume FHA loan. See J. R. Funderburg, 502 Severn St., Westlawn Addition.

FOR RENT: Two-bedroom unfurnished house. See Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth at Boggs Gro. or Rankin Golf Clubhouse.

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FOR RENT: Two-bedroom house, just redecorated throughout. Call MYrtle 3-2316.

TV REPAIR SERVICE: All work guaranteed. Pick-up and delivery. Home Appliance — My 3-2261.

NOTICE — The Rankin News advises readers to make a thorough check on advertisements appearing in this column which require cash investments before signing any agreements or putting up any money.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY MAN OR WOMAN

Responsible person from this area, to service and collect from cigarette dispensers. No selling. Car, references, and \$592.50 to \$1975.00 investment necessary. 7 to 12 hrs. weekly nets excellent monthly income. Possible full-time work. For local interview give phone and particulars. Write International Sales & Mfg. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 1236, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. C. B. Davis and her family of Eldorado spent the holidays in Carlisbad visiting her mother and Mrs. H. L. Crabb.

Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth had Sunday guests, his mother and Mrs. Thelma Clark of

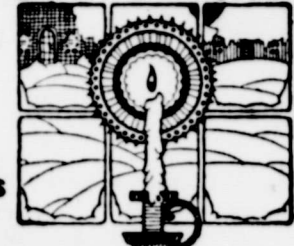
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Higday left Monday for Novice where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Miller and family.

Mrs. Albert McKay left Saturday for Brownsville where she will now make her home.

Mrs. G. A. Black, manager of the Yates Hotel, has gone to Chicago to spend the holidays with her son and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pollard from Aztec, New Mexico arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rankin.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas



We are indeed thankful for the friendships of those about us and the happiness that has come to us as a result of these associations. May this Christmas favor you with a season of genuine happiness and content.

MR. AND MRS. C. B. (DICK) DAVIS



And the Merriest of Holiday Greetings to all of our friends, neighbors and customers in Rankin and elsewhere. May the coming year hold much happiness and prosperity for all of you . . .

Lowery & Workman Insurance Agency

Letters To Santa . . .

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Thursday, December 25, 1958

Rankin Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa,
I want a monopoly set. I want a fronties rifle. I want a accordion. I want a model air plane. With love.
Gayland.

Rankin Texas
Dec. 17, 1958

Dear Santa
I want a B. B. gun and a football and a fort Apache and a canteen and I want a model airplane.
With love
Bill Hood

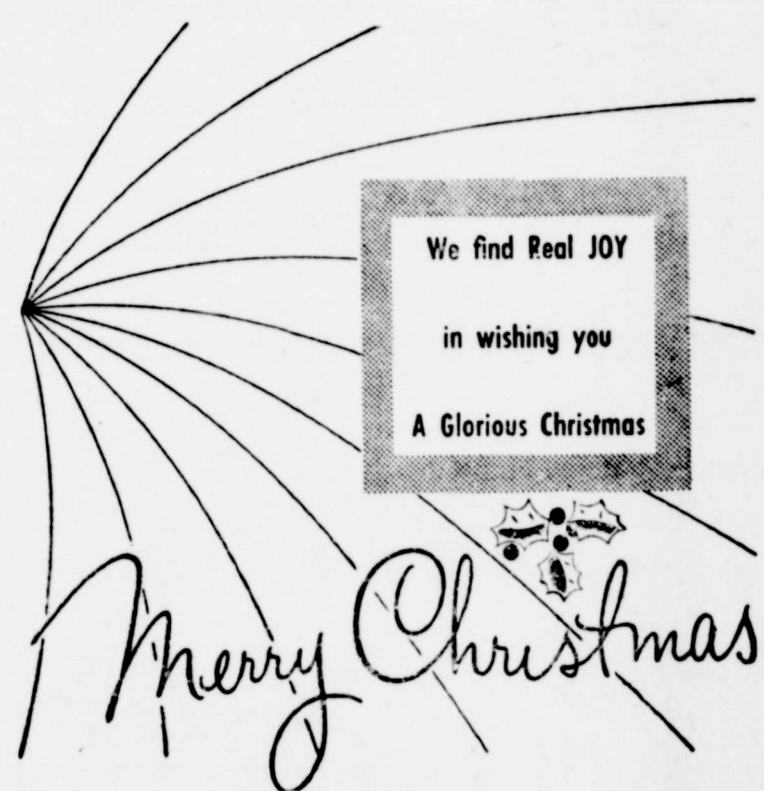
Miss Kathleen Wheeler and Mrs. Norma Jean Norris of Dallas arrived Friday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler.

