

# The BRONTE ENTERPRISE

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## Childress Firm Submits Low Bid on Two Kickapoo Dams

A low bid of \$140,779.30 was submitted Tuesday on the first two dams of the Kickapoo flood prevention project. The bid was submitted by Lyles & Davis of Childress. The bids were opened at 2 p. m. Tuesday when directors of the Coke County Water Control and Improvement District met.

Eight bids were received on the project. Second low bidder was T. L. Free Co. of Ballinger which submitted an offer of \$152,053.02. The other bids ranged upward to the high bid of S. A. Construction Co., of Dallas which submitted a bid of \$189,163.60.

F. S. Higginbotham, president of the water district said Tuesday afternoon that construction on the dams will start about Jan. 15. He said 318 working days will be allowed for their completion.

Located on land belonging to Barton Waldrop and W. D. (Pete) McDonald, the two dams will be the first of six dams to be constructed in a flood control project which is expected to cost approximately \$1 million.

The project was deemed feasible several months ago after a thorough survey was made and it was determined that the area had suffered more than \$2 million from flooding in the past 30 years.

A move was made after a flood in 1953 and effort was renewed af-

ter another deluge in 1957 to promote a project to control flooding on the two creeks which run through Bronte. The local Lions Club took the job of sponsoring the formation of the water dis-

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## Bronte Getting Ready For Christmas Holiday

A weekend of booming business is expected by Bronte merchants during the next several days, as the final period for Christmas shopping draws to a close this

coming Saturday.

Most businesses in Bronte will close only one day for Christmas, since Christmas Eve comes on Sunday. However, a few firms have indicated that they will remain closed until Wednesday morning.

Christmas activity has kept everyone busy the past several days. Youngsters have been going on rounds of carolling and parties at school and other places. Final school parties will be held today, as classes will dismiss for the holiday at 2:30 p. m. this afternoon. School will be resumed at the regular time on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

A large number of college students are home for the holidays and others are expected this weekend.

Church schedule at the Church of Christ will be as usual next Sunday. First Methodist Church and Kickapoo Baptist Church will have no evening services, but the morning schedule will go on as usual. First Baptist Church will have regular services Sunday morning and an early night service, beginning at 5 p. m.

Bronte merchants have indicated that they have enjoyed a good Christmas business this year. Their large stocks of merchandise are still complete enough to satisfy needs of late shoppers, they say. Several local firms are having drawings Saturday and will give away an assortment of free prizes to lucky persons who have registered. A large crowd is expected in town all day Saturday.

Local residents have told The Enterprise that they will have many varied activities during the holidays. Many persons are staying at home and are expecting visitors, while others will go out of town to family gatherings and other activities.

## Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Will Chew

Last rites for Mrs. Will Chew, 80, well known Blackwell resident for many years, were held at the Patterson Funeral Home of Sweetwater Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. with Dr. Marshall Rhew, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Sweetwater, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Robert Butler of Sweetwater.

Burial was in the Blackwell cemetery.

Her husband, the late Will Chew, died last year in El Paso. He was a retired farmer here.

Mrs. Chew died in Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater Saturday at 12:30 p. m. after an extended illness.

Survivors include a nephew, Leroy Chew of Blackwell, two stepdaughters, Mrs. L. D. Wilsher and Mrs. T. T. Watson, both of El Paso.



*Wishes You a*

## AD-LIB-BEN

Just about all the merchants and several individuals are sending you Season's Greetings in this issue of the Enterprise. We hope you will read all of them and will realize that the sponsor means his message as a personal greeting to you.

Also, in this issue we are running "a whole bunch" of letters to Santa. If you fail to read them, you're going to miss a real treat, for they are all good and some are masterpieces.

Just as soon as we get this issue of The Enterprise out, we will print a small paper for next week. The object of this is to get some time off. The Enterprise office will be closed both Christmas Day and Tuesday.

We here at The Enterprise extend our good wishes to all our readers and advertisers. We hope you have the merriest Christmas you have ever enjoyed. It has been a happy pleasure for us to associate with all of you the past year and we are eagerly looking forward to another year of living and working among you.

Ben and Libby Oglesby  
Eddie Alexander  
Jean Sheppard  
Buddy Walker  
Mrs. Charles Ragsdale  
Mrs. Herbert Holland  
Mrs. Jack Corley



## God's Unspeakable Gift to Mankind

By R. W. Blackmon

II Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift".

This season of the year brings a desire to give gifts to those around us, those with whom we have been closely associated through the year; those who have been our friends and helpers along life's pathway.

There is no conclusive evidence that December 25 is Christ's birthday, but one thing of which we are certain, that is, that He was born, and born to be the Saviour of Adam's race. He is God's unspeakable gift to fallen man.

He is God's unspeakable gift, because LOVE motivated His coming into the world and the LOVE of God for fallen man cannot be comprehended. The Bible tells us that He loved us while we were His enemies. It is very dif-

ficult, if not impossible, for us to love our enemies, yet "God so loved the world that He sent His Son into the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." What love! Man is unable to grasp the depths of this love; yet we can understand in a measure His love after we have come to Jesus, accepting Him as our Saviour. God's love is His extended mercies to fallen man; when he in his natural condition as Adam's children, can do nothing to merit the favor of a just and Holy God. Yes, LOVE motivated His coming into the world.

He is God's unspeakable gift because He cannot be limited by time nor space. He has the quality of being everywhere present at the same time. If one is in sorrow; there He may be found. If one is in need; there He may be found. If one is in danger; there He may be found.

In Luke 2:1-2 The wise men who came from the East to Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king asked the question, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him." "Where is He?" He can be found anywhere, for He is not limited by time nor space. Yet, there are certain limitations that we as individuals place on Him. Many times because of our lethargy, or complacency, we fail to proclaim the gospel to lost humanity; and at this season of the year, we often forget Him and leave Him out of our plans. But we must not forget that He is present at all times.

He is God's unspeakable gift because of His Omniscience. We must be reminded from time to time that He has infinite knowledge. He knows all about us. If we have burdens that are heavy

to carry, He knows about it and will help us carry them. If sorrow overshadows with a cloud of despair, He sorrows with us. If we have problems in life, He knows them, and will help solve them. At the same time, may I remind you that sin in your lives will not go unobserved, and unpunished if you fail to repent. Yes, He has infinite knowledge.

He is God's Unspeakable gift, because of His Omnipotence. He has unlimited and universal power. There is no greater power on earth, under the earth, in Heaven, or any other place than that of God's unspeakable gift. He can cause calamity to be a blessing to His people. He can turn the tide of sorrow and sighing in to joy and laughter. He can turn the sinner in a just and upright honest citizen. He can take the vilest and make from him the purest of humanity. He can give health and wealth, or He can take it away, but remember, He is always anxious to give these things rather than take them away from us.

