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Holiday publication dates announced

by Hal Spain, Publisher
The **Observer/Enterprise** office locations in Bronte and Robert Lee will be closed for the Christmas holidays during the week of December 26th through 30th, 1988. Our postal permit calls for fifty-one issues per year, and the week following Christmas seems to be the most appropriate time for us to skip an issue and be with family and friends. We will be open for business as usual on Monday morning, January 2nd, 1989, to begin working on the first issue of the new year on January 6th.

It also seems most appropriate during the holiday season for us to express our heartfelt thanks to our readers and advertisers for your con-

tinued support. Some folks have the mistaken impression that it is an inherent right of any community to have a school, a bank, a post office, and a newspaper. There are many communities which can testify that none of these four entities which we enjoy both in Bronte and Robert Lee are guaranteed to any community. For these four institutions to survive, each must have the support of the residents they serve.

The staff of the **Observer/Enterprise** would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for your continued generous support. Our very best wishes to you and yours during this holiday season.

Gallaway hosts UMW

Dora Gallaway was hostess to a Christmas party when the Bronte United Methodist Women met on December 13 in her home. Diane Luckett called the meeting to order, and Vera Raney opened with a prayer. Marie Arrott gave an updated report on the church's historical marker. Helen Kirkland read two poems, "God's Best Gift" and "Christmas by the Cupful". A musical combo, consisting of Diane on saxophone, Irene Phillips on piano and Dora on the accordion provided the group with Christmas music. The group enjoyed joining in

on a Sing-Along. Virginia Lasswell read the poem "A Slice of Life". The group closed with singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and repeating the UMW Benediction. The ladies enjoyed Dora's beautifully decorated home and refreshment table which was loaded with Christmas "goodies".

Those attending were: Virginia Lasswell, Willie B. Edmiston, Eunice Mathis, Joyce Bailey, Pat Martindale, Marie Arrott, Dora Gallaway, Helen Kirkland, Diane Luckett, Kay Robbins, Irene Phillips, Lillian Robbins and Vera Raney.

Sorosis honors husbands

The annual Christmas dinner hosted by the Sorosis Study Club members honoring their husbands and guests was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn in Bronte Saturday evening, Dec. 10.

A buffet table centered with a baked ham accompanied by salads, casseroles, relish tray, and pecan pie was enjoyed by those present.

Games of Bingo with white elephant gifts as prizes were

played following the dinner. Christmas presents were collected to be taken to the Bronte Nursing Home for presentation to the residents at the annual Christmas Party.

Those attending were: Virginia Boecking, Jean and Royce Fancher, Mary Frances and Clark Glenn, Mary and Tuny Glenn, Ann Hamilton, Peggy and Richard Hembree, Bobbie and Clyde Lee, Dorthy and Junior Pruitt, and Diane and Billy Joe Luckett.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Best wishes to friends old and new for the brightest, most joyful Christmas ever! We hope this season brings the greatest of happiness to all of you!

Upcoming

40+ Dancers

The twice-monthly, 40 Plus Dances will be held Jan. 3 and Jan. 24 in the Recreation Hall in Robert Lee. A local country/western band provides the music for the first and fourth Tuesday dances. Tickets are available at the door.

C'House Closing

The Coke County courthouse will close on Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday and Monday, Jan. 2, for New Years, reported the judge's office. A number of Robert Lee businesses and offices also will be

closed on those days including the Robert Lee City Hall.

First Methodist

Worship service at 10:00 A.M. has been scheduled for the First United Methodist Church at Bronte for Christmas Sunday. There will be no Sunday School.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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The Way I See It
 by Johnny Sevier

If any body was having trouble realizing that Christmas was almost here or getting into the spirit of Christmas, they need only to have been at the School Christmas concert Monday night. It was, for want of a better word, Outstanding. For those that missed it, believe me, it was a very, very enjoyable hour of entertainment. All of the kids, from the kindergarten through the High School band performed exceptionally well and it was obvious they had put in a lot of time practicing, which a lot of parents, I am sure, already knew and are now sure it was all well worth it. These kids, from top to bottom from start to finish deserve a large pat on the back and a lot of praise for what they have accomplished and, best of all, they had a good time in the process.

It would be easy at this point to say, enough said, but that is not the case. There is much more to the success of the concert than that. By this I mean the school itself. A great

deal of time and effort went into this one hour of Christmas music. The band director did a very good job of teaching and preparing these young musicians, especially the High School Band's selections which were not the easiest to play, but were splendidly done. The rest of the faculty also did an out-

standing job in making everything go on with no confusion at all. We all owe them a lot of thanks for the job they have done, but maybe even more so, the kids should thank their teachers, because without their time, effort and desire it could not happen and they, after all, benefit the most. ---and that's the way I see it.

Upcoming

Commodities

Food commodities will be distributed Thursday, Jan. 5 at the Bronte and Robert Lee Senior Citizens Buildings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

All commodities are distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Commodities cannot be picked up until you have been recertified. You may do this by seeing Stover Taylor at the Coke County courthouse, Zola Hatley at the Robert Lee Neighborhood Center, or

Margaret Martin at the Senior Center in Bronte.

C/W Musical

The monthly Country/Western Musical will be held at the Robert Lee Rec Hall on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7:00 p.m.

The free family entertainment features area musicians who love to sing and play.

Residents from surrounding communities are encouraged to attend the get-together.

Omega Coterie holds meeting

The Omega Coterie Club of Blackwell had its regular meeting Dec. 14 in the Fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church, with nineteen members and five guests present. Christmas gifts were exchanged from secret pals and gifts for the Bronte Nursing home were delivered. Our hostesses, Joyce Jones and Laura Seale, served a delicious lunch to our guests: Rhoda McCorley, Darris Hagler, Lorian Hill, Esther Smith and Noba Ware and members - Billie Roberts, Emma Lee Lanier, Bea Murray, Bertha Smith, Marie Wheat, Lillian Walters, Marie Romine, Shirley Walston, Rose Mary Ten Eyck, Margaret Stout, Opal Jeffcoat, Ollie Crain, Mildred Mullen, Luvane Akins, Jane Wheat, and Mildred Wood.

Obituaries

Dendy

Retired Maj. Newman Coley Dendy, 72, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Baptist Hospital in Gadsden, Ala.

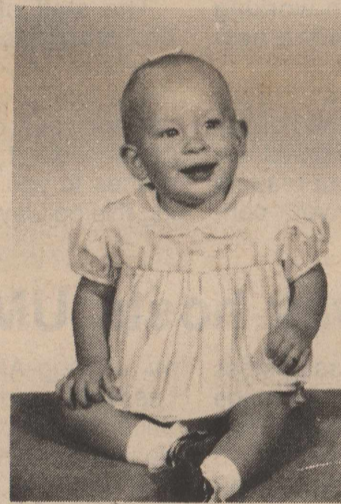
Graveside service was conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, in the Robert Lee Cemetery in Robert Lee with the Rev. Fred Campbell, pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, officiating. Services were under the direction of Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Maj. Dendy was born Oct. 29, 1916, in Douglas, Ala. He met and married Mary Beth

Burroughs Aug. 15, 1942 while he was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. Maj. and Mrs. Dendy resided in San Angelo for 15 years after his retirement. After the death of Mrs. Dendy on Nov. 27, 1977, Maj. Dendy returned to his native home in Alabama, where he had previously resided for 28 years.

Survivors include three brothers, Robert Dendy and James C. Dendy, both of Douglas, and John A. Dendy of Albertville, Ala.; one sister, Enola Gregory of Albertville; and one sister-in-law, Wanda Voss of San Angelo.

Happy 18th Birthday Tina

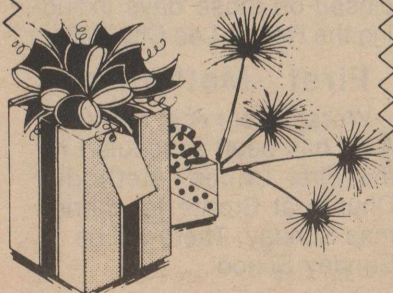


Love, Mom & Dad

JOY

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Roy & Louise Walker



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Former grad chairs leadership group

by Judy Bernas

Melinda Wright compares the energy input of Leadership Odessa with a roller coaster.

"I'd like it to become the strongest group with the most energetic excitement in Odessa."

Wright, the assistant director of fiscal services for the city of Odessa, graduated from the 1985-1986 class of leadership training.

Now, chairman of Odessa Leadership Alumni, Wright is working with alumnae Bobbye Harper to develop an advanced Leadership Odessa program for graduates that would be more of a statewide program.

Wright, who has lived in Odessa for 10 years, said her goals for the program would be to develop more advanced networking, educational opportunities and workshop sessions for alumni. But first she wants to get more of the graduates into the association.

"If we can get the advanced training off the ground, it will help out a lot," Wright said. "It's an extraordinary pool of talent - there's no telling what the group could do."

The graduates don't walk out the door and take over the community, Wright said.

"When they first come out they're still not the core group of leaders in Odessa, but they have the potential."

Although not all of the graduates will stay in Odessa and become leaders here, Wright said they can still be a part of Odessa's future. They will be a part of the network that now reaches as far as Florida.

Becoming involved is the key to success for the graduates, said the West Texas native.

Wright is proud of the program, which polished her

confidence.

"It expanded what I thought I could do," she said. "It gave me the confidence to go on to bigger things."

Wright noted that at the Leadership Odessa graduation ceremony, agencies were on hand to recruit board members.

"You just can't help but get involved."

Professionals are not the only ones admitted into the program, however.

"It's not the special interest groups," she said. "It's anyone who has the skills to become a leader."

[The preceding article appeared in the Odessa American Dec. 11, 1988. Mindy Wright and husband, Bimbo, are both former Robert Lee residents. She is the daughter of Ms. Sondra Hester, granddaughter of Mrs. Marie Hester, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Allie Childress, all of Robert Lee.]

Keep track of expenses

Keeping track of the money you spend on the holidays this year may be one of the best gifts you can give yourself for 1989.

Many people never get a handle on what the holidays really cost them.

Every year they have trouble stretching the paycheck to the end of December and wind up with credit card bills they can't pay off in January.

Even in families where they plan ahead for major gift expenses, it's easy to get caught short by the other hidden costs.

Getting a grip on holiday expenses involves knowing how much you spend on the following:

- * Gifts you buy and the cost of materials or ingredients for gifts you make.

- * The cost of food and liquor for parties at home; feeding visiting relatives or friends; taking foods to parties of pot-lucks; the cost of ingredients for Christmas baking.

- * Tickets to events; hair styling and new clothes to attend events.

- * Special contributions made at church or to charities.

- * Indoor or outdoor decorations; replacement bulbs;

Christmas tree.

- * Wrapping, cards and postage.

- * Gasoline and food away from home for shopping trips; travel expenses of visiting friends and relatives.

Many holiday expenses don't seem extraordinary, especially when they're mixed with other items, such as normal grocery shopping. But they do add up to significant amounts of money.

By keeping receipts or making a list of all holiday expenses you can get an idea of actual costs and plan ahead for next year.

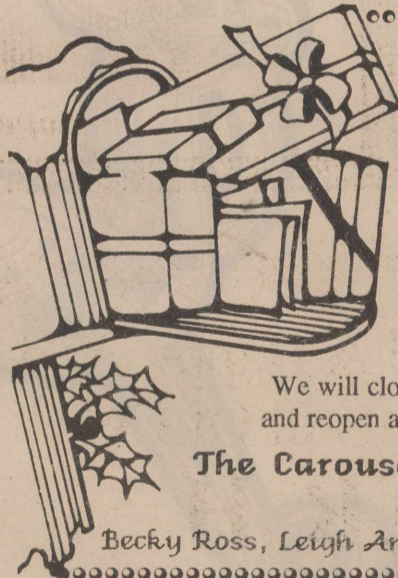
One strategy for financing the holidays is to save a portion of the total cost each month. Another method is to shift some of the expenses to other months by, for example, buying gifts throughout the year or stocking the pantry in October and November.

Any strategy for planning holiday spending can help people avoid over-extending themselves on credit.

Since finance charges on credit spending are no longer totally tax deductible, families will also be money ahead when they finance the holidays on their own.

Nursing Home hosts supper

Employees and personnel of the West Coke County Nursing Home were treated to a buffet supper on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20 in the gaily decorated dining room. Following the meal Country/Western music was played for residents and staff by Johnny Sevier, Billy Newman, Tommy Bryant, Edna Havins, and Add Davis. In keeping with the season, a number of Christmas numbers were played.



Happy Holidays

When all is said and done, it's customers like you who make us proud to be of service. We hope you have the best holiday ever!

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Christmas Wishes

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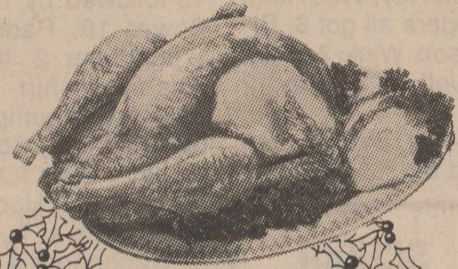
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Reagan County Owls rob Steers of three

High School basketball teams are busy going down the wire to the Christmas Holidays. Reagan County came to Robert Lee for 3 games on Dec. 13 and robbed the locals of all three matches. The Lady Steers went down to the Lady Owls 42-38 with Kim Hood leading at 16. Becky Padgett had 10, Lisa Bower 4, Brooke Boone 3, Jodi Waggonner and Debra Bell 2 each, and Brande Burrows 1.

The Steer Varsity was whipped by the visiting Owls 60-43. The string of scoring went - Cody Anthony 7, Joel Herring, Scott Ray, Wes Horn, and Jon Rogers all got 6; Bill Grigg 5, Jason Wink 3, Clint Smith and Jeff Wilkes had 2 apiece.