Christmas Toys

By Becky Bramlet

Toys at Christmas time makes children happy all over the world. In all countries dolls are made different ways. Many things like wagons, toy guns and other things are made to make the boys happy. Nothing makes a babies face light up at Christmas time like a new teddy bear.

Some children may get bicycles, toy drums, and record players for Christmas. Others may get clothes, typewriters, watches, and other things that will make them happy for Christmas.



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its friendliness, its
hope-- and above all,
its Peace ~ ~ ~

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the Holidays bring you
many happy hours

CURREY'S GULF SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Currey

Letters To Santa . . .

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old, and my big sister is ten years old. We live at Humble Camp. We are going to spend Christmas at San Angelo with my Aunt and Uncle.

I want a bicycle, doll with pig-tails, and a baby bed. That is all I want for Christmas, Santa.

We have decorated our school room. On our windows we have toys for Christmas, children singing songs, we have the wise men going to see baby Jesus in the stable.

Love,
Becky Bramlet

Dear Santa Claus,

I live in Rankin, Texas. I am 9 and in the third grade. I have three sister. They are 3, 4 and 6 years old. My grandmother is coming for Christmas. She lives in McCamey. I want a doll and bicycle. Please bring my little sisters something nice.

Love,
Linda Armendariez

Dear Santa,

I live in Rankin Texas. My name is Patricia Carroll. I am 8 years old. One sister is 11 years old, and the other is 10 years old.

I want a doll a bicycle and other things to.

Our room is decorated. We are going to have our Christmas party on December 23. We want you to come to our Christmas party.

Love
Patricia Carroll

Dear Santa,

I'm putting a bowl of nuts, apples and a glass of water on the table for you. There is some hay in the yard for your reindeer. The door will not be locked.

I want an airplane, and a prahute with a man on it for Christmas. My sister's name is Melanie. She wants a pair of boots, a bicycle, and a bride doll.

Yesterday I was riding a motor-scooter and we had a flat. We went of the side of the road, but no one was hurt.

Love
Timothy Harlan

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Thursday, December

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm eight years old. My brother will be two in November. We will spend Christmas at home.

I have a bow and arrow. I want an army tank and a bicycle. Next I would like a chester saddle gun.

Last I want a battle ship. My Christmas tree is ready. I live in Pen Brook camp.

Love,
Mike Turner

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle for my brother and a two Gun Pete and a pair of Eyes. I hope I am not too much.

Your friend,
Judy McAden

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and a bicycle. I also want a dollhouse and a new hula hoop. I want paperdolls.

Your friend,
Jane Tefteller



At Christmas time... it is natural that we should think of our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth. One is that HE helps us to find peace of mind, surely one of the greatest blessings of this life.

I have long observed people who have the gift of inner peace, and have asked their secret.

Most often their answer is a reference to Christ's words, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fellowship of loved ones. Beautiful music brings peace to troubled minds and hearts. So does the beauty of nature, dew sparkling in the grass at dawn, or the silvery moon shining on rippling water at night.

But this peace which the world gives passes away, while the peace that HE gives abides forever.

From the writings of
Norman Vincent Peale



"Hope you have a merry, Merry Christmas... and that you and your loved ones enjoy many Electrical Gifts."

Reddy Kilowatt

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By A. Bebbhardt, Post
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of Upton County, Tex-
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to establish a vacancy lo-
Upton County, Texas, and
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M. A. 44077

TRACT: Beginning at
E. Corner of Survey No.
D. E. L. & R. R. Ry.
the West line of Survey
Block D. D. & W. Ry.
the S. E. corner of this

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R. R. Ry Co., S 74 de-
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Tsp. 5 South, T & P
as Patented;

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ey No. 46, as Patented,
degrees 50' 50" E. 1744.2
its S. E. corner;

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 var-
as 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 Sur-
vey No. 48, Block 39, Tsp. 5
South, T & P Ry. Co., as Patent-
ed.

