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Holiday publication dates announced

The **Observer/Enterprise** office locations both in Bronte and Robert Lee will be closed the week of December 28th thru January 1st, for our annual holidays. Our postal permit calls for fifty-one issues per year, and the week after Christmas seems to be the best time to skip an issue. We will be open for business as usual on January 4, 1988.

We have both good news and bad to report just prior to this holiday season. The good news is that we have all received an excellent Christmas present in the form of a good, general rain throughout the county last weekend of from

one to over three inches. The dry conditions over the past three months have magnified the need for this always-welcome gift from above.

The bad news is that we will take a small increase in display advertising rates after the 1st of January, in order to cover our ever-increasing publication costs. This increase will not affect classified advertising, which includes cards of thanks, legal notices, line ads, etc.

The staff of the **Observer/Enterprise** would like to thank you for your continued support. Our very best wishes to you and yours during this holiday season.

Filing date amended

The filing deadline for county candidates has been amended to Monday, January 4, 1988, due to the weekend, for the General Primary Election, reported Secretary of State Jack M. Rains.

Only new filing for a county office was the announcement by George Newby that he will seek his third term for Commissioner, Precinct I. Newby took office in January 1981. He stated he appreciated the support the people have shown him for 2 terms and asked their support and confidence in his re-election campaign.

Newby and his wife, Mavis, came to Robert Lee

from Ballinger in 1968. He was engaged in the funeral home business for 43 years. The couple has two daughters, Mrs. Georgia Jones of Colorado City and Mrs. Ginger Bryan, who resides in California; 5 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Sheriff Marshall Millican and Constable Bob Fields announced last week they will seek re-election in the General Primary Election to the posts they now hold.

Others have tentatively made known their intentions; no other official filings have been announced and they will have until Jan. 4, 1988 to return their applications.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We hope the holidays bring you joy and prosperity in the coming year. Merry Christmas to all.

Burt Terrill campaigns in Bronte

Burt Terrill was in Bronte last Friday morning visiting local citizens in an effort to gain support for his bid for the State Representative in District 66. The spot is now held by Dick Burnett who will retire at the end of his term.

Terrill lives in San Angelo and is an ex-mayor. A graduate of Lake View High School, Terrill attended Texas A&M and served in the U.S. Army

from 1963 to 1973 leaving as a Major. He graduated from Syracuse University with an MBA degree in 1970.

Taxes, TORT reform, and workers compensation, as well as the state's financial situation are the major issues Terrill intends to address in his campaign. His opponent on the Democratic ticket is Robert Junell who is an attorney with the firm of Webb,

Stokes, Sparks, Parker, Junell and Choate. Therefore the issue of TORT reform could be a major issue. Terrill is a businessman who owns Rainbow Oils of San Angelo, Belvedere Cemetery and the T-C Ranch at Water Valley. Junell is a lawyer with a firm who specializes in personal injury. TORT reform would

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...Upcoming

Cheese distribution

Butter and cheese will be distributed Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Recipients of commodities **MUST** re-certify now to be able to continue getting them in 1988.

All commodities are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Those receiving commodities are asked to bring paper bags.

40 + Dancers

The 40 Plus Dance Club's

designated dance nights are the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month. They will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5 at the Rec Hall at Robert Lee.

Those over 40 and their guests in surrounding communities are welcome to attend. Tickets are available at the door.

Bronte city closing

City of Bronte offices will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 for Christmas and closed Jan. 1 for New Year's. The landfill will be closed the same days.

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...Terrill (cont'd from front page)

limit the amount of damages in certain suits.

Stating that the 66th District needs a strong representative willing to say no, Terrill kicked off his tour of Bronte at

the 1st National Bank where he spoke to a small number of businessmen. He visited the downtown businesses and the school before returning to San Angelo.

Obituaries

Mahon

Evah S. Mahon, 86, of Robert Lee died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Robert Lee Cemetery with J.C. Wallace Jr. officiating. Services were directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mahon was born Aug. 31, 1901 and raised in Robert Lee, the daughter of Jess N. and Minnie B. Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan was a longtime barber in Robert Lee.

She was married to Paul Mahon in Robert Lee Aug. 11, 1918. A seamstress, she operated a dry cleaning business. Mrs. Mahon was a Methodist.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Bobby Jean Johnson of Eagle Lake and Bill Mahon of Austin; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1966; one son, Lothlen Mahon, in 1974; one grandson, Roy Paul Mahon; one great-grandson; one brother; and one sister.

Honorary pallbearers were Add Davis, Ben Bessent, Bill Allen, Weldon Fikes, Ernest Clendennen, and D.T. McCleskey, all of Robert Lee.

Gaston

Sam L. Gaston, 92, of 2210 Howard St., San Angelo, died at 12:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 1987, in River

Oaks Nursing Center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, in Mule Creek Cemetery, with the Rev. Bill Pierce of Trinity Baptist Church officiating, directed by Johnson's Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 21, 1895, in Grape Creek, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Gaston, pioneer ranchers in Coke County. He had lived in the Tennyson area for 75 years, and served as a Coke County commissioner for three terms in the 1930s. He was a stock farmer and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include four brothers, Edward Gaston of Fresno, Calif., Grady Gaston, Walter Gaston and John Gaston, all of San Angelo; two sisters, Emmagene Farmer of Killeen and Winnie Dickens of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nephews served as pallbearers. The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Drawing winners told

Bronte Chamber of Commerce held the second and last drawing for five \$25 gift certificates last Saturday, Dec. 19. Santa arrived via helicopter to draw the lucky

Crowd attends downtown activities

A nice turnout on Dec. 12 at Robert Lee's Downtown Christmas Party greeted Santa Claus and enjoyed the businesses' Open House. A festive air prevailed despite the cold winds that blew in

during the day. Butch Davis substituted for Santa in his absence, passed out candy, and listened to the children's Christmas wishes.

Carolers included: J.C. & Jewell Wallace, Tommy Williams, Louise Walker, Mary Bessent, Evelyn Flanagan, Royce & Alice Wallace, Robert & Mildred Reese, Lucile Bryan, Francis & Addie Jeffries, Greg Fleming, Floy Sawyer, Melba Long, Pauline Vaughan, Kay Taylor, Missy Grim, and Edna Havins.

The choir from the Robert Lee Playschool also presented several numbers.

Winners of the Children's Parade were:

5 & Under: 1st, Whitney Fleming and Ashley Millican; 2nd, Stuart Millican; 3rd,

Emma Millican.

Kindergarten thru 3rd: 1st, Will & Dixie Simpson; 2nd, Michael Munoz; 3rd, Chris Torres.

4th thru 6th: 1st, Jeremy Burns; 2nd, Michael Wooley, 3rd, Jamie Sullivan & Brandi Padgett.

Those lucky winners of the Open House drawings were: The Wearhouse, Terri Sawyer; Bell's Auto, A.E. McCoy; Super Save, Elna Duncan; Cracker Barrel, James Sullivan; J & B Lumber, Edna Havins; Spudd Shack, Justin Frances; Ace Hardware, Sally Gloria; Skinner's Gro., Virginia Frazee; Kelly's Cabbage Patch, Jennie Tinkler; Lazy G, Barbara Sevier; Butane Sales, Mrs. Dave King; Flower Sak, Donna Millican.

Comptroller warns of discount cigarettes

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Tuesday told Texas smokers that it's better to believe in Santa Claus than out-of-state mail-order schemes for discount cigarettes recently advertised in some Texas newspapers.

"Your chances are infinitely better that of Saint Nick will stuff your Christmas stockings with smokes before these so-called bargain cigarettes will get stuffed into your mailbox," Bullock said.

He said state tax auditors are looking into offers of cigarettes not taxed by Texas at "wholesale prices" from out-of-state firms.

Bullock said ads being run in Texas newspapers offer smokers cartons of cigarettes at less than \$7.00 per carton with the purchase of a "discount coupon book" that costs nearly \$40.

One promotion allows cigarette purchasers to buy "low cost" cigarettes by redeeming a coupon with a Colorado firm, Bullock said.

He said the Colorado firm was not paying Texas tobacco taxes or Texas sales taxes on the cigarettes.

Taxes on a carton of cigarettes in Texas amount to \$2.60 and sales tax in most Texas cities is 8 percent on the amount of the purchase.

Bullock said tobacco and sales taxes are due on out-of-state purchases because the state doesn't have a reciprocal tax agreement on cigarettes.

A lot of these so-called bargain buys are like some Christmas toys-- broken and worthless by the end of the day, Bullock said.

Sesqui cmte donation

The Robert Lee Sesquicentennial Committee recently sent \$100.00 to the "Save The Battleship Texas" campaign. This money was from proceeds of the sale of items during the 1986 Sesquicentennial year of Texas. The members thought

this was a worthwhile project and a good recipient for their funds.

Members of the committee were Alice Beaty, chairperson, Reba Tabor, Bill Allen, Sterling Lindsey, Don Fields, Thomas Gloria, and Edna Havins.

Cans to fund projects

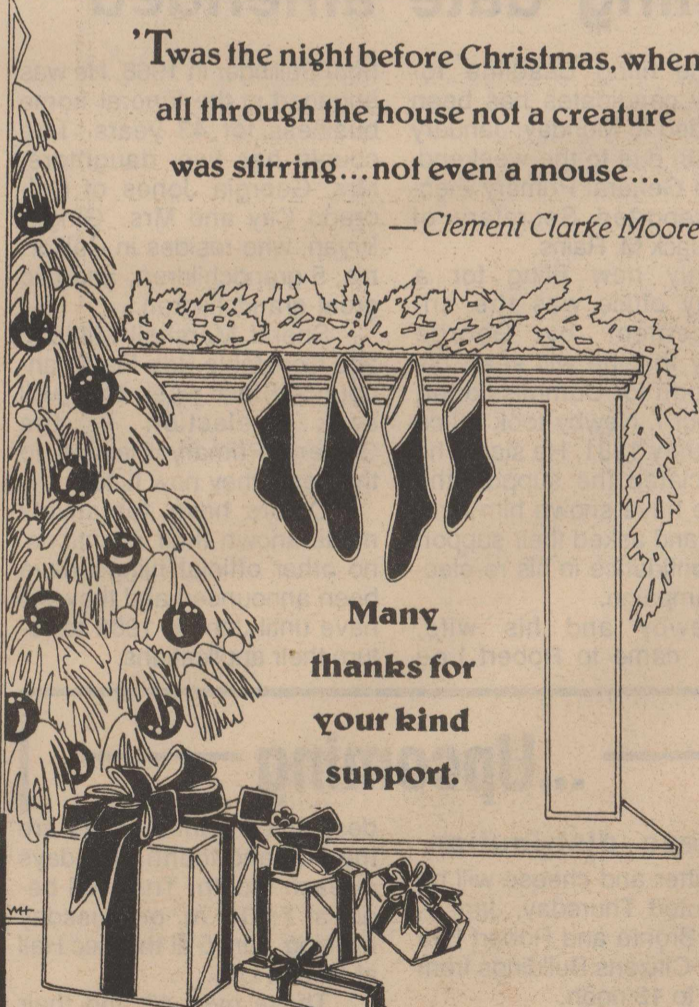
Judge Audrey Denman has suggested that Coke County residents might like to join in an ongoing project to assist local organizations (such as both ambulance services) by collective saving of aluminum cans. A number of people have volunteered to keep them bagged and hauled off to sell. The

Precinct 2 and 4 yard in Bronte will have a place available to drop cans off while the west side of the county can

deposit cans in a bag or bin prepared for that purpose behind the courthouse. Besides turning "trash to cash," the effort could make cleaner communities.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring...not even a mouse...

— Clement Clarke Moore



Many thanks for your kind support.

Adams Land & Realty Co.
Robert Lee, Tx.

Mr. & Mrs. S.E. Adams Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Adams & family

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Tradition of sending cards

One of the most cherished traditions of the Christmas season is that of sending greetings to friends and family — yet Christmas cards did not become popular in the United States until the latter part of the 1800s.

A German immigrant named Louis Prang produced the first Christmas cards in this country in 1874. Prior to then, Christmas cards were known primarily in Europe. They were already an accepted custom in England, where the very first Christmas card had been created.

The English artist John Horsley designed the first card in 1843 at the request of Sir Henry Cole. The illustration on the card depicted a family celebrating the season and bore the message, "A merry Christmas and a happy new year to you." Side panels depicted the poor receiving gifts of charity.

This design was eventually lithographed, hand-colored and sold for a shilling a copy. Not more than 1000 copies of the first Christmas card were sold.

