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and to One and All . . .



THE SCOOP by Scoop

J. B. Hutchens, Jr., Editor

Christmas—

And a great big Santa Claus Ho! Ho! to you and yours, too.

Christmas is a grand time of the year . . . when we act toward one another like we should act throughout the year . . . but even a short time of good manners is better than none at all.

During Christmas, there are a few things that come to light. For instance I have discovered the reason why people enjoy getting Christmas cards. It's not for the pretty pictures nor thoughts expressed so much as it is trying to figure out who sent the card without opening it. Just watch the folk at the post office when they get their mail. Half of us will turn an envelope over, scan it against the light, look at the postmark and do just about everything short of opening it.

Then there are the kids' "Letters to Santa" of which a goodly batch appears in this issue of The News. The letters are printed as nearly as possible exactly like they were written—not to poke fun at the kids but because Santa will understand

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their wording best.

But I've noticed several things about the kids and their letters. They may misspell words like want, hope, etc., but when it comes to the things they would like to have, they're spelling dudes. For instance, not a one misspelled the game of "operation" and they all had "Christmas" right.

They always capitalize the "M" in mother but usually use the small 'd' for daddy and that ought to say something.

But what the heck — it's a lot of fun.

The Boys—

Pity the poor wife who is not particularly an ardent football fan. From now until the middle of January, the boob tube is going to average something like five hours a day—double on week-ends and the holidays.

And on behalf of 4th & 10 — our football column writer, let's hear it for the Dallas Cowboys . . . all together now: Brrrrraaaaak!!!!

A New One—

By the time the next issue is published, it will be '69 and time for new plans and new goals. Let's hope that Rankin will see much progress in the new year as we did in the one that is passing.

And, of course, from now on we can no longer refer

to the "man in the moon". It's "men" now.

Just the other day, I read a "Letter to the Editor" in the Fort Worth paper in which the writer assured one and all that man would fail in his efforts to depart this earth "because God did not intend for man to nose about the heavens."

I'd wager that when the first people tried to fly in

their early man one wrote an e that if God had man to fly he given him wings

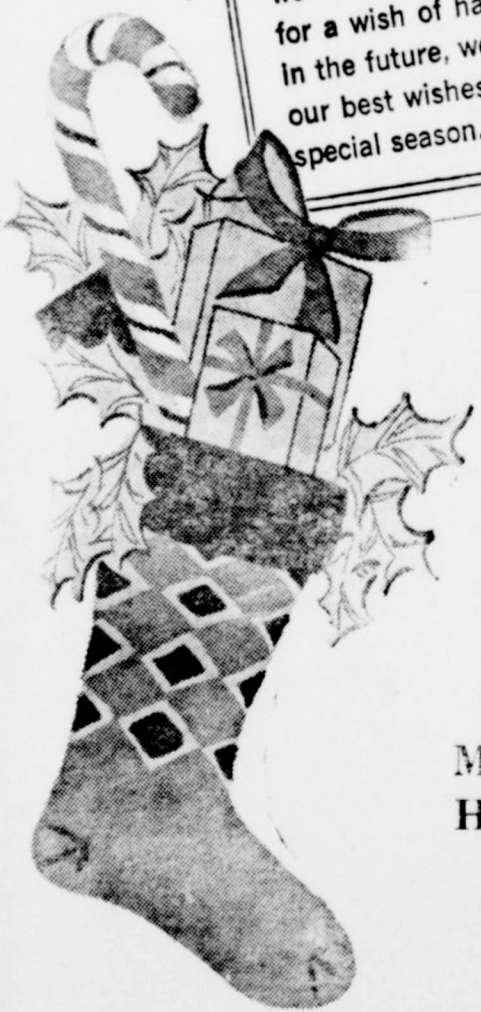
Drive Carefully

If you're on the holidays, care. The life you save may be one of our subscribers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



For your past favors
and good will . . . for
your friendship which
we value so highly . . .
for a wish of happiness
in the future, we extend
our best wishes for this
special season.



Mr. and Mrs.
H. E. "Gene"
Eckols

Each year we look forward to Christmas, a time when we can extend greetings to our friends and customers and thank them sincerely for their patronage.

It will be a true pleasure to continue to serve you in the future . . . and in the meantime, please accept our wish that Christmas will be joyful for you and yours.



BOGGS GROCERY

SUG AND RAY BOGGS
and Employees

LETTERS TO SANTA

those other child-
to play with
to have a diary
Christmas. My sister
like to have a
er.

umphries
CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,
I want Talking Barbie
and my little sister want
Tippy Toes. I hope you give
everyone gifts. Have a nice
Christmas every year. Mery
Christmas to everyone.
your friend,
Natalie Mitchell
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a
bicycle, please Santa. Did
you have a nise summer
Santa?
Your friend,
Wayne McKenzie
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you are having a
nice time. I want a football
and a waietalkie. I want a
Superman Suit.
Your friend,
John Reese
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,
I want a football and
bring every body something
too. Christmas is here.
Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Dee Kendrick
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa
I want a handsdown game
for Christmas.
Your Friend,
Byron Phillips
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me Hot
Wheels? And will you bring
my bother a bicycle and
cleats? And a walkie talk-
ie.
Your friend,
Brent Wrinkle
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,
I want a foot ball helmat
a foot ball and a Kodk cam-
era for Christmas.
Your friend,
Clay Midkiff
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,
I wood like for you to
bring my brother a football
helmet. Wood you bring my
Mother a purse and high
hells?
And my Daddy a lunch
kit?
And wood you bring me
a talking Barbie?
Your friend,
Suzanne Murray
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—



