

Robert Lee Observer

Robert Lee Preparing For Christmas Holiday

Christmas really is almost here--it will happen next Saturday. All the kids, all those who are young as well as those who are young at heart, are looking forward to the happy day which is surrounded by an aura of magic and mystery for all those who can see it.

SANTA IN TOWN

Many eager faces greeted Santa Saturday when he arrived in Robert Lee aboard the local fire truck.

Santa and the parade of decorated bicycles, tricycles and push pedal vehicles was led by the Robert Lee Jr. High Dogie Band as they paraded through downtown Robert Lee.

Santa came prepared for his visit with bags of candy to hand out as he greeted the long line of youngsters who anxiously waited their turn to confide their wishes to Santa.

A trio of judges, Edna Havin, Gayle Bolding and Bob Boone judged the entries as follows: Age 4-6, 1st-Cody Anthony, 2nd-Tiffany Jameson, 3rd-Ricky Drennan; Ages 10-12, 1st-Ronda Prentice; Ages 13-92, 1st-Debra Caulder, 2nd-David Hubbard, 3rd-D. T. McCleskey.

Santa's visit was

sponsored by the Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club.

School was dismissed Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Most business firms will close for the Christmas holiday, and some places will also take off on Christmas Eve, which falls on Friday. However, a few firms will remain open to serve holiday needs of local residents as well as travelers.

County offices and the city hall, as well as the Robert Lee State Bank will take Friday as a holiday, but the U. S. Post Office will be open Friday.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

There will be no Robert Lee Observer published next week. The issue of Dec. 31 will not be published in order for the staff to have a week's vacation, and the office will be closed. It has been the custom the last couple of years for the paper to miss the issue after Christmas and the issue of the first week in July. A fairly new state law makes this possible.

This week's Observer is being printed early in order that it will reach all readers before Christmas. Plans

early in the week call for mailing the paper Wednesday. We hope to be able to carry out these plans.

Next issue will be dated Jan. 7.

Robert Lee merchants still have a large selection of gift items for late shoppers and they invite your patronage. Specials published last week by local food stores will remain in effect through Dec. 24.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

For the most part, the same holidays will apply for the New Year's weekend, as New Year's Day also falls on Saturday.

LINDSEY GRADUATE OF TEXAS A&M

Sterling E. Lindsey of Robert Lee is a centennial graduate of Texas A & M University.

Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lindsey, received an undergraduate degree in agricultural economics from Texas A & M.

Texas A & M had a total of 1,418 fall graduates, a mid-term record for the state's first public institution of higher learning.

CORRECTION

Students of Robert Lee High School will be dismissed from classes at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 instead of 3:30 p.m. as reported in our article last week.

This is our error and the Observer regrets this mistake and apologizes to all those concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McCleskey, former residents of Coke county recently moved here from Abilene. Mrs. McCleskey (Lois Vowell) was reared in Robert Lee and taught in the public school system here prior to moving to Abilene in 1940. Mr. McCleskey, a native of Bronte, said that they "were happy to be home".



SCHOOL ROYALTY--Students of the Robert Lee High School have selected Mr. and Miss RLHS for this school year. Choices for this honor were Shell Williams and Myna Roane. Shell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams and Myna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roane.

Livestock Show Set for January 3rd

The 1977 Coke County Livestock Show will be held at the Recreation and Show Center in Robert Lee Park Monday, Jan. 3. The 1977 edition will be the largest ever, with 97 4-H club and FFA Chapter members competing for honors in the various divisions.

A total of 230 animals have been entered with young people competing for the some 10 ribbons and rosettes, 21 trophies and 100 in prize money.

The sale to follow the completion of the showing is expected to gross \$3800 in premium money for the exhibitors. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell the animal in the premium sale.

The show will get underway Monday 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 after the completion of the show and awarding of trophies.

Judge for the 1977 show will be Wilburn Key, County Extension Agent, Mason County. He will be assisted in the ring by the county new directors, serving

as division superintendents. D. J. Walker, Jr., chairman of the show association board of directors, will be announcer for the show. Frank Brownfield, vocational agriculture teacher at Colorado City, will classify lambs for the show.

Jerry Gibbs, Robert Lee High School principal, will serve as show clerk. The sale will be under the direction of Ed Cumbie of Bronte, who will serve as auctioneer.

Coke County Home Demonstration Clubs will serve barbecue lunches in the adjacent recreation center. Everyone is invited to attend the 1977 Show and have lunch with the club women.

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

The following individuals are expected to have entries in the show:

SWINE

Douglas Roberts, Joel Percifull, Anthony Percifull, Amy Percifull, Pat Percifull, Terry Joe Millican, Lynn Gulley, Scot Long, Richard Long, Wayne Sprengle, Bill Grant, Jr., Darryl Jackson,

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BAND FAVORITES--Members of the RLHS Steer Band have named their Band Sweetheart and Band Beau for the year. Band Sweetheart is Betty Flowers and Band Beau is Morris Wallace. Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Flowers and Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Wallace.

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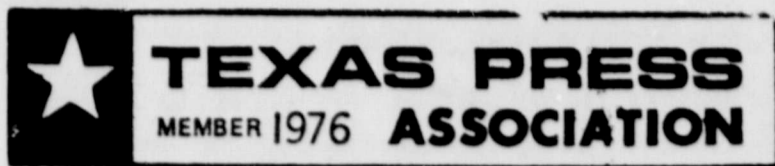
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ROBERT LEE GIRLS, WALL BOYS TOP TOURNAMENT

The Robert Lee girls and Wall boys won the championship game trophies in Robert Lee's Annual Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Bronte girls and Water Valley boys won consolation, while Eola girls and Bronte boys took third place honors.

Thursday Games
The first round games started last Thursday. Results of the girls contests were: Eola 44, Bronte 39; Wall 67, Paint Rock 62; Sterling City 39, Christoval 31; Robert Lee 78, Water Valley 34. For the boys: Bronte 56, Eola 53; Wall 73, Paint Rock 46; Sterling City 49, Christoval 40; Robert Lee 66, Water Valley 61.