He is God's unspeakable gift, because He is eternal. We think of Him and His birth at this time in the year, but we need to include His death, for His death and resurrection is the most important to you and to me. He was crucified and buried, and the Scribes, Pharisees, and others thought for sure they were rid of this Man Jesus, but thank God, He is eternal. He came forth from the grave and is alive today! The Bible says, "He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

All the forces of evil could not hold Him in His death, because He is the Eternal, Living, Son of God. He is God's gift to this world and He could be God's gift to everyone if you will receive Him. He would be the greatest gift you have ever received in all your life.

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### HERE'S BLACKWELL

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Blackwell Baptist WMU met Dec. 7 at the church for an all day meeting. The Mission study book "Hands Across the Sea" was led by Mrs. S. P. Smith. She was assisted by Mmes. Edna Sneed, Vera Bryant, Willie Burwick, Clovis Versyp, Everett Finley, Joe Gene Conratt, and A. E. Clem.

Rev. Thomas Lynn led the song service and explained the travel poster in different languages.

An interest center of colored travel posters, a large miniature ship and dolls dressed to represent the different countries of Europe, was displayed.

A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all present. The luncheon table decorations were a church, miniature signs giving the title of the book, and dolls shaking hands. The plate favor was a lady with a suitcase.

Twenty-two persons were present. After the program, they packed a box of clothing to be sent to the Mexican Orphan's Home in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brownfield has as their guest last week her mother, Mrs. D. M. Pogue of Snyder.

Mrs. Willie Burwick will spend the Christmas holidays with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burwick and children at Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware have as their guests Sgt and Mrs. Jesse Ussery and sons of Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene.

Christmas guests in the J. I. Adair home will be Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Phillips and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Baker and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. George Faulk and children of Midland and Tolbert Adair of Houston.



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### Is There Room For Jesus?

By Lester L. Vinson

In Luke's beloved narrative of the birth of the Christ Child it is written, "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Immediately there comes to the hearts of most people a sense of contempt for the keeper of the inn who could not or did not provide more suitable accommodations for arrival of the Prince of Peace. Many cannot understand the mind

of a nation that could be so unaware of the birth of their Saviour.

Yes, perhaps you too have felt these same emotions in your heart and yet are we in our "Little Town of Bronte" any more ready in spirit or soul to receive the angel's message of peace on earth to men of good will? Are our citizens eager to know of God's gift of His Son that "those who sat in darkness" may see the light?

We fill our lives with such things as family responsibilities, our means of earning a living, achieving our education, social activities, striving for better health. All these things are noble and worthwhile — but, again there is the unanswered question, "Is there room in your heart for the Master?" Is it possible that even in the religious life of our community there is little room for the true worshiper of Jesus? Can it be that in our various groups we spend our major effort being defensive or even belligerent to the extent that those around us cannot see an humbled spirit or bended knee and our faces reflecting the warmth and glory of personal communion with the Promised One?

All of the tinsel and sparkling lights; all the gifts and carols are empty and hollow unless in the heart of the people there is the sure and certain experience of accepting the love and forgiveness of God and the devotion of our love, first to Him and then to our fellow man.

Christmas Day guests in the Claude Beaver home will be Mmes. Mary Phillips, Gertrude Gray of Robert Lee and Lizzie Kiker of Rotan, Messrs. and Mmes. Charlie Phillips and Pat Nicholas of San Angelo, Jimmy Gray of Abilene, Bill Grubbs of Lubbock, Buck Ivey of Odessa and Walter Phillips and Luther McCutchen of Bronte.

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## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Pritch Brown and Fran of LaVerne, Oklahoma were weekend guests of her parents, the R. S. Waltons. The Walton's niece, Mrs. Sam Smith, and family of Denver, Colorado are expected to spend some time here visiting relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Mackey and Tony plan to spend Christmas Day in Ralls with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bridges and family of Eden plan to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. B. F. Bridges. The Lewis Bridges' daughter, Barbara, is recovering from a recent appendectomy.

Guests in the I. M. Cumbie home during the Christmas holidays will be their son, Irving Jr. and daughters and their daughter, Mrs. R. D. Garrett and David of Houston.

### JOY Sunday School Class Has Christmas Social

The JOY Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas social at the church Tuesday night, December 12.

A covered dish supper was served to members and their husbands with gifts exchanged from

an aqua colored tree.

Present for the occasion were Messrs. and Mmes. Vetal Flores, E. L. Caperton, Floyd Crunk, Robert Forman, T. O. Spiller, L. L. Webb, Charles Welborn, Miss Myrtle Lasswell, Bruce Crunk of Midland, and Mmes. J. F. Hughes and Melvin Lasswell.

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## The Prince Of Peace

By JOE WOLF

Among the overhanging crags and deep gully-cut hills of Judea, a little town nestled like a frightened bird. It seemed for all the world that this little town had become frightened at the size of the world and had hidden away, trying to lose itself in the wild country southeast of Jerusalem.

Of it little is known before the time when a poor carpenter and his wife came to make it their home. It first springs into prominence in the middle of the night, when the stillness of Jewish night had settled about the hills and the fog was lifting from the nearby pools of Siloam and the Dead Sea.

Some shepherds keeping watch over their flocks, saw toward the east, a bright star shining where one had never shone before. Immediately their ears were opened to the sound of a great host whose voices raised in a mighty chorus of "Peace on earth and good will toward all men."

And even in the dawning of the day wise men came from the east, seeking out this lonely town and the cradle beneath the star. They brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and with these gifts expressed the joy of the world: "Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given!" and "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save the people from their sins."

It is unnecessary to tell the reader that no man knows the date of the birth of our Lord, or that in all probability it was not in December. We all know that. The birthday celebration is from Paganism. But the emphasis around the world upon the meaning of the coming of the Son of God into the world is commendable at any season.

Two thousand years have passed since those wise men came, and still wise men pause in the mad rush of life to bring gold, frankincense and myrrh to the son of man — the son of God — periodically: gold for his kingliness; frankincense for worship, and myrrh as a sign of his suffering.

Jesus lifted Bethlehem from oblivion to the pinnacle of fame, and the world from sin to righteousness. Rightly the prophets had hailed him as the bright and morning star. To the world, wrapped in darkness, sin, ignorance, and misery, he came and the result was enlightenment, righteousness, knowledge and peace. As the prophets had prophesied and the poets had sung, Jesus came to establish a reign of universal love, of mercy, and of forgiveness,

which has been in the world and swayed its destiny for over 1900 years, blessing and cheering the living, comforting the dying, and giving hope of eternal life beyond the grave. Of all the interests that have ever engaged the attention of humanity, Jesus of Nazareth has proved himself the greatest. His word is the soul's hope, and the foundation of its perennial peace. Without him life is but an empty dream; with him one can wander through the aisles of earth's greatest cathedrals of music and song and tread the forest paths where countless saints have left their footprints, and can share the full assurance of fellowship with the best who have lived before Him, and who will one day be citizens of that celestial city beyond the stars which God has prepared for his children.

