

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Wall, Paint Rock Tournament Winners

Paint Rock girls and Wall boys took first place honors in the A team basketball tournament held in the Robert Lee Gym last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Robert Lee boys were in second place with Water Valley third and consolation going to Highland. The Bronte girls were second, Wall third and Robert Lee was con-

solation winner.

Final scores in Saturday night's games were: girls, Paint Rock 59, Bronte 48; boys, Wall 78, Robert Lee 47.

The RL girls fell to Paint Rock in a close 59-57 game Thursday, then stomped Highland by a big 63-12 score Friday and wound up their play by besting Sterling City 65-38.

Scoring in Thursday's game were Stella Bickley with 31 points; Vicky Gartman 18; Brenda Cooley 8. Against Highland it was Gartman for 16; Bickley 15; Carla Wojtek 14; Cindy Ash 10; Cooley 6; Kathy Deen 2. In Saturday's game for consolation Bickley hit for 32; Gartman 24; Cooley 7; Ash 2.

The Steers came out ahead of Paint Rock 73-34 Thursday with Poly Abalos scoring 19 points; Shell Williams 13; Micky Baker 10; Walter Flowers 10; Tom Sawyer 7; Anthony Percifull 7; Mike Percifull 5; Tim Rowoldt 2.

For Friday's game, the Steers downed Water Valley 42-33 with Williams high with 17; P. Abalos 12; Flowers 8; George Abalos 5.

They played Wall Saturday night for first place and were defeated 78-47. Scoring for Robert Lee were P. Abalos 15; Williams 15; Flowers 8; G. Abalos 6; Sawyer 2; Baker 1.

The A and B boys and girls played at Bronte Monday night (scores will be published in the next edition of the Observer) and they will host Water Valley's A and B teams on Jan. 6 with games starting at 4 p.m.

## Concert and Style Show Held Here

A "Winter Wonderland" was the scene for the Christmas Concert and Style Show that was presented Wednesday morning at the Robert Lee School auditorium.

The Junior High School Dogie Band played various selections for the large audience present and the Homemaking students modeled their clothing projects of the year.

With Rosa Sanchez serving as narrator and Pam Quisenberry playing background music, the following homemakers modeled their garments which they have constructed in Home Ec. classes this year: Jo Ann Killam, Valerie Baker, Pam Brice, Ruth Calder, Isabel Costilla, Sharon Valdez, Linda Tijerina, Mitch Hodges, Poly Abalos, Ernest Burns, Kay Bazar, Vicky Padgett, Shell Williams and Lisa Bessent.

Also Lynette Boykin, Cynthia Flanagan, Martha Galvan, Paula Page, Stacy Prather, Lori Robertson, Cathy Roe, Susan Rowoldt, Tim Rowoldt, Marlene Shook, Clark Tinkler, Elroy Torres, Rosa Torres and David Wolfe.

A skit concerning the "Spirit of Christmas," was given by Debbie Ross and elves, Gayle Ross and Russell Ash.

Santa Claus made his traditional appearance as the Dogie Band was playing "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and he stayed around long enough to delight all the youngsters with candy and visits and then he led the crowd in singing some Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Eloise Guerrant is the Homemaking teacher and George Strickland is director of the Dogie Band.

## HAYWOOD SERVICES HELD AT SNYDER

Funeral services for Minnie Ida Haywood, 89, of Snyder and a former Robert Lee resident, were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder. Burial was in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Haywood died at 6 p.m. last Thursday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Minnie Ida Blair July 2, 1886, in Kimble County, she was married to Lee Haywood in 1917 at Lovington, N. M. He died in 1954. She had lived in Snyder for the past 25 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Elbert (Patsy Lee) Humble of Post; two sons, Dave Haywood of Snyder and Rufus C. Rawls of Wappington Falls, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. G. M. Brown of Snyder and Mrs. V. G. Dymore of San Angelo; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## Coke County Stock Show Planned For January 5

The 1976 Coke County Livestock Show will be held at the show barn in Robert Lee Monday, Jan. 5. The 1976 edition will be the largest ever, with 79 4-H and FFA Chapter members competing for the top honors in the various divisions.

A total of 225 animals have been entered by the 79 young people competing for some 220 ribbons and rosettes, 21 trophies and showmanship awards and \$800 in prize money.

The sale to follow the completion of the showing is expected to gross \$3100 in premium money for the exhibitors. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell one animal in the premium sale.

**Robert Lee and Bronte students will be dismissed Monday to allow students to participate in the annual Coke County Livestock Show.**

The show will get underway Monday, Jan. 5, at 8:30 a.m. with the showing of breeding swine. Market swine, market lambs, market steers and breeding cattle will follow in the order listed. The auction is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., immediately af-

ter the completion of the show and awarding of trophies.

Judge for the 1976 show will be Wilburn Frey, County Extension Agent for Mason County. He will be assisted in the ring by the county show directors, serving as division superintendents. D. J. Walker Jr., chairman of the show association board of directors, will be announcer for the show.

Jerry Gibbs, High School Principal, will serve as show clerk. The sale will be under the direction of J. T. Henry of

## SOME FIRMS TO CLOSE MORE THAN ONE DAY FOR CHRISTMAS

Those reporting to the Observer that they will be closed more than one day for Christmas include:

West Way Grocery and Baker's Grocery will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 26. Add Davis Grocery will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday and will be closed Christmas Day.

Offices in the County Courthouse will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 and for the rest of the week.

The City Hall will close Wednesday at noon and open again on Monday.

West Texas Utilities Company will close both Thursday and Friday.

Butane Sales will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Mathews Lumber & Hardware will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Most of the merchants and offices will be closed just one day for New Year's.

Robert Lee School turned out at 2:30 p.m. Friday and classes will not resume until Jan. 6.

The Robert Lee Observer office will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24, until Monday, Jan. 5. There will be no paper published the week of Jan. 1. The Observer staff wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bronte, who will serve as auctioneer.

Coke County Home Demonstration Clubs will serve barbecue lunches in the adjacent recreation center. Everyone is invited to the 1976 Show and to have lunch with Coke County club women who are serving it.

Expected to exhibit animals in the show are:

**SWINE:** Cindy Walker, Kerry Gartman, Debbie Askins, Terry Jo Millican, Rickey Ross, Harvey Wojtek, Randy Bessent, Tim Rowoldt, Terry Ross, Terry McGinley, Ronnie Wagner, Jerry Brunson, Dale Patterson, David Bachman, Kevin Gibbs, Robert Taylor, Ronny Gardner, Suzanne Brunson, and Vicky Gartman.

**LAMBS:** Bill Grant Jr., Marty Dunn, Terry Joe Millican, Dianna Tinkler, Joel Percifull, Amy Percifull, Pat Percifull, Kellye Percifull, Kyle James, Bruce James, Bud Johnson, John Halamicek, Cody McClure, Denise McClure, Tom Ensor, Kath Ensor, Bill Ensor, Carla Ball, Mark Ball, Robert Ball, Lance Ball, Wayne Sprengle, Donnie Jackson, David Jackson, Darryl Jackson, Kyle Lee, Tim Lee, Tanya Lee, Jana Ragsdale, Yvonne Charles, Kelly Glenn, Dallas Johnson, Barry Clark, Buddy Caulder, Clark Tinkler, Ricky Tijerina, Jimmy Munoz, Richard Prentice, Audrey Williams, Dennis Wolfe, Eloy Torres, Danny Abalos, Wesley Sawyer, Dennis Vick, Jo Ann Killam, Anthony Percifull, Joe Bob Ragsdale and Richard Ball.

**CATTLE:** Lynn Guley, Edwin Wilson, Everett Wilson, Lisa Devoll, Susan Ash, Russell Ash, Carol Cervenka, Michael Cervenka, Ernest Burns, Randy Bessent, Paul Cervenka, Jimmy Tidwell and Cynthia Ash.

## Services Are Held For Ed S. Roberts

Ed S. Roberts, 77, died Friday, Dec. 19, at 9 p.m. in West Coke County Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Robert Lee Baptist Church. Elder E. V. Gibson conducted the services and was assisted by the Rev. Jimmy Rogers, both of San Angelo. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery directed by Newby Funeral Home.

Ed Speaks Roberts was born Dec. 26, 1897, in Lavaca County. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John (Willie Speaks) Roberts. He came to Coke County in 1916 and was married to Bernice Havins Jan. 21, 1920, in Robert Lee. He was a rancher.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Gene Roberts and Travis Roberts of San Angelo; one sister, Mrs. Lillie Clark Brown of Hallettsville; a granddaughter, Mrs. Rick (Marla) Giddens of Clyde and two great-grandsons.

Pallbearers were Floyd Harmon, Glen Waldrop, Charles Sims, Gene Hinnard and Finnell Smith, all of Robert Lee, and Woodrow Herbert of San Angelo.

## MRS. ATOR DIES DEC. 7 AT KERRVILLE

Mrs. J. P. (Lois Brown) Ator, 76, died Sunday, Dec. 7, in Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville. Burial was in Nichols Cemetery at Kerrville.

She was born July 3, 1899, in Ringgold, Texas, and had lived in Ingram over 35 years. She was a former resident of Coke County.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Margie Nichols and Yvonne Ator, both of Kerrville; two sisters, Miss Naomi Brown of Robert Lee and Mrs. Jean Haynie of Munday; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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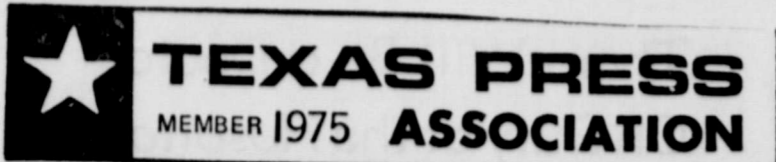
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Dear Santa Claus,  
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Love,  
Willie Torres

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy and I am in the third grade and am nine years old. I want a tape recorder and a life game. Please bring my sisters some candy.  
Love,  
Kirby Rasco

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jimmy and I would like a Winnie the Pooh Bear, a glow in the dark Frankenstein, a Shrunken head kit, a skeleton kit, a planet of the Apes set and a doctor kit. I have been a pretty good boy.

Love  
Jimmy Self  
P. S. Would you please bring a sweater for our dog, Pee Wee, too? She gets cold.

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll that crawls and walks and a big, big bicycle. I want some dominoes and I think I need a bulletin board with some red, white and blue tacks. I love you, Santa. I want you down the chimney. I hope Rudolph comes with you.  
Love  
Vonda Verner

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a doll and a little car. I want a little boat to sail on the water. Come in the window that I will leave open. Be careful and don't get stuck. If you do, just call me.  
Sandy Torres.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl and I am in the third grade. I am eight years old. I want a doll that talks and a boat. I guess that is all that I want for Christmas. I wish you will have a good time. I forgot something and I want Levis.  
Love,  
Carol Longoria

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I am a boy. I am in the third grade. My name is Joel. I have three brothers, Aaron, Greg and baby William. I want a boat. I want a Alamo set too. And please bring Aaron a Indian suit. And I forgot to tell you about my sister, Lori.  
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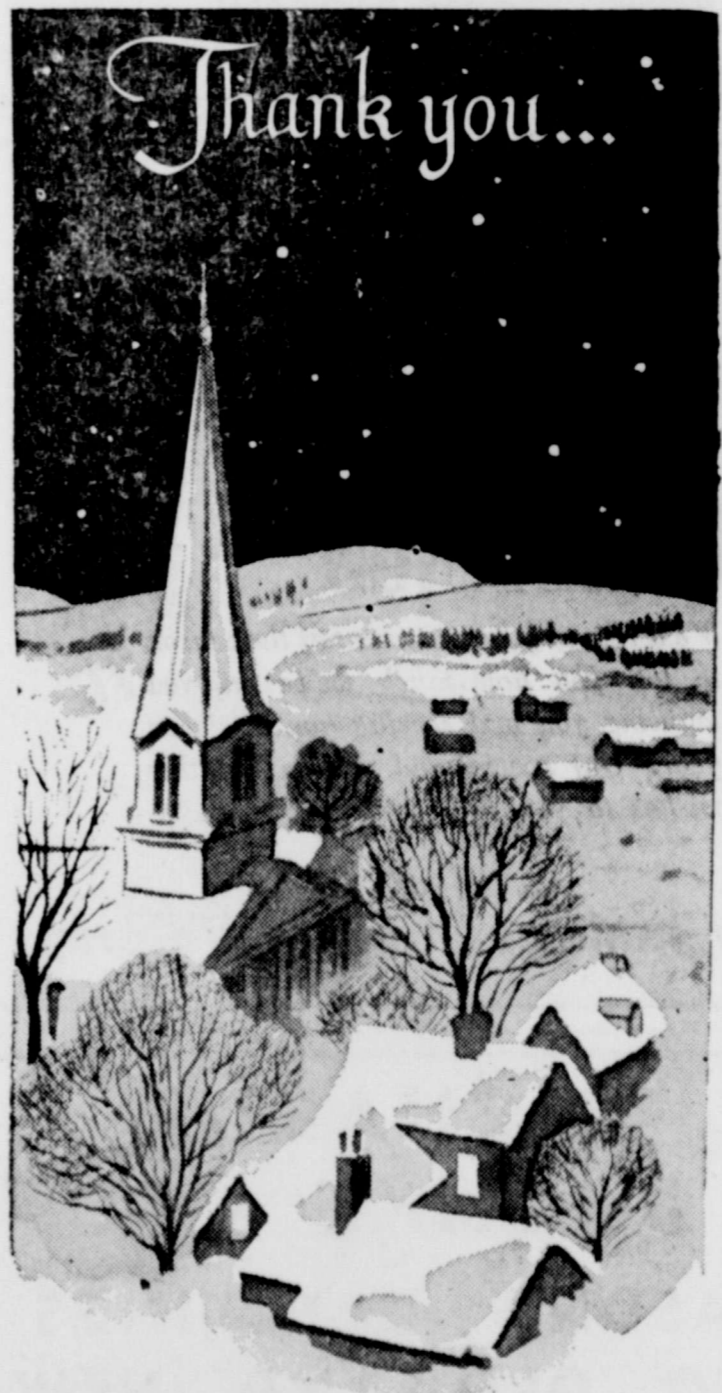
Dear Santa Claus,  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy and I am 8 years old. I want a walkie-talkie, coloring books and a bee bee gun.  
Love,  
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### Look Who's New

Scott Walter Simon is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Simon of Reston, Va. He was born Dec. 16 in Shannon Hospital at San Angelo and weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. His mother is the former Sharon Scott. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Scott Jr. of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Simon of Albuquerque, N. M. Mrs. Leola Scott of Robert Lee is his great-grandmother.

### Lunchroom Menu

Monday, Jan. 5: Holiday, Stock Show.

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Steak fingers and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and butter, milk and pink applesauce.

Wednesday Dec. 7: Pinto beans with salt pork, spinach, French fries, cornbread and butter, milk and peach cobbler.

Thursday Jan. 8: Italian spaghetti with cheese, cole slaw, English peas, hot rolls and butter, milk and ice box cookies.

Friday: Jan. 9: Chicken casseroles, buttered rice, combination salad, hot rolls and butter, milk and Jello with cream.

