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Steers Capture Local Tourney; Girls Take Third Place Trophy

In the Robert Lee Tourney both varsity teams were trophy winners with the boys winning the championship and the girls winning 3rd place.

The varsity girls were matched against Christoval in Thursday's game and they barreled on past them with a 35-28 win. Jana Gartman was high point scorer sinking 15. Other scorers were: Carrath Metcalf, 6; Carol Longoria and Missy Grim, 4; and Lee Ann Molinar and Lin Long, 2.

In Friday's game against Irion Co. they didn't hold up as well. They lost 37-54 with Gartman scoring 12 for high points. Metcalf, Long and Tracy Pearson, each sank 5; Molinar hit for 4; Longoria, Patty Bloodworth and Grim each made 2.

In Saturday's game the R.L. Varsity girls smoked past Eden 58-38 for 3rd place. Metcalf scored 16 for high points; Grim sank 11; Gartman and Longoria each hit for 9; Bloodworth made 6; Molinar made 5 and Long made 2.

The Varsity boys smoked past Christoval 69-28 in their first game Thursday with Bobby Boone sinking 14 for high points. Larry Palmer hit for 13, Greg Grim and Jimmy Skinner made 12 each, Darryl Mulkey sank 6, Trampas Cox made 5, Kirby Rasco, Eddie Hood and Doug Roberts, each sank 2, and Gary Palmer made 1.

In their second game they won over Irion Co. 37-25. Rasco was high scorer with 12. Boone hit for 8, Skinner and Grim each sank 6 and Hood made 5. In the Championship game Saturday R.L. won over Iraan 60-53 with Boone sinking 17 for high points. Hood hit for 15, Rasco made 14, Skinner made 8 and Grim made 6.

TOURNEY RESULTS

In the girls matches Irion Co. defeated Miles 60-46 for the Championship, R.L. defeated Eden 58-38 for 3rd place and Bronte defeated Water Valley, 44-22 for Consolation. In the boys matches R.L. defeated Iraan 60-53 for the Championship,

Bronte defeated Irion Co. 66-55 for 3rd place and Eden won over Water Valley 67-58 for Consolation.

The J.V. girls also played in the tournament. Thursday they played Eden and were defeated 21-55 with Teresa Harlin sinking 11 for high points. Becky Clendennen, Debbie Flowers, Sue Ann Millican, Nikki Epperson and Melanie Epperson, each scored 2.

They also played Bronte and were defeated 19-62 with Becky Clendennen sinking 7 for high points. Others scoring were: Millican, 4; Flowers, Harlin, N. Epperson and M. Epperson, each hitting for 2.

UPCOMING GAMES

January 3, the Varsity girls and boys and the J.V. boys will travel to Water Valley for games starting at 5:00 p.m. January 5, the Varsity girls and boys and the J.V. girls will host Loraine with games starting at 5 p.m.

JR. HIGH

Monday, the Jr. High "A" boys and girls played Miles in the local gym and both teams won.

The girls beat Miles 27-20 with Rachel Metcalf sinking 8 for high points. Others scoring were: Kim Hood, 7; Sandy Dominquez, 6; Lisa Bower, Jodi Waggoner and Debbie Bell, each scored 2.

The boys sailed passed Miles 28-7 with Wes Hood sinking 12 for high points. Others scoring were: Cody Anthony, 6; Robert Runnion and Stevie Ebenstein, 4 each; and Scott Ray, 2.

Snow, Extreme Cold Covers Coke County

Cheese, Butter To Be Issued In January

Coke County has contracted with the Texas Department of Human Resources and is authorized to distribute cheese and butter to the citizens of Coke County who qualify. This is not the same cheese Distribution program used earlier in the year. Listed below are eligibility requirements as quoted from the Texas Department of Human Resources:

11.6002. Eligibility Requirements. To qualify quarterly for emergency food assistance, applications must meet the following requirements:

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In a wild week of weather, Winter made its self known to West Texas. An arctic cold front pushed south and reached our area about daybreak on Sunday, chilling residents and bringing outside activities to a standstill.

Preceded by a mild summer and fall, the blast was a shock to systems. Saturday night's low had hovered around 25 degrees, but by 6 a.m. on Sunday it was 20 degrees and downhill from there. The low for the day on Sunday also turned out to be the high, around 12 or 13 degrees, depending on the wind location of thermometers.

On Monday, locals enjoyed a

warm spell as the mercury climbed to 28 degrees around lunch before plunging again.

Most that could be said for the bonechilling cold was, it had been drier here than in most areas, just a few freezing spurts of fine mist and sleet, lessening icy traveling conditions and making it some less miserable outdoors for those forced out.

Monday night lows ranged around the 20 degree mark but our area was hit by light mist overnight, turning to snow and sleet flurries by dawn on Tuesday. Winds and blowing snow plunged the wind chill factor down to single digits. By Tuesday noon, however, moisture had stopped and temps rose to about 28 degrees.

Forecasters were calling for a slight warming trend Wednesday with another arctic front arriving at the end of the week. But as we all couldn't help, but notice when we got up Wednesday the front got here early. Temperatures Wednesday morning were hovering around 10 degrees; with freezing rain and snow falling to make driving hazzardous. Holiday drivers are warned to watch the weather predictions for the areas they will be traveling, leave in plenty of time and do their driving in daylight hours.

In West Texas ranch country, first concern is always centered around livestock and their welfare. With pastures unusually bare due to the prolonged drought, most stock men will be kept busy and miserable-- feeding and breaking ice on water troughs.

Officials here are concerned about broken pipes and mains when it does thaw out. We are not normally prepared for the extended cold with days of sub-freezing temperature.

The icy blast has only one redeeming feature-- it DOES seem more like Christmas. We will be forced inside and can do that wrapping, cooking, and etc. we've been putting off!

Christmas Almost Here

Everyone is checking their list to make sure they have not overlooked or forgotten anyone. Last minute shopping and gift wrapping has everyone rushing around wondering when they will have a minute to relax and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas. The kids are planning their snacks for Santa and Moms are planning their family's Christmas dinner. Christmas is a time for togetherness and gift giving, but let's not forget to thank God for the true meaning of Christmas-- His gift to us.

Most businesses will be closed Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. The City offices and the County offices will be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, and also Monday, January 2.

We're Moving Equipment To Robert Lee

Don't be surprised if you see alot of activity going on at the Observer office the week after Christmas.

We will be moving all of our equipment from the Bronte office to the Robert Lee office. Starting January 3 we will be making up both papers in Robert Lee and the Bronte office will operate in the same manner as the Robert Lee office has in the past.

Rick and I are looking forward to working in the Observer office, being closer to home and getting the chance to have more contact with the people in Robert Lee.

Joining our staff in Robert Lee will be Roy Ivey and Jane Webb. Eddie Alexander will continue on in a limited capacity until the total transition is made.

We ask that everyone bear with us until everything gets settled in and things start running smoothly.



We hope your home and heart are filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad holiday season. It's been a pleasure serving you.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR FRIENDS, SUBSCRIBERS AND ADVERTISERS, AND WISH EVERYONE A

Merry Christmas

THE ROBERT LEE OBSERVER

Season's Greetings



Sincere best wishes for a holiday adorned with love and laughter, peace and joy. To our dear friends and valued customers go our deepest thoughts of thanks.

Sunshine House Ceramics
Lynne Payne

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

To Santa,
I want a bike and a gun.
I Love You,
Justin Martin
Rochelle, TX.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a Kodak Disk Camera, an overnight bag, and an Atari 5200 Super System.
Yours truly,
Emily

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wish you a Merry Christmas. How are the elves doing? I have been trying to be a good boy. I would like to have anything that you would like to bring me. I will leave you some peanut butter crackers under the Christmas tree, and a glass of milk on Christmas Eve.
Love,
T.J. Roe
Robert Lee Rt.
Silver, TX. 76949

Dear Santa,
My name is Sondra. I'm 3 yrs. old, so my mommie is helping me with this letter. I've been a good girl this year.
Here is a list of the things I want: Barbie Doll, Cabbage Patch Doll, Care Bear, a Fire-truck that I can ride in, Chalk Board, Doll Stroller, Inchworm, See-N-Say ABC's, Doctors kit, Fisher Price Tape Recorder and clothes.
These are all the presents I want this year. Hope you have a very safe trip and a very Merry Christmas. Will leave cookies and milk out for you.
I Love You
Sondra Renee Luttrell
P.S. Say hello to the Reindeer.