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,
Twp. 5 South, T & P Ry. Co.,
projected S. 74 degrees 50' 50"
W;

Thence with the South line of
Surveys Nos. 43, 44, and 45, Block
38, Twp. 5 South, T & P Ry.
Co., N. 74 degrees 50' 50" E.
5740.0 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 var-
as to a point in the North line
of Survey No. 1, Block M, E. L.
& R. R. Ry. Co.;

Thence with the North line of
Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Block
M, E. L. & R. R. Ry. Co., 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. 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 Nos. 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 Patent-
ed 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 Sur-
vey 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 Nos. 20, 9 and 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 be-
ginning and containing 196.28
acres more or less.

If this citation is not served with-
in ninety (90) days after the is-
sueance, it shall be returned unserv-
ed.

WITNESS: Nancy K. Daugherty,
Clerk of the District Court of Up-
ton County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the
seal of said Court, at office in the
City of Rankin, this 28th day of
November, A. D., 1958.

Nancy K. Daugherty

Clerk of the 112th Judicial
District Court of Upton
County Texas

(SEAL)

Issued this 28th day of Novem-
ber, A. D., 1958.

Nancy K. Daugherty

Clerk of the 112th Judicial
District Court of Upton
County, Texas

(SEAL)

(12-25-58)

Letters To Santa . . .

Dear Santa,

In Mrs. Pettit's third grade, we
have decorated the windows. Our
tree is decorated too. The bulletin
board has lots of Christmas things.
We invite you to come to our
Christmas party December 23 at
12:30 o'clock We will have a prog-
ram and lots of fun.

My name is Gay Holcomb and
I live in Rankin, Texas. I go to
Rankin Elementary. My little sister
is Mary Holcomb and she is two
years old. I am eight and will be
nine on December 31, 1958.

I would like to get a watch, some
dishes and a doll. My sister wants
a doll and a tricycle. Please put
some nuts under the tree.

Love

Gay Holcomb

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 8 years old. My brother is
4 years old. My sister is 6 years
old. I want an electric football set
and a watch. I have been good.

Your friend,

Marcus Price

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like to
have a doll and puppets. I have
been good this year.

I hope I get what I want.

Your friend,

Cleta Jo Cranfill

**The Rankin (Tex.) News—
Thursday, December 25, 1958**

Dear Santa,

I am eight years old and my
little sister is six years old. My
big sister is ten years old but
will be 11 years old on Christmas
Eve. We live in Midkiff, Texas. We
are going to spend Christmas at
home. Our Christmas tree is ready
for you when you come.

I want a doll with white hair a
little puppy and a new bicycle for
Christmas. My little sister has a
doll with uot arms so she wants
a new dill for Christmas.

We have our room decorated with
pretty things on our windows. We
have the three wise men and the
manger, candles, and toys. We have
a fireplace also.

Love,

Elda Wise

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 9 years old. I have been
good. I want a Cape Canavral Set
and a guitar My little brother wants
a teddy bear.

Your friend,

Gary Peacock

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll for Christmas. I
also want some dishes, a coke ma-
chine, and a teddy bear. I hope
I am not asking for too much. I
have been good.

Your friend,

Dora Olivia Snell

TEXAS CHAMPIONS OF FREEDOM
BARON de BASTROP

First Friend of "The Father of Texas"

Every Texas school child knows the
inspiring story of Moses and Stephen
F. Austin, but few remember that these
two champions of freedom had a friend
whose wisdom, skill and diplomacy
made their great colonization project
possible. This first friend of the Austins
was Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de
Bastrop. Historians disagree as to who
he was . . . Prussian soldier of fortune,
exiled French nobleman, American ad-
venturer or the Dutch Baron he said
he was . . . but, as a Spanish colonizer in
Louisiana and Texas, from 1795 until
his death in 1827, the Baron de Bastrop
was a man of influence and importance.

In December of 1820, Moses Austin had
despaired of obtaining the Spanish Gov-
ernor's approval of his plan to establish
an Anglo-American colony in Texas.
Through the intervention of the Baron,
the Governor reconsidered. After Moses
Austin's death, failure again confronted
his son, Stephen F. Austin. But again

the advice and active assistance of
de Bastrop cleared the way. Stephen F.
Austin was able to prove the quality
of his leadership and to become the
"Father of Texas." Throughout a life
of public service the Baron de Bastrop
championed the rights of the settlers
who were to build a great republic and
a great state.

Today Texans still demand and get
their right to choose the way they want
to live. In this vigorous and freedom-
minded homeland . . . "Beer Belongs"
and this is why the United States Brew-
ers Foundation works constantly, in
conjunction with brewers, wholesalers
and retailers, to assure the sale of beer
and ale under pleasant, orderly condi-
tions. Believing that strict law enforce-
ment serves the best interest of Texans,
the Foundation stresses close co-opera-
tion with the Armed Forces, law en-
forcement and governing officials in its
continuing Self-Regulation program.

