

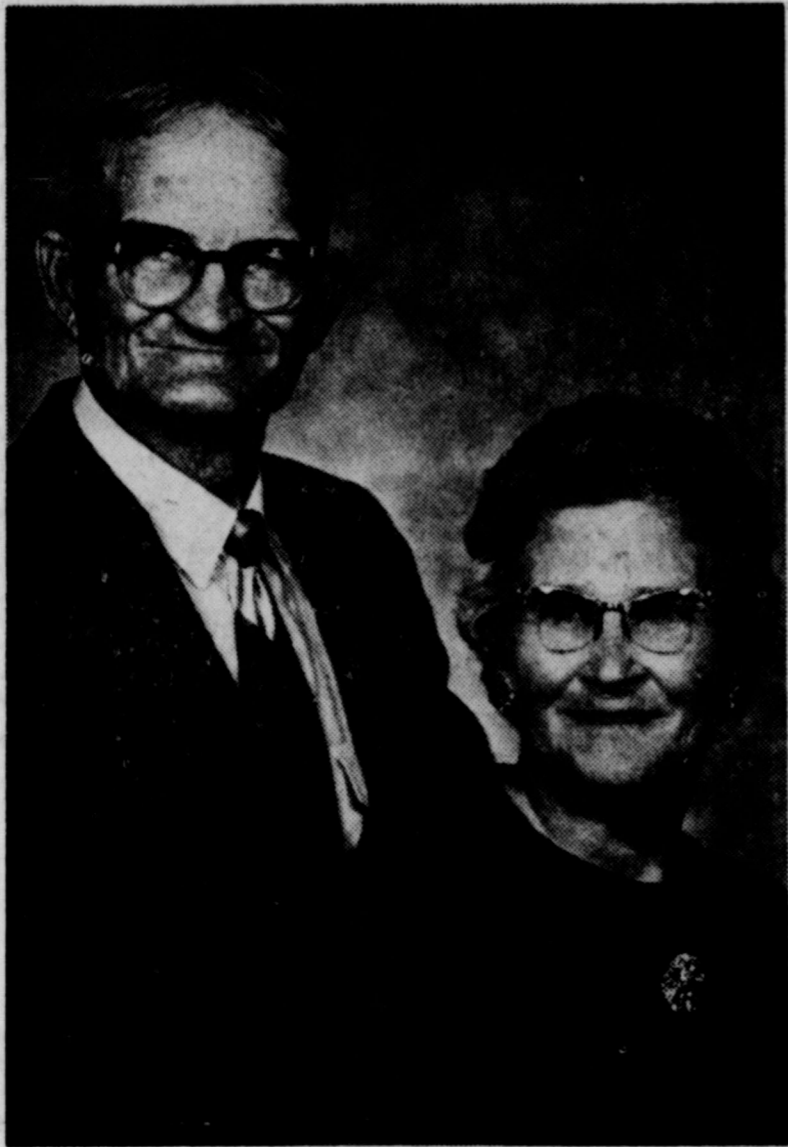
# The BRONTE ENTERPRISE

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## Bronte to Celebrate Holiday



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Richards

### Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Richards to Be Honored on Golden Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Richards Sr. of Blackwell will be honored with a reception Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple's children will host the affair from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Blackwell. Their children are: Clyde R. Richards Jr., Madison, Wis.; Billy W. Richards, San Angelo; Mrs. Joe Gagona, Euless; and Mrs. J. R. Thompson, Blackwell.

The couple was married Jan. 6, 1922, in Fluvanna, after meeting

### Rites Held for Mrs. Badgett, 52

Rosary for Mrs. J. W. Badgett, 52, was said at 3 p.m. last Friday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo. Mass was said at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Badgett, a resident of San of last week at Methodist Hospital in Houston. She was the mother of James Badgett of Bronte.

She was born March 4, 1919, in Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, James Badgett of Bronte and Jesse W. Badgett Jr. of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Crooks of Odessa and Mrs. William Bell of Fort Worth; three brothers, H. T. Stell, J. B. Stell and Harry Stell, all of Houston; a sister, Mrs. Jewel Baker of Lovelady; and five grandchildren.

### Bronte Teams in Robt. Lee Tourney

Bronte Longhorns won one game out of three in the Robert Lee tournament last weekend. Coahoma took both championships at the tournament with the Coahoma boys defeating Sands 88-87 in the finals. In the girls finals Coahoma took Forsan 49-38.

Mike Arrott was named to the boys all tournament team and Michelle Golson and Gin Snead made the girls mythical team. Bronte girls were the consolation winners, defeating Sterling City 56-51.

The Longhorns' first game was with Sands and they lost 90-68. Gary Skelton made a big 21 points to lead Longhorn scoring, followed by Arrott with 19. Others included Richard Reyes 11, Bobby Skelton 3, Alan Barbee 4, Leroy Zuniga 9, and Jim Dan Raughton 1.

In the second round Bronte downed the Robert Lee B team 67-31. Arrott led the scoring with 22; G. Skelton 18; B. Skelton 11; Barbee 7; Reyes 6; Zuniga 2; and Gene Glenn 1.

In their third game Sterling City outscored Bronte 62-53. Arrott had a big 24; G. Skelton 14; B. Skelton 8; Reyes 5; and Barbee 2.

Bronte girls defeated Sterling City 56-51 in the consolation final match.

### SPECIAL SERVICES SET

College students and other young people returning to Bronte for the holidays will be in charge of the services Sunday night at First Baptist Church. The service will be at 7 p.m. and everyone, particularly young people, in the community are invited to attend, according to the pastor, the Rev. Harry Morris.

Bronte businesses will close for the Christmas holidays this weekend after a busy holiday season. Schools were dismissed Wednesday afternoon and will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the usual time.

Offices in the county courthouse will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, as well as Christmas Day. First National Bank also will be closed on Christmas Eve, as it is a mandatory holiday this year, since Christmas Day comes on Saturday.

The city hall will be closed at 2 p.m. Friday and will remain closed until Tuesday morning, Dec. 28. The post office will be

### Rabid Fox Bites Mrs. Rawlings

Mrs. Joe Rawlings was attacked by a rabid fox Tuesday of last week, Dec. 14. In the late evening, Mrs. Rawlings, who lives southwest of town, was preparing to come to Bronte to a Christmas party and the fox attacked her at the yard gate as she was going to the car. It bit her two or three times on the heel and chased her back to the house, jumping on the screen door after she had gone inside.

Her husband, Joe Rawlings, said she was taken to San Angelo for treatment and now is taking a series of 14 rabies shots at Bronte Hospital. He said she is doing fine.

He got a good look at the fox and from its actions, it was presumed to be rabid, although the fox got away. A San Angelo veterinarian told Rawlings that the fox would die soon, but there was no way of knowing how far he might range before death.

Persons in this area are warned to be on the lookout for rabid animals.

closed from Friday noon until Monday morning with no service, not even lock box service, on Christmas Day.

Most other business will be closed Saturday and Sunday, resuming operation on Monday morning.

Most Bronte families will go away for family gatherings or entertain guests in their homes here.

### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Residents of Bronte Nursing Home were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday night.

L. O. Clark, administrator, served as master of ceremonies. Rev. Harry Morris led the group in singing Christmas carols with Mrs. Morris at the piano. A group of Baptist and Methodist young people sang carols.

Gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree. Refreshments of hot apple cider, coffee, assorted cookies and candy were served to the residents of the home, their families and guests.

### Davis' Sister Dies in Angelo

Funeral services for Mrs. Addie Ezelle Anderson, 78, were held at 1 p.m. last Friday in Robert Massie Funeral Home in San Angelo. Burial was in Sterling City Cemetery at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Anderson, sister of Preston Davis of Bronte, died at her home in San Angelo at 1:05 a.m. Sunday.

Born Dec. 27, 1892, in Gonzales, she had lived in San Angelo 35 years. She was a Baptist and a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Vern (Nora) Nelson of San Angelo and Mrs. Mable Austin of Pierce, Idaho; six sons, J. B. Anderson of Kansas City, Kan., Odis Eugene Anderson and Fred Anderson, both of Seattle, Wash., Billy Anderson of Phoenix, Ariz., Horace Anderson of Baker, Ore., and Charles Anderson of Dallas; seven brothers, Preston Davis of Bronte, Virgil Davis of Colorado, and Otis Davis, R. E. Davis, Virgil Davis, Clay Davis and Harvey Ray Davis, all of Arizona; three sisters, Mrs. W. D. Coleman of San Angelo and Mrs. Ora Ransbarger and Mrs. Alma Jordan, both of New Mexico; 27 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### BASKETBALL GAMES SET FOR NEXT THURSDAY

Extra games have been matched for the Bronte basketball teams and two games will be played next Thursday, Dec. 30. Both boys A and B teams will play Jim Ned here, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The girls A and B teams will play at Miles on the same night with games starting there at 5 p.m.