ANCHERS WOOL & MOHAIR



MARY LOU'S DRUG



Our thanks...
and our
best wishes

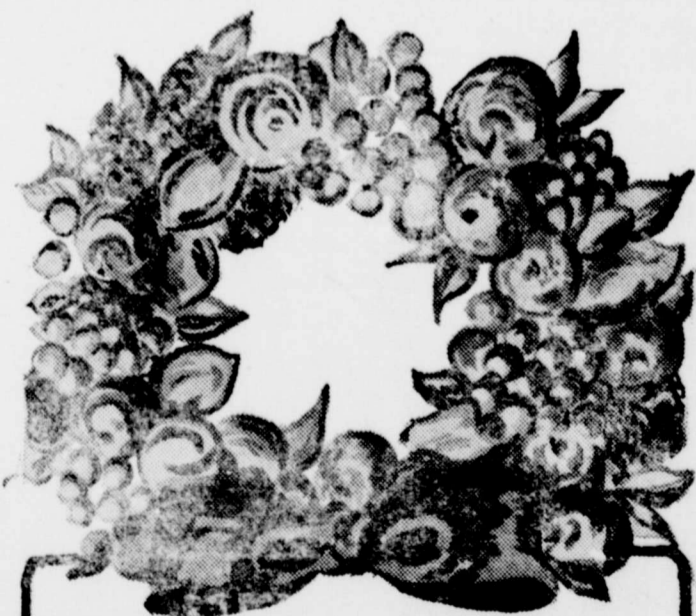
May the Love, Hope,
and Peace of Christmas
abide with you now
and throughout the
year

THE H. WHEELERS



RED BLUFF LUMBER COMPANY

MR. & MRS. ELMER COVILL & STAFF



WARM greetings and
wishes for a
JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

ELIZABETH L. RAINS

County Treasurer

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you have fun on Christmas Eve.

I want a Baby Party for Christmas please.

Santa Claus I hope you can come to see me on Christmas.

Your friend,
Cynthia Woolman
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby Magic and a Barbie doll. Bring me a bike. Bring my brother a robot. Bring other people thing too.

Your friend,
Victoria Abalos
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa

I have been a pretty good boy. I would like to have some drums, a football and a pair of boots. Please remember the other boys and girls.

Love
Dennis
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Praying Joe Gets into the Yule Spirit

Joe McCarty, known as "Praying Joe" because of his predilection for praying in public establishments as restaurants and beer parlors when he has partaken of the liquid that cheers, landed in the local hoosegow last Saturday night after he had created a drunken disturbance in the Cheerio Grill, new eating emporium operated by Eddie and Nancy Watton, according to Deputy Sheriff Harold Wynne, arresting officer.

Praying Joe, when drunk, likes to pray on his knees before groups dining in restaurants. Joe also likes to draw his knife and flourish it invitingly after he has prayed. In other words, Joe prays, then he wants to fight. Fortunately, he has not allowed his enthusiasm for knife flourishing to get him into serious trouble.

At the present writing, that is, Joe, who has been hauled into Justice Court approximately 11 times during the past year, was fined one dollar and costs.

ED.: The above "news item" appeared in the December 21, 1944 issue of the "Upton County Journal" the forerunner of the present "Rankin News". It would be interesting to know the final outcome of Joe and his praying with knife in hand. Unfortunately, that part of the story is missing from our files. If you were around in 1944 and know any details, let's have them.

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you will bring me a Johnny Eagle Skeet Shooter, and a Lost in Space hat and gun and Operation game.

Your friend,
Russell Lee
P. S. I wish you will bring Jimmie Paul something and Ricky Lee something to.

—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you bring me baby Tippy Toes and a Barbie homes.

And get the other Children toys to. I want Operation.


Your friend,
Carol Cook
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you bring me a camera and a tape recorder. I been good Santa Claus. I been helping my daddy and my mother too.

Bring my sister a Barbie doll.

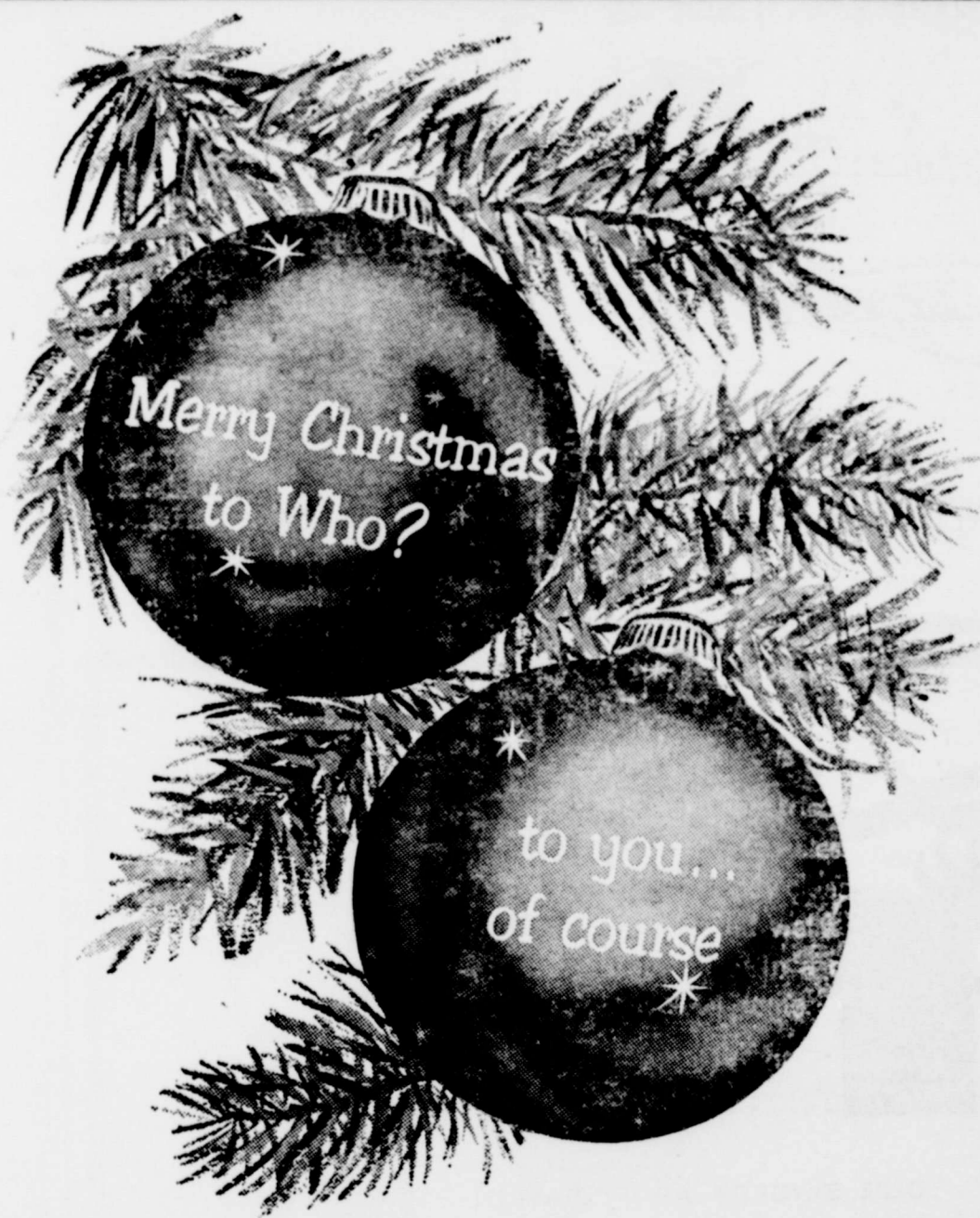
Your friend,
Peter Sobotik
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—



OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, AND OUR HEARTIEST, "THANK YOU" FOR YOUR LOYALTY IN THE PAST. WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN THE DAYS TO COME.

FREE Coffee and Do-Nuts December 24th
WHILE THEY LAST—CLOSED DECEMBER 25

HURST BARBECUE



We hope this Christmas is filled with all of the best things in life for you. As you enjoy Christmas at your house, may we offer to you our thanks and strongest wishes for a memorable Christmas.

JOHNSON'S

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wheeler and Staff

LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Claus,
you to bring sum
for my mother and
you to bring a globe
father.
friend,
Bonnie Pillows

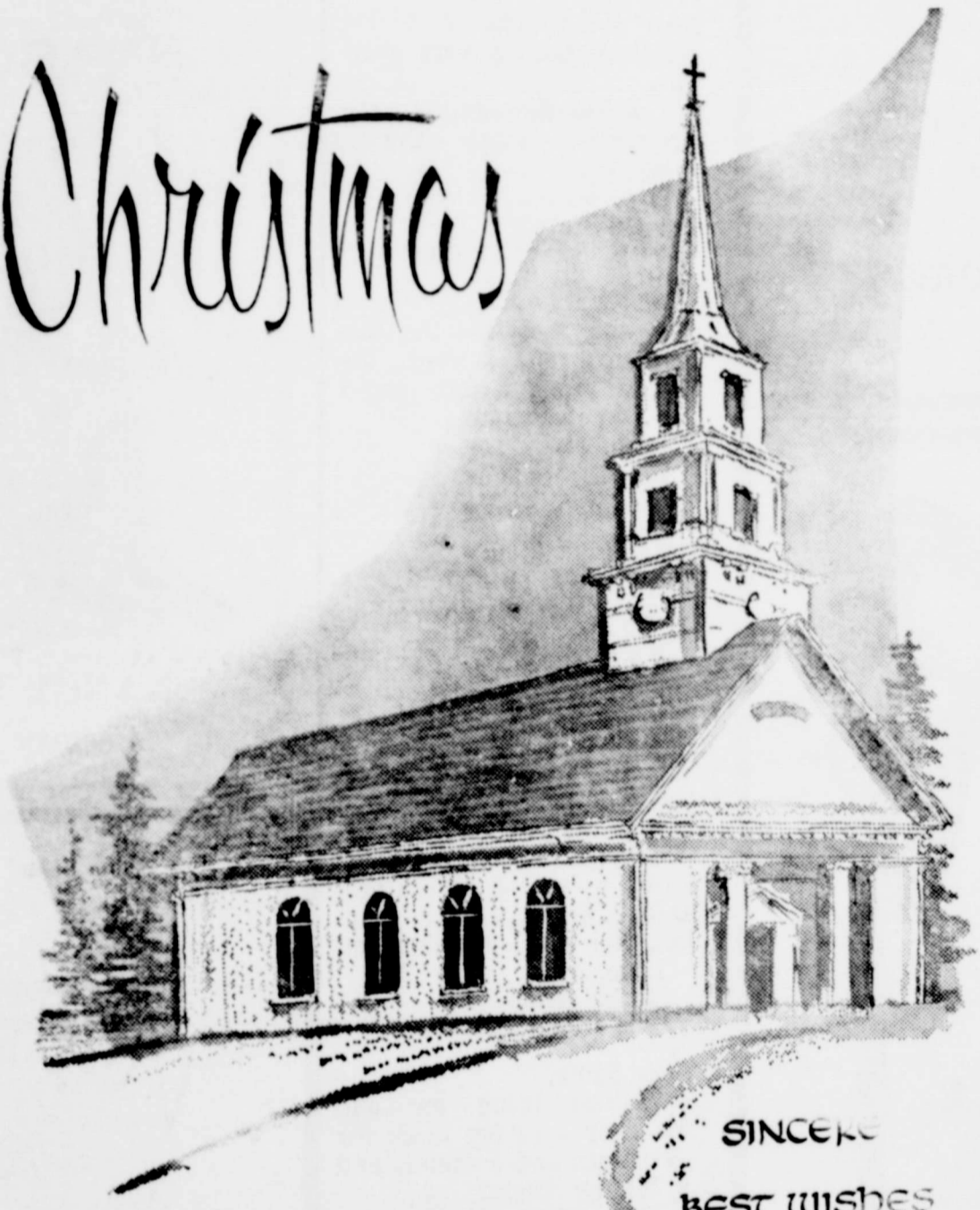
Dear Santa Claus,
I hope to see you soon.
This is a list that I want
you to bring to me.
I want a wooden ship that
is all I can think of.
The ship I want is 14-
inches long. My mother and
daddy will be watching for
Rudolph. Jeff my friend
wants a 7 foot pool table.
My mother and daddy said
that I have been good. I
hope Rudolph's nose shines

bright enough for you to see
in the night.
Your friend,
Dean Harvey
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that play
a lullaby and a doll that
talks. My brother wants a
movie projector.
My other brother wants a
gas powered airplane.
Your friend,
Karen Taylor

Dear Santa Claus
I want a bicycle and a doll
for Christmas. I live in
Midkiff, Texas. I been a
good girl.
Your friend,
Theresa
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you. I am fine.
For Christmas I would like
to have Hot Wheels set and
the Farm Set two.
Your friend,
Terry Hastings

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good.
I am 7 years old.
I am a boy.
I had helped mother.
I want a match-box City.
I want a Race Car set.
I want a car.
I want a car case.
Your friend,
Name Robbie
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Christmas



SINCERE
BEST WISHES

Whatever else be lost among the years,
let us keep Christmas — its meaning
never lost. Whatever doubts assail us,
or what fears, let us hold close this day
— remembering friends! May the Star
of Happiness lead you through a bright
Christmas Season.



The First State Bank

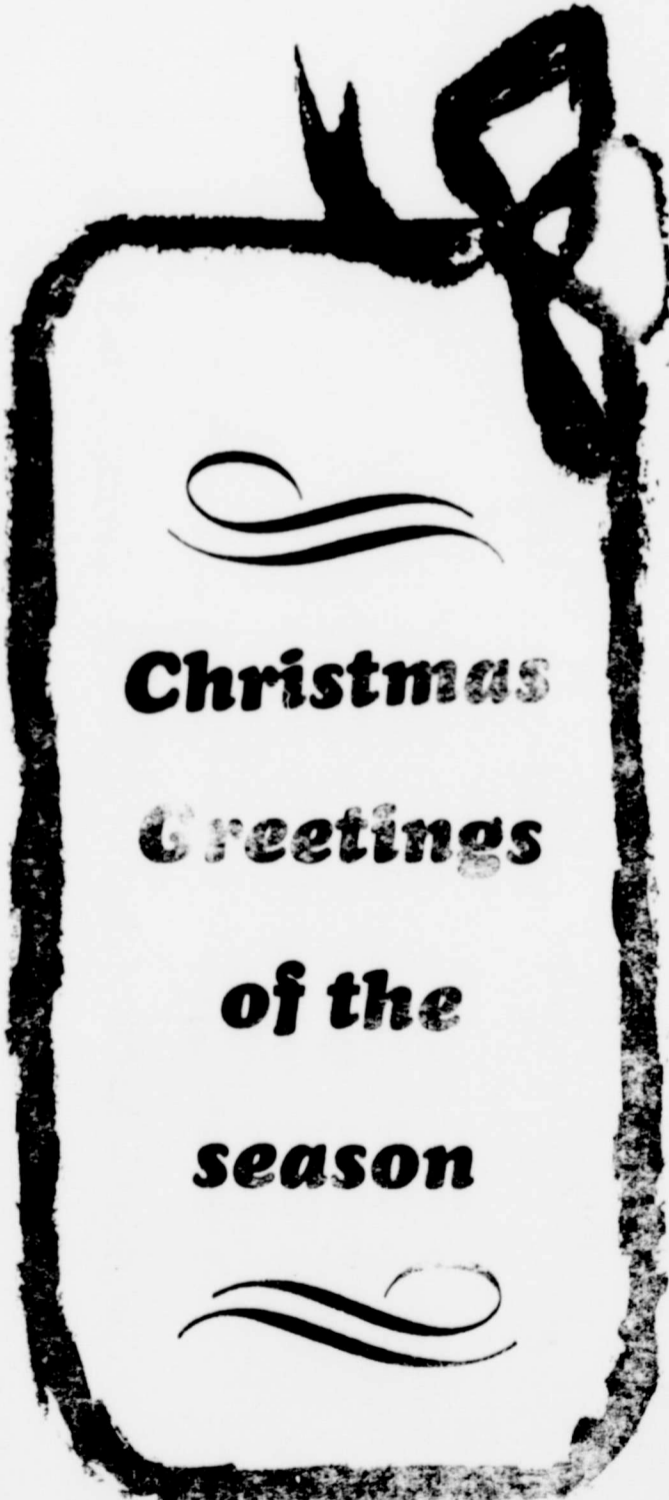
WANNING, TEXAS

Member FDIC



May the Contentment
of Christmas Be Yours
Today and Every Day

TOMMY AND ALENE WORKMAN



**Christmas
Greetings
of the
season**

RANKIN INSURANCE AGENCY

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus
I want a tall walking doll
and a Briabe. And a baton.
I have been a very good
girl.

Love,
Marsha Anderson
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a talking doll and
piano. My brother may want
a truck. I do not no what
my sister wants.

I have not got any speng-
ins yet in school.

Love
Linda Stonehocker
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good
girl.

I would like a doll for
Christmas. Happy Christ-
mas.

Love
Vicki Autrey
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear, Santa Claus
I want a Barbie for this
Christmas and I want the
Clothes, with it too and I
wan the house to.

Love,
Dorothy Deanda.
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus
I want a puff doll. And
I want same dishis.

Debra, Story
Your friend
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby small tak
and a talking barbie and a
twister gam. I want a elec-
tric blinket to. My Bather
wants a football and a bas-
ketball and a electric blan-
ket, and a thing maker set.

Love,
Kathy Shipp
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me and
the poor a racing track for
Christmas and a camera and
a Johnny Eagle?

Your friend,
Bart Collins,
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring everybody
some toys please. I hope
you have a happe Christ-
mas eve. Will you bring my
family some thing. And me
some thing to.

Your frind,
Susan Cole
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you are having a
good time. I want a race
car track and a robot too.
Get my brother somethe-
ing to and my Mother and
fother. And gave the poor
people some.

Your friend,
Brian Crow
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new trach and
a new bicycle. Dee wants
a football.

Your friend,
Richard Poage

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like you to get
me some football shoulder
pads. And a jersey. And
I would like some football
pants.

My sister is all right. And
my brother is all right. And
my Mather and father are
all right.

Your friend,
Richard Barrett

The Rankin (Tom) Moore
Thursday, Dec. 24, 1958

Dear Santa,

I hope you have
happy summer.
bring me a Baby
and my lettle
too? Please bring me
kie Pete and Mystery

Your friend,
Karen Berry

GREETINGS TO
ALL AT THIS
HOLY
SEASON



NANCY K. DAUGHERTY
County & District Clerk

Wishing You
a very



Merry
Christmas

JUDGE & MRS. ALLEN MOORE

TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and she can talk. We call her little Miss Beasley. My friend Kim once had a doll. I want a boton too.

Your friend,
Sylvia Peterson
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good.
I am seven-in-a half.
I would like concentra-
tion starlight baton baby
party Stacy baby small talk.
Your friend
Kim Kidd

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that alks
and wiks ll by its self.
Are you feeling o. k.
Your friend
Sue Ann Latzel
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a doll for Christ-
mas. And same doll clos.
Christi Tankersley
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl.
How have you been. I want
a doll and baton. Merry
Christmas to Santa.
Your friend,
Marion Welborn
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a hot wheel and
bicycle for Christmas. And
my dig sister wants a ba-
ton.
From Dwayne Braden
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I am good how are you
how is Mrs. Santa, and all
of the rain bear.
Love
Lynn Smith
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Clause,
Dear Santa I have been a
good boy.
I would like a football
suit and a football and some
boxing gloves. Merry Christ-
mas to Santa
from Kirksey Boyd
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus
I have been good every
day. My sisters has been
good every day too. Kim
my little sister wanes a doll.
My big sister wants a car.
I want some dolls. I have
not been meen.
From Karen O'Dell

Warmly
wishing you
the Season's
happiness



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE HERMAN STANLEYS
Box 644, Tripoli, Libya, North Africa

ent Night 



IT GIVES US
PLEASURE TO
EXTEND OUR
BEST WISHES
TO THOSE
WE
CHERISH.

HIGHWAY
GROCERY & DRY GOODS
MRS. ARCHIE McDONALD & EMPLOYEES

the joy of
CHRISTMAS

This message is
filled with
good wishes for
Christmas

JOHN A. MENELEE
and Family

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the happiness of Christmas
make every day a happy day

GREETINGS

HALE'S GARAGE
Charile & Bess

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Clous,
I wot a Tippiie Toes.
I am eight. I live in Rankin Texas. I have been a good girl.
Your friend,
Alecia Mullis
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I am looking for you this Christmas. I would like to have some borbie doll clo-



WISHING YOU
A CHRISTMAS
THAT'S MERRY
AND BRIGHT!

from
The Staff & Management
**BUCKLAND
INN**

thes. and some clothes to wear, and a disk to. Please bring my brothers some thing to.

your friend
Karen
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a five foot poll table for Christmas and my brother wants a Kennedy Airport. My mother wants a dryer, and my daddy wants a deer gun.

I will be eight in January twenty-fifth. My brother will be four December twenty-third. I hope you can bring what my brother and I want.
your friend,
Jeff Henry
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
Wuod you bring me a dolly. I'm seven and I been good. And wuod you bring my mother something.
your friend
Stacy Dianna Pina
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Clous
I want a doll that criys. And some dishes and a jump rop. I am eight years old and my sister is five years old and she wants a jump rop. and a doll that criys and some dishes.
Your friend
Carmella Ramiaz
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

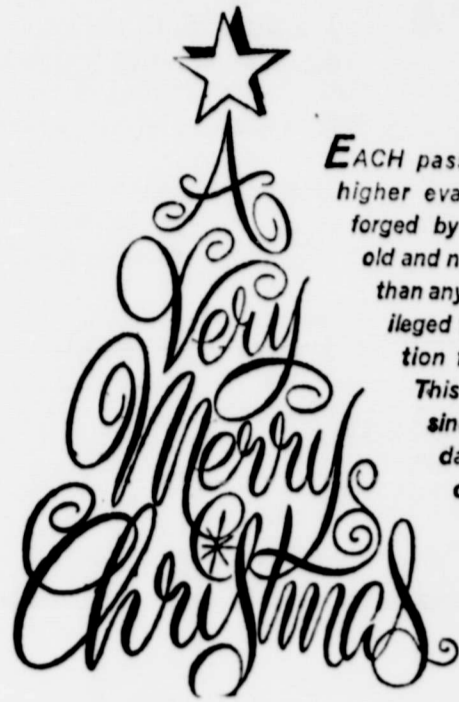
Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old.
I help cary the trash.
I wish I had a gan.
I wish I had a arme house.
Your frind,
Ray
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

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HDear Santa Clous,
I want you to bring me Baby First Step and baby small walk and baby small talk. And must of all Baby Party and if you want to you can just make one.