Robert Lee's JV Steers were sacked by 10, 62-52 by

Reagan County. Pank Grigg was top gun with 17; Lenny Jackson had 13, Brent McPeek 8, Stevie Epperson 8, and Stevie Oleksiuk 6.

The annual Robert Lee basketball tournament was a scramble, with unexpected results. In Thursday's round the the Lady Steers topped Christoval 41-38. Padgett and Hood tied for the scoring lead with 15 each; Boone scored 6, Waggonner and Burrows 2 each, Bell got 1.

Friday's schedule saw a squeaker for the Lady Steers, 45-44, over Miles. Hood had 13 followed by Boone at 12, Bower 10, Padgett 8, and Waggonner 2. In Saturday's Championship Game, the squad was bumped from 1st place by Irion County, 37-35, and they were forced to settle for second. Hood fired 17, Boone was at 7; Padgett had 6, Waggonner 4, and Bower 1.

The Steers pressed by Christoval Thursday, 43-36. Anthony, once again in the thick of things after his serious injury, scored 17 pts; Grigg, Smith, and Herring went for 6 each, Ray had 5, and Horn 3.

Miles blindsided the Steers 44-35 on Friday. Anthony scored 11, Horn 8, Herring 6, Grigg 6; Rogers and Ray had 2 each in the loss.

Bronte gained 3rd place in the tourney, defeating the Steers by a strong 65-34. Horn led the team with 21, Ray was at 5, Anthony had 5 and Grigg 3.

The Steer JV team acquired nothing but some tough ex-

perience in their 3-game series of the tournament. They were blown out by Miles on Thursday 73-22. Epperson, McPeek, Jackson, and Jody Tavarez had 4 each, Oleksiuk finished at 3, Michael Hayes had 2 and Grigg 1.

On Friday, Bronte bombarded them with shots 70-22. In that mis-match McPeek came away with 7 to lead; Grigg got 5, Epperson and Pete Coffey had 3 each, while Hayes and Jackson ended at 2 apiece. In Saturday's Consolation contest Christoval bested the J V Steers 57-43. Grigg finished with 11, Epperson and McPeek had 10 each, Jackson got 5, Oleksiuk 4, Hayes 2, and Tavarez 1.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, Robert Lee hosted Loraine for a 2-game run. The locals finished off the night with both victories.

The Lady Steers overcame their opponents 53-30. Hood led the way at 14 aided by Padgett 10, Boone 6, Bell 6, Lisa Sanchez 4, Tiffany Jameson 4, Shannon Skipworth 3, Rachel Lopez 2, Waggonner 2, and Bower 2.

Loraine's Bulldogs fell to the Steers 60-50 with Anthony leading at 17, Horn had 14, Grigg 8, Rogers, Smith, and Herring all shot 6; Ray had 3.

"A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("Twas the night before Christmas...") was written by Clement Moore in 1822 as a Christmas gift to his children.

Wilson is award winner

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program announced today that Clifford Edwin Wilson, Jr. of Colorado City has been selected for inclusion in the 1988 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA.

Now in its 26th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a drive for excellence -- qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

Wilson, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, was selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders,

University and College officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as various civic groups and community organizations. Each young man will be represented by biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

The Board of Advisors and Editors salute all those honored as Outstanding Young Men of America and take pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public.

Edwin is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Wilson of Silver and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Miller of Robert Lee.

Askins recovers from surgery

At presstime, Foy Askins of Robert Lee remained in Angelo Community Hospital where he had been a patient for several days. He is recovering from an emergency surgery on one of his carotid arteries where a clot had formed. He hopes to come home later in the week.



SCHOOL MENU

- Monday - Holiday
- Tuesday - Jan. 3
 - Pigs in a Blanket
 - Baked Beans
 - Tator Tots w/catsup
 - Diced Pears
 - Milk
- Wednesday - Jan. 4
 - Chicken Patties w/gravy
 - Cream Potatoes
 - Green Beans
 - Hot Rolls - Butter
 - Peanut Butter Supreme
 - Milk
- Thursday - Jan. 5
 - Sloppy Joes
 - Ranch Style Beans
 - French Fries w/catsup
 - Pickle Slices
 - Cherry Cobbler
 - Milk
- Friday Jan. 6
 - Beef Tacos w/cheese
 - Lettuce, Tomato Salad
 - Corn
 - Cake Squares
 - Milk



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We will close at Noon Sat., Dec. 24th, and open Tues. Morning, Dec. 27th.

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"Night Before Christmas" (Texas style)

T'was the night before Christmas, in Texas, you know.
 Way out on the prairie, without any snow.
 Asleep in their cabin, were Buddy and Sue,
 A dreamin' of Christmas, like me and you.
 Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of their bed,
 For this was Texas, what more need be said,
 When all of a sudden, from out of the still night.
 There came such a ruckus, it gave me a fright.
 And I saw 'cross the prairie, like a shot from a gun,
 A loaded up buckboard, come on at a run,
 The driver was "Geein" and "Hawin", with a will,
 The horses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.
 "Come on there Buck, Poncho & Prince, to the right,
 There'll be plenty of travelin'

for you all tonight."
 The driver in Levi's and a shirt that was red,
 Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head.
 As he stepped from the buckboard, he was really a sight,
 With his beard and moustache, so curly and white.
 As he burst in the cabin, the children awoke.
 And were so astonished, that neither one spoke.
 And he filled up their boots, with such presents galore,
 That neither could think of a single thing more,
 When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,
 He asked in a whisper, "are you really Santa Claus?"
 "Am I the real Santa? Well, what do you think?"
 And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.
 Then he leaped in his buckboard, and called back in his

drawl,
 "To all the children in Texas, Merry Christmas, You-all."

Holiday Recipe

by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture

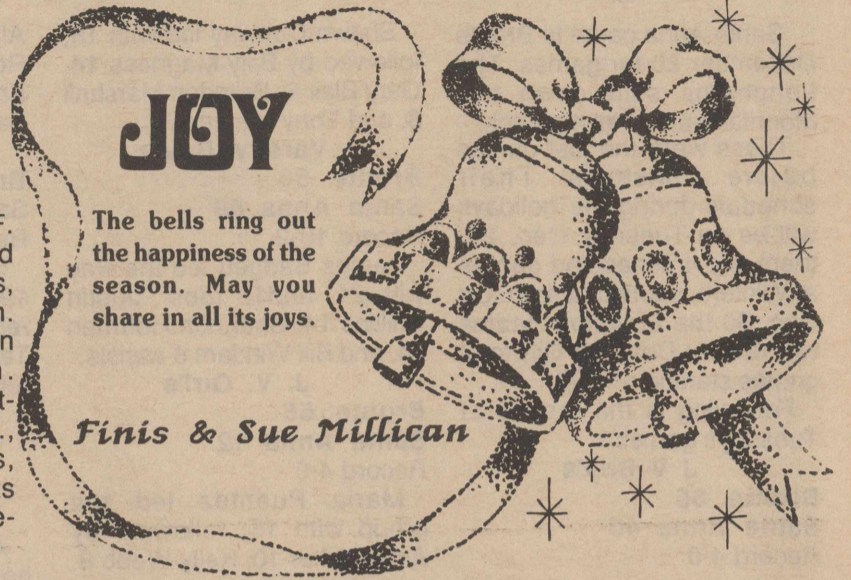
Toasted Pecans

1 lb. pecan halves
 1/2 C. sugar
 1/4 tsp. salt
 2 stiffly beaten egg whites
 1/2 C. butter or margarine
 Toast nuts in 325 degree F. oven until light brown. Fold sugar and salt into egg whites, beat until stiff peaks form. Fold in pecans. Melt butter in 10x15-inch jelly roll pan. Spread nut mixture over butter. Bake at 325 degrees F., stirring every 10 minutes, about 30 minutes or until nuts are brown and no butter remains in pan. Cool.

Davis recuperates in SA

Garland Davis, former Robert Lee resident, who was felled by a heart attack on Wednesday, December 14, is making a satisfactory recovery in Rm. # 220 at St. John's Hospital. Davis, superintendent of Ozona schools, became ill at a school board meeting and was rushed to San Angelo by ambulance. He could possibly be released in time to enjoy Christmas at home.

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The bells ring out the happiness of the season. May you share in all its joys.

Finis & Sue Millican

Shower honors Boone

Kelsey Bryan Boone, infant daughter of Bobby and Melisa Boone of San Angelo, was honored December 4 with a baby shower at the ranch home of Wanda Oleksiuk near Robert Lee. Debbie Wilkes, Wanda Oleksiuk, Pat Stephens, Kaye Pitcock, Geanette Skinner, Wyndell Brosh, Margaret Epperson, Dovie Cummins, Nancy Rasco, Tina Zuniga, and Brenda Skinner hosted the event.

Pink bows marked the road to the home. The serving table featured shades of pink and was covered with a pastel crocheted cloth, topped by an arrangement of silk gerani-

ums. Banana fruit punch and cookies were served to a number of guests.

Special guests were the new grandmothers, Mrs. Gloria Poehts, Wingate, and Mrs. Linda Boone of Robert Lee. Out-of-town relatives included the great-grandmothers, Mrs. Nellie Lindsey, Stamford, Mrs. E. B. Hope, and Mrs. Edd Poehts, both of Winters; her aunts, Mrs. Kenny Hope, Winters and Mrs. Wanda Gray of Stamford; and Kelsey Bryan's cousins, Mrs. Lana Burton of Winters, Mrs. Monte Gray and Mrs. Mike Gray, both of Stamford.

Smith improves

Karen Smith of Robert Lee, injured in a serious car accident on Nov. 21, returned to a San Angelo hospital last Friday with severe stomach pains. She was able to come home Tuesday and is slowly improving from her injuries including a broken arm, leg, and internal injuries, which required 2 surgeries.

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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Longhorns shut down Mountaineers

Santa Anna came to Bronte December 20 for games. The Longhorns shut down the Mountaineers in all 4 games.

These were the last games before Christmas. Their schedule during the holidays will be on Tuesday Dec. 27, there are 4 scheduled games at Winters, starting at 4:00. On Dec. 30 the Longhorn teams will travel to Colorado City for 4 games starting at 4:00.

Following is the results of Tuesdays games.

J V Boy's

Bronte 55
Santa Anna 40
Record 4-0

Shawn Conway led with 18, followed by Billy Magness 14, Gary Blair 8, Brandon Marshall 8, and Tony Montez 7.

Varsity Boy's

Bronte 60
Santa Anna 58
Record 10-2

James Badgett led the way with 21, and 13 rebs., Justin Phillips 14, Shannon Hoffman 14, and Bill Windam 8 assists.

J. V. Girl's

Bronte 55
Santa Anna 12
Record 4-0

Maria Puentez led the group with 15, followed by Amy Parker 10, Kelly Webb 8,

Alicia Richards 9, Jennifer Robinson 5, Tina Smith 4, Kristi Cooper and Sonja Salser with 2 each.

Varsity Girl's

Bronte 55
Santa Anna 38
Record 11-1

Tina Hines hit the hoop for 19, Dorinda Scott 10, and 9 rebs., Angela Reyes 8, Misti Taylor 8, and Darla Scott 8 rebs.

Birthday dinner honors Corley

A Birthday dinner recently honored Jack Corley at the home of Jim & Mary Morrow. Attending were: Benny & Jackie Corley, Wayne, Sandra, and Melissa Arrott, Tim, Lucretia, Dusty, and Bryan Arrott, Effie Corley, James & Brenda Tidwell, DeAnna, Natalie, & Natasha Reed, and Jim, Mary, John & Jami Morrow, all of Bronte.

San Angelo guests included: Betty & Hervey Latham, J. B. & Martha Arrott, Johnny, Shelene, and Lynn Usry, and Sarah & O. P. May.

Also attending were Peggy, Scotty, John, Bill & Tamie Belew of Winters.

Peace



Jr. High splits with SC

by Dorinda Scott

The Bronte Jr. High teams traveled to Sterling City Monday night to bring home one win and one loss against the Eagles.

Starting slow in the first quarter, the Shorthorn girls came back to out score the Eagles in the fourth quarter. Although the Shorthorns put up a good fight, the score wound up 11-16 Sterling City's favor.

Scoring for Bronte were Misti Macky - 6 pts, Jami Morrow - 2 pts, Jennifer McCorkle - 2 pts, and Tamara Richards - 1 pt.

Leading the Shorthorn boys to a 29-10 win over Sterling City were Ray Seals - 17 pts, Jason Cooper 5 pts, Gary Bilbrey - 4 pts, Jamie Flores, Larry Franklin, and Walter King having 1 pt.

Bronte Lady Longhorns

The Bronte Lady Longhorns won 3rd place in

the Robert Lee Tournament held the past weekend. Results of the games follows:

1st game

Bronte 27
Irion County 42
Tina Hines 10 pts; Teresa Vaughn 6 pts; Melinda Gentry 5 pts; and Eboni Taylor 4 pts.
record 8-1

2nd game

Bronte 54 - Ozona JV 23
Angela Reyes 12 pts, 6 steals, 5 assists; Misti Taylor 11 pts, 6 reb; Melissa Arrott 8 pts, 5 assists; Melinda Gentry, 6 pts; Eboni Taylor 4 pts, 7 reb; and Tina Hines 4 pts, 7 assists.
record 9-1

3rd game

Bronte 52 - Miles 39
Dorinda Scott 18 pts, 7 reb; Angela Reyes 10 pts, 5 steals, 6 assists; Eboni Taylor 8 pts; Tina Hines 6 pts; and Melinda Gentry 4 pts.
record 10-1



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

- Monday, Jan. 2**
- Oatmeal
- Apple Juice
- Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly
- Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 3**
- Cereal
- Peaches
- Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly
- Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 4**
- Grape Juice
- Cinnamon Roll
- Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 5**
- Cheese Toast
- Cherries
- Milk
- Friday, Jan. 6**
- Scrambled Eggs
- Orange Juice
- Biscuits, Butter, and Jelly
- Milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, Jan. 2**
- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
- Tossed Salad
- Peaches
- Hot Rolls

Milk

- Tuesday, Jan. 3**
- Pigs In The Blanket
- Buttered Corn
- Green Beans
- Brownies
- Milk
- Wednesday, Jan 4**
- Enchiladas
- Pinto Beans
- Tossed Salad
- Hot Rolls
- Lime Jello
- Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 5**
- Stew
- Cheese Slices
- Carrot & Celery Sticks
- Banana
- Crackers
- Cornbread
- Milk
- Friday, Jan. 6**
- Hamburger
- French Fries
- Lettuce, Tomato, and Pickle Slices
- Peanut Butter Cookies
- Milk

Remembrances of Christmas Past



May every festive setting of the season inspire you with happiness.

COKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE
Stover, Jerita & Dovie

Hi!



May the beauty of Christmas be yours now and always.

Joni-Lyn Blouse Factory

MERRY CHRISTMAS



To all, we wish health, happiness and good cheer, now and throughout the coming year.

PAT OGLESBY

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.

BUTLER OIL COMPANY

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

----Letters to Santa Claus----

Dear Santa,
I would like several things for Christmas this year. I would like a saddle. I would like a saddleblanket. I would like presents. I would like a jambox. I would like a jacat. I would like some boots. I would like a real dog. I would like a with Christmas. I would like to have a christmas tree. I would like a Nintendo. I would like a traplen. I would like a TV. I would like a VCR I would like a crimpler.
Love,
Brandy

Dear Sata Clause
I want a tenspied and a pano and new shoes I want a big barbee doll. and I want some earring and a necklace. and I want a big playhouse and I want a room
I love you.
to Sata from Rolinda

Dear Santa,
I want a Bigfoot and I want A car. I want three bolis. I want A happy toy. I want snow flakes and last I want a happy christmas?
Love,
Daniel

Dear Santa
I am ready for christmas this year. I have been a good gril this year. I am going to beat my grandmothers for christmas again this year. Santa, I would like a skooter for Christmas and I would like a Mickey mouse and minnie mouse watch and a cinderella watches and a barbie for christmas and I would like a great family get together.
thank you
Love Tarra
written by Tarra

Dear Santa
I want a boll and airo.
Rusty

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bow and airo that is all.
Love,
Ranan!

Dear Santa,
My bother and I want a nitdo. I want a air raider another set of custrusts. I wund like Super turo train and a jambox.
I Love Santa
fo Dustin H

Dear Santa,
Want bere Situ. I wotu a Big Fut But a mocanow Bit Fut and a horse. and a three wheeler.
Live
Rod

Dear Santa,
Please breg me a big tlasop and A fame tarckr and A Sper trudo tran. I have ben A good boy.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
I would like a jam box for Christmas. I would like some Kuset tapes. I would like a horse. I would like forevre body to have a good Christmas day.
Merry Christmas to all

Dear Santa, I would like many things for Christmas this year. I want Press "N" Dezzl. I want a little jambox. I want a ball. I want makeup. I want a nakles. I want a ring. I want a bracelet. I want earrings. I want railboats.
Your friend,
Mica

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a alfdoll. I want a prime doll. I want a kidesister. I want a stareo.
Love
Stacie
Tell Mrs. Santa hi for me.

Dear Santa,
I would like a skatebord with a wide man face on the bottom of it and it is gray. I want a skateborde stiker too. I want Nerf fencing.
Byby St. Nick
love, Brian
also, How are your riendeer and your elves? How is Mrs. Clause? And if you can, would

live one of your bells?

Dear Santa,
Please, will you give me a pellet gun and two tires for my bike. Please bring me some more clothes and some boots.
And I've been kinda' good. My mom wants a panda necklace with diamonds. My dad wants a shotguns and please bring some bullets so he can go hunting.
Thank you for the presents.
Nicholas

Dear Sarnar
I wont a car dawt no steding. I wont a truck weth trades. I wont a big truck. I wont a dog I wont a car. I wont a now bus I wont a new bebe ging I wont a BoBo gun I wont a thock you
I love you
Robert Minj

Dear Santa
How are your elves doing? I have been good this year (Well, most of the time!) I bet you have been real busy. I need a few things ... they are 1. E. t. tape 2. magnadoodle magnetie, 3. Hot potato game 4 Nosy Bear 5. Kitchen center 6 magie scan counter 7 Barbie and the Sensations 8 Little miss mack-up Doll I know you can not bring them all just bring one there will be cookies and milk on the fireplace. Please be careful and have a merry christmas!
Your Friend
Brittany

Dear Santa
1. I want a bike. 2. I wanta suit caes went a Barbie on it. 3. I want a beach Barbie. 4. I want a balls 5. I want so clos. 6. I want so wrmups. 7. I want so shoes. 8. I want so socks 9. I want so socks. 10. I want a baby boll. 11. I want a pene baeke. 12. I want so flahu cars. 13. I want so Trapper keeper 14. I want a mecmaus Telufon.

I love you santa,
friend
Natasha
I love you very much,

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I imagine you have been very busy. I have been very good to Mom and Dad too. I wood like Love Lee Lady Lost. Ho and I want A white Christmas.
Kristin.

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I imagine you have been very busy.
I want skates. I want a bike. I want a play cashregister. I want drums.
Shannadon

Dear Santa
How have you been? I imagine you have been very busy. I have been very good this year. I want a glob and I

want. The bone a ge tyrannosaurus rex and I want batmuball and that is all.
your friend
Damien

Dear Santa,
How have you been I imagine you have been very busy I have good. And I llice you I went a cor
Love
Roseann,

Dear Santa
1 How have you been? 2 I imagine you have been very busy 3 I want a bebe guining 4 I want a bike 5 I want a Jeep 6 I want a Kit 7 I want a remote TV 8 I want a puupp 9 I want a robotrr 10 I want a bear 11 I want a snoopy 12 I want a 57 Dvij

Love
Mario

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I

JOY TO ALL

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

Black's of Ballinger

Happy Holidays

Best wishes for a merry Christmas... each and every day of the year.

Higginbotham's
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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!

SHAFFER FUNERAL HOME & MONUMENT CO.
Gary, Barbara, Courtney, Lindsay & Lisa
Howard and Maxine

...Santa letters (cont'd.)

imagine you have been very busy I want a nitndo and jambox and drun and the last thag is go to be a keybord.

Love,
your friend Joshua

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie House. I want the Christmas Barbie and perfume pretty Barbie. I want Maxi Barbie, too, And please send lots of extra Barbie clothes. I want some new earrings and jewelry. I also want the Barbie Shower and bath tud.

I love you.
From Giovanna

Dear Santa clause

I want a talking Alf. And pink house shoes And A blue plush dog. And A gumball machine. And A little miss make up. And A nosy bear. And A professor bright. And A diana doll with day ensemble. And A plush Alf. And A hitch hiker stroller. And A white pound puppies. And i want fun with food.

Linda Lea

Dear Santa,

How have you been Doing? well I wont I wont A bickle I wont A henster I wont A ckatbord I wont a motcontrle picupe

Your friend
Dustin Scott

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a B-B gun, a cowboy hat, & a toy rifle. I want a toy jeep, a skateboard, and I want a chalkboard. I want some chalk. A stick-up hat, candy, and I want another toy gun. A Bigfoot with the controls in the trunk. A car with a cow & a horse with the controls in the trunk, A toy reindeer, some air nikes, & I want a four wheeler that goes back & forth. And I want a toy car that you can steer & get in. A play helicopter, my sister wants a toy bear, and I want firecrackers. And I want a pencil sharpner. I want 5 candy canes and wooden letters. And I want a creep shirt. And I want drums & drumsticks. A cowboy hat in

case the other one gets lost. And a 3-wheeler.

Brandon

Dear Santa,

I want a doll houses for Christmas. I want to leave some cookies and milk out for you. I also want a candy cane, and a teddy bear.

For my mom She wants a necklace and some earrings. Something for my dad he wants a gun, a rifle.

My cousin Shawn girl. I want a doll. I want to see Rudolph. Be sure and bring Rudolph.

Brooke

Britney wants a girl doll, shewants a play dog, and a bear. She needs a bottle for her baby.

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas

I want a basketball and a basketball goal. I would also like a soccerball. The game trouble, and a tereo with tapes and case. I would also like the game life, and a football tee, and a scooter.

Sinsery,
Ryan.

Dear Santa,

I want a cattle truck and a pin with it. I also want a tunday, a shotgun, and some holsters with pistoles, and a bee bee gun. I also want a pickup truck awith a horse trailer, and a horse shirt and horse shoes, and some cowboy boots.

Dahon

Dear Santa

Lauren want a dolly, a stroller, a bottle, Rusty some clothes, Lunprop, rollerskates, teddybear, lunchbox, momy jewelry. Dady toolbox, coloring books, louang a dog, a cat, a bird. Dady fishing a bunny rabbit, a elfe to play with, a secret, friend, a miss piggy, a reindeer, barbedoll.

Love Laurth

Dear Santa I want a remote control tractor, remote control car, A pink dress for mom, bullets for dads rifle, blue silk pillow for grandma, a red car for grandpa, a remote control

train.

Crystal

Dear Santa,

I like my Christmas tree. I want Little Mrs. Make-up. I want a swing set. A little puppy dog toy for Sheva.

Mom and Dad - Boots and B-B gun. Jason- a play snake, bullets and little red play gun.

Love,
Misty

Dear Santa,

I want a B.B. Gun. for my Brother I want to Give him a toy Gun. I want you to Give my mom and Dad a pair of Boot. I want B.B.s for my B.B. Gun. I want you to Give my Brother a little Bicycle. I want you to Give my Gramma a new dress. I want a remote control Jet. Give my Grandad a pair of pants. Give my mom a twenty two Gun.

Love
Henry

Dear Santa,

I want a play snoopy. My sister wants a doll. My mom wants a dress, and my dad wants a t-shirt.

Kasey

Dear Santa,

A talk baby. A toy B-B gun. A dinousor. G.I. Joes.

Love,
Angie

Dear Santa,

I want a Fashion Star Filly, Lil Miss Make-up, and a blond haired Ken.

Love,
Heather

Dear Santa,

I would like a dress and dazdle set, a barbee doll, little miss make-up, perfume pretty barbie, a gray hat, a toy reindeer, rudolph, Santa to come to fill my stocking with candy. I would also like a bee bee gun, blue jeans, for dad, a new bathing suit blue, a new blue pick-up truck, a little doll house for barbies, The barbie ice cream shop, barbie hot dog stand, play telephone, a cellar, a new school box, bee bees, a new tricycle with brakes, a choochoo train, a blue plony.

From Pamela

Dear Santa,

I want a little miss makeup I want a Barie doll I want a kid barbie and a moma barbie. I want a doll and doll cariage. Little Sister Lillian a little doll. My dad David a new socks and pants. My moma Mary a dress and a necklace earrings.

My cousin a doll. I am going to leave cookies and Milk out for you.

I want to see rudolph.

Tessie

Dear Santa

I want a reindeer, and a baby doll, Micah wants a disk, Casey wants a truck, Anthony wants a boy baby doll, Courtney wants a bear, and Joel wants a baby doll.

Love,
Kala

Dear Santa

I want a nitenda, toy car, vido game, five skate boards, train, drum set, firecrackers, Big foot, a horse, a gernads, which wislirs, a dog and snow

bord and trampoline and house. a yoyo

Love
Jeremy

Dear Santa

I want the cliff hanger car set, football helmet football suit baseball shoes a football and tee baseball bat baseball suit

love
Josh

Dear Santa,

I want a Race Track, a remote control boat, a remote control bigfoot.

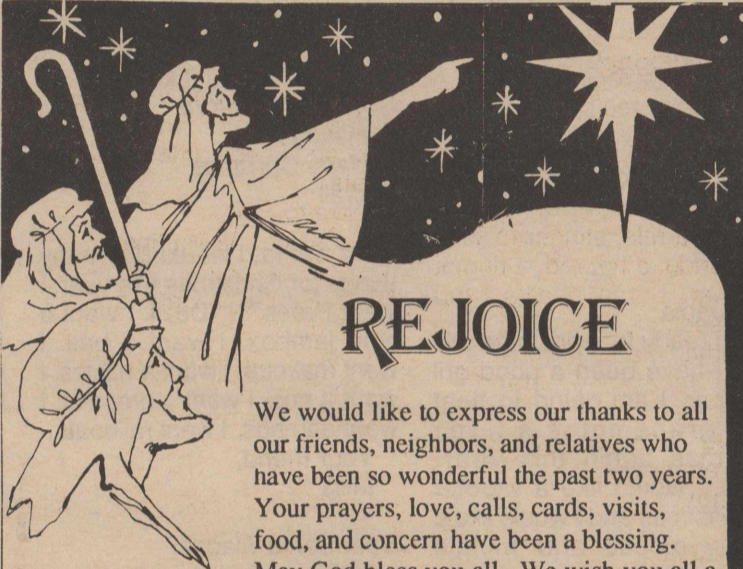
Joshua - a remote control train that goes real fast.

Love,
Wesley

I want a rock-and-roll guiter too.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas

Santa Claus I want a real football for Christmas. A play bow and arrow set with a target, & a real little deer. I also



REJOICE

We would like to express our thanks to all our friends, neighbors, and relatives who have been so wonderful the past two years. Your prayers, love, calls, cards, visits, food, and concern have been a blessing. May God bless you all. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

T. F. & Pauline Sims Glenn & Lavonne Sims



Remember Christ our Savior, was born on Christmas Day.

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Thanks, friends.

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Thanks for your valued business.



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Here's hoping your holidays are fun-filled and delightful!