### '64 STUDY CLUB BEGINS PLANS FOR PATIO AT WC NURSING HOME

The '64 Study Club of the T.F.-W.C. met at the home of Mrs. Robert Vaughan on Dec. 8 for their Christmas party. The Christmas project for this year was a money Christmas tree which was given to West Coke County Nursing Home. Total amount of the money was \$111.50. The money will be the beginning of a fund for a patio. Residents at the Nursing Home are looking forward to enjoying the sun during the coming summer on their patio.

However, donations are needed to build the patio. The '64 Study Club hopes that other persons and groups will donate money, possibly memorials, to speed this project on the way.

The program was about German Christmas traditions and was given by Mrs. Delbert Walling. An unusual gingerbread cookie and apple tree decorated the refreshment table. Hostesses were Mmes. Vaughan, W. T. Roach and Yvonne Conner.

### HEALTH MEETING SET IN ANGELO

In order to ensure maximum opportunity for public participation in the establishment of the Tri-Region Health Systems Agency, there will be a public hearing on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the St. Angelus Room of Central National Bank in San Angelo.

Purpose of the hearing will be to record public comment regarding the application to be submitted to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for funding of the agency, the composition of the proposed governing body and the proposed work program.

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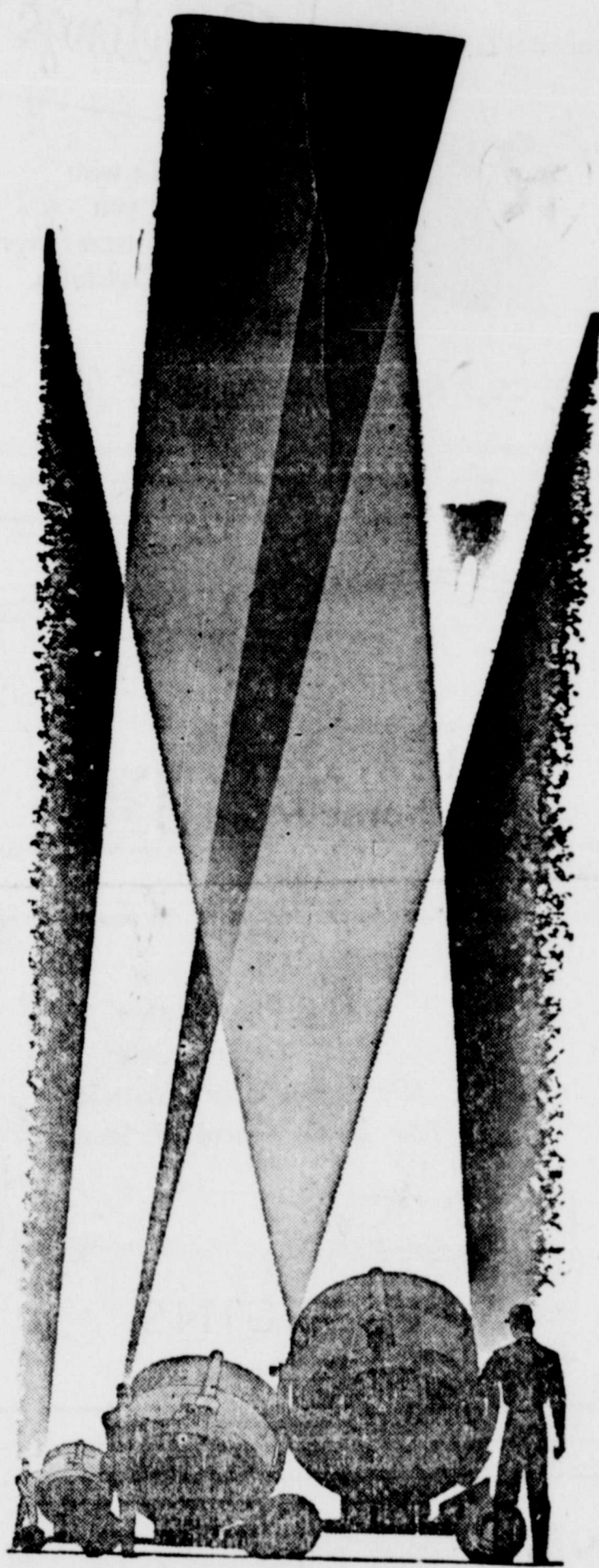
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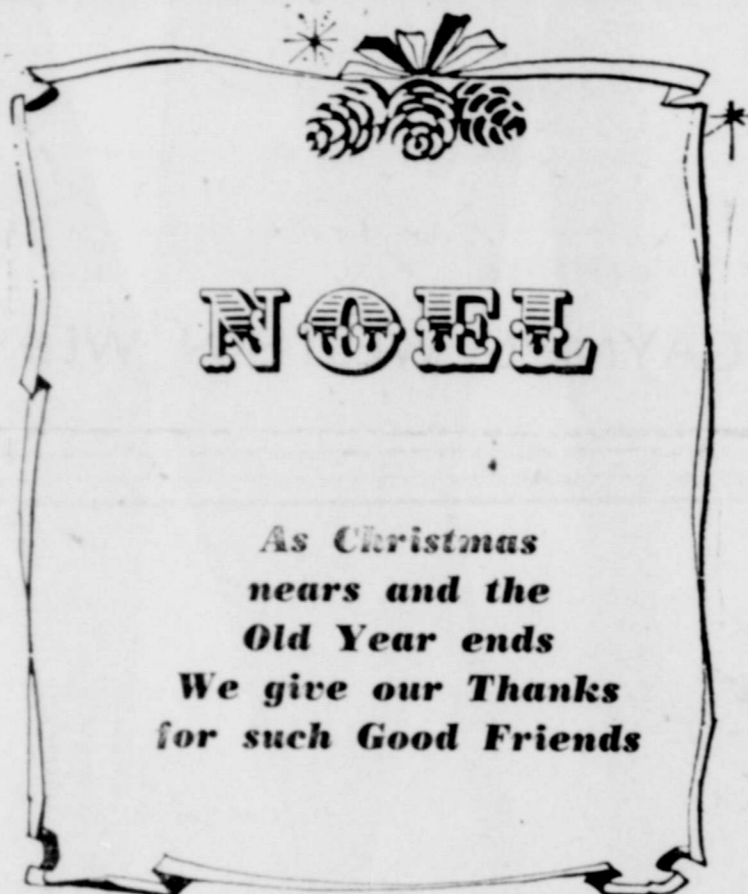


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That's all.  
Sally Ann Ybarra

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I want a play BB gun with a telescope on it, a cho-cho train, some crash bang 'em up cars. I want some put-puts like you see in the stores and on TV. I would like to have a Nerf football. I'm going to leave the door open for you. Just open the screen door and come in. I'll be asleep, so you don't need to worry about waking me up.  
I love you.  
T. A. Gartman

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a car, airplane, truck and blocks. Bring Robert a car and little Saul a doll. Bring Mama a dress, Pappa some boots. Bring Mrs. Mathers a dress and a truck for Tommy. Don't forget Mr. and Mrs. Adams.  
I love you,  
Roy Arellano

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I hope you will let Rudolph drive your sleigh. I want to watch out the window every five minutes for you, but I am afraid my mother will make me go to bed. I do want an Indian bracelet, ring and a pair of spurs. It doesn't matter what size, cause Daddy can bend them to fit. The chimney is too little for you but the doors won't be locked  
Love,  
Rachel Metcalf

Dear Santa,  
I want a camera and some roll-skates and two Walkie Talkies — one for me and one for Jana. I don't know what Kerry wants or what Vicky wants but I want a watch for Jana. Have a happy Christmas.  
Come down the chimney, but you had better check for a fire. The doors will be locked.  
I love you,  
Randy Gartman