Bill Green of Lubbock visited friends in Bronte Wednesday. He is a former teacher here and is now teaching at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and working on his Ph. D. degree.



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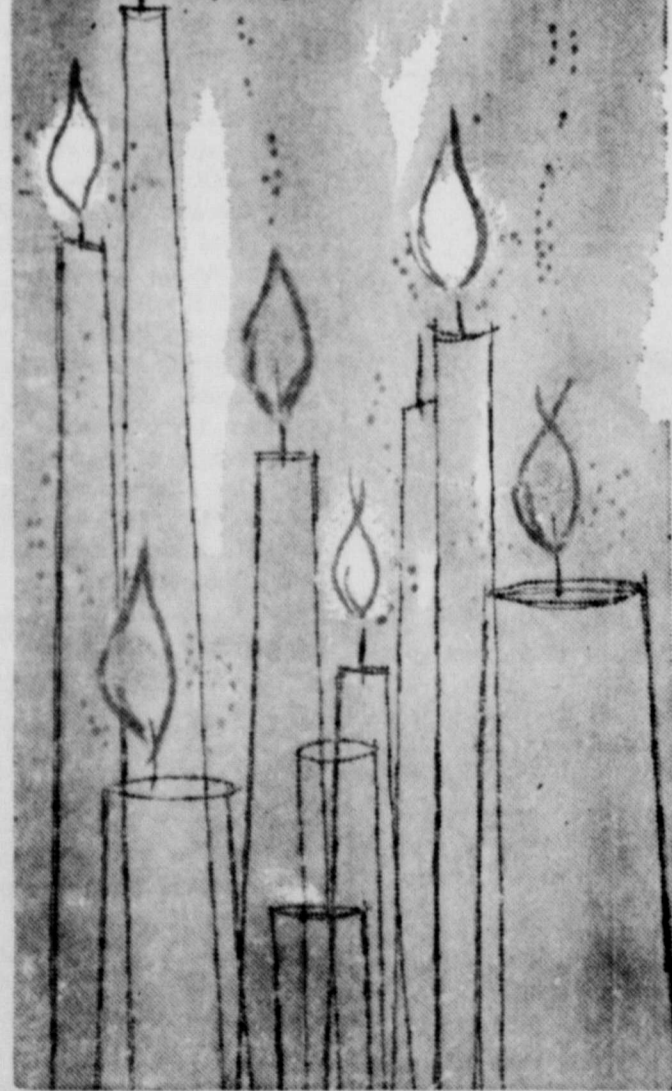
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a gun outfit, also building blocks. Thank you.  
 Love,  
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a baton and Winnie the Pooh Shoes. I have been a good girl.  
 Love,  
 Genene Baker

Dear Santa,  
 I want a bike. Bring John something.  
 Love,  
 Michael

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Christmas tree. I want a baton. Thank you, Santa Claus.  
 Love,  
 Teresa

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Football suit and football. Calistro wants a big motor cycle.  
 Love,  
 Danny

Dear Santa,  
 I want a bike. Penni wants Timeytell. My nephew wants a little car.  
 Love,  
 Genni

Dear Santa,  
 I want some tools—a big saw, a hammer, some nails, and a screw driver. I want some match box cars and some big blocks.  
 Love,  
 Tommy Shields

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a little doll with clothes. My little brother wants a gun. My little sister wants a doll, and my other little brother wants a truck.  
 Love,  
 Patricia Dominguez

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a bulldozer and a turkey that makes a sound and moves on the floor and gets down and swims. That's all.  
 Love,  
 Troy Lee

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a play bow and arrow. I want a picture of you. I want a play gun and a big bike. That's enough.  
 Love,  
 Trace Beard

Dear Santa,  
 I want a doll to play with and color books and crayons. Thank you, Santa.  
 Love,  
 Sylvia

Dear Santa,  
 I want a cowboy hat and cowboy. Thank you. I live on Key St.  
 Love,  
 James Alley

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 a treasured scene  
 a treasured wish  
 for our treasured friends

Christmas  
 Greetings



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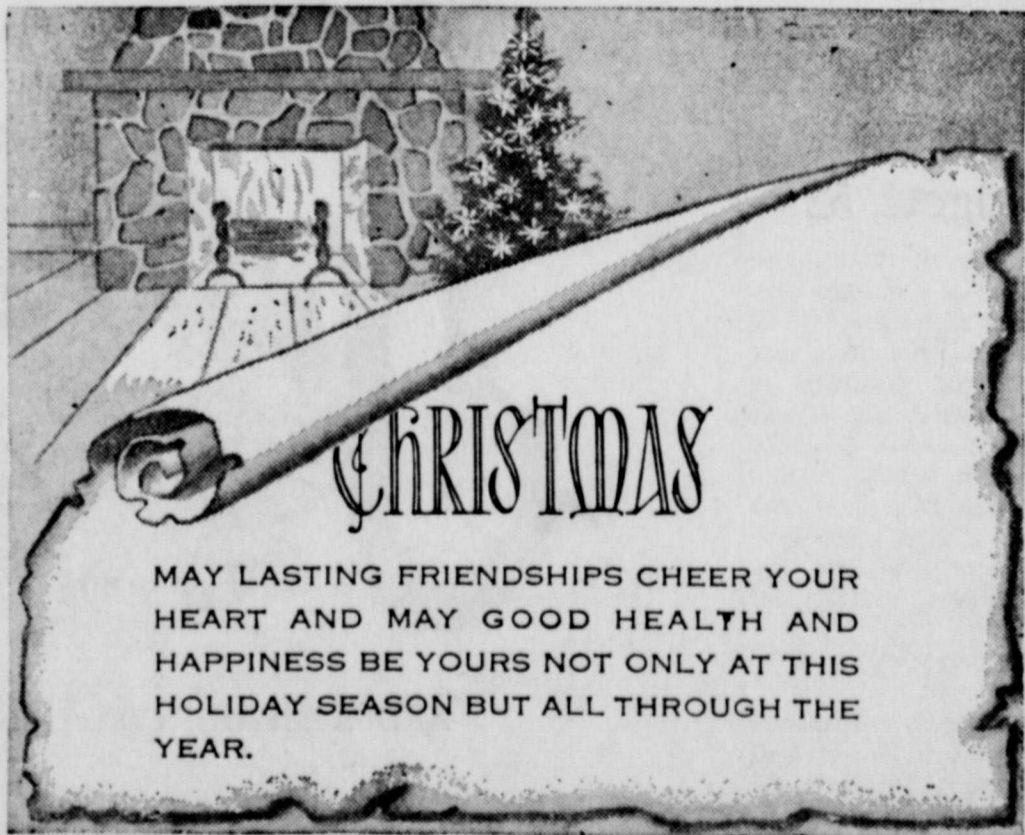


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Love,  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a race track with two cars and a train and a little church house and some little dominoes. That's it.

Love,  
Curt Coop



**2 Blessings of the Season**

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Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a big hot rod, a big electric train and a big electric football game and an electric train with buildings and steel, ccke machine, and a snow cone machine. That's all.

Love,  
Todd Lee

P. S. I also want a football suit and a play airplane.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a cowboy outfit and a race car.

Love,  
Donnie Ensor

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want an electric football set, and two big race cars.

Love,  
Robby Cooper

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike and a Baby Tender Love.

Love,  
Veronica Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and a buggy.

Love,  
Alisa Arrott

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want an easy bake oven and a dolly. That's all.

Love,  
Cheryl Turner

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a piano.

Love,  
Angie Renfroe

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a truck.

Love,  
Jimmy Sanchez

*Christmas Greetings*

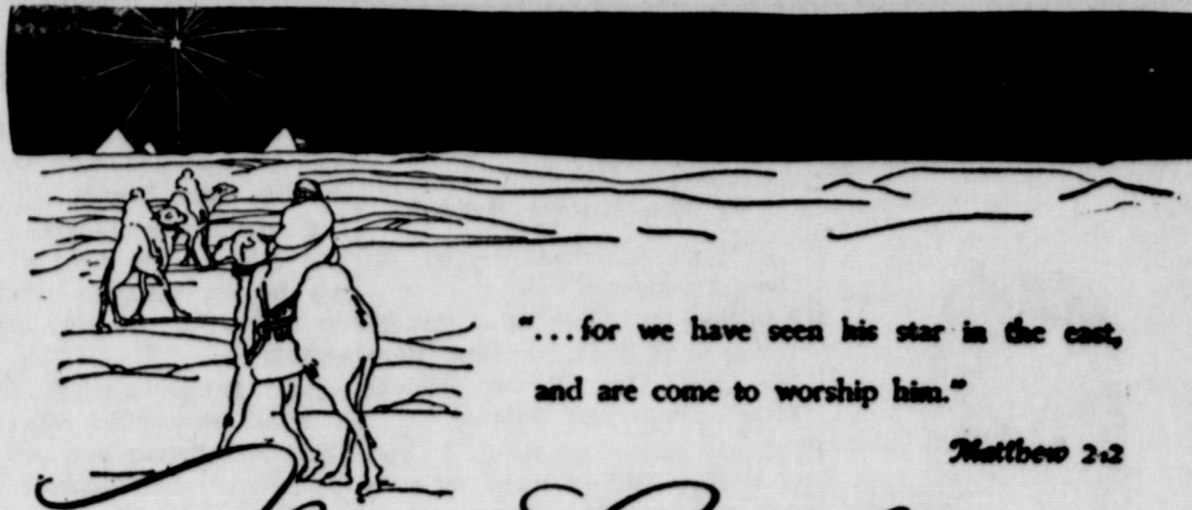
**H**OLIDAY calls are a vital part of CHRISTMAS and everywhere you turn, folks hurry on these pleasant errands. Since we cannot come in person, we take this means of expressing our appreciation for your friendship and good will. We sincerely wish that your Holiday Season will be a joyous one with a full measure of success and happiness.