The second Christmas card was not designed until 1848, by W.M. Egley. In England, at that time, the custom was to write to friends and family during the holidays, exchanging good wishes. There were sheets of writing paper decorated with Christmas motifs available for such messages. But, these handwritten letters took a great deal of time. In fact, it was the desire to save time that prompted Sir Henry Cole to have a Christmas card made up for his holiday correspondence.

Thus, by the year when Louis Prang designed the first American card, the English mails were already flooded with cards at Christmas time.

Prang sent his first cards to England, but the following year he began to produce them for domestic consumption. His enterprise coincided with the postal service's policy of delivering free mail in large cities, encouraging Ameri-

cans to purchase the new, beautifully printed cards.

Prang's cards reflected the tastes of the Victorian times. Fanciful animals, cherubs, flowers and romanticized children were popular subjects for his cards. Oddly enough, the cards seldom reflected religious sentiments.

Today, Prang would doubtless be amazed at the great variety of cards available. From the deeply religious scenes of the

Madonna and Child, to the playful antics of Santa, the correspondent of today has a wide choice of subjects conveying his greetings.

There is also another significant change from Prang's time — the postal service no longer delivers these cards free of charge!

However, today's cards convey the same message as those of Prang's Day — "Merry Christmas!"



PICTURED ARE MARSHA Doss, of Robert Lee, manager of C&W One Stop, and Supervisor Ron Beard with her trophy presented at the C&W annual Christmas Party. Marsha, by her performance, was named Manager of the Year for 1987.

Personal

Billie and Dubb Wallace of La Pryor spent the weekend in Robert Lee for an early Christmas with her sister and husband, Joan and Add Davis, and other local relatives.

SILENT NIGHT



Celebrate the true meaning of the Holy Season with love toward all men.

Glenn-Bivins Insurance

May the magic of Christmas stay with you always.
Happy holiday to all our friends.

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Season's Greetings

Wishing all our good friends a holiday filled with love and laughter, mirth and warmth.

Thanks for making us welcome.



CRACKER BARREL

Chris, Katy, Scott, Suzy, and Heidi

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL hoop tournament results told

Robert Lee gymnasium was the scene of lots of basketball last weekend when the locals hosted the big Steer tournament.

In Thursday's opening round for the Lady Steers Kim Hood scored a sizzling 24 in the team's 62-16 win over Christoval. Also in good numbers were Rachel Metcalf with 16, Lisa Bower had 14, Brooke Boone 4, Jodi Waggonner and Becky Padgett scored 2 each.

The Steers opened with a 78-37 victory over Christoval. Nine players scored in the game led by Randy Gartman with 16. Wes Hood went for 14, Jason Herring 12, Curt Gardner 11, Robert Runnion 10, Stevie Ebenstein 7, Joel Herring 4, Cody Anthony 3 and Kelly Tomlinson 1.

Friday's matches saw the Lady Steers top Panther Creek 66-15. Scoring 31 with a hot hand was Rachel Metcalf. Kim Hood fired 16, Becky Padgett 8, Jodi Waggonner 5, Lisa Bower, Karen Smith, and Debra Bell, 2 apiece.

The Steers walloped Panther Creek on Friday, 74-25. Making it go for the team were Curt Gardner 17, Randy Gartman 14, Wes Hood 12, Joel Herring 9, Jason Herring 8, Robert Runnion 6, Kelly Tomlinson 6, and Stevie Ebenstein 2.

Saturday's finals matched the Lady Steers against their county rivals, the Lady Horns. An exciting contest led to a win for the hosts, 42-36, and the Championship trophy.

Having a hand in the victory were Rachel Metcalf 16, Kim Hood 12, Jodi Waggonner 9, Lisa Bower 2, Debra Bell 2 and Brooke Boone 1.

Irion County girls placed 3rd in the tourney and Consolation was taken by Eden.

The boys' final also pitted the two county teams against each other but the outcome was different. The Longhorns

defeated the Steers 69-54 to take the Championship. Wes Hood shot 21, Curt Gardner 8, Randy Gartman 9, Robert Runnion 6, Stevie Ebenstein 6, and Jason Herring with 4 hit the boards for the Steers.

Irion County boys also won 3rd and the Consolation went to the Eden boys.

Steers travel to Borden

A long trip to Borden County Schools Dec. 8 produced two fine games for the Robert Lee varsity teams. Although the Lady Steers were dumped 44-40 in overtime, a good tough game lent to the locals' experience. Rachel Metcalf sunk 17 points, Brooke Boone had a 14 total, Kim Hood had 5 and Lisa

Bower scored 4. The Steers pounded out a 54-48 victory against the hosts. Randy Gartman topped the scoring at 15 with Wes Hood 2nd with 14. Jason Herring counted for 12, Stevie Ebenstein had 6, Robert Runnion 4, and Curt Gardner 3.

Lewis recuperates

ViCindy Lewis, 5 months old daughter of PFC 1-C Timothy A. and Teresa (Clawson) Lewis, underwent neurosurgery at Humana Hospital in Dallas early last week for correction of a genetic birth defect of the cranium. She made an excellent recovery, and her parents were able to take her home to Camp Polk, Louisiana on Friday.

Her "tia mama" and foster grandmother, Miss Betty Clawson, and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Patricia Lewis Wilson, of Midland were in Dallas to be with the family for the operation.

The family was pleasantly surprised to find that the baby's night nurse in Pedi-ICU was Miss Sudie Lamar, sister of Robert Lee resident, M.M. Lamar. Miss Lamar is the charge nurse in Pedi-ICU, and the family is grateful for the tender loving care given their baby by Miss Lamar.

While in Dallas, Miss Clawson also visited another

niece and family, Dr. and Mrs. John Freeman (Billie Clawson, daughter of the Johnny Clawsons of Baytown, Texas). Dr. and Mrs. Freeman own and operate Freeman Chiropractic Clinic in Dallas.

Personal

Wilton Robertson of Lindsay, Oklahoma came to Robert Lee over the weekend to pick up his wife's aunt, Mildred Smith. She will stay with LaRue and Wilton until after Christmas.

Quote worth quoting

Teenagers have no respect for their parents. We have to watch them because they are becoming profligate and wild and they're engaged in activities that are destructive and if it continues the society will fall apart.

-Aristotle
Fourth Century B.C.

Steers host Loraine

Loraine High School came to the local gym to challenge the Steers and Lady Steers for 3 games on Dec. 15.

The varsity girls crushed the visitors 74-13 with Rachel Metcalf counting for about 1/3 of the points with a 24 total, aided by Kim Hood, 14, Lisa Bower, 11, Becky Padgett, 8, Jodi Waggonner, 5, Brooke Boone, Karen Smith and Tiffany Jameson, 4 each.

The JV girls also defeated Loraine by a 28-15 margin. Scorers in the game were

Stephanie Poehls, 8, Lisa Sanchez, 7, Shannon Skipworth, 6, Janet Pentecost, 3, Sheree Burns and Jody Brasher, 2 each.

The Steers victimized the visitors 94-33 with 5 players in double figures: Randy Gartman, 17, Stevie Ebenstein, 14, Robert Runnion, 14, Jason Herring, 13 and Wes Hood, 12.

Cody Anthony tallied for 9, Curt Gardner hit 7, and Kelly Tomlinson and Joel Herring had 4 points each in the win.

Jr. Hi hosts Sterling

The Robert Lee Jr. High hosted Sterling City Dec. 21 for a 4-game series.

Shelbi Grim paced the A team with 11 points Brandy Burrows and Audra Pitcock scored 2 each in the squad's 48-15 loss to Sterling. The girls B bunch whipped SC 13-8 with 7 points by Carlene Bewick, Lori Wink scored 4 and Jonie Waggonner had 2.

Both Dogie squads ran hot with the A squad burying SC 30-7 with good multiple scoring by Danny Jackson, 11, Pank Grigg, 10, Michael Hayes, 4, John Fluhmann and Blake Pitcock, both 2 and Chris Marquez, 1.

The B team whopped SC 22-4 with scoring by Thad Metcalf with 12, Aubrey Dunham, 6, and Johnny Torres, 4.



Monday, Jan. 4

- Burritos
- Corn
- Tator Tots w/Catsup
- Cookies
- Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 5

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Blackeye Peas
- Carrots
- Hot Rolls-Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 6

- Pinto Beans
- Spinach
- French Fries
- w/Catsup
- Cornbread-Butter
- Cherry Cobbler
- Milk

Thursday, Jan. 7

- Grill Cheese Sandwiches
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Pickle Slices
- Chips
- Banana
- Milk

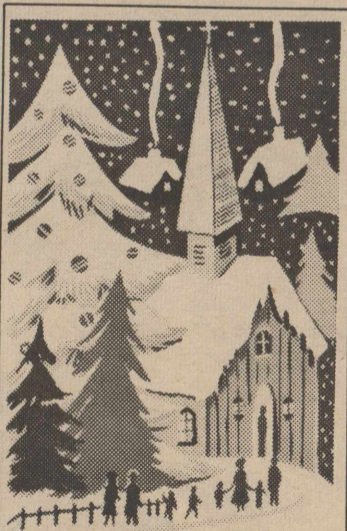
Friday, Jan. 8

- Chicken Patties
- w/Gravy
- Cream Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Hot Rolls-Butter
- Peanut Butter Supreme
- Milk

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your past support, and would appreciate your continued support in the upcoming Primary Election.

George Newby
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Paid Pol. Adv. by George Newby,
P.O. Box 524, Robert Lee, Tx. 76945



Merry Christmas

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play ice box, spurs, a doll, boot beads and tights for my ballet class. Also I would like some toy markers and a new coloring book.

Love,
Dixie
Box 566
Robert Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like a silver ring with a teddy Bear or something else and I also want some earrings, A bow for my Hair and My Pet Monster, a Chrismut, and wild Paffulum and The really thing I want a camrea. Will you write me back Please And a Heuy Leewise tape.

Love,
Sabrina

Dear Santa,
I would like a Casey, a desk, My Pet Monste Football players, some indians and cowboys men.

Love,
Nicky

Dear Santa,
I would like a fake puppy dog, a chair, a baby doll, a play house, a Cabbage Patch Doll, a Barbie and a Ken doll.
From: Jessica
To: Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I want a baby doll & Mickey Mouse doll, a grocery cart. Thank you Santa Claus. I love you.

Love
Jennifer Lynn Nesbit
Age 2

Dear Santa,
My name is Sondra, I'm 7 years old. I've been a good girl this year.

This is what I want for Christmas, a doll that talks, a mechanical reindeer, play makeup, clothes, that's all I want this year.

Have a safe trip. There will be cookies and milk for you. I love you!

Sondra
Van Deventer

Dear Santa
I want a Rodney Raindeer, a tape player, flashlight, microphone, Playskool dinosaurs and some other surprises.

Chris Woods

Dear Santa,
I want a baby Poppie, a Barbie doll, a baby Mickey Mouse, a cash register, a flashlight, some make-up, a Bozo, a dot to dot coloring book, a fishing game and

thats all, and a microphone.
Jennifer Woods

Dear Santa
Are you going to come Christmas Eve? If you do, please bring me a remote control race car, log cabin blocks to build with, a GI Joe jet, a flannel western shirt and real Indian feathers.

Love,
Will
Box 566
Robert Lee

Dear Santa
My name is Cayla Jeffrey, I live at Silver, Texas with my Bamma & Papa.

For Christmas I would like some pipeworks, a baby that wets, oven, new jammies please Santa.

My brother - Mitchell is 1 1/2 years old, he would like some new toys. My little sister - Hope wants a soft baby doll Greg wants key clips. Mommie

needs a new pair of pants. Santa they live at Eidth town. My Papa wants a new pair of glasses, pickup. My Bamma needs a new vaccum cleaner and a floor lamp.

I wish you a happy Christmas.

I hope you have enough toys to get to the homes to the Children to.

I hope you get home Safe and Sound. I love you very very much.

Cayla Jeffrey
Box 152
Silver, TX.
76949

Dear Santa,
may I have a BB gun and may I have a Hungrgg Hippo game and may I have a deer.

Love,
C.R. Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Whitney and a Wilde Pupalump too and I want a gam box too

Love,
Tracy
Millican

Dear Santa,
I want to ask you if I can have a transformer and Laser tag. I want the whole set of Laser tag.

Love,
Lynn Shandley

Dear Santa,
I would like the game Operations, the game Bed Bugs, and a Poppie.

Love,
Amanda Jean
Welch

Noel

May your Christmas be everything you've been hoping for!

THE WATER OUTLET
MILLER LIQUID FEED
James & Nola Miller

Peace

May the true meaning of Christmas be made known to all mankind.