From Ricky to Santa Claus,
A BB Gun, hot wheels, spiral speedway, 30x Tabletop Refractor, Super Cliffhangers 22 ft. long track.
I Love You,
Ricky


Dear Santa,
My name is Lori. I have been a good girl this year. I am three years old.
Would you please bring me a Happy Returns Doll, a dolly that crowds, and some games for Christmas.
Thank you Santa,
Lori Eubanks



JOY TO ALL

May your holidays be filled with happy moments.

ALLEN INSURANCE AGENCY



Merry Christmas

Deck the halls, carol and rejoice — it is Christmas, glorious Christmas!

GINGHAM DINNER
Dorothy Putman



Joy and peace

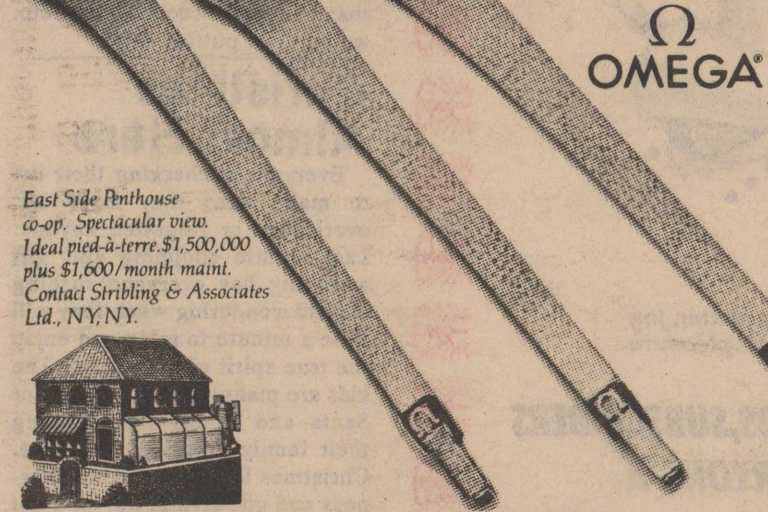
It's the season to greet friends old and new with Christmas greetings of joy and happiness.

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La Dair, Nancy and Dink

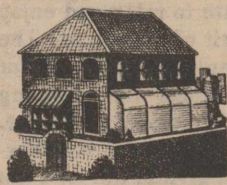
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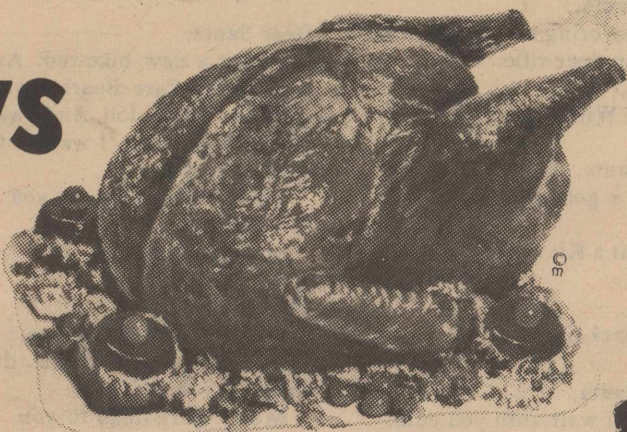
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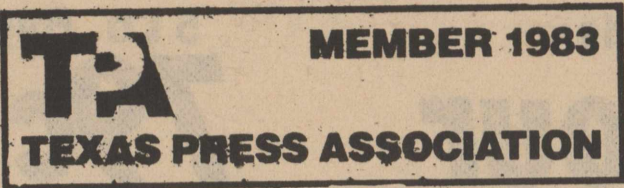


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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
Please bring a lot of toys and things for everybody. And please bring my friends lots and lots of things. Please be careful. I would like some Walkie-Talkies and a U.S. One. If you have time, please stay for supper.
I love you,
Rich Housewright

Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas Santa!
Will you bring me a bike and a dirt bike; a new tennis racket and a box of new crayons.
I love you,
Jody York

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a Cheer Bear and a Big Foot? I also want a little play puppy dog. That will be all. Santa, I will have you some cookies some milk and milk in the refrigerator.
I love you,
Jaclyn Waldrop

Dear Santa,
I love you. I sure do like you to bring me for Christmas a chalk board. I will send you a card.
I love you,
Katrina Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want one of them jeeps that goes on a battery. You know. Make it blue and yellow. And a bike too, but no training wheels. I can ride without them.
I love you,
Eric Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a baby doll. Thank you. You know I love you.
Amanda Sanders

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Santa, you can bring me anything you want to. That's all.
I love you,
T.J. Roe

Dear Santa,
I want a Star Wars man and an Incredible Hulk copter. I would like a play light bulb but I don't know where you will find it. I need it to put in my play house.
I love you,
Rob Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a wind-up airplane. Also a doll house and a necklace. That's all.
I love you,
Patricia Minjarez

Dear Santa,
I want some doll dishes and a doll crib and some doll clothes. I need some fast shoes like my friend so I can win races.
I love you,
Regina Luna

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control pick-up the color of Dad's. Santa, how can you fly with your reindeer? Could you bring Dad a Dallas Cowboy bill fold. Mom something pretty. You pick it out. Jessica would like a doll elephant.
I love you,
Jason Key

Dear Santa,
Will you please get me Baby That Away? Hi to your reindeer, especially Rudolph. He is so sweet. How is Mrs. Santa?
Love,
Charlsa Horton

Dear Santa,
I want a swimming pool ball and a big foot truck that has a reverse and a key to make it go. Also I want a real, live bunny rabbit.
I love you,
Eric Hood

Dear Santa,
I want a baseball bat and a hat to go with it. I guess I will need suit too. I will have a present for you.. maybe a new cowboy hat.
I love you,
Aaron Hood

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel. I would like to have a dirt bike. I live in the country and have a good place to ride. Also I want a three-wheeler and that's all. I'll be waiting and Rudolph.
I love you,
Daniel Hayes

Dear Santa,
I want a tape player, a rag doll and I forgot what else. You can ask my sister. I'm getting the same thing. She will remember because she is in the second grade. I'm a forgetter but Kim's not. Just ask her.
I love you,
Krystall Carver

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I could have a bow and arrow.
Judd Pitcock

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Sante,
I am looking forward to seeing you at Christmas Eve. I want a watch. I am 7 years.
Love,
Prula Feruson

Dear Santa,
I want a tape player. I'm looking for you. I want a rag doll. I want a game. I am in second grade. I have ben good.
Love,
Kim Carver

Dear Santa,
I want racing cars and 30,30 gun and bike. Com to my house and you can eat cookies.
Lov,
Ruben Torres

Dear Santa,
Plaese bring me a three wheel-er and a deer rifle.
Love,
John Williams

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I am 7 years old.
I want a Kit car and a bow and arrow.
Love,
Michael Hodges

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until you cum.
I want a 20 gauge and a watch.
Love, Dean Burns

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a go-cart and a machine gun.
My brother, Rusty, really wants a 4x4x4.
I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
I want a 4x4 pickup. Merry Christmas to everyone up there.
Jason Thompson

Dear Santa,
I want a Care Bear- Cheer Bear. I want a record player 'cause I don't have one on my one. I want a dog- not a realy one, but a play one.
I'm going to give you a gingerbread cookie.
Merry Christmas to you, too, Santa and Mrs. Santa.
Cybill Abbott

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike-red. And a book about Care Bears I want a train and a play doll. And I want a gingerbread man. I want a Care Bear-Friend Bear.
Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa.
Martha Garza

Dear Santa,
I need a bicycle and some Star Wars men. One more thing, some GI Joe men.
Merry Christmas to you. And Merry Christmas to Mrs. Santa.
Blake Payne

Dear Santa,
I like you and I cannot wate for you to come and visit. Please bring me a Barbie Doll Dream house.

Love,
Stacy Horton



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A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

First Christmas Tree

You may have wondered how the very first Christmas tree came to be.

The story, as told by Rose Fyleman, explains that the fairies in the forest are responsible for our now familiar custom of a bright and sparkling Christmas tree.