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Matthew 2:2

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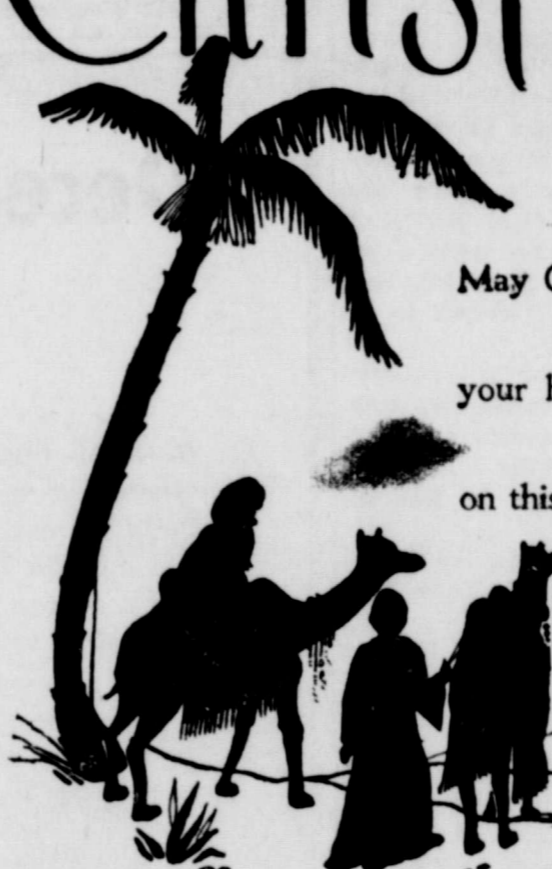
"AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED, AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER..."

ISAIAH 40:5



The Spirit of

**Christmas**



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## BROOKSHIRE BROWSINGS

By Mrs. Herbert Holland

A Merry Christmas to you all. Have a wonderful time.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melvin Brown, Miles and Debbie.

Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Holland were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Morgan, of San Angelo.

Thomas Ogilvy left Monday for Sonora for a deer hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holland entertained some of his co-workers Friday night with a dinner here at their home. Menu consisted of baked ham, turkey and dressing, salads, green beans, cranberries and pie. Forty persons were present for the dinner and party.

The Hollands entertained her co-workers Sunday afternoon with a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of punch, dips, party snacks and cake served to 25 guests.

Mrs. David Canfil of San Angelo spent last Friday here with the Holland families.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee visited Wednesday in San Angelo with their daughter, Mrs. Gary Coates, and boys. They went on to visit Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Burleson. The women spent the day making Christmas candy while James Lee and David Coates went to the cattle sale.

Luther Nixon of Ballinger came to the James Lees last Friday. They all went into Bronte to visit the Jimmy and Hurlin Lee families.

Mrs. Lorene Bradberry of Winters visited Mrs. Ethel Morgan in Maverick Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holland attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barrett Sunday afternoon in San Angelo. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hester. Mr. Hester has been a patient in a hospital there for about two months and planned to go home Wednesday.

Gene Beard, who is employed in Fort Worth, spent the weekend here with his wife and children. The visited the B. J. Wimberly family Sunday in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Smith visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith in Miles.

Friday visitors of the Herbert

Hollands were Mrs. David Canfil, the Tony Hollands and the James Lees.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holland and children of Waco will arrive Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister and family, the Gene Beards.

A community Christmas Tree was held Sunday night at Maverick Baptist Church. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Leland Carlton attended a bridal shower for Miss Janet Thomas in Bronte Saturday morning. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Thomas and will be married Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hambright and Mrs. Ethel Morgan attended their family Christmas party and supper Sunday night in the San Angelo home of a sister, Mrs. Alton Reich. Mrs. Sammy Morgan and Missy of San Angelo visited Mrs. Morgan Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hambright and boys of Dallas are expected Thursday at the home of his parents. The group will leave for Denver, Colo., to spend Christmas with a grandson who is in a hospital there.

The Vernie Smiths attended the Golden Wedding celebration for the Floyd Barrets Sunday. They also visited Mrs. R. P. Cagle and Bert Hester.

Mr. and Mrs. Mug Stephenson of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudle Sunday. Mr. Caudle is still in the Bronte Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rumsey of Sweetwater came Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ogilvy. Another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lott and son of Dallas were expected Thursday.

Know Your Neighbor Club

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holland entertained the Know Your Neighbor Club Monday night with

a Christmas party and supper. Supper was served, then the ladies played 88 while the men visited. Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Bon-Mar Horton, Charlie Brown, Vernie Smith, and Holland; also Mrs. Ethel Morgan and Mrs. Carl Lewis. January meeting will be with Mrs. Morgan.

Carl Lewis, who is employed on road construction at Eastland, spent the weekend at home with Mrs. Lewis.

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## December Bank Statements Will Be Late

Most all our customers like for their December bank statements to cover the entire month, and be closed out at the beginning of the New Year. It has always been our policy to wait until the end of the day on Dec. 31 to pull your statements. However, this year we are required to take a holiday on Friday, Dec. 31, since Jan. 1 is a mandatory holiday and falls on Saturday. Consequently, we will not be able to pull statements until Monday, Jan. 3.

We regret this delay and sincerely hope it will not inconvenience our customers.

## Mandatory Holidays

Both Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 are new mandatory banking holidays in Texas. However, they both fall on Saturday this year, so we are required to close on Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31.

We urge you to arrange your banking business so our closing will not inconvenience you. These holidays were set by the State Legislature and we have no choice except to close. Your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

# First National Bank

IN BRONTE

# NEWS FROM TENNYSON

By Susan Arrott

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rogge of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boatright and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corley.

Mrs. James Chambers and children of San Antonio are visiting Mrs. George James and the Buck James family.

James Arrott accompanied Mrs. N. M. Arrott to the Bronte Nursing Home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Arrott and Caroline of Guyton, Okla., are visiting the Arrotts.

Weekend visitors of the Louis Bakers were Bill Baker and children, Mrs. Ernest Henrichs, Will LeNoir of Fort Dix, N. J., R. T. Baker and Mrs. E. J. Tucker and children.

Mrs. Jack Corley and Mrs. Jim Morrow and children visited Sunday in Colorado City with the J. E. Hammonds and R. P. Lindleys. Mrs. Corley also visited recently with Mrs. Sarah Buford in San Angelo. Jack Corley killed a javelina hog in his pasture Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker went to a Christmas party at the Golden Years Nursing Home in Christoval. They visited Clyde Cockburn and Mrs. Nannie Cornelius. The Bakers are now visiting over the holidays with Mrs. N. C. Hambrick in Morgan and Bill Burton and Mrs. Alton Burton in Kopperl.

Young people of Tennyson Baptist Church gave a Christmas program Sunday night. Refreshments were served and gifts were given to the children.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Graves Jr., Roger and Jenny, attended the wedding of his nephew, Billy Hastings, to Anna Pippins, Friday in San Angelo.

## ABE CLASSES STILL OFFERED AT SCHOOL

Adult Basic Education programs are still being offered at Bronte School and are open to all adults. The course is taught at three levels by Mrs. C. B. Barbee, Mrs. Jerry Lawton and Mrs. James Golsen and includes language arts, writing, math, social studies and literature.

There is no charge for the course. It meets on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m., with the next class scheduled for Monday, Jan. 3.

## FHA GIRLS SING CAROLS AT BRONTE NURSING HOME

FHA girls of Bronte High School served refreshments and sang carols for residents of Bronte Nursing Home last Wednesday night. Kim Arrott led the singing with Susan Arrott at the piano.

The girls then went to the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Royce Fancher, for their own refreshments. Senior girls served as co-hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gibson of Tennyson are spending the next two or three months in Roswell, N. M., with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Webb. Mrs. Gibson is recuperating from injuries received in an auto accident some time ago.

Mrs. J. W. Martin spent last weekend in Fort Worth where they had a family Christmas gathering in the home of her son, Gary Martin, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Corley of Houston were also present.