THE
FLOWER SAK
Rhonda Hood
Judy Blair

A Holiday Wish to One and All!

May you enjoy a glad and glorious Yule.
Thanks for your valued business.

BEN BESSENT CHEVROLET

Noel

May the gifts of love and joy be yours this Christmas.

George and
Thelma
Lomas

JOY TO ALL

We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments...lasting memories to treasure forever.

Black's of Ballinger

Blessings

...for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer!

BRYAN JEWELERS
CBS JEWELERS
Ballinger, Tx.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Bronte Livestock Show date set

Stephen Lee, President of the Bronte FFA Chapter, would like to welcome everyone to attend the Bronte Livestock Show, which will be held on January 2nd, starting at 10 a.m. The show is to be held at the school, in the new metal building behind the Ag Shop. This show will be open to any FFA or 4-H member that is enrolled in the Bronte School District, that has a steer, lamb, or pig project on feed.

Schedule of events for the show shall include the lamb show which will begin at 10 a.m., the pig show which will follow the lamb show and the steer show will follow-up the lambs. Entries for the show should be around 20 pigs, 35 lambs, and 7 steers. Trophies shall be awarded to each class winners, the Grand Champions of each division, and the Reserve Grand Champions of each division. Rosettes will be awarded to Second and Third places of each class, and Ribbons for Fourth and Sixth places.

All animals will be allowed

Jones graduates from USAF security course

Airman 1st Class Ronald D. Jones, son of Jimmie M. and Lola C. Jones of Bronte, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1987 graduate of Lake View High School, San Angelo.

in the barn starting at 2:00 p.m. on January 1st, and all entries must be in the barn and weighed by 9 a.m. on January 2nd. All lambs in the show shall be slick shorn with either 13 or 20 tooth combs, but washing of the lambs will not be allowed. Entries are limited to 3 lambs, 2 barrows, and 2 calves per exhibitor. There will also be a one dollar, per entry, charge to cover ex-

penses of the show.

If anyone has a question about the show, please contact Tommy Antilley or Jay Henderson.

The FFA President would also like to announce that the Bronte FFA Chapter will have a concession stand at the show that will feature char-broiled hamburgers for the noon meal, along with Cokes, coffee, chips, etc.

SC Tourney results

The Bronte Shorthorn girls basketball team claimed the runner-up trophy when they competed in the Sterling City Tournament last weekend.

They defeated Robert Lee in the first round 39-20. Teresa Vaughn led all scorers with 16. Amie Parker sunk 10, Darla Scott and Alisa Richards both had 5 and Kristie Cooper 3.

Miles was the next opponent to fall to the Shorthorns as they lost 46-10. Scott and Vaughn each had 10, Cooper, Parker and Jami Morrow had 6. Brandi Thomas and Richards had 4 to put the girls into the Championship game.

The Sterling City Eagles proved to be a tough foe. Their tough defense and fast break proved too much for the

Horns as they lost 34-36 in overtime. Parker had 10 pts., Vaughn 8, Richards 5, Scott 4, Tina Smith and Cooper had 2.

Monday the Shorthorns got their sweet revenge when Sterling City came to Bronte for a district game. At half-time the Eagles led 20-14. However, a tough half-court press by Bronte forced several turnovers and they outscored the Eagles 12-4 in the 3rd quarter. Final score for the game was 36-33. Scott had a big 15 pts., Vaughn was right behind her with 14, Cooper had 4, Thomas 2 and Richards 1.

The girls raised their record to 7-1. They will participate in the Water Valley Tournament Jan. 7, 8, 9.

Personal

Inez Gilmore and Ruby Payne of Stanton had lunch with Fred and Ona Hughes in Bronte Sunday. Then the four drove over to Santa Anna for an uncle's and aunt's, Dick and Carmilla Baugh's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

It was an enjoyable afternoon visiting with relatives.

When a plane moves at the speed of sound it is known as Mach 1. The name derives from German physicist Ernst Mach.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I want a basketball, and I want a table with chairs, and I want a volleyball. I want a Christmas tree, and I want a transformer car. I love you, Santa Claus.

Roseann

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a cats Lair, and a remote-control cop car and that's all.

Merry Chris
that's all.

Love Ricky

Dear Sa

I want a bicycle pink I want one of those tables. I don't know if you have one I want some candy please, Santa, and a video game. How about a remote. Control duck and Merry Christmas.

Love,
Natasha

Dear Santa

I want a nice teacher I want an electric train and I want to have a horsie too that's it. I like your toys Sanya Claus Love Nicholas

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, and a Roller Racer, and a Scooter, and a robot. And I want you to not forget I love you Santa.

Love Maria

Dear Santa

I want one of those race track Hot Wheels I want a Mac trol truck without the wire I want a glowing the dark year I want a puppy I want a robock and a baseball I love you

Mario Dear

Santa

I want Jogging pants and a Bike and I want some Books.

Love
Rolinda

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I want a big bicycle, a puppy, a skateboard and a hoop. My teacher is Miss Jones. There's oreo cookies on the table. And I want a box of crayons. Thank you, Santa Claus.

Love,

Joshua Knight
473-5571

Dear Santa,

I am Dusty. I want a new bike and I want a play car and it has batteres an you don't have to troirn with your hands. You can use a wire.

Happy Christmas.

Love,
Dusty White

Dear Santa

I want a talking Alf and a piaino, bubble gum thing and a training wheel bike and a plain bike.

Merry Christmas! Happy Christmas

Mrs. Santa Claus!
Love Linda Lea

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a scooter and Laser tag and a headphone walkie talkie.
Love,
Nathan Bosworth

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a remote control car and a pellet gun. Would you also bring me a G.I. Joe.
Love you Santa,
David

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trampoline and please bring me a stuffed unicorn and a reindeer please. P.S. How are You?
Love,
Stacy Thomason

Dear Santa,
I want a unicorn and I want a cabbage patch and a doll that feels real.
Love,
Shauna Lynn SLV

Dear Santa,
I want an electric airplane and real deer and a real deer rifle.
Love,
Josh David Timm

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine I guess. This year I think I want a baseball glove. I am right handed. And roller skates. And the Barbie ice cream shop.
Love,
Jessica Key

Dear Santa,
I Love you! I wonder what you are going to get me. I want a Cabbage Patch and big bird and I think that is all.
Love,
Jennifer B.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bb gun, and a trampoline a rifle and a pistol.
Love,
Matthew Millican

Dear Santa,
I want two walkie-talkies and Castle Grayskull and a trampoline.
Love,
Polo Arellano

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Pound Purry and a trampoline and a Barbie.
Love,
Samantha Padgett

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a remote control boat and a B.B. gun. Could I also have a bike?
I love you.
Love,
Jason

Dear Santa,
I will like to have a real BB gun and bedbugs and Fireball Island!
Love,
Joey Barrett

Dear Santa,
I want three things, Santa, please. I want a swatch watch, and a BMX bike, and a Bow and arrow.
Love,
Paul Mashburn

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bulletin board. And a chalk board. And a dictionary.
Your friend,
Jerrod Copeland

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard please and a scooter and I want a ten speed bike please.
Your friend,
Jennifer Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a locker with a basketball goal and punching bag. I'll leave milk and cookies.
Love,
Korey Lynn Pitcock

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me one pair of A&M warm-ups. And one of those real big Pound Puppies. And a real bubble gum machine. Thank you.
Your friend, Rachel Shook

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope they are doing fine. Please send me these things. A stuffed cat, a Fluppy Puppy, and a sewing box. Thank you.
Your friend,
Miranda Wauson

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you bring me a Key Board and a doll that talks and a thing that curls your hair?
Your friend,
Sabrina Brock

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. This is what I want from you. I want a keyboard and a scooter. I hope I'm not pushing you to hard. I only want one more thing it is Captain Power and I ask nicely for these things.
Your friend
Jason Tavarez

Dear Santa,
please bring me an I.B.M. computer with accessories and a synthesizer that takes disk. Please bring a tractor also. Thank you.
Love,
Chad

Dear Santa,
I want shoulder pads and a helmet and football pants. thank you.
Your friend,
Lance Shandley

Dear Santa,
Santa, please get me a talking dall. Please get me a radio, too. And I almost forgot, please get me a Barbie doll set.
Love, Cheryl Kapchinski

Dear Santa
I want a barbie doll house and a barbie doll pool and two pound puppies in a cage and the lady lovely locks horse. We will have milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Lori Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I want a soccer ball Pop-pel, a rifle, 2 Pound puppies in a cage and a motorcycle. We don't have any oreos for you this week.
Love,
Casey Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I want a rifle and a pound puppy in a cage and some dinosaurs.
Love,
Colby Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I want a stickhorse, a Farmer Says and a steering wheel for my car seat.
Love,
Will Garlington

Dear Santa,
I want a present that is a pound puppy and a red pick-up and black car. I want the little man that goes with Brave Starr; his name is Fuzz.
I want to give you a present.
Love,
Landon Shandley
Box 555
Robert Lee


Lynn Shandley. Dec. 24, 1987
I want to ask if I can have Marshall Brave Starr and Fort Kerium playset and the Neutra-Laser. Weapon I Love you Santa claus. Box 555 Robert Lee, TX 76945.

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Dear Santa,
I want a Bat-mobile, a Superman figure, the figures of Batman and Robin, and I want a Santa suit.
How was your day? Did you have a nice vacation?
Love,
Damien Weaver

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie's Ice Cream Shop, red Roper boots, Barbie with long hair to fix, and Alf and a hot rocking van that turns into a radio.
Merry Christmas Santa!!
Merry Christmas Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Brittany Barrett

Dear Santa,
trding set a 22 shot gun
Lov J.C. Jones

Dear santa, I want 4x4 big foot for christmas
Please
Love Aaron
To. santo claus

Dear Santa,
I have ben varey good!
Santa may I have a foot-ball. and a pads. and a halmat ana a football shart. and same pants and a train wine a set and that is all!
Love
Scotty

From Ray
Dear Santa,
I want some soner Rangers
I want a new bike
I want some books
I want some cloths
I want a robot
I want a dog
I want Bravestarr
I want Flurty-Thurty
I want Tex-Hex
I want Thundercats
Love Ray

Dear Santa, your reinddoer like your slade Santa your reindeer like you Santa.
Love Darrel

Dear Santa I want a pelet gun. and a Be be gun. and I want a pere of stonewasht pans. and some gray stone washt pans. I want a pogo ball. and I wood like a scooter and Gi joe walke talles. and I want a remote centroll boat. I want a skate borde I want an my pet monster pet monster. and I want an autary and I want some atary tapes, Love Michael

Dear Santa, I want a corke. I want a rasing. I want a robot. I want a baby pappe. I want a font ball. I went a baby cat. I want a mokkoonddtrol car. I want a tet. I want a radieo. I wantssilasr calsl.
Love Bud
I will geva you some cooks and mikl.

Dear Santa,
But wut I wunt you to have a happy Christmas
But I wunt some toys.
But mst uf all I wun sistr and a bike.
But Wut Whut I Bit I Wnt my ddd to get a Job
from Trey With Love

Dear Santa, May I have a keyboard for Christmas please, and I want a computer and some skates too and a ring. and I want a dollhouse too.
Love, your friend Lana.

Charity Dec. 11, 1987
Dear Santa, I want a doll named Crieckit. a sume new closs. and glubs. and a snow-sote. I want a trainsit.
Love Charity

Jennifer Dear Santa, Dec. 11, 1987 I Love you Santa very much? Santa Merry Christmas From Jennifer I like you very much and so
duss Bud and so duss. My mom and so duss Lana and so buss Melissa and so duss Joey and so duss
please bege me a toy From Jennifer, and Melissa and Joey and Mom and Justin to I Love my mom very much and you to Santa I want some closa and some panas I Love you very much Santa! and so buss my mom and my sester toad so buss buss my brother to and so buss Bud and I want some candy to and some Gum to and some ice crema to and I want some showa that I can play with in the house! this is a letters for you a I want some cookies and if you by me sometin I, will give you some candy and some ice crema.
Love
Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little boy this year! Thank you for the toys you brought me last year.
This year I want a bike with training wheels and maybe a pickup with a trailer, if you have an extra one.
Please bring my Mommie a jacket and my Daddy some weights.
I will leave some cookies and milk out for you.
I Love You.
Joel Webb

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a scooter and a little piano.
Love,
Shelly Sims

Dear Santa
I want a basketball goal and a pair of socks and I want two pair of shirts and pants.
Larry
third grade

Dear Santa
may I have a kitten fore Christmas
3th Kelly Freeman

Dear, Santa
I want a pocket knife Shot gun chess set foot ball candy play gun with 100 plastic b-b's camden
3rd grade

Dear, Santa
I want a Jam box for Christmas and a cabbage patch kid for Christmas
Jodie Hilliard
3.g

Dear Santa,
My name is heather. I am nine year's old. I an a good girl. I will leave yor reindeer some suger and you some cookies and milk. I went a baby cabble patch Kid.
"your" friend
Heather Knisley

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you. I would like you to leave me a 10 speed bike, and a Pogo ball and a cabbge patch kid.
Your friend,
Kimberley McCorkle

dear santa
I have been a good boy. I want a scooter a remote comtroled turbro car and a play airplane that flys. and some cars and I want dad to come there for christmas I want a horn to blow and a telescope to look through and a boat to sail on the river and a stuffed dog to sleep with me. thats all thank you.
Wade

Dear Santa.
I have been good and I help my Mother and when my brothers need help i help them. I want a doll that can talk and a doll that can sing.
love
Belinda Maldonado

Dear Santa
this is my list I whant a Talking Cabbage Patch with freckles, and red hair and a tent to put over my bed with hearts differint corlors.
Love,
Danielle Parker

Dear Santa this is my List Jambox coloeo one cabbage Patch a girl and a boy for my Dad a long coat for my mom clots for my sister mine-sitr a tent to put orve Bed
form Olivia Guzman



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Dear Santa
I would like you to give me a football suit and a schooter thank-you Santa
P.S.
Lane Parker

Dear Santa,
I would like some roller skates and a bike. Most of all I want an oven candy melts and cookie cutters, little pans and dishes.
Love,
Dona Marie Bell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would want to have a pool table, tapes, and a car. You are the most funest of all.
Your friend
Heather Ybarra

Dear Santa
I would like a watch, skates, and a big trampoline. I'll see you you Christmas night.
Your friend,
Kannan Millican

Dear Santa
I would like a Cornsilk Cabbage Patch with Yellow hair, some clothes, and some jewelry.
Please!
Sincerely,
Jennifer Ann Tinkler

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Lobo, Santa Claus. I want a skateboard. I want a four-wheeler. Please!
Love
Bobby Longoria

Dear Santa, I woule like to have a trampoline and a Barbie ice cream maker and a Cabbage Patch kid that can take a bath with you.
You friend,
Shalon Waldrop

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 10 speed, a ring, and a necklace.
Love,
Brandi Brosh

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like roller skates and a sled and a teddy bear and a doll for Christmas.
Love,
Jenita Kathleen Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and these are the things I want for Christmas. I want walkie-talkies and a bike and skateboard.
Your friend,
Jason Kilgore

Dear Santa
I wold like a new radio and a trampoline and a pellet gun.
from Jerrod Pitcock

Dear Santa Claus, I want a lobo and I wont a telescope and I want a big trapaline.
Your friend,
Freddy Wojtek

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you will get me a lobo and a B.B. Gun and a skate board. please.
Love, Gilbert Torres

Dear Santa,
Please, can I have a camping knife? May I have a radio? May I have a red bike?
Love,
Daryl Calder

Dear Santa Claus what I want for Christmas is Shoulder pads and an helmet and football pants.
Merry Christmas.
Lance Shandley
Box 555
Robet Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink bicycle. Both tires are flat on my old one.
Love,
Holly Copeland

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Hot Wheels. I like Hot Wheels. I hope the hungry children have food.
Love,
Rocky Cantrell

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a new bike. My old bike is torn up. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love
Kendra Bohannon

Dear Santa,
I would like a piano because. I like the way it sonds. I Love you very much.
Love,
Sondra Van Deventer

Dear Santa
bring me a 2-X-Z Space.ship. that. shoots invisible lazer at the TV
Love
Melvin

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer Torres. I live in Robert Lee. I love you. I want some dolls, and some make up. I will be happy with anything that you give me.
Thank you.
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I am Matthew Pitcock, and I live in Robert Lee. I want a tractor and a trailer and a firetruck. I also want some transformers. I want a racing car (remote control).
Thank you Santa.
Matthew

Dear Santa,
My name is B.J. Bessent. I live in Robert Lee. I would like a pool table and a unicycle with training sticks. I also want a desk for my room.
Thank you Santa.
B.J.

P.S.
Dear Santa, I want it all.

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel Cantrell. I live in Robert Lee. I like you Santa. I want a Big Foot, and a new race car. I want a play horse. That is all I can think of.
Thank you Santa.
Daniel

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda Barrera. I live in Robert Lee. I want a talking doll. I want a Barbie and a Cabbage Patch. I want a play dog. I also want some paints.
Thank you.
Amanda

Dear Santa,
I am Gina Torres, and I live in Robert Lee. I want a Barbie Doll and some clothes for her.
Thank you.
Gina

Dear Santa,
I want a train set, and a tool set with a real saw. I want a Godzeilla, and a remotè control airplane. I also want a Thundercat poster.
My name is John Gallimore and I live in Robert Lee - 808 Childress.
Thank you - I also need a real survival knife.
That's all I want.
John

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Bird and a real T.V. for my room. I need some Barbie Doll clothes, and some Barbies. I also want other dolls. I want some skates, and a doctor kit.
I am Brandi Rogers and I live at Quail Park.
Thank you.
Brandi

Dear Santa,
My name is Rebecca Jo Daves. I live in Robert Lee. I would like a clock radio and a typewriter. You are a nice Santa Claus. That's all - Thank you-
Rebecca

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car that is big.
I am Lewis Samaniego, and I live in Robert Lee.
I also want a toy throwing star and a sword.
Thank you.
Lewis

Dear Santa,
My name is Jamie Luna. I live in Robert Lee. Would you please bring me some play dough and a Care Bear. That is all I can think of.
Thank you.
Jamie

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Dear Santa, I want a ball that talks a scootre a game some books a cup that I can play with a ball that can wlk and the last thag is a bag from you.
Love, Amanda

Dear Santa,
I want a little kichen with a stove a mikrowave and reafregerater and a freser. I also want a little doll thats in a box and has a hole to fill the babys body. And it look slike a real baby. It has a diaper too.
Rachel H.

Dear Santa,
I want a pogo ball and a scooter and Rudolph and Comet and Cupid and Donner and Vixen and Prancer and Blitzen and Dancer and Dasher and a relea surfboard showski
Love Cara

Dear Santa
1. I want a scooter
2. and a Dalles cowboy
3. and a make conchrool car
4. I want a sokerball
5. I want some closs
6. I want a tp
7. I want a sleeping bag
love casey

Dear Santa
I want a thunder cat sord and I want the claw
I want a capt at pauer
I want a computer
I want a pogo ball
I want a Garbage pail kid
I want a surf borad
I Love you
Love Justin

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and Baby Heather and Grubby and clothes and Socks and a dog that barks and Jakes and a wach and Skath's and Ropers
Love Courtney
your friend

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I wouk like little baby Caggage Patch.
Angela Abalos

Dear Santa,
I want a baby Heather and a cabbage patch and a bike and a doll and a ball and socks and clothes and a dog that barks and a wach clok and a
I love you
From Julie

From Micheal Dear Santa,
I want a big truck
I want a magic hat
I want a jam box
I want a Peret
I want a Rell Robote
I want tent
I want a lote of bebes
I want some money
I want a computer
I want a gobot
I want some new shoes
I want some Garbage Pail Kids
I want a some car
I want a skateborde
I want a bowling ball

Dear Santa,
I want a pogoball a scooter a Barbe set and some dolls and some clothes and some Kragers and I want a spud mukese and some skates and a skate bord. Surf board, snow skeys I want real money and a jam box and a bow and a Arroww and a romot controll car
Your friend
Misty Seales

Dear Santa,
remot econtrol car and a coke shirt and a TV
I Love Sanla,
Dusty

Dear Sautay,
I wint a teddy ruxpin and lots of toys.
Melinie

Howdy Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus:
Amidst the hurry and haste, I'd like to call "time out" to wish ya'll a fat, jolly, merry ole CHRISTMAS!
With love,
Milly
Morgenstern
P.S. Happy New "1988", too.

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I would like doll. I wish you a Merry lit-tle Christmas.
Flor Barrera

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl I would like a baby brother.
Jill

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I would like a antenna race car, and I would like a set of logs to build with.
Will

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I would like I want. a milllion dollars and a remote control car race track.
Jeremy Eaton

Dear Santa Claus,
I want-a pair of skates a-pack-of-barrettes-and-a bike.
Love,
Dawn R.

Dear Santa,
I want an ice cream maker and clothes and a Barbie. I would also like some shoes.
Love,
Mica Carper

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun. I want some Battle Beasts and some Rock Lords. I also want some Muscle Men.
I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Dustin Holland

Dear Santa,
I want a Chinese Check-ers game, and I want a real checkers game.
I want lots of books so I can read. I want a black, re-mote control car, and a He-Man.
From,
Robert Minjarez

Dear Santa,
I would like a tractor, some G.I. Joe toys, and a skate-board.
Thank you Santa.
Your friend,
Dustin Scott

Dear Santa,
I want some video games, train parts and Transformers. I also want a Snow Cone Maker.
I like you very much.
Your friend,
Cody Harris

Dear Santa,
I want Teddy Ruxpin, a baby horse, and a little Barbie ice cream set, and Alf.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brandy Denton

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch and some coloring books. I want some boots.
Love,
Melissa Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, Alf, an Alf sleeping bag, and I want Spuds. I also want a roller-racer.
Your friend,
Stacie McKee

Dear Santa,
I want a toy cross-bow to shoot a target.
I want a whole set of G.I. Joes and a half a set of Tran-formers.
I also want a half a set of Legos.
Hope you have a Merry Christmas!
How are your reindeer doing?
Your friend,
Ranon Silvernail

Dear Santa,
I am expecting you on Christmas Eve.
I want a magic set and a water gun.
Your friend,
Joshua Smith

Dear Santa,
I want that Barbie with the ice cream set. I want skates, a bicycle, and some coloring books and crayons.
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Shannadon Black

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Venus Fly-Trap, and a radio-control car.
Love,
Brian Woodward

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a bat, and some play dough and a 3-wheeler.
I want some turkey, bananas, and oranges.
I love you. You are nice to people.
Love,
Lee Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike, a He-man, and I want a toy Big Foot. I want a new pair of shoes and a new shirt.
Love,
Daniel DeLaCerde

Dear Santa,
I want some new, red boots. I want an ice cream set with a Barbie, and I want one of those balls with a bat with it.
Love,
Tarra Flowers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some surprises.
I would like a new bicycle.
Your friend,
Rod Harrell



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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer Woods. I would like a Barbie Doll for Christmas. I also want a popple. Give Chris some G.I. Joes. I live in Robert Lee.
Thank you.
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Cowart. I want a doll house, a chair, a doll, and a Cabbage Patch. I want a book and anything else you want to bring me.
Thank you.
Jessica

Dear Santa,
My name is Eugene Albolaez. I live in Robert Lee. I would like a bicycle. I also want a remote control car. I want a He-Man and a Skeletor. I want a robot on wheels.
Thank you.
Eugene

Dear Santa
I whont two things. I whont a scoter and a bike be cus I like the things I whont for Christmas. I hope I get what I whont Sata Clous. I hope.
Love Michael Munoz

for mom I want to get her a new car and a dimon braslet. for Brady I want to get him a baby puppy.
Love Bree

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Heather and a Baby Poppal.
Love,
Amanda Blair

Dear Santa, I want a tape player and a dinosaur.
love Chris Woods

Dear Santa,
I am Shyla Cole, and I live in Robert Lee, Tex. I want a Barbie Doll, clothes for Barbie. I want a kitten like the Pound Puppies, and I want a Pound Puppy too. I want a jacket.
Thank you.
Shyla

Dear Santa,
My name is April Tinkler. I would like clothes for Christmas. I want a baby that goes in the bathtub with me.
Thank you.
April

Dear Sant claus
I want a toy Lazer Tag and a trampoleen Hows mrs. claus? Love Andy Stewart

Dear Santa
For me
I wold like a tranpolin and Baby Hether.
For my Peront
for my Dad I want to get him new sadal for the horse and some sherts and a belt.

Dear Santa,
I want all of the G.I. Joes and I want a Goct.
Love Danny

Dear Santa
I want a master and a board erra.
Love
Ricky

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and whatever you want to give me. My name is Mike Wells, and I live in an apt. in Robert Lee.
Thank you.
Mike

Dear Santa,
My name is Coke Hendry. I live in Silver. I would like a remote control race car. I need some new riding boots (gray). You can bring me anything you want to.
Thank you.
Coke

Dear Santa,
I want a gun and a remote cunchrol car with antea string.
Love Chris Torres

Dear Santa
I want the maypl town. I want the moon dreamers casle.
P.S.
Oer Bonus word is Santa Claus
Love
Stacy Hendry



To our fine customers: may your Holiday Season be full of happy blessings and the joys of Christmas cheer.