It is fitting and right that the world pause in the mad rush of life to pay respect to heaven's gift. As human in origin as Thanksgiving day and even more appropriate, is any period of respectful cognizance of the Lord's coming upon the earth. Carols of rejoicing are being sung around the earth today because he came. Far more appropriate than holly hung in the home is a soul decorated with the glad hues of joy and thanksgiving. "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!"

The teaching of Christ was something new. Men for ages had their systems of religion and had worshipped some sort of a god. Many times this god was a tree, river or idol, and sometimes a system of philosophy. Each had its defect and it remained for Jesus to present for the first time a scheme of redemption whereby man might enjoy the fatherhood of God, and have the promise of eternal life. Man has always expressed faith in and anticipation for eternal life. None had the promise until Jesus came. Only in him was the gap created by Adam's transgression obliterated. He is the Soul's PRINCE OF PEACE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Richards of Clearwater Beach, Florida are visiting their son, C. O. Richards, and family, and Mrs. Richards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wylie. They will remain through the Christmas holidays. The C. O. Richards family will go to Lawn Saturday evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Papasan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Low and Lana will leave December 21 for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Keating and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Lowe, Sr. in Brownwood.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin and daughter will visit during the Christmas holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Martin in Fort Worth, and with Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Touchstone, also of Fort Worth. Some of the holiday period, the Martins will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Renza Lee at Maverick and his mother, Mrs. Nell Martin in Corpus Christi. Rusey Martin of Winters will be a guest in the Martin home on Christmas Day.

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Vinson and children will leave Sunday after night services at the Baptist church for Abilene for a family gathering and Christmas tree in the home of Mrs. Vinson's parent, Dr. and Mrs. Ollie Deaton. They will go on to Duke, Oklahoma to spend the remainder of the holidays with Rev. Vinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Gullett.

The Norman Roberts family from Rock Springs are expected this weekend to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Snead and other relatives.

Christmas visitors in the Pete Nutter home will be Bobby Franklin from Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ivey and children from Robert Lee and Bill Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes will spend Christmas Day in Stanton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baugh.

Home for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Luttrell Jr., will be James Luttrell of Lubbock and Mike Luttrell, who is attending college at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones of Kermit visited his daughter, Mrs. Jack Ivey and family early this week.

Joe Wolf, Bronte Church of Christ minister, held a gospel meeting Dec. 10-15 in Laredo.



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## LOCAL NEWS

The Nealy Mackey family will spend Christmas Day in Robert Lee with her mother, Mrs. Sam McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller and children will spend a part of the holidays in El Paso with her sister, Mrs. Jack Graves, and family. Sammy Miller has been visiting the Graves and will return home with his parents, as will Tommy Graves, son of the Jack Graves.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Vera Thomas and Mrs. Lucille Baldwin will be Vera Ann Baldwin of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Baldwin of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baldwin of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Baldwin of College Station and Mrs. Will Stephenson of Rankin.

Hubert Whitt of Jal, New Mexico and Lamarr Whitt of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Fleming and girls of San Angelo will spend Christmas with the H. O. Whitts.

Guests in the G. M. Stephenson home are Mr. and Mrs. Orel Stephenson of Detroit, Michigan and Mrs. A. O. Vaughn of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shurley and Cheri of Whitesboro visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Shurley over the weekend.

Dee Arrott is reported making a satisfactory recovery from surgery which he underwent Thursday of last week in Bronte Hospital. The surgery was to repair an injured knee.

Mrs. Kate Cox is going to spend the holidays in Brownwood with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Lyon and in Burnet with another sister, Mrs. C. H. Dickens, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson and children will go to Breckenridge Christmas Eve for an overnight visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reed.

Carolyn Kemp will arrive Friday night from New York City for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wayne Rees of Lubbock will spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rees and Marla.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spencer will spend Christmas Day at Nolan with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson and family plan to spend Christmas Day in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson.

Rex and Ann Harris arrived Friday to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. John R. Harris. Ann is attending school in Virginia and Rex is in school in Kentucky.

## VINSONS HOST DEACONS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, decorated in Christmas theme and colors, was the setting for a fellowship supper for the deacons of the church and their wives Tuesday evening at 6:30. The pastor, Lester L. Vinson, and Mrs. Vinson were hosts.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sims, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cumbie, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Denman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Barbee, Mr. L. T. Youngblood and the hosts.

R. E. Cumbie gave the invocation. An informal program of personal glimpses of past years in the life of the church was led by the pastor. C. B. Barbee gave the benediction.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyles and children will spend the Christmas weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Boyles in Aspermont, and her mother, Mrs. Lucky Odom in Breckenridge.

Barbara Baggett has returned home after several months in Elba, Alabama with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Gray, and family. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baggett.

## Bronte School Basketball

Bronte High School girls took consolation honors in the Christoval tournament last weekend with Dana Eubanks being named on the all-tournament team. Losing the first game to Eldorado 28-23, the local girls went on to defeat Christoval 44-24 and Winters B 44-23.

Monday night scores looked bad for the local girls' teams with Winters coming to Bronte to take three games. Elementary score was 41-10; A team 54-28 and B team 47-41.

In two district games Tuesday night at Mertzon, the high school boys and girls teams were defeated by Mertzon. The boys lost 48-32, the girls lost 38-36. Jim Morrow scored 12 points for the boys and Dana Eubanks bagged 28 points for the girls for high scoring honors.

High school boys and Jr. High boys went to Divide Monday night and won both games there. The boys will be entering a tournament during the Christmas vacation at Trent December 28-29-30.

## NEWS FROM PENNYSON

By Mrs. Jack Corley

The quilting club met for their all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Gene Halamicek Thursday. The house was decorated in a Christmas motif.

A covered dish luncheon was served to Mmes John Clark, W. T. Green, Hamp Thomas, Roy Baker, Willard Caudle, Bess Cook, J. C. Boatright, Ben Brooks, R. M. Brown and Debbie, D. H. Patton and son, C. R. Brown and Velda, Sudie Brown, Bess Fincks, Bert Cornelius, Louis Aker, Claude Ditmore, Pete Thomas and boys and C. L. Brown. Present at noon

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

This 5th day of December, 1961, came to be considered by the Directors of Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, the matter of calling an election for the purpose of electing two (2) directors for said district to serve a term of two (2) years from the second Tuesday in January, 1962; and it appearing to said directors of said district that it would be advisable to hold said election of directors on the 9th day of January, 1962, the same being the second Tuesday in January, 1962, and that the directors of said district issue an order therefor and cause public notice to be given as required by law: NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in the Directors of Coke County Kickapoo Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, said directors do hereby order that on the 9th day of January, 1962 at Bronte Feed & Supply Store in the City of Bronte, County of Coke, State of Texas, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing two Directors of said District.