Scoring for the local girls in their win over Water Valley were: Lisa Devoll 17; Vicki Gartman 16; Stella Bickley 15; Brenda Cooley 14; Karen Rasco 9; Linda Cooley 7. Point makers for the boys were Kerry Gartman 16; Micky Baker 12; Shell Williams 10; Terry Ross 9; Tom Sawyer 8; Ronnie Wagner 7; David Lackey 4.

Friday Games
In the second round games, held Friday, for the girls it was Eola 58, Paint Rock 49; Christoval 34, Water Valley 32; Wall 64, Eola 42; Robert Lee 74, Sterling City 34. In the boys games: Paint Rock 38, Eola 35; Water Valley 51, Christoval 49; Wall 70, Bronte 68;

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Sterling City 59, Robert Lee 38.

Scoring for the Robert Lee girls Devoll 18; Bickley 16; B. Cooley 12; L. Cooley 12; Rasco 9; Gartman 6; Betty Flowers 1. Baker hit 18 in the loss to Sterling City; Williams had 9; Sawyer 6; Ross 5; Gartman 5; Wagner 4; Clay Allen 4; Lackey 4.

Saturday Games
Bronte girls downed Christoval, 105-24, for consolation honors, while Water Valley boys took the consolation trophy from Paint Rock, 51-35. Eola girls won third place over Sterling City, 43-34. Bronte boys took third place over Robert Lee, 65-55.

In the championship game the Wall boys downed Sterling City 71-51.

Robert Lee's girls team had an easy win of 67-52 over Wall for the big championship trophy. Gartman had a big 32 points, followed by Bickley with 17; Devoll 12; B. Cooley 6.

PLAY MENARD

The Robert Lee girls took an easy 71-21 win when they traveled to Menard Tuesday night of last week. The boys were not so fortunate, as they lost, 65-38.

Scoring for the girls were Bickley with 30; Gartman 18; B. Cooley 17; Devoll 6. Making points in the boys game were Gartman 11; Baker 10; Williams 10; Sawyer 4; Allen 2; Wagner 2.

Schedule

Games coming up are: Dec. 30; Bronte A and B girls and Bronte A and B boys, here, 4 p.m. Jan 4: Eldorado A boys and A girls, there, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6: Water Valley A boys and A girls, there, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 7, 8: Bronte Jr. Hi Tourney, there. Jan. 6, 7, 8: Robert Lee B team Tourney, here.

LIVESTOCK SHOW--

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Donnie Jackson, Doug Tounget, Debbie Askins, Cindy Walker, Vicki Gartman, Kerry Gartman, Debbie Brown, Miles Brown, Lance McCarty, Russell Johnson, John Paul McGuire, Robert Taylor, Jeff Easterly, Randy Leigh, Ronnie Gardner, Randy Bessent, Ronnie Wagner, Terry Ross, Ricky Ross, Mike Wilkes and Clay Bloodworth.

CATTLE

Lynn Gulley, Lisa Devoll, Jimmu Tidwell, Russell Ash, Susan Ash, Cynthia Ash, Randy Bessent, Everett Wilson, Jodie Wilson, Edwin Wilson, Mark Riley.

SHEEP

Terry Joe Millican, Amy Percifull, Pat Percifull, Kellye Percifull, Joel Percifull, Dianna Tinkler, Kelly Glenn, Bud Johnson, Wayne Sprenkle, Connie Littlefield, Sharon Littlefield, Teresa Littlefield, David Jackson, Robert Ball, Lance Ball, Carla Ball, Cody McClure, Joe Bob Ragsdale, Jana Ragsdale, Kathy Ensor, Tom Ensor, Tim Lee, Tanya Lee, Lisa Lee, Sheila Lee, John Halamicek, Danny Agüero, Colin Pope, Jay Schoenfield.

Also, Monroe Killiam, JoAnn Killiam, Kyle James, Bruce James, Bill Carper, Butch Carper, Bill Ensor, Leroy Mathews, Mark Ball, Clark Tinkler, Scot Long, Richard Long, Paul Bosworth, Barry Clark, Brett Clark, Vic Conner, Jimmy Lara, Saul Saucedo, Ricky Tijerina, Robert Tijerina, Benita Torres, Tiodosa Torres, Wade Wallace, Buddy Caulder, Dallas Johnson, Jimmy Munoz, Wesley Sawyer, Shell Williams, Audrey Williams, Billy Matlock.

SS REP. COMING JAN. 6

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Robert Lee Thursday, Jan. 6, at the County Courthouse. He will be here from 1 to 2 p.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo at 949-4608.

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Fires a Special Hazard During Christmas Time

Citizens of Coke County and the surrounding areas have been warned by officials of the Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Departments to exercise extra caution in preventing fires during the Christmas holidays.

Christmas trees and wrappings from gift packages are especially vulnerable to outbreaks of fire.

Lighted candles should never be placed on, nor even close to Christmas trees. Electric lights used to decorate trees should be checked out carefully before they are placed on the trees. Any strings of lights that are frayed or damaged should be replaced with new ones.

Christmas wrappings should be gathered up and disposed of as soon as possible after gift

packages are unwrapped. Loose paper all around a room is a good target for a fire, especially when persons are smoking while opening gifts.

One fire department official said, "We don't want to be out fighting fires Christmas Day, but most of all we would hate to see some family's Christmas marred with a fire in the home."

"Extra care and common sense should prevent such a tragedy from happening," the firemen added.

ATTENTION HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

Fur buyer will be in Bronte at Red Barn Bar-B-Q on Sunday from 7:00 A.M. to 7:30 A.M., beginning Dec. 27. We buy green and dry furs of all kinds. Skin cases for fur (like opossums), open up the middle. We also buy deer hides. Well paid furs bring TOP PRICE. NORTHWESTERN FUR CO. Colorado City, Texas

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes

Jessie N. Yarbrough

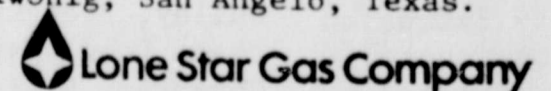
PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the industrial consumers in the

City of Robert Lee effective December 30, 1976.