It seems that there once was a thoughtful little girl named Annis who lived in the middle of a large forest with her mother and father. Annis' father was a poor woodcutter who traveled daily to and from the forest and a little shed where he stacked his cut wood.

While her father was working in the woods, Annis would remain at home to help her mother in the kitchen. As Annis worked, the fairies in the forest would call out to her. You see, all of the forest creatures loved Annis dearly and the fairies, especially, wanted her to come out and play. But Annis always finished working with her mother, telling the fairies that she could not come play just yet.

However, at night while everyone else was sleeping, Annis would hear the fairies come tapping at her bedroom window. She would dash out of bed and run gaily into the moonlit woods to join her magical friends.

As the seasons changed and the weather grew cold, Annis would hang a lantern on a small tree outside to guide her father home each evening. The lighted lantern provided Annis' father with a warm welcome every night as he ended his

hard day's work.

One Christmas Eve though, as the woodcutter was heading home as usual, he did not come upon the lighted lantern when expected. He became quite bewildered and realized that he was lost. The snow began to fall and the sky was getting very dark. The woodcutter was beginning to get frightened when he spotted a light on one of the trees ahead of him. Thinking that he was home after all, he headed toward the light. But, much to his surprise he found that this light was certainly not Annis' lantern — for it was an entire tree ablaze with lights. As he approached the lighted tree, the woodcutter saw another tree suddenly light up farther ahead. So, the woodcutter headed toward this next tree. Each time he reached one lighted tree, another would light up! The woodcutter was mystified, when all of a sudden it came upon him — the fairies were guiding him home with their magic!

He followed the lighted trees all the way home and finally arrived safely to the little lantern hanging outside his door.

Because of the fairies' kindness and protection, the woodcutter foreverafter placed lights upon a special tree every Christmas Eve to honor the fairies. This became such a delightful custom that it spread throughout the land, and today the fairies' Christmas trees are cherished and enjoyed all over the world.

Kids! Color Santa!



There's a beautiful legend
That's never been told —
It may have been known
To the Wise Men of old —
How three little children
Came early at dawn,
With hearts that were sad
To where Jesus was born.
One could not see,
One was too lame to play;
While the other, a mute
Not a word could he say.
Yet, led by His Star,
They came there to peep
At the little Lord Jesus
With eyes closed in sleep.
But how could the Christ Child,
So lovely and fair,
Not waken and smile
When He heard their glad prayer,
Of hope at His coming,
Of faith in His birth,
Of praise at His bringing
God's peace to the earth?
And, then, as the light
Softly came through the door,
The lad that was lame
Stood upright once more.
The boy that was mute
Started sweetly to sing —
While the child that was blind
Looked with joy on the King!

Christmas Treats

Charles Dickens

The tree was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers, and everywhere sparkled and glittered with bright objects.

There were rosy-cheeked dolls hiding behind the green leaves and there were real watches (with moveable hands at least and an endless capacity of being wound up) dangling from innumerable twigs.

There were French-polished tables, chairs, bedspreads, wardrobes, eight-day clocks and various other articles of domestic furniture (wonderfully made, in tin, at Wolverhampton) perched among the boughs, as if in preparation for some fairy housekeeping.

There were jolly, broadfaced little men, much more agreeable in appearance than many real men — and no wonder for their heads took off and showed them to be full of sugar plums. There were fiddles and drums, tambourines, books, work boxes, paint boxes, sweetmeat boxes, peepshow boxes and all kinds of boxes.

There were trinkets for the elder girls far brighter than any grown-up gold and jewels. There were baskets and pincushions in all devices. There were guns, swords, and banners, with witches standing in enchanted rings of pasteboard to tell fortunes.

There were teetotums, humming tops, needle-cases, pen-wipers, smelling bottles, conversation cards, bouquet holders. There was real fruit, made artificially dazzling with gold leaf, imitation apples, pears, and walnuts crammed with surprises. In short, there was everything and more.

This motley collection of odd objects, clustering on the tree like magic fruit, and flashing back the bright looks directed towards it from every side, made a lively realization of the fancies of childhood, and set me to thinking how all the trees that grow and all the things that come into existence on the earth, have their wild adornments at that well-remembered time, Christmas.





Joyous Holidays

Christmas is a special time of year and we want to thank our very special friends and wish them a happy and holy holiday season.

Broxie & Odell Denton

SEARS

Ballinger, Tx.

Mail Order Meats Okay

COLLEGE STATION-- Mail-order gift packages of smoked cured ham, bacon, sausage or turkey are increasingly popular holiday gifts.

But those receiving smoked meats may wonder about its quality and edibility after weeks in storage and transit, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist.

"Mail-order gift packages from reputable dealers are safe for consumption, so you need not worry about giving them as gifts or using them yourself," advises Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist.

"The products are highly processed and contain preservatives, allowing them to be mailed without refrigeration," she explains.

But the meats should still be inspected before eating, cautions Haggard. After opening the package, look for signs of spoilage such as a rotten or putrid smell. Foods with a questionable odor should not be used or even tasted.

Also inspect the food for signs

of surface mold growth. Mold of this type is not poisonous but must be removed before the meat is used, says the specialist.

According to Haggard, you can trim off any mold and the meat directly under it, or scrub the mold off with a brush and vinegar wash. A vinegar wash can be made by mixing one part vinegar to three parts water. Rinse the wash off with plain water.

For maximum flavor from smoked cured meat, Haggard recommends rapid use. Bacon can be stored in a refrigerator at 35 to 40 degrees F for seven days. A whole ham can be refrigerated for seven days, a half for three to five days and slices for three days.

Smoked sausage keeps well when refrigerated for up to seven days, a half for three to five days and slices for three days.

Smoked sausage keeps well when refrigerated for up to seven days and dry or semi-dry sausage and cured smoke turkey will keep for two to three weeks.

Since frozen cured meat loses quality rapidly, you should not plan on long freezer storage, says Haggard. Bacon should be frozen at zero degrees F for one month or less and ham for only one to two months. Turkey can be frozen for three to six months, but freezing is not recommended for sausage.

Cured meats are safe when frozen for longer periods of time, but there may be a drop-off in taste that makes the gift less enjoyable, notes the specialist.

Noel
May the true spirit of the season be yours at this joyous time of year.

Black's
Ballinger, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Joy and peace to you at Christmas and always.

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WTU Granted Rate Increase By PUC

West Texas Utilities Company has been granted a retail rate increase totaling \$12 million annually by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The overall increase amounts to 5.1 per cent, much less than the 11 per cent the company had said it needed. The Company had asked for \$25.6 million in its request to the cities and the PUC.

The exact amounts assigned to various customer classifications and the effective dates of the new rates awaits PUC approval of rate tariffs which will be filed early next week. Company officials said the rates are likely to go into effect around January 1.

The approved rate hike also is less than the interim rates WTU has charged customers in 32 of its cities since October 22, which means that those customers will be receiving refunds and will see their rates lowered slightly. The interim rates, collected under bond and subject to refund, were designed to increase the Company's annual revenue by \$18 million.

Approximate effects of the rates changes on a typical residential customer's bill are as follows, based on 600 kilowatt-hours of electric usage and including fuel costs:

Proposed rate	Interim rate
\$46.85	\$49.56
Present rate	Proposed rate
\$44.16	\$46.85
Increase	Decrease
\$2.69 or	\$2.71 or
6.1 per cent	5.7 per cent

Company officials said the refund on interim rates probably will be made in the February billing. Customers due refunds who have moved out of the WTU service area should contact their former local offices.

Robert Lee is one of the communities whose residents will be due a refund.

Interim rates were not placed into effect in Bronte because they denied the rate increase, so they will have no refunds coming.

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JOY TO ALL

Christ the Saviour is born. Let us spread His message of peace and good will among men.

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SEASONS GREETINGS

May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.

Ettie Hubbard
County and District Clerk

DPS Estimates 51 Persons To Be Killed During Christmas Holiday

AUSTIN--The Texas Department of Public Safety has estimated that 51 persons will be killed on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas holidays. The estimate is based upon previous holiday death statistics and the number of hours during which motorists are anticipated to travel.

"Last year, 44 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the actual holiday period. However, persons injured in various accidents across the state brought the final death toll to 52," said Colonel Jim Adams, director of the DPS.