That the polls shall be open for such election at the Bronte Feed & Supply Store in the City of Bronte, Texas, located in said district from 8:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. on the day of the election; and the following officer to hold said election hereby is appointed, to-wit, Hurlin Lee, Presiding Judge. Said Presiding Judge is hereby given authority to hold said election.

No person shall vote at such election unless he is a resident voter of said district and also a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. All votes of such election shall be by ballot, and voters desiring to vote for the Directors of the District shall vote for two persons each of whom shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of said District and an owner of taxable property in the District.

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

Public notice of this Order shall be given by publication thereof in The Bronte Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Coke County, Texas, the publication of this Order being once a week for two consecutive weeks, with the first publication being at least twenty (20) days prior to the election and not more than thirty-five (35) days prior thereto.

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

F. S. Higginbotham,  
President  
J. A. Percifull  
Secretary

## The Bronte Enterprise

December 21, 1961

were Roy Baker, Hamp Thomas, Jack Corley and Gene Halamicek. After noon gifts were exchanged and a brief program was presented. Mrs. Charlie Brown read the Christmas story from the Bible; Mrs. Brooks told a Christmas story and Mrs. Cook led in prayer. A game was played with Mrs. Louis Baker as winner. After a group singing of "Silent Night", refreshments of cake and candy mints with hot punch and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks and Beverly of Sterling City recently visited in the Ben Brooks home. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks visited friends and relatives in San Angelo, Grape Creek, Sterling City and Robert Lee Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen of San Angelo visited Mrs. Addie Gaston and Sam Thursday.

Sunday visitors in the G. H. James Sr. home were Mr. and Mrs. M. Hibbs of San Angelo and Elmer Allen of Orient.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McClure and children visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. James Chambers and girls and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McClure Sr. in San Angelo.

Sunday dinner guests of the Claude Ditmore were Mr. and Mrs. Elton McGinnis and boys of Eldorado, Mrs. Melba Ditmore, Mike and Ray of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ditmore.

Visiting Sunday with Mrs. Sudie Brown were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green and William, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Cathy

and Russell, Mrs. Emma Stewart and Leo of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hageman and Don of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corley and boys visited Mrs. Douglas Buford and children and Mrs. B. R. Davis in San Angelo Thursday evening. Mrs. Davis left Friday morning for Lynwood, Calif. to spend Christmas with the Jack Coyle family.

Chester Derick of Odessa was an overnight visitor Saturday with Clarence and Chester Roy Derrick.

Sunday guest of the Jack Corleys were Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Latham and LouAnn of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Corley and Mrs. Alene Latham of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gaston and children of San Angelo and Mrs. Goldie Conard of Cayuga visited Mrs. Addie Gaston and Sam Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pope of Denton visited Monday and Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Rawlings, and family.

The Leon Webb family of San Angelo and the Ed Poehls family of Wingate will be in Bronte to visit the L. L. Webbs Christmas Eve.

## SHOP BRONTE FIRST

For Life, Hospitalization and  
Polio Insurance, See

**B. D. SNEAD**

At First National Bank

## BRONTE FURNITURE STORE

BRONTE, TEXAS

## NEW and USED

Casco TV & Kitchen Cart, makes into utility table  
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Chests of Drawers, Nite Stands, Book Cases  
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All these nice items have been cut as low as we can possibly sell them for your Christmas Special Needs. Also let us help you with the extra Bed & Springs you may need—and good used heaters. HAVE MANY NICE USED ITEMS.

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS,  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26.  
AND WANT TO WISH YOU ALL

**Merry Xmas & Happy New Year**



## Coke County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Melvin Childress

Deputy Jesse Parker

Deputy Mary Krall



Our gift to you —  
many best wishes  
for a very bright and  
Happy Holiday!

## CENTRAL DRUG

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Kiker  
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TO EACH OF YOU



To everybody... everywhere...  
we wish you a most pleasant  
Christmas season.

**WHITE AUTO STORE**

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**MERRY  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

May the gifts of  
health, wealth and  
happiness be yours!

**Coke County Judge's Office**

Mary Patterson

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring a watch and a  
dump truck and my daddy a west-  
ern suit.  
my mother some hoese shoes  
and ring.

Love, Jan Magness

Bronte, Texas

Dear Santa Calus,  
Plese bring me a machine gun,  
bee bee gun, gun collection, gun  
holster and two guns.

Sincerely,

Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle and  
a watch.

My mother needs a barbecue  
grill.

My brother needs a watch.

My daddy needs some new  
sheets.

Love, Ann Ivey

Bronte, Texas  
December, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Bible and  
bring an electric train.

By Jack Vaughn

Bronte Texas  
December

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a new pair of  
shoes and a wagon. Please bring  
Roger a bicycle.

Micheal Wayd Thomas

Bronte, Texas  
December 12, 1916

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a bow and  
arrow and with three arrows and  
a drum and for my brother race  
car

Love,

Liseo Martinez Sanchez

Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1960

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please get a coat for my dog.  
My mother needs a barbecue grill.  
I need a new coat for my Barbey  
boy.

Love,

Jan Aldred

Bronte, Texas  
December

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Fort Apache  
my father wants a car.

John Hudson

Rockey Ivey, 345841  
Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
As I was saying I want a big  
big gun and my mother wants a  
car.

Rockey Ivey

Bronte, Texas  
North Washington St.  
Box 38

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you, Santa Claus? I  
want a football and a baseball  
glove. My little sister wants a doll  
buggy. I hope you will be able to  
come to my house. And we want  
some candy and I want a B. B.  
gun, too.

Sincerely,

Joe Basquez

Bronte, Texas  
Box 273  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. I am  
eight years old. Would you please  
bring me some Barbie doll cloth-  
es? Also I would like a pair of  
shoes for her too. Would you  
please bring them?

Your friend,

Paula Jane

Route 1  
Bronte Scholo  
Dec. 12, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Is it cold up there like it is  
down here?

I want a Barby doll case and  
the doll to and I want a picture  
of Abe Lincoln. And I want a  
Barbys boy friend Klent and case.

Love,

Sherry Miller



May you enjoy the joy and peace of this Holy  
Season, and may it extend throughout the coming  
year.

**SPENCER'S GROCERY,  
STATION AND FEED**

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**Humble Service Station**

When Christmas is over . . . may the blessings of the  
season linger long . . . yes, linger with you until  
another Holiday rolls 'round once more.

This is the wish of all of us for all of you.

**Christmas**



**Greetings**

to our friends

**CLAUDE & LILLIAN DITMORE**

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Box 17  
Maverick, Texas  
Dec. 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope all your reindeer are all happy. Everything is alright down here.

I am pretty sure everything is alright up there in the North Pole. Your little Elves making toys, trains for boys, dolls for girls and absolutely everything.

