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ROBERT LEE'S ALL-AMERICAN - Former Robert Lee high school and San Angelo College star, has been selected on the NAIA All-American team for the second straight year. The East Texas State end and co-captain was also junior college All-American two years. Roberts is pictured above with the trophy given him as outstanding player in last year's Tangerine Bowl game. East Texas returns to the Tangerine Bowl Dec. 27.

Roberts Accustomed To Football Honors

Earl Turner Victim Of **Heart Attack**

Earl Turner, son-in-law of Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman, died Dec. 13 at Roswell, New Mex., a few hours after he was stricken with a heart attack. He was the hsuband of the former Georgia Lou Hickman.

He was a long time employee of Ferguson-Steere oil and gas trucking firm and for the past 12 years had lived at Artesia, N. Mex., where their residence was at 1001 Clayton.

Mr. Turner had delivered a tank of aviation gas to the air base at urday night. Roswell and was found unconscious at 10 a. m. by two service sent the following telegram to men. He was taken to a hospital Norman: where he died at 10:30 that night.

Hickman, who was called from Levelland.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at a funeral chapel in Artesia. Terminal managers of his company were pallbearers. Burial was at Artesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickman and all holiday visit with home folks in their sons and daughters went to Robert Lee and with his wife's Artesia for the funeral. Also present were Mr. Turner's mother, two brothers and a sister. The Rob tended the service.

Earl was 60 years of age. He and Georgia Lou were married 25 land years ago when both resided at Coleman.

Besides his wife and daughter he is survived by four grandchildren, Bill, Johnnie Lynn, Sherill mily. and Craig Ed Cornett.

GREEN MT. MUSICAL The monthly Green Mountain Musical will be held Saturday night, Dec. 27, at the Green Mountain Community Center. Sammy Duncan is master of ceremonies and states that a fine holiday program is coming up. The public is invited.

NORMAN ROBERTS HOME

Norman Roberts came home for weekend visit with home folks. His family will remain with relatives in Bronte and Robert Lee while he returned to Commerce and was scheduled to leave by plane with the East Texas State Lions Tuesday for Orlando, Fla., and the Tangerine Bowl game Sat-

At its meeting last week the BCD

counting on you and your team in 2, 1959.

the coming Tangerine Bowl game."

WALLACE CLIFTS HERE

Wallace Clift arrived Friday night from Berkeley, Calif., for a parents at Austin. Mrs. Clift and

sited over the weekend here with quainted with her husband during his brother, H. L. Scott, and fa- World War II when he was station-

The Russell McBroom family marriage they went back to Aus-

XMAS HOLIDAY WILL EXTEND THRU FRIDAY

Most Robert Lee business firms will take a double Christmas holiday this week, remaining closed on Friday, Dec. 26, as well as Christmas Day.

However, the Robert Lee State Bank, the post office and some other places such as filling stations and drug store will be open for business on Friday.

The court house will be closed through the remainder of the week except for urgent matters, when officials or their deputies will be on call.

The Observer carries a Friday date line, but this issue was print-"In behalf of your home town ed on Tuesday and will be in the Mrs. Turner and their son-in- friends the Robert Lee Board of hands of subscribers in the county law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Community Development of Rob- on Wednesday. Next week's Ob-Bob (Frankie Beth) Cornett of El ert Lee extends congratulations server will be published at the Paso were at his bedside. Also for your citations and outstanding usual time and will start out the Mrs. Turner's brother, Johnnie gridiron achievements. We are new year under the date of Jan.

Merry Christmas everybody!

Havins Family Returns from Australia

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Havins and their daughter, Anne, 10 months son, Gary, 8 years old, have reold, returned to Texas a week ear- turned from a stay of 27 months Herrons of Bronte and Mr. and lier and have been with her par- in Australia. They arrived in Cