

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Christmas Festivities Fill The Air Before Holiday

Christmas is not far off and residents of the Robert Lee area have been busy with activities of the season. Children and others have been pleased with the things they have been doing the past week or so in making preparation for the big day which will be Sunday.

Since the special day falls on Sunday this year, most Robert Lee business firms and offices will close on Monday and have an extra holiday. Business will be resumed as usual on Tuesday, Dec. 27, by most firms.

A Christmas parade was held in Robert Lee last Saturday and Santa Claus made his annual visit to Coke

County. Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club held a Christmas open house Saturday to show off their new community center. Several business firms have held open house recently to add to the pleasure of their visitors before Christmastime.

### SCHOOL IS OUT

Classes at the Robert Lee School were dismissed Wednesday afternoon and students and teachers will have a holiday until Jan. 3 when classes will be resumed at the regular time. School activities will come to a standstill during the period.

### OBSERVER OUT EARLY

This week's Observer is being printed on Wednesday and will be placed in the mail on Thursday. Then it will be a holiday for the staff. The Observer office will be closed all next week and will take advantage of the holiday on Jan. 2. The office will be reopened on Tuesday, Jan. 3. It probably will be a little difficult to get out the Jan. 6 paper, but the staff will try extra hard to get everything together in one day. The cooperation of everyone will be greatly appreciated.

This week's Observer contains a large number of Christmas greeting ads and letters to Santa, and we hope our readers enjoy all of them.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

The staff of the Observer would like to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Special good wishes are hoped for all our advertisers and subscribers. Subscribers are terribly important, for without you there would be no point in our advertisers, the real life blood of any newspaper, to run ads.

As stated above, the same holidays will apply to next week for most business firms who will take off on Monday for the New Year's holiday, since it, too, comes on Sunday.



RENEA FLANNAGAN

## FFA Members Attend Banquet

Ten members of the Robert Lee FFA Chapter attended the Concho District FFA Banquet in Eldorado, Wednesday evening, Dec. 14. Members attending were the following: Joel Perci-full, Edwin Wilson, Steven Ray, Dubby Bosworth, Mike Wilkes, Clay Allen, Buddy Wallace, Mark Riley, Kerry Gartman and Renea Flannagan. Renea competed in the Concho District FFA Sweetheart Contest as she represented the Robert Lee FFA Chapter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Flanagan.

District Leadership Banners were presented and the Robert Lee Chapter received a first in Jr. Farm Skill, second in Farm Radio, Second in Sr. Chapter Conducting, and a third in Sr. Farm Skill. The Chapter also received a plaque for its work in Building Our American Communities, and a certificate for having a superior Chapter rating for its activities last year.

## LIONS HAVE CROWD FOR OPEN HOUSE

The open house which was held Saturday at the new Robert Lee-Silver Community Center was termed a big success. More than 100 persons registered and a great many more attended who did not register.

Door prizes going to the lucky persons whose names were drawn included digital watches to Kathy Post and Emma-lee Prentice and a flip flop game to Steven Gray.

Floral decorations for the occasion were furnished by Dawn Floral.

## Annex Building Suffers Defeat

The balloting held last Friday to determine if Coke County citizens were in favor of building an annex building on the courthouse square in Robert Lee was voted down 466-341. The referendum was rejected by voters in four of the county's six voting precincts.

Boxes in Robert Lee went in favor of the proposition, while the two at Bronte and the ones at Green Mountain and Tennyson were not in favor.

Vote by boxes:

Box	For	Against
Prec. 1 (Rec. Hall, R.L.)	201	57
Prec. 2 (City Hall, Bronte)	14	181
Prec. 3 (Courthouse, R.L.)	98	28
Prec. 4 (Tennyson School)	2	33
Prec. 5 (Depot, Bronte)	13	138
Prec. 9 (Pecan Church)	13	29

A total of 807 votes were cast.

The proposition voted on would have given the Coke County Commissioner's Court the go ahead to spend Federal Revenue Sharing money and issue time warrants to construct a building which would have housed federal government offices and the Coke County Library.

## Loss of Ambulance Service A Very Serious Matter

(An Editorial)

The voters of Coke County were rather loud and clear in their rejection last Friday of the construction of an annex building for the courthouse.

Perhaps it's just as well that the matter was voted down, and perhaps the opinion of the rank and file of our citizens is the wisest for the good of all of us.

Another matter is facing citizens of the county that probably is of much more importance to everyone.

That matter is the question of providing ambulance service for our citizens.

Gary Shaffer has announced that for reasons of economy he will quit operating his ambulance service on Jan. 15. Shaffer, like everybody else who has tried to provide ambulance service, is faced with government requirements and regulations which make the operation completely unfeasible. Like so many other areas of our lives, we have allowed, and are continuing to allow, government regulations to price us out of the things we need.

Shaffer has a problem. His predecessors had problems. In spite of token help from the county, the operation of the ambulance service is a losing proposition. For example, Shaffer told us that an accounting for 2½ months showed he lost approximately \$1400 during the period.

That's too much to ask of any businessman.

In addition to the monetary loss, regulations make it impossible for him to have any personal freedom. In other words, if he is going to operate an ambulance service, he has to be on the job all the time.

It all boils down to the fact that we need to find a solution to this problem.

The county, the Cities of Bronte and Robert Lee and the West and East Coke County Hospital Districts all should be interested in working on the problem and should make every effort to cooperate and work out the problem.

Our conversations with Shaffer show that he is very interested in helping any way he can. A sitting down and talking session is imperative and we should get right to it.

## Jan. 9 Is Date For Stock Show

The annual Coke County Livestock Show is planned for Monday, Jan. 9, at the County Show Barn in Robert Lee. The rules of the show call for entries to arrive at the show barn Sunday afternoon, and be ready for exhibition and judging on Monday morning.

Judging of breeding hogs will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by judging of other animals during the day and the annual auction sale which will begin at 3 p.m.

County Extension Agent Sterling Lindsey said this week that he and officials of the Coke County Livestock Association are expecting another successful show this year. The number of entries and the number of buyers at the auction sale continue to grow each year, and those in charge feel the success of the show are a good indication of the healthy condition of the livestock industry in Coke County.

Everyone is invited to plan to attend the show.

Show catalogs have been printed and distributed to all prospective exhibitors and buyers.



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### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl and Mrs. Craig & Mrs. Mathers have been good and my Kindergarten friends too.  
Will you bring me a "Baby Come Back" and a baby carriage. I want a tractor so he can get the dirt out of where the grass is. Mama needs a glass-- just any kind.  
Bye Bye,  
Tracy Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want a telephone to play with, a marching Mickey Mouse and a buggy. Rosa wants a necklace Please bring my brothers something nice and a pair of slippers for Mommy. Bring Daddy a billfold with some money in it. I would like some gloves for Grandma and that's all.

I love you,  
Lisa Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
One Baby Alive I want, one football, one jump-rope, one monkey and one kitty. I need some gloves to keep my hands warm and a T.V. And I want a ball. Goodbye from--

Veronica Salazar

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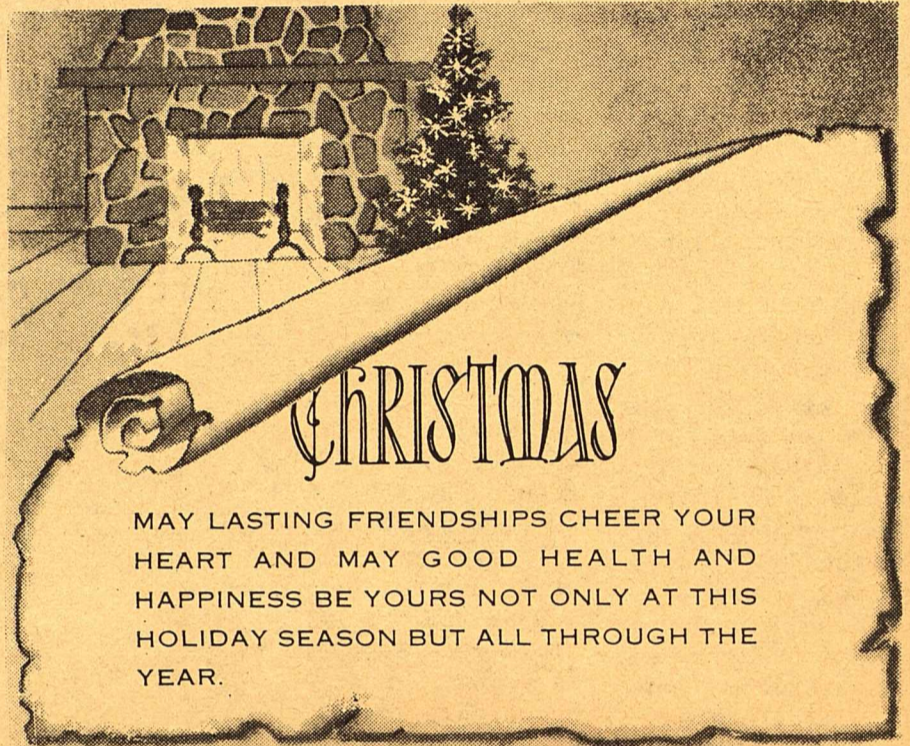
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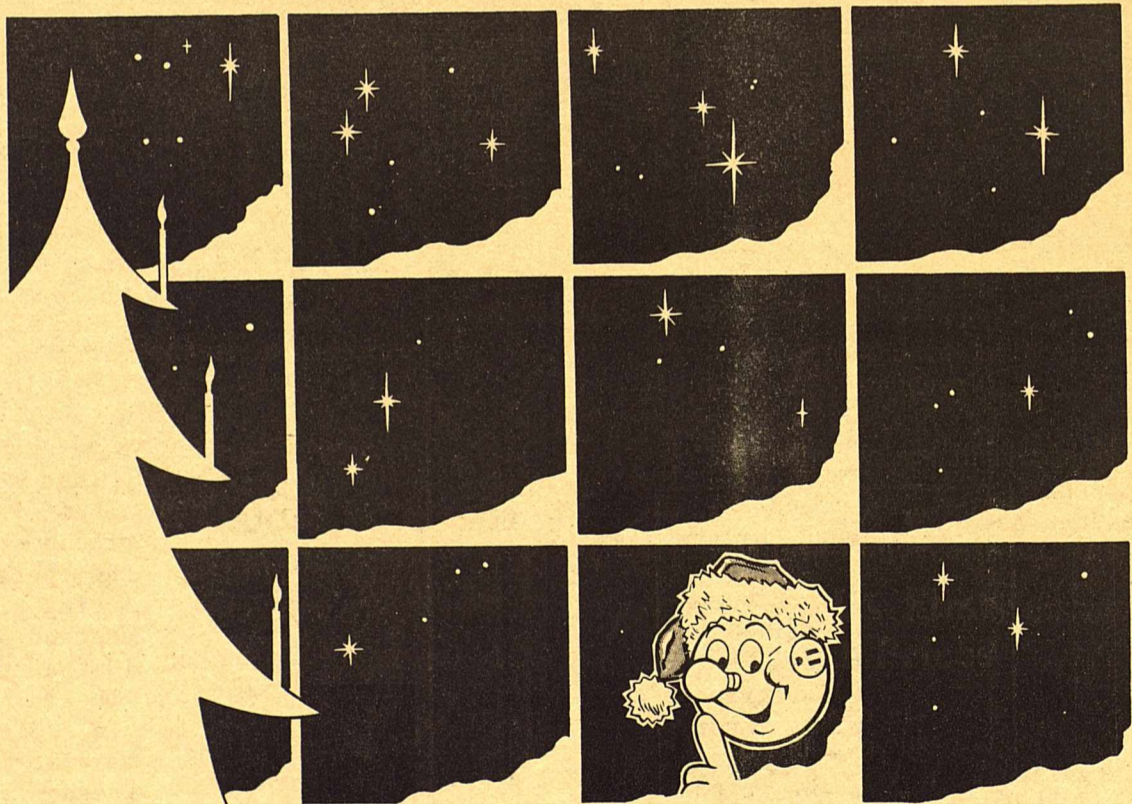
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## Merry Christmas



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# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year.  
And I am eight years old and in the third grade.  
I am a girl and I have a sister.  
Would you please bring food for the hungry children?  
I would like to have a watch, bracelet with my name on it and a baton.  
Love,  
Becky Clendennen

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year. Im looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve I can hardly wait until Christmas gets here. I am eight years old I am in third grade. I am a boy I have two brothers, and three sisters, help boys, and girls, that want food and clothes. Will you please get me some toys. I want a bicycle and a car racing set electric football game.  
I love you,  
Isaias Rodriquez

Dear Santa,  
When you come down the chimney I hope you don't hurt yourself. My stocking is red. I want a middle-sized blue bicycle and a skate board and roller skates. I want a baby doll that wets, drinks, walks and talks. Maybe I had better have some diapers too. I want Baby Needs You. I want a large blue bicycle for Daddy and a skillet for Mother. Just give Brent some trucks. I'll leave you some cookies and milk and you can take a nap in the rocking chair.  
I love you,  
Tiffany

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

*peace good will toward men*



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Dear Santa Claus,  
Im looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve.  
I have been good this year.  
I am a girl in third grade.. I am eight years old.  
I have one brother and one sister.  
First I wish for clothes and food for other children.  
Second I hope you can bring me a Baby this n that, shoe skates and a Baby Buggy with a flat bottom and a hood that raises up and down.  
I Love you.  
Love,  
Nikki Epperson

Dear Santa Chaus,  
I'm looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I am a Boy eight yours old. I want a car racing set and Kicker Bocker.  
From  
Pammy Millican

P.S. At the Christmas parade Brent is going to be a Santa and I am going to be an elf.

# NOEL



"Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a YEAR of HAPPY DAYS!"

Charlene's Beauty Shop  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year. I am eight and in third grade. I want electric football game and a Kickerboker and car racing set.  
Love,  
Eddie Lara

Dear Santa,  
Happy Christmas Santa! What I want for Christmas is a new guitar and an Iceberg that makes snowcones. I've really been wanting a Milky Cow. You know you pump its tail to make it drink then you milk it. For my sister I want a Betty Crocker Baker Oven and a new lamp for Mother and Daddy 'cause Tracy and I broke one they had. Tracy wants a record player, but she will tell you. That's all.  
See you Christmas,  
Benny Boykin

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year. I am eight years old. I am in third grade. I am a boy.  
I want this Santa Claus horse blanket, kick-erbocker, racing set \$90.  
love  
Jerry Baugh

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christ I would like for you to bring me a moving on truck.  
Thank you very much.  
Luve,  
Julian Torres

Dean Samta Claus.  
I'm looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I am ten years old. I am in a third grade. I am a girl. I want makeup mannequin and Rub-a-Rub Doll and hula-hoop.  
I Love you  
Santa Claus,  
Sally Ann Torres

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year.  
I am nine and I am a girl.  
For others: food and clothes.  
I want a Baby That-away and a-makeup mannequin and a Rub a dub Doll Baby this'n That.  
by Rosa Ybarra

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Stretch Armstrong and a ributon set, and a tool set. Thank you very much. I Love you,  
Santa.  
Love,  
Wesley Brian Hood



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### Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,  
I want to say thank you for the presents. I want a skate board, an Iceberg, and roller skates. I don't know what my family wants. Thats all,  
Rochelle Jones

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a football, operation game, stretch armstrong, stretch Monster. Thank you very much. I love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Michael Oliver

Daer Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Stretch Armstrong, Stretch Monster, Bar-bells and a catseye. Thank you very much. I Love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Bryan Kelly Tomlinson



**Best Wishes**

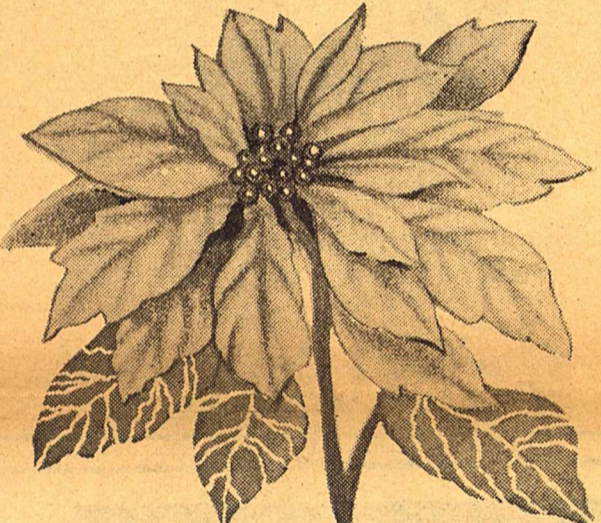


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GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR

*Christmas*

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### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. I'm eight years old. I'm in third grade. I'm a boy.

First I want to ask for others food, clothes for the world.

May I have Sizzler 2, electric football game, quick change machine.

I love you,  
Shane Smith

Dear Santa Claus,  
I can hardly wait till Christmas gets here. I am a girl and I am eight years old and in the third grade.

Here is what I want for Christmas

1. makeup mannequin
2. shoe skates
3. hula-hoop

Love always  
Sherrie Fulkerson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year. I'm eight years old. I'm a girl. People need clothes. I want a Baby Alive, Bracelet, Baby This and that.

Love,  
Kristi Aldridge

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this year and I am nine years old and in third grade and I am a girl. I have one sister and I want Baby Alive and makeup mannequin. You drive it!

Love  
Eliza Graza

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a skateboard, gauchos, records, gauchos. Thank you very much. I love you, Santa.

Love,  
Rachel Metcalf

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Baby Dotaway, Walking Aunie. Thank you very much. I love you, Santa.

Love,  
Tracy Hubbard

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Walking Auntie, By-Lo Baby, gaucho boots, and a Farrah glamour set. Thank you very much.

I love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Kristi Wrinkle

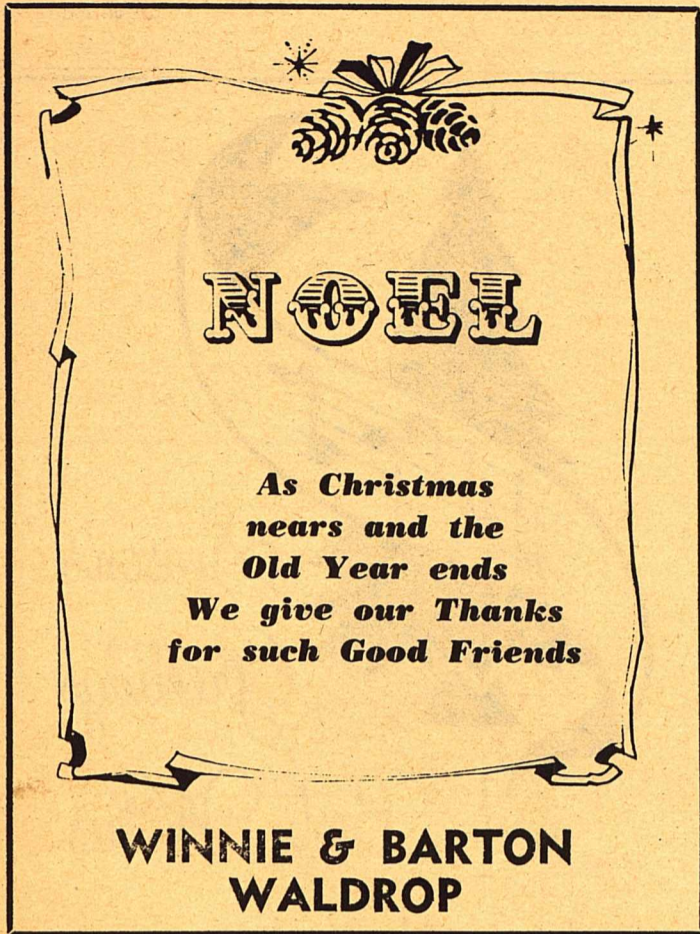
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a record player, table and chairs, a Baby Alive and some doll clothes. Thank you very much. I Love you, Santa.

Love,  
Tracy Lynn Boykin

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll, pong game, air-hockey, and

skateboard. Thank you very much. I Love you, Santa.

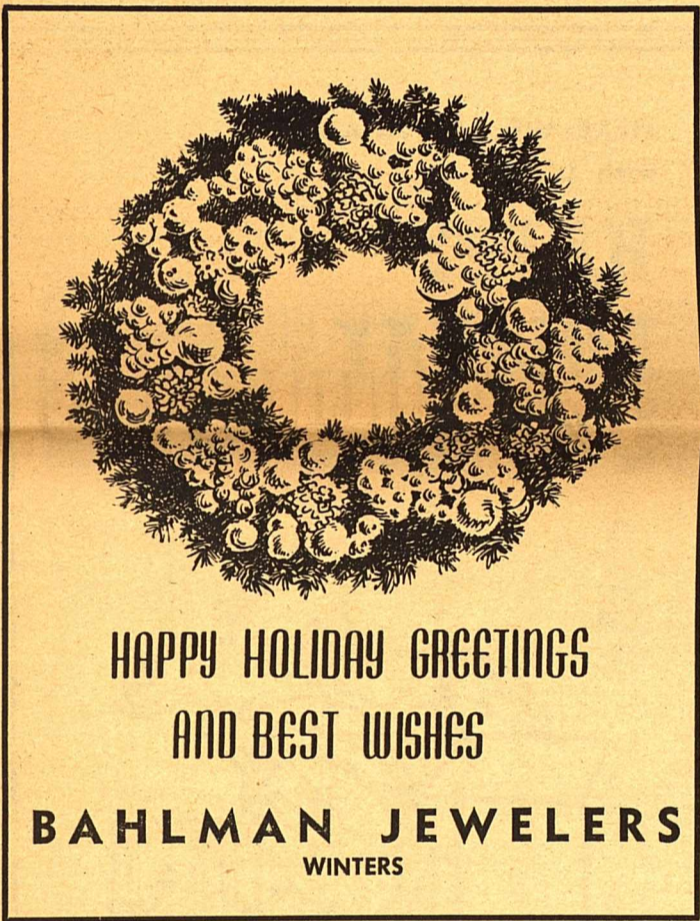
LOVE,  
Michelle Jones



**NOEL**

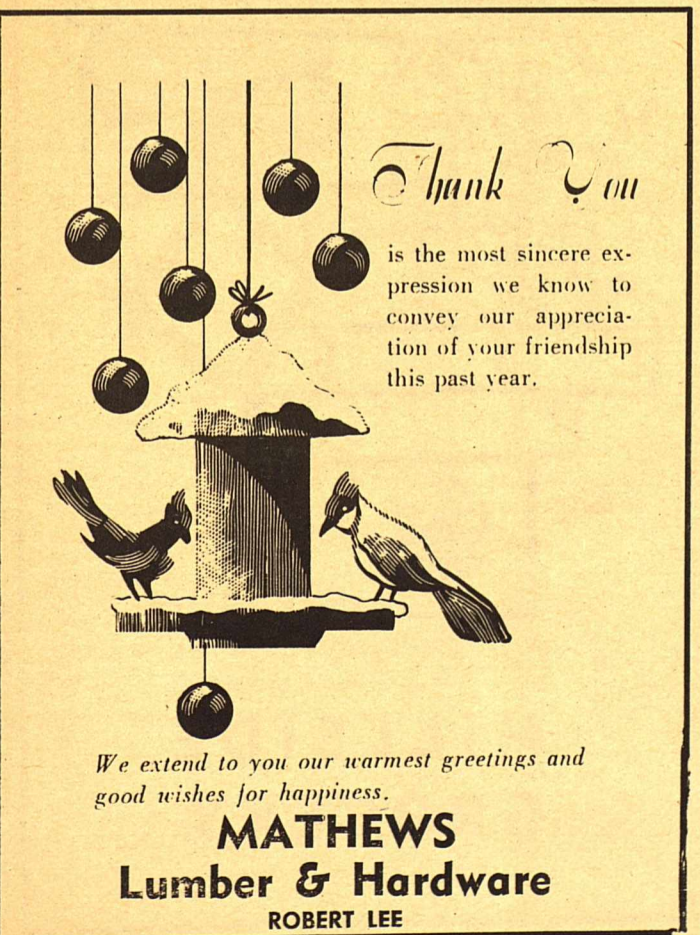
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nears and the  
Old Year ends  
We give our Thanks  
for such Good Friends*