Please sent the orphans some toys.
your friend,
Stacy Leann Lester
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—

Dear Santa Claus,
Hal are you?
Have you been good
Hal are your raindeer
Hal old are you?
I want a time machine and a letrict football set. I am eight years old.
your frien
Dewayne Gordon
—MERRY CHRISTMAS—
Dear Santa Clausy,
I want a B B, gun and a tepee.
your friend,
Albert Holcomb



EACH passing year brings a higher evaluation of the life forged by pleasant seasons old and new. At Christmas than any other time, we are privileged to express our affection for these friends. This message brings sincere wish that the day Season be one, with a full of happiness.

MARY PIERCE

Troy Laundry Sub-Station
CLOSE DEC. 24—OPEN DEC. 30



The Light from within

The lights in churches everywhere shine out to the world around at this Christmas season.

And the light from within the hearts of men shines out more strongly than ever at this Holy time.

May your Christmas and all the days to follow be filled with the light of peace and happiness.

DUNN LOWERY INSURANCE AGENCY

Greetings

The carollers are singing of Christmas!
And so do we . . . as we call out our very best wishes to all our friends and patrons.



GOSSETT ENCO SERVICE

To Wish
You
Peace, Happiness
And Every
Joy For
CHRISTMAS
and the
NEW YEAR

Mr. and Mrs.
Porter Johnson

Country Club Open to Public Dec. 31st

For those who wish to "see the New Year in" without having to risk the high-day traffic, Rankin Country Club has announced that the clubhouse will be open to the public until 1:00 a.m. on New Year's eve.

Music will be by juke box. Admission will be \$1 per couple and hats, noise makers and streamers for greeting the New Year will be furnished.

Holiday Closings to be Varied for Rankin Businesses

Closing notices began going up last Monday in preparation for the Christmas Holidays. Rankin Schools dismissed last Friday and will not re-open until Monday, January 6. All school activities including basketball will be terminated during this period.

Closings for Rankin business house and offices will be varied. County offices—and the Southwest Abstract and Title Company will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26—reopening next Friday.

For the City Hall, December 24 and 25 will be the closing dates while Boggs Grocery and Johnson's Department Store will be closed December 25 and 26.

Calling for one-day closings are Hurst Barbecue, First State Bank, Ranchers' Wool & Mohair, Gossett's Enco, Mary Lou's Drug, the two Insurance Agencies the

West Texas Utilities and Highway Grocery. Most of the service stations and garages will also take a one-day shutdown while such firms as Halliburton Services and the Western Company will carry on business as usual.

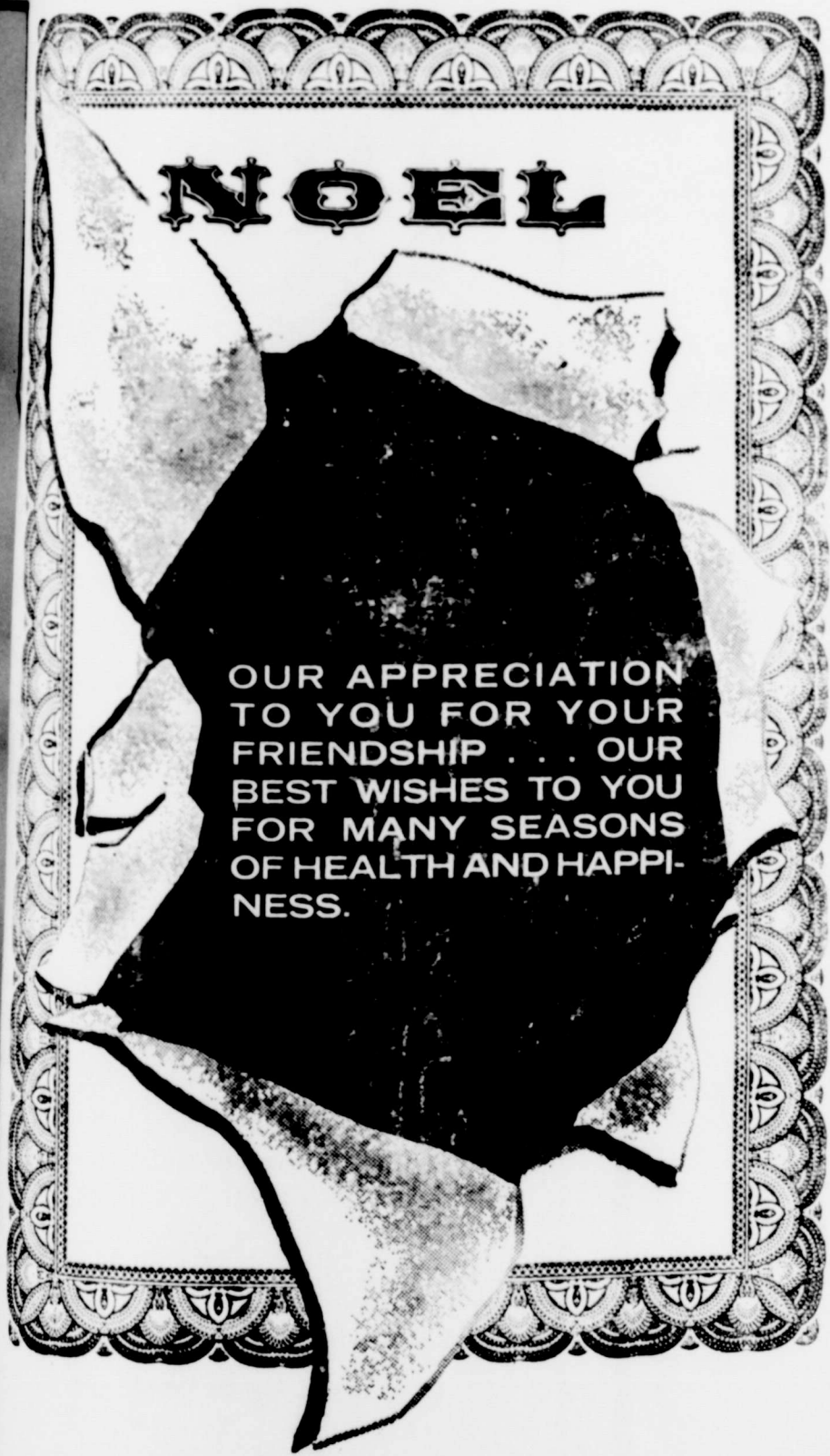
Generally, a similar closing schedule will be followed for New Year's.

