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SANTA RIDES THE MAILS— Santa Claus accompanied star route carrier Albert Hannes, right, on his last Christmas trip over the 42-mile star route on the morning of Dec. 24, in what may become an annual institution at the Ledbetter Post Office. Children of the star route patrons had previously been invited to appear at their mail boxes, and upon the arrival of the carrier, Santa Claus descended to shake hands with the wee patrons and distribute gifts at each rural mail box and at the offices of Nechanitz and Warda. The Yultide novelty somewhat delayed the schedule, which was duly entered on trip report form No. 5400 as a "heavy load." Postal regulations are not involved in case of a star route contractor, who may transport freight or passengers, but rural carriers may not even carry their wives and sweethearts, even 'tho these be one and the same person.

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