First thing I want is a guitar. Next I want a Buffalo Hunter set. And a Bible. And I wish you a Merry Christmas, Santa.

Sincerely,  
Donald Thompson



GLOWING BRIGHTLY:

our warm wish —

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Lammers Groc.  
& Station**

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Lammers

Elementary School  
Dec. 13, 1961  
Box 253

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you Santa Claus? Would you please bring me a watch and a Barbie Doll. Sorry that I got to quit now.

By-by Santa  
With Love,  
Jolene Vaughn

Box L  
Bronte School  
Bronte, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? Is it cold at the north pole? It is cold down here. Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a record player. How are the reindeer, especially Rudolph?

Love,  
Melissa Lee

Elementary School  
P. O. Box 264  
Bronte, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you. We have bells and candles on our windows.

Tommy and Randy and Dale and Joe made a Christmas tree then we put Christmas cards on it. We are going to make a vase for our mother. And I want you to bring me a football set and a football and a stocking of candy.

Love,  
Arthur Martinez

Mery Christmas too you and a happy New Year.

Box 179  
Route 2  
Bronte, Texas  
Dec. 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,

Is it cold out there at the north pole like it is here. It is cold out here.

For Christmas I want a Cowgirl suit, and a Manicure Doll and a blond headed barby Doll.

How are you doing? I hope you are doing o. k.

Sincerely,  
Sallie Richards

## Former Pastor Named to State Job by Baptists

DALLAS, Dec. 12 (Spl)— The Rev. Douglas G. Brown, former pastor of Brnote First Baptist Church, was elected here Tuesday as Associate in the Cooperative Program and Church Finance Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

His appointment came during the quarterly meeting of the 192-member Executive Board. He fills a vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. L. B. Cobb in December, 1960. He will begin his new duties Jan. 1, 1962, working primarily in church finance and stewardship promotion. His initial emphasis, said Cecil Ray, secretary of the department, will be to help the 2,500 churches in the Convention whose membership does not exceed 300.

Brown has served the First Baptist Church in Hamilton the past three years and has also served as stewardship chairman in Texas Baptist District 16, the Hamilton area.

Brown holds BA and BD degrees from California Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Berniece French. They have two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson, Nancy and Robbie attended a family gathering in Brady Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baugh and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilmore of Stanton, to Winters for their aunt, Mrs. G. W. Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crow of Lowell, Arkansas will visit the Hughes', the latter part of this week.



From all of us to all of you

**Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Luttrell  
James and Mike**



# Best Greetings

It is Christmastime again — when more than at any other time our thoughts are of our friends.

There are wonderful riches in friendships — and it is this friendly feeling toward others that really makes Christmas the happy day it is.



**COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

J. L. "Chilly" Tinkler and Family

Winnie Waldrop

Mildred Wallace

Happy Holiday Season

May we express our appreciation for your

pleasant associations and extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas

*The Bronte Hospital*

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our gratitude for the loving help and sympathy extended to us during our recent grief. The lovely flowers, the food and all other expressions of sympathy were indeed a comfort to us. We extend our heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. Robert Knierim  
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rees and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Knierim and Family

Dear Friends,

Will you please come by for your dishes. The names are missing or are illegible.

Mrs. Robt. Knierim

**CARD OF THANKS**

The people of the Tennyson community would like to express their thanks and appreciation for the wonderful way in which people of the surrounding area helped out during and following the destruction by fire of their Baptist Church recently.

**FOR SALE** — Frigidaire range and refrigerator. Good as new. H. A. Springer. 2tc

**FOR RENT** — 2 bedroom house, garage. J. A. Stephenson. 1tp

**POSTED:** Absolutely no hunting or trespassing. That means everyone. Edward Rawlings. 4tp

**STRAYED:** Hayrick community, one small Angus heifer yearling. Both ears notched. Reward. Write Dean Black, Bronte, Texas. 2tc

**FOR YOUR WALLACE** Studio coupons, 16 x 20, tapestry heirloom, shadow box frames, see Louveta Ivey.

**SCRAPBOOKS** and Picture Albums now in stock. Available in school color, maroon. Albums especially good for Polaroid prints. Ideal Christmas gifts. The Bronte Enterprise.

**FOR FAST** efficient developing service by Fox, bring your film to Central Drug Store.

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**Greetings to My Friends**

To My Dear Friends in Bronte and Everywhere:

I hope you won't blame me for taking the easy way out by putting my greeting to you in the newspaper. You will never know what you have meant to me in my hour of sorrow. I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness. Now may the Lord bless you with the Merriest Christmas ever, and a happy prosperous New Year. I love you all.

Ernest Seay.

**CHILDRESS FIRM** —

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trict, and it was created in 1959 by an act of the state Legislature. Since that time the directors have been steadily making progress toward the realization of actually having the dams built.

Directors include Higginbotham, D. K. Glenn, Austin Sandusky, Preston Davis and J. A. Percifull.

**Sorosis Club Members With Christmas Party**

Mrs. Clyde Lee was hostess for the Sorosis Club Christmas party in her home last Friday evening. Mrs. Jean Sheppard gave "The Life of Mary" and the group sang Christmas carols.

Gifts were exchanged. Mmes. Royce Lee and Bob Howard served fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee. Candy, nuts and open sandwiches were served from a decorated table. Christmas centerpieces were used on the coffee table and serving table.

Mmes. Norman Kiker and Don Furr were guests and members present were Mmes. Howard Lee, E. F. Glenn, J. B. Morrow, Bill Clark, Royce Fancher, Clark Glenn, Vernon Glenn, W. D. McDonald, Ben Oglesby, Joe Rawlings, Roy Robinson, C. O. Richards, David Crockett, Jean Sheppard and the hostess.

Christmas Day plans for the Jay Jones family include a trip to Ranger to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Robinson.



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

At this Yuletide Season we are especially mindful of our many blessings . . . and want to thank you for your friendship and patronage. We wish you all the joys of Christmas and a Happy New Year.

T. F., PAULINE AND GLENN

**Big Christmas Sale**  
**THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

FOLGER'S OR MARYLAND CLUB

**Coffee**

**Lb. Can 65c**

KIMBELL'S WHOLE NO. 2 1/2 CAN  
**SWEET POTATOES 29c**

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**CHERRIES - No. 303 21c**

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**FLOUR**

**5 Lb. Bag 39c**

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LIMIT 1 ONLY

PET or CARNATION TALL CANS  
**MILK - 3 for 49c**

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**FREE! FREE!**

Come in and register for the **BIG TURKEY TOM** to be given away at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Nothing to buy — You do not have to be present to win!!