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

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

This 2nd day of December, 1971, 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, 1972; and it appearing to said directors of said district that it would be advisable to hold said election of directors on the 11th day of January, 1972, the same being the second Tuesday in January, 1972, 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 11th day of January, 1972, at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, County of Coke, State of Texas, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing two Directors of said District.

That the polls shall be open for such election at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, Texas, located in said district from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the day of election; and the following officer to hold said election hereby is appointed, to-wit, Noah Pruitt, 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

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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 news-

paper 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.

D. K. Glenn  
President  
Norman R. Kiker  
Secretary



As the Holiday Season approaches, it is a pleasure to express our sincere gratitude for the cordial relations we have enjoyed with you during the year.

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# CUMBIE & MACKEY

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackey — Mrs. R. E. Cumbie

The Clarence Weisers of Tyley visited last weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Davis.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Barbie doll named Barbie and some clothes and some coats and some shoes for the doll.

Love,  
Gail Stout

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and a doll and some clothes for the doll and a brush for the doll and some clothes for myself. And that's all.

Love,  
Denia Pope.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Barbie doll with clothes. I want a piano. That's all.

Love,  
Becky Morrow

#### SENIOR 4-H GIRLS MEET

The Bronte Senior 4-H Club held its December meeting with Mrs. Fay C. Roe and Miss Diane Durrett showing many items that could be made for Christmas.

Officers this year are Susan Arrott, president; Linda Carper, vice president; Gin Snead, secretary; and Debbie Bryant, reporter.



**a season of PEACE**

**MIDDLETON'S**  
704 Hutchins Ballinger

### HERE'S BLACKWELL

By Mrs. Rockey Thompson

Methodist WSCS met Dec. 20 in the home of Mrs. L. W. Sweet. Mrs. Bill Perkins was in charge of the program, "A Christmas Story." Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Sweet at the piano. A refreshment plate was served to Mmes. W. Y. McReory, T. A. Carlisle, R. Q. Spence, Austin Jordan, Lee Alderman, Josie Hipp, J. Roy Sanderson, Savannah Thompson, Juanita Rogers, Bobby Sanderson, Sweet, and one guest, Mrs. Henry Rancy. Next meeting will be Jan. 10 in the home of Mrs. Bobby Sanderson.

Attending the Mission Friends School this week were Don and Angela Ware, Robin and Michael Michaelis, Jackie Sissom, Allison Alcorn, David Shaffer, Al Edwards, Dana Ware and Dece Hindman. Mrs. Billy Don Hindman served refreshments with Amber Hindman as a guest. Teachers were Mary Sparks, Mrs. Jerry Ware and Mrs. Carl Shaffe.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Gaston, Eddie and Skippie of Brookston spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Lea Gaston.

Mrs. Jewel Clayton of Aswell is visiting her father, Floyd Hicks, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hicks.

Mrs. Steve Colvin, Kim and Kelly of San Angelo have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jerry Ware, and family.

Baptist WMU met Dec. 16 at the Baptist Church. Present were Mmes. Thelma Smith, James L. Clark and Willie Burwick. The program was on "Communication Gap."

Wednesday night, Dec. 15, Dan Dufmeyer, choir director of the Baptist Church, directed a Christmas Cantata entitled "Jesus Is Born."

Holiday guests in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. James L. Clark are his mother and aunt, Mrs. Bernie Rich and Dr. Irene Platt of Goering, Nebr.

The Rev. Oku, a native of Nigeria and student at the Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, will speak for the 11 a.m. service at the Baptist Church. He is a guest of Miss Dale Moore for the holidays.

Johnny Barnes is home from Ft. Meade, Md., for a two weeks' visit with his mother, Mrs. Gladys Barnes. Another son, Joe Barnes, was home for a weekend visit from Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Johnny Barnes, son of Jake Barnes and grandson of Mrs. M. L. Barnes, is also home on a two weeks' leave from Fort Polk, La.

Take a Look at the Ads.

A little time spent in reading them is time well spent.

### EUTERPEAN CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Euthepean Club members had their annual Christmas party and Christmas tree when they met Thursday evening, Dec. 16, in the Oak Creek Lake home of Mrs. Terry Barrett. Mrs. Bobby Sanderson was co-hostess.


Mrs. Therrell Buwick presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. R. Q. Spence. Mrs. James L. Clark gave "A Christmas Story." Christmas carols were sung and gifts exchanged.

A refreshment plate was served to Mmes. Austin Jordan, Cecil Smith, Josie Hipp, Lee Alder-

man, Bill Perkins, Louis Johnson, L. W. Sweet, Bill Morris, Aaron Wells, Irma Cotten, B. R. McCarley, Charles Alcorn, Jerry Ware, Sanderson, Burwick and Barrett; Miss Bertha Smith, and one guest, Mrs. Isaac Pate.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 20, in the home of Mrs. Johnson with Mrs. Alcorn as co-hostess and leader for the program, "The New Year."

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May the PEACE and JOY of Christmas be with you today and always

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Christmas

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## Governor Warns About Holiday Deaths

Gov. Preston Smith has expressed "shock and dismay" at the prediction that nearly 100 persons will die in holiday traffic in Texas over the Christmas and New Year's weekends.

"To us, it is intolerable that we continue to accept the death of our fellow Texans at such an alarming rate," the Governor said after reviewing Department of

Public Safety estimates that 52 persons will die on Texas streets and highways during the Christmas weekend and 46 more will be killed during the New Year's weekend.

"We wish we could dismiss the DPS estimates as simply too high," Gov. Smith said. "But, past experience has shown that the estimates have been consis-

tently very close to the ultimate toll.

"We view these predictions with shock and dismay," the Governor said. "And we pledge the most vigorous efforts of the state to keep the toll well below this expectation."

The Governor said the drivers of Texas have demonstrated that careful driving can result in lower death tolls. "During the Thanksgiving weekend, deaths were no higher than an average day's toll, despite the heavy holiday travel," he said.

## I. A. Bird Honored On 90th Birthday

I. A. Bird was honored on his 90th birthday last Friday with a reception at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall. There were 135 persons registered who called to share his birthday cake and visit him.

Mr. Bird was born Dec. 15, 1881, in Hico, Tex. His father, Miller Bird, was a Texas Ranger and a veteran of the battle at Dove Creek near San Angelo. The family came to Coke County in the mid 1880s. He attended the first school at Sanco, two years before Coke County was organized.

He was married to Mary Maude Cosley near Big Spring April 29, 1900. She died Jan. 6, 1968. Mr. Bird taught school at Horse Mountain, north of Sanco, a short time but most of his life has been spent as a rancher, cattle raiser and in the oil business.

Coming from out of town to attend the birthday party were: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rainey and Mrs. J. A. Littlepage, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Creighton, Big Spring; Sam Buchanan, Roscoe Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simpson and Charles and Sam Miller, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan, Mason; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moehnke, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sweet, Blackwell; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jones, Colorado City; and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe III, Waco.

Coming from San Angelo were Ed Nunnally, Bessie Whiteside, Juanita Barger, Mrs. Glen Simpson, Mrs. Effie Miller, Robert B. Mitchell, Mrs. C. F. Wyatt, Rev. John W. Syrios, Mrs. O. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Menielle, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grice, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCulloch, Mrs. Sam S. Powell and A. N. Counts.

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**FARM DECALS TO BE ISSUED**

A representative of the State Comptroller's office will be present at the City Hall next Wednesday, Dec. 29, for the purpose of issuing and renewing farm user permits for butane tax. Those who have received renewal notices should bring them when they come.

May your Christmas be bounteous and full of good cheer.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

COX'S JEWELRY

South Side of Square  
Sweetwater, Texas

**CARD OF THANKS**

I want to thank my many friends for their prayers, gifts, flowers and cards in my recent illness. I especially thank Bill Morris for his visits and words of assurance when I needed them so badly. May God ever be with each of you.

Mrs. Floyd Fancher  
52-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

We are all grateful to our friends for their visits, cards, prayers and other expressions of concern during Bill's illness.

The Bill Wrinkle Family  
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**New Tax Exemptions**

Mr. and Mrs. James Badgett are parents of a new son, James Lynn, born at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed eight pounds, five and a half ounces. He has three sisters, Camille, Karla and Connie. Grandparents are J. W. Badgett of San Angelo and Vic Walter of Wall. Mrs. Leona Skelton of San Angelo is his great-grandmother.

*Greetings*

We hope and pray that the fullness of Christ's grace and blessings will be yours.