BELL AUTO PARTS

Jim, Bev., Doug,
Tancie, Deb, Junior,
Don, Matt, & Gery

Dear Santa,
I want a pool table. I want an apple in my stocking. I want a remote control car. May I have puzzle and a new lunch box. My name is Jason Sanders. I live in Robert Lee.
Thank you.
Jason

Dear Santa,
I am Melanie Johnson. I live in Robert Lee. I want a Brite Lite, and a Newborn Baby. I want a motor cycle too. My sister, Kendra, wants a motor cycle too. She also wants a Care Bear.
Thank you Santa and have a Happy New Year.
Melanie

Dear Santa Claus
I wont a santa Claus and I wont a moon dremr dol. Love
Melissa Ann Smith

Dear Santa
I want 2 things
1. I want some fossils
2. and a football sute.
Love
Timmy Schiwart

Dear Santa,
I like you. I would like you to bring me a doll and some diapers for her. I want a play dog. I want you to bring me a little purse. I want a little truck for my baby brother, Joey. My name is Cindy Rhodes, and I live in Robert Lee.
Thank you.
Cindy

Dear Santa,
My name is Latisha Bohannon. I want a lunch box, and some make up (real). I want any kind of toy.
Thank you Santa.
Latisha Bohannon

Dear Santa
I want you to bring a birby house and a birby ice cream kit.
Merry Christmas Santa.
Love Amanda Brock

Dear Santa,
My name is Cecelia Ortega. I live in Robert Lee. I want a Baby Doll, a Mickey Mouse. I also want a play telephone. I want a baby with a pillow, and I want a back pack.
Thank you.
Cecelia

Dear Santa,
I live in Robert Lee, and my name is Sammy Schiwart. I would like a three-wheeler. I want a mask set. I would like another raccoon.
Thank you Santa.
Sammy

Dear Santa
I would want a football and a radio.
Love Matthew Hodges

Dear Santa I want a doom bigg and a bow and Arrow.
Kirk Bagwell

Dear Santa,
My name is Nick Pinson. I want a remote control car. I want a stuffed dinosaur.
Thank you for the gifts you bring.
Nick

Dea Santa,
My name is Stacy Halverson. I live in Robert Lee. Please bring me a Teddy Bear and a Rainbow Brite. Please bring my little brother Bradley a small bike with training wheels.
Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.
Stacy

Dear Santa I want a doom bigg and a bow and Arrow.
Kirk Bagwell

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Thank you
for your patronage.

Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES

To our customers and families go our sincere thanks for your enthusiasm and support, and we extend our best wishes for the holiday season.

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Becky Ross
Gay Sawyer

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a yellow and red Nerf football and then I want captan power riffool gun.
Love
Thomas Brickey

Dear Santa,
I want a walkman radio and a bee bee gun too.
Love Dustin Daves

Dear Santa, I want a computer and a typewriter so I can do my homework. And have I ben good ol yere Santa Clause.
Bu my mama rot a leter to you olettery.
Love,
Maranda Hopper

Dear Santa I wood licke a new soot and a Big Big play house and my borothor some bloks and my mom a kit of profom and my DaD a kit of tols and my ant Blanca togo spend some time with R.C.
Erika Galvan

Dear Santa,
I would like a racing motorcycle. I like it.
I wish all the people would stay together and not have wars.
Love,
Justin Francis

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spuds Mckenzie shirt. I like the dog.
I wish every body to have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
George Ferguson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a red bike. I never had one in a long time and I know how to ride.
Merry Christmas!
Tony Bell

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bicycle. My oter one is littler I need a bigger one. I wish every body would have a healthy family.
Merry Christmas!
Geoff Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like my Little Pony any and the set that goes with it. I like to play with my sister's set.

I hope everybody has alot of presents.
Love and have a Merry Christmas!
Kyla Long

Dear Santa,
I would like a red bike, because its cute. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Cassandra Munoz

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll named Julie.
Love,
Relissa Sanders

Dear Santa,
I would like a pony castle. May you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kimberly Gloria

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll house because I don't have one. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Lori Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I wish you a merry Christmas
I would like a VCR.
Lydia Arroyo

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy I would like a Captain Power. I would like a three deck G.I. Joe.
Chad Helwig

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy I would like a truck Merry Christmas for all Santa.
Merry little Christmas for all Santa.
T.J.

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I would like a Rambo Set.
Shane

Dear Santa
I am a good girl I want a play dog for Christmas.
from Whitney Mont-gomery

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I would like a baby brother.
Melissa

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy I would like a big foot.
Jeremy O.

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy I would like a G.I. Joe man and a play knife.
Andrew

Dear Santa
I am a good boy I like I would like a G.I. Joe set
Sean

Dear Santa. I wot you I want you to have a Merry Christmas. I want Crash up cars and I am a boy.
Trey Sparks

1st grade rl
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a racing car I like it.
I hope on Christmas St. Nick comes.
I love Santa!
Derrick Kapchinski

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy soilder. So I can play with it.
I wish nice things for all the children.
Your friend,
Josh Varnadore



Every year, foreign visitors spend about \$14 billion in the U.S.

Mexico is presented

On Dec. 8, 1987, The '64 Study Club was enlightened, as well as entertained concerning "Christmas in Mexico" when the Rev. William B. Hutchinson of Bronte presented a colorful description of customs in Mexico accompanied with a delightful slide presentation. Rev. Hutchinson, who served 19 years as a missionary in Mexico, was well-versed in the history and background of Mexico.

Program leader Olene Sims, introduced the Rev. Hutchinson after approximately fifty members and guests had partaken of a delightful Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. The caterer

was complimented many times.

Hostesses Olene Sims and Leta Caston, with the help of their husbands, transformed the Rec. Hall into a wonderland of Christmas lights. Colorful candle arrangements with the traditional red and green color theme carried throughout with colorful table settings complimenting the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The marvelous Christmas presentation, gala Christmas decorations, good food, and comraderie served as a prelude for the remaining Christmas celebrations to be enjoyed by the group.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Here's wishing you a Holiday that's filled with love, prosperity and good health.

COKE COUNTY ABSTRACT AND TITLE COMPANY

Best Wishes To All...

And to all, a very merry Christmas!

EL VAQUERO RESTAURANTE
Bronte, Tx.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here's a very special holiday greeting to all our special friends and patrons. We hope this joyous season brings you joy, love and happiness.

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Elroy, Margie, Donald, Beth, Lyndon, Lindsey, Lindy, Neel, Davy, Donna, Brandon, Lorne and John


Santa Letters cont'd.

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for the candy you gave me at the drawings. I have tried to be real good this year.
 Could you bring me a tractor, a dragon game, and cologne like my daddy's.
 Could you please bring Sarah a red tractor too.
 Love,
 Joshua Eubanks

Bird hospitalized after hip surgery

Ulmer Bird, resident of West Coke County Nursing Home, sustained a broken hip in a fall Thursday and was taken by ambulance to St. John's Hospital where he remains at presstime. He underwent surgery on Friday and is now in Rm. 333 in St. John's where he will be given therapy for a time.
 Mr. Bird, formerly of Sanco, is well-known in the area as an author and a poet.

The Joy of Microwaving

Microwaving Tips From the Microwave Cooking Institute 



You can adapt your favorite recipes to your microwave oven—and turn out a citrusy dish that's no lemon.

If you're only using your microwave oven to reheat coffee or zap up some buttery popcorn, you're missing out on a lot of delicious eating. It's easy to adapt your favorite recipes to this speedy cooking method.

One of the best instructors you can find is in an oversized cookbook called *The Joy of Microwaving* (\$24.95, Prentice Hall Press). It's written by experts at the Microwave Cooking Institute—a team of professional home economists dedicated to developing microwave recipes for all brands of ovens. With more than 700 color photos and over 450 recipes you'll learn how to prepare delicious, new and unusual foolproof appetizers, entrees and desserts.

The recipe below is a delicious twist on a favorite recipe.

Lemon Seasoned Chicken Breasts

- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon bouquet sauce
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon pepper

- 1/2 teaspoon salt, optional
- 2 whole bone-in chicken breasts, halved, skin removed
- 1 to 2 teaspoons parsley flakes, optional

Serves 4

In small dish combine all ingredients except chicken and parsley. Arrange chicken breasts, bone-side up on microwave roasting rack, with meatiest portions to outside of dish. Brush with half of seasoned mixture. Microwave at High 5 minutes.

Turn pieces over and brush with remaining mixture. Microwave 10 to 15 minutes, or until meat near bone is no longer pink, rotating once during cooking. If desired, sprinkle with parsley before serving.

Per Serving:

- Calories: 165
- Sodium: 132 mg.
- Cholesterol: 63 mg.
- Exchanges: 3 low fat meat

CHRISTMAS PUNCH

- 1 can (46 oz.) Dole Pineapple Juice
- 2-1/2 cups fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup grenadine syrup
- 1 can (12 oz.) ginger ale
- 1 can (20 oz.) Dole Sliced Pineapple in Juice, frozen*
- 2 cups frozen melon balls
- Ice cubes

In a punch bowl, combine pineapple juice, orange juice, lemon juice and grenadine. Add ginger ale. Garnish with frozen sliced pineapple and melon balls. Add ice. Makes 2-1/2 quarts.

*To make frozen pineapple garnish, remove one end of can and freeze. Submerge can in hot water to loosen; drop pineapple into punch.

Tinkler birthdays noted

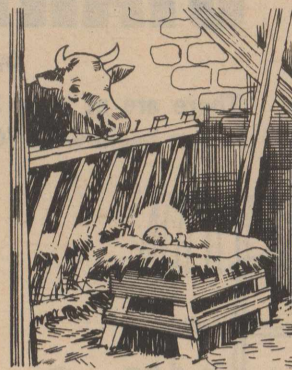
A crowd of 56 relatives gathered at the home of Roy and Jennie Lee Tinkler to celebrate the group's December birthdays. Birthday cake and finger foods were served as refreshments.

Having birthdays during the month were: Bruce Sonnenberg, Dec. 1; Joan Burns, Dec. 15; Roy Tinkler, Dec. 16; Clarence Tinkler, Dec. 22; Jeania Tinkler Lewis, Dec. 22; Chuck Sonnenberg, Dec. 22; April Tinkler, Dec. 22; and Doodle Tinkler, Dec. 25.

None of the "birthday people" offered to add their ages to the list.

Guests in the Tinkler

ranch home were from San Angelo, Rowena, Bronte, Tennyson, Ballinger, Waco, Midland, Lubbock, Brady, Brownwood, and Robert Lee.





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Bill, Audrey, Chad & Jodee Helwig

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Joy at Christmas



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Warm Wishes

Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;
 When good friends get together,
 Love and peace will abide.
 It's Christmas!