**CURED HAMs, Half or Whole - Lb. 59c**

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**BEEF RIBs - Lb. 29c**

**FRESH GROUND MEAT - Lb. 39c**

**CHUCK BEEF ROAST - Lb. 43c**

**Chicken Hens, Fat Cage Lb. 35c**

HORMEL  
**BACON - - Lb. 49c**

RIDLEY  
**SAUSAGE - 2 Lbs. 89c**

KIMBELL'S  
**BISCUITS - 3 for 25c**

KIMBELL'S  
**OLEO - - Lb. 19c**

**Apples, Washington Delicious Lb. 19c**

FRESH STALK  
**CELERY - Each 14c**

CALIFORNIA NAVEL  
**ORANGES - Lb. 19c**

**Pecans, Walnuts Lb.**

**Brazil Nuts - - 49c**

VAL-VITA SLICED  
**PEACHES - No. 2 1/2 25c**

TEXAS  
**ORANGES - Lb. 15c**

REG. 39c  
**CANDY - - - 35c**

TEXAS  
**Oranges and Grapefruit 5 Lb. Bag - - 35c**

GO TO THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY



**SIMS FOOD STORE**



**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May the gifts of happiness grow for you — and give you lasting pleasure!

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Gary Cooper, Deborah Kerr, Peter Cushing in  
"THE NAKED EDGE"  
Also Cartoon



## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a tumbling doll, a jumping thing and table and chairs. Dishes would be handy with my table. Please bring my mother some pajamas, socks for my daddy, and please bring Larry something that he will like.

Thank you Santa,

Elaine Butler

Dear Santa,

I would like a puzzle, a truck, a car and candy. Please bring a doll for my baby and a gun for my little brother.

Thank you,

Emilio Cantu

Dear Santa,

I want a coloring book, electric blanket for Mary and me... also one for my mother and father. I want my daddy to have a new suit. As for myself please bring in my new three front teeth.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Love,

Nell Champion

Dear Santa,

Please bring my daddy an electric blanket and my mother a watch. I would enjoy an electric football game. I want an electric blanket. A baseball and bat would help me get ready to play Pee Wee Ball. If I had a watch I would never be late to school. I need a football suit to go with my helmet and ball.

A Merry Christmas to you and goodby.

Davy Crockett

Dear Santa,

I would like a cowboy shirt, boots, blue jeans and a doll. Bring Bubba a cap, Terry wants some pretty shoes, bring Linda some things to use when she plays house. I would like to have a T. V. Elephant to go on my bed. Please bring Joy and Daddy matching Western shirts and blue jeans.

Thank you,

Paula Dunklin

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Barbie Doll, some paper dolls, new colors, a little red spinning wheel, a typewriter. I would like for my brother to have Gardo.

Thank you,

Michelle Golson

Dear Santa,

I want a gun, a ball and a color book. I am trying to be good.

Tim Arrott



AND

*Thank You*

FOR YOUR  
FINE PATRONAGE  
AND GOOD WILL

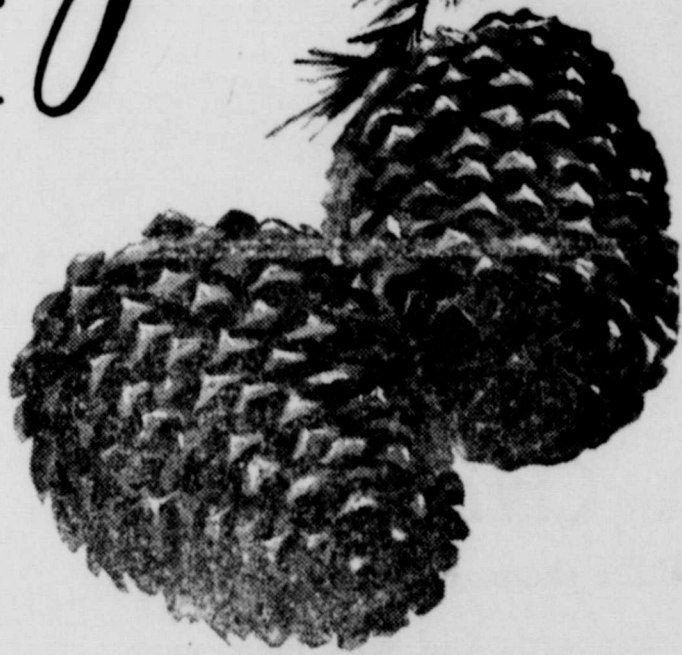
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Store**

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**SEASON'S**  
*Greetings*

A wish to join the others  
That are being sent your way...  
May all the greatest blessings  
Be yours on Christmas Day...



**Caperton Chevrolet Company**

Jerry Proctor  
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Lee Hennecke

Clifford Hageman  
Louis Galloway  
Pete Puentez  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Caperton

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a doll with clothes and a purse and a watch and a piano and a camera and a vase for my mother.  
Love, Lupe Flores

Robert Lee, Tex.  
December 14, 1961  
Dear Santa  
I am seven years old and go to school in Robert Lee. I am in the second grade.  
I want a toy truck and toy train. I want a drum too.  
Love,  
Riley Waldrop



Extending to you our warmest and most sincere wishes for THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS, EVER!  
**B. D. Snead**  
Life Insurance

Box 66  
Bronte, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a cowgirl suit for Christmas.  
I want a doll for Christmas.  
I want a bicycle for Christmas.  
I want a sweater and a pair of bluejeans.  
With love,  
Susan Grace

Elementary  
Box 176  
Dec. 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football, punching bag, a Bible and a football, a pair of socks.  
Love, Tommy Grace

Rt. 1, Box 26  
Bronte, Texas  
December 15, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and puppy for Christmas and bring all good boys and girls what they want for Christmas. Be sure to bring all the little boys and girls that don't have mothers and daddys something nice. I love you very much Santa. Good-by for now.  
Love Always  
Joann Copeland

Bronte School  
Box 87, Route 1  
Dec. 12, 1961

Der Santa Claus,  
How are you?  
I hope your reindeer are all happy.

I hope everything at the North Pole is all right. First of all I want a basketball. Then I want a baseball bat. After that I want a B-B gun and some boots and a cowboy hat.  
I hope everyone gets what they want. I'm sure I will.  
Sincerely,  
Dale Baggett

Elementary School  
215 Woods Street  
Dec. 12, 1961

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. I hope everything is fine at the North Pole, but, when are you coming to Bronte?

My mother would like a new hat and dress. My father would like an electric saw. My brother would like a football game. I would like a box car and a tank car for our electric train. I would also like the game of Consintra-tion. My dog would like a new collar. The front door will be unlocked. Well I had better go, Mr. Cluas.

Your friend,  
Kenneth Stroebel  
P. S. My sister is Sandra of the first grade.

Elementary School  
Dec. 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a cow girl suit and a moving doll. I want a barbee doll with clothes.

Please bring a snow cone maker for the family. I would like to have some new Sunday shoes. Would you please bring some jumping shoes.