**Texas Theatre**

Sat. 6:30 — Sun. 1:30  
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"The Andromeda Strain"  
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**FIRE MARSHALL WARNS ABOUT CHRISTMAS FIRES**

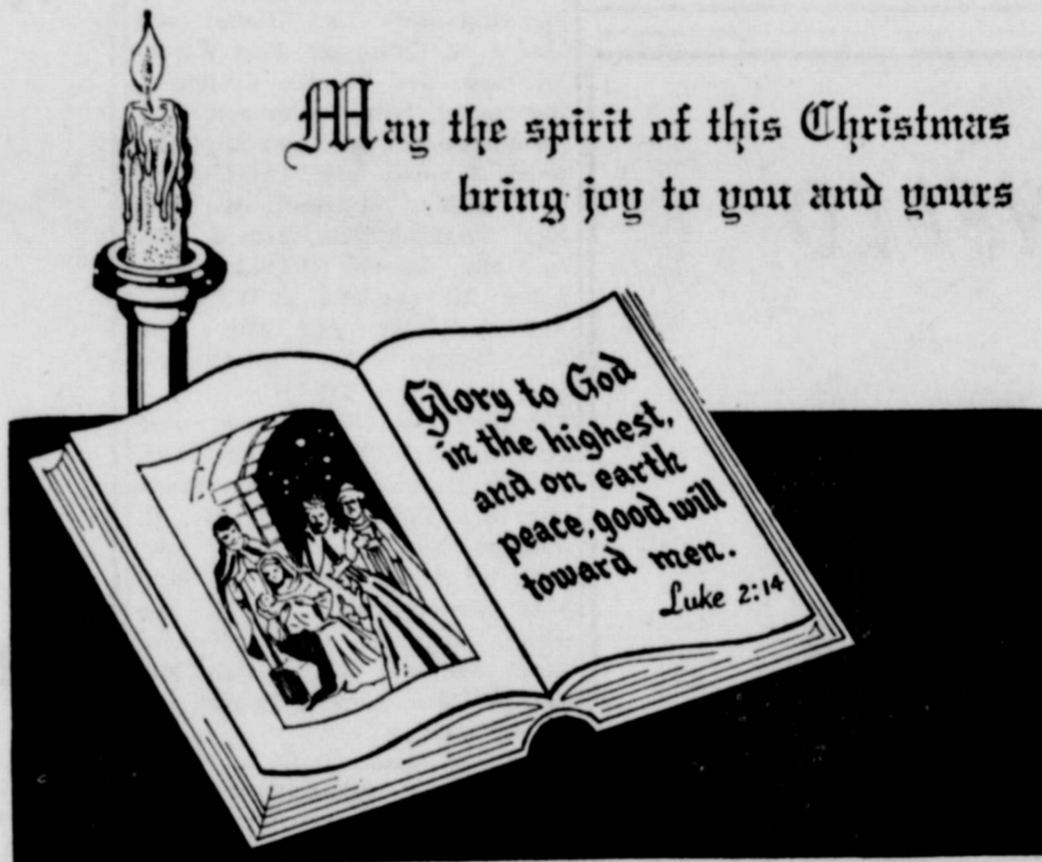
Bronte area residents were warned by Fire Marshall Billy Joe Luckett to exercise care during the Christmas holidays. A

real fire hazard exists with the presence of holiday gift wrapping, trees that may have become dry, and other inflammable materials. He said Bronte Fire Department wants everyone to have a happy fire-free holiday.

**WARMEST WISHES**

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a felt hat and some wingtip boots. Christmas is very beautiful and I love it. I hope you do too. My mother, daddy and my sister all want a green Christmas tree for Christmas. Mother wants a mixer for Christmas and daddy wants some deer rifles and my sister wants a boy friend.

Love,  
Cody McClure

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for the things that you gave me last year. Then please bring me a shooting gallery and a double barrel shot gun please. Bring my mother some house shoes.

Your friend,  
Joey Luckett

Dear Santa,

Please bring my mother a touch and tear and bring my brother a gun scope and my father a watch. Please bring me a pool set.

Your friend,  
Danny Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,

I thank you for all the gifts you gave me. I like Rudolph and the other reindeers.

I Love you, Santa very much. I want a cork gun for Christmas.

Love,  
James Renfroe

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. Thank you for all the nice toys. We like you very, very much.

Will you please bring me a new swingy doll. Thank you.

Your friend,  
Stacy Bettis

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for the things you gave me last year. I want a sleeping bag and a Barbie doll. And my mother wants a gun. And Daddy wants a deer. My brothers want a gun.

With love,  
Tanya Boothe

Dear Santa,

Santa does Frosty still like the Christmas tree ride. Santa, does the Christmas tree ride still make you dizzy? Does your nose get cold? Thank you for my bike and football set. I want a football and q.a. 50 and I want a q.a. 50 for my daddy.

John Hallamicek

Dear Santa Claus,

Sometimes I am a good girl and Dalton is trying to be a good boy. I am three years old and Dalton is two years old. I sure hope you bring me a table and chairs, dishes and a doll that drinks a bottle. Dalton wants a shot gun, a big ole truck, and a big wheel tricycle. Please don't forget my big brother and my two big sisters. Also my Mother and Daddy.

Charlena and Dalton  
Powell

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts last year. How are you? I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I want a little truck. I want a little car too.

Larry Aquero

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# SEASONS GREETINGS

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# H D Agent's News Dept.

By MRS. FAY C. ROE

What a boon eggs are to the family during the peak of the holiday rush, because they can be prepared in a dozen tasty dishes for a quick meal or they can be prepared well in advance of their need.

Since eggs have been tagged as plentiful by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, you'll find a wide variety of sizes and grades from which to choose.

Most retailers feature USDA Grade A or better eggs in at

least three sizes. Select several sizes and use as best suited for your purposes.

For example, if your children like boiled, baked or fried eggs, but eat only half of what you serve, then use the medium or small eggs to meet their needs.

If you are scrambling a large platter of eggs, you may find it more economical to use a half dozen large eggs than a dozen small or medium eggs.

Freshness counts in the palatability of eggs in the main dish, but when you are cooking a cake, custard or casserole, use the eggs you've had the longest in the refrigerator. Your final product will be just as tasty.

A good way to plan ahead for holiday meals is to boil a dozen top quality eggs together, saving fuel and time. These hard boiled eggs will keep for a week or more in the refrigerator. You can refrigerate them in the shell, but if the shell is removed, protect the eggs with a film wrap.

You can prevent dehydration and darkening of the cooked egg white by keeping the eggs in a closed container covered with water.

Hard boiled eggs are handy for snacks for the children and as canapes to serve to unexpected guests.

For those who are watching calories, serve a smacked egg dip with fresh raw vegetables such as carrots, celery, squash, cucumber or cauliflower. For this dip you will need:

- 12 hard cooked eggs, riced or sieved
- 2 tablespoons soft butter or margarine
- 1½ tablespoons liquid smoke seasoning
- 1 tablespoon wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons brown mustard
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 4 drops Tabasco
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 1 teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground pepper  
¾ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

Combine all ingredients. Beat until smooth. If desired, add more seasonings. Have consistency soft enough to permit potato chips to be dipped into it easily. Refrigerate until ready to serve. About 30 minutes before serving remove from refrigerator and beat or whip dip to fluff and soften it. Pile into chilled bowl. (If you have a blender, use it to give the dip even better texture.)

A favorite snack in tropical countries is a hard cooked egg flavored with lemon juice. Before you take a bite of egg, you squeeze lemon juice over it, so you have an egg in one hand and a lemon in the other. Try it when you need a pick up during the holiday rush.

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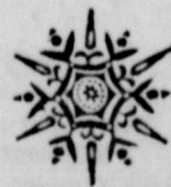
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### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



**HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**

**JERRY THOMASON**

Craig Gary Jack

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to thank you for the things you brought me last year.

This year I would like go-go boots, nerf ball and some western pants.

Love,  
Lisa Gayle Lee

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for last year. Please bring me a Monopoly game and a tape recorder.

Your friend,  
Tammy English

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a bicycle, Indian Costume and guns. A pellet gun and hunting knife. A new saddle and bridle. Some wing tips. A bow and arrow with sharp points.

Love,  
Bill Grant

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the toys you have given me. I want a susie homemaker and a doll. My little brother wants a gun. Thank you for all the things you gave me and my family.

Your friend,  
Clara Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I want a race set and I want a felt hat. And Santa I want five pair of Wranglers. And I hope you have Rudolph and Dasher, Dancer and Prancer, Vixen and Comet, Cupid and Donder, Blitzen.

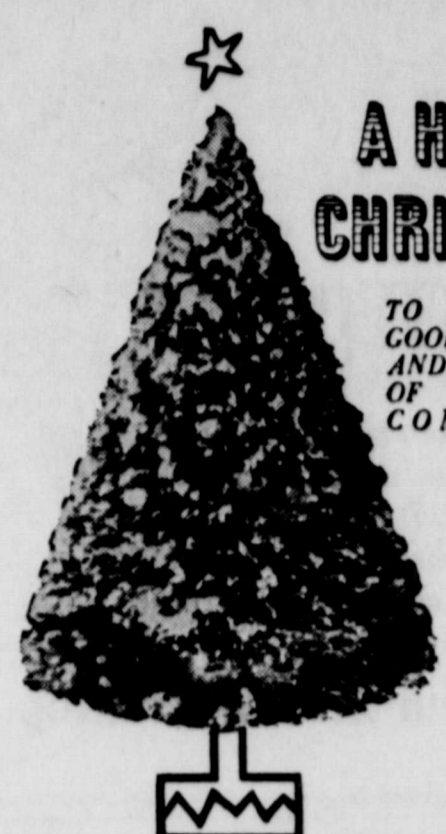
Love,  
Tim Coulter

Dear Santa,  
I am thankful for what I got last year. My sister wants a coat. My brother wants a cap. My mother wants a pan. And I want a pocket watch for Christmas.

