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UCRA Approves Dam on Mountain Creek at Meeting

The UCRA approved final plans for the construction of a dam on Mountain Creek, near Robert Lee in a meeting at Robert Lee Tuesday afternoon.

The project will cost approximately \$78,000 and will be constructed from UCRA funds. Reimbursement is to be made over a 20-year period by the City of Robert Lee.

The UCRA also plans to help Bronte obtain an adequate water supply, but the method of help has not been decided upon, pending action in regard to the Oak Creek dam northeast of here. Plans now call for UCRA assistance in constructing a pipeline to Bronte from the dam-site, when it is completed.

FIRE WORKS WARNING IS MADE BY DR.

Dr. John R. Harris, city health officer, this week issued a warning to parents concerning their children and the use of fire works. Dr. Harris said one or two accidents have already happened in which the children were burned and that such accidents can be costly and serious.

He stressed that parents should supervise their children when they are shooting fire crackers or other types of fire works and that they should impress the children with the importance of being extremely careful with all type of fire works, particularly large fire crackers.

Annual Report Heard by SCS Supervisors Board

The supervisors of the Coke county soil conservation district held their regular monthly meeting in Robert Lee on Tuesday, Dec. 13, according to C. N. Webb, chairman of the board.

The board reviewed their 1948 annual report and made assignments for preparation of the 1949 annual report. The SCS is to prepare the statistical report and the board members will prepare the narrative.

The Green Mountain conservation group is near completion as for as mechanical treatment is concerned. The board discussed the joint efforts of the landowners, the county commissioners court, the Texas highway department and the soil conservation district in doing a big job in the interest of all concerned. Mr. Burns, the supervisor representing the Green Mountain group, stated that landowners were well pleased and interested in carrying out their management part of the conservation program.

Construction of 14 miles of terraces has been completed in the past two weeks on the farms of Ed Hickman, Charlie Thompson and Sam Duncan, co-operators in the Green Mountain group.

The district seed needs were reviewed by the board. There is going to be a strong demand for grass and legume seed. The board advises farmers to get their needed grass and cover crop seed well in advance of planting time.

WSCS CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT MRS. BUTNER'S

Members of the Methodist WSCS had their annual Christmas party Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Edna Butner. Mrs. B. F. Bridges, Mrs. Lum Lasswell and Mrs. J. A. Percifull were co-hostesses.

Following a short business meeting, Mrs. S. A. Kiker opened the Christmas program with a prayer. The program was led by Mrs. Butner and Mrs. D. K. Glenn gave the story of "The Christmas Lamb." Mrs. Alvin Mauldin gave a true Christmas story, "My Chinese Laundry."

The group exchanged gifts on the Christmas tree and refreshments were served to Mmes. S. A. Kiker, D. K. Glenn, Alvin Mauldin, B. F. Bridges, Lum Lasswell, J. A. Percifull, O. W. Chapman, Will Gideon, F. S. Higginbotham, J. A. Rawlings, G. W. Crume, George Thomas, Buddy Kirkland, J. O. Raney, Calvin McCutchen, Bagwell and Butner.

Sh....



isn't that Santa?

NOT YET, CHILDREN, but never fear...
You may be sure that he is near—
He took off today... In his magic sleigh
With his team of Eight Reindeer.
He lifted up his great big pack — It must have weighed a ton,
He waved good-bye as he flew through the sky —
On his merry mission of fun!
He'll soon be coming to your house with toys and games galore—
The very ones you asked for when you saw him in the store.
And Christmas morn when you wake up
You'll find them neath the tree.
Oh, how we wish we could be there to hear your shouts of glee!
But now it's late — so run to bed
And dream of Christmas bright,
For Santa will make your dreams come true...
Bless your hearts... Good Night!

AT CHRISTMASTIME...

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jenkins of River Bank, Calif., are here visiting her sister, Mrs. Claude Clifton and family. They are also visiting other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lammers and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Russell of Blackwell plan to spend the holidays visiting relatives in Carlsbad, N. M.

Guests of the J. T. Henrys for Christmas dinner will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Henry of Lampasas and his brother, Allen Henry of San Angelo. After dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Henry will go to Fort Worth for a visit with Mrs. Henry's parents.

Mayor and Mrs. H. O. Whitt will have their three children at home Christmas. Hubert Whitt of Jal, N. M., Lamar Whitt from Texas Tech at Lubbock and Mrs. D. O. Fleming and family of San Angelo will spend the day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Phillips will spend Christmas day in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Millikin and family will visit in San Antonio Christmas.

Verschel Smith will spend the holidays in Ballinger and Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinny Billingsley of Snyder are visiting her mother, Mrs. Nannie Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carroll will visit in Midland and Richland Springs over part of the Christmas holidays. They will come back to Bronte Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Percifull and children, Pete and Denzel, will visit Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Percifull Christmas day. They will spend three or four days here and then return to their home in La Veta, Colo.

The J. O. Raney family will visit in Blackwell this Christmas. The entire Raney family will be in Blackwell for the Christmas dinner.

Alvin Mauldin, Jr., is home from McMurry college in Abilene for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin R. Mauldin. He came in last Monday and substituted for his father at the Bronte schools while Rev. Mauldin attended the funeral of his father in Italy, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gray will spend Christmas day in San Angelo with Mrs. Gray's niece, Mrs. Paul Goodly.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boecking and Tommy will spend Christmas in Johnson City with Charlie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Boecking.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bruton for Christmas dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Nicholas of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Bon Spoons and Johnny and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crume.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Liles will be at their home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ritchie from Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Jr., of Robert Lee and Horace Liles of San Angelo will have Christmas dinner there.

Christmas guests in the Lum Lasswell home will be Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Kirkland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McCutchen and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fields. Mr. and Mrs. Fields are from Tankersley.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Williams will spend Christmas eve in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spruell will visit in Sweetwater Christmas day with Mrs. Spruell's parents. Monday Sam will attend the Wichita Falls-Austin football game in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Earnest and family will spend a few days during the Christmas holidays in Savinash, Okla., where Mr. Earnest's parents live.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hufstutler will spend Christmas day in Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Price will spend Christmas day in Coleman.