Adams said while Texas is experiencing a significant decrease in traffic deaths statewide this year, the holidays can reflect a deadly time for motorists.

"As of noon, Friday, December 16, we had an 11 per cent reduction in traffic deaths and that is 412 fewer people killed. We attribute the reduction to increased DWI enforcement, widespread attention to the drinking driver and a renewed effort by drivers to obey traffic laws.

The DPS director said that holiday weekends are dangerous times to travel.

"We find the volume of traffic increases. Also, we still have some drivers who insist upon drinking and driving and others who exceed the speed limits. These drivers are risking accident involvement," he said.

DPS statistics show that DWI and speed are the two main contributing factors to traffic

accidents in Texas.

"We'll have additional available troopers to assist the motorists and to be especially watchful for the drunken drivers and those who speed."

Adams praised local police authorities for their work in reducing the traffic death toll and he applauded the various local programs to help keep the drinking driver from getting behind the wheel.

Civic clubs, local police agencies and other organizations have begun programs to help prevent drunk driving and this could help tremendously toward accident prevention. However, we will still find a few who will be on the road while drinking or speeding and will be involved in a tragic accident," he said.

The DPS "Operation Motorcade" program begins at 6 p.m. Friday, December 23 and ends 78-hours later at midnight on Monday, December 26. The program is designed to inform motorists of the number of traffic deaths occurring during the holiday in an attempt to increase public awareness of the dangers of holiday driving.

COLLEGE STATION-- Most holiday party hosts think serving alcoholic drinks demonstrates their hospitality. Yet for their guests on diets or medication of those who want to be sociable without drinking, alcohol can cause problems. For guests with a drinking problems and especially those who drive, alcohol can bring disaster, says Dr. Mary Ann Heussner, a health education specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service. According to figures recently released by the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, 11 percent of Texans have drinking problems. And it's obvious that most party guests will drive home, whether they are sober or not. If alcoholic beverages are served, a host can show true hospitality by serving alcohol and at the same time food, not pushing drinks, monitoring the consumption of alcohol, and not letting a guest who has over-indulged drive home, says the specialist.

SOCIETY TO MEET

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, in the Western Hills Church of Christ fellowship hall 1902 N. Childress.

Ms. Sue Branhall, Tom Green County District Clerk will speak on criminal records, divorces, adoptions and court ordered name changes.

Visitors are always welcome.

Asthma And Christmas

Can Christmas trees produce a wheeze? They can according to the American Lung Association of Texas. For the two million children under 17 who have asthma, the Christmas season harbors a number of triggers that can bring on an asthma episode.

First is the seemingly harmless Christmas tree. Mold often begins to accumulate on the branches, especially if the tree has been cut several weeks before. When the tree begins to dry out, the mold spores are released. These spores are a trigger for many people with asthma.

Be sure to pick your gifts for the child with asthma carefully. Pets are often poor gifts, because of their dander; stuffed toy animals, too, can be a problem. They retain dust and can become a home for the house dust mite.

The Lung Association warns that all clothing should be washed or dry cleaned before it is put on for the first time to remove the finishing materials used by the manufacturer to which many children with asthma are allergic.

Even colognes, perfumes, scented soap and other such products can produce an allergic reaction in the asthmatic child.

The American Lung Association of Texas and more than 200 other Lung Associations throughout the United States fight asthma and other lung diseases. Christmas Seal contributions are a major source of funding for this important work. Each Texan is urged to answer their Christmas Seal letter promptly and generously.

For more information about asthma and other lung diseases contact the American Lung Association of Texas, 7701 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 104, Austin, Texas 78752-1088.

Merry Christmas



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Newspapers' Employees Have Party

The combined staffs of the Robert Lee Observer and the Bronte Enterprise enjoyed an evening out on Saturday, Dec. 17. Accompanied by their spouses and guests, the group dined at Zentner's Daughter's Steakhouse in San Angelo.

Attending the steak dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. C.N. Webb Jr., Connie Bryan, and former Enterprise publisher, Pat Oglesby, all of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. Add Davis, and new owner-publishers, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Styles, all of Robert Lee.

West Coke Hospital News

The Following admissions and dismissals have been reported by the West Coke County Hospital.

Dec. 13: Janet Graves admitted and Leola Scott expired.

Dec. 14: Doris McCarley admitted. Bertha King and Juanita Tijerina dismissed.

Dec. 15: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 16: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 17: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 18: No admissions or dismissals.

Dec. 19: No admissions or dismissals.



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AGRICULTURE

by
Tommy Antilley

County Extension Agent

KEEP POINSETTIAS GROWING

Thanks to concentrated breeding and selection, the traditional Christmas poinsettias is a hardy plant that can easily be preserved and enjoyed for Christmases to come.

Poinsettias, with their vividly colored leaves (bracts) and golden-yellow flowers, make excel-

lent gift plants for the holiday season. They are now available in colors ranging from the traditional scarlet to white, pink and even variegated.

There are several suggestions for keeping poinsettias healthy and beautiful indoors during the holiday season.

Room temperature should nev-

er exceed 72 degrees F. in the day and 60 degrees at night to prolong the bright color of the bracts. Poinsettias should not be subjected to any sudden changes in temperature or any drafts or excess heat, as from appliances, radiators and ventilating ducts.

Place the plants in a room with light sufficient to read fine print. Keep them out of the way of traffic, children and pets.

Water poinsettias thoroughly when the soil is dry to the touch and drain off excess water. Put the plant in a water-proof container to protect furniture.

When bracts fade, poinsettias can be grown as a foliage plant. Cut back the plant to 8 inches and place it out of doors when temperatures warm. However, make sure the plant is not exposed to temperatures below 50 degrees at night.

Return the poinsettia to a room for direct light six to eight hours daily, keeping night temperatures between 60 to 70 degrees. For reflowering next winter, keep the plant away from artificial light at night after Oct. 1.

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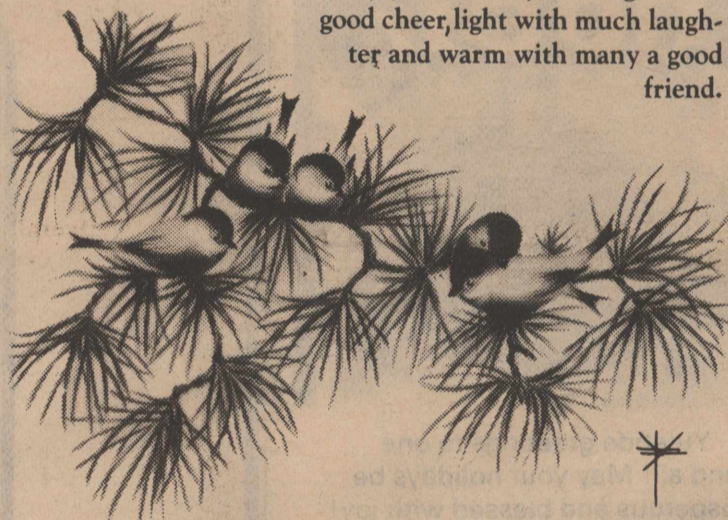
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Holiday Greetings



Santa's on his way with a sackful of presents and best wishes for a cheery holiday.

CHARLES BAHLMAN
CHEVROLET
Winters, Tex. 754-5310

Dr. Zeon On Vacation

In last week's paper, it was stated that Dr. Carl C. Davis Jr. of Dallas would replace Dr. Zeon while he was on vacation. Dr. Davis is no longer able to honor this commitment. Dr. Pettit and Dr. Morgan of Mason will alternate coverage at the hospital from Friday, December 23, until Dr. Zeon gets back January 5.

They will be on call 24 hours a day, except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, when Dr. Downing, also of Mason, will cover the hospital.

Appointments can be made by calling the hospital. Drop-ins are welcome.

Preheating Wastes Energy

COLLEGE STATION-- Most recipes for oven-cooked foods traditionally call for a preheated oven, but recent studies have shown that preheating is not essential for food quality and may even waste energy.

Researchers at the United States Department of Agriculture's consumer nutrition laboratory compared a variety of foods prepared in preheated and non-preheated ovens and found few significant differences in the quality or size of the items, reports home economist Bonnie Piernot.

The non-preheated ovens required five minutes or less extra baking time than the preheated ovens, says Piernot, who is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.


The energy savings from not preheating averaged about 10 percent.