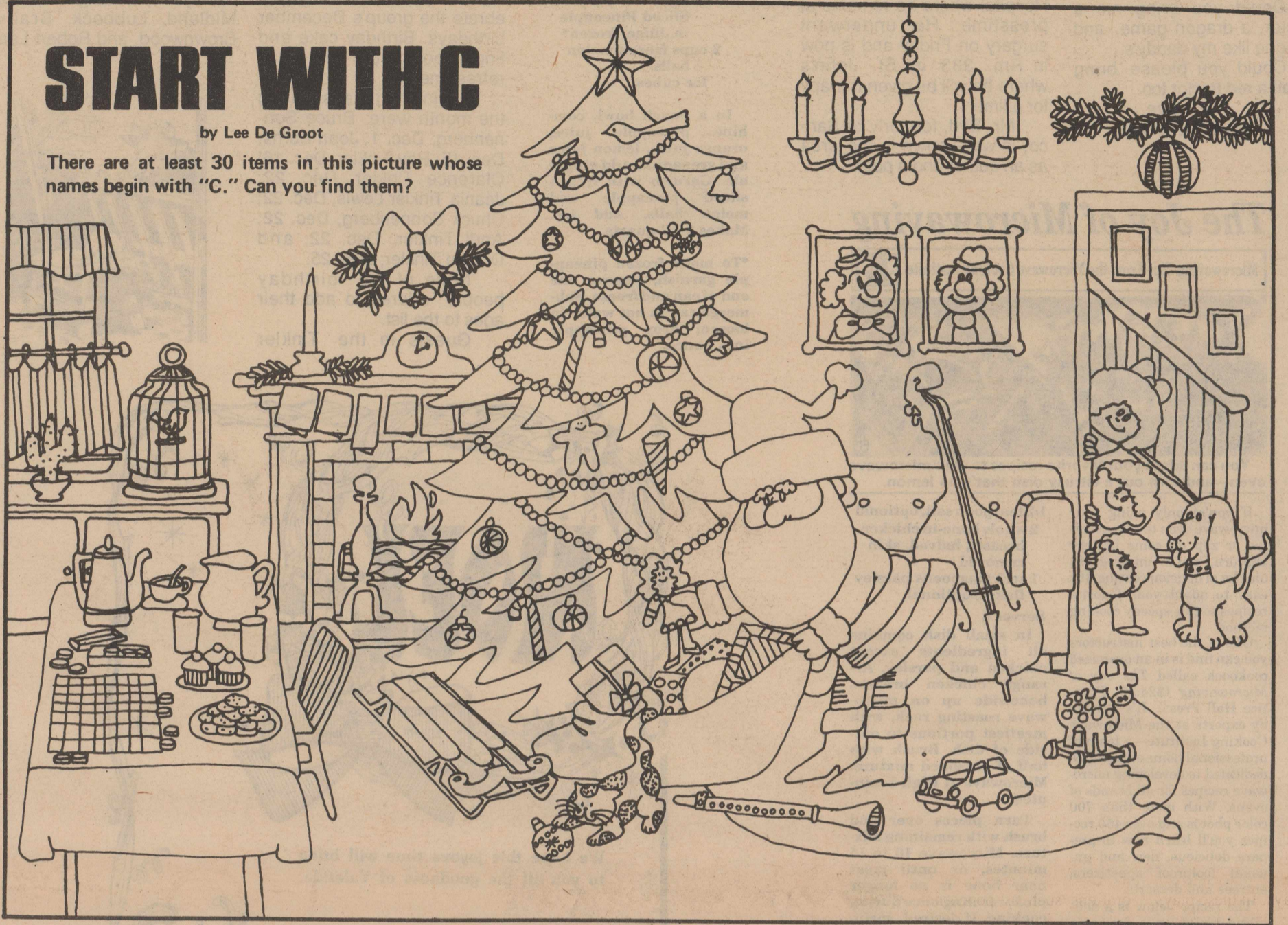
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 & MONUMENT CO.**

Gary, Barbara, Courtney, Lindsay & Lisa
 Howard and Maxine

START WITH C

by Lee De Groot

There are at least 30 items in this picture whose names begin with "C." Can you find them?

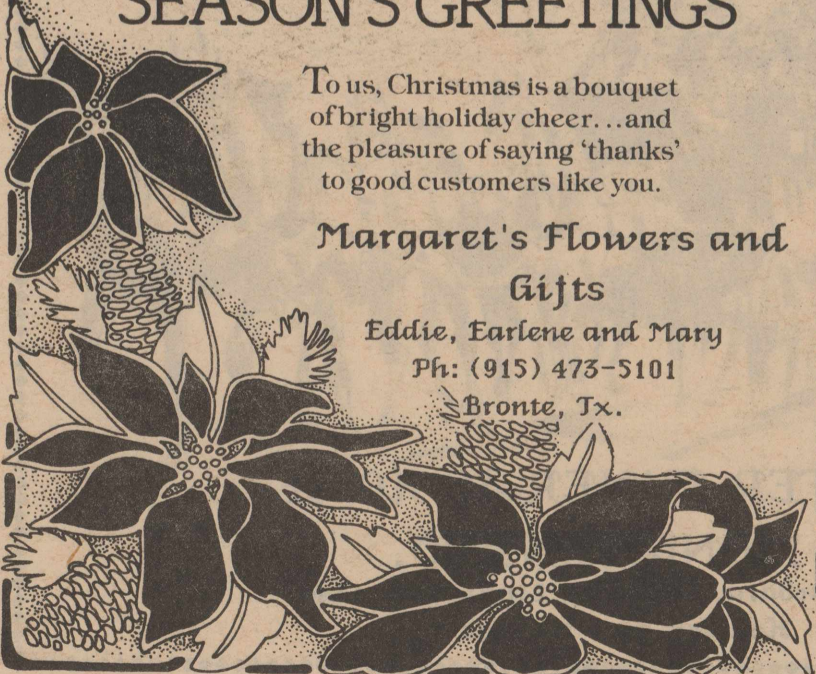


SEASON'S GREETINGS

To us, Christmas is a bouquet of bright holiday cheer... and the pleasure of saying 'thanks' to good customers like you.

Margaret's Flowers and Gifts

Eddie, Earlene and Mary
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Bronte, Tx.



Joyous
Holidays



Here's hoping that you and your loved ones will know every joy at this Yuletide season.

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Fred & Ona

Happy Holidays

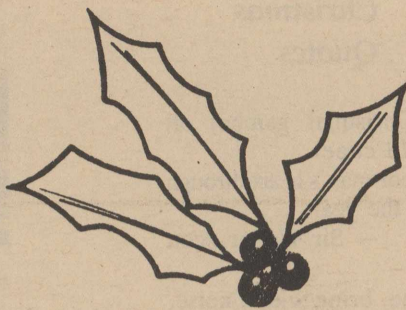
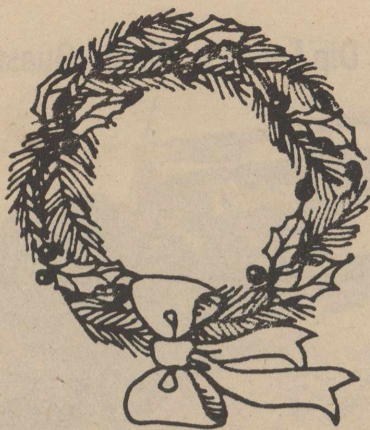


We're delighted to have you as our customers. May your Christmas be filled with all the Season's joys.

KEY FEED STORE



Joe David, Teri, Jason, and Jessica
David, Alene, and DeeAnna
Joe Harmon



Customs and origins of the Christmas tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging! The words of this beloved carol call to mind one of our favorite symbols of the holiday season — the Christmas tree.

Where did it come from? Why is it associated with the birth of Christ? For the answers, one possibly has to go back to mythological times. Norse mythology had its Yggdrasil ash and the early Greeks had Dodona's oak. In Greece, it was an old custom to wreath a pole with myrtle, olive and orange leaves. The Circassians would carry a young pear tree into the house, where it was covered with candles.

Later on, it became the custom to bring small potted cherry or hawthorn trees into the house, for blooming at Christmas or the New Year.

Before the 17th century, large decorated "paradise" trees were carried around in Germany, or used in paradise plays. In these plays, a fir tree hung with apples was used to represent the Garden of Eden.

Later on, pyramidal erections of wood, decorated with candles and fruit were often carried from house to house. Re-

searchers conjecture that these pyramids were possible substitutes for trees.

The first decorated trees in the home began to appear in Alsace in 1605. At first only apples, cookies and treats were used to trim these new paradise trees, symbolizing the sweet fruit of redemption. Martin Luther is thought to have added candles to the trees for the first time.

By Victorian times, the tradition of the Christmas tree was firmly established in Germany. When Prince Albert became consort to Queen Victoria, he introduced the Christmas tree to England. By then, it was adorned with candles, gilded nuts and fruits and gingerbread. These goodies would remain on the tree until it was dismantled after Twelfth Night, at which time they were gleefully eaten by the children.

The Christmas tree was introduced to America by German immigrants during the 1800s. Homemade decorations such as popcorn and cranberries added an American touch to the tree, which quickly became popular in this country.

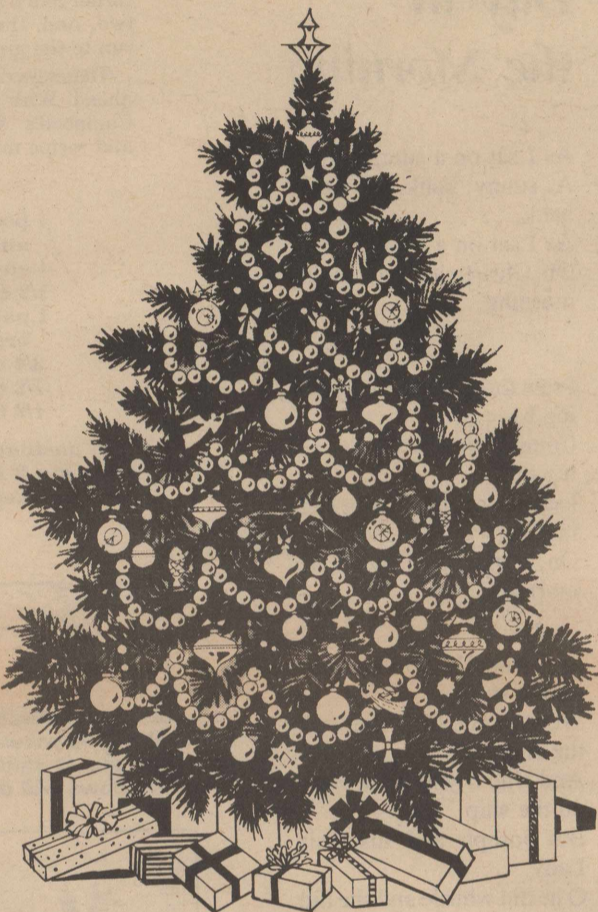
Today, electric lights have replaced the old-fashioned and unsafe candles, and there are no

end of beautiful ornaments with which to trim the tree.

Christmas trees can be found in homes throughout the country during the holidays, and in public places as well. The lighting of the Christmas trees at Rockefeller Center in New York City and at the White

House are among the spectacular displays enjoyed each Christmas.

The Christmas tree can be found in many parts of the world as a symbol of the season. It has journeyed from legends of the past to become a sign of redemption for all.



Kids! Color Santa!



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Merry Christmas

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Billy Joe, Diane, Joey Lockett

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*Warm wishes
for a Happy
Christmas Season.*

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EMPLOYEES**

Christmas Thoughts

I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness. And tomorrow, because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away or we may be very busy. But that makes no difference — my thoughts and wishes will be with you just the same. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad. Clear through the year... I wish you the spirit of Christmas.

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VOTING DELEGATES REPRESENTING Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau at the 54th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Lubbock Nov. 29-Dec. 2 included front row (left to right): Lorene Brown and Robert M. Brown. Second row: James Miller and James Price.

FB reps to convention

Four voting delegates representing Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 54th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Lubbock.

They were Lorene and Robert Brown of Bronte; James Miller of Robert Lee; and James Price of San Angelo.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,100 delegates from 216 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held Jan. 10-14 in New Orleans.

Speakers featured at the convention included Grant Teaff, head football coach of Baylor University; S.M. True of Plainview, TFB president; Neal Burnett of Plainview, TFB secretary-treasurer (financial report); and Warren

Newberry, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, S.M. True.

County leaders also attended several special conferences on legislative and TFB AGFUND, agriculture and the environment, international trade, and immigration and farm labor. Commodity conferences were also held.

This year's youth winners were Lindsay Renee Shutt of Edna, 1988 Miss Farm Bureau; Angie Diamond of Sulphur Springs, Talent Find winner; and Kellie Wood of Dell City, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1987" was Dan and Reeda Cay Smith of Lockney.

Ask the experienced rather than the learned.
Arab Proverb

Christmas Quotes

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.
— Sir Walter Scott

Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys
The Christmas log to the firing,
While my good dame,
she bids ye all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.
— Robert Herrick

Christmas Day in the Morning

As I sat on a sunny bank,
A sunny bank, a sunny bank,
As I sat on a sunny bank
On Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing by,
Come sailing by, come sailing by,
I saw three ships come sailing by,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And who d'you think were on the ship,
Were on the ship, were on the ship,
And who d'you think were on the ship
But Joseph and his Fair Lady.
O he did whistle and she did sing,
And all the bells on earth did ring
For joy our Savior Christ was born
On Christmas Day in the morning.
— Anonymous

Italian Broccoli Dip For Last Minute Guests



For last minute entertaining, choose Italian Broccoli Dip.

Friends called this afternoon to tell you they'd be in the neighborhood and could they stop over to see you? Of course you said yes, but once off the phone you noticed the newspapers piled in the corner and a stray sweater or two. And, there's no time to run to the grocery store.

Thank goodness you thought ahead! With a pouch of new Campbell's dry onion soup and recipe mix on hand, you

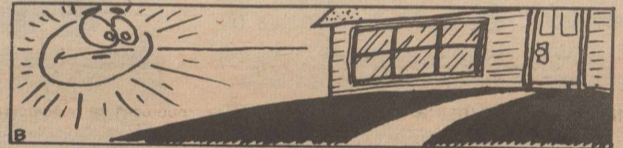
can quickly mix up something to munch on. A blend of Campbell's dry onion soup mix, sour cream and ricotta cheese plus vegetables make Italian Broccoli Dip a hit with guests.