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS TREE AND PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT

The Bronte Baptist church had their Christmas program and Christmas tree last Sunday night instead of their regular church services. Various Sunday school groups had parts on the program and the choir sang several Christmas songs. A large crowd was present for the program.

Santa Claus came into the church at 7:30 and distributed gifts and candy to the children from a lighter Christmas tree.

PASTOR'S FATHER BURIED AT ITALY

Funeral services for William Zora Mauldin, 78, of Italy, Texas, father of Rev. A. R. Mauldin, were held Tuesday in Italy from the Methodist church there. Interment was in the Italy cemetery.

Mr. Mauldin died Monday morning of a heart attack, following an illness of two weeks. He is survived by three sons and one daughter.

Rev. Mauldin left Bronte Monday afternoon to attend the services.

STORES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY

Most of the merchants of Bronte have indicated that they will close their stores Monday, December 26, since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. Christmas buying has been heavy during the past two weeks and merchants have been rushed. The two-day holiday will give the store owners and their employees a much-needed rest.

Butane Service Gets Franchise For GE Appliances

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ball, owners of Butane Service Co., are announcing in this week's Enterprise their appointment as authorized dealers for General Electric appliances.

Ball said that they will handle both large and small GE items and that many of the appliances are already on their floor. Refrigerators, ranges, hot water heaters, deep freezers, automatic and wringer washers, and irons are a few of the larger items. Among the small GE articles that they handle will be fans, clock, coffee makers, toasters, heating pads, and waffle irons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball invite their friends and customers to come in and inspect these well known appliances. They said that "no more beautiful nor serviceable appliances than the GE line will be found anywhere."

METHODISTS TO HAVE ONE SERVICE CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

There will be only one service Sunday at the Methodist church and it will be held from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. Officials of the church said it would not be a regular service but would include a sermonette and singing. Regular Sunday school and church will not be held.

BRONTE CAGERS WIN SEVENTH GAME AT ROBERT LEE

The Bronte Longhorn cage team took their seventh straight basketball win Tuesday night at Robert Lee by defeating the Steers 26 to 20. Gerald Sandusky was high point man for the Bronte team with 11 points. Reports said that the local five had to pour on the steam in the last quarter to win.

The Bronte boys "B" team lost a thriller to the Robert Lee team. The teams stayed right together the whole game with the Robert Lee lads pulling out in front 20 to 16. Waldrop was high point man for the local team with 12 points.

READ THE WANT ADS

FRANKLIN-IVEY WEDDING VOWS READ IN NUTTER HOME SUNDAY

Miss Anne Franklin, daughter of Mrs. Earl D. Nutter of Bronte, became the bride of Earl H. Ivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ivey of Bronte, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

The double-ring ceremony was read by Rev. V. D. Price, pastor of the Bronte Baptist church, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Nutter. The ceremony was read before an improvised altar banked with white gladioli and fern. Recordings of "Always" and "Because" were the nuptial music.

Given in marriage by her brother, Bobby Dean Franklin, the bride wore a winter pink wool suit with winter pink and dark brown accessories. She wore an orchid corsage.

The couple was attended by Miss Zeldia Wojtek of San Angelo, cousin of the bride, and Sam Richards of

Belva Will Get Well Says Doctor in New York City

In a letter to The Enterprise, Mrs. J. M. Rippetoe indicated that Dr. Harry Wachtel, New York cancer specialist, thinks her daughter, Belva, will be cured of neuroblastoma, a form of cancer which Mayo clinic doctors pronounced incurable. Belva was taken to New York early in

BELVA ARRIVES HOME IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

After the story about Mrs. Rippetoe's letter was set up into type the family arrived in Bronte from New York. Mrs. Rippetoe said that Belva was feeling quite a bit better Thursday, but that she will have to continue taking injections indefinitely.

November and has been given a series of injections, which is a new form of treatment for cancer.

In speaking of Belva, Mrs. Rippetoe said in her letter, "It is too early to say whether this will be her last Christmas or whether it is the beginning of many more. Though she has definitely improved, it is very little and she has a long way to go yet. Her doctor here assures me in two or three months, she will be a normal girl again and in two years, X-rays will show clear."

Mrs. Rippetoe also said, "Wish you would put a note in the paper saying for me many, many thanks for each prayer that has been offered for Belva Karen. I know that God has heard each one and maybe He is going to see fit to save her life. Had it not been for the many letters from my friends in Bronte, my stay here would have been almost unbearable. We get to leave New York next week and plan to be home by Thursday."

2 Merchants to Give Merchandise On Christmas Eve

Two Bronte merchants will make Christmas merrier this year for some folks in the Bronte area. They will give away fine gifts Christmas eve.

I. M. Cumbie, owner of the local Red & White Store, will give away ten large baskets of groceries to the grownups and a beautiful bicycle will be given to some lucky boy or girl who has saved the most Red & White food labels during the past few weeks.

C. E. Bruton, owner of White Auto Store in Bronte, will give away a large console model Stewart-Warner combination radio-record player. Bruton plans to make his gift at 8 o'clock Christmas eve.

Both of these merchants invite all their friends and customers to come in their stores today and tomorrow and ask about these Christmas gifts.

FOUR AREA CHILDREN HOME FROM GONZALES

Four children, who are polio patients at the Warm Springs hospital in Gonzales, will be home to spend Christmas with their parents. The four will be flown to San Angelo Friday afternoon and will be taken back to Gonzales on Dec. 27. The four are: Joyce Marie Roach of Miles, Rudovic Orlando Ball, Lillian Sue Bishop and Arlano Funderburk, all of Ballinger.

Bronte. Miss Wojtek wore a blue suit with a corsage of white carnations.