Dear Santa,  
I want a walking doll, please, and a Baby Alive. You will have to come by my store to get it. I do need a toy box and a book called Cinderella. I want an ear ring holder for Mamma. I wanted to get one for her birthday but it's past now. I want a buggy for the dolls and a pair of socks for Kerry. I don't know just what to get Daddy. Will you bring him a big surprise? Kerry wants a cornet. I just remembered, I like puzzles and I love you. I'll be watching for you and Rudolph.  
Krsti Wrink'e

Dear Santa,  
I want some cleats for Christmas and a bat, and gloves and a play drum and a cho-cho train. Bring William a little red wagon. I want a doll for Lori and a camper with dolls in it. Joel needs a "Scubs Center" shirt and I think Aaron would like to have a tape recorder. Guess I better have a tape recorder too! I hope you get some rest since you have been so busy.  
I love you  
Greg Walker

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am eight years old and I am a girl. I want a belt with my name on it. And I want a western shirt. And some boots please.  
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I love you,  
Stevie Ebenstein

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm eight years old. I'm in the third grade. I'm a boy. I would like an Evel Knievel stunt cycle with Evel Knievel too.

Love,  
Phillip Stephens

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl and nine years old and in the third grade. I want a pair of go-go boots, tape recorder and a fur cote.

Love,  
Rebecca Comstock

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 6 years old and in the first grade and I want a bike number 76 and I want a race track and a 6 million dollar man and a shzem and a model car boy and little car and a new football.

Jeff Meyers

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a babe live and a bike and some clothes for my dolls.

(Editor's note: This letter wasn't signed but we feel sure Santa will get the message.)

Dear Santa,

I want an electric blanket, TV magic set, air hockey, walkie-talkies, snow man sno-cone machine, easy bake oven, Barbie beauty center, and fashion set.

Thank you,  
Patty Bloodworth

Dear Santa,

I love you and hope you are coming to see me. You may come down the chimney. We won't have a fire because we are afraid it will burn you. I would like a play dough fire truck. You can see them on TV. I really want a drum set. My Mommy said I could have it. In my stocking may I have walnuts like you always bring?

Please bring Leigh Ann a little cotton bear.

I love you, dear Old Santa,  
Robert Runnion

Dear Santa Claus,

I am eight years old. I am a boy and I am in the third grade now. I want a microscope, bike and a pellet gun.

Mike Balderas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl and I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. I want some cowboy boots and some roller skates for Christmas.

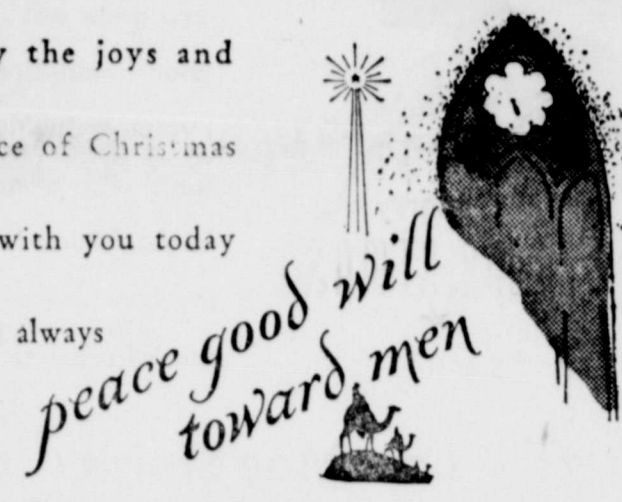
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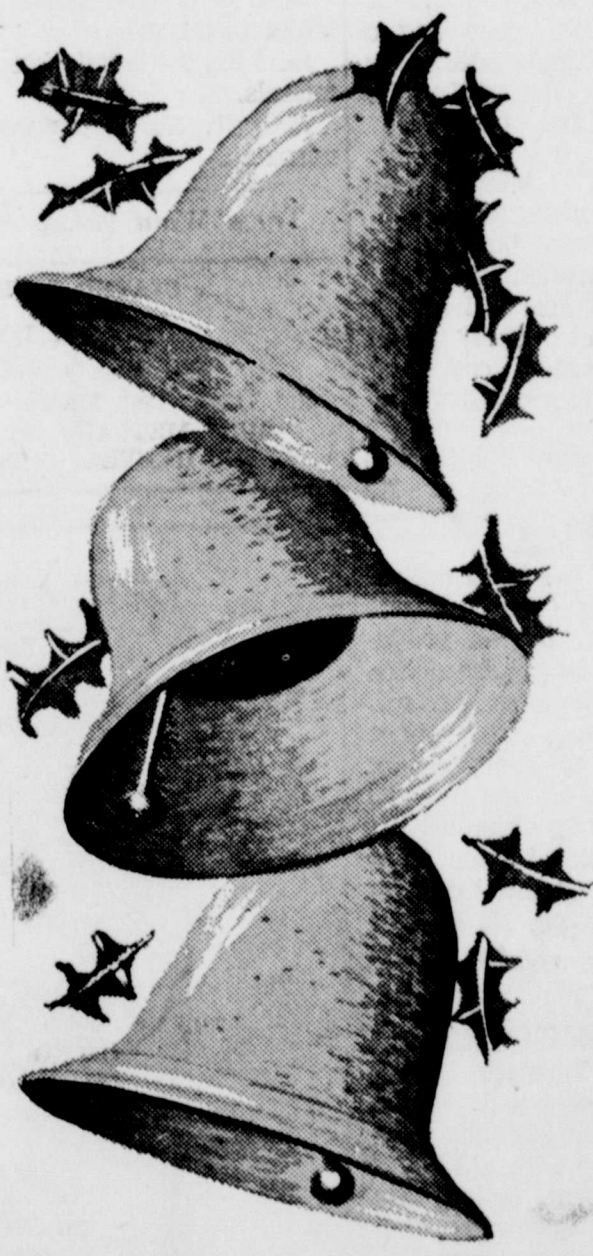
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Newby Funeral Home

### Mrs. Reed Wins Recipe Contest

Elisabeth P. Reed of Robert Lee is this year's winner in the 1975 Concho Cookery Contest with her Sausage Pie Recipe.

Sponsored each year by the San Angelo Standard-Times, this year's contest drew over 500 recipe entries from throughout Texas.

Mrs. Reed received \$50 as first place winner overall and she also received an additional \$20 for first place winner in the meat and casserole category.

Recipe finalists in the contest were judged Nov. 12 at the Home Economics Dept. of Angelo State University.

Taking second prize of \$5 in the Meat or Casserole Division was Margaret Epperson of Robert Lee with her Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese Casserole.

Following is Mrs. Reed's winning Sausage Pie Recipe:

1 lb. pan sausage, made into patties  
Brown in skillet. Place sausage in 1 1/2 qt. casserole. Pour out fat in skillet. In this fat fry:  
1 cup chopped celery  
One-third cup chopped onion  
One-third chopped green pepper

Add:  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup tomato sauce  
2 cups red kidney beans, drained  
4 tbs. bean liquid  
Pour into casserole. Top with cheese puffs.

**Cheese Puffs**  
1 cup flour  
3 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Cut into this, 1/2 cup grated cheese and 2 tbsps. butter; add 1/2 cup milk. Drop by spoonful over sausage mixture in casserole. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 12: Frank Hearn admitted.  
Dec. 17: No admissions, no dismissals.  
Dec. 18: Lora Richards admitted.  
Dec. 19: Frank Hearn, LaVerne Smith dismissed.  
Dec. 20: No admissions, no dismissals.  
Dec. 21: No admissions, no dismissals.