Campbell's dry soup mixes are easy to store and free from preservatives or artificial flavors. They're perfect for a quick meal or emergency snacks. Now for the real test, tackling those household chores.

ITALIAN BROCCOLI DIP

- 1 pouch Campbell's Dry Onion Soup and Recipe Mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed and well drained
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed

In medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Cover; refrigerate 2 hours or more. Stir before serving. Serve with crackers. Makes 3 cups.



That "old wives' tale" about not washing windows when the sun is shining on them is worth listening to! The windows will dry too fast and will show streaks.

season's best



May the joys of the season be yours
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Mike Varnadore, Roy Martin, Jr.,
Betty and Mildred



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Let us spread His message of peace and good will to all men.

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Sharon
Elmer & Janet



To our many fine customers: may your Holiday Season be full of happy blessings and Christmas cheer.

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Guess the Shapes



Can you name the different shapes shown on this tree?

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ | 15. _____ |

ANSWERS: 1. Circle, 2. Oval, 3. Triangle, 4. Square, 5. Rectangle, 6. Diamond, 7. Star, 8. Heart, 9. Spade, 10. Club, 11. Snowflake, 12. Cross, 13. Arrow, 14. Bell, 15. Pear.

Children's Christmas quiz

How much do you know about Christmas?

Here's a quiz that will test your knowledge! Just fill in the blank spaces, then check the answers below to see if you were right.

- The Wise Men followed a _____ to Jesus.
- A popular Christmas carol is called Jingle _____.
- Jesus was born in _____.
- Santa Claus wears a _____ suit.
- Presents go under the Christmas _____.
- Santa's sleigh is pull-

- ed by _____.
- The mother of Jesus is _____.
- The shepherds heard about the birth of Jesus from an _____.
- Everyone exchanges _____ at Christmas.
- Santa lives at the North _____.

Answers:

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Star. | 2. Bells. |
| 3. Bethlehem. | 4. Red. |
| 5. Tree. | 6. Reindeer. |
| 7. Mary. | 8. Angel. |
| 9. Gifts. | 10. Pole. |

Have a happy Christmas holiday in the presence of family and friends. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Marshall, Sheri, Kannan, and Stewart Millican

Joyful Greetings

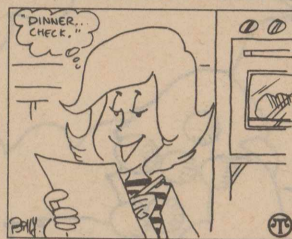
Merry Christmas to all our very special friends!

Leroy and Lora Elliott

Easy Entertaining

TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT WHEN ENTERTAINING

Whether a holiday feast, a New Year's open house, a Super Bowl party, or a romantic dinner for two, entertaining doesn't have to turn your life, or your home, upside down. Cut down on panic by doing your chores in advance. Choose meals that can be prepared ahead of time and later reheated so that you can get out of the kitchen and talk to your guests. To survive entertaining this season, the Easy-Off® experts offer these simple tips:



- There's no need to spend a lot of money on decorations; use seasonal garlands and branches to create attractive centerpieces and dress up doorways, fireplace mantles, or banisters.
- For added atmosphere, boil cinnamon sticks or apples in a pot on the stove for a pleasing holiday aroma. Create drama by placing a candle and holder inside a carved out vegetable, such as acorn squash. Garnish dishes with fall leaves, parsley and bright red berries.
- To dress up your table quickly and inexpensively, use napkins with bright, cheerful colors or lacy edges. Gather each toward the center and place in a wine glass, then fan out the edges.
- Keep a spare set of drip pans on hand to make the stove presentable for company at a second's notice. Use soap and water on your stove top; abrasive cleaners are likely to scratch the surface.

- Be sure to refrigerate food as soon as possible after serving to avoid spoiling. Favorites such as beef, turkey, gravy, stews and casseroles are particularly susceptible.
- If spills have left the outside of your pots and pans encrusted with food, spray the soiled area with an oven cleaner such as Easy-Off® Original Heavy-Duty Formula. After 30 minutes, it should rinse clean easily.
- When the meal is over, make clean up easier on yourself. Soak flatware in a large pot of hot, soapy water. Stack rinsed plates in a water-filled sink, and set glasses on a large tray. Fill pots and casserole dishes with water and stack them in the cold oven until guests leave.
- To help prevent unpleasant odors from grease and baked-on grime that can accumulate in your oven, be sure to clean after every use with a heavy duty oven cleaner. Also keep your microwave odor-free and sparkling clean for your next party by wiping spills promptly using a slightly damp sponge.



O Holy Night

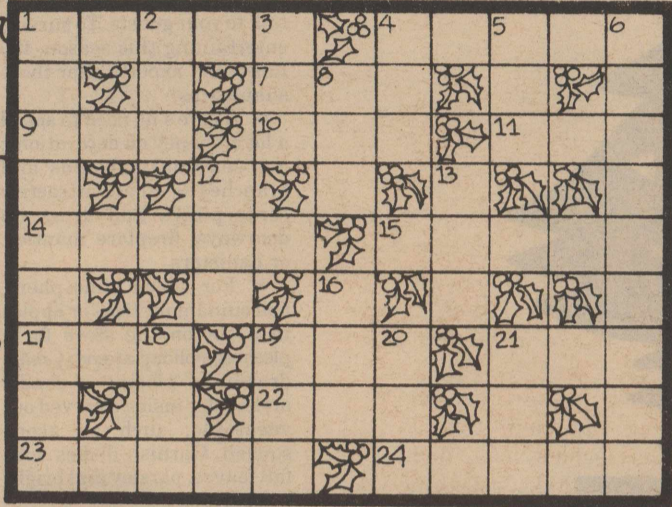
Singing in praise of this joyous season, we wish one and all its brightest blessings.

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Charlie and Raynelle Askins

CHRISTMAS PICTURE CROSSWORDS

by Helen R. Sattler

This is just like a regular crossword puzzle except it has pictures in place of definitions. To work the puzzle, print the names of pictured objects in their proper spaces above.



Deck the halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly! The lively carol describes one of the oldest customs of the season. Where did it originate?

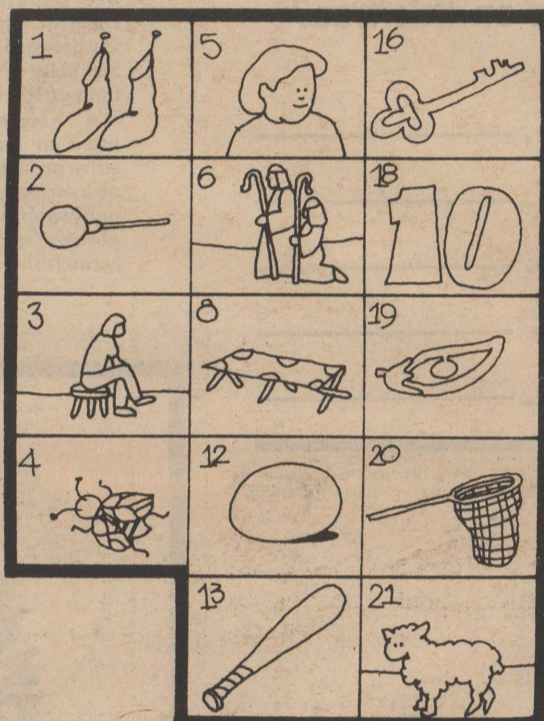
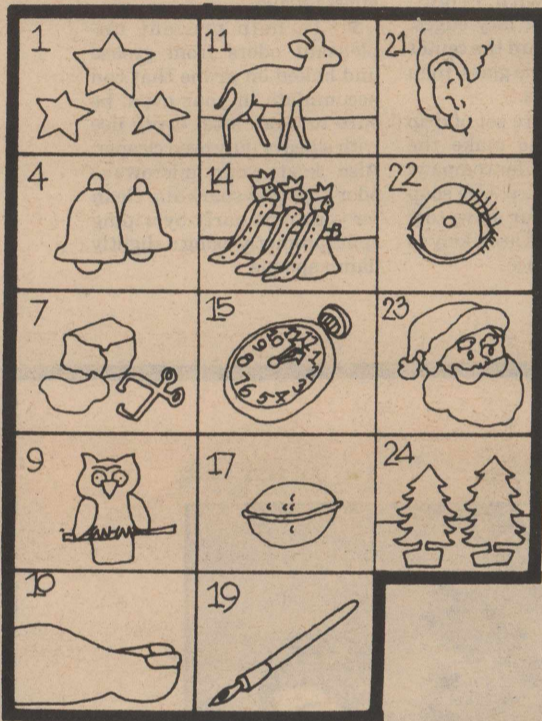
Most holiday customs have a rationale behind them, as does the practice of hanging holly.

The ancient Druids believed that holly branches protected them from evil spirits. When placed in the home, these branches provided a warm haven for the sylvan spirits. In time, the practice became associated with the holiday season.

We can also thank the Druids for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. The ancient priests of Ireland, Britain, and Gaul regarded mistletoe as the soul of the oak, which was their sacred tree. Because the plant never touched the earth, the Druids believed it represented pure spirits. As it was a symbol of peace and good will, Druid enemies would drop their weapons under the mistletoe and embrace. This practice evolved into today's holiday custom.

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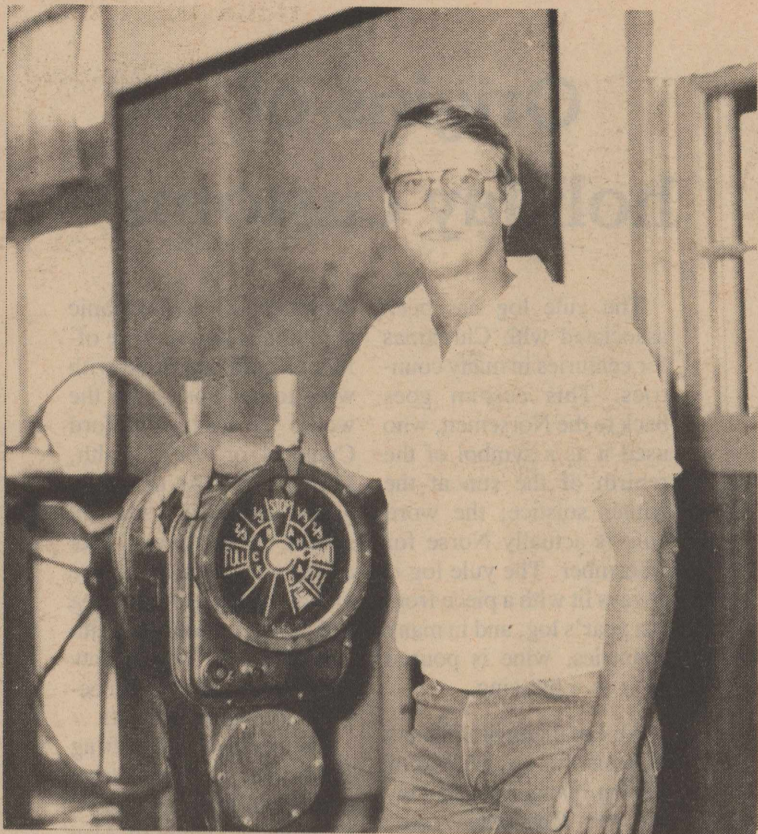
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Christmas plants and legends

A beautiful legend tells how the poinsettia plant came to be. According to the legend, a poor boy, having no money to offer the Christ Child, plucked some weeds along side of the road and laid them on the altar.

Such was his faith that the weeds were miraculously transformed into the *Flor de la Noche Buena*, as it is known in Mexico, or the Flower of the Holy Night.

There is also a legend about the palm tree. It seems that during the flight to Egypt, Mary asked the palm to bend its head in order to provide shade for the Infant Jesus.



Have a delightful Holiday Season filled with laughter and good feelings. We enjoyed serving you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

COKE COUNTY TAX OFFICE

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OF
Merry Christmas to
all my dear friends.
ZOLA HATLEY

Merry Christmas

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Origins of holiday customs

The yule log has been associated with Christmas for centuries in many countries. This custom goes back to the Norsemen, who used it as a symbol of the rebirth of the sun at the winter solstice; the word *yule* is actually Norse for December. The yule log is always lit with a piece from last year's log, and in many countries, wine is poured on it as a blessing.

daughter of a Germanic chieftain is said to have offered a gold cup filled with wine to her host, with the words "Waes hael hlaford Cyning," or "Be of health, Lord King." As the practice of drinking a wassail spread, those who could not afford wine used a mixture of hot oil, sugar, nutmeg and ginger, topped with toasted bread. That is how drinking to one's health became known as a toast!