**WINNIE & BARTON  
WALDROP**



**HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
AND BEST WISHES**

**BAHLMAN JEWELERS**  
WINTERS

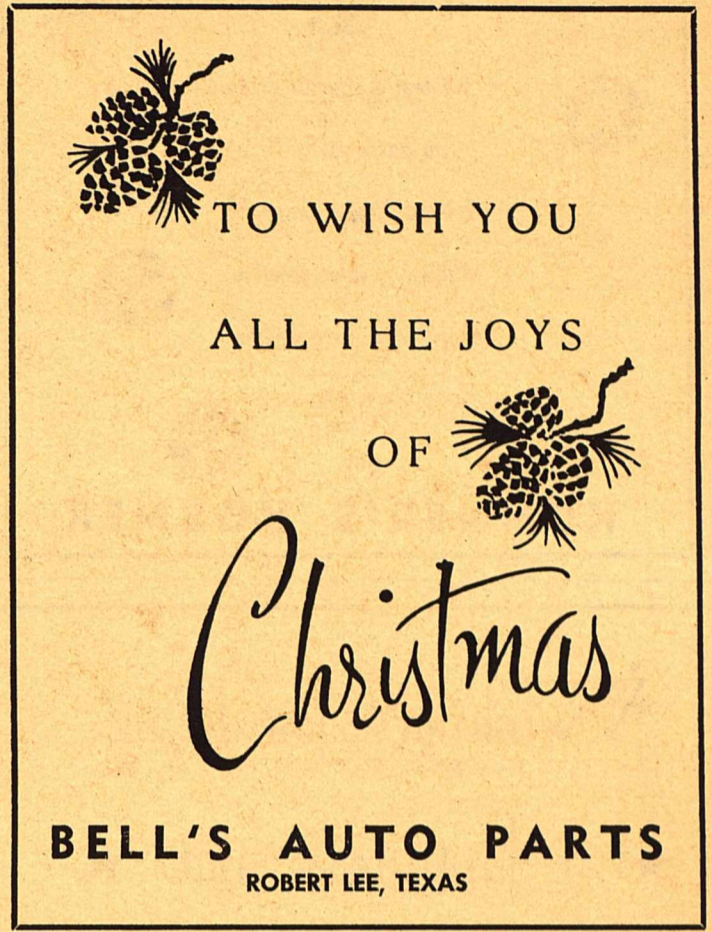


*Thank You*

is the most sincere expression we know to convey our appreciation of your friendship this past year.

*We extend to you our warmest greetings and good wishes for happiness.*

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ALL THE JOYS

OF

*Christmas*

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**BEST WISHES!** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAY ALL OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE WINDOWS** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN YOUR HOME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALWAYS GLOW** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITH HAPPINESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**BEYOND MEASURE** \_\_\_\_\_

*Best Wishes*

**BRYAN CONCRETE  
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*Holiday Greetings*



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friendship's warmth  
within ... when greeting  
those who have helped  
us along our business



way.

**KONNER'S KORNER**

**Letters To Santa Claus**

Dear Santa,  
What do like to eat?  
I will leave some cookies and Koolaid. I want a play typewriter and an Iceberg and I want a reading book. My Baby Alive is already under my tree. I want a play piano. I want something for my mommy and something for my daddy and a big bicycle for my big sister. That's all.

I love you,  
Theopa Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you Santa and I love you. What do you do with Rudolph or is that really Rudolph pulling your sleigh? Is it cold where you live? I share things my friends in Kindergarten. Will you bring me Iceberg, a baby that walks and crawls and thas a heart that really does beat. That makes two dollies. I want a play typewriter. I want Bobby a little truck, Mama a new purse, and Daddy a new billfold. I also want something for my baby kitty cats. I want one little fish for the baby, baby kitty. Two more little fishes for the big one. Thank you,  
Brooke Boone

Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa, I want a farm house with horses and cows and sheep and goats and pigs. How about a bucking horse with a cowboy on it. I need chickens and roosters and baby chicks, some black panthers and a fence to go around the farm. Get Tommy a skate board, he love them and Tony loves dolls. Tony can't ride a skate board, so she needs skats to buckle on. Daddy would love a real 22 gun. And for Mom, let's see, she would love Bretts hair spray. Dear Santa, I love you,  
Jack Waylan Bryant

"Traveling in the company of those we love is home in motion."  
Leigh Hunt



*Season's Greetings and Best Wishes*

Jessie N. Yarbrough

*Wishing You Peace*

★ *Happiness and* ★

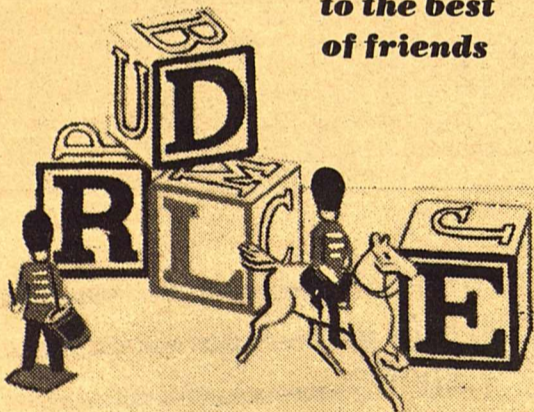
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*Spirit of Christmas*

Thelma & George Lomas

**Happy Holidays**

*to the best of friends*



**West Coke County Hospital District**

**There is no time like Christmas**

We wish you a Christmas filled with brightness and abundance.

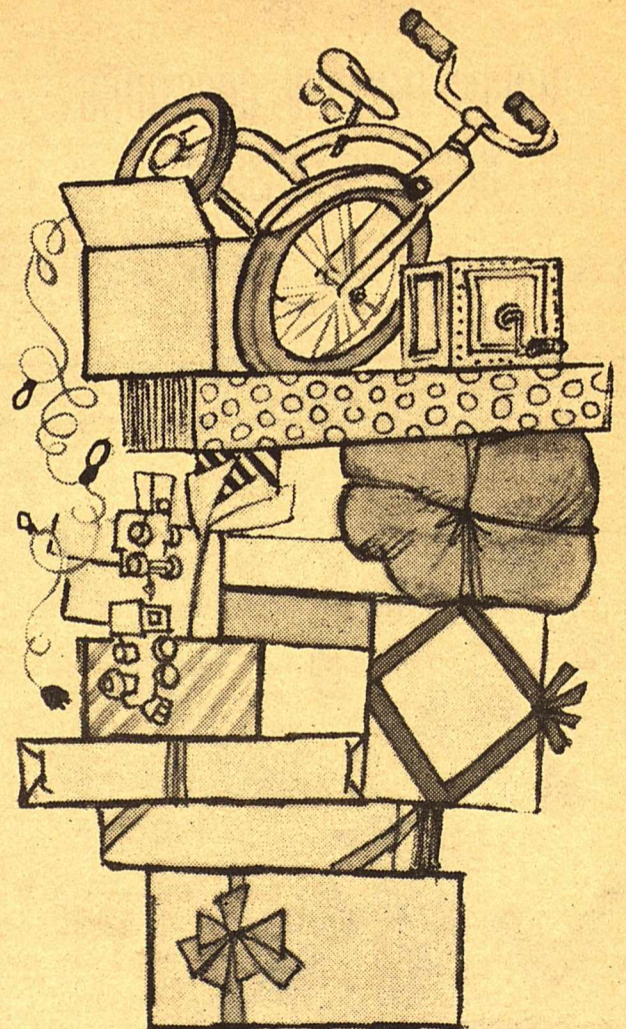


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Wishes for YOU!



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### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,  
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mother and daddy.  
I love you  
Sally Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl six years old. I am in the first grade. I am good. For Christmas I want a real baton and I want a Type writer, Show cone mashen, ge Anda.

Erica Clendennen

Dear Santa,  
Where do you take all those toys? When are you my house and talk with me? I want you to talk with my little brother when you come. Are you still at Santa Clause Square? Do you have a house? Where are your reindeer? Do you have any control cars left for me? Are you going to see Mrs. Mathers and Mrs. Craig? I want you to bring them a necklace and a ring for Kim and a necklace for Mother. I want a bicycle for Christopher so he can ride when he gets big, a big, real gun for Kane. For my Daddy, a red car--a real one. A ring and necklace for Luan. I want a real dog for my grandfather and grandmother in Buffalo. Ming needs a balloon. I want my little brother Ming for to have a book to write in and a book to read. Santa, can you bring all this? I hope so.