It is anticipated that the increased cost of service under Schedule of Industrial Rates-N, Rate Schedule For Public Free Schools-N and Schedule For Industrial Rates-N for Agencies of the State or Federal Government will result in \$193.00 additional annual revenue to Lone Star Gas Company in the City of Robert Lee

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Robert Lee and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 111 West Twohig, San Angelo, Texas.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in third grade.
I want a doll, ring
and I hope you have a

merry Christmas. I
am eight years old.
Love,
Norma Gloria

May the joys and
peace of Christmas
be with you today
and always

*peace good will
toward men*



Newby Funeral Home

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward
to your visit on Christ-
mas Eve. I think I
have been good so I
would like to have a
clock radio and a sta-
tionery and a thumba-
lina. I wish all boys
and girls have a merry
Christmas.

Love,
Dana Anthony

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward
to your visit on Christ-
mas Eve. I am 9 years
old and in the third
grade. I would like a
bike and football.

I hope all boys and
girls have a Merry
Christmas.

Love,
Luther

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward
to you coming to see
me. I think I have
been good this year.
I hope this year I get
a coke machine, head-
phones, and finly a
hush little baby. I
am nine years old and
I am in the third grade.

I hope all boys girls
have a Merry Christmas.

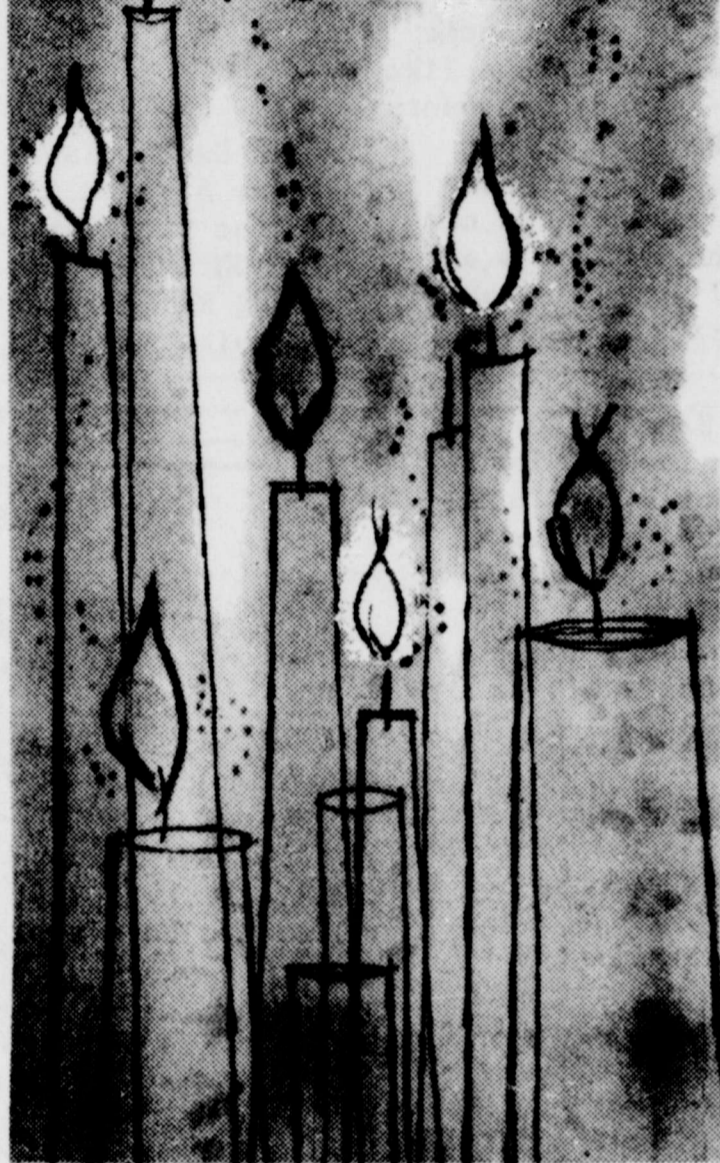
Love,
Patty Bloodworth

Dear Santa,
My name is Jimmy Self
and I am 8 years old.
I want a Stud 'n Stone
Kit, a Shrunken Head
kit, a Persian kitten,
a stamp collectors kit,
a Planet of the Apes
set, a Copycast Monster
Factory, and some Army
models with paints and
glue.

I tried to be a good
boy this year.

Love,
Jimmy Self

Warmest wishes
for a
Happy Holiday
Season



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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.

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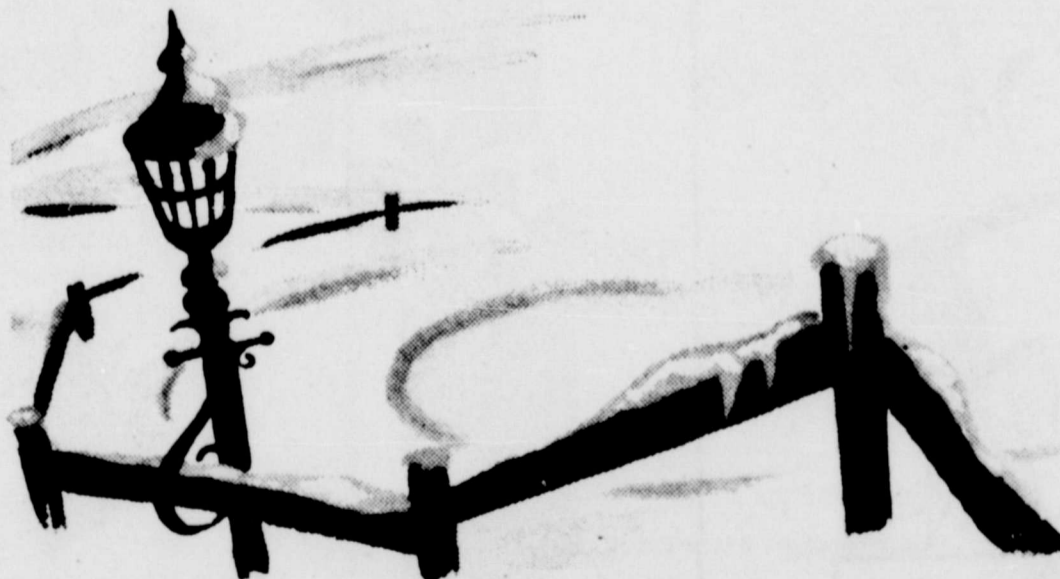


GREETINGS

It is an ever-new delight for us to wish
good friends the best of the Season. We've
been fortunate because of the continuing
loyalty and patronage of folks like you. It's
a pleasure for us to pause now and say
thank you. We look forward to serving you
in the future.