"Overall," Piernot says, "the findings confirm that preheating the oven is not essential for good quality baking, so it's an unnecessary use of energy."

The foods used in the research study included pies, cakes, casseroles, souffles and meat loaves. The dishes were prepared in preheated and non-preheated standard gas, continuous-cleaning gas, standard electric and self-cleaning electric ovens.

The variability in baking times reported between preheated and non-preheated ovens was often less than that reported among the different types of ovens, adds the specialist.

REJOICE



To seek the meaning of Christmas is to find its lasting peace!

James & Brenda Tidwell



JOY TO ALL

To our friends and patrons... we wish you a season full of all the joys of Christmas.


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Joe and Betty Barrett
Bob and Joyce Dawson



GREETINGS

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May this coming year be
a time of happiness, joy
and lasting peace for you

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Doug & Grace Ditmore

RETURNING HOLIDAY GIFTS--
Your success in returning gifts will depend on the type of complaint and store policy, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist. Consumers have the right to have their complaints resolved when merchandise is faulty or does not perform correctly," says Nancy Granovsky, a family resource management specialist. If a retailer or manufacturer won't replace faulty merchandise, you have recourse through the manufacturer, the Better Business Bureau, the Attorney General's office, or consumer action panels, she adds. But if the gift doesn't fit, is the wrong color, or doesn't suit your tastes, there are fewer options. "Return policies are voluntarily offered by merchants as a convenience to their customers," says Granovsky. "Returning goods depends upon goodwill, especially if the merchandise is not defective or misrepresented." Consumers can save time and embarrassment by returning gifts they receive only if the merchandise was never used, or its initial use revealed a defect, says the home economist. Even then, you may have to keep the merchandise if you have no sales slip or are unable to meet the store's return requirements.


Glad Tidings



Here's hoping lots of sweet things are in store for you over the holidays.

Bill, Audrey, Chad & Jodee Helwig

Christmas Wishes



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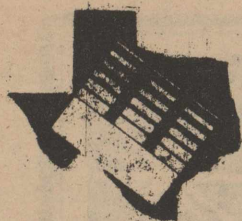
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Best Wishes

As Christmas carols fill the air, our thoughts are with our many friends. Greetings to one and all!

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HOME ECONOMICS

by

Debbie Reber
County Extension Agent

HOW TO DRESS TO KEEP WARM

When you regulate a thermostat to conserve energy, proper clothing selection becomes vital for maintaining thermal comfort. Clothing can be used as an insulator to prevent heat loss from the body. The clothing does not create heat; it prevents the transfer of existing heat by trapping air. It is this trapped air that provides the warmth, not the clothing itself.

To keep warm:

* Select garments that fit loosely so that an insulating layer of air can be trapped between the body and the fabric. Avoid tight fitting garments which eliminate insulating layers of air and inhibit body circulation. Avoid overly large garments which can also eliminate insulating layers of air through ventilation, reducing insulation.

* Select garments with closures at neck, wrists, waist and ankles to prevent warm air from escaping.

* Wear layered outfits to obtain maximum insulation from air trapped between layers. Layering also makes it possible to remove layers as needed to prevent overheating. Each layer should be lightweight. Avoid too many layers which will compress the air space and inhibit circulation.

* Wear a hat because a major percentage of body heat is lost through the head.

DOLLMAKING WORKSHOP OFFERED

The second soft sculpture doll workshop will be offered January 17, 19, 24, 31 and February 7 from 7-9 p.m. in the new Recreation Hall. Class enrollment is limited, so sign up soon. Those wishing to participate must register and pick up a list of supplies in the Extension Office by January 6.

Holiday Safety Tips Given

AUSTIN-- Keeping safety in mind when going to and giving parties, decorating, traveling, and buying gifts can help everyone avoid accidents which can mar a happy holiday season, according to George R. Gustafson, Executive Vice President of Texas Safety Association.

The following tips can help Texans keep their holidays safe:

* If you're using a real tree, choose a fresh one with flexible boughs and needles that are difficult to pull off. To keep the tree fresh, make a diagonal cut in the trunk, about two inches from the bottom, and place the tree in a water-filled container. Remember, a dry tree is a fire hazard.

* Place the tree away from a fireplace, radiator, space heater, or any source of electricity.

* Trim the tree with UL-listed lights. Check the insulation on older strings of lights. Wrap bare spots with electric tape, or better, replace those strings. For outdoor lights, use exterior lights connected to weatherproof out-

lets.

* Turn off the tree and outside lights before you leave the house or go to bed.

* Examine every toy you consider purchasing. Look for potential dangers to children. If a toy can be swallowed or has a sharp edge, choose another. It's strongly suggested that you observe the age recommendations which are indicated on toys.

* Keep children away from some holiday decorations such as berries of holly, mistletoe, and the leaves of poinsettia, all of which can be poisonous if swallowed.

* If you're planning a party at which you serve alcohol, plan also for plenty of non-alcoholic beverages and food. Close the bar early, mix drinks moderately, and don't allow guests to drive home if they've had too much to drink. **DO NOT COUNT ON COFFEE TO SOBER GUESTS. COFFEE DOES NOT COUNTERACT THE ALCOHOL IN THE BLOOD STREAM.**



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Whites

Wenell, Jeanna, Troy, Kerry and Carla

Lake Spence Fishing News

PAINT CREEK MARINA

Jerry Baugh, Midland, 1 striped 11 lb. 6 oz.

Tommy Walker, Midland, 1 black bass 4 lb. 2 oz.

Roger Fuller, Brownfield, 3 striped bass up to 3 lb. 8 oz.

Dick Bohannon, Robert Lee 1 blue cat 41 lb. 13 oz. on trotline.

Anne Dozier, Andrews, 1 black bass 3 lb. 10 oz.

Richard Bohannon, avid Robert Lee fisherman, broke his own Blue Cat record on Nov. 22 when he took a 41 lb. 13 oz. whopper off his trotline at Lake Spence. His Spence record of 34 lbs. 3/4 oz. for a Blue Cat had held until that time.

He also holds the Yellow Cat record at the local lake with a 52 lb. catfish.

Fishing with Bohannon when the record Blue Cat was taken were Lee Dublin and Sonny Sturek.



Season's greetings

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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

[In Texas that is]

'Twas the night before Christmas

In Texas, you know,
Way out on the prairie
(Without any snow.)
Asleep in their cabin
Were Buddy and Sue,
A-Dream' of Christmas,
Like me and like you.
Not stockings, but boots,
At the foot of their bed,
For this was in Texas
What more need be said?
When all of a sudden
From out the still night,
There came such a ruckus,
It gave me a fright!
And I saw 'cross the prairie
Like a shot from a gun,
A loaded up buck-board
Come on at a run.
The driver was 'geein' and
'hawin' with a will
The hosses (not reindeer)
He drove with such skill.
"Come on there Buck, Pancho,
And Prince, to the right!
There'll be plenty of traveling
For you-all tonight."
The driver in Levi's
And shirt that was red,
Had a ten-gallon Stetson
On top of his head.
As he stepped from the buck-board

He was really a sight.
With his beard and moustache
So curly and white.
As he burst in the cabin
The children awoke,
And both, so astonished
That neither one spoke.
And he filled up their boots
With such presents galore
That neither could think
Of a single thing more.
When Buddy recovered
The use of his jaws,
He asked, in a whisper,
"Are you Santa Claus?"
"Am I the REAL Santa?"
Well, what do you think?"
And he smiled as he gave
A mysterious wink.
Then he leapt in his buck-board.
And called back, in his drawl,
"To all children of TEXAS,
MERRY CHRISTMAS, you-all!"

Author Unknown



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Season's Greetings and cheery good wishes!

Jerry Thomason
County Treasurer

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PEE WEE POTENTIAL


No matter how the ball bounces during an elementary school basketball tournament, the net goal is to have a bucket of fun.

That goal has been scored each of the past three years as San Angelo State School has hosted the area-wide Concho Valley Pee Wee Basketball Classic. The goal has been enhanced by providing many hundreds of elementary age kids and their teachers, coaches, and parents an excellent first hand opportunity to learn more about mental retardation by meeting and visiting with the special spectators-- the 791 residents of the facility.