Attending the wedding were close friends of the couple and members of the families. Following the ceremony, wedding cake and punch were served.

After a wedding trip to the Gulf coast, the couple will live in Robert Lee where the bridegroom is employed at Ivey Motor company.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Bronte high school and served four years with the U. S. Navy during World War II. The bride is a graduate of Bronte High school and attended San Angelo Junior college where she was a member of Sigma Alpha Chi and the Home Economics club.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of county's intention to receive bids for the purchase of certain road machinery and to issue time warrants in payment of all or portion of the cost of such machinery.

Sealed proposals addressed to Jeff Dean, County Judge of Coke County, Texas at Robert Lee, Texas, will be received at the office of the county judge until 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the 9th day of January, 1950, for the purchase of the following road machinery, to-wit:

One Diesel Tandem Drive Motor Grader, equipped with Scarifier and enclosed Cab, with not less than 100

B.H.P. and weight of not less than 23,000 lbs.

To be taken in trade as part payment:

One Secondhand Galion Tandem Drive Motor Grader.

Such proposals will at said time be publicly opened and read before the Commissioner's Court of said County.

The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities, except that no bid received after the closing time will be considered.

It is the intention of the Commissioner's Court to pay all or part of the cost of such road machinery

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JEFF DEAN
County Judge, Coke County,
Texas

NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE
Pursuant to an order of the Commissioners Court of Coke County,

Texas, passed on the 13th day of December, 1949, notice is hereby given that, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., on the 9th day of January, 1950, in the Commissioners Court Room in the Coke County Court House at Robert Lee, Texas, Jeff Dean, a Special Commissioner appointed by said Court, will hold and preside over a public auction and sale wherein the following described land situated in Coke County, Texas:

Being a certain tract or parcel of land out of the E. side of and across the N. E. corner of Sec. No. 469, H. & T. C. R. R. Co., Block 1-A, described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING on the E. boundary line of said Sec. 469, 2889 ft. N. of the S. E. corner of said Sec. No. 469; Thence N. 807 ft. to a point in the center of highway; Thence

N. 15 deg. W. 52 ft. with road center; Thence N. 25 deg. W. 100 ft. with road center; Thence N. 30 deg. W. 100 ft. with road center; Thence N. 40 deg. W. 1696 ft. with road center to the N. boundary line of said Sec. No. 469, and containing 5 acres more or less; being the same land, and all the land, conveyed by I. A. Bird to Coke County by deed dated October 6, 1930, and recorded in Vol. 54 at page 321 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas, to which said deed reference is here made for the particulars; will be sold to the highest and best bidder, for cash.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this 12th day of December, 1949.
JEFF DEAN
Special Commissioner for Sale

Merry Christmas

That the season's cheer gladden you and stay with you throughout all the year is our ardent wish to our friends this Holiday Season.

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MILK	2 Cans	25c
EAGLE BRAND	Can	27c
Heart's Delight FRUIT COCKTAIL	No. 2 1/2 Can	35c
Del Monte PEACHES	No. 2 1/2 Can	28c
Stokely's SAUERKRAUT	2 No. 2 Cans	25c
Hunt's APRICOT HALVES	No. 2 1/2 Can	25c
R. S. P. CHERRIES	No. 2 Can	29c
Mission PEAS	2 Cans	25c
None-Such MINCE MEAT	Pkg.	19c
Karo Crystal White SYRUP	5 Lbs.	57c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

Armour's Star SAUSAGE	1 Lb. Rolls	29c
PORK CHOPS	Lb.	39c
Kraft's American CHEESE	Lb.	39c
Swift's Sliced BACON	Lb.	43c
Chuch or Seven ROAST	Lb.	49c
Dressed & Drawn HENS	Lb.	55c
Good for Xmas Baking SWIFTNING	3 Lbs.	69c
Washington Delicious APPLES	Lb.	10c
WALNUTS	Lb.	32c
Admiration COFFEE	1 Lb. Can	72c

Merry Christmas to Everyone

Pruitt's Store

DON'T GO BY — BRONTE — COME BUY

May Your Christmas be Merry and Bright!

May the laughter of friends . . . the companionship of family . . . the sentiment and charm of the Holiday Season make your Christmas happy and gay.

We, your friends and neighbors, at your service company will be working day and night keeping the lights gaily gleaming to make your Christmas bright.

West Texas Utilities Company

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B. D. SNEAD
 At First National Bank

READ THE WANT ADS

SEASONS



Wishing you
 every Happiness
 for Christmas.

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PMA NEWS

Results of the voting Thursday, Dec. 15, in a national referendum on cotton marketing quotas by the nation's farmers were approved by the necessary two-thirds majority and cotton marketing quotas will be in effect in 1950.

There were 72 votes cast in Coke county in the referendum held last Thursday, Dec. 15. There were 39 cotton farmers who voted in favor of cotton marketing quotas and 33 who voted against marketing quotas.

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25 We. Beaugard San Angelo

Since cotton marketing quotas will be in effect for 1950 farmers who plant within their acreage allotments will be able to sell all of the cotton they grow without paying any penalty and will be eligible for government loans on their cotton at 90 per cent of parity.

Farmers who overplant their acreage allotments will have to pay a penalty of one-half the parity price on all cotton they grow in excess of their marketing quotas. A marketing quota is the cotton produced on a farm's allotted acreage. At current parity price, the penalty would be about 15 cents a pound on all excess cotton.

**C. E. ARROTT LOSES SUIT
 ON LAND DEFICIENCY**

A Court of Civil Appeals decision upheld an earlier decision of District Court in a judgment against C. E. Arrott in favor of L. E. Smith.

The suit was brought against Arrott for recovery of the per acre price for a deficiency in the number of acres called for in a deed.

Both parties testified in the original suit that they did not know there was an acreage deficiency until the land was surveyed after sale was completed.