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2nd Tues. Each Month, 7 P.M.  
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LEWIS HEUVEL, Secretary

### CARD OF THANKS

All of our family is so grateful to all of our friends who have expressed their sympathy in so many ways during the tragedy that we have had. We want to thank all of you for every expression of your love and concern. The floral offerings, the food, the visits, the prayers and every other expression of your concern for us were especially appreciated.

The Family of  
Delbert Ray Coalson

### CARD OF THANKS

In appreciation for the words of comfort, food, floral offerings, memorials and other kind deeds extended to us during the loss of our loved one, Eva Vowell, we wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee T.  
McCleskey and Family

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

By an order of the Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas, on December 8th, 1975, a resolution was adopted to publish notice of intention to increase the salaries of Coke County and Precinct Officials by 5% of their present salary. Pursuant to Art. 3912K, Sec. 6, V.A.T.S. said order will be considered and acted upon in a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court January 12, 1976, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the courthouse at Robert Lee, Texas.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Trustees of the Robert Lee Independent School District are now taking bids on a 1976 3/4 ton pick-up with a 460 V-8 engine or equivalent, factory air conditioner, radio and heater, tinted glass, power steers, power disc brakes, automatic transmission, swing lock mirrors, auxiliary gas tank, transmission, stabilizer bar, heavy duty rear draw bar hitch, 8.75 x 16.5 pr tires, inc. spare.

Bids will be accepted until 8 p.m. January 15, 1976. Please mail your quotations to Jimmy Bickley, Superintendent, Robert Lee Independent School District, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. 2-tc

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Come by Farm Bureau office or see Thurston McCutchen for FREE rain gauges and 1976 Almanac Calendars.



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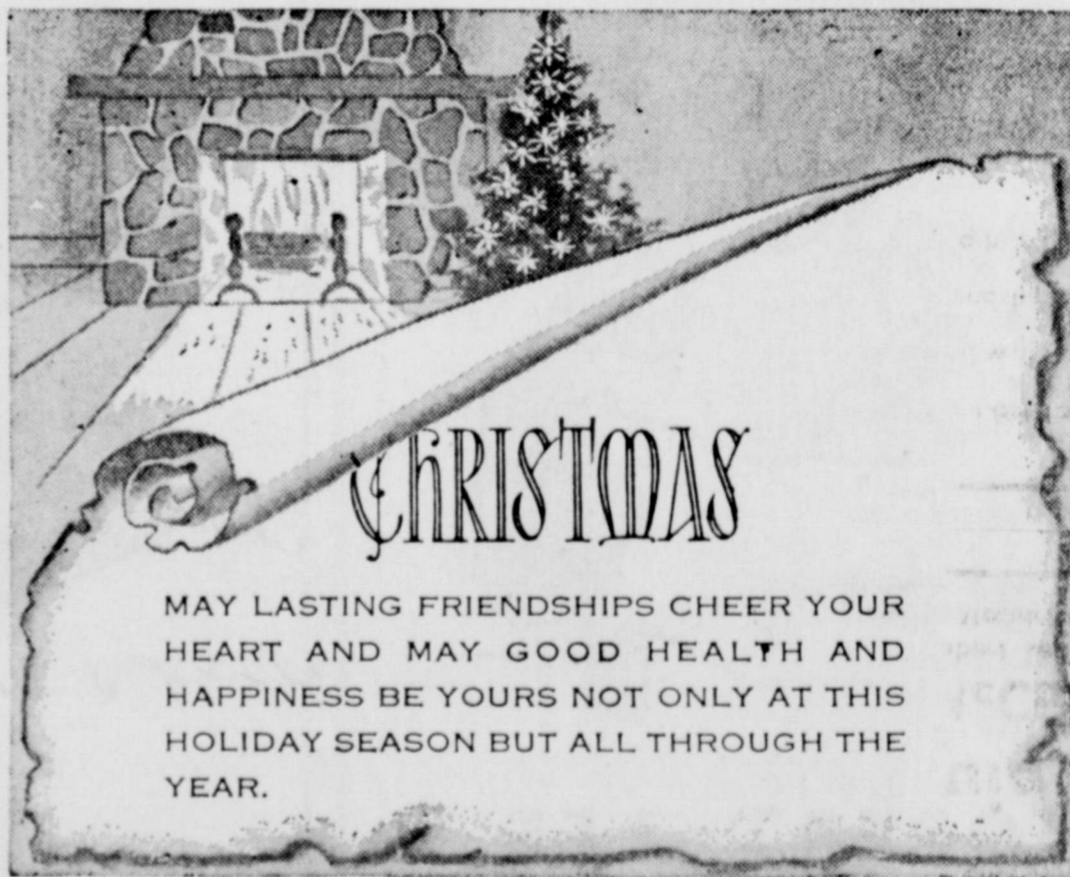
ALL THE JOYS

OF

Christmas

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# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow with metal points, and a motorcycle. That is all. Thank you.  
Love,  
Randy Stephens

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, bike and football.  
Thank you,  
Jim Bob Jacobs

Dear Santa,  
I want a Record Player and a purse, and some clothes, and a bicycle, and that is all.  
Thank you,  
Marcella Munoz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Telephone and a Baby doll, snow man cone machine, Realistic Toy Typewriter.  
Thank you,  
Emma Torres

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pocket Radio and a BB gun and Mickey Mouse Watch.  
Thank you,  
James Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want 2 tractors and a pickup, and a Fire truck.  
Thank you,  
Scotty Henson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want TV Magic and Magic hats, and a rub-a-dub dolly, arria television, and an electric blanket, and a holly Hobbie doll.  
Kim Hagen  
I love you, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want a football.  
Thank you,  
Robert Arellano

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl in the first grade. For Christmas I want a bike and toys, a Baby Doll.  
Eliza Garza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want roller skates, snowman, play dough, rub-a-dub doll, Barnstormer and Knit Magic.  
Thank you,  
Tancie Bell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade. For Christmas I wanta Millican Dollar Man.  
Noal Don Smith

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade. For Christmas I want some guns and a evul knevle.  
Mickey Dronnan