Texas Division, United States Brewers Foundation,
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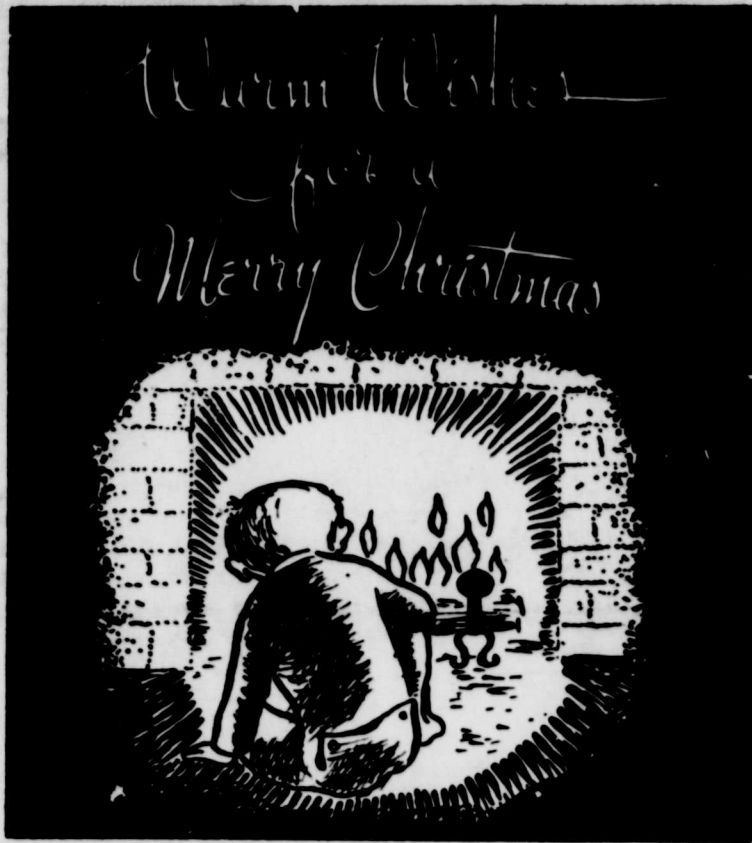
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to all and a sincere thanks
for all past courtesies.



CASHWAY FOOD MARKET

Christmas Dinner Served To WSCS in Lowery Home

Mrs. Dunn Lowery and Mrs. Hamp Carter were hostesses to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church on Tuesday night in the Lowery home.

Yuletide decoration included a white Madonna on the mantle of the living room, banked with mistletoe. Gifts for the exchange among the guests were arranged around a lighted and silvered tumbledweed on the dining table. Arrangements of holly were used in the den.

Mrs. Tom Workman entertained with a reading, "Merry Christmas To Everyone" and refreshments were served in the den where gifts were opened. Favors were small containers of perfume in red velvet bags.

Members voted to make a sizeable donation to the building fund of the local church prior to Christmas and discussed final details for gift-baskets the society is present-

Letters To Santa . . .

Dear Santa,

Would please bring me a washing machine and a doll with lots of clothes. Patty Rae would like a little baby doll too.

Love,

Audrey Lee and Patty Rae
McFadden

Roy Priest has returned from a visit in Dallas with his son Roy, Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Roser and family of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Steele over the weekend.

ing the local friends this year.

Others in attendance at the party were Mesdames Clint Shaw, J. L. Goodwin, Walton Herral, J. P. Rankin, Paul Sublett, Ross Wheeler, Lynn McAden, J. L. Clark, Albert McKay, G. A. Black, Mary Pierce and A. B. McGill.

The Rankin (Tex.) Western Company Party Held December

Employees of the Western Company held their annual party at the company building night, December 19. Some employees from Rankin families were on hand for joyable evening.

Hurst's Barbecue catered dinner of barbecued turkey, potato salad, beans, coffee, the Christmas tree, Santa sacks of fruit, nuts and the children.

Tex Collins and his band for the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson David of Paint Rock in Rankin Sunday. The former lived in Rankin time Mr. Wright was employed L. Porter Johnson's.

Sincere
Best
Wishes
for
the
Holiday
Season

from all

of us



Mr. and Mrs. Porter Johnson and Associates