Sincerely, Deanna Barbee  
Bronte School  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Bronte, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a barbee doll and her clothes. My sister would like a barbee doll to. My mother would like a camera. My brother wants a toy lion. My sisters name is Patty and my brothers name is Jimmy.

My daddy wants some gloves.  
Your friend,  
Nancy Ann Rawlings



At Christmastime our thoughts again go out to our friends. May we express the wish that your Christmas radiate warmth and happiness in your hearts? May you have the sort of Christmas you hope it will be.



Paul and Garland Good



## Our Christmas Wishes

Like the star that guided the shepherds and wise men, may the love and glittering light of the Season make this Christmas your happiest!

**Ditmore Texaco Station**  
**Ditmore LP Gas Co.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ditmore

**EVERY DAY,**

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We at West Texas Utilities Company speak to you of newness, of modernity, of living better electrically.

That is our pleasure. All those things are the rewards of the 20th Century.

But none of us wants modern terms to obscure from us our nation's oldest and most cherished values of self-reliance, individual initiative and universal opportunity.

So let's pause together now with the Christmas hope that these "old-fashioned" values, these seasonal and true values, will light our paths in all the modern years to come.

West Texas Utilities  
*Company*

Texaco Brand

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a set of road building truck, new foot ball and an army rifle.

Santa, my sister would like a watch for Christmas.

Love,

Brent Kedziora

P. S. Please bring my cat a ball.

Bronte, Texas  
December 13

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a B.B. gun and a bicycle and a bow and arrow.

Sincerely

Monico Flores

Bronte, Texas  
December 13

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a watch and a wagon and please bring me a pump 22. Ond my brother wants a racing car.

And my sister wants a doll bed. And my other brother wants to get out of the hospital.

Love,

Jimmy Rex Freeman

Bronte, Texas  
December 13

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a watch, bicycle, a barbecue grill, some blue jeans, a black hat.

Love,

Linda Sue Dunklin  
34541

Bronte, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a B B gun and a bow and arrow and a foot ball and a machine gun.

Sincerely, Jessie Flores

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a soldier suit and a toy ship and a gun and a drum and a bicycle and a watch and a lectric train and a shirt and a cap and blue genes and socks and shoes.

An for daddy, rifel, socks, shoes, boots.

Savannah, little sister, doll doll buggy, teddy bear, dress big sister, reckerd player, arta-fishel flowers.

Sandy puppy, bone, dog bowl, gravy train

Mother, high heels, dress.

Thank you, sincerely,

Matt

What do you want?

Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some games. My mother needs a barbecue grill. Will you bring me a bicycle to come to school?

My sister wants a walking doll.

My brother wants a foot ball.

My other little sister wants a teddy bear.

My father wants a new car.

Have a good time, Santa Claus.

Love, Sally Reyes

Bronte, Texas  
December 13

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle and an electric train for me and a transistor radio for Nancy and a puppy for grandmother and a pump gun for Tad an a barbecue pitt for mother.

Sincerely,

Terry Richards

Bronte, Texas  
December 12, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a dump truck. Please bring my daddy a watch. Please bring me a boat. Please bring my mother a dress.

Sincerely

Love, Mike Arrott

Bronte, Texas  
December 12

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please get a coat for me. I likes, Santa Claus, to get me a pink hair doll.

Sheila

The Bronte Enterprise

December 21, 1961

Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a doll and a

barbecue grill for mother and a coat for my sister.

Love,

Rosa Sanchez

## CHEER



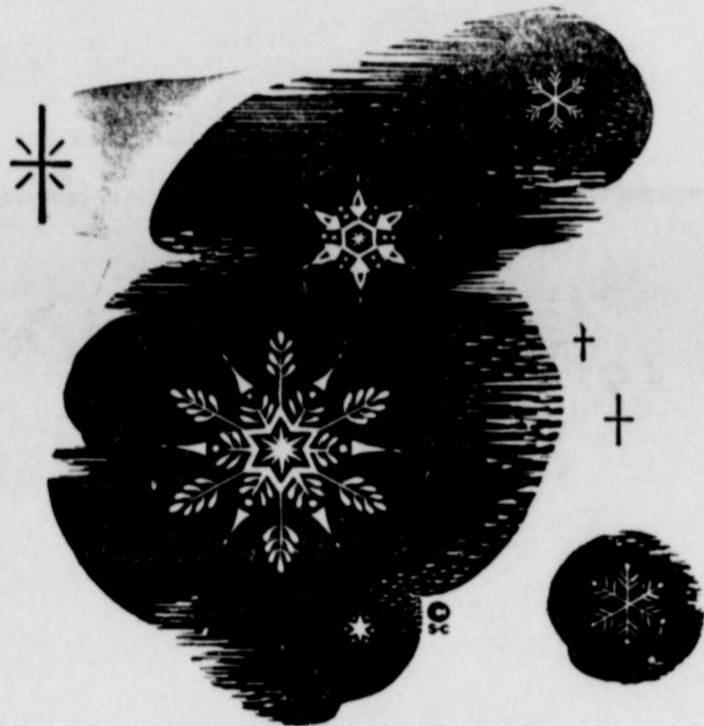
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to Our Friends

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Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes



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O. B. Jacobs and Family

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Don't Forget Our Big Drawing on Dec. 21. Be Sure and Register for the Beautiful FREE Roaster-Toaster

# Henry's Food Market

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa  
I want some skates, a Mr. Machine, a color book, a Tiny Tears doll, a little baby crib for my doll. Please bring my daddy, Oscar Shurley, a necktie, socks. Bring my mother a hat and some other pretty things to wear. I sure would enjoy a teddy bear to sleep with.

Love,  
Vicki Shurley

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy part of the time. Please bring me a roadrace set, a doctor kit, and a Casper the Ghost. I love you, Santa.

Eddie Wayne Alexander

Dec. 15, 1961  
Bronte, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old and I want a detective set. And I'll try to be a good boy.

With all my love,  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Eddie Paul Vinson

Bronte, Texas  
December

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a BB gun and a dump truck and a loader. My brother wants some chemistry tubes.

Sincerely,  
Gene Glenn

Gen. Del.  
Bronte, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
These things I need a dress, coat, pair of shoes.  
This is for my dogs, two dog collars.

These are for my sisters for my baby sister a doll, pair of high heels for big sister, a dress and a raincoat.

For my mother and father, a pair of earrings, a dress, for father a pair of shoes.

With love,  
Violette

Dear Santa,  
I want a Jan Muray game, a nurse doll, and a sewing machine.

Love,  
Sandra Stroebel

Dear Santa,  
I need a football suit and football, also socks and helmet and a BB gun. Bring my mother some steak knives, Mike a real gun, Larry a hunting knife and BB gun.

Love,  
Gayle McKown

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle, a commando, Mattel Pistol-rifle, Jr. Marine set.

Love,  
Howard Phillips  
Bronte, Texas  
December 13

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring a doll. Please bring a toy drum.