**Gay, Tom,
Terri,
Jamie,
and
Krystal
Sawyer**

...Santa letters (cont'd.)

want a little piece of candy in my stocking, A remote control dinosaur, an apple & an orange in the stocking. I want a B-B gun with a target, a magnet and with all the ABC's. Please bring me some new boots, blue. A picnic basket, made out of straw. A Christmas cookie, a star, a circle, a Christmas tree, a candy bar, & a sucker & a toy puppet of Santa Claus. A new camoflaugage cap.
Tesse

Dear Santa
My name is Coby. I want a bee-bee gun, some bee-bees, a race truck, a car, a play desk, a car shooter, a play Santa bell, a game that you flip them over and you find the words that match, and a stocking. Bye Santa
Love
Coby
P. S. I want firecrackers, crayons, that go psh psh, pshh, and bomb.

Dear Santa,
I want a twenty-two (play) shot gun, a rockin roll guitar, a big remote control car, a scooter, a rifle, stinger missle, a Nintendo, a hot rod, a ring of keys, an L that walks, and drum section, Little Foot from the movie Land BeforeTime, fire crackers, a granade, things that look like crayons that go "psh-psh," a bomb, Bring 'em now.
Anthoy

Dear Santa,
I guess you must be very busy getting all the toys ready for us Kids Thank you for all the Toy's you bring us. I'm trying to be good so I will be able to get a toy this year.
Nicholas

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a Nintendo.
From,
Justin De La Cerda

Dear Santa
I want a aero turbo hopper.
John Gallimore

Dear santa.
I want a four - way siren, and

a toy locomotive.
Have a nice trip.
Justin Herold

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo and a motorcycle.
Thank you
Sam Henry Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a doll. and a bear.
love
Katrina Charles

Dear Santa,
I hope you can come to me Santa. You are fun. I want a remote - control dinosaur.
Love
Jerrod McClure

Dear santa
I want a turbo hopper, a nintendo and three Games that you can choose I hope you have a safe ride.
Michael Martinez

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a doll I want a dog and cat I want a new shirt and I want a new shir and pants
Love to Santa
From Jessica Martinez

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Heart beat.
I wish you a safe trip.
Love
Lennie Frazee

Dear Santa
I want a fake horse and a doll and I want clothes.
Love
Shannon Van Vleck

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike. I would like a skate board. I would like

a christmas wreath.
From Jeremy Fisher

Dear Santa,
I want a aero-turbo - hopper skate board, and a Double Dragon.
Love,
Jake Graves

Dear Santa I want Nosey Bear and A dog.
love
Rachel Johnson

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a skateboard. and a bike.
Shaylon Arrott

Dear Santa
I want a skateboard. I like Santa. I love Santa.
From Scott Tuttle

Dear Santa
I want a Skateboard and a nintendo and a bmx bike.
Love
Kerry Nance

Dear Santa,
I like a transformer.
Love,
J. D. Fairchild

Dear Santa
I love you. I want a Cabbage Patch and a parakeet for Christmas.
Love
Kendra Brazeal

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want a army hat. I hope you have a Happy time.
by Andy Blair

Dear Santa
I hope That you have A mare Christmas I want A skate Board.
From
Ford Holliman

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, the one at Walmart.

Love,
Marlissa Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Heart beat and table set.
Valene Burdett

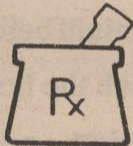
Dear Santa
I want a doll and I want a purse. Some make-up. I want a christmas box How are you Santa?
Love you
Michelle Hunt



In the spirit of giving, we would like to offer our thanks for your support and confidence. May all your holiday wishes come true.

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Betty and Mildred



We count all our fine customers among our very special assets! May each and every one of you have a most joyous Christmas!

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Robert Lee, Tx.

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...Santa letters (cont'd.)

Dear: Santu

I want some cordorros. a new rock stand jakit. and a skate bord and a basket ball goul and telescope. and a book called Inside Ufo-54-40 by Edword packard. and a book shelf. and a waterproof wach. and bomeage. and dino riders. and some shoes with skuls om then and some candy and some games and a pime tree. and a football suts and a foot ball. and hellment. and a janbox
from: Scott

Dear Santa,

My name Cara I want a minny microwave, and a scottey and a big teddy bear.

Dear Santa,

My name is Misty Seales I want a scooter, a tenspead bike, a skate board, a stuffed animal.

Love,
Misty Seales

Dear Santa

my name is courtney I want a jambox, and key board.

my name is Justin I want a

1 a gun
2 some blocks
3 some race cars
4 and some fun to santa
5 Books

Dear Santa

I want a telescope and a skateboard and football suit and a scooter with braks and a new out law racing car and a 4 X 4 pickup truck and a set of books and a drawaling set and a walk man and a jam box and some new clothes
Michael Martinez

Dear Santa,

I would like a new stereo a bike a computer , if you can't afford it it's Ok!! and a Dj party and a nintendo video tape.

Love,
Lana

Have a happy christmas

Dear Santa,

How have you Been? I imagine you have Been very busy. I went a bike. I went a

theewelr. I went a hapster. I went a goodtor. I went a radio I went some rascar's I went a to mockintrocar. I went a tint to sleep in I went a pupey love your friend
Joshuak K.

Dear Santa & Mrs. Santa, Rudolph & elves:

I would like for you to bring me a Davy Crockett gun.

Is it cold at the North Pole?

I have been a good boy this year. Please remember all the other children, especially Jeremy, Brian & big Brian.

I will leave cookies, milk, & hot chocolate for you.

I love you,

Ty

Dear Santa,

For Xmas I want a Race car track, football suit, football tee, Baseball suit, Baseball shoes, Baseball bat, and a football.

Love,
Josh

Dear Santa,

For Xmas bring me a play kitchen, etch-a-sketch, 2 dollars (real money), Hands down game, Dizzy Dizzy Dinosaur - game, shirt with a bear, and some bubble bath.

Love,
Lacy

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all you've given me. Like my grandpa and my grandma. I've been a good 14 mth old girl. Please bring me a teddy bear and a toy truck for my cousin Joshie. I'll leave you some cookies, if daddy doesn't eat them first!

Sarah Marie Basquez

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be a good boy, but sometimes its hard. Could you please bring me a Hungry, Hungry Hippo game. Could you bring me a new baseball glove and ball because Princess tore mine. I will leave you some cookies and milk, and carrots for your reindeer.

Thank you

Love,

Joshua Eubanks

Dear Santa,

My name is Joel Webb. I have been very good this year. I would like for Christmas a rifle & pistol with a scope. And a toy painted horse and a big garbage truck and trailor and race car.

My sister Cheyenne has also been good she would like some toy keys and rattlers.

I Love You,
Joel

Gibbs Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a teddy bear and a play turtle and a play frog. Also a play lizzard and a play horned toad. That's all. I am Favian Mimjarez. Thank you Santa.

Favian Minjarez
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and a bicycle. I want some shoes. My name is Leticia Olguin, and I live in Robert Lee. Thank you Santa.

Leticia Olguin
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a doll - any kind. I would also like a bike and a little slide like Emma's. My name is Starla Merrill, and I live in Robert Lee. Thank you Santa.

Starla Merrill
K

Dear Santa,

I want a Cabbage Patch baby and a trampoline. I also want some skates. I am Tiffany Copeland, and I live in Robert Lee. Thank you Santa.

Tiffany Copeland
K

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll, and I want a Light Bug. I want a play toy Christmas tree. I want a stroller for my baby doll. Thank you Santa - My name is Audra Nichols and I live in Robert

Lee, Texas.

Audra Nichols
K

Dear Santa,

I want a Mickey Mouse that dances and a kitchen that has dishes with it. I also want a table with chairs. I want a Gingerbread man. I am Dee Van Huss, and I live in Robert Lee, Texas. Thank you Santa.

Dee Van Huss
K

Dear Santa,

I want a guitar and a remote-control car. I also want a knife. My name is Chase Bryant Rainwater, and I live in Robert Lee, Texas.

Thank you-
Chase Rainwater
K

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a B-B Gun, a pocket knife, and a remote-control car. My name is Matthew Tinkler. I live in Robert Lee, Texas.

Thank you, Santa
Matthew Tinkler
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Teddy Ruxpin, some play make-up, and a Minnie Mouse night shirt. I am Emma Millican, and I live in Robert Lee, Texas.

Thank you-
Emma Millican
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Justin Lee Fluhmann. Number one is a Gho'st Buster Fire House, two is a G. I. Joe Tent, and next is a game called Dynomite!

Thank you-
Justin Fluhmann
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a magic Ring, a tree house, and I want a doll for my little sister. I also want a play car for my little brother. My name is Mary Ann Arellano. Thank you Santa.

Mary Ann Arellano
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Skeletor Castle with He-Man. That's all I want.

Curtis Bell
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a scooter. I



Merry Christmas to All

May your holiday season be filled with all the expressions of joy that is Christmas.

COKE COUNTY TREASURER
Phelan & Alice

'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
Stanley Adams & family



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Warm wishes for a Happy Christmas Season.

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20% Off Fall Clothing

Select Group of Blouses - \$6.00 ea.

Select Group of Jackets, Pants & Culottes - \$7.00 ea.

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Denim & Stripe Ticking Jumpers
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Winner of Drawing Dec. 10th
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...Santa letters (cont'd.)

want a dog. I want a remote-control car. I am Clifton Daniel Bohannon, and I live on Washington St. in Robert Lee, Tex. I've been a good "guy"- thank you Santa.

Clifton Bohannon
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want "Hands Down" and "Cross Fire" and that's all. My name is Robert Barrett and I live in Robert Lee. Thank you Santa.

Robert

Dear Santa,
I want a hamster and a cage for it. I want some "change-color" cars. I guess that's it. My name is Landon Shandley and I live in Robert Lee. Thank you Santa.

Landon

Dear Santa,
I want a Puff-a-lump watch and a trampoline. I want a pink radio. I also want a play house. My name is Dixie Simpson, and I live in Robert Lee. Thank you Santa.

Dixie

Dear Santa,
I would like a play gun, some G. I. Joes, and some more transformers. My name is Mike Wells, and I live in Robert Lee, Texas. Thank you.

Mike

Dear Santa,
I want some Bouncing Babies, a robot, and a go-cart. My name is Cayla Jeffrey. I live in Silver, Texas. Thank you, Santa.

Cayla

Dear Santa,
I want a remote-control car and some new Wrangler boots- red ones if you have some. I would also like a three wheeler. My name is Andy Ison. I live in Robert Lee, Texas. We will see you Christmas!

Andy

Dear Santa,
I am Amber Freeman. I want a new purse. Please get me a new jogging suit. I also want some new high-heeled shoes.

Thank you-
Amber Freeman

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a tape player and some Barbie Dolls. I also want some books for school. My name is Stephanie Balderas, and I live in Robert Lee, Texas. Thank you Santa.

Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, a swing set, and a pool table. I lost my watch so please bring me another one. My name is Kevin Denman, and I live on First Street in Robert Lee.

Thank you, Santa.
Kevin

Dear Santa,
I want a Bouncing Baby, a new bike, and some real makeup. I also want a big trampoline. Thank you- I am Shawn Barnes.

Shawn

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and an Intendo. I would like an electric train. My name is Zeke Montgomery, and I live in Robert Lee, Texas. Thank you Santa.

Zeke

Dear Santa,
My name is Athena Clawson. I want a Barbie Ice Cream. My brother wants a bike and my little sister would like a doll. My mom wants a picture - My daddy would probably like a clock. We live in Robert Lee. Thank you Santa.

Athena

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a radio that goes on your bike handle. I also want some

drums. My neam is Beau Blair and I live by Lake Spence in Robert Lee.

Thank you Santa-
Beau

Dear Santa,
I want a bigger bicycle, a remote control car, and a radio. I would like some markers. My name is John Burdett, and I live in Robert Lee, Texas. Thank you for my gifts.

John

Dear Santa,
I want one of those really big trampolines. I also want a Mr. Potato Head in that bucket. I want that Barbie thing that has a fan that moves automatic. I want that Pony that when you rub its side it turns to magic. My name is Erin Millician and I live in the country at Robert Lee. Thank you.

Erin

Santa Mail

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and a high chair. I hope you are having a good time making toys. I hope all the kids have a good Christmas. I am five years old and live in Robert Lee.

Love,
Jodee Helwig

Burns 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a play Reinder Santa.

I want a remote control car. Please bring tools for my dad.
Your friend
Derrick

Dear Santa Claus,
Please Santa when you get here wake me up. Could I See Rudolph? I Blieve in you and an toy for Josh.
Me and Josh
your friends Santa,
Nathan Williams

Dear Santa
I want a remote control car

and a tractor for Christmas. I want a bigfoot and a car. Thank you very much.

Your friend
Jeremy Ortega

Dear Santa,
I would like a Matchbox car. I would like some plates for my mom.

Your friend
Jaime Olgin

Dear Santa,
I want a red bike. I love you. I would like for you to give my dad some work boots.

Your friend
Brandon Van Huss

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Set and an Intendo game and a big trampoline. Santa bring my sis a rattle and my dad a deer Skinner and my mom some perfume.

I like you
B. J. Bessent

Dear Santa
I would like to get a skate board. I would like a firetruck. Please bring cups for my mom.

Billy Hitchcock

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline Do


FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



In appreciation of your loyalty and support, best wishes for a merry Christmas.

RED BARN BBQ

Roger, Jutta, Sonja & Jessica Salser



O Holy Night

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

ASKINS PROPANE CO.
Foy and Estelle Askins
Charlie and Raynelle Askins

Blessings



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

SKINNER'S
Grocery & Station
Jim & Geanette Skinner

Santa says...



Ho, ho, ho, and a very merry Christmas! It's been our pleasure to serve you.

Robert Lee Post Office
Harrell, Jo, & Jewell

...Santa letters (cont'd.)

reindeer really fly?

Your friend
Nicky Service

Dear Santa

I would like a Tv with remote controls.

Your friend
Shane Hendrix

Dear Santa,

I want a new skateboard. I want a new horse. I want some new razors for my dad. Please bring Grandma a new nightgown.

I love you,
Kenton Freeman

Dear Santa,

I would like a tramoline and play house. For my mom perfume For my dad cologne. and for my sis perfume to. I like you Santa.