Love,  
Kenfall Denton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa. I want susie homemaker, and Karon wants a belt. Sharon wants a pair of boots. And mama wants a clothes dryer.

Love,  
Deanna Dyess

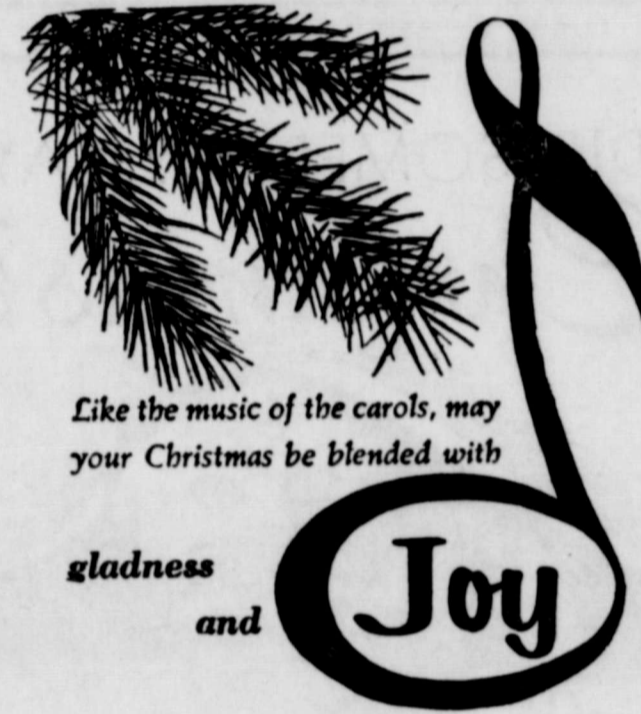


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TO OUR MANY GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY

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## Season's GREETINGS



*We'd like to take a moment of the season to tell you how much we've enjoyed knowing you and serving you this past year. Our special and sincere Yuletide wishes to you and your entire family.*

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## BEST Christmas WISHES

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a Barbie doll with lots of clothes, a stuffed-turtle, and Boots.  
Merry Christmas,  
Virginia Basquez

Dear Santa Claus,  
1. It is cold out there. 2. I thank you for the truck. 3. Will you bring me a truck. 4. And a Bike.  
Eddie Minjares

Dear Santa Claus,  
I liked the things last year. How is Mrs. Claus? How is the elf? I would like a doll and doll house.  
Tonya Thorpe

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you and Miss Claus and how are the elfs and the reindeers? I like the things that you gave me. This year I want a sissler fat truck and some pants and shirts and some games.  
Kevin Bruce James

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Bicycle. I want a pool table. We like you Santa Claus. We want you to put your Christmas Tree up. Does it snow at the North Pole?  
Ricky Alley

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the things you gave me. How is the reindeers? How are your elfs and how are you. I like you, Santa Claus. I bet Rudolph's nose is cold. I bet you are cold too. I want a shooting gallery and a boxing robot.  
Kendall Gibbs

Dear Santa,  
I want a wagon for Christmas. Thanks for the gift from last year. Is it cold up there? I like bells, bells, bells are everywhere. I like Christmas. From David from the 2nd grade.  
David Caudle

Dear Santa Claus,  
I thank you for the gun. How have you been Santa Claus. I want a bike and clothes.  
Darrell Sowell

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the doll. How is Frosty? Does your nose get cold? Is Miss Claus baking cookies or cake for you. Did you sleep good? I want some Go go Boots, 3-minute cake baker, Beautiful pearls.  
Sheila Lee



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the Christmas gifts of Peace and Happiness be yours today and throughout the days to come.

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*Your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you.*

John 16:22

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Debbie and Joey

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have enjoyed the things that you gave me last year. And this year I would like to have a Crissy Mistery Date and some high knee boots and some hot pants.

Camille Badgett

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the things you gave me last year. How are you doing? When you came down the chimney did it feel funny? I want you to know that I've been good. I want a doll and a chip away and a basket ball.

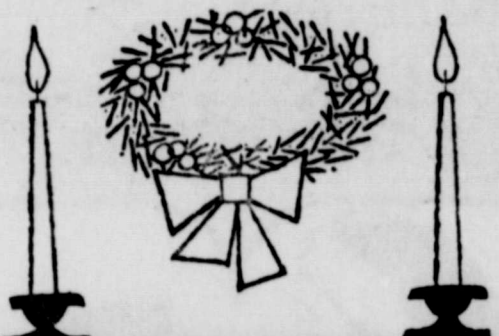
Jo Ella Forehand

## Merry Christmas


Sincere greetings to all our good friends. May the Christmas blessings of Peace and Happiness be yours today and in the days to follow.



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**Warm Wishes for a Merry Christmas**



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Bronte, Texas

Dear Santa,

How are your rain deers? How is Rudolph, does he have a red nose? Thank you for the crissy @ 10 and the boots that you gave me last year. How is Frosty the elf? This year I want a ball, a come tell doll and some more boots.

Sujane Parker

Dear Santa,

How is Frosty? Does your nose get red in the cold? How is Donker and Blitzson? Thank you for the gcal and crissy and the necklace. I want a Buffy beauty set and a cowboy football and a football helmet. Please decorate our tree more.

Connie Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,

I Love Dear Santa. For me, I want a truck to play with. We like you Santa Claus.

Martin Puentez

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you bring me a bike and a book? I like you, Santa Claus. I hope you are all right. Is it cold where you are?

Cruz Puentez

Dear Santa Claus,

Do you like the North Pole? Does your nose get cold? How is Miss Santa Claus? I want a Snoomo Bill. We don't have a chimney. We will leave the door open. I know when you get sick you lie down in bed. This Christmas tell the elfs about the letter and tell the elfs to please bring a doll for my sister. Tell the elfs that we got a recard about a elf. His name is Frosty.

Victor Rivera

Dear Santa,

I want some solid color pants and an SSP. Thank you and remember my Phone is 473-3421.

Dear Santa,

I want a new brother, also his clothes.

Love,  
Karla

Dear Santa,

I want a watch for Christmas and a bike. I live on the Robert Lee R.

Love,  
Shawn  
473-2811

Dear Santa,

I want a baton, and a Raggedy Ann that is forty feet. I live at Tennyson.

Love,  
Nancy



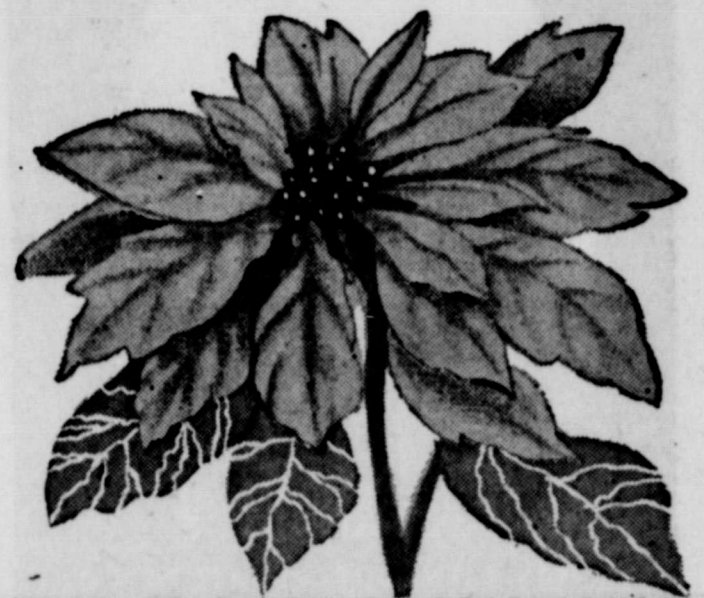
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TO OUR MANY GOOD FRIENDS

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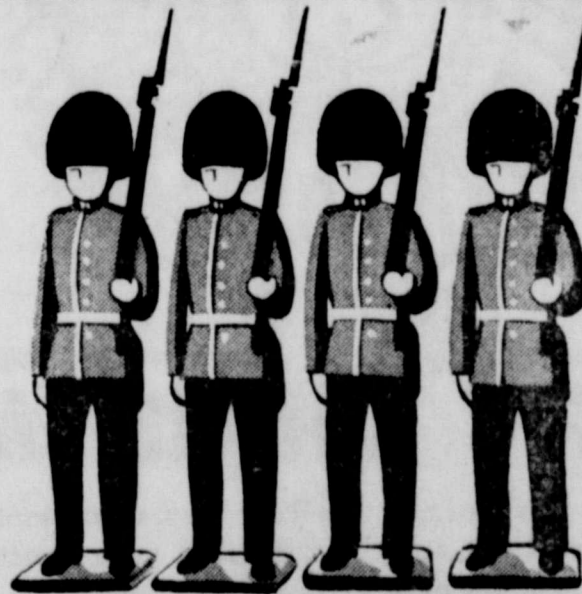


It's not easy to put our enormous gratitude or our heartfelt good wishes into a few words. Your friendship has been, and will always be, a source of pride to us. May every blessing and joy of the season be yours!