**SIXTH GRADE HAS SKATING
 PARTY AT ROBERT LEE**

The Sixth grade of Bronte schools enjoyed a skating party Tuesday night at Robert Lee. Members of the group brought sandwiches, and Victor Wojtek, manager of the skating rink, furnished free drinks to the group.

Room mothers and Vershel Smith accompanied the sixth graders on the outing. They will have their Christmas tree Friday morning at school.

Patronize These Advertisers

**TREE DECORATIONS
 SYMBOLIZE MYTHS**

You may not realize it, but most of the ornaments on your Christmas tree are symbols of myths and legends that were popular three thousand years before the birth of Christ.

At that time the Aryan race, living at the foothills of the mountains in the East, saw the rays of the sun, bent as they passed through the humid air, the image of a gigantic tree. These sun poets added to the tree image suggestions from the more distant heavens; the sun, the moon and the stars became the golden fruit that hung on the branches. The larger clouds suggested birds,

swans, doves flying in and about the tree. The golden flash of heat-lightning became the mystical flower that grew on the tree, the celestial mistletoe. The showers that watered the tree came from the streams at its base.

From these fragmentary legends in folklore we get the tree itself and

the decorations that go with it.

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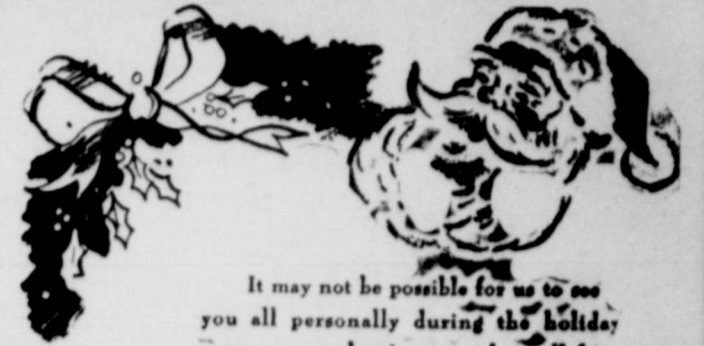
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 you all personally during the holiday
 season - so here's our wish to all for
 the most joyous Christmas ever.

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What More
 Is There To Say

As our thoughts turn to you this
 Holiday Season, we wonder just
 how we can convey to you all that
 is in our hearts.

We finally choose—as always—
 the simplest and sweetest message
 of them all: "Merry Christmas."

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rippetoe

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| 6 Models Ironers | Dryers |
| Radios | Electric Blankets |
| Clocks | Vacuum Cleaners |
| Irons | Toasters |
| Coffee Makers | Electric Mixers |
| Roasters | Waffle Irons |
| Sandwich Grills | Heating Pads |

Just in Case You Have Waited Till the Last Minute to Do Your Christmas Shopping—
 You Will Find Many Perfect Gifts in the Beautiful GE Line

BUTANE SERVICE CO.

JUNIOR CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Junior class of Bronte high school had a Christmas dinner and treasure hunt Tuesday night in the agriculture building. Fifteen class members; three guests, Hazel James, Randal McCutchen and Robert

Edwards; and the class sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henry, were present. Gifts were exchanged by the group from a Christmas tree, and the dinner, which was prepared by the mothers of the class members, consisted of chicken and dressing, green beans, stuffed celery, cranberry sauce, pecan pie and coffee.

A CHEERY GREETING



TO YOU ALL!

To greet you with a Merry Christmas and to wish you happiness during the Holiday Season.

BUTANE SERVICE CO.

Bronte

Robert Lee



Through the door that leads to joy may this greeting wind its way and in its course bestow on you much Happiness this Christmas Day.

HOME MOTOR CO.



Most sincere wishes that you and yours may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.

NATHAN'S JEWELERS
San Angelo



Don't Let Santa Be A Fireman

Keep Christmas merry by preventing fire in your home.

Follow these safety rules:

1. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. Use electric lights.
2. See that lighting sets and cords are in good condition. Look for U.L. label on lighting sets.
3. Never use cotton or other flammable decorations on or around the tree.
4. Place tree in coolest part of room; never near fireplaces or radiators.

Remember

- Christmas trees are flammable!



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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Milliken

KICKAPOO WMU EXCHANGE GIFTS

The Kickapoo WMU met Saturday, Dec. 17, at the church. The group sang "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" before a prayer led by Mrs. Garland Spencer. Mrs. Opal Beaver, president, presided at the short business meeting. The organization voted to send a Christmas box of candy to the orphan's home and to help the church sponsor two boxes for two needy families in the Bronte area.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Ida Warner taught the lesson on the 20th chapter of Acts. Mrs. Eula Holman dismissed the meeting with a prayer. After being dismissed, gifts were exchanged.

Present were Mmes. Noah Pruitt, Claude Beaver, Eula Holman, Marshall Stephenson, Cullen Clark, Opal Beaver, Garland Spencer, Monroe Alexander, Truman Parker, Ida Warner and Misses Dean Beaver, Ida Lee Parker and Richard Spencer.

Next meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Bronte Seniors Have Formal Dinner Party

The Bronte Seniors and their dates were entertained Monday night with a formal dinner given by their sponsor and room mothers. The dinner was held in the living room of the W. W. Milliken home.

As guests entered the room, they found candle lit tables with place cards and tiny wax boots filled with candy. Cloths on the tables were red and white with "Merry Christmas" on them.

The menu was: chicken and dressing, green beans, potatoes topped with cheese, cranberry sauce, spiced apple, pecan pie with whipped cream, and coffee.

Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. The Senior class presented Mr. Flores, their sponsor, with a gift of Chinese figurines. The room mothers gave him two Chinese bookends.