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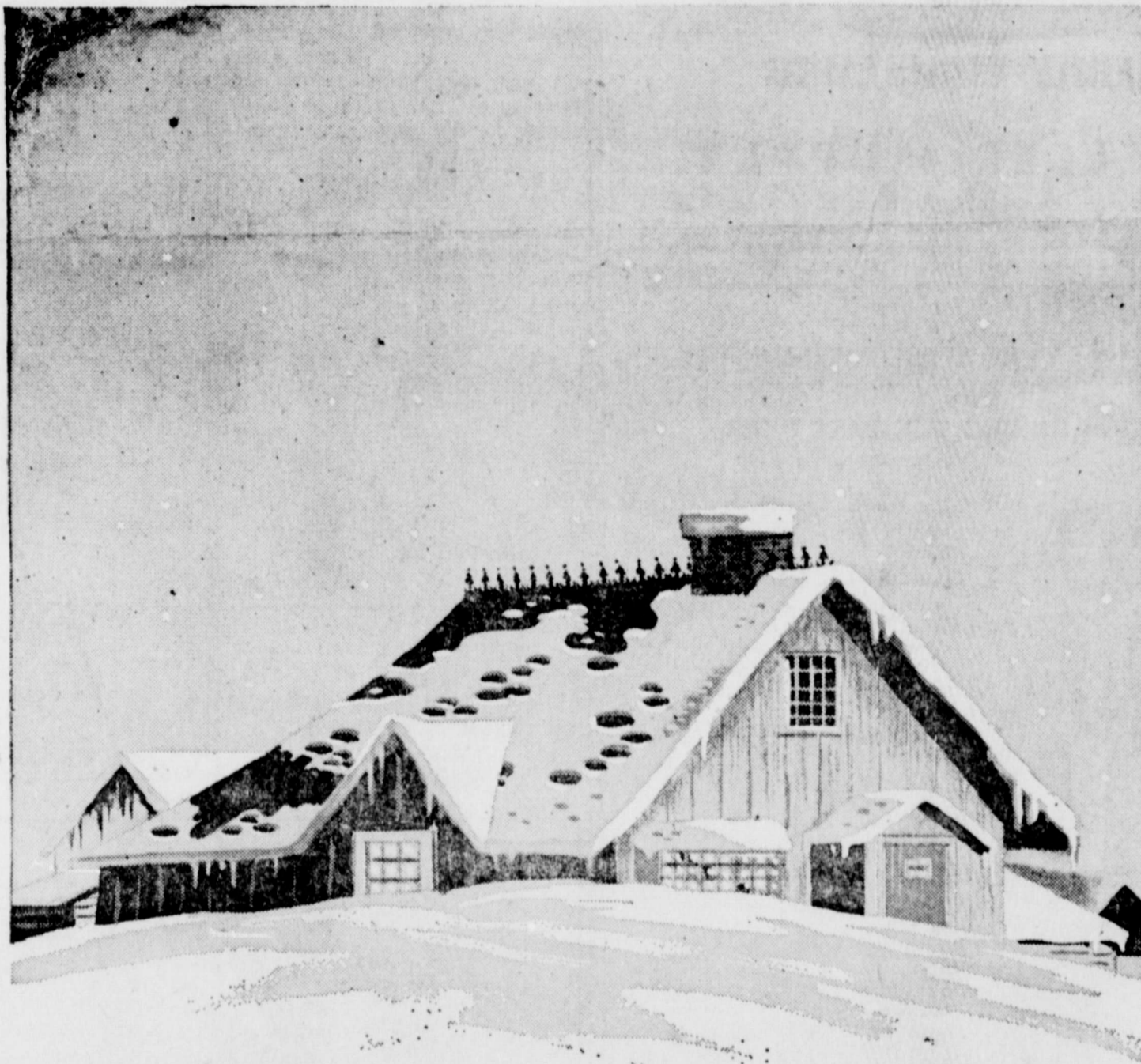
And we are one in wishing you a fine, beautiful, and

MERRY CHRISTMAS



**Concho Valley Electric Co-op**  
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P. O. Box 2140  
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**May there be Christmas Joy in every heart... in every land and home**

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*Greetings*

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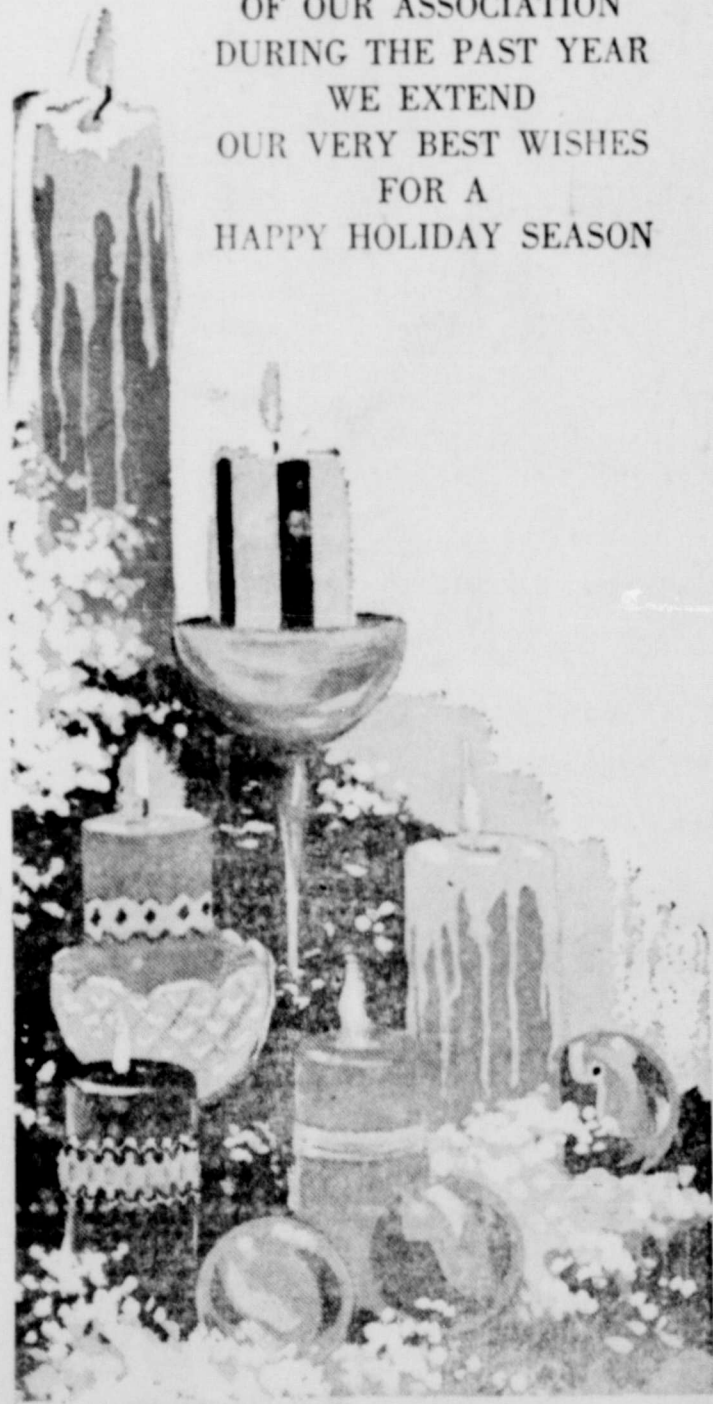


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DURING THE PAST YEAR  
WE EXTEND  
OUR VERY BEST WISHES  
FOR A  
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



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**LETTERS TO  
SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa,  
I would like some skates and a doll that you can bathe. Also a piano and a play telephone. I guess Ericka would like some blocks. Mother and Daddy want some towels and dish rags. Oh yes, Mother needs a new vacuum cleaner so bad. I would like some new dishes for Grandmother and Granddaddy Clendennen Also for Papa and Grandma Farmer I want some dishes. I will leave you some cookies and milk. You know where I live.

I love you.  
Becky Clendennen

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Please come in the front door where we watch TV. That's the living room. A little elf-probably Dancer—will open the door for you. I want an organ and a dolly 'cause girls love dollies. I made up my bed for Mommy and brushed my teeth.

Bye now.  
Debbie Bell

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I like your beard and moustache and I love you. Come in my fireplace. In the kitchen on the table will be candy for you. Will you leave me some candy in my stocking? I want a record player and a sling shot and some cards.

That's all.  
Jason Herring

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas. And I like to share with everyone. I like Santa. I like school and I hope you will visit our room here. I want you to bring me some toys, and some clothes for my mother.

That's all.  
Rhonda Fawcett

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade. For Christmas I want Evil Knevil and a car.

Eddie Lara

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade. For Christmas I want a grader and Evil Knevil and a dump truck.

Kelly Nichols

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl in the first grade. For Christmas I want a Baby Alive and a Baby Bed.

Debbie Flowers

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike, purse, and a doll and a watch. A hobbie doll.

Thank you.  
Alma Lara

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Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl in the first grade. For Christmas I want Baby Alive and a sewing mushene and Indian jewelry.