I love you,  
Tung Do

P.S. Do you love all of us in our family?

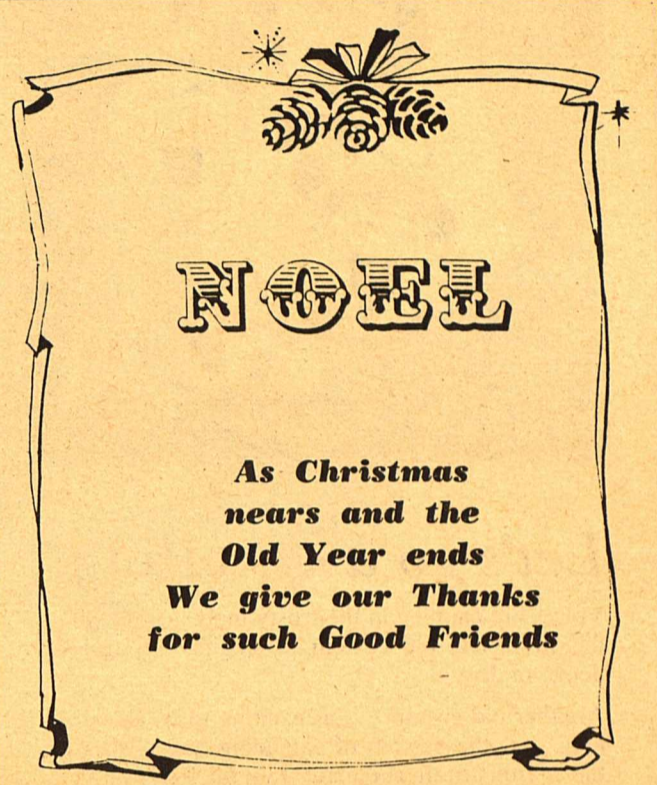
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a baton. And a Baby Alive and a record

player.  
Thank you very much.  
I love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Sandy Torres



Time to say  
*Greetings of the Season*  
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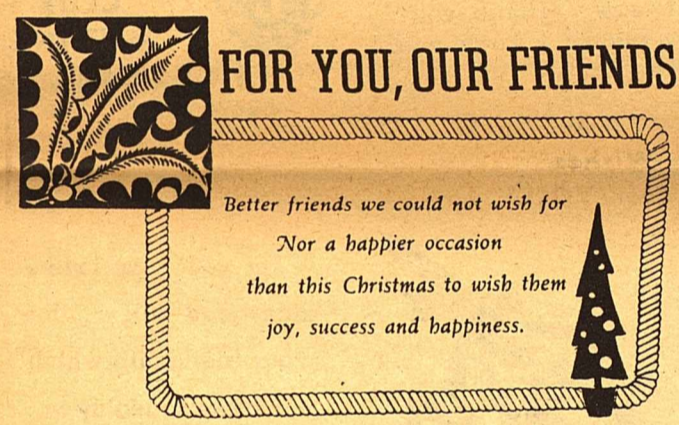
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**NOEL**

*As Christmas nears and the Old Year ends  
We give our Thanks for such Good Friends*

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**FOR YOU, OUR FRIENDS**

*Better friends we could not wish for  
Nor a happier occasion  
than this Christmas to wish them  
joy, success and happiness.*

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Flanagan  
And Renea

Dear Santa,  
I want a doggie like the one Tung has and a cat too. I want real one and they won't fight because I will tell them not to or else I'll move them. Also I want reindeer like yours Santa, and a bell like the one in our room. And a Christmas tree from your sack, some little animals. That's all I need. Thanks and I love you.

Paul Abbott

Dear Santa,  
I sure do love you. I want to tell you that my mother loves you too and my daddy loves you too. I want a toy. I would like to have a little horse and a bicycle. I want a toy house and some blocks like we have in Kindergarten. I need a telephone and thats all.


Bye,  
Pilo Saucedo



*Sincere Good Wishes*

May there come to you at this Christmas time all the precious things of life.

**ROADRUNNER GROCERY**



May the Peace of Christmas be with you for all time to come.

**BESSIE WALKER**



On this day when we gather together to celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child, let us be grateful for all the things we have enjoyed during the past year and thank God for his blessings.

**Maurice & Jo Nell Yarbrough**



Let's go a-carolling!

Voices are chiming in the frosty night... enjoying the wonderful old custom of singing the ageless Songs of Joy.

Another old custom... as exciting to us as carolling... is the custom of extending best wishes of the season to all our many faithful friends.

SKINNER'S GROCERY & STATION JIM AND GEANETTE

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Dallas Cowboy football suit, with all the pads, and a GE singalong, and cleats. Thank you very much. I Love you, Santa.

Love, Robert Runnion

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good Girl. I hope you come to my house. I'm eight years old. I'm in the third grade. Please send other People things that they need too.

Please bring the Sunshine Family barnyard and Granparents to, Super star bardy Face Weebles tree house.

Love, Debbie Flowers

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year.

I am a boy and in the third grade but before I go any farther my sister wants a rub-a-dub dolly tug boat shower. I want everbody to have food and clothing, and I want a Quick Change Machine, Kickerbocker, Evel Kneivel sky cycle.

Love Rickey Drennan

Dear Santa I have been good. Plesse bring me a green machine. LOVE Randy Long

Dear Santa Claus, I am eight years old and in the third grade. I am a boy. I have been good this year. I wish others to have food and cloth and wish I could have a Wilson NFL football. a kickerbocker. quick change machine.

With all Love Jeff Meyers

Im looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve.

I can hardly wait until Christmas gets here.

I'm ten. I'm in the third grade. I'm a boy.

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love Noal Smith

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Love, Stevie Dewain Ebenstein

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Baby Alive, chairs, skateboard, and Baby-that-away. Thank you very much. I love you, Santa.

Love, Debra Bell

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy six years old. I am in the frst grade. I am good. For Christma as I want. Kicking tee annd a walkie-talkie. thank you Clint Smith

Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl seven years old. I am in the first grade. I am good. For Christmas want a doll and a bike. and a baby alibe.

Thank you Maria Salazar

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy six years old I am in the first grade. I am good. For Christmas I want mini-bike to walkie-talkie grum an stick.

Thank you Mark Valdez

Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl seven years old. I am in the first grade. Am good. For Christmas I want Doll.

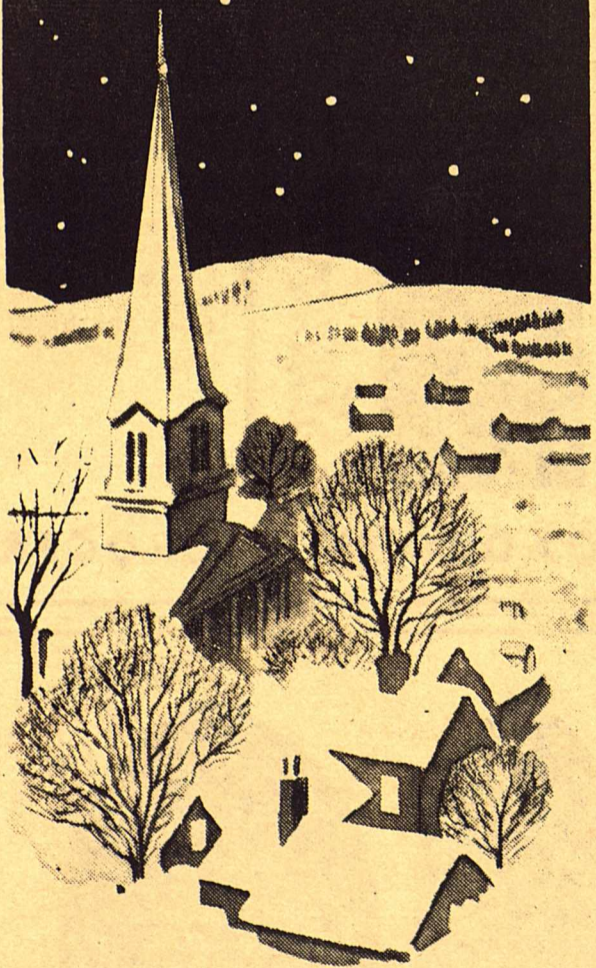
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**ALPHA OMICRON NU HAS HOLIDAY PARTY**

Alpha Omicron Nu sorority met for its annual Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the home of Sheri Millican. The members met for their regular business meeting before exchanging their Christmas gifts with their Secret Sisters.