Those present were: Patsy Mackey, Joe Russell Ash, Peggy Griffith, Ben D. Snead, Billie Jean Milliken, Bobby Clark, Norma Jean Gentry, Billie Bob Herron, Joyce Wrinkle, Jack Vaughn, Pauline Box, LeJean Word, Roy Wilkins, Marlene Arrott, Fat Carter, Royce Phillips, Earl Busk, Eddy Sue McAulay, Doris Adair, Kenneth Hester, Marian Griffith.

Texas A. & M. College operates the only state-owned hotel in the United States, at College Station. Baylor University, now in Waco, was originally located at Independence, Texas.

PATRONIZE THESE ADVERTISERS



With most sincere wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your own wishes come true.

CLIFT FUNERAL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift

SEASONS



BEST WISHES

Once again as the old year draws to a close, it is our pleasure and privilege to stop in the pursuit of business and to give thought to our friendships. It is indeed a pleasure to reflect upon the friendly relations we have had with our patrons. It is our sincere hope that as time goes on our business relations based upon confidence and mutual respect may continue to be more and more enduring.

Merry Christmas to you all!
HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO.
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A Christmas Greeting
 May we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the business we have enjoyed from your Community. We send our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year. We are always happy at any time to be of service to you.

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JUST RECEIVED: Factory shipment of pipe fittings, Couplings, tees, elbows, bushings, reducers. 1/2 to 2 inches. BRONTE TRACTOR CO. 46-4tc

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FOR SALE OR TRADE: 1940 Ford Half-Tone pickup. \$250.00. T. F. SIMS, JR. 48-1tc

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NOTICE: All land owned or controlled by us is fully posted according to law. Please keep out. WILKINS & SON. 48-4tc

FOUND: Two fishing rods. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad. SAM SPRUELL at Bronte Cafe. 49-1tc

with the Bert Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cornelius visited them in the afternoon.

Hazel James spent the weekend in San Angelo with the James Chambers. Billie Tounget visited Buford James Sunday afternoon.

A number of the parents in this community attended the PTA meeting in Bronte Tuesday night.

Eddie Fiveash spent Tuesday night with Leon and Neely McCarty.

Mrs. J. P. Tounget, Friscilla and Michael spent Wednesday with the Zack Toungets.

Erve Little is visiting relatives at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofty Hall, Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmore and Diane of San Angelo spent Sunday with the W. D. Lathams.

Dorothy James of San Angelo spent Saturday night in the George James home. She had Sunday dinner with the Toungets.

Mrs. C. D. Derrick was a dinner guest of the Chester Derrick family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Stewart of Tankersley, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hegaman and family of Bronte, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Howell and Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Brown and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Sudie Brown.

Patricia Tounget visited Corine and Linda Feil Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Westbrook and boys of San Angelo spent Sunday here. Kenneth Clark visited them Sunday.

Ocie Tounget of Miles visited the Zack Toungets Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Roy Stucky and children have been visiting the J. M. Stewarts. Bro. Stucky came in Monday night for a visit.

Mrs. Mollie Cornelius visited Mrs. Chester Derrick Tuesday.

Mrs. Carper and Marcy visited Mmes. Fred Conger and Archie Lee and baby Monday.

Mmes. James Arrott, Zack Tounget, Robert Brown, E. B. Caldwell, J. W. Latham and Hervey, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Finck and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gibson, and J. M. Stewart were among the Christmas shoppers in San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. Tounget visited Mrs. Otto Finck Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Finck and Jerry Roach visited the Lois Roach family while in San Angelo Monday.

For December 23, 1949

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Merry Christmas
 AND A
HAPPY PROSPEROUS New Year

BRONTE SERVICE STATION
 H. M. (Buddy Kirkland)

TENNYSON TOPICS

By Billie Tounget

Elmer Allen of Orient visited George James Sunday morning.

Roy Burleson of San Angelo is visiting to the W. D. Latham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin James and baby and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith and baby of San Angelo spent Sunday



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Merry Christmas!

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 Bill and Charles



JOYOUS Christmas SEASON

*Across the drifting desert sand,
 Shrouded in somber light,
 Silent the camel caravan
 Traveled throughout the night.
 O'erhead there gleamed a brilliant star.
 Promise of royal birth,
 Of one to bring "Goodwill to men,"
 Of "Joy and Peace on Earth."*

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that we live in
the memory of our
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Junior Study Club Entertains Men Friday Night

Husbands of Junior Study Club members were guests at the annual Christmas party and tree of the group. The party was held in the home of Mrs. J. A. Percifull with Mrs. Noel Percifull and Mrs. Ben Oglesby as hostesses.

Several Christmas games and quizzes were conducted and gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. Refreshments of tuna sandwiches, cut and decorated as Christmas trees, ice cream Santa Clauses, potato chips and coffee were served to Messrs. and Mrs. R. T. Caperton, Binks McCutchen, James Allen, E. F. Glenn, Charlie Phillips, Frank Sawyer, Bon Spoons, Norman Kiker, Francis Pruitt, Louis Bridges, Ben Oglesby and Noel Percifull.

As the group served Mrs. Percifull read the following poem arranged for the club by Mrs. Mattie Campbell of Robert Lee: "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through Maxine's house, the Junior Study club was raising Cain just like an army louse. They came with gifts all tinsel tied, and hearts so full of glee. You never saw a happier group, gathered round a Christmas tree.

"Louis Bridges was the first to arrive with such a chatter. Noel hopped right out of bed to see what was the matter. Mozelle was in the doorway, holding her package tight, as Jerry and Binks arrived with all their bundles bright.

"As R. T. and Zelma all covered in snow, arrived in their Chevy, all dressed up just so. Then what to Noel's wondering eyes should appear, but Mary and Tuny riding Santa's reindeer. The party grew wilder by leaps and bounds—for Rachel and

Roy were disturbing the town. More rapid than eagles Mary Francis and Clark, arrived at the party long before dark. Bon whistled and shouted and called Libby and Ben and the party was well underway, long before ten.