The tournament has grown each of the last three years making it the largest such tournament of its type, and features elementary age players from West Texas area schools including Grape Creek, Water Valley, Robert Lee, San Angelo Catholic, Miles, Wall, Veribest, Trinity Lutheran, Wingate, Sweetwater, Christoval, West Texas Boys Ranch, and Eden. Four action filled days are required to determine the ultimate pee wee champs. In 1981, the first annual

tourney, Wingate captured the girls' division title and Sweetwater winning the boys'. Plenty of excitement in 1982 resulted as Veribest and Robert Lee won the girls' and boys' championships, respectively, in two very close contests. Added to the list of winners are the Wingate girls and Veribest boys who proved in 1983 that desire and determination to win do pay off in the form of a championship trophy.


To make the tournament possible, two sponsors-- the Goodfellow Air Force Base Community Federal Credit Union and the E-Z Mount Corporation, have donated the funds required to host the annual event. In addition, community support of the program is evident by the efforts of the Standards Times, KLST, various radio stations, and the time contributions of several SBOA officials who donate many hours of their time to officiate the 34 game tournament. The Board of Governors for the tournament have plans well underway for the Fourth Annual Concho Valley Pee Wee Basketball Classic to be held February 1-4, 1984, this year sponsored by the employees of San Angelo State School who, year after year, so generously devote many extra hours of service for the benefit of the San Angelo State School clients.



Merry Christmas

It's that wondrous time of year, when nature wears her dazzling gown of white! We wish you a joyous Yuletide.

Mrs. Ben Oglesby & Connie



JOY TO ALL

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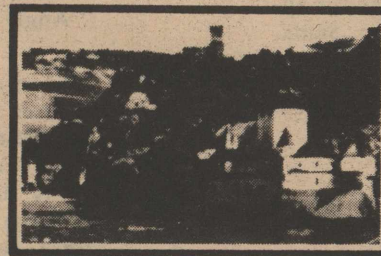
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castle after another will slip into view! Winding roads will take us through the evergreen hills of the fabled Black Forest.

The German farm we'll visit is in an area of ancient, picture-postcard villages, some of which are brooded over by fortress-like castles. The countryside here is divided into a crazy quilt patchwork of small fields planted in grain and vegetables.

In Switzerland, we'll board a local train that chugs through high mountain passes and stops at colorful alpine villages.



We'll cruise past castles on the Rhine... and one in the Rhine!



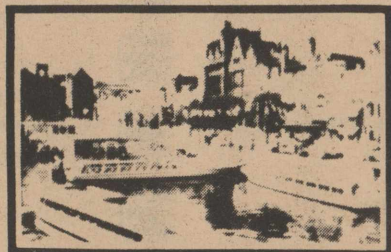
We'll visit a friendly, English-speaking Swiss farm family.

In France, we'll pass through premier wine country. In Paris we'll see the Eiffel Tower, Arch of Triumph, Champs Elysees, Louvre, Cathedral of Notre Dame plus the International Livestock and Machinery Show, a magnet for exhibitors and visitors the world over.

A walking tour will acquaint us with the medieval architecture of Brussels.

The price of this carefully planned trip is only \$1,897 from Dallas. That's much less than you or I would pay for this trip if we could duplicate it on our own. When you consider that first-class hotels, most meals, farm visits and a deluxe touring coach are included in this low price, it's a great travel value!

The above is only a sampling of this deluxe, 13-day tour of 5 countries. For a detailed itinerary, please mail the coupon.



We'll explore old Amsterdam from a glass-topped canal boat.

working for us full time, we can relax and enjoy our tour to the fullest!

We'll visit a farm below sea level that was underwater not many years ago. Collect seashells? Look between the crop rows! An audio-visual presentation will explain how the Dutch push back the sea to create farmland.

In Germany, we'll cruise the most scenic part of the Rhine River. Here, well-tended vineyards cling to hillsides so steep they defy climbing, much less cultivation. And, as we round bends in the river, one medieval

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Christmas Blessings

Wishing you and yours the best Christmas ever!

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Jim, Bev, Doug,
Tancie, Deb, Don,
Daryl and Junior



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a three wheeler and a Baby Skates doll and a Kit car. Oh I am looking foward to seeing you and I hope you come see me but I also want you to buy my mom and my dad something too.

Love,
Christy Thompson

Dear Santa
I've been a pretty good girl this year.

For Christmas I want a doll, Barbie doll and horse and a bike and anything else you want to bring.

I also have a baby sister and she needs some presents too.

Love,
Tracy Millican
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I'm going to leave some cookies for Rudolph. And a glass of milk.

I would like a 3 Wheeler and a B-B gun, too. One more thing, a clock for my room.

Your friend,
Ricky Post

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun. And a dirt bike. And a record player with records. I want a clock so I can wake up I want a lot of Star Wars men. Some Magic Markers, too.

Merry Christmas
Marc Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want Star Wars men- He-Man stuff. I want a little racing car. I want a Big Food 4, the one with controls on top. I want Markers.

I am going to leave you some food and a stocking. And I want a stocking.

Love,
Mickey Shriver

Dear Santa,
I would like a Care Bear-Friend Bear and Tender Heart Bear and a Barbie Doll.

I guess that's all.

I love you, Santa.

Jessica Lora

Dear Santa,
I want a Care Bear, too- Cheer Bear. What I really wish for is a record player.

My sister, Samantha, she's cute really wants a real Care Bear.

I want a guitar- a real one. I'm going to leave some cookies for you.

Samantha wants a real Baby Alive.

Love,
Brandy Padgett

Dear Santa,
I want a rainbow Care Bear, and I want a Smurf.

For my mother, I want some perfume.

I also want a desk with a chair. And I want the sleep bear-Goodnight Bear and Funshine bear.

We'll give you some cookies and milk.

I love you, Santa
Kris Hall

Dear Santa,
I want US-1. I want GI Joe men-all of them. A new bike, too. Star Wars men, too.

I'm going to leave you milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Ross Torres

Dear Santa,
I'm going to leave some cookies and milk.

I want a mini-bike and a new bike. And a B-B gun. And all the Star Wars men. And GI Joe men. And a pellet gun.

Your friend,
Tray Taylor
P.S. I want a Big Foot truck.

Dear Santa,
I want a Care Bear book. Also Play-Dough, too. I want a doll that walks.

I like you, Santa. I love you. I want a Care Bear, the one with a heart on his stomach.

Say hello to your wife.
Merry Christmas to Santa Claus!
Angie Ibarra

To Santa Claus
From Melissa Ann Smith
(written by my Dad)

Dear Santa
My name is Melissa Ann. I love you. I have been a good girl for 3 days. I would like you to bring me; a baby with its hair up, a guitar, a baby doll, another baby doll, a hat for a baby doll, a whole bunch of things. I love you with all my heart, a banana, a Santa Claus like you, thats it.

signed Melissa

Texan Women In Fourth Place

South Plains College's Texan women with a conference record of 1-1 are currently in fourth in the standings behind Odessa College, Western Texas College, and Amarillo College. Odessa with a 3-0 conference record and 10-0 season record is ranked number one in the nation.

Leigh Ann Runnion of Robert Lee is ranked 24th in the scoring column with 81 total points with a 6.8 average. Kathy Lohman from Dillon, Montana, was also listed tenth in rebounding with 86 total rebounds with a 7.2 average.

The Texan women will travel to Odessa College for their annual tournament after the holidays January 5-7. Their next home appearance will be January 16 against Howard College in Texas Dome at 6 p.m.

Area Students Are Named To Who's Who

A total of eight students from this area have been included in the 17th annual edition of **Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1982-83.**

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are selected by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups; churches or by the publishing company based upon students' performance in scholarship award contests or extra-curricular activities.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99% of **Who's Who** students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97% are college bound.

The 17th edition of **Who's Who**, published in nine regional volumes, features 375,000 students, or 5% of the nation's 6,500,000 high school juniors and seniors. They represent 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for over \$50,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to over 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected for this year's volumes are:

Lisa Powers and Shane P. Webb from Bronte.
Debbie Cummins and Leigh A. Runnion from Robert Lee.
Jamie Hicks, Alan Shaffer, Johnny Jones and Dana Ware from Blackwell.