Kim Clanton



*HAVE A  
Wonderful Christmas*

Sheriff and Mrs. J. Lee Ensor  
And Family



**MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON  
BE WREATHED IN HAPPINESS  
FOR ALL WHO GATHER  
AROUND YOUR HEARTH.**



**HIGGINBOTHAM'S**

Ballinger

**Best wishes!**  
**FOR a VERY happy  
Holiday season**

**HEIDENHEIMER'S**

Ballinger

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade. For Christmas I want a gun rifle and Evil Knevil.  
Shane Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby a-live, a television, a rub-a-dub-doll, a TV magic, a watch and a piano.  
Thank you,  
Marna Fawcett

Dear Santa,  
I want a Holly Hobbie Dolly, a watch, a radio a Three Speeds, some shoe skates and an easy Bake Oven. Girls Sewing Machine, Barbie Beauty Center, Sunshine Family Family van with Sunshine Family dolls and a Jewelry Maker.  
Thank You. I love you, Santa.  
With love,  
Dana Anthony

Dear Santa,  
I want a fire truck, a road master set, fire dept. and v-w master gift.  
Thank you,  
Steve Garza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl in the first grade. For Christmas I want a Baby Alive. From  
Lee Ann Molinar

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade. For Christmas I want Evil Knevil and a car.  
Pammy Millican

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a purse, TV Magic, rub-a-dub doll, electric blanket and radio.  
Thank you,  
Kellie Phillips

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch, purse, TV magic operation, walkies talkies, easy bake oven, House of Beauty, Etch a Sketch, Snowmna Sno-Cone, Barbie beauty set and a cash register.  
Thank you,  
Jana Gartmaan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl in the first grade. For Christmas I want a Klok.  
Rosa Ybarra

Dear Santa,  
I know I love you, Santa, cause you picked me up one time and you did bring me toys. Please bring me some of those cars up on a ramp that you pull a dial and it goes "zip" and they crash. Their name is "Crash-up Derby." In case we are gone to our other two Christmases, I will leave the door open.  
Love,  
Kelly Tomlinson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a tractor or auto transport, show man snow cone machine, aerial hook-n-ladder fire truck, Joy Bringer, pickup truck and Roadmaster set.  
Luther Lara

Dear Santa,  
I want a pellet gun and a watch and bicycle, and radio, football bow and arrow set with metal points and a football suit.  
Thank you,  
Mike Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow set, football suit and walkie talkie and rabbit and Snowman's sno-cone machine.  
Love  
Frank Bryan

Dear Santa,  
I want a radio, typewriter that really works, nurse uniform size 8 and the things that nurses use, and a tough stof vacuum.  
Thank you,  
Sue Ann Millican



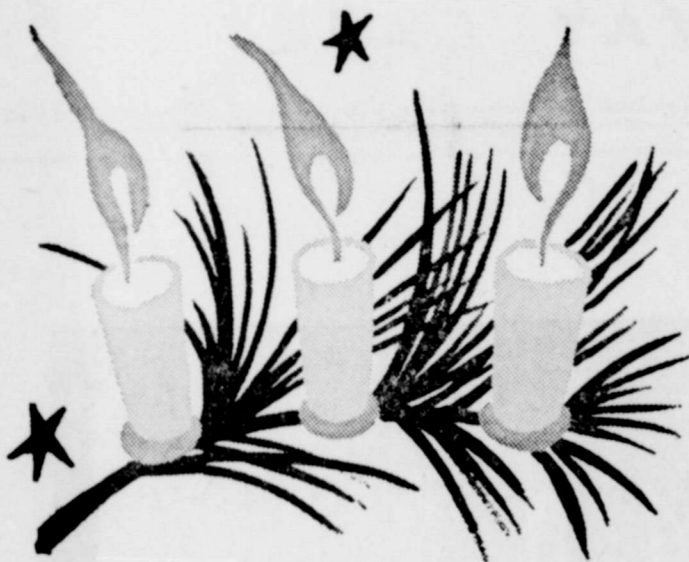
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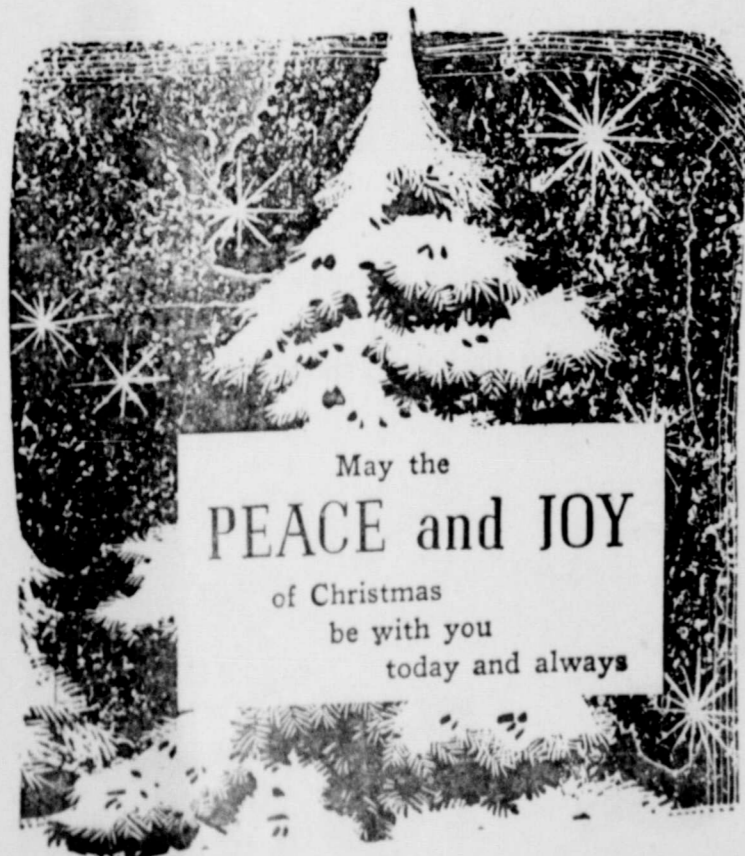
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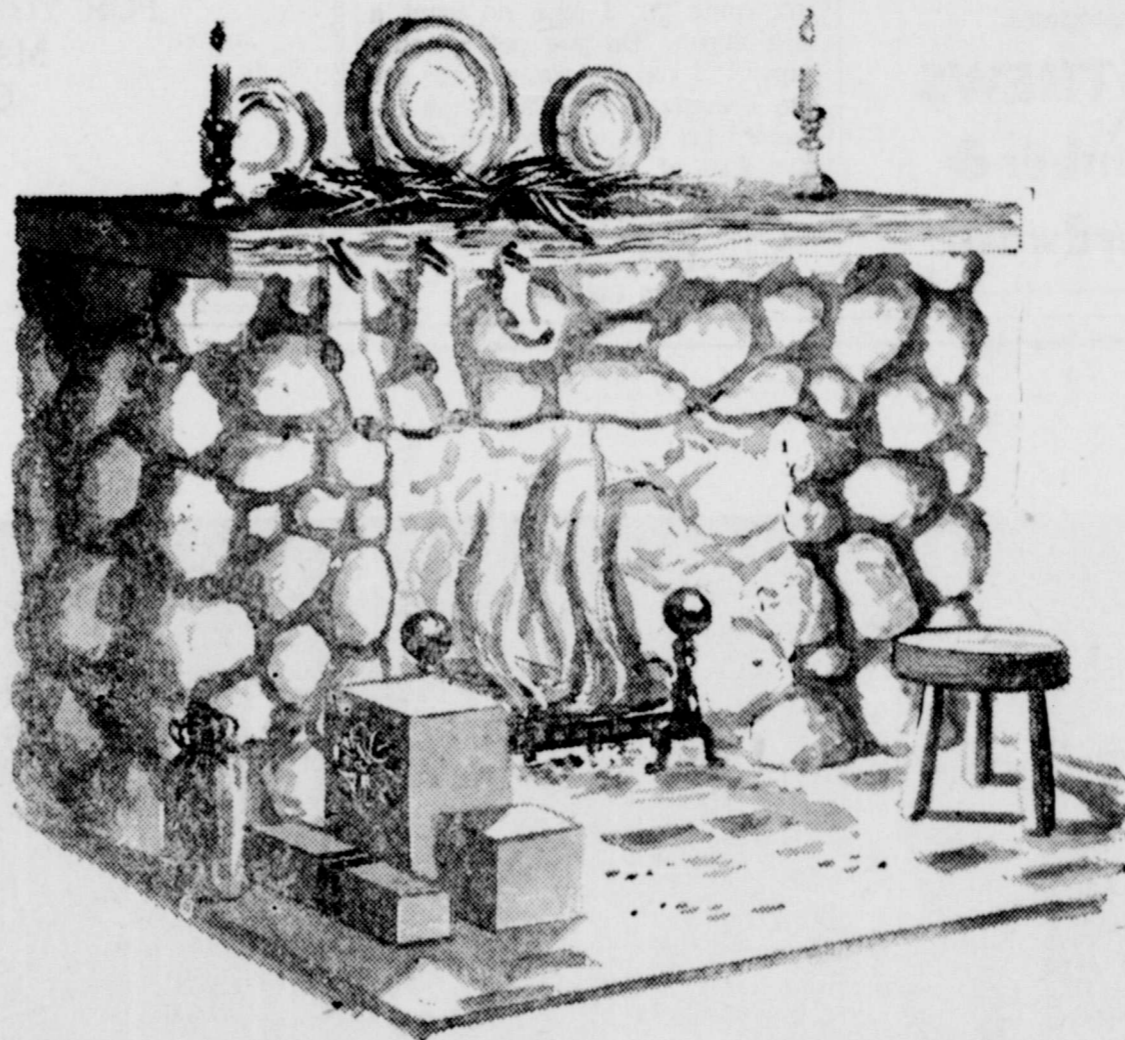
**Wishing you and those you love every happiness at CHRISTMAS.**

George and Thelma Lomas



**THE DAVID KEYS**

Alene, David, Joe David and Dee Anna



The fireplace: still symbolic of warmth, security, and family closeness.

May your Christmas season burn bright with warmth and happiness and may His love draw your family close at this Holy Season.

Our thanks to you and

*Merry Christmas*

## Western Auto Associate Store

Robert Lee

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Bob and Phelan Wrinkle

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl in the first grade.  
For Christmas I want Dolls, kites  
and earring jewelry.  
Sherrie Fulkerson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade.  
For Christmas I want some guns  
and Evil KnEvil.  
Roy Torres

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy in the first grade.  
I want some guns.  
Julian Torres.

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl in the first grade.  
For Christmas I want a Baby a  
Live and sewing machine.  
Robin Comstock

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl in the first grade.  
For Christmas I want a dress and  
boots and blankets.  
Nikki Lynn Epperson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wanta Kar-a-a-cite - Men,  
Dolls of the American, Revolution,  
Mr. Potato Head, Etch and Sketch.  
Thank you,  
Stanley Ferguson

Dear Santa,  
I want a pellet gun, and a bow  
and arrow set with metal points.  
Thank yuo  
Leo Saucedo

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want three Ford Tractors and  
a camper truck.  
Thank you,  
Tommy Arellano

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl in the first grade.  
For Christmas I want a doll and a  
tricycle.  
Stella Killam

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I'm going to leave  
you a hot snack. I'm going to  
leave the door open a little so it  
won't make so much noise when  
you come in. I sure do want a  
little organ. Do you get a news-  
paper? If you do, you will see the  
one I want. I like Christmas be-  
cause I get lots of gifts and get to  
give lots of gifts. I like school  
and want you to come here to  
see us.

Love,  
Lara Collins



A happy wish  
for a Holiday of  
happiness,  
cheer and good  
will to all our  
friends and  
customers.

**MATHEWS**  
**Lumber &**  
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*May  
the blessings of  
Christmas be with you  
today and always.*



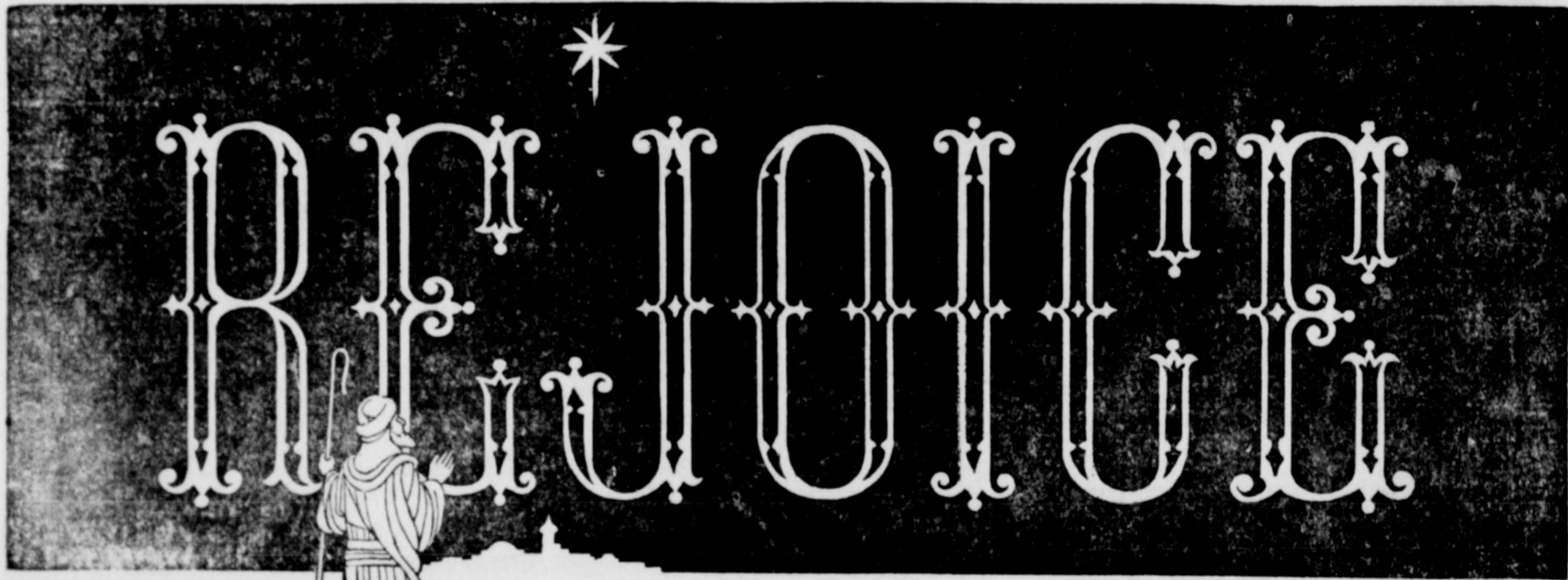
**Alice and Fred Beaty**

**THE  
HAPPY  
SEASON**



IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT WE PAUSE  
FROM THE USUAL ROUTINE OF BUSINESS TO SAY  
THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, GOOD WILL AND LOYALTY.  
MAY THE HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER  
OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE YOURS  
THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

**HI WAY CAFE**



Truly, this is the season to rejoice! Once again, as in each succeeding year for an age of centuries, all Men of Good Will celebrate the birth of The King as they renew their faith from the undying Star of Bethlehem.

**Baker's Groc. & Mkt.**