"As Noel drew in his head and was turning around—Gladys Mae and Robert Hugh sneaked in without a sound. They were dressed in rayon from head to toe and their gifts were tied with a huge red bow. Vivian and James were a trifle late and we thought they were peddlers at the gate. Away to the window he flew like a flash in time to see them pour out their cash. Then, Laverne and Wink told us the truth—the money was a Christmas gift for little Irma Ruth.

"The stump of his pipe held tight in his teeth, the smoke encircled Charlie's head like a wreath. As Armilda and Matthew—Clareta and Bon arrived at the party just before dawn. Ruby's tactful alibi for their delay was that Nora Jean and Francis had been found by the way. They had indulged too much in "the three cheers" was the very reason they didn't get there. Now all the guests are under the roof and the reindeer are pawing the snow with the hoofs. Each one is anxious for their gift from the tree. It's the happiest party you ever did see. The nicely wrapped gifts are all opened and they are ready their farewell greetings to say.

"Hollis sprang to his sleigh and to Frank gave a whistle. And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. I heard Mary Ruth scream ere they drove out of sight—Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

MYF Presents Program At Methodist Church

The MYF of the Methodist church presented a Christmas program Sunday night at the church instead of the regular church services. Mrs. George Thomas was pianist.

The service opened with the invocation by Rev. A. R. Mauldin; Mrs. C. E. Arrott gave the call to worship and Marlene Arrott read the scripture, Matthew 2:1-12.

Several Christmas carols were sung, followed by stories of the composers of the carols. Jimmie Joyce Roney told the story of Felix Menlesohn; Gwendolyn Earnest gave the story of Bach and Peggy Griffith told with the group singing "Blest Be the

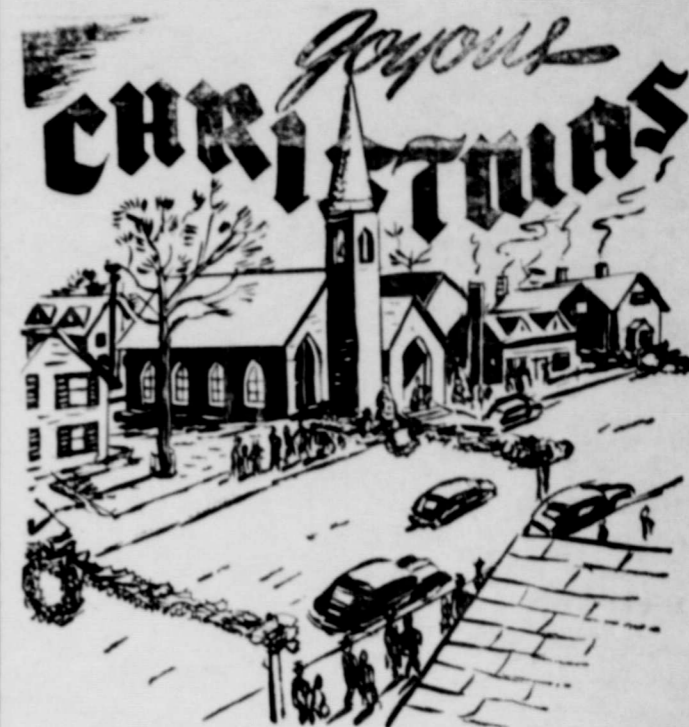
the story of George T. Handel. A poem, "Christmas" was read by Marlon G. T. The program ended T. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ball spent last weekend in Blanco visiting Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dale.



CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

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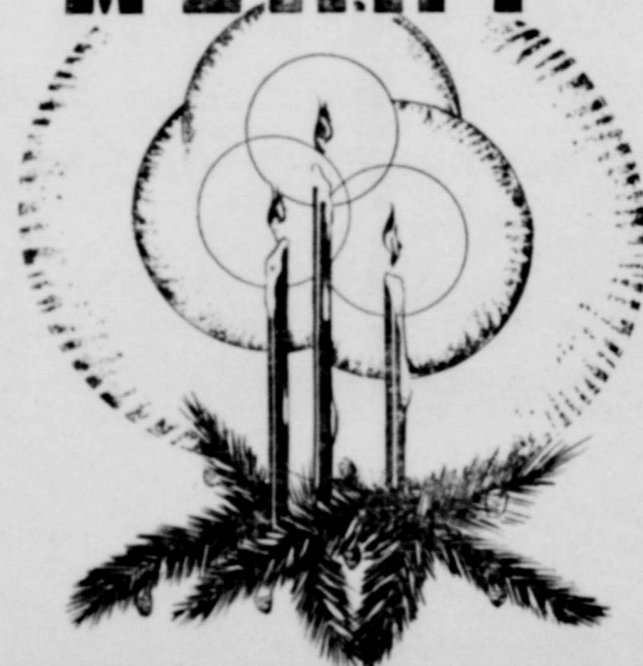
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Chocolate CANDY	1 Lb. Bag 29c	Delicious Newly-Weds ICE CREAM CAKE	Roll 29c
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Church NEWS

Baptist Church

V. D. Price, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
R. T. U. 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Kickapoo Baptist Church

E. L. Thurmond, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
B. T. C. 7 p.m.
Evening Worship 8 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Idas England, Minister

Bible Study 10 a. m.
Worship and Communion, 10:50 a.m.
Young People's Class 6 p.m.
Evening Services 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class . . 3 p.m.

This is your personal invitation from the Church of Christ to come and visit with us in our service.

Methodist Church

Alvin R. Mauldin, Pastor

Sermonette 9:30 a.m.
Singing and Christmas Program

Health Officer Warns About Eye Health

Emphasizing the urgent need for parental supervision of all phases of child health, Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, said today, "Much of the impaired eyesight of advanced years could be prevented if

sufficient interest in early life were applied and a correction by means of temporary glasses made when required."

Parents, Dr. Cox asserted, should be watchful for danger signals in the child such as frowning, squinting, persistent headache, eyeache, and watery eyes. If the youngster reads too closely or too far away from the face, that situation may also be significant of trouble.