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Season's Greetings

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me a Bow and arrow and a Shift 500 and shoe skates and klets.
I love you,
Bryan Kelly Tomlinson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some skates, a kite, a projector, some pom-poms, a big wheeler for me. I need a football helmet and suit so I can play football with my friends. Will you bring my sister some skates and things like mine--except she wants a bike. My mother wants a deep-freeze and we all want some new clothes. That's all.
I love you Santa,
Ericka Clendennen

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your visit Christmas Eve. I think I have been good. I think I would like to have a Coke machine and an easy bake oven. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. I hope all the boys and girls have a merry, merry Christmas.
Love,
Kellie Phillips

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me a bike.
Sandy Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me a Snow Cone machine.
Sally Ybarra

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I think I have been good. I would like to have a Lone ranger set. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I hope all boys and girls have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Tommy Arellano, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me a firtruck (firetruck) and a gold car.
Roy Arellano

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me chaps and a big bike.
I love you,
Rachel Metcalf

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and in the third grade. I think I have been good, so I would like to have an 8 track tape of Captain and Tinnle and a stationery and a diary. And I hope all good boys and girls all over the world have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jana Gartman

Dear Santa Claus,
I have one more thing, I will unlock the front door. I hope the boys and girls have a Merry Christmas too.
I would like a guitar.
Glenn would like a 22. I do not know what Tom and Rochelle or Michelle want.
There is one more and

that is Ryan.
Love,
Lynelle Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me bo and ero (bow and arrow) and some klets and scates
I love you Santa,
Stevie Ebenstein

Happy Holidays

SKINNER'S GROCERY & STATION

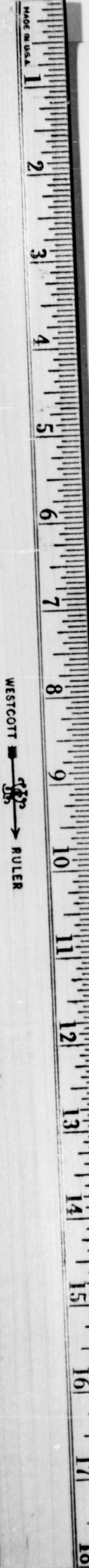
We wish you the Peace of Christmas and a home filled with love and cheer this Holiday Season.
May you enjoy every blessing.

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MRS. OPAL BAKER

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me Baby Thataway, Baby Alive.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Kristi Aldridge

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring racing-track, gun and van.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Shane Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me Evil Knevil set, jaws, bb gun, G.I. Joe, Tiny-Miny Minni Moes.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Travis Kinney

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me a Baby Alive and Baby Thataway and skates and hoola-hoop and pom-poms and Baby Tender Love and Tuesday Tailor.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Lee Ann Molinar

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year and I all so have been looking forward to you and Christmas. Most of all I have been waiting for Christmas and I would like a watch.

Love,
Marcella Munoz

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me a pellet gun and a Mohammed Ali, O. J. Simpson set, football jersey 32 and a helmet, buffalo Bills and some traps and Jaws.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Jeff Meyers

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me sum skates and O. J. Simpson and G. I. Joe.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Kelly Nichols

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me a pom-poms, The Weebles Tree House, Baby Thataway and a hoola-hop and a Big Brown Bear.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Debbie Flowers

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me Evil Knevil set, a jet cycle, army set, motorcycle and helmet, Lee Majors, MacDonalds set, pellet gun, and B.B.'s.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Scott Robertson

Dear Santa Claws,
I love you Santa. Can you bring me a go car, bike, ump truck, front in luter (front end loader). I am in the 3rd grade.

Love,
Steve Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a go car and a bike and a b.b. gun. I am 10 years old. I am in the 3rd grade. I like to see you Santa Claus.

Love,
Robert Aerllano

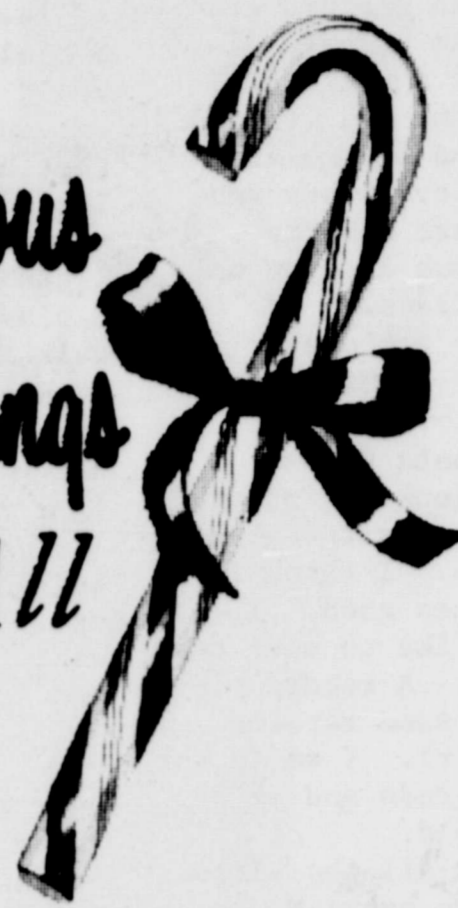
Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for you so much. I am going to leave some cookies and milk for you. I will like to have a tele-phones.

Love so much,
Emmo Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a b b gun, basketball set and a cb radio. I am 9 years old. For my mother, and fathers anniversary and encyclopedia.

Love,
Tancie Bell

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the 3rd grade and I am 9 years old. I want a Rock 'Em Sock 'Em, and TV tennis set, and single lights. I hope every boy and girl have a Merry Christmas and you to Santa Claus.

Love,
Mike Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I think I have been good. I would like to have two things. A record player and some records. I am a girl. I am in the third grade and am 8 years old. I hope all the girls and boys has a Merry Christmas and a Happy Christmas.

Love,
Cathleen Jordan

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you and I wish I could see you. I would like a bowling set and a race track that has cars with it. I also want a choo-choo train with a track so I can play with it and a play C.B. so I can talk to my brother. My handle will be Thunderbird. Please call me up some time. That's a big 10-4! I'll share a Green Machine if you bring me one. That's all I want.