Lana Clendennen, treasurer, brought a request from the Arthritis Foundation for the group to help with the San Angelo Telethon on Sunday, Feb. 26. The sorority voted to do this, and Donna Bailey volunteered to be chairman.

Gayle Bolding, service chairman, discussed a Christmas food pounding for the sorority's grandparents. The sorority voted to get a nice hen and each member bring two staple goods for this pounding. These were presented to the Capps' on Dec. 21.

Future events of the sorority feature the Ritual of Jewels presentation to be held Jan. 4, in the home of Gayle Bolding, and a white elephant sale along with our Spring Rush to be held Jan. 18 in the home of Lynne McIver.

The members of AON want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

**HOSPITAL NEWS**

The following admissions and dismissals were reported by the West Coke County Hospital:

Dec. 5: No admissions. Richard Anderson dismissed.

Dec. 6: Lottie Bagley and Jamie Alley admitted. Anna Mae Benningfield dismissed.

Dec. 7: Josie Sims admitted. Lillie Gaines dismissed.

Dec. 8: Vida Peays admitted. Jamie Alley and Maggie Andress dismissed.

Dec. 9: Debra Baker and Ora Eubanks admitted. No dismissals.

Dec. 10: Iva Duncan, Michall Kitchell, and Thomas Duncan admitted. Ora Eubanks, Alton Phillips and Gladys Wright dismissed.

Dec. 11: Kaylen Fowler, Josh Johnson, newborn Brandy Fowler admitted.

Debra Baker and Vernon Ramsey dismissed.

Dec. 12: Finnell Smith and Ollie M. Pierce admitted. Mary Pruitt and Eugene Brooks dismissed.

Dec. 13: No admissions. Clarence Mitchell dismissed.

Dec. 14: Alma Adkins and Lora Fields admitted. Kaylen Fowler and Brandy Fowler dismissed.

Dec. 15: No admissions. Finnell Smith, Ollie M. Pierce and Lula Brown dismissed.

Dec. 16; Debbie Proa, Anthony Dwayne Walker, new born, Alta Bilbo admitted. Vida Peays, Iva Duncan, Michael Kitchell, and Alma Adkins dismissed.

Dec. 17: Hilario Rodriguez admitted. Ella Suddeth dismissed.

Dec. 18: Ida Lee Ellis and Lillian Desma Walker admitted. Josie Sims dismissed.

Dec. 19: Bernice Roberts admitted. Josh Johnson, Debbie Proa, and Anthony Dwayne Proa dismissed.



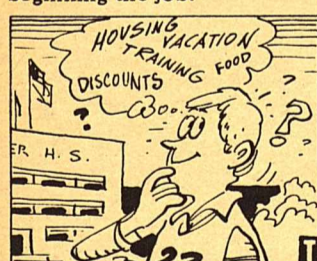
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# Robert Lee Girls, Wall Boys Champs at Tournament

The Robert Lee girls and the Wall boys took the big championship trophies at the Robert Lee varsity tournament held last weekend. Wall girls and Sterling City boys took second place while Eola girls and Christoval boys took third place. Consolation winners were Bronte boys and girls.

## GIRLS GAMES

In the girls bracket, Robert Lee took a 78-24 win from Water Valley. Stella Bickley was high pointer with 26; Vicki Gartman had 16; Karen Rasco 15; Lisa Devoll 8; Kelly Percifull 6; Cindy Ash 5; Debbie Askins 2.

In their second game the girls took a whopping win from Paint Rock, 103-37. Devoll was high pointer with

29; Bickley 26; Rasco 25; Gartman 2; Percifull 2.

The girls took a close 55-50 win from Wall in the championship game. Gartman was high with 23; Devoll had 22; Bickley hit for 10.

## BOYS GAMES

The Steers won their opening game with Water Valley, 43-31. Micky Baker was high man with 13; Kerry Gartman had 12; Brett Clark 8; David Lackey 6; Danny Abalos 2; Mark Riley 2.

Sterling City and Robert Lee met in the second round of the tournament and the visitors won 55-40. Gartman was high pointer with 17; Baker 9; Riley 7; Clark 5; Vic Conner 2.

In their final game of the tourney, Chris-

toval took a narrow 63-59 win from the Steers. Gartman was high with 20; Baker had 18; Clark 12; Riley 5; Lackey 4.

## MONDAY NIGHT

Robert Lee teams went to Bronte Monday night and made a clean sweep in games with their A and B boys teams and A girls team.

The Steer A team took a 53-43 win from their hosts. Scoring were Baker with 21; Gartman 13; Clark 11; Riley 8. The boys B team also came out on top of a 35-30 score. Making points were Michael Dumas 17; Edwin Wilson 6; Joel Percifull 3; Wes Sawyer 3; Steven Ray 2; Lynn Gulley 2; Kevin Roe 2.

The girls also had an easy win over the Bronte lassies, taking the game 61-36. Scoring were Bickley 28; Gartman 18; Devoll 14; Renea Flanagan 6; Rasco 6.

The teams will complete basketball play until after Christmas when they hit the road Tuesday night. The boys A and B teams will go to Junction and the girls A and B teams will travel to Sonora.

First action after the holidays will be Jan. 3 when Menard will come here for boys A and B games and for a girls A team contest.

Robert Lee's B team tournament is scheduled for Jan. 5, 6 and 7.

## Birthday Party For Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Eula Smith, long time Coke County resident, will be honored Friday, Dec. 23, with a birthday party at the new recreation hall in Robert Lee. Her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Finnell Smith, will host the party beginning at 7 p.m. in honor of her 88th birthday.

All of Mrs. Smith's friends are invited to come by for the gala occasion. She has particularly asked that no gifts be brought.

Mrs. Smith has lived in Coke County for the past 50 years. She and her late husband, L.E. Smith, were engaged in the ranching business until his death in 1967. She attended college at Clarendon and Tarleton State before her marriage.

Mrs. Smith has two sons, Finnell Smith of Robert Lee and James Smith of Guymon, Okla., and one daughter, Eula Fay Blair of Robert Lee.

## Jr. High Teams Down Veribest

The Robert Lee Junior High basketball teams were hosts to Veribest Monday night and took couple of victories. The girls won by a big margin of 43-9, while the boys game was a bit closer but the Dogies did take a 34-22 win.

Scoring for the girls were Leigh Ann Runion with 8; Delight English 7; Mary Galvan 6; Martha Bickley 6; Dee Anna Key 4; Amy Percifull 4; Barbara Pierce 4; Brenda Gray 2; Sarah de la Pena 2.

Making points for the Dogies were Darren Williams with 9; Buck Duncan 6; Scott Long 6;

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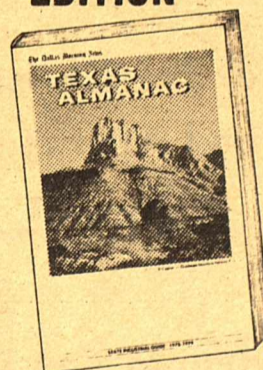


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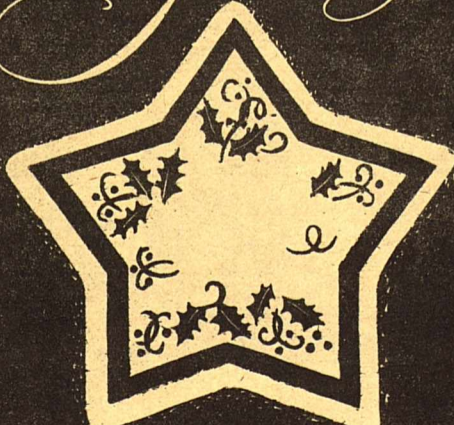
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and girls food, clothes  
or more. I would like  
a Baby Alive, a makeup  
mannequin, Tuboat  
Shower for Rub-a-dub  
Doll.