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL**

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### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a felt hat this Christmas and a pair of boots too and I want to thank you for the bicycle you gave me last year. I want some Wranglers and a big belt and buckle.  
Love,  
Gary Hubbard

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to thank you for the things you gave me. Santa, I want a purse for Christmas and I want a pair of boots and a pair of pants. That is all I want.  
Love,  
Carolina Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a B. B. gun. And please bring me a pair of boots. And thanks for last year.  
Your friend,  
Mike Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the lovely toys you gave me last year. Your elves do a mighty fine job. You do too delivering them. I hope you can give me what I hope for. I am not telling you to do this. I want a Rock-em Sock-em Robot. Bring Daddy a motor cycle so he can follow Bob Hart around. Bring Mama a big paper doll. Bring Donnie a football. Bring David a minnie bike so he can follow Randy Parker around. That's all. Ho ho ho. Merry Christmas to all.  
Love,  
Darryl Jackson

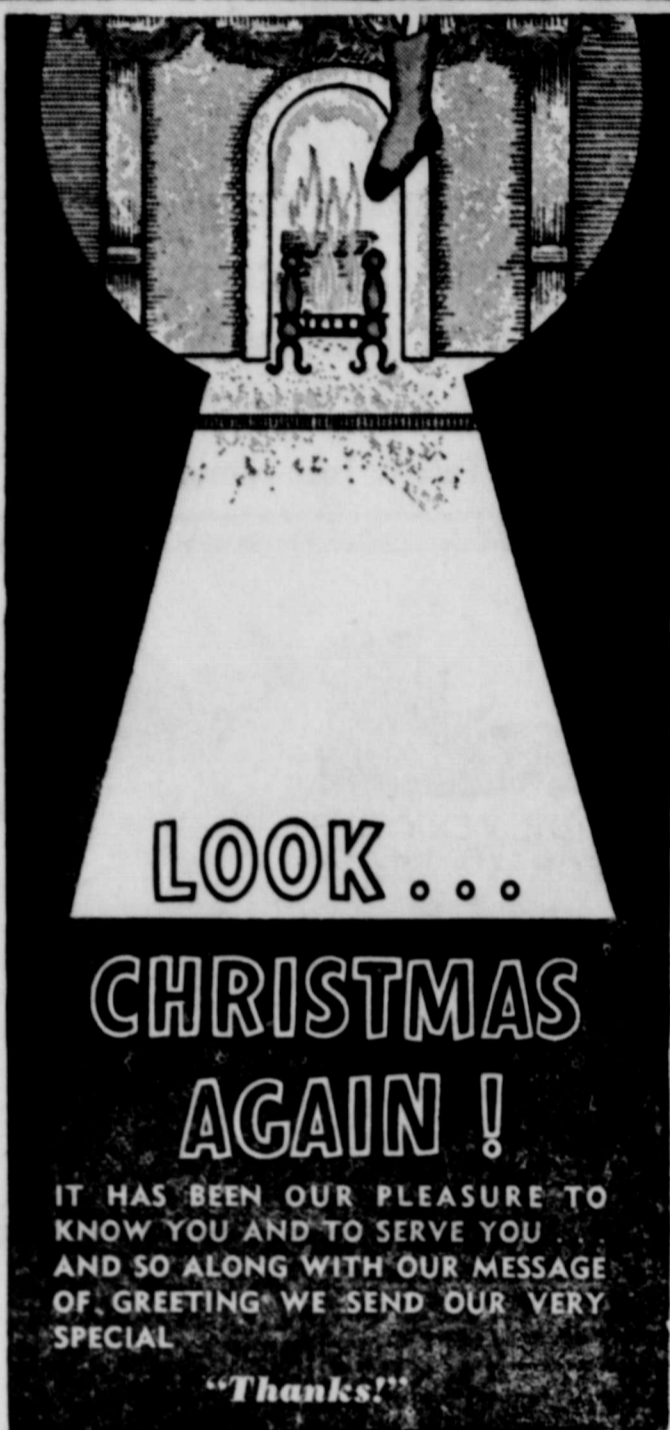
Dear Santa,  
Please, my mother wants a kitchen magician and please bring me steam ray and my father a suit and my little brother a shoparoo.  
Your friend,  
Cindy Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I am new here. Please bring me a play wig and a magician set and what you want me to have.  
Please give my brothers and sisters a good present.  
Love,  
Ollie McCarty

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the toys you have given me. And I want a pair of wing tip boots and a felt hat and horse with saddle. And for my mother she wants some dishes.  
Love,  
Tavia Teschendorf

Dear Santa Claus,  
I thank you for the hot wheel car you gave me. That was thankful of you. Every thing was very nice. I want an airplane and a jeep and truck. That is what I want this year. My mother wants a purse.  
Love,  
Fred Brown

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the pretty stuff you gave me last year.  
Please bring me some shoes and some pants. And bring Joe Bob pants. And bring Beverly a coat. And bring Bob some new work boots.  
Love,  
Jana Ann Ragsdale



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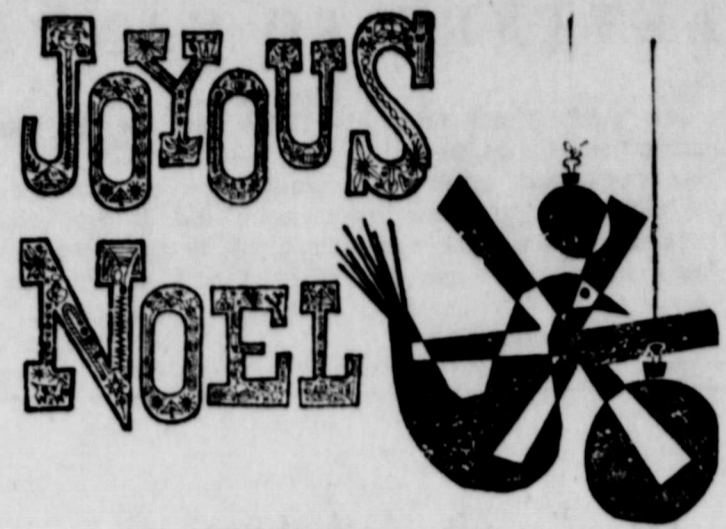
## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are greeting you in this manner this year instead of sending out greeting cards. Please accept this as our sincere wish that your heart will be filled to overflowing during this season of love and good will.

We want all of you to know how much we appreciate living in Bronte and being able to serve you. It's always our pleasure to have you need us.

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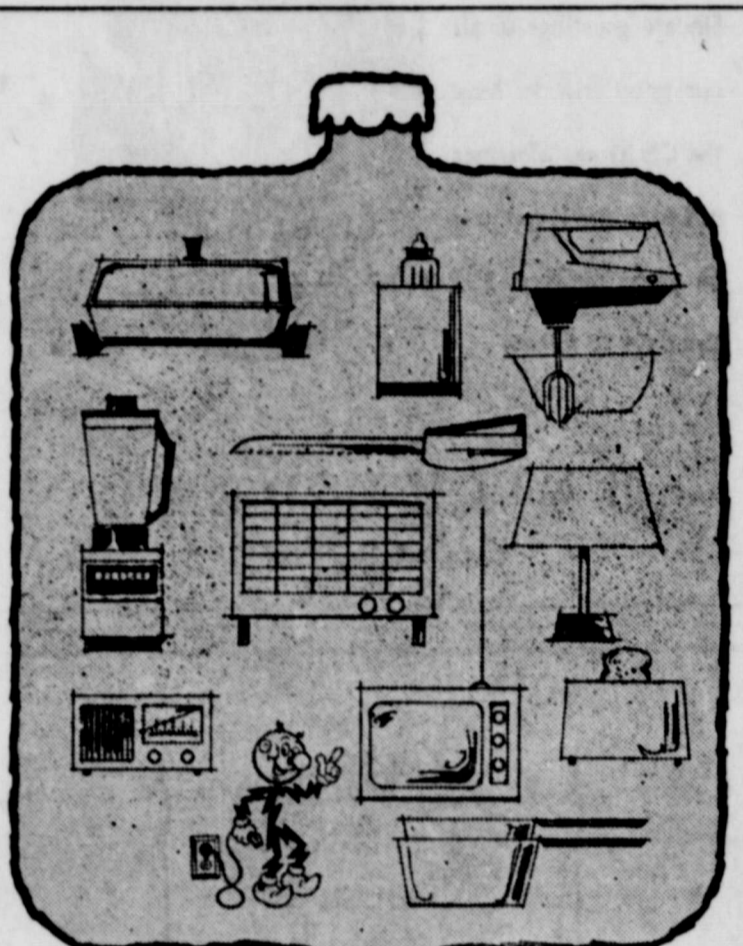