LUNCHROOM MENUS

Monday, Jan. 2
Teachers Workday.
Tuesday, Jan. 3
Fish Krispies w/ tarter sauce
Buttered Carrots
English Peas
Hot Rolls-Butter
Milk
Cookies
Wednesday, Jan. 4
Pinto Beans
Pickled Beets
Spinach
Cornbread-Butter
Milk
Peach Cobbler
Thursday, Jan. 5
Barbecue on Bun
French Fries w/catsup
Sliced Pickles
Milk
Applesauce
Friday, Jan. 6
Salisbury Steak w/brown gravy
Cream Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls-Butter
Milk
Gingerbread

Ruhl Services Held In Indiana

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel Whybrew Ruhl, 80, were held on Monday, Dec. 19, in Mishawaka, Indiana. She died on Dec. 16 in a Kissimmee, Florida nursing home.

Mrs. Ruhl was the mother-in-law of Mrs. Virginia Whybrew and had visited in Robert Lee several times.

'64 Study Club Enjoys Party

On Tuesday night, December 13, the '64 Study Club members enjoyed the annual Christmas party with their husbands as guests at a dinner in the new Recreational Hall.

Following a delicious meal, a Christmas program directed by Ruby Jones was given in which old Santa Claus was present to greet everyone. Lucile Bryan concluded with Christmas impressions present and past.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please, extend my subscription for the Observer for another year. We like the new look you have given the paper.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Mrs. C.L. Baker
413 Freeway Dr.
Napa, CA. 94558

Mrs. Burroughs Buried In R-Lee

Mrs. Freddie Burroughs, 68, of 1246 E. 20th, died at 1:20 a.m. Thursday, December 15, 1983, at Shannon Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Friday in Robert Lee Cemetery, in Robert Lee, with Craig Meyers, Associate Pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church officiating, under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burroughs was born July 15, 1915 in Harper, TX. She married Wayne Harley Burroughs in 1936 in Carlsbad, TX. He died April 29, 1942.

Survivors include one son, John Harley Burroughs Sr., of Firth, Idaho; one daughter, Mrs. Tommy (Linda) Moyer, of 321 E. 23rd St., San Angelo, TX; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

50 YEARS AGO

OUR GREETINGS

We want to greet everybody and don't know how to do it except just tell you.

To those who have stayed with us during the depression years by advertising and subscribing, we owe our existence, which of course is meager, but your existence has been meager, too. We can truly look you in the face and proclaim to our country that "you do your part" and are not chislers.

To the non-advertisers who fly the Blue Eagle which says "We do our part" and are able to hire niggers to wash your dirty linnin, we greet you, too, and hope you can soon get prosperous enough to patronize your newspaper that's for you and yours.

To you who are too poor to subscribe and borrow the Observer from your neighbor, we greet you, too. Keep borrowing it regardless of what we say about it later, for there are those among you that are not entitled to borrow it but do, but for the time being, we greet them, too.

And for those who we know have actually sacrificed (and there are many) to subscribe to this little paper, doggon you, we could just hug you to death.

Yours less chislers and more Blue Eagles for 1934.

Bumbles, The Editor

SAWYERS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Buz Sawyer have returned home after a lengthy stay in Houston.

Mr. Sawyer underwent surgery twice at Methodist Hospital and was a patient there for 39 days.

Mrs. Sawyer was a guest with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sims, during his hospitalization.

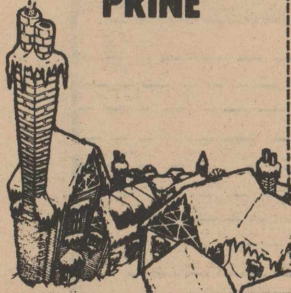
He reports he is much improved, especially since he is back in Robert Lee.

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WARM Wishes

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The Coke County Book Committee APPRECIATES the cooperation of Coke Countians, past and present, in responding with stories, memorials, and tributes.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch kid and a Care Bear-Friend Bear. And a new baby doll- you know those little Love Buds.
I love you, Santa Claus. Santa, you're nice! I'm glad you go to Robert Lee, Texas.
Love,
Rhiannon White

Dear Santa,
My brother, Brent, wants a tractor, trailer, and a dump truck. And a Teddy Bear.
I want a doll named Baby Skates and Barbie doll. I want a Memory Game where you match pictures. I want a new book.
Love,
Missy Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I want some Star Wars men. I want a motorcycle- a real one- a mini-bike. I want a 3-wheeler. And I want some big paints. And I want a model to go with it. I'd like a pony. I'd like a Care Bear book.
I love you.
Your friend,
Billy Payne

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun.
I love you.
And I want a View-Master and a GI Joe. That's all.
My name is Stephen, and I am eight.
Your friend,
Steve Cantrell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a picture book and a doll-Baby Alive. And a Barbie doll, Western Barbie's horse-Dallas.
Catherine is doing fine.
I'll leave you out some milk and cookies.
Love,
Kerri Hayworth

Dear Santa,
I want a picture book, a Barbie doll and a doll- a baby doll.
My mana's having a new baby.
I love you.
Love,
Laura Chesshir

Dear Santa,
I want all the Return of the Jedi men and GI Joe men. And a 4-wheeler. I want some He-Man men.
I'll leave you some cookies. And I'll leave you some milk.
Love,
Anthony Wink

Dear Santa,
I want the rest of the GI Joe men. I have Cobra, Steeler, Grunt, Snake-Eyes, Trip-Ar, Snow Job, Short-Fuse, and Breaker.
I also want a police suit with a helmet.
I want all the Mega-Force stuff and their vehicles. And all the John Blackstar stuff. I want Trap-Jaw, Cyclops, and Faker, Panther and Zor.
I am going to leave something for Rudolph.
Your friend,
Jeremy Fluhmann

Dear Santa,
I want Twirl Curls Barbie. I want a Care Bear- Funshine Bear and a real guitar.
I like you Santa. You are nice. And I want Baby Skates. Stacy wants Alfie, the computer. And Angel Face Barbie.
Wwe need a Briar horse for Coke. And some cars.
Also Luke Skywalker and Princess Lei.
Love,
Christy Hendry

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike that is pink and at the back of the seat in white letters it says Huffy. I also want a doll with 25 pieces and a car-seat that turns into a stroller. I also want a belt.
Love,
Carrie Sparks

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a two football helmets. Please give me a good football. Tell the rain deer hello. Oh, please give me two or three cars in my stoking. Good by for now.
Love,
Brent Jameson

Dear Santa,
Please give my brother a little cassette case. for my mom and ad matching robes. I want a rag doll like I got last year.
Love,
Debra Drennan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a GI Joe train set with men. I won't an Ewok. I Wont a Biker Scout.
Love
Thad Metcalf

Dear Santa
Please give me some boots. I would like some pants. I would like a G.I. Joe Striker Jet. thank you.
Love,
Dane Smith

Dear Santa,
Please leave me a Cabbage Pach Kid. How is Rudolph and his nose? I would like a dress. Would you leave a kitten for me?
Love
Jonie Renee Waggonner

Dear Santa,
Please give me three gifts. I want a cheerleader set for my sister. I want a Star Wars set for my little brother. I want a 4x4 car for me and my brother.
Love,
Johnny Torres Jr.