Love,  
Kim Do

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good this  
year.

1. I am eight yeares  
old, I am a boy.
2. for others. clothes,  
food.
3. for Christmas I  
want a electric foot-  
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Love  
Scott Robertson

Dear Santa,  
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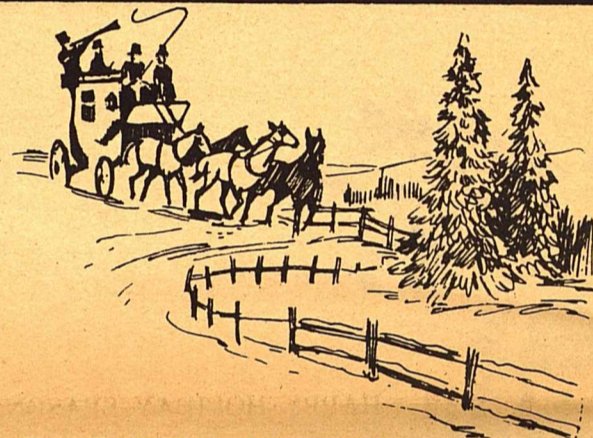
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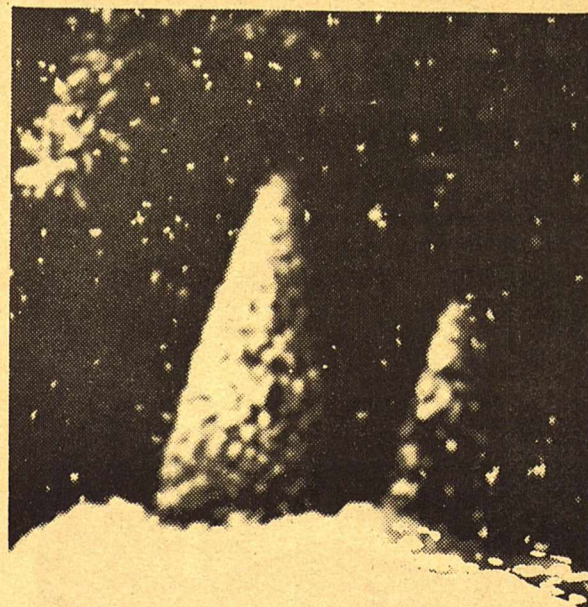
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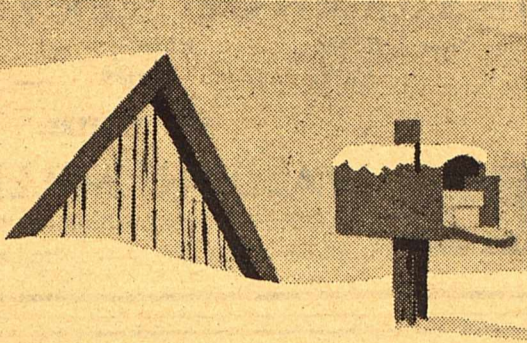
Dear Santa Claus

I have been good this year. I am a girl and I am eight years old and in the third grade. Help boys and girls that need food and

clothes.

Santa if you can please bring me a hula-hoop, a pair of skates. And that is all.

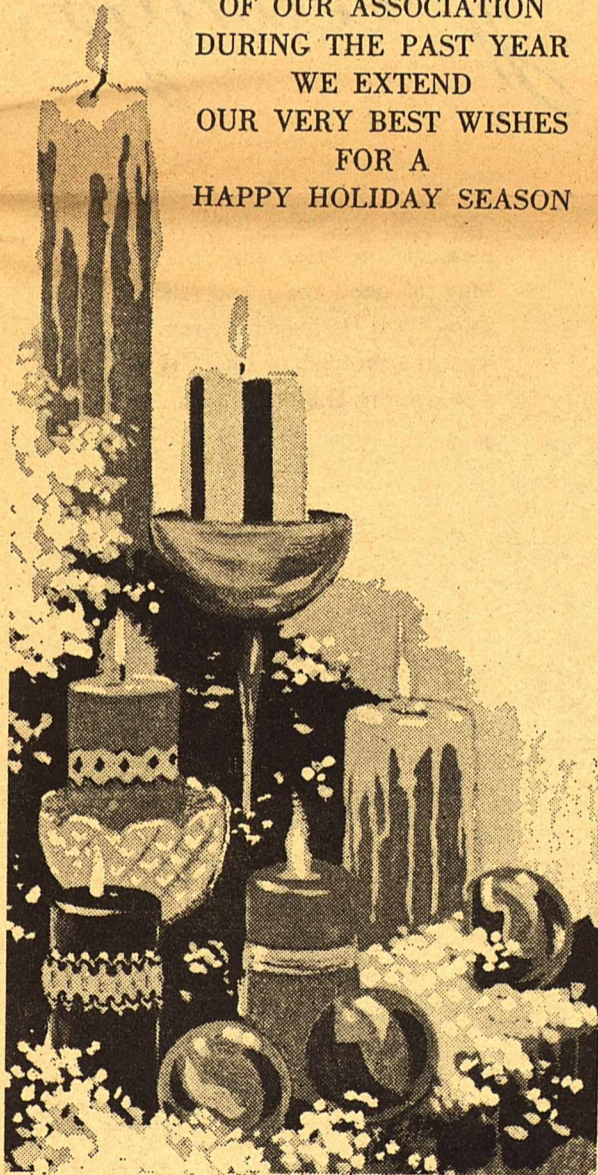
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I love you,  
Vivian Ybarra

Dear Santa Claus,

I can hardly wait until Christmas gets here. I am a girl and I am nine years old. I am in the third grade.

I have two older brothers the oldest's name is Richard and the other's name is Scot. Santa Claus please let other children in the world have food and clothes.

Santa Claus will you please bring me a Tub-boat Shower for Rub-a-rub Doll and a horse blanket.

Love ya  
Lin

Dear Santa

I want Spider man meets the fly, Cosmic Robots, Lunar Space Station, Metal Man Space Action Set, Please.

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Dear Santa Claus

I can hardly wait until Christmas gets here. I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. and I am a girl and I have a brother. I would like a baby buggy, tubboat shower, hula-hoop.

Love,  
Kim Clanton

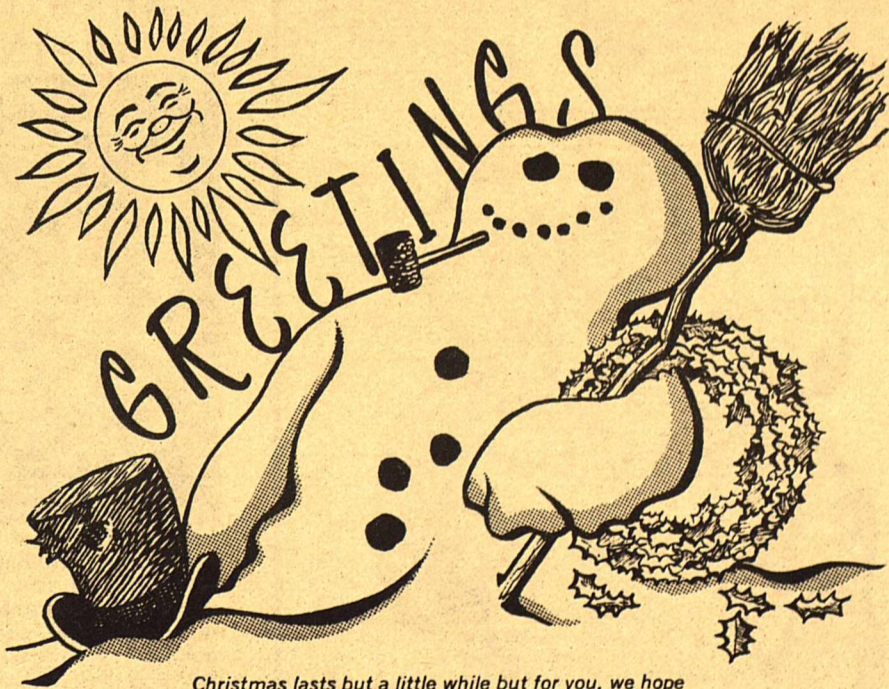


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Thank you,  
Johanna Michelle Service