I love you,
Cody Anthony

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me Sunshinfamle (Sunshine family), and a Biksikl (bicycle) and a rekrd plare. (record player)

I love you
Tracy Hubbard.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. for Christmas please bring me a doll and a jamy Sumrs (Jamie Summers) and the equipment.

Kristi Wrinkle

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me a Barbe Doll. umbla, (umbrella) suit case and close. Crayolas and a whole bunch of cande. I love you.

Vonda Vernor

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me baby alive.

Michelle Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmus please bring me some pom-poms and a hoola-hop and a

Tuesday Tailor.
Thank you very much.
Love,
Lin Long



MERRY CHRISTMAS
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Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring a bike and a train and a bo and aro (bow and arrow).

I love you,
Jason Herring

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me a toy gun.

T. A. Gartman

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me Jaws and a bicycle.

Thank you very much,
Love,
Pammy Millican

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Greetings

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WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ONE AND ALL
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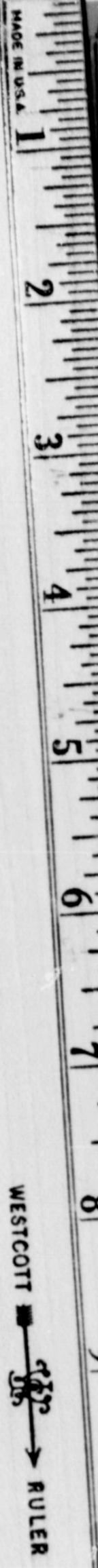
CHEERIO!



Pause a moment, won't you?
We'd like to tell you how much we've enjoyed your friendship... how much a pleasure it has been to be of service to you.
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Robert Lee Observer

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me hoola hop and a Baby thataway and pom-poms, and a walking Mickey Mouse and skates.
Thank you very much.
Love,
Nikki Epperson

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me a Army set and a star-trek set and bring me a train set and G. I. Joe.
Love,
Noel Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old. Am counting on my fingers and counting on my thumb till Christmas comes.
I would like to have a watch, record player, Telephone, tapedeck, Machine coke.
Love,
Alma Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a watch for Christmas and a One Year Diary.
I am nine years old and I am in the third grade. I hope all the boys and girls have a Merry Christmas too.
Love,
LaNora Brosh

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please bring me Evi Cunevi bike and the six milyun dolr man and skates.
Thank you,
Robert Runnion

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want an aquarium with fish and a Jaws game. I will see you at Christmas Eve. See you then!
Love,
Steven Gray

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your coming to see me. I think I have been good. I would like to have a watch and a doll. I am 9 years old and in the third grade.
Love,
Loan Do

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I am going to leave some cookies and milk for you. I think I have been good. For Christmas I would like a Thumbalina doll, a tapedeck and a wrist watch. And I hope that every boy and girl has a Merry Christmas.
Love,
SueAnn Millican

Dear Santa,
I am glad it is Christmas year. I'd like to tell you some things, then I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. First thing, my name is Andrea, I'm eight years old, and I'm in the third grade. Now for Christmas. I would like a snoopy view master, a dinett just like mom's and a Thumbalina.
Love,
Andrea Lueders

Dear Santa Claus,
Please for Christmas bring me jet cycle, Lee Majors, G. I. Joe, Jaws.
Thank you very much.
Love,
Jerry Baugh

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me a stunt van, jet cycle with crank, Evil Knevil, little motorcycle, and a doll for my sister.
Love,
Rickey Drennan

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and in the first grade. For Christmas please

bring me a Walkie-talkie and Super-toe punching bag.
Wesley Hood



CHEERIO!
George and Thelma Lomas

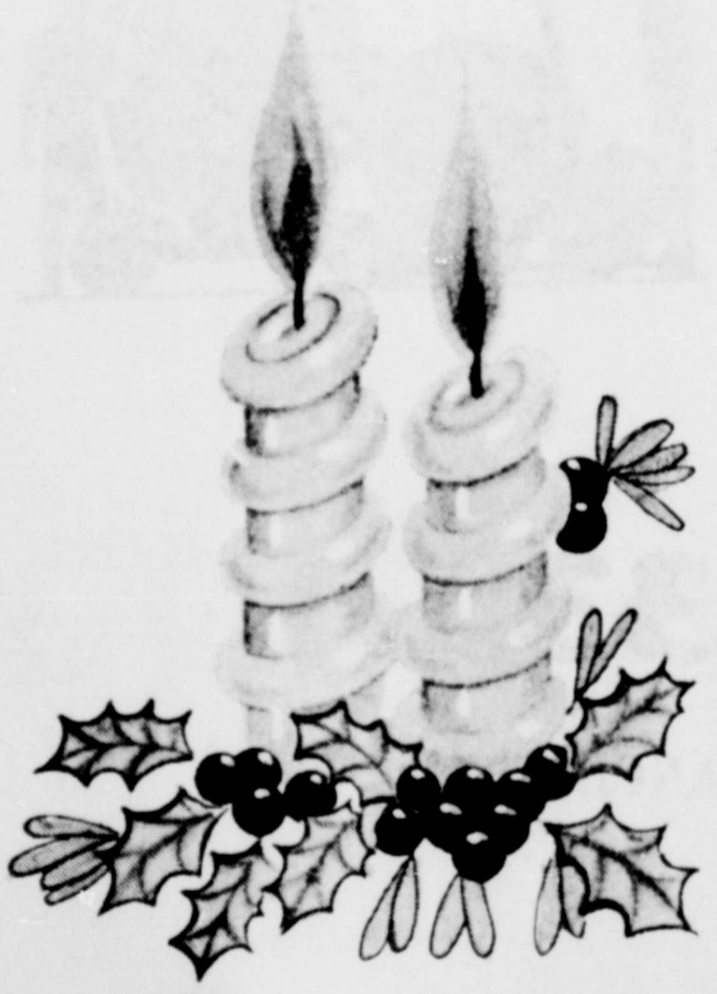
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"Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a YEAR of HAPPY DAYS!"
Fred & Alice Beaty

Greetings

"Thanks" to you whose friendliness and courtesies have made pleasant the year just ending. May the good cheer and fellowship of this Holiday Time remain with you throughout each day of a prosperous and happy year.