We can thank St. Francis of Assisi for the custom of placing manger scenes under the Christmas tree. Wanting to bring the spirit of that first Christmas to his parishioners, the good saint brought animals into his church, where he placed a manger. He scattered hay about the altar, where a mother and her baby represented Mary and the Infant Jesus. The villagers loved this tableau and soon the custom of creating nativity scenes evolved from that re-enactment.

The custom of gifting children at Christmas time probably originated with St. Nicholas, a bishop of Asia Minor in the 4th century. Because of his reputation for being generous — it seems the saint gave bags of gold to a poor man for his daughter's dowries — St. Nicholas was looked upon by children as the dispenser of goodies. This stately figure gradually evolved through the years into our own Santa Claus.

The wassail bowl, where holiday toasts are customary, goes back in tradition to hundreds of years. The

practice of exchanging gifts is attributed both to an ancient Roman custom on New Year's Day, and the bringing of gifts to the Christ Child by the Magi.

Merry Christmas &
Best Wishes

for a Happy New Year to everyone of our friends and loved ones whom we treasure so much.



Mary and Jr. Prine

Happiest of Holidays

May you experience the joys of Christmas with those you love.



Here's hoping your holiday is twice the fun!
Butch, Carolyn,
& Carrie Davis



Jolly Christmas Wishes

To old friends and new, we happily extend our good thoughts for a season of abounding good cheer and good times.

James and Brenda Tidwell

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



Wishing you the best gift of the season — happiness at Christmas and always.

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Momma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher, now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all...and to all a goodnight!"

The stub of a pipe he held tight to his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.



COOKING CORNER
Frozen Pineapple Cranberry Salad
1 can (20 oz.) Dole Crushed Pineapple
1 can (16 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
1 cup dairy sour cream
1/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans
Crisp salad greens

Drain pineapple. Combine pineapple, cranberry sauce, sour cream and pecans. Pour into 8-inch square pan or loaf pan. Freeze for several hours or overnight. To serve, remove from freezer 30 minutes before cutting into squares or slices. Serve on salad greens. Serves 8.



O Holy Night

Let us follow in spirit to Bethlehem, And Welcome the Light of the World.

Ettie Hubbard

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If you are unable to pick up your commodities or you would like for someone to pick them up for you from time to time, you **MUST** sign an authorization letter. **NO ONE** will be able to pick up your commodities, except you, unless you authorize them by signing an authorization letter.

Please make arrangements to qualify, recertify or sign authorization **BEFORE** the next distribution date January 7, 1988.
 18b-3tc

NOTICE OF ELECTION ORDER FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, COKE CO. KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

This 8th day of October, 1987, came to be considered by the Directors of Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, the matter of calling an election for the purpose of electing two (2) directors for said district to serve a term of two (2) years from the second Tuesday in Jan., 1988 and it appearing to said directors of said district that it would be advisable to hold said election of directors on the 12th day of January, 1988, the same being the 2nd Tuesday in January, 1988, and the directors of said district issue an order therefore and cause public notice to be given as required by law.

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in the Directors of Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, said Directors do hereby order that on the 13th day of January, 1988 at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, County of Coke, State of Texas, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing two directors of said District.

That the polls shall be open for such election at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, Texas located in said district from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the day of election; and the following officer to said election hereby is appointed to wit; Willie B. Edmiaston, Presiding Judge is hereby given authority to hold said election. No person shall vote at such election unless he is a resident voter of said district and also a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws of the state of Texas. All votes of such election shall be by ballot, and voters desiring to vote for Directors of the District shall vote for two (2) persons, each of who shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a resident of said District and an owner of taxable property in the District.

On or before the fifth day after such election the officers holding such election shall make due returns, in triplicate, of all the votes cast for directors of said District, and deliver one (1) return to the President of the District and one (1) to the Secretary.

Public notice of this Order shall be given by publication thereof in The Observer/Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Coke County, Texas, the publication of this order being one time, with the publication being not more than 20 days prior thereto.

WITNESS THE HAND of the President and Secretary of the Directors of Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1.

Royce Fancher
President
Robert Gallaway
Secretary

AVISO DE ELECCION DE DIRECTORES DE COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Este dia, el ocho de Octubre 1987, los directores, de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 consideraron la materia de tener una eleccion para el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores para dicho distrito para servir un ermino de dos (2) anos del 2nd Martes, enero 1988; y e aparece a dichos directores del distrito que se aconseja para tener dicha eleccion en el trece enero 1988 el mismo es el 2nd Martes, enero 1988, y los directores de dicho distrito dan un orden por eso y se da aviso por la presente que se acabo eleva legalmente.

Ahora, por eco para la virtud de la revestido de autoridad de los directores de Coke

County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, dichos directores mandan que en el trece de enero 1988, en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, el condado de Coke, El estado de Texas, una eleccion se tendra para el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores de dicho distrito.

Que los parajes donde se vota abriera para la eleccion en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, Texas, situada en dicho distrito de las siete (7) de la mañana a las siete (7) de la noche en el dia de la eleccion; y el eiguiente funcionario para tener dicha eleccion por la presente es: Willie B. Edmiaston Magistrada presidienda. Dicha Magistrada presidienda por la presente se da la autoridad para tener dicha eleccion. No persona se votara en esta eleccion excepto si es un votante registrado de dicho distrito y tambien es un votante cualificando debajo la Constitucion y los leyes del estado de Texas. Toda votas de esta eleccion sea de la balota, y votantes que se quiere votar por Directores del Distrito votara para dos (2) personas, cada tendra diaz y ocho (18) anos, cada sera un residente de dicho Distrito y cada tendra bienes inmuebles en el distrito que esta sujeto a impuestos.

En o antes del quinto dia despues de la eleccion los funcionarios que tienen la eleccion hara los resultados en triplicado, de todas de las hechas votas para los directores de dicho distrito, y can uno (1) al Presidente del distrito y uno (1) al Presidente del distrito y uno (1) al secretario.

Noticia publica de este orden se dira por publicacion de esto en el Observer/Enterprise, un peridico de cirsulacion general, publicada en Coke County, Texas, la publicacion de este orden es dos (20) vez, con la publicacion no mas que veinte dias antes a eso.

Testigo el mano del Presidente y el secretario de los Directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Royce Fancher
President
Robert Gallaway
Secretary
20b-1tc

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 283.531 miles of seal coat on various limits of US 83, US 87, Loop 378, FM 1223, US 67, US 290, RM 1221, IH 10, Loop 481, SH 158, US 277, SH 208, SH 137, RM 853, RM 33, FM 765, RM 1674, RM 1223, RM 1773, FM 1770, RM 864, FM 2134, FM 2333, RM 1357 & RM 2139 in Runnels, Corcho, Kimble, Tom Green, Iri- on, Menard, Sutton, Coke, Reagan, Glasscock and Sterling Counties, covered by CPM 35-1-30, CPM 35-3-35, CPM 35-4-23, CPM 35-7-26, CPM 69-7-77, CPM 70-1-47, CPM 70-1-48, CPM 70-4-21, CPM 77-4-22, CPM 77-5-20, CPM 112-1-15, CPM 129-3-6, CPM 141-3-44, CPM 141-9-57, CPM 141-20-4, CPM 142-1-57, CPM 142-1-58, CPM 142-16-3, CPM 158-1-48, CPM 158-1-49, CPM 344-2-32, CPM 407-2-11, CPM 454-2-38, CPM 454-4-21, CPM 494-9-9, CPM 494-10-10, CPM 555-5-14, CPM 558-6-9, CPM 558-7-9, CPM 870-4-32, CPM 1296-1-8, CPM 1364-1-11, CPM 1719-1-10, CPM 1731-1-7, CPM 1846-1-13, CPM 2006-3-6, CPM 2225-1-3, CPM 3052-1-3, CPM 3052-1-3, CPM 3052-2-5, & CPM 3462-1-7 will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 p.m., January 13, 1987, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Evers C. Schmidt Resident Engineer, Junction, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Christmas Wishes

May the peace of that blessed night be with you and yours this Yuletide.

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HOLIDAY HINTS

Batteries Not Included—Holiday's Most Popular Refrain

Gone are the days when a child's big Christmas gift was a flexible flyer sled or just a simple baby doll in a stroller under the tree.

The boom in consumer electronics that made walking and talking dolls so popular last year has brought basic toys with new high-tech twists into vogue this Christmas. From plush talking animals to baby dolls that grow up before your very eyes, battery-powered toys—both new and the modernized classics—will be at the top of every kid's letter to Santa.

Parents should remember, however, that these toys need a lot of energy to keep them running at optimal level. Consumers are expected to spend about \$1 billion on batteries during the holiday season alone, according to industry projections from Duracell.

Electronic toys are big battery eaters. The more popular toys require between three and seven batteries each. It's no wonder the average household buys about 40% of their average 32 batteries per year in just the last few months of the year.

The experts at Duracell offer consumers these tips for getting the longest life, and lowest operating cost from the popular high-tech playthings this season:

- Consumers should look for the freshest batteries available on stores' shelves, preferably batteries that have "install by" dates on the packaging so the batteries are guaranteed freshness and long life.
- Check the toy's box for battery requirements. It should tell you



the number and size of the batteries needed. Alkaline batteries are the type recommended by many toy manufacturers because of their ability to outlast zinc-carbon batteries by as much as six times or more.

- Make sure the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals are aligned properly. Many high tech toys have complicated battery configurations. The device won't work unless the batteries are inserted exactly as the manufacturer specifies.

Consumers can also get free copies of the "Things To Know About Batteries" tip brochure by writing to: *The Ultimate Power Source*, 40 W. 57th St., Suite 1900, New York, NY 10019.

- Don't sacrifice. Substitute treats containing Nutra-Sweet® Brand Sweetener for those high calorie goodies. Try this for starters: line a parfait glass with thin wafer cookies and top with sugar-free instant chocolate pudding.

- Start your own holiday traditions. In place of the old family egg nog recipe, substitute a lower calorie beverage. Try sugar-free hot cocoa spiced with vanilla or almond extract. Crown it with low-calorie whipped topping.

Holiday Hints

There's good news this holiday season for everyone who tends to overindulge in high calorie treats then pay the price come later. It is possible to enjoy the holidays and the treats that make them special and still stay fit.

- Invent fun, family activities that involve exercise. Get the gang together for a brisk 30-minute walk or plan a neighborhood ice skating party. Aerobic activity (that which increases your heart rate) actually helps your body burn calories faster so a little exercise before that big holiday meal is a great idea.

- Shiny bathroom tiles: dip a chamois cloth into warm water, squeeze it dry and clean small areas at a time.

Keeping these tricks in mind can help you keep your house in hand and so have the heart to enjoy holiday visits more.

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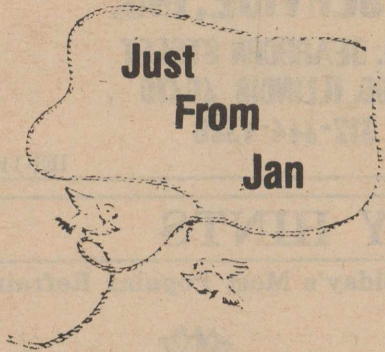


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SAFE TRAVELING FOR FOOD

If you're taking food to a holiday party or family gathering, make sure you don't inadvertently bring along food poisoning bacteria to spoil the fun.

The real problem occurs when you have to travel more than two hours. Bacteria multiplies rapidly whenever perishable foods are left between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit for that amount of time.

Since it's difficult to keep foods hot enough to be safe for long travel, cooking the food completely and then thoroughly cooling it in a refrigerator is one option. Freezing the food is also a good choice.

Any prepared food that freezes well will travel easier and will help to keep the other foods cold. Just before departing, pack a cooler with ice and the cold or frozen food. Place it in the coolest section of the car.

Don't forget to count the holding time once you get to your destination. If you drive for an hour and then the food sits on the buffet for another hour before it's eaten, there could be problems.

Specialists advise promptly refrigerating food until it's time to reheat and

serve it.

Protein foods, such as meat and poultry; egg dishes, like deviled eggs or custards and gravies are among the foods to be especially cautious about transporting and holding at proper temperatures.

The unpleasant symptoms of food-borne illness, including vomiting and diarrhea, can certainly put a damper on holiday festivities. And while it's seldom life threatening, a food-borne illness can be serious for young children and the elderly.

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