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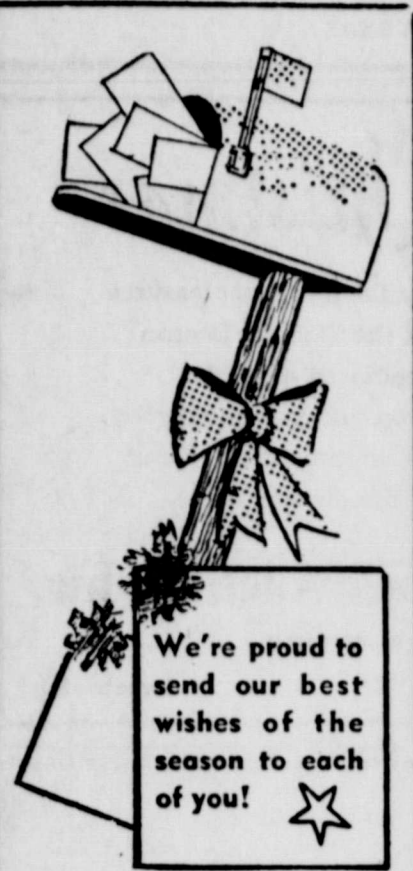


**WASHINGTON**  
"As it looks from here"  
**OMAR BURLESON**  
Congressman  
17th District

Washington — More than a thousand years ago in England in the year 878, the celebration of Christmas commenced on Dec. 16

and would have ended according to custom on the 12 night, Jan. 6. At about that time King Alfred the Great was so occupied with Christmas revelry that the invading Danes took him and his army by surprise and he became a fugitive. History goes on to indicate a happy ending. Alfred came back to win. During his successful reign, he united most of England and in the process, brought Christianity to the invaders.

Another very old story goes like this: One night in ancient days three horsemen were riding across a desert. As they crossed a dry riverbed a voice out of the darkness called "Halt!" and they obeyed. The voice then directed them to dismount, pick up a handful of pebbles, put the pebbles in their pocket and remount. The voice said, "You have done as I commanded. Tomorrow at sun-up you will be both glad and sorry." Contemplating the mystery and not understanding, the horsemen rode on. As the sun came up, they reached in their pockets to find that a miracle had happened. The pebbles had turned into diamonds, rubies and other precious stones. Then they remembered the warning words. Sure enough they were both glad and sorry—they were glad they had taken the pebbles but sorry they had not taken more.



**SCOGGINS**

Ballinger

This illustrates the greed and selfishness in men. To be sorry not to have grasped more can cause us to forget the blessings which have come our way.

Obviously, the world is still torn with wars, dissension and numerous troubles. Everyone yearns for peace, harmony and tranquility in our individual and national lives. When we don't have these things, we are inclined to forget such words as the old English carol, "God rest ye merrie, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day." With faith in an all powerful Creator, we can joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who is our hope for "peace on earth, goodwill to men." This is our Christmas message from our house to yours.

Several years ago, by reason of sheer volume, we simply had to abandon the practice of sending Christmas cards to friends we love. We hope you will take this as our personal wish for you and yours for a joyous and pleasant Season.

The Chaplain of the House of Representatives gave this to us and we pass it on to you with warm friendship and appreciation.

May God send you for Christmas and the New Year Enough joy

- To keep your heart singing,
- Enough sympathy
- To make you understanding,
- Enough hope
- To enrich your life,
- Enough strength
- To steady your spirit,
- Enough love
- To share yourself with others."

MAY WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR WARMEST

**GREETINGS**

To everybody...

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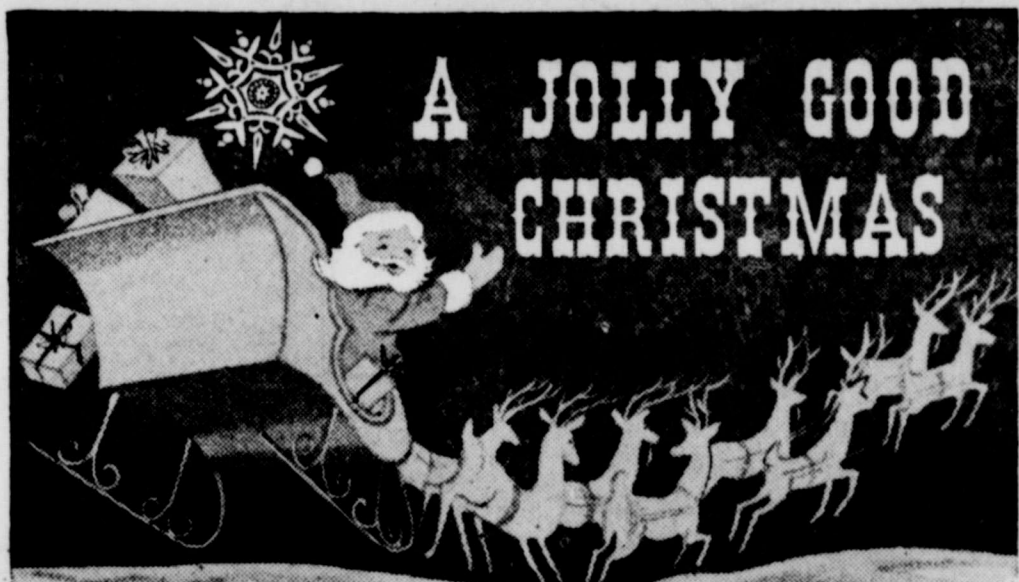
BALLINGER, TEXAS  
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*MERRY CHRISTMAS*



MAY THE BEST OF EVERYTHING COME YOUR WAY

**MR. & MRS. O. B. JACOBS AND JIM**



**A JOLLY GOOD CHRISTMAS**

That's our Yuletide Wish for you. You have loyally and generously allowed us to serve you, and we are enormously grateful.

As in times past we're glad to offer the ageless and familiar greeting of the season to you as we say: "Have a Jolly Good Christmas"

**NEWBY FUNERAL HOME**

Mr. and Mrs. George Newby

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I will like a GI Joe. And a Light Bight. And a tractor. And a soccerball. And a hot wheel frat set. And a BJA Bike. And a game. And a toy boat. I will like to think you for all of the things you gave me last year.

Donald James Grant

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing fine, and I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want a gun. I am in The Third Grade.

Tom Ensor

Dear Santa,

I want a B.B. gun and a bicycle and my Mother a set of dishes and my Father wants a shirt.

Your friend,  
Bibby Zuniga

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll and a bike. I am in kindergarten this year. I have tried to be a good girl. Karla has gotten so big that she isn't writing this year, so just bring her whatever you think she needs. Colin is writing his letter, but I would like for you to bring him a football.

Love you,  
Denia Pope

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. I am in the fourth grade. And I want a new football. Some golf balls and shoes. I want a doll for Denia. A pair of ear rings for Karla.

Love,  
Colin Pope

Dear Santa Claus,

Is it cold up there? I thank you for the toy that you gave me last year. How are you doing up there? I want a tractor. I want a truck and I want a toy farm and I want a toy barn.

Bill Carper

Dear Santa,

How is the elfs doing? How are you doing, Santa Claus? Think you for the doll you gave me last year. I want a barbee and a diary. My sister wants a barbee that is named P. J. Jimmy wants a gun and a big wheels.

Elsa Galvan

Dear Santa,

I want SSP for my brother and a car set for me and I want any kind of toy for my baby brother.

Love,  
Martin Basquez

Dear Santa Claus,

Happy Christmas. My name is Susan Sanchez. I am 7 years old. I want a doll and I want a little bed.

Love,  
Susan Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and how is Mrs. Claus and the raindears? I want a baton and a toy dog and most of all I want to thank you for all the toys you gave me last year.

Sallie McCarty

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for the doll and how are you doing? How are your elfs doing? I want a baton. How is Mrs. Santa? Do you ever get a cold nose when you come to my house. Is it cold down there? Are your raindear doing good?

Rhonda Rhodes



### BLACK'S

BALLINGER, TEXAS

## Merry Christmas



May the joys and pleasures of the Holiday Season be centered around you and yours and may they continue throughout the days to come.

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*Merry Christmas*

We hope you have a happy holiday!

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# Greetings

"Thanks" to you whose friendliness and courtesies have made pleasant the year just ending. May the good cheer and fellowship of this Holiday Time remain with you throughout each day of a prosperous and happy year.



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# CHRISTMAS

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