Macy Hill

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. I want a Hungry Hippo Game. I like you Santa. I like Mrs. Santa.

I Love you,
Shyla Cole

Dear Santa

I like a pink bike. I want clothes, size 12.

Love
Latisha

Dear Santa,

I want a guitar. I can play one. I want a pink jewelry box. I want clothes.

Your friend
Jennifer Woods

Dear Santa,

I want a talking doll. I want some makeup for my mon. Please bring me some clothes size 7.

I love you,
Amanda Barrera

Dear Santa,

I want a Borbie Doll. I want a marble game. I want a pink dress.

I love you Santa
Gina Torres

Dear Santa,

I want some clothes, size 7.

I would like a special dress, a gold one. I want a play telephone.

I love you, Santa
Lydia Arroyo

Mrs. Goodmans Class

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a cabbage doll and a dog. I want a radio. I want a Barbie doll.

Jessica

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. Will you bring me a bike for Christmas?

Love Daniel

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am o. K. Can I please have a Atari, a remote control car, spggraph, Double Dare, a real rabbit, two posters of a posters bear and a seal.

Lewis

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am ok. I want a B-B gun and some hitsticks, a radio, and a play gun and a play knife,

Beau

Dear Santa

I want a Atari. I want a computer. I want a saxaphone I want a guitar I want a B-B gun from Nick

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am ok. I want a pistol. a B-B gun and some books.

Love,
Ronnie

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am o.k, I wood like some drums and hit sticks.

Love
Sammy

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am ok. I want jumbo remote control cars and I want a real guitar.

Matthew

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am O. K. I want a Cabbage Patch doll, care bear, care bear puzzle and Barbie set.

Cecelia

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am o. K. I please want a Barbie, Dress and Dazzle, T. V. remote control cars, a real live rabbit, Nientendo and Rudolf.

Love

Audrey Arledge

Dear Santa,

I want a spyagraph, toss across, double dare.

Love,

Jason

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a Nientedo and I want a basketball and I want a computer and I want a Saxaphone and I want a remote control car and I want a fun house game.

Love,

Coke

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am o.k. Will you please bring me a dismond ring, adress and dazzle and Nientendo and Rudolf.

Love,

Jamie

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a doll and a Bike, a Barbie set, atari. I want a maxi.

from Lindy

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am o.k. I want a fashion doll fillie.

from Melanie

Horn 2nd

Dear Santa,

I want perfume, pretty barbie and barbie rocker and I want too say too Santa I hope you have a merry berry Christmas.

Love,
Amber Nichols

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a julie doll and I really do not care what elce you breing me.

Love,
Rleissa Sanders

Dear Santa,

I like a truck. my bruth like a car. I want a cat stuffed anmle.

Love,
Melvin Wells

Dear Santa,

Would you pleas bring me a drumset and a computer.

Love,
C. R. Tijerina

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bike and a big trampoline. Is it cold up ther? It's hot down hear.

Love,
Dawn

Dear Santa,

I would like to have the G I Joe command center and live

line and Dusty and Duke in tiger force.

Love,
Lynn SHandley

Dear Santa,

Would you please get me a electric guitar and 4 wheeler. I reall want a 4 wheeler.

Love,
Justin Francis

Dear Santa,

I wold lick a Sony Cassette player and a set of drums.

Love, Ryan Grant

Dear Santa,

I want some clothes for scool and shoes.

Love,
Kyla Long

Dear Santa,

I want an island fun Barbie house, and A Barbie doll. I hope it is not cold in the north pole. I hope you see me a sleep.

Love,
Amanda Brock

Dear Santa,

1. I want a 20-2.
2. A computer

Love,
Geoffrey James Williams

HIGHWAY GARAGE

will be closed
Mon., Dec. 26th thru
Mon., Jan. 2nd.

We wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Bronte, Texas

473-2501



Happy Holidays



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

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



At Christmas, we wish everyone the best of Health and Happiness.

HUGHES TV &
CARD SHOP

Fred & Ona



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, Brink,
& Noel

...Santa letters (cont'd.)

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a baby Heather and a trampoline.

Love,
Marie Eads

Dear Santa,
Would you please give me a new bike and a puppy named lightening.

Love,
Jeremy Kyle Eaton

Dear Santa,
Please would you bring me a pretender and a bike.

Love,
Melissa Sanders

Dear Santa,
I want a corvet pece and a cat.

Love,
Brent Cole

Dear Santa,
I would like to go with you in your sled and go up in the sky and see your raindeers thas whut I whont by by Santa.

Love,
Flor Navarro

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring me a doll that talks and clothes.

Love,
Jill Thomason

Dear Santa,
I what a bunch overy G. I. Joe and to Guns with holsters.

Love,
Andrew McCabe

Dear Santa,
I would like a 20-2 gun and a army set. I hop you have a Merry Chistmos. You are a good man. I love you.

From Tony Bell

Dear Santa,
I wan't a trampoline and a hamster. If you bring a trampoline please put it in our garden in the back yard.

Love,
Lori Eubanks

I wish I had a 4x4 and a diesel. Have a merry christmes and I love you for the rest of my life. Santa I wish I could ride in a sled with you.

from,
Rocky Cantrell

Dear Santa,
I would like a gocart and I would like for you to get mom and dad something to get mom and dad something too and I would like a watch to and a Turbo Hopper and an airplane.

from,
Will Simpson

Dear Santa,
I hope you give presents to every child because you are special to us. I hope you give me a dall and a stuffed animal dog and cat. But you Santa, you are my best present in my good house. But I Love you Santa.

from,
Whitney Montgomery

Dear Santa,
I would like a go go car. for Christmas. if you would give me a gocar. I will let my brother sit by me we won't go fast. we will look toboth sides.

from,,
Billy Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo and a

remote control airplane and a turbo Hopper and a sled and I want a scooter and some skates and a yoyo and I want a watch and a stuffed Animal and a 4x4 and a drumb and a Horn and a gocart and a canary, and a xylophone and some books and a ball of yarn.

from,
Jeremy Edging

Dear Santa,
To Santa, can you please bring me a cabbage patch doll, presents.Santa is a man. He brings presents to boys and girls. His roller racers are nice too. Santa bring a cabbage patch. Santa is a very nice man. I love Santa.

from,
Kendra

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 wheeler I hope I get one becuse I want wun becuse it is fun toried it I will track care of it.

from,
Cassandra Munoz

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a nintendo. I have been wanting a nintendo. And a T. V. too. And a chalk board too. Merry Christmas!

from,
Kimberly Gloria

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Red Rider B.B. gun and I hope that all the other kids

have a Merry Christmas too. And I hope you do too.

from,
Chad Helwig

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine but the thing I been very good. Will you get me a pocket Rocker. And a Piano.

from,
April S. White

Dear Santa,
I would like an elf for Christmas and a scooter and a big stuffed reinder and skates and a bear and bells and a watch for Christmas and lots of candy.

from,
Samantha Padgett

Dear Santa,
I would like some skates for Christmas and a watch. A doll house would be nice, too, some clothes I need and a stuffed animal and a bike.

from,
Holly Copeland

Dear Santa,
I want a cabbage patch and a tenspeed for Christmas. will you get me them for Christmas?

from,
Angela Abalos

Dear Santa,
I want a robo cop and a goodtire and a stuffed animal in my stocking and a nintendo

and a gocart and a 4x4. I want remote control airplane. The end

from,
George Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I would like a new nintendo because I have never played with one and a 4x4.

from,
Trey Sparks

Dear Santa,
I want a 10 speed and Nintendo geame and a remote control train and a baby bed and a gocart, hitstix, and my last thing a xylophone.

from,
Sondra Van Deveter

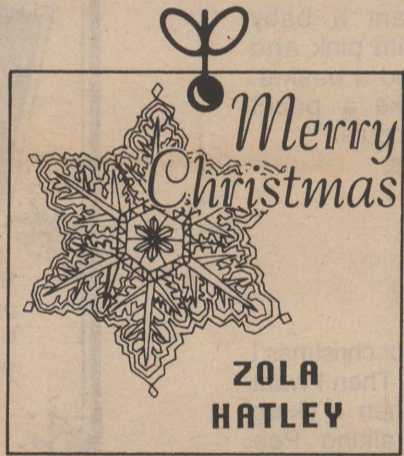
Dear Santa,
I wish I had a Turbo Hopper and a watch and 4x4 aslo a roller racer. I hope none of your reinder are sick. I hope you come to my house.

from,
Sean Kilgore

Dear Santa,
I would like a red rider and a 4x4 and a bebe gun. and even a reinder. and a knife. and a cray box. I would also like gloves and a big foot and a football and a motorcycle

from,
TJ

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie Doll, and a nosie Bear, and a doll house,



Happiest greetings of the season to everyone! We enjoyed serving you this year and hope we may be of help to you again in the future!

We will be closed Monday, Dec. 26th

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY
Robert Lee

Payne 2nd
Dear Santa,



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

THE FLOWER SAK
Rhonda Hood
Judy Blair

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Monday, Dec. 26th
for
CHRISTMAS
and
Monday, Jan. 2nd
for
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Bronte, Texas
MEMBER FDIC

...Santa letters (cont'd.)

and a cinderella tape, I have been pretty good. Merry Christmas.
Kim

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer Lynn Nesbit. I am 3 yrs old. I would like a few toys & some clothes for Christmas. I have been a good girl. Tell Rudolph "Hello". I love you
Love
Jennifer

Dear Santa
I wanta train set. And A woody woodpecker movie.
Thank you,
Emma Lee Millican

Dear Santa,
My name is Cooper Riley and I'm 4 years old. I've been a good boy. And I would like for you to bring me a football suit and a yellow car.

My sister, Julie is 1 year old. She wants a doll and a cradle.
Love,
Cooper

Dear Santa,
I would like, Double Dare, Toss-a-cross, spiragraph. Thank you Santa, I have tried to be good. Hope to see you Christmas Day.

Thank you
Jason Paul Sanders

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Julie doll, Bouncin Baby, Baby Heart, Baby doll I have been real good this year

Thanks Santa
Dorothy Relissa Sanders

Dear Santa,
I would like a Hungy Hippo Bycycle, and a Jumpin Horse. I love you Santa. Thank you
Valerie Nichole Sanders

Dear Santa
I want a Trampoline for Chistmas or a bicke. Maybe a ring in my stocking.

Love
Whitney Millican

Jones 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? For

Christmas, I want a ten speed that is pink and gray. I would also like a barbie house made out of cardboard with a elevator. I want some barbie furniture. I would like it in pink. I would like some barbie kitchen things, and some bedroom things, some bathroom things, and some dinning room things. I would like some clothes and a bed spread. Thats all!!

Love,
Rachel Anmon
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you I want some hit sticks for Christmas. Also I want lots of candy. And I want a football and lots of money. I have been good this year.

Your pal
Timothy Schinart
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you. For Christmas, I want a doll, a California Barbie and nail polish, and a Wish World Kid. I my stocking I want sticker. Barbie clothes, and more.

Sincerely,
Stacy Hendry
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I want a survival knife. I want a turbo hopper. I want some pellets. I want a boxer.

Love,
David Rainwater
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you cam. I want a tenspeed, a pet rabbit, a skateboard, a pet snake and a T.V. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Love,
Joey Barrett
Grade 3

Dear Santa
I want a B.B Gun, A turbo hopped, A survival knife, A rifle, A Boxer to, And a pet snake.

I hope you will give me all the things I wrote you.

Love,
Chris Torres
3 Grade

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? For christmas, I would like a "Ninetendo." I would also like a ten-speed bike. I would like some games to go with the nintendo. I also want a "Move to the Head of the class game." I'd like a Noesy Bear! (It doesn't matter which one!)

Sincerely,
Jessica Key
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. What I want is hit sticks. Hit sticks is a pair of sticks and a radio. When yo hit the air or something else the radio makes a sound like your hitting the snare drum. Also I want a gun that is strong enough to kill a deer.

Sincereley yours,
Eli Boxell
Grade 3

dear Santa,
How are you? for Christmas I want a archey with everthing and a suit of armor. Also a owl to hunt for me and a cheetah to catch stuf for me. I also want a lake to swim in, and a nintendo game.

Your Pal
Kirk Bagwell
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas, I want a baby secret, a bike with pink and red streamers and a basket. Also, I would like a pocet rockers and a computer.

Sencereley yours,
Bianca Lara
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you? For christmas I want a B. B. gun. Then I want G. I. Joe stuff. Then a skate boad. Then a talking Pee Wee. Then a game called Cross Firer. Then a game call Win Lose or Draw.

love Justin Brickey
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
I would realy like a ten-speed bicycle that is blue and a brand new pair of shoes and some mony!

Love,
Erika Galvan
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you? For christmas, I would like a Barbie Doll house, a calender, and a baby Doll stroler.

Love,
Barbara Lohman
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I want a trampoline. I want a bicycle that has speeds on it. I want a talking football. I want a Nintendo with games. I want a Swimming Pool with a diving board on it.

Your Pal,
Matthew Millican
Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want for Christmas is hit sticks, watch, rabbit, minchec horse, nintendo computer, swimming pool, hot tub.

love,
Jennifer Burdell

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. Will you bring me a Doctor, Barbie, Ken doll and a cmera. I like

your preents, Santa.

Love,
Amanda Blair
Grade 3

Wilson - 3rd
Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Baby Heather and a ten speed. I would also like to have a little miss make up. I would also like to have a bee bee gun and doll bunk beds and a play mouse for my cat. I want to get my mom a curlingiron and some makeup and I want to get my dad some boots and a new shaver. I want to get my brother a snow plow and a gun. I would also like you to get him a car case and a mickey mouse teliphone.

Love Bree

Dear Santa,
I would like a BMX - bike, and a vido games. I would like a ninja suit. I would like a ninja sarwd and some nun-chucks, a throwing star.