"No child likes wearing glasses; nevertheless, it is the obligation of those responsible for the future of young folks to have their eyes examined by a reputable specialist if there is a suspicion that normal vision does not exist. It is much better for a child to wear glasses for a few years during early school life than to have permanently defective vision in later life," he said.

Dr. Cox said that neglect of the eyes is by no means limited to children. Many older persons, some through vanity, indifference, or carelessness, fail to give proper attention to the care of their eyes. Penalties, he warned are bound to occur for such inexcusable negligence.

"The eyes of any person, whether young, middle-aged, or older represent one of the most priceless bodily possessions," the health officer declared. "To take care of them promptly and properly is a responsibility which never should be side-stepped."

Keep Dangerous Toys Away From Children

Christmas, of all holidays, belongs to the children. But, warns the National Board of Fire Underwriters, Christmas turns out to be a tragic time for many children every year.

The toys they were meant to take delight in, sometimes mean grief for

the youngsters. Poorly constructed electric toys can cause serious burns. Toys using gasoline or kerosene are equally dangerous.

When small children are playing with electric toys always have an adult plug and unplug the toys.

Don't give them stuffed animals or play costumes of brushed rayon or any highly flammable material unless they've been flameproofed.

You might flameproof such playthings yourself by rinsing or spraying them with a mixture of 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid dissolved in one gallon of water.

Set up electric trains away from the tree where a spark won't ignite decorations or needles.

Union WHD Club Christmas Tree In Ivey Home

The Union WHD club met last Friday night in the home of Mrs. W. W. Ivey for a Christmas party and Christmas tree. About twenty-five members of the club were present.

Danna Lynn Eubanks sang a number of Christmas songs and readings were given by Mrs. Will Gideon and Mrs. Micky Walker. Mrs. John Coalson and Juanetta sang "White Christmas" and "Silent Night." Mrs. Vernon Lammers and Mrs. C. E. Branton pantomimed "Silent Night." Mary Ann Gray gave a reading.

Christmas decorations and arrangements of pine burs and poinsettias

were placed in the entertaining rooms. Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

Chicken salad on lettuce, date loaf cake, potato chips, ritz crackers and spiced tea were served.

Huntsville is called the "Mount Vernon of Texas" because it was the last home of General Sam Houston.



Merry Christmas

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The Bronte Enterprise

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May you rejoice in the gladness of this Christmas Season and may the spirit of Peace and Good Will remain with you always.

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Here He Comes!

That jolly, portly gent with the snowy beard;
Red suit and cap, and twinkling blue eyes—
Is swishing through the sky on his way to you;
His sleigh a-bulging with its store of surprise.

Merry Christmas to Everyone
SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE CO.

BROOKSHIRE BROWSINGS

By Mrs. Herbert Holland

A large crowd attended the Christ-

mas tree and program Saturday night at the Baptist church. Those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Brown and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Van Holden and baby, all of Garden City, Bell Perkins of Eden, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Holister

and Misses Drucie Tyler and Lola Mae Holloway of Miles, Mrs. Georgia Mae Nixon of Dallas, Jimmie Adams of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Boatright, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gleghorn and children, all of Miles, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Horton of Wilmeth. H. C. Hedges was taken to the Ballinger hospital Sunday week ago and is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Thomas and Dean visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob White, near Blackwell last weekend. Mr. White, who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Essary visited their daughter, Mrs. Arthur McGuffen, and Mr. McGuffen in Eden Friday. Their niece, Miss Bell Perkins, returned and spent the weekend with them. Miss Lola Mae Holloway of Miles was also a weekend guest and Rev. and Mrs. Dee Cox and children of Gouldbusk visited them Saturday night.

Miss Leslie Cox, student in a Bible school in Dallas, visited friends here last weekend.

Miss Nila Fay Holden went to Garden City Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Van Holden.

Willie Holden returned Tuesday after two weeks in a Temple hospital. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Essary visited Mr. and Mrs. Collins Sayner at Tenyson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Kemp of Ballinger visited the Ed Holdens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Doose visited in San Angelo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Burks and children of Crane visited her father, H. C. Hedges, who is ill in a Ballinger hospital, and other relatives last weekend. Another daughter of Mr. Hedges, Mrs. Marvin Stephenson, and family of Elfrida, Arizona came Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays here with relatives.

Mrs. Georgia Mae Nixon of Dallas and her nephew, Jimmie Adams, of Arlington are visiting the James and Hulen Lees this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Foster returned Friday from Scott and White hospital in Temple where Foster underwent surgery and Mrs. Foster a medical check-up.

Mmes. James Holland, Charlie Brown, and Herbert Holland attended a bridal shower for Miss Anita Landers at the home of Mrs. James Glen in Winters Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gleghorn visited the

J. C. Boatrights Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boatright of Miles visited the Bill Alexanders last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lowery and Robert and Jimaline Clark of San Angelo visited the Jim Clarks and Herbert Hollands Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Essary of Ballinger visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Essary Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Oats and Mary Evelyn of San Angelo spent the weekend with the Willard Caudles.

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METHODISTS HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE, POUND PREACHER

The Methodist church had their annual Christmas tree at the church Wednesday night and at the same time, gave their pastor, Rev. Alvin Mauldin, an "old fashioned" pounding of groceries.

A short Christmas program and singing preceded the tree. Candy and gifts were distributed.

The total fire destruction for the first 9 months of 1949 was \$498,227,000. This is greater than the total loss for any single year from 1930 to 1945, inclusive.

Over a five-year period, an average of 93 per cent of all deaths due to burns and conflagrations occurred to persons under 25 years of age.

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Back in 1897, little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the following letter to the editor of the New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?" The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here.

wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they can see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the

whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The

external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.


"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Alba, Texas, was so named because settlers did not permit negroes to live there. Alba means "white."

Victoria, Texas, was the home of the first meat packery in the state.