Christmas Party has Good Attendance

Rankin's annual Christmas Party, held last Saturday morning under the direction of the Rankin Lions Club, drew a good attendance and about 175 bags of candy, nuts and fruit were passed out to the children. In addition, they watched a movie and cartoons.

Highlight of the morning came with a visit by Santa.

LAMINATING PAPER at the News Office. Put those important documents in sealed plastic. No tools necessary except scissors.



THE RANKIN NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Hutchens
and Hal



MAY THIS
CHRISTMAS BE A
HAPPY ONE
FOR YOU,
REJOICING IN THE
GLAD TIDINGS
OF HIS BIRTH

MR. AND MRS. DAVE McKELVY

**BRAZELL-GLIDEWELL
ENGAGEMENT REVEALED**

Mrs. Mary Gilmore of McCamey announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her grandadughter, Jeanne Brazell, to Mr. Rusty Glidewell of Rankin.

Miss Brazell graduated from McCamey High School in 1964 and is employed by the C. W. Brown Motor Co. in McCamey.

Mr. Glaidewell graduated from Venus High School in 1962 and is presently employed by the Ross Wheeler Trucking Co. of Rankin.

**A GROWN-UP . . .
LETTERS TO SANTA**

ED.: The following "Letter to Santa" was first published a long time ago in the Greenville Morning Herald. It author is unknown and it was submitted to The News by a local reader for re-publication.

Dear Santa:

It has been a long time since I have written to you. I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house on loneliness and doubt; which stands at the

end of Disillusion Avenue. All of the gloriously bright little bubbles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or trashed and tear-stained.

Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lode star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past, I re-
(Continued to Next Page)

**BREAKFAST
Monday**

Cold Cereal, Toast, Pine-apple Tidbits

Tuesday

Oat Meal or Rice, Toast
½ Orange

Wednesday

Cold Cereal, Donut, Tomato Juice

The Rankin (T
Thursday, Dec.

Thurs
Oot meal or R
Roll, Orange

Friday

Sausage, 1 sm
(2), Tomato J
½ Pink Milk
each meal.



**YOU ARE
CORDIALLY
INVITED
TO ATTEND**

**LUTHERAN
CHURCH
SERVICES**

EACH SUNDAY
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Elizabeth & 8th Sts.



MIRRORS ALWAYS BUST WHEN YOU LOOK AT 'EM
SABUDA GOT IT INSURED WITH

RANKIN INSURANCE AGENCY

812 MAIN ST. Ph 639-2482 Rankin

School Menu

JANUARY 6-10

LUNCH

Monday

Honey, Steak Fingers,
Creamy Gravy, Mashed
Potatoes, English Peas
Hot Rolls Fruit
Cocktail

Tuesday

Lettuce Wedge, Baked Ham
Candied Yams, Green
Beans, Hominy, Hot
Rolls, Ice Box
Cockies

Wednesday

Cherry Peppers, Enchiladas
Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice
Corn Bread, Crackers,
Apricat Halves

Thursday

Gelatine Salad, Fried Chik-
en, Cream Gravy, Butter-
ed Corn, Blackeyed Peas
Hot Rolls, Oranges

Friday

Hamburgers, French Fries,
Beans, Peanut Butter
Crisp
Fresh Milk and Butte
hserved with each meal.

LIVE THE CAREFREE ELECTRIC WAY

Total-Electric Living
is so clean you can
use colors you ne
dared use before.



Use glamorous white-on-white, even! Because electric heating, cooling, cooking cleaning is flameless the new pastels, even white-on-white, stay clean. Choose furniture, drapes, carpets and walls in the colors you want—stay clean in a modern total-electric Medallion home.

Any home can be converted to electric Medallion.



Call your electric contractor or West Texas Utilities



West Texas Utilities Company
an investor owned company

In Your Sock . . .

Are you expecting Santa to put a new car in your Christmas stocking? Well we hope so for they are a job and a pleasure. However, payments are not always so pleasant so we'd suggest that you talk to us about your financing. We'll make it as painless as possible—with payments to fit your budget.