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Wesley Hood

Dear Santa,
I know that Knevil
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a penny bank. I
t a BB gun with a
hter on it.

I love you,
Mark Valdez

Dear Santa,
My name is Clint and I
at a train and a
ash-up car and a man
at you put together.
is an apple man that
take apart and put
ck together. I want
arm stretch guy and
otball player that
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Love,
Clint

Dear Santa,
I want a little thing
at you write on. You
t a little thing in
and mash it down
d it spells it out.
want a big wheel and
anny will get Mother
d Daddy something so
u don't need to. I
nt a dolly that talks
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er. It sure don't want
u to have trouble
th your reindeer.

I love you,
Johanna Service

Dear Santa Clause,
How have you been?
ow is it up there?
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ome toys, a trike or
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un. I have five in my
amily. Two boys plus
e, no girls, only Mo-
ther and my Dad.
Please, Santa, bring
them all presents.

That's all,
Scott Ray

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a ba-
by that has a cradle,
(a musical cradle) and
a bottle that goes with
it. The baby needs
the pacifier that was
on TV. I want some
skates and a baton
suit. If I'm not at my
home in San Angelo, you
will know I have moved
to Robert Lee.

I love you,
Kim Hood
P.S. Also a snow cone
machine and jewelry.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have three brothers
and one sister who
want some things.
Bring Sherry a doll,
bring Jim a football,
bring Jason Nerf foot-
ball, bring Stevie a
play holster and I
want a big wheel. Re-
member that we have a
"chimbly" for you to
come down. Call me if
you get stuck. My name
is Joel.

Good Bye,
Joel Herring

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jeanna Kay
Flanagan and I would
like to see you.
Please bring me one
doll. Will you bring
my friends in Kinder-
garten lots of toys?
Happy birthday to you.
How old are you Santa?

I love you,
Jeanna Kay

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you and me have
a Merry Christmas. San-
ta Claus, I want this
pocket knife, walkie-
talkies, record player.
Santa Claus my sister
wants things too but get
something that she would
like. I am 8 years old
and she is 5 years old.

Love,
Scott Henson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and
in the first grade.
For Christmas please
bring me a truck.

Julian Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old and
in the first grade.
For Christmas please
bring me baby alive,
and Jamie Summers,
winne the pooh, and a
toy dog.

Debra Bell



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Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me Evil Knevil set stunt van cycle jet. Lee Majors. The Weebles Tree House, Mohammed Ali, O. J. Simpson, Jaws.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Eddie Lara

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me pom-poms, Mickey mouse club, skates, baby Thataway, Jaws, Dairy Queen set, Baby Tender Love, MacDonalds set, The Weeble Tree House.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Sherrie Fulkerson

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me a Baby Thataway, baby Alive, and The Weebles Tree House.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Kim Do

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me a bicycle and a Dairy Queen set, Baby Thataway, skates, pom-poms.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Elizabeth Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me some pom-poms, and some skates and a bicycle.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Becky Clendennen

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me, Baby Tender Love, Mickey mouse club, Baby Thataway, bicycle, Dairy Queen set, The Weebles Tree House, Jaws.

Thank you very much,
Love,
Sally Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas please bring me Baby and Dairy Queen set.

Thank you very much.
Love,
Rosa Ybarra

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking for the toys and for the rain-dear, I am happy and I love you. Have a nice day. From

James Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward when you visit on Christmas Eve. I want a minibike and a play C.B. and I like everyone to have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Michael Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a watch and a frog knife and a BB pistol. I am eight years old and I'm in the third grade.

I will look forward to seeing you. I live in a yellow brick house Overland Trail road.

Love,
Jon Randall Stephens

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I think I have been good. I would like to have a race track, a watch and a walkie-talkie. I am eight years old and in the third grade.

I hope all boys and girls have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Frank Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want just three things. A basketball set, Holy Bible, and clothes. I am 8 years old and I am in the third grade. I hope all the boys and girls have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Stanley Furgeson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade and I am eight years old and I think I have been good. I want a watch and a knife. I hope all the boys and girls have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Leo Saucedo

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old and in the third grade. I would like to have a football suit, knife, and walkie-talkies. I hope you have a good trip.

Love,
Jim Bob Jacobs

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Q: What are the facts on holiday driving hazards?

A: Read what the pros have to say.

Q What about those icy bridges in Texas?

A Avoid sudden braking or steering movements, as either can trigger a skid. Let up on the gas and keep the steering wheel as steady as possible to maintain maximum traction.

Q What if a car does begin skidding?

A Don't slam on the brakes, that only makes a skid worse. Let up on the gas and steer into the skid until you regain control. Don't panic or over-correct; skids can be controlled.

Q Doesn't this technique conflict with our automatic responses?

A We do have a tendency to hit the brakes in an emergency. This is often the worst thing to do, especially in winter driving situations. Anticipating dangers and skillful steering will get you out of most hazards. It's a good idea to build confidence through practice. Find an empty parking lot on an icy day, and explore how steering into a skid feels and works.

Q What is "hydroplaning"?

A You are driving at 50-55 mph on a rainy day when suddenly your car feels like it is floating. This happens because even with tire tread good enough to pass state inspection, at the right speed on a wet roadway your tires can release the road surface and begin running on the thin skim of water coating the highway.

Q What can be done about it?

A Let up on the gas and slow down. Hydroplaning is a combination of speed and a wet surface. By diminishing speed, your tires will regain contact with the road.

Q What can I do to improve bad weather visibility?

A Freezing conditions can make windshield wiper blades hard and brittle. Check them regularly, especially in the winter.

Q What about my lights?

A Use them, even if it is daytime, in bad weather. Make sure other drivers can see you. For the same reason, be generous in signaling. Texas law requires you to signal even when changing lanes.

Q How do I avoid being blinded by my own headlights in bad weather?

A Rely on your low beams in fog, snow and rain. High beams reflect off precipitation to actually reduce visibility. And be careful not to overdrive your headlights.

Q Any other winter driving pointers?

A Remember that carbon monoxide, a deadly gas, can build up inside a closed vehicle. Open a window occasionally to ventilate the car.

Q What is the importance of "speed differential"?

A Minimizing the difference in speed between cars helps reduce potential conflicts. In highway driving, the safest technique is to keep a proper interval and "go with the flow."