Merry Christmas

... and may it bring you
Peace, Joy and Contentment
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A Prosperous New Year
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That the glorious Christmas Season may bring you peace and happiness all through the coming year is our sincere wish to our friends and customers.

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Our most sincere wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.


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Just an Old-Fashioned Merry Christmas!

From the first Christmas Day until the present Christmas has been the happiest and the most blessed season of the year, because it is the season of kindness, generosity and fellowship. In the age-old spirit of good will, we send you greetings, and wish you an old-time Merry Christmas.

From Your County Officials

<p>FRANK C. DICKEY County Attorney</p>	<p>JEFF DEAN County Judge</p>	<p>WILLIS SMITH County and District Clerk</p>
<p>RUBY L. PETTIT County Treasurer</p>		<p>PAUL GOOD Sheriff</p>
<p>OTIS SMITH Commissioner, Precinct 2</p>		<p>CLAUDE DITMORE Commissioner, Precinct 4</p>

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CUMBIE & MACKEY

Anne Franklin Is Party Honoree

Anne Franklin, who was married to E. H. Ivey last Sunday, was the honoree at a gift party Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. A. Bell. Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Merle Proctor, Mrs. Marvin Landers and Miss Billye Gunn were hostesses for the affair.

Christmas decorations were carried out in the come and go party from two until four p.m. Gifts for Miss Franklin were placed around a Christmas tree in the living room.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Earl D. Nutter, the honoree and Mrs. Bell. Billye Gunn presided at the guest register and Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Landers served coffee and cookies to the guests.

G. Sandusky to Have Entry In Houston Show

Gerald Sandusky of Bronte will be an exhibitor in the 1950 Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition in Houston from February 1 through 12 in Sam Houston coliseum. The entry, one of the first from Coke county for the 1950 Houston Fat Stock show will be an Aberdeen-Angus for the junior show division.

Show officials expect entries for all divisions of the 1950 show to exceed 10,000. Deadline for livestock entries was Dec. 15.

Boy Rogers and his World's Championship rodeo will be one of the main attractions for 18 performances.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 14: Will Cresap admitted.
Dec. 15: Vicky White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. White admitted and later dismissed.

Dec. 16: J. B. Flagg dismissed. Mrs. Francis Millican and Walter Scott dismissed.

Dec. 17: Janet Caperton dismissed. B. A. Bell, Johnnie Ash and George Faulk admitted.

Dec. 18: Bennie Paul Jones and Patsy McCarney admitted.

Dec. 19: Walter Scott and Mrs. Francis Millican dismissed. O. B. Glenn and Tommy Glenn Sims admitted.

Dec. 20: Bennie Paul Jones dismissed.

Progressive Club Has Yule Party

The Yule theme was featured at the annual Christmas party for the women's Progressive club held last Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Edna Butner. Mrs. Butner was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. D. K. Glenn, and her little grandson, Eddie Glenn.

Gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree and a Christmas program was given by Mrs. A. N. Rawlings and Mrs. Alvin Mauldin. Christmas cities, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, were discussed by Mrs. Rawlings and a Christmas story was given by Mrs. Mauldin.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with evergreens, red berries and pot plants. A salad course was served to eighteen members of the club and the following five visitors:

Mrs. J. B. Glenn, Mrs. D. K. Glenn and son, Eddie, Mrs. A. N. Rawlings, Sr., and Mrs. Ed Campbell of Robert Lee.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS HOST TO PARENTS

The 4-H boys and girls of Coke county hosted their parents and other guests at the annual 4-H Achievement banquet at the Robert Lee gym last Tuesday, Dec. 13. One hundred and ninety-five persons enjoyed the affair.

The clubs cooperate in the annual banquet and the boys furnish the baked hens and the girls furnish the pies and salad. Twenty-one hens and some 30 pies were served the guests Tuesday night. Gandy's creamery of San Angelo furnished the milk.

The program centered around 4-H club enterprises. A "Tiny Tots

Square Dance Team," sponsored by Mrs. Fred McDonald, gave several numbers. The welcome was extended by Allen Cobb, 4-H member of five years standing. Mrs. Marvin Simpson gave the response.

Special awards were made to Ed-dye Sue McAulay, Eula Faye Smith, Nelda Ann Sheppard, Esther Allen, Don Fields, Allen Cobb, James Robertson and Milbourne Wink.

Linda Earnest Has Party On Tenth Birthday

Linda Earnest was the honoree at a party given Monday afternoon at her home here. The party was in observance of her tenth birthday, and

was given by her mother, Mrs. C. E. Earnest.

Birthday cake, ice cream, punch and candy mints were served to Joan Webb, Wanda Kirkland, Patricia McCutchen, Sherry Williams, Mary Jane Powell, Mary Linda Lasswell, Patricia Beaubie, Bill Mitchell, Robert Mack Kirchnerman, Aletha Murtishaw, Cecil Earnest and Linda.

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Meats		VEGETABLES		SUGAR Pure Cane 10 Lbs. 89c	
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FRYERS		LETTUCE		PEARS	
Dressed	Lb. 55c	Pascal	Lge. Bunch 14c	RED & WHITE	CAN 17c
HENS		CELERY		Cranberry Sauce	
Sliced	Lb. 43c	CARROTS	Bunch 5c	JELLO	3 PKGS. 23c
BACON		SQUASH	Lb. 12c	RAISINS	2 LB. CELLO BAG 35c
Stew Meat	Lb. 39c	Yellow, Tender	Lb. 12c	COFFEE	1 LB. TIN 73c
STEW MEAT		POTATOES	Lb. 7c	CORNFLOUR	10 LB. BAG 59c
Colored	Lb. 39c	New Red	Lb. 7c	CORN MEAL	
OLEOMARGARINE		BELL PEPPER	Lb. 10c	GRAPEFRUIT JUICE	NO. 2 46 OZ. 27c
Cured	Lb. 23c				
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