**DO YOUR BANKING BUSINESS WITH
PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
YOUR PERSONAL WELFARE.**



The First State Bank

Member FDIC

RANKIN, TEXAS

TO SANTA

not appreciate
less treasures or
them as I should
now I repent my
and humbly ask
remember me with
apply this Christ-

heart right my the chim-
ney, Santa, and please this
is what I want: Give me a
large basket of forgetful-
ness, with which to cover
up all bitterness and use-
less brooding; a large box
of forgiveness for those who
robbed me of laughter and
filled my eyes with tears;
leave m enough of th ce-
ment of hope to mend the
shattered fragments of joy;
tuck in a little song of che-
and, please, Santa, leave
quite a lot of plain old-fash-
ioned faith, understanding,
unselfishness and tolerance

that I canshare with my ne-
ighbors.
Sincerely and thankfully
A Grown-Up Child

**Sunday Services
Held in Eastland
for Irma Harkrider**

Funeral services for Irma
S. Harkrider were held at
2:30 p.m., Sunday, Decem-
ber 22 in the First Metho-
dist Church in Eastland with
the Rev. Len Layne officiat-
ing. Mrs. Harkrider, 60,
passed away in an Eastland
hospital on Saturday follow-
ing an illness of several
weeks. She had been in
failing health for the past
two or three years.

Burial was in Eastland
Cemetery under the direc-
tion of Arrington Hamner
Funeral Home.

The Harkriders had resid-
ed in Rankin for the past
seventeen years. Both, at
one time, had been employ-
ed by Halliburton services.
Mrs. Harkrider retired in
about 1954 while he worked
until they moved to East-
land earlier this month.

Mrs. Harkrider was born
June 21, 1908 and married
Noble Harkrider April 4,
1927 in Eastland.

She was a member of the
First Methodist Church in
Rankin and of the Hallibur-
ton Wives Club. At various
times, she had taken part
in a number of civic activi-
ties while a resident and
she and Mr. Harkrider were
charter members of Rankin
Golf Club.

Survivors include Noble;
two sons, Harold Harkrider
of Midland and George Hark-
rider of Tulsa, Okla.; two
sisters, Mrs. Edith Euban
of Pecos and Mrs. Doris
Miller of Alliance, Ohio;
three brothers, George, Da-
vid and James Fields, all of
Abilene, and four grand-
children.

**Rankin High School
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

-- BOYS --

A & B	Big Lake	Invitational	Tourney
A & B	Mertzon	There	5:00 p.m.
A & B	Grandfalls	There	4:30 p.m.
A & B	Imperial	Here	6:30 p.m.
A & B	Iraan	Here	5:00 p.m.
A & B	Sanderson	There	5:00 p.m.
A & B	Iraan	There	5:00 p.m.
A & B	Sanderson	Here	5:00 p.m.

BOYS FRESHMEN SCHEDULE

McCamey	Here	7:00
McCamey	Here	7:00

-- GIRLS --

A Team	Mertzon	There	5:00 p.m.
A Team	Grandfalls	Invitational	
A & B	Grandfalls	There	4:30 p.m.
A & B	Ozona	Here	6:30 p.m.
A Team	Iraan	Here	5:00 p.m.
A Team	Sanderson	There	5:00 p.m.
A & B	Ozona	Here	6:30 p.m.
A Team	Iraan	There	5:00 p.m.
A Team	Sanderson	Here	5:00 p.m.

Rankin Junior High School

-- BOYS --

7th & 8th Grade	Iraan	There	5:00 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade	McCamey	Here	4:30
7th & 8th Grade	McCamey	Here	4:30
7th & 8th Grade	Big Lake	There	5:30
8th Grade	Iraan	Tournament	
7th & 8th Grade	Iraan	Here	5 p.m.

-- GIRLS --

7th & 8th Grade	Iraan	Here	5:00 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade	McCamey	There	4:30
7th & 8th Grade	McCamey	There	4:30
7th & 8th Grade	Grandfalls	There	5:00
8th Grade	Iraan	Tournament	
7th & 8th Grade	Iraan	There	5:00

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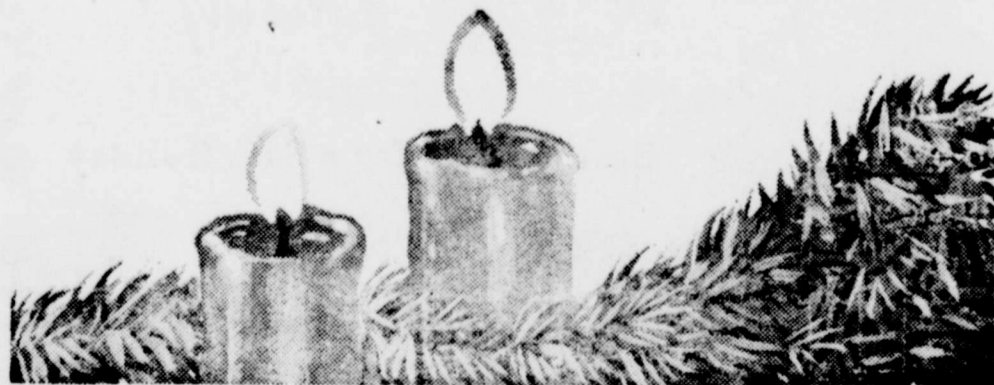
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Mrs. Jenny Steele of admitted December 16.
Apolonio Ramirez of admitted December 16.
Mrs. C. E. Wheeler of admitted December 20.
Randall Hodges of M admitted December 20.
Baby Boy Porter of born December 12 and December 16.

Mrs. E. M. Carpenter admitted 12-9 and dismissed
Mrs. A. B. Harris of M admitted 12-13, dismissed
Robert Kenney of Rankin mitted 12-16, dismissed
Viola Abalos of Rankin ted 12-16, dismissed 12-2

Gradene Kellar, Odessa ted 12-16, dismissed 12-2
Mrs. C. B. Leach, Rankin mitted 12-17, dismissed
W. J. Price, Rankin, 12-17, dismissed 12-21

Eugene Kenney, Rankin mitted 12-17, dismissed
David Sly, Big Lake, 12-18, dismissed 12-20.

Mrs. Chas. Rameriz, admitted 12-20, dismissed
Lou Browning, Rankin ted 12-21, dismissed 12-2
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