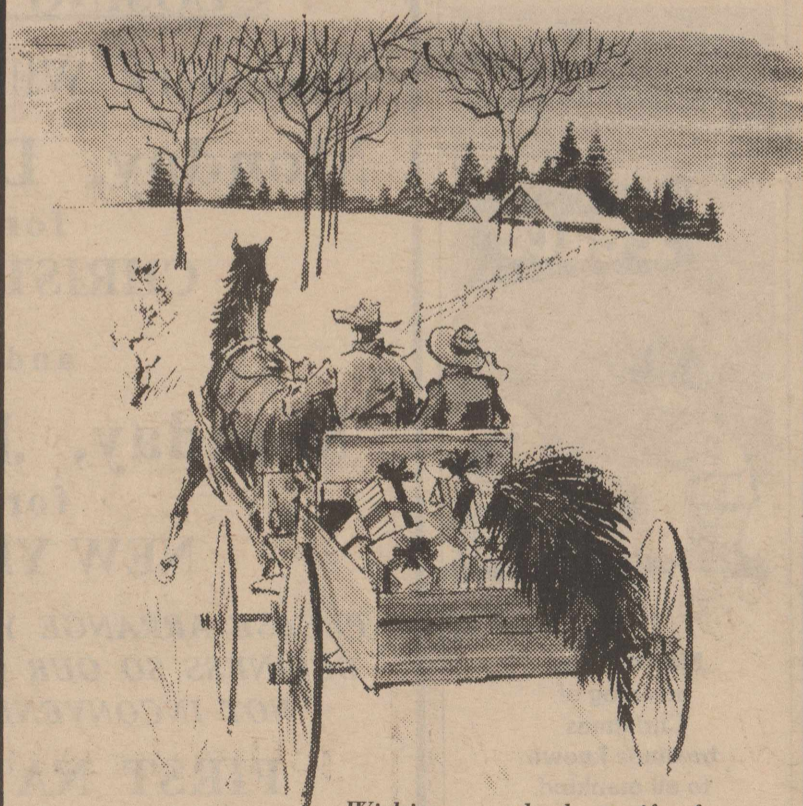
Love,
Ricky

Dear Santa,
I want a new BMX bike. One more thing a suit my size. I mean a suit of a Washington Redskins shirt. Well everything else. merry Christmas.

Sincerely
Polo Arellano



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



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

J & B
Lumber and Hardware



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing all of our fine friends and neighbors a bright Christmas.

Allen & Frances
Bloodworth



May you rejoice
in the spirit of Christmas.

Billy Joe, Diane, & Joey Lockett

...Santa letters (cont'd.)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a noisy Bear and a Bebe gun. Also bring me a magic set and some candy.
Sincerely
Stacy Thomason

Dear Santa,
I want a camera, and a puppy, and a sled, and a pand puppy. and also a new bike.
love
Kelley

Dear Santa,
I am in 3rd grade and I would like to have a guitar and a radio and a tuba.
Love,
Chris Woods

Dear santa I would like a remote coltrol car and a new bicycle and a tuba and I would also want to have a corvete.
Thats all thank you from
Matthew Hodges

Dear Santa,
I want a bikea, radio remote control car a, football a, trampolin a, skate board a, orange a, candycane an apple, and every one to be happy.
By Andy Crawford

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline. I wood like a pound purry, I wood like a toy for my dog
Love
Melissa

Dear Santa,
I hope yor are doing good. I hope your raindeer are doing good and your helpers are doing good and your raindeer and elfs.
Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a Sony walkman, a keyboard and a bike. And a train, a cat and a hores.
A football a basketball, A flag and a cart so I can drive to the store. I want fifty dollars. And a slidetrombone a torbow hopper.
Love Jason
Kilgore

Dear Santa
I would like a trampoline and a ten sped or something in my stocking. Come soon.
love
Tracy

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Noisy Bear. I would also like a Bike. I would also like the game sperashon. I would like stuffed Garfield for mom. I would like a small poedebel flashlite for dad, phone for Larry. I would like a popup book for Becky.
Love
Amanda Welch

Dear Santa
Merry Christmas The 24 is Christmas eve we will leve some hot coco and we mite even leve some snaks and i hope i can get tool and toy fenen cine.

Dear Santa
I would like to have a turbo hopper, cement truck, and a big box of markers.
Love Justin

Mrs. Powell's 5th grade class

Dear Santa, How have you been? I am doing fine, I am 10 years old. How are you'r reindeer doing?

I would like a lobo 3 and my brothers's to have one to: and my sister to have toys to and the children that have no food to have food and with no houses to have one and to have peace on earth.

From your freind,
Eric Torres

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, how have you been doing? I have been doing well. Would you take gifts to people that live on the streets and kids without parents please?

This year for Christmas I would like a dummy so I can be a ventriloquist. I would like Hit Stix, a radio controlled motorcycle, boat or a pair of racing cars. I would also like some Nintendo games. I would like Double Dribble, Skate or Die, Pro Wrestling, or Ice Hockey, Well I have to go.

Your friend,
Jeremy Burns

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. Are you doing hard work? I do hard work during school. How are your reideer? Are they ready for Christmas? and are you ready for Christmas? We are ready for Christmas. We hope you are too. Is Mrs. Santa helping you get ready for Christmas? I hope so!

For Christmas I would like a music book for my keyboard. Also a watch so I can tell time. I would also like a nintendo for my sister and I. I would like a diamond ring for me and one for my sister. She wants one really bad. Will you let my family and I have a wonderful Christmas? Will you please let the poor have food? And may I have a peaceful Christmas?

your friend,
Gina Luna
P.S. We miss you

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are going to put are Christmas tree up this weekend. We are

going to put the Christmas tree decorations on the tree. How are Rudolph, Donner, Vicon, Blitzon, Cupid, Comet, Dancer, Prancer, Dasher, Mrs. Santa and how are you Santa? I hope find and I am doing find.

I wish that could have for this Christmas. Barbie doll and everything that goes with it please? That is all I want for Christmas.

I hope you can get children presents to the the kids that don't have parents? Can you please do that Santa?

Love,
Phaedra Clarise Zohman

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Hows your reindeer? How is your elves? Before I ask for anything I wanted to say a couple of things this is what I want to say. Is to have peace on Earth. Not to let anyone harm my family. The help the needy and the sick people to get well. And one more thing Christmas does not mean to get presents. I think it means that Jesus was born. I am glad to have you, family, friends, God and Jesus.

Things I want for Christmas: rings and earring, hair crimper, things for my hair, tapes to play on the radio, cool sunglasses.

sincerely,
Salina Cowart

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are Rudolph, Donner, Vixon, Blitzon, Cupid, Dancer, Prancer, Dasher, and Comet. How are you and Mrs. Claus. I've been a good boy. I will leave you milk and cookies.

I would like a BMX bike, a turbo racer, a talking Peewee, and the hole set of G. I Joe and Masters of the Univers.

Your friend
Jesse Arellano

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you? I am fine. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? How are all of your reindeer and elves? All of my family is fine. I have been good this year.

This year I want peace in the world. I want to little orphan or homeless kids to have a great Christmas. And I want a radio, a Dirty Dancing tape, a pair of boots, and a stonewash bluejean jacket. I want a pair of



Jolly Times

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the joy of giving and
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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!



A Seasonal Greeting to all of our wonderful
friends. We want to wish you the very best.

HOMETOWN HARDWARE

Wendell, Jeanna Lee Mike & Mary

Capture the Sparkle...
Capture the Joy!



Happy holidays to all!

I & B BARBECUE
Joe & Betty Barrett

...Santa letters (cont'd.)

boots for my dad. A bicycle for my mom. A lot of nintendo games for my sister. And a remote control car for both of my brothers. A poster of Sylvester Stallone for my cousin Teresa. And a happy Christmas for my entire family.

Yours Truly,
Maria Minjarez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are the reindeer? I like Cupid the best. Tell Mrs. Santa that I'll give her some milk if she wants some.

I want a watch and a kitten. My cat is dead now that's why I want a kitten.

I also want all the people in the world to have a present.

Merry Christmas
Eric Hood

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa Claus. How is Rudolph, Donner, Vixon, Blitzon, Cupid, Dancer, Prancer, Dasher, and Comet, and how is Mrs. Santa. I am in the 5th grade and I am 11 years old. I have not failed in the 5th grade yet.

I would like a freestyle bike for christmas, and a Mickey Mouse watch. And for my baby brother Clay I would like for him to have a plastic golf set.

Sincerely, Casey
Lee Antilley

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa how are you? I am doing very good. How are your elves and reindeer? I'll bet they are pretty busy. I'll bet you are too. I have been good this year. I made a couple of mistakes, but I have made up for them. How is Mrs. Santa?

I want many things but one for me. I would like for kids to get things and take things to the boys ranch. Me I would like a "Lobo 3". I would also like if homeless keds to get parents.

Your friend,
T. J. Roe

Dear Santa,

How is it going in the North Pole? How is Mis Clahs? How are the rainedeer? How are the elves? and now for my list. For Christmas I would like football sholder pads, and most of all for ther to be peace on Eart and Good will to men.

Sincerely,
Larry Welch

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa how are you doing? I bet you have a lot of work to do. How are your elves doing? Now Ill tell you about myself I'm 11 year old. I'm in the 5th grade. I'm doing good in school. I like dolphins, otters and racoon.

Now I'll tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. Peace on Earth, help the poor, Some new clothes, A remote control car, to see all my relatives, to have a nice Christmas.

Your friend,
Harley S. Wagner

Dear Santa

I am eleven years old, and I am in the fifth grade. I do a whole bunch of things and have a lot of things. But I would want a drum set or a dirtbike for the big present. But I would want a puppy or a boxing kit for my little present. If you could get me anything get these things for me.

Your Friend
Rob Smith
P.S. Don't forget

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you doing? I have been a good girl this year. I am wondering what you have been doing this year? My girl Scout Troop will sing Christmas Carols at the WCCNH. How are your reindeer?

I would like to get a metal baton (long), keyboard, Camera, pair of roller skates (size 8), and a typewriter. Thank you very much.

I wish you and your reindeer good luck.

Your Friend,
Mary Kilgore

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am doing fine. How is Ms. Claus, and how are your reindeer? Well I'll tell you a little about myself. I am ten years old, I have brown eyes, and dark brown hair. I am about 4 foot 9 inches high. I would like for you to bring me a game that is called Girl Talk. I would like you to give presents to the homeless.

Your Friend,
Cynthia Abalos

Dear Santa,

How are you? I will try to leave you some cookies and milk by the tree. While you do your job you can have a snack.

All I want for Christmas is a ring and a little typewriter.

Please bring toys for the children at the Foster Home and there would be peace on earth.

Thanks,
Katrina

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Is Mrs. Santa Claus doing well? How are your reindeer?

I would like to have a pair of Nike Air basketball shoes. I would also like to have a watch. I would also like you to get my parents what you think they would like to have for Christmas.

Your friend,
Daniel Hayes

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am doing O. K. How are all of your reindeer? How is Rudolph doing?

I would like to have a new pair of gloves. I would like a new pair of gloves for my mother. I would like to have a new pair of Reebok shoes for basketball. I would like to have a new cowboy hat for my dad. I would like a new sweater and shirt.

I would like you to take food and clothing to the needy and also medicine they need.

Your Friend,
Jaclyn Waldrop
P. S. I would like a new Larry Bird basketball. I need it.

Dear Santa,

How are you? What have you been doing? I've been doing different things this last year. I've also been pretty good, most of the time except for a few times.

Santa I would like a keyboard, a jogging suit, a necklace, a few tapes for my radio, camera, and a shirt.

I also would like for you to give presents for the less fortunate people, and that there would be peace on the earth.

Your friend,
Heather Millican

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you and all the people at the North Pole? Do you have your deer ready? I'll see you Christmas Eve.

I've been thinking and I want to have a Nintendo Game and

a watch. I would like to have some warmups too. That is all I want for Christmas.

I would like for you to give all the people homes that don't have homes and the people that don't have food give them food.

I would like to have peace on earth. And bless my family because I love them.

Your friend,
Aaron Hood

Dear Santa,

I have missed you. I have not seen you for a hole year. Is it true that your deer has a red nose.

I would like to have an electric keyboard a pair of boots and a tire for my bike and a nintendo and super morieo brothers

I would like a new truck for my dad. And a water bed for



REJOICE

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

Aubrey & Zada Denman
Janet Baker

Merry Christmas & Best Wishes

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Mary and Jr. Prine

We hope this joyous time will bring to you all the goodness of Yuletide.

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Bill, Audrey, Chad
& Jodee Helwig



Blessings

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

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...Santa letters (cont'd.)

mom and dad. And a scooter for my brother

Most of all I would like for people that do not have home to have a home and have food.

Your friend,
Denny Bohannan

Dear Santa,

How are Rudolph, Donner, Blitzon, Vixon, Cupid, Comet, Dancer, Prancer, Dasher? How are you?

I would like to have a piano, and a camera. Most of all, though I want a saddle pad.

I hope that everyone will get a gift. I hope that all the people in world would quit drugs.

P. S.
I love you
Your frind
Krystal Carver

Dear Santa,

I only want three things for christmas. They are a pair of roller skates, a crimper set, and a basketball. Will you please bring me this things.

Your friend,
Brandy Padgett

P. S. My mother wants a microwave

Dear Santa,

Hi this is Amanda how are you doing? How are the reindeer? How is everyone doing own there? Have you talked to a lot of people at the stores?

For Christmas I would like to have. A stereo, and some games, and if you could I would hope you can give people who don't have anything. Well I better go.

Your Friend,
Amanda Sanders

Dear Santa,

We wish you a Marry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are going to put are Christmas tree up this weekend. And we are going to put the Christmas tree decorations on the tree.

How are Rudolph, Donner, Vixon, Blitzon, Cupid, Comet, Dancer, Prancer, Dasher, Mrs. Santa, and you Santa.

I wish I could have this for Christmas. Can I have a Barbie doll and everything that goes with it? That is all I want.