Please bring a bill fold.  
Please bring a puppy that is a bulldog for me.

Please bring my brother a toy gun. Please bring me a toy car. Please bring my brother a dump truck. Please bring my brother a ball.

Love, Lana Loue Lee

Dear Santa,  
Machine gun, B Bgun I want. I want a 22 for my daddy.

Richard Scott  
Bronte, Texas  
December

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle and a electric train and a dump truck for my brother and a bathrobe for my Mother and a hat for my father.

Sincerely by Billy Christopher  
Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring I want a doll and dress for my mother. I want a dress and shoes and for my baby I want a doll and for my brother a truck and for my daddy I want a coat.

By, love, Susie Reyes  
Sincerely



**Bob Wilson Barber Shop**

Bob, Dot, Nancy and Robbie



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VICTOR AND ANN**



**Peace  
on  
Earth**

May the spirit  
of Christmas  
be with you  
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**Luckett's Col-Tex Station**

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Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Luckett



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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a gun like  
Rifleman.

Thank you  
Denny Guajardo

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun, a ball, a basket-  
ball, a car, a plane and helicop-  
ter. I want my brother to have  
a gun. My sister wants a doll.  
I want a book to read. I want a  
cow so we can have milk for my  
family.

Thank you,  
Rocky Guajardo

Dear Santa,  
I want some dishes, a toy wash-  
ing machine. I want a table and  
chairs. Please bring the rest of  
my family something.

Thank you,  
Sylvia Guajardo

Dear Santa,  
I want a BB gun. Thank you  
for nice things you brought me  
last year.

Thank you,  
Tommy Howard

Dear Santa,  
I want a bride doll for me and  
one for Carolyn, a coloring book.  
It sure would be nice to have a  
baby doll just like Jan Alkreds  
doll. Rocky wants a BB gun.  
He wants a model airplane too.  
Carolyn and I want house shoes.

Love,  
Rhonda Ivey

Dear Santa,  
I want dishes, a make kit, a  
doctor set, a doll and a bicycle.  
I have tried to be good. I could  
use a little red spinning wheel.

Love,  
Kathey Jones

Dear Santa,  
I want a color book, colors, and  
a walking doll, also a bride doll.  
My sister wants a camera and  
for mother bring some cologne,  
for my daddy some men's cologne.  
My other sister wants a watch  
and my little brother wants a  
truck.

Love  
Vicki Minjarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Santa Claus suit that  
has a beard with it. I want an  
ice cream maker. I would like to  
have a walking cane. When I  
remember everything else I'll fin-  
ish my list for you at home.

Love,  
Mark Murtishaw

Dear Santa,  
I want a cowboy suit that has a  
gun with it. A Santa Claus suit  
like Mark wanted, a blue spinning  
wheel, and an electric blanket for  
me because I don't have one,  
and a walking cane are the things  
I want. For Randy I want a ro-  
bot commando, building blocks;  
for Donna I want a talking doll. I  
want a good mystery book for  
mother. Nanny wants a corsage.  
Don't forget Granddaddy.

Love,  
Ricky Sheppard

Dear Santa,  
I want a color book, a new box  
of crayons, a red bouncing ball,  
a play piano, a table and chairs,  
a play typewriter. Bring my daddy  
a pocket comb. My mother would  
like to have a mop and broom. I  
wish my brother had a new ball  
point pencil and fountain pen. For  
my whole family I want a new  
table lamp. Thank you for what  
you brought last year.

Love  
Mary Ellen McGuire

Dear Santa,  
I want a game, a pick-up, a gun,  
and a teddy bear; a rope and a  
bike. I would like to have a  
garage for my cars and trucks.

Love,  
Bobby Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have gun and  
an football.

Love  
Albert Sanchez

# on earth

# peace.

### Good Will Toward Men..

There's a wondrous magic in the  
manger scene that reflects the breath-  
taking beauty of that first Christmas  
night. May this Holy Season, serene  
as the manger scene, bring blessings  
of peace and joy to all.



We wish to convey this message to all our many friends and their families—

We trust this Season's Greetings will go into all the homes of the families  
who mean so much to us.

## Ruth and Bruce Clift

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Route 1  
Bronte, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Is it cold at the North Pole? I hope Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer does not freeze.  
For Christmas, I want a Barbie doll, Barbie's clothes, material, cow-girls suit, watch, baby bath. My sister Linda want a record player. Dawn wants a tea set and Shelley wants a kissy doll.  
Sincerely,  
Susan C.

Bronte Elementary  
Box 64  
Bronte, Texas  
Dec. 13, 1961

Dear Santa,  
I want a camera and a cowgirl suit, a barbie doll and some candy please. I would like a pretty white vase for my mother.  
I would like a sweater for my dog, Peanuts, a razor for my daddy, and I would like a electric stove for my teacher. And a another thing, a jumping jack.  
Love,  
Tam Grigg

Box 376  
Elementary School  
Bronte, Texas  
December 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Winchester B. B. gun and I want a strong box that has a secret firing lock and I want some sheep to. I want a light to go on my bicycle.

Love,  
Randy Sheppard  
Elementary School  
Box 75  
Bronte School  
December 12, 1961

Dear Santa,  
I would want a piano for Christmas and if you can't bring me the piano just bring me a big doll or a coloring book and some crayons. But I would want a camera because we had one but my brother got it and broke it so please bring me a camera.

Love,  
Odalía Manjarez  
Box 207  
Bronte Elementary  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a battery robot, wagon, Rocket Center and cowboy.

Love, Jerry B.  
Box 17  
Bronte School  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like play dishes and a doll, for Christmas.  
My sister wants a camera.  
With love,  
Mary Lou

Rt. 2  
Bronte, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I am fine. I hope you will bring me a B. B. gun and I hope you will bring me a Wood Burning set. And the last thing is a camyping set for Christmas Eve.  
With love,  
Larry McKown

Bronte School  
Box 17  
Dec. 13, 1961

Dear Santa Claus  
I am ten years old. I want a camera for Christmas. I always have been telling my mother to bring me one but she said that she can not bring me one. So I want a camera for Christmas. Santa Claus where are you staying? My father said that you are staying in San Angelo. We are going to San Angelo Saturday to

see you, buy some food and to buy some presents. I got a boy's name. I don't no what to give him.

With love,  
Janie Fuentez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow, cap guns, an elephant gun that shoots, a race car, a pair of boots and a color book, also colors.  
Love,  
Richard Scott



# Greetings

Our Sincere Best  
Wishes for a Happy  
Holiday to Each of You!

## SCOTT BUTANE

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Scott

# Christmas Greetings



to all good people everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maxwell Jr.



# CHRISTMAS

# Greetings

Our wish for you at this season is that you will find much peace and happiness from the realization of the true meaning of Christmas.

Please Pick Up Your Packages As Soon As Possible

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackey and Jimmy Ed



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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

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