Dear Santa,
How are yow dong? How are your reindeer doing? I want a three wheeler a new shrit, a new coat to.
Love
Jason Bower

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid and an Ice Cream Kid. I want a Trapper Keeper notebook.
Love,
Rhoda Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Connect Four for Christmas. Please bring my Mother a present and my father, brother and sister. Please bring me a lot of stickers for my sister, brother and me.
Love,
Carla Bewick

Dear Santa Claus,
Please help my father get well. Please give my mom a gold ring. I want to have Connect Four. How are you feeling? I hopw you feel well.
Love,
Carlene Bewick

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to your visit. I wish I could see you in person. I am seven years old. Please bring me a black and white model horse and a guitar.
Love,
Rachel Ann Pentecost

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and 2 four wheelers. I can't wait for you to visit on Christmas Eve. I Love you. I'm 7 years old and in 2 grade.
Love,
Samantha Dann Doss

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to you coming Christmas Eve. Please bring remote control three wheel-er.
Love,
Jason McKay

Dear Santa Clous,
I want a three wheeler and a racing track and I want to tell you I been good.
Love
Jesse Valenzuela Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I been a good boy. I want a walkie-talkie and a bike.
I am 8 year old.
Love,
Saul Arellano

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a bike Santa. Please give me a race car track too.
Love,
Denny York

Dear Santa Claus,
I am looking forward to your visit and what I want for Christmas is a Barbie Doll Dream-house.
Love,
Sheila Minjarez

Dere Santa Claus,
I wish I see you.
I wish you can and I am nine years old. I want you to have a happy Christmas Eve and I can visit you Santa. Please bring me a Baby Skates doll.
Love, Oralia Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and I wish my sister had a bike and I look forward to see you.
Love,
Jonathan Torres

Dear Santa,
I am happy to say that all I want for Christmas is for: My moms, dad, sister and brother to be happy. I don't care if I get nothing at all because my family is what matters and I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a happy new Year.
Thanks,
Felicia Sparks

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you that you can make toys. Please get me a He-man. Please get me a GI Joe Dragon-Fly Copter. Please get me an Ewok Village and a Scout Walker. Also, I would like a masters of the Universe Castle. I will leave you some white milk and chocolate chip cookies. Have a good flight.
Love,
Chris Post

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
Plese give me a Speeder Bike, and a Biker scout and the Ewok village.
Love,
Blake Pitcock

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a calculator watch. I also want a bow and some arrows.
Love,
John Fluhmann

Dear Santa,
Please give me a go-cart. Please give me a home computer. And a T.V. to go in my bedroom.
Love,
Shelley Burrows

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blue ten speed bike. I also want the game of connect four. I also want a three wheeler. I want it to be red.
Yours truly,
Shelbi Grim

Dear Santa,
Please give me a camera and a telephone.
Love,
Lori Wink

Dear Santa,
Please Santa I want a Teddy bear and some tennis shoes and a pretty dress.
Love,
Shaye Thompson

Dear Santa,
I have been looking forward to Christmas this year. Christmas is my favorite holiday. For Christmas would you please bring me a Bible? I would also like a Angel Face Barbie doll. For the whole family I would like an Atari 5200 Super System.
Love,
Joellen King

Dear Santa,
I been a good boy. Please bring me a 20 gauge shotgun.
Love,
Joe Blair

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a trampoline for Christmas. I have been good this Christmas. I an 7 years old.
Love,
Wendy McPeek

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica and I am 4 years old. I would like a Barbie doll for Christmas. I have tried to be a good girl all year.
Love,
Jessica Key

Dear Santa Clause
I Love You, Santa and I thank you for everything you bring me. I want a Care Bear, Western Barbie, Ken, Cabbage Patch Kid, and play typewriter.
Please Santa say Ho Ho Ho so I'll know you're here.
If you want to, you can take your glass of milk and cookies to Mrs. Santa and bring the cup back next year.
Love you,
Kannan Yvonne Millican

Dear Santa,
I want some Star Wars men. And some GI Joe men. And Castle Grackel and He-Man is in it. I want one of those Garage Sets with a fireman garage. A Hot Wheels case, too.
My dad wants a stereo with a tape player.
Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa Claus.
Joel van Scalf



Blessings to All

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"Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year"

To all our friends in Coke County, From Lee, Dot, and Ronnie, at Starlings Garage in Robert Lee. BP25-1tc

SPINET CONSOLE PIANO for Sale. Wanted: Party to take over piano. See locally. Write Mr. Reid, Box 771, Olathe, Ks. 66061. Include phone number, please. bp-25-2tc

NOTICE OF SALE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

On the 29th day of December 1983, at 10:00 a.m., at the steps of the Coke County Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas, the following abandoned vehicles will be sold at public sale:

1-1961 Pontiac, 4 Dr. located at Bells Auto Parts, Robert Lee, Texas.

1-1975 Datsun Coupe, located at Bells Auto Parts, Robert Lee, Texas.

Marshall Millican, Sheriff
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We want to thank everyone for every act of kindness and concern while I was hospitalized in Houston and since I have been recuperating at home.

Buz and Floy Sawyer

25-1tc



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We're glad to say, now that the season is here, that to know and serve you has been a joy this past year. Have a wonderful day!

JETTCO

James, Marie, Shaye,
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O HOLY NIGHT



May the blessings of His love be yours the whole year through.


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We hope your holidays bloom with color and excitement. A merry Christmas to all.



ROBERT LEE STATE BANK
MEMBER FDIC

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a bike without training wheels. I need some fast shoes that will make me run fast like my friend Jody's. They have straps so I won't have to tie them.
I love you,
Daryl Calder

Dear Santa,
Santa, I love you. I miss you. I like the presents you are giving us. I want a Barbie doll and Barbie swimming pools and two games. Some Tinker Toys will be good and a little fur puppy dog. I will have a present for you on my tree. I'll put your name on it.
I love you,
Akela Bower

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a racing car, and Santa I just have about seven crayons and I need some more to color with. I don't know what happend to the ones I had. The racing car is a set with a track. I thought you might not know. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. I have two sisters. I need to dolls and two puppets for them, and since they don't have a doggie, bring them one. I'll take care of it till they get growed up. I'll talk to you later about some more stuff. I love you.
Denny Bohannon

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Mickey Mouse phone. Please bring my brothers some teddy bears. Mama already has her present. I want some shoes for Daddy.
I love you Santa,
Dona Bell

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and a bike. My Christmas is pretty, you'll see. I'll make you some cookies. I love you.
Casey Antilley

Dear Santa,
I want E.T. for Christmas. Please for a car with a light on it. Something for Mama and Daddy. Love you,
Matt Anderson

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a Barbie doll please? Don't forget Mother and daddy. I love you. My Christmas tree is all reddy for y.
Cynthia Abalos

HOLIDAY CHEER



May the joys of Christmas follow you throughout the coming year.

DAVID'S BARBER SHOP
Mr. & Mrs. David Chesshir and Girls

BEST WISHES



Wishing you - our friends - the happiness of Christmas time!

SKINNERS GROCERY & STATION
Jim and Geanette

Merry Christmas




May the season bring you every Happiness!

The **Cracker Barrel** Grocery

Best Wishes

May the joys of this festive season be yours!

Robert and Mildred Reese



WISHING YOU AN OLD FASHIONED



MERRY Christmas

COKE COUNTY PHARMACY
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS
STEVE, WANDA, STEVIE, STACY & STASKY

Happy 40th Birthday
FRANKIE HOOD
 from your
FAVORITE uncle



Greetings of the Season
 Wishing happiness and peace to you!
DAWN FLORAL
 Finis, Sue and Sue Ann



Rejoice
 May the peace and joy of that very first Christmas be with you throughout this Holiday Season and after.
Bessie Walker

CHEESE AND BUTTER-

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eligible group for receiving categorical benefits must be determined on the basis of income. If income is from farming or self-employment, eligibility is based on net income. The contractor determines gross or net income without deductions unless a household member(s) is 60 years old or older or handicapped. In that case, the household may claim a deduction for actual medical expenses of the elderly or handicapped member(s) up to a maximum of 20% of the household income.

(2) **Residency.** The household must apply in the contracted service area for its county. Contracted service area is defined as the county (counties) served by a single contractor, Coke County.

(3) **Identity.** The applicant must provide proof of identity.

Three months supply of cheese and butter will be distributed at one time. If you qualify or you are not sure, come by the Robert Lee Neighborhood Center Thursday or Friday, January 12 and 13 to make application. You cannot receive these commodities without making application. Cheese and butter will be distributed Tuesday, January 16, 1984. Hours are 8 to 5. All information received will remain strictly confidential.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus

I Love you. Please bring me some boots and a Return of the Jedi Gun, and everything my 2 sister's get.

Trey Sparks
Age 2½

... Dear Santa
December 19, 1983

Please bring me a bike it is pink. The seat is soft and on the back in white letters it says Huffy. I also want a doll. It is on page 513. I also want a beld were I can with my name on it and som cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. I also some records and tapes.

Love,
Carrie Sparks



Seasons Greetings
 Our headline reads:
 "Happy Christmas to all!"
 Hope you fulfill your heart's desire.
Joan & Add Davis



Blessings
 May Peace dwell within your hearts, bringing joy to you and yours this Christmas season.
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GREETINGS
 Happy holiday wishes to all our wonderful customers. We have enjoyed serving you in the past and look forward to seeing you again next year.
FROM
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FAMILY & STAFF
AT THE SPUDD SHACK