Q Just what is the right interval between cars?

A The easiest rule of thumb is to allow at least two seconds between you and the car ahead. Count it off as the vehicle passes a fixed object. Of course, in bad weather you should lengthen the interval.

Q What about safety belts? Do they really make a difference?

A Safety belts are especially important when confronting the hazards of winter driving. In an accident they keep you from being thrown from the car, thus increasing your chances of survival five-fold.

Q How much drinking does it take to affect driving?

A Under Texas law, you are presumed to be a drunken driver if your blood alcohol level is above .10. A 120-pound woman enjoying two mixed drinks in an hour probably has a blood alcohol concentration of .11.

Q How often should I take a break while driving?

A Every two hours. Texas has an excellent system of rest stops. Don't become glued to the steering wheel in a battle with the clock. Relaxing for 15 minutes, even trading drivers if possible, makes the trip safer and more pleasant.

Q How else can I fight "highway hypnosis"?

A Avoid staring at a fixed point, such as at the road just in front of you. Keep your eyes moving. Glance at your mirrors. Check what is going on down the highway in the distance. You can often see trouble developing a long way off.

Q What is a major cause of accidents on holiday trips?

A Lack of preparation. Holiday drivers frequently start off on trips of 500 miles or more under the worst conditions possible.

Q Could you explain?

A Here is a typical example. The family stays up late the night before packing. Then one or both parents rush home after working all day to gulp down a meal, load the car and take off into the night. What professional driver would want to risk his life on the highway under those conditions?

Q What is a safer alternative?

A Don't take the trip for granted; plan adequately. Calculate how long it will take to get there and back, and then add in extra time for bad weather or other delays.

Q Any other special advice for families traveling during the holidays?

A Make sure your children have something to occupy their time so they do not distract the driver. A good technique is to keep aside special toys, games and books for the kids to use only in the car.

Q How about "backseat driving"?

A Take advantage of it on your next trip. Even if your companion does not drive, think of him or her as copilot and navigator. Two pairs of eyes can see more driving hazards than one, especially at night. Adequate maps and a guidebook to sights along the way can breathe life into what otherwise might be a humdrum holiday trip.



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By Fay C. Roe

HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH CRANBERRIES

Cranberries can say Happy Holidays in a lot of ways other than being served up with the turkey at holiday meals. They invite lavish use, now that they are coming to market in such abundant supply.

This year's crop will surpass last year's by 300,000 barrels. The total crop will reach 2.4 million barrels.

Explore the use of cranberries in cakes, cookies, and even pies for giving or eating. Their tart taste and fine color will help enhance the magic of Christmas.

Use cranberry juice,

hot or cold, for a variety of punch recipes. Or, freeze the juice into ice cubes and float them in your favorite punch.

If your Christmas tree runs to the old fashioned, string cranberries and encircle your tree. Alternate them on the string with popcorn for a color variation.

Cranberry Refrigerator Cake

- 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, chopped
- 1 large banana, diced
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups crushed vanilla wafers
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 1 cup confectioners sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup whipping cream

Mix together chopped cranberries, banana and granulated sugar. Set aside while you prepare rest of recipe. Place one-half of the crushed vanilla wafers in the bottom of 8 x 8" pan. Cream margarine and confectioners sugar together, add eggs and beat well. Spread this mixture over the crumbs. Now top with a layer of the cranberry-banana mixture and sprinkle with the chopped nuts. Whip the cream until it peaks and spread over the cranberries and nuts. Cover all with remaining crushed wafers and chill at least 4 hours before serving. The best flavor results if chilled overnight. Serves 9-12 depending on size of piece.

You can keep your freshly cut fruits looking their best on a buffet platters by dipping them in orange or lemon juice. To avoid a last-minuted rush, prepare and treat bananas, pears and apples ahead of time, then chill.

Pears have a place in your diet. Low in calories and with no acidity, they are easy to digest and ideal for weight-watchers.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

Jeffery Norman is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Higginbotham of Houston. He was born Dec. 6 at 7:46 p.m. in the St. Lukes Hospital in Houston. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Higginbotham of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Peden of Houston.

New Tax Permits Being Sent Out By Comptroller

Comptroller Bob Bullock asked Texas retailers Monday to be on the lookout for new state sales and use tax permits that should be arriving in the mail later this month.

Bullock said his office is issuing new permits to the 290,931 holders of the "Limited Sales Tax Permit" and the 4,594 holders of the "Texas Use Tax Certificate." The new permits are scheduled to be mailed December 10, he said.

Because of the Christmas mail rush, however, he said retailers should not be alarmed if the new permit arrives late in the month.

The Comptroller said the new gold-colored permits will replace all existing green permits, which will then become void.

Only those retailers currently holding valid permits will receive a new one, Bullock emphasized. "Those businesses which have become delinquent and have had their permit suspended will not get a new permit until they pay up," he said.

He reminded all retailers that law requires the permits to be prominently displayed in their place of business.

INSUR-MATION



WALDON MILLICAN
FARM BUREAU INSURANCE, 453-2812

Isn't term insurance much less expensive than permanent insurance?

Not necessarily. Premiums for term insurance are considerably less, but there are other factors you probably should consider. Term insurance is protection for a certain (limited) period of time which usually may be renewed for another period of time or converted to permanent insurance... provided you and your agent arranged for this privilege when you bought the policy. Permanent insurance will last as long as you want it and will accumulate cash value and paid-up values... which may later be used as cash or collateral. Although term insurance costs less in premiums the policy will expire after its term... unless renewed. Since term does not accumulate cash value or paid-up values, many feel, while cheaper in the short run, it is more expensive in the long run and when possible provisions should be made to convert it to permanent insurance.



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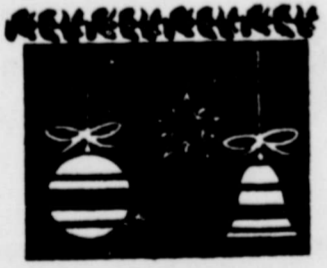
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To all our friends and relatives, to Dr. Do and the entire hospital staff, to all who sent flowers and cards during the time the wife was in the West Coke Hospital; for the wonderful supply of good things to eat, for the assistance rendered to me during my wife's confinement by Mr. Leonard Meath who stayed with me night and day during this time. May the good Lord bless every effort made in our behalf.