And can you get children presents to kids that don't have presents.

Love,
Phae Phandrs
Clarise Lohman

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. I'll bet you're tired. In a couple of days it will be time. I'll try to leave you some milk & cookies. Now lets get down to business.

I want a new bike, Lobo 3, and a 22 pump rifle. I want two Nintendo games called Goonies II & Donkey Kong.

Sincerely,
David M.

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.

- 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.



Letter to Santa Claus

Dec. 17-1988

Tennyson, Tex

Howdy! Jolly Ole Saint Nick!

Well?? What's new? Our calendar says it's the week before Christmas. Is your sleigh loaded with presents and ready to roll? Are the reindeer all set to hit the road? And above all, is everyone happy?!

Can't say what driving conditions y'all can expect out our waybecause we've had weather lately that rapidly changes. It ranges from warm & sunny, to 3 or 4 days of rain, to cold & blustery.

Snow? No show.

Moving right along to the next subject. Ours will be the house with the Christmas carols going strong. There will be plenty of carrots and cabbage for Dasher, Dancer, Donner, Comet, Prancer, Blitzen, Cupid and the other one (whose name eludes me

at the moment). And of course, Rudolph. Can't forget him or his bright red nose. There will be eggnog and barbecued turkey for you.

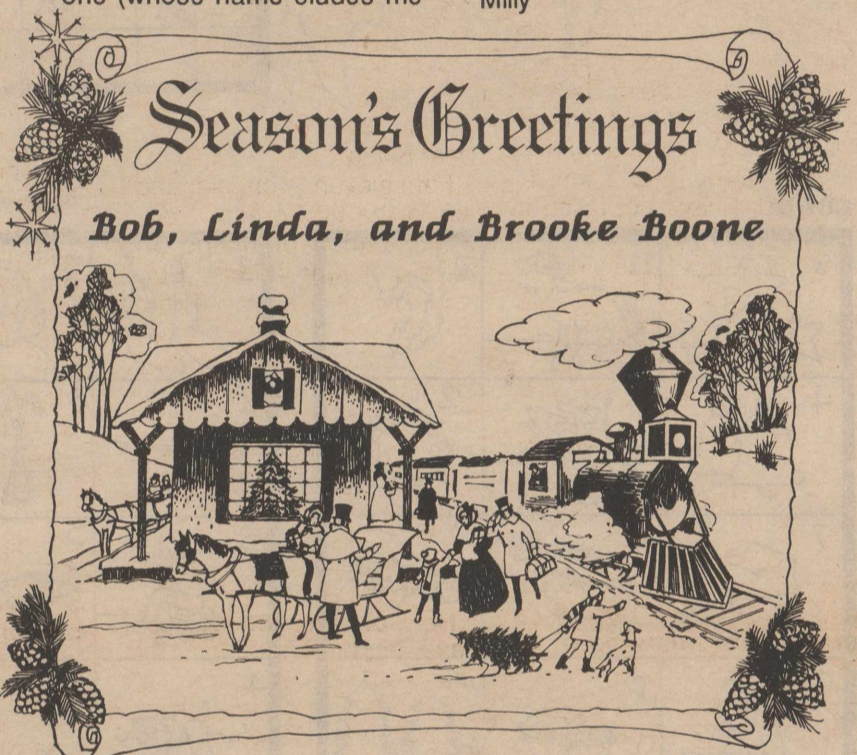
Don't forget your snowsuit and earmuffs, although you proably won't need them in our neck of the woods. Bye now & we will all be listening for sleigh bells & hoping to see you.

As ever,

Millicent Morgenstern

P.S. Santa, "everyone" writes to you and next year we would like to have a letter published from you. Would you write to our newspaper & maby tell some interesting facts about Christmas? Customs in other countries? How writing "X-Mas" got started? (It wasn't to save time, as you know) Thanks ahead of time. Aloha. (Just anything about Christmas)

Milly



Bob, Linda, and Brooke Boone

Cheese Ball

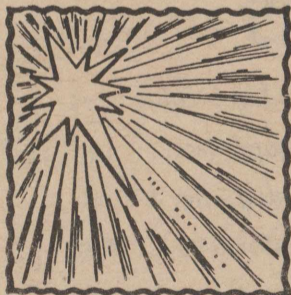
- 2 (8 oz.) packages of cream cheese
- 2 (3 oz.) packages of blue cheese
- 1/3 green pepper; chopped finely
- 1/4 cup celery; chopped finely
- 1/2 jar (small) pimento; chopped
- dash of garlic salt

Mix together and shape into a ball. Roll in finely chopped pecans or black walnuts. Chill and serve with crackers.



Affairs of Life

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GREETINGS



JESUS said, "I am the LIGHT of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." John 8:12

THAT THE MULTITUDE ON EARTH and all in authority, will make an effort to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of GOD. May you have health, peace of mind, and unsakable joy in your heart throughout the year. 1 Timothy 2:1-3.

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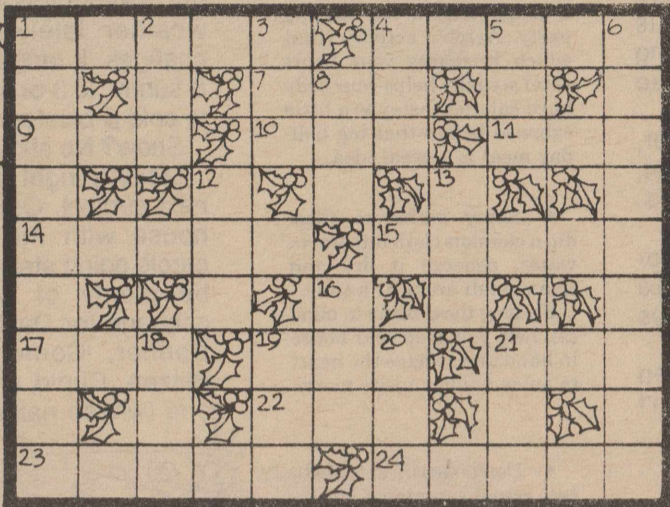
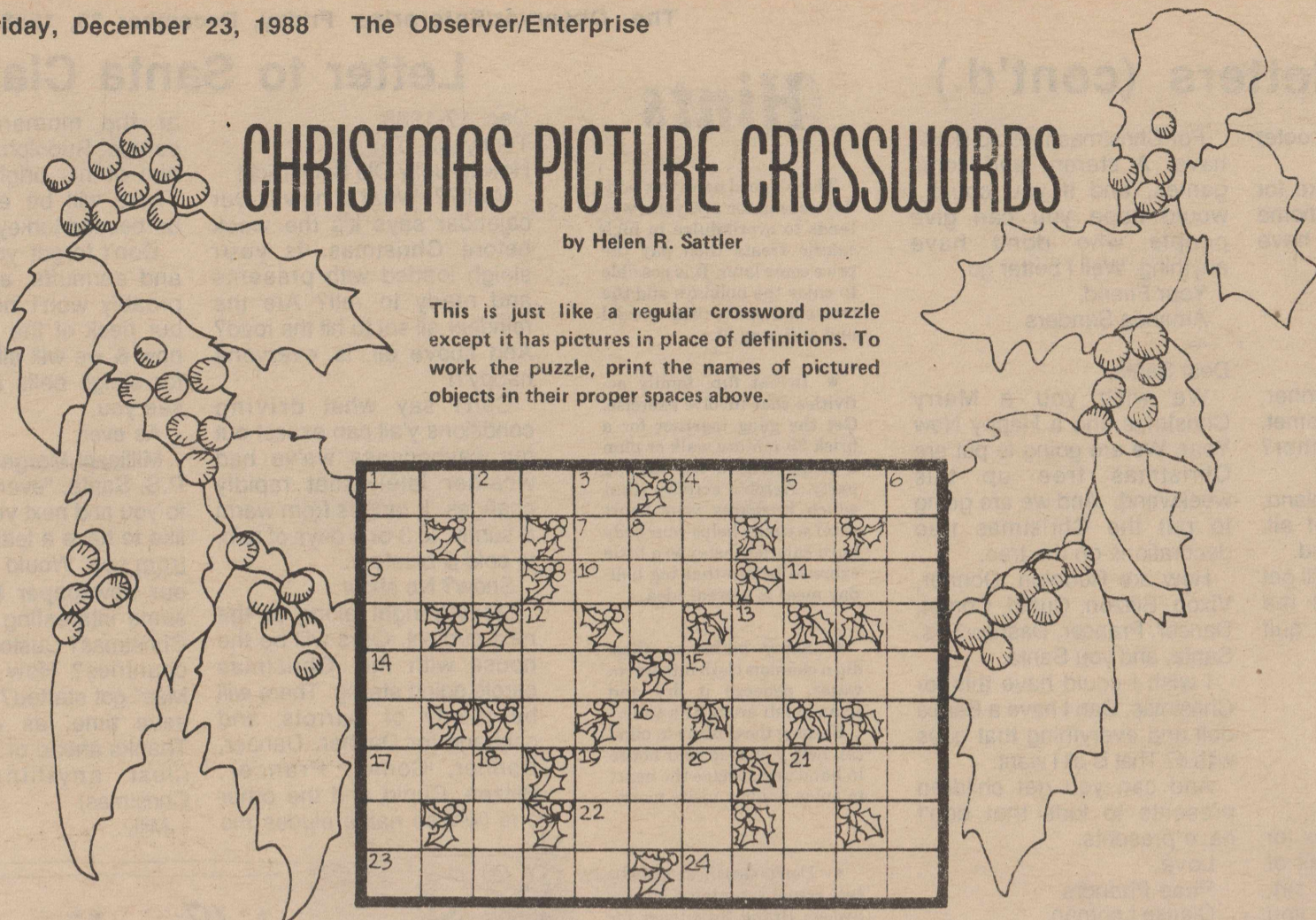
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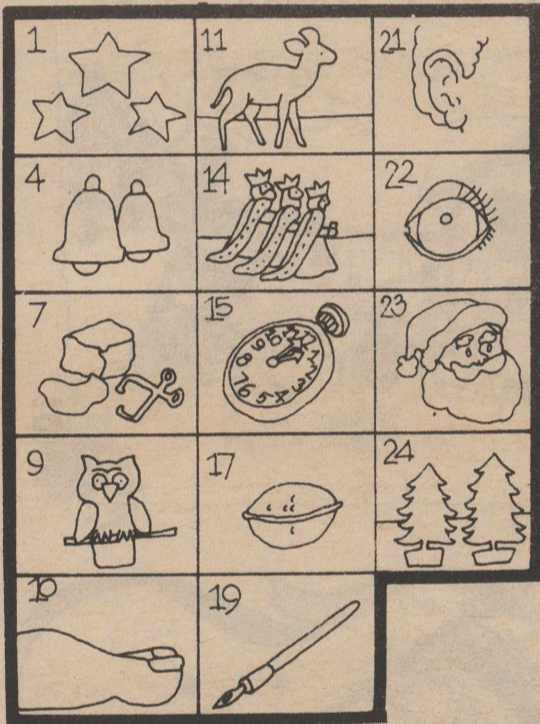
CHRISTMAS PICTURE CROSSWORDS

by Helen R. Sattler

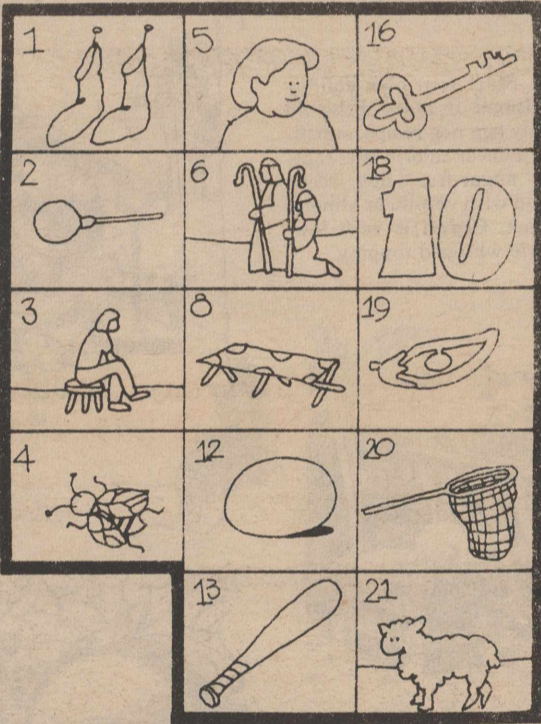
This is just like a regular crossword puzzle except it has pictures in place of definitions. To work the puzzle, print the names of pictured objects in their proper spaces above.



DOWN:



ACROSS:



Merry Christmas



May all good things come your way as you revel in the festivities of this special holiday. Thanks for your valued support!

Ettie Hubbard



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and
peace

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

**HURLEY
PHARMACY**

Larry, Darlene,
Sharon
Elmer & Janet

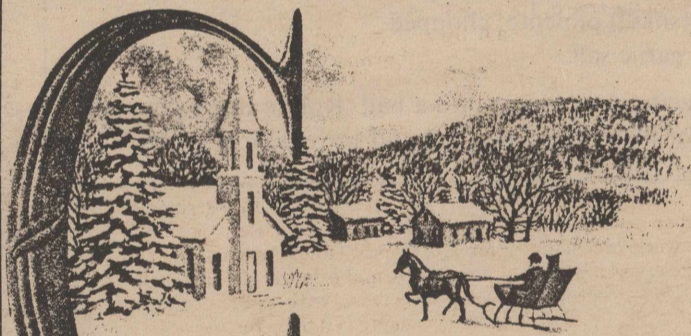


Merry
Christmas

The everlasting beauty of Christmas sparks the spirit of mankind- it is with thanks that we wish you a beautiful season.

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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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Helpful Tips

Champagne corks rocketing to the ceiling may seem festive, but bubbles and wine are lost. To prevent that, there is an easy way to open a bottle of sparkling wine. Here are some tips from Domaine Chandon, the Napa Valley sparkling winery and sister vintner to France's Moët & Chandon.



You can have a flair for opening champagne bottles.

- Place a napkin or towel over the bottle to prevent unplanned cork departures.
- Unwind and remove the wire hood.
- Grasp the cork (still covered with a napkin) in one hand and the bottle in the other. Tilting the bottle away from yourself and others at a 45 degree angle, and holding it close to your body, twist the bottle—NOT the cork.

As you turn the bottle, the pressure of the bubbles will start pushing the cork out. Keep a firm grip on the cork and gently let it ease itself out. If you keep resisting the pressure you won't get a loud popping sound, nor will you lose bubbles. The cork should come out with a discreet sigh, not a boisterous bang.

For more tips on sparkling wines and the free booklet: "A User's Guide to Sparkling Wine", write to Domaine Chandon, P.O. Box 2470, Yountville, Ca.94599.

Helpful Hints On Christmas Lighting

The shimmering lights of Christmas: They seem to symbolize the happiness and hope of this special season. For many, the season is officially ushered in with the lighting of the national Christmas tree in Washington.

Your Christmas tree may not be quite as magnificent as the tree that stands outside the White House, but choosing the right kind of lighting can certainly add to its beauty. Take these tips from an expert—Frank LaGiusa of the General Electric Company—who custom designs the lighting and decorations for the national Christmas tree each year:

- Plan ahead so you will have on hand the materials needed. To estimate how many standard lights your tree will require, multiply the height of the tree by the width by three. For instance a 6' by 4' tree x 3 = 72, requiring three sets of 25 lights.
- Always begin decorating a tree with lights and then add ornaments. Placing lights on the tree in a random pattern works well, but remember to step back from your work occasionally for a perspective view.
- Use a coordinated color scheme for a sophisticated look. Use complimentary colors such as red and gold, or blue and green.
- Multi-colored lights are among the most popular choices for home Christmas



The lights of Christmas shine on Christmas trees across the country.

tree lighting. Glow Bright from GE, for instance, gives a muted, soft effect while Cool Bright has a crisper, brighter look. Each uses five-watt bulbs. A more visually animated look is available with String-A-Long Sparkling Lights—a 35-light set featuring 17 miniature bulbs twinkling in random patterns, alternating with 18 steady burning bulbs to soften the effect.

- For the very creative, lights can be used to fashion personalized holiday items. Try wrapping an old cane with red and white stripes of lights to transform it into a candy cane. Another idea is to make large stylized holly leaves with green lights, using red ones for berries.
- To prevent light sets from becoming unplugged from each other, tie a simple overhand knot at each connection to securely hold sets together.



Recipe for Enriching Children

- 1 large snow-filled yard
- ½ dozen small children
- 2 or three dogs
- Pinch of wind
- Buckets of snow

Mix children and dogs together. Put into a yard; stirring constantly. Sprinkle wind over snow. Spread over all a beautiful winter sky.

When children are chilled, remove from the yard. Serve them warm milk or hot chocolate. Pamper them with loving care—and the heartfelt smiles that set in will be your enrichment and joy for always.

PECAN PIE

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup Karo light or dark corn syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 unbaked (9-inch) pastry shell

With fork slightly beat eggs. Stir in corn syrup, sugar, butter or margarine, and vanilla until well blended. Stir in pecans. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in 350°F oven 50 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean. Cool. Makes 1 (9-inch) pie.



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.

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 reenactment.

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

daughter of a Germanic chieftain is said to have offered a gold cup filled with wine to her host, with the words "Waes hael hlaforð Cýning," 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!

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 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.

Christmas Quotes

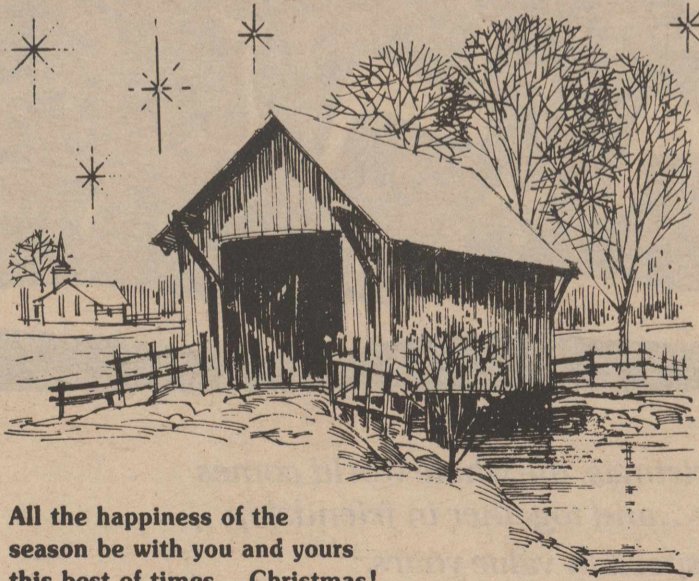
A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.
— Sir Walter Scott

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



Silent Night...
May peace, hope and love be in abundance this Christmas.
Hadley & Lee Richards

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



All the happiness of the season be with you and yours this best of times... Christmas!

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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.

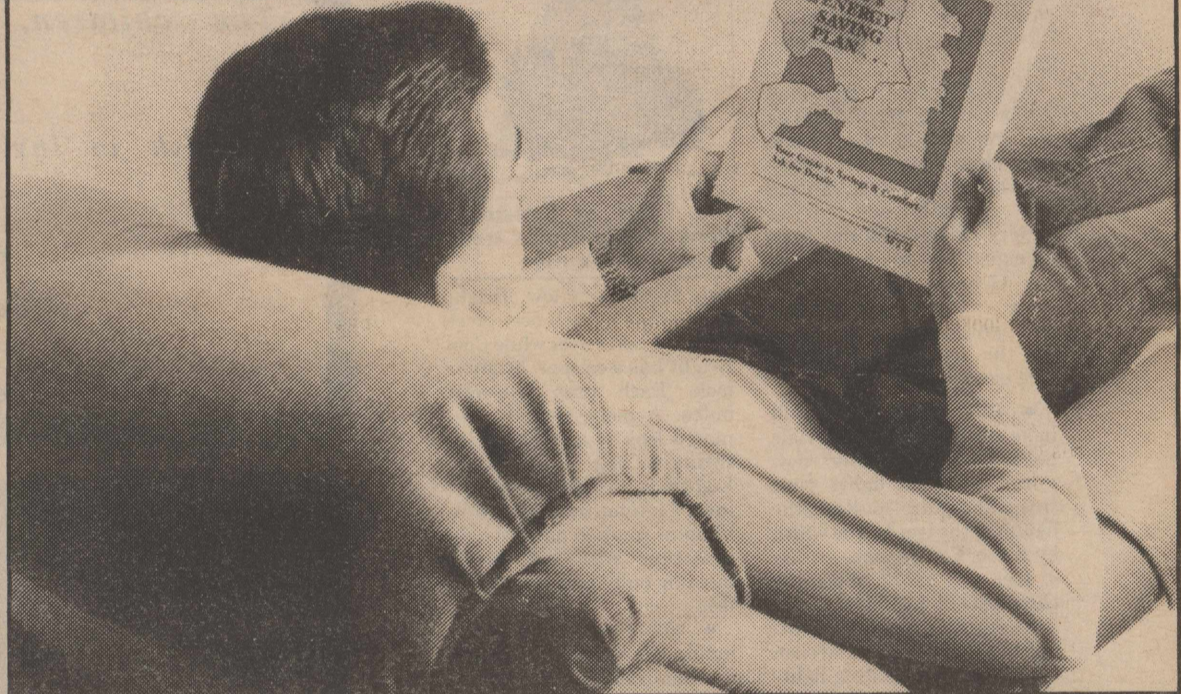
1. The Wise Men followed a _____ to Jesus.
2. A popular Christmas carol is called Jingle _____.
3. Jesus was born in _____.
4. Santa Claus wears a _____ suit.
5. Presents go under the Christmas _____.
6. Santa's sleigh is pull-

- ed by _____.
7. The mother of Jesus is _____.
8. The shepherds heard about the birth of Jesus from an _____.
9. Everyone exchanges _____ at Christmas.
10. 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.

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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 Dunder 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.

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.

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!"



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.

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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Boyd, Edwin, Otis,
and families.

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 Three (3) 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 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 trece de Octubre 1988, 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 para el proposito de elegir trece (3) directores para dicho distrito para servir un ermino de dos (2) anos del diez enero 1988, ye aparence a dichos directores del distrito que se aconseja para tener dicha eleccion en el dirzde enero 1989 el mismo es el 2nd Martes, en-

ero 1989, 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 do autoridad de los directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, dichos directores mandan que en el diez de enero 1989, en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, el condado de Coke, El estado de Texas, ena eleccion se tendra para el proposito de elegir trece (3) directores de dicho distrito.

Que los parajes donde se vota abra para la eleccion en el edificio Publico De L 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 dis 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 do Texas. Toda votas de esta eleccion sea de la balota, y votantes que se quiere votar por Directores del Distrito votara para tres (3) 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 President del distrito y uno (1) al secretario.

Noticia publica de este orden se dira por dpublicacion de esto en el Observer/Enterprise, un-periodico de

circulcion 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.

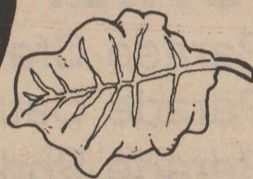
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Holiday Dips For Christmas

A Collection Of Distinctive Dips For Harried Holiday Hosts...



SPINACH DIP

- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 package (1.4 oz.) Knorr vegetable soup and recipe mix
- 1 can (8 oz.) water chestnuts, drained and chopped (optional)
- 3 green onions, chopped

Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes about 3 cups.

GINGER LIME DIP

- 1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons grated lime peel
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Serve with fruit. Makes about 1 cup.

BACON HORSERADISH DIP



- 1 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup real bacon bits
- 1/4 cup prepared horseradish

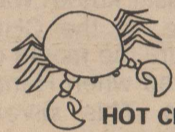
Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes about 2 cups.

CUCUMBER DILL DIP



- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise
- 2 medium cucumbers, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onions
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill or 1/2 teaspoon dried dillweed
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients until well mixed. Cover; chill. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.



HOT CRAB DIP

- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise
- 1 can (6 oz.) crabmeat, drained
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients until well mixed. Spoon into small ovenproof dish. Bake in 350°F oven 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Makes about 1 cup.



HOT ARTICHOKE DIP

- 1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 can (14 oz.) artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Spoon into small ovenproof dish. Bake in 350°F oven 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Makes about 2 cups.

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Food For The Needy

Those Robert Lee residents who wish to contribute to the food project for those less fortunate families in the community will find boxes for deposit at:

- Baker's Grocery
- Skinner's Grocery
- C & W Stores
- Super H
- T-Stop

Share in the Christmas Spirit of Giving!

'Hank' noted in magazine

[Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from the Cherokee Heritage Center's magazine. The Center is located in Oklahoma.]

Volunteers are often the forgotten heroes that make the programs of an institution work. They fill needs by providing badly needed services and skills that otherwise could not be afforded. This is the first of a series in which we will spotlight some of those who give so freely of their time and energy.

Nature provides us with many ways to mark the passing of time. The sun rises daily in the east, swallows return to San Juan Capistrano every year on the same date, Yellowstone's "Old Faithful" geyser erupts on regular intervals. The Cherokee Heritage Center (CHC) has its own, albeit lesser known way of noting time. At the CHC you can be sure the month of May has arrived when Henry Baker arrives. This silver-haired man, known to everyone as "Hank", is a retiree from the Sun Oil Company where he spent thirty-eight years performing a variety of tasks in the oil patch. He never thought of retirement as a time when one should quit working. Now his skills are used to help others.

Hank is a registered Cherokee through his mother's side of the family and has always been very proud of this ancestry. He joined the Cherokee National Historical Society in 1967, and has been a member ever since. His work as a volunteer began in 1975, when the Society's Executive Director, M.A. Hagerstrand, sent out a letter asking people to contribute equipment. Hank telephoned Hagerstrand and asked if he could use free labor instead. That offer was readily accepted and soon Hank arrived with his own tools, ready to work. Besides furnishing free labor, he paid his own travel and living expenses. As a worker he can out-perform those nearly sixty years his junior. He loves to "tinker and fiddle" and searches for bad pumps, clogged sewers, leaking gas lines, and carpentry projects with the same enthusiasm as a child on an Easter egg hunt.

This service Hank has pro-

vided over the years cannot be measured in dollars and cents. His presence has often eliminated the need for plumbers, carpenters, painters, etc. Still, there is only so much that one man can be expected to do and the summer season involves a great deal of preparation. Hank realizes this and recruited his own helpers. Now, a crew from east Texas joins him each spring. Finally, to complete the cycle of service, Hank has contributed artifacts to the museum's collections.

He is also very popular with the CHC staff. As a resident of the West Texas town of Robert Lee, Hank is familiar with "Tex-Mex" cooking. Each year he displays his culinary skills by preparing an echilada dinner. There are seldom any leftovers. As he prepares for departure, he tells everyone goodbye, swears that age has finally gotten the better of him and that he will not be back. So far, the only thing that ever kept him away was one year when he had two major operations. We look forward to seeing Hank next May.

Higgins elected to Angus Ass'n.

Steve & Ollie Higgins, Bronte, Texas, have been elected to membership in the American Angus Association, report Dick Spader, executive vice-president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with over 30,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 11 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U. S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U. S. consumption.

May friendships and peace be your greatest gifts this holiday time.



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Ground			
CHUCK	LB.		\$1.59
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CHILI	21 oz. can		99c
Parade Crackers	1# Box		59c
Parade Catsup	32 oz. bottle		89c
Parade Pork & Beans	15 oz. can	3 for	\$1.00
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BLACKEYE PEAS	1# Bag		49c
Pops Rite Pop Corn	2# Bag		89c
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Brawny Towels	Big Roll		73c
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