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Baby Alive and a Baby-That-Away. Thank you very much. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Sally Ybrra

Dear Santa Claus,  
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Hello Santa, I love you, **PAGE 14**

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Karla Aldridge

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I love you,  
James Gloria

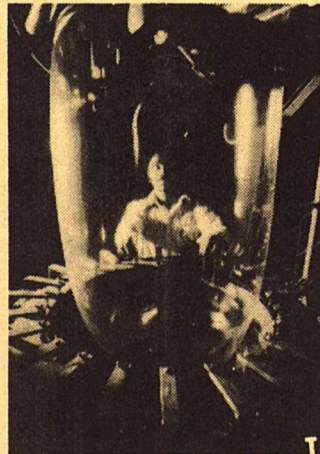
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I am a boy six years old. I am in the first grade. I am good. For Christmas I want. race trak, a football, a kicking tee, Patn set and ball,

I Love you.  
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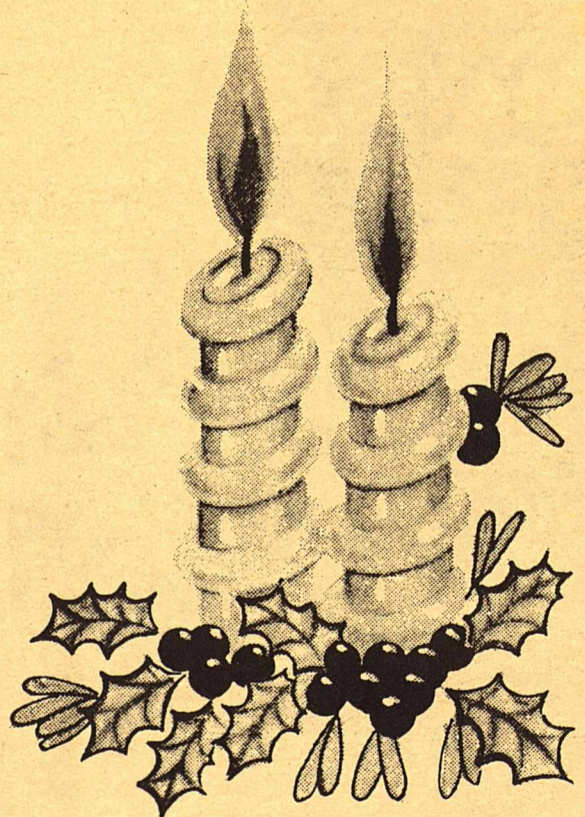
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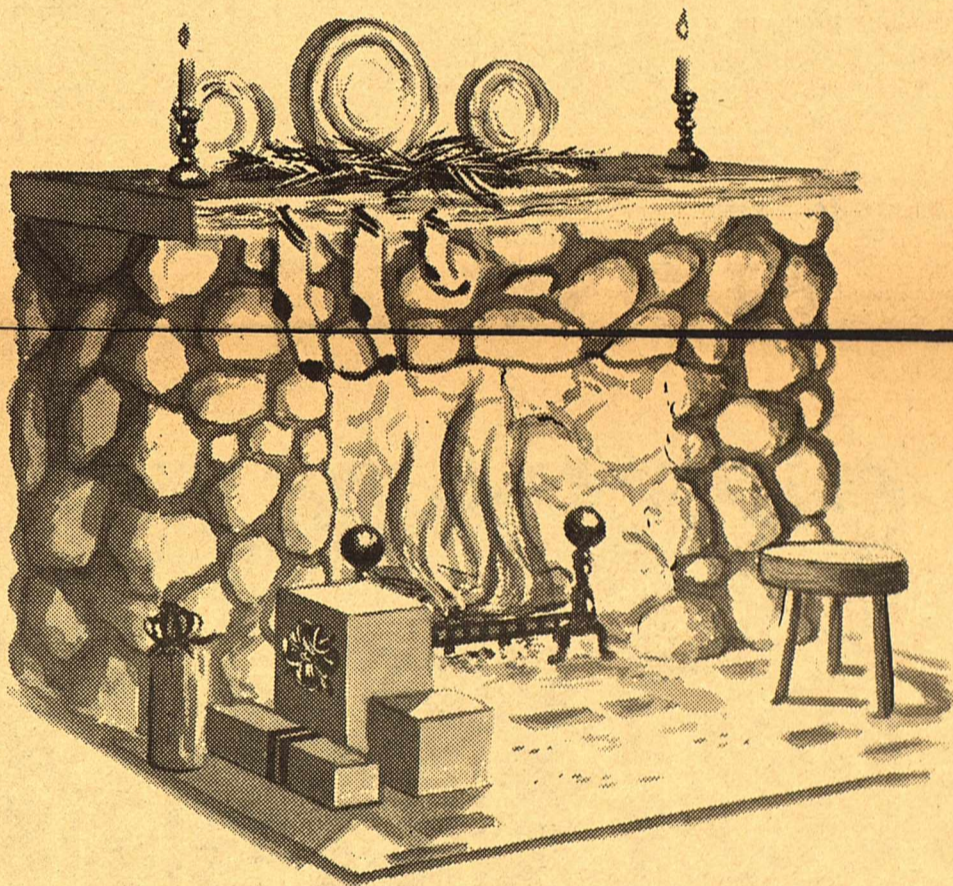
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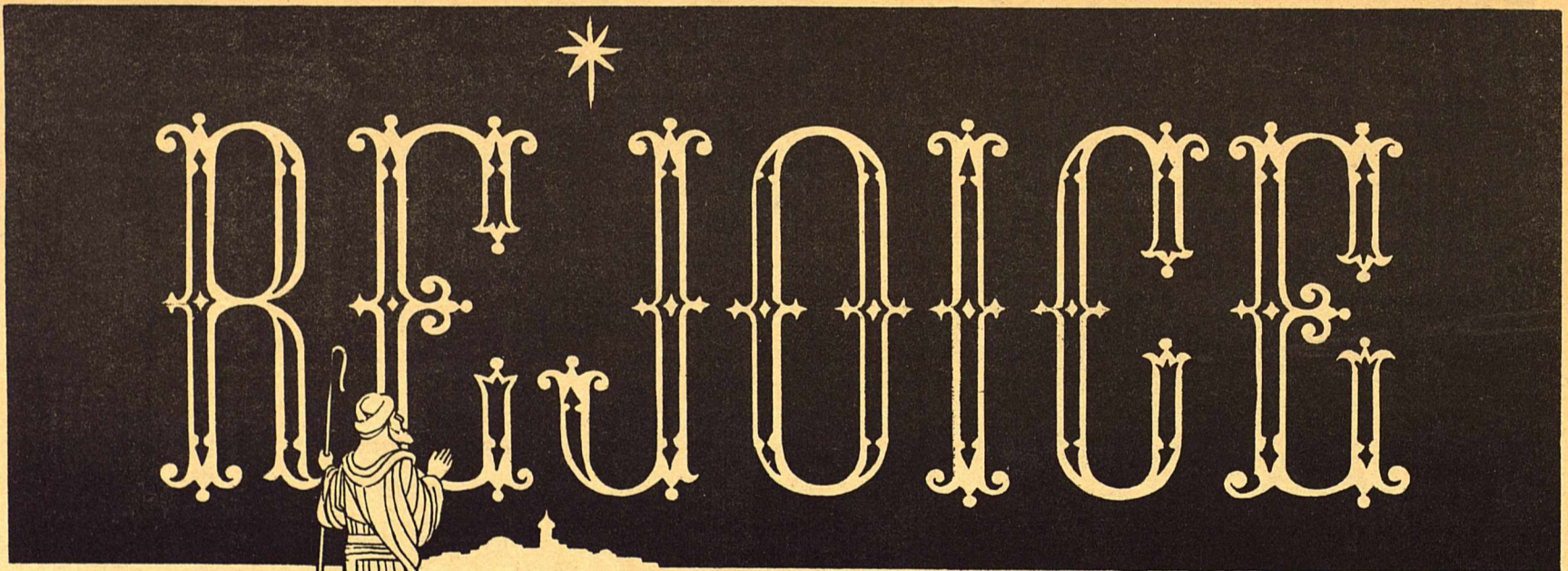
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