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'64 STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The '64 Study Club, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, met Tuesday night of last week at West Coke County Nursing Home, sponsoring December's Birthday Party. Residents with birthdays honored this month were Girtie Rives and Willie Williams. Among the 48 guests attending, 13 were club members and others were residents and visitors.

Following the event, club members attended their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. J. O. Rudd, with Mrs. O. B. Jacobs and Mrs. Benny Rogers serving as co-hostesses.

Mrs. G. L. Grupe and Mrs. Sam Powell, both of San Angelo, were special guests. Mrs. Grupe presented an interesting program on the subject, "Madonnas." She brought many Madonnas from her personal collection from various parts of the world, and showed slides of many others. Her explanation of The Madonna as a subject for artists in many fields, including sculpture, needle work, painting, and wood carving, increased awareness of the scope and depth of the study.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HELD BY UMW GROUP

The United Methodist Women held their annual Christmas program Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Marvin B. Simpson. Her home was dressed for Christmas in the traditional decorations of red and green, accented with gold, from the wreath on the door, the brightly wrapped packages under the tree, the candles and group of angels on the mantel, to the Christmas motif of the refreshment table.

Mrs. Fred Beaty presented a book review, "The Second Christmas" by Lewis Untermyer, noted American poet. Refreshments were served to twelve members and two guests, Miss Caroline Simpson and Mrs. Marie Ferguson. Mrs. Simpson was assisted by Mrs. James Herford, Mrs. Raymond McCutchen, and Mrs. Irene Newell.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 14: Alice Benton, Velma Mullis, Helen Fowler, Rhonda Smith admitted. Melba Martinez, Joe H. Ash, Myrtle Reeves, Dola Wood, Charlie Adkins, Faye Eubanks (expired) dismissed.

Dec. 15: Odessa Clawson, Dennis Wrinkle, Chism Brown, Frances Freeman, Essie Childress admitted. Ray McDonald, Matt Spencer Anderson, Everett Best, Mary Sue Anderson, Dennis Wrinkle (expired) dismissed.

Dec. 16: Joe Ash, Dana Anthony admitted. No dismissals.

Dec. 17: Johnna Service, Edythe Stout, Marlin Mackey, Tim Mackey, Curby Essary admitted. Alice Benton, Helen Fowler dismissed.

Dec. 18: A. B. Curry, Robert Sanchez, Louvenia Rees, Dink Lannier admitted. Chism Brown, Johnna Service dismissed.

Dec. 19: Emma Cumbie admitted. No dismissals.



FISHING REPORT from Lake Spence

Several nice size stripers were hooked during the past week at Lake Spence. Y. J.'s Marina reported the following catches weighed in:

Ike Bailey of Jal, N. M., 1 striper weighing 10½ lbs.

Charles Huckabee, 2 stripers to 6 lbs. Larry Lindley and John Nicholas, Odessa, 1 striper at 5 lbs. and 5 white bass.

Margie Sullivan, Baird, 2 stripers at 6½ and 9½ lbs.

Paul Varner, Midland, 1 striper at 9 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Aycock, Terry Aycock and R. B. Fields, Mid-

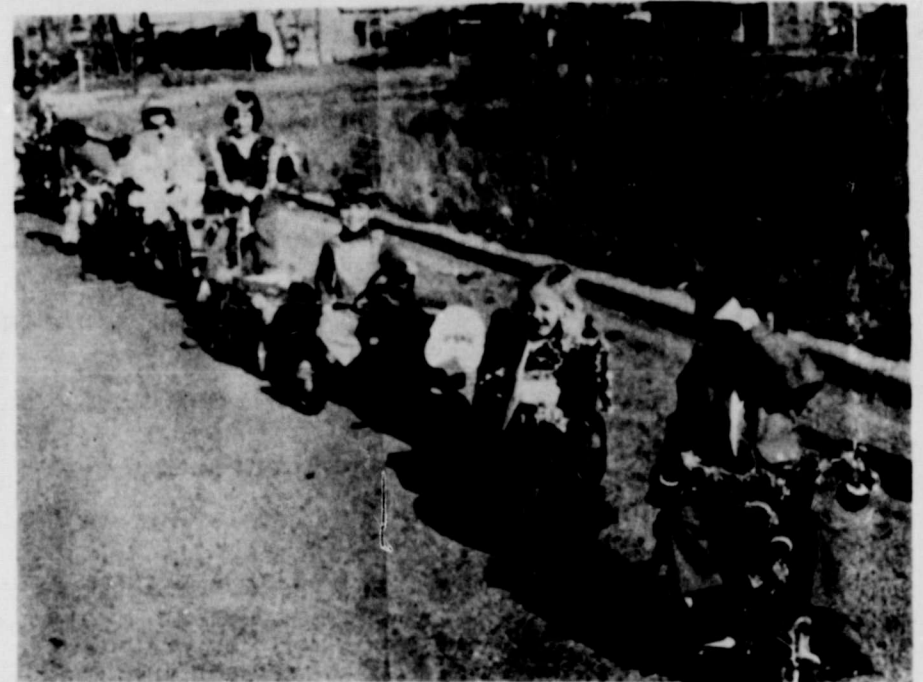
land, 8 stripers weighing from 4½ to 10½ lbs. Gregg Henry, Big Spring, 2 stripers at 4 and 6½ lbs. Cecil Cherry, Odessa, 1 striper at 7 lbs.

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HOMECOMING PARADE—The Jr. High Dogie Band led the Christmas parade held Saturday in Robert Lee. The vehicle parade followed, and added to the Christmas atmosphere which accompanied the visit from Santa Claus.

TRAPPERS WHO SELL MUST HAVE PERMIT

Trapping season opened Dec. 1 and will run through Jan. 31.

Game warden, R. L. Flanagan, noted that a trapping license is required for anyone taking pelts for sale. The license can be obtained from the Parks and Wildlife Dept. in San Angelo.

It is illegal to trap on any public road. Also if you leave the county of your residence, you are required to purchase a resident hunting license.

Scandinavian countries prepare Christmas trees for the birds. It is a long pole to the top of which is attached a large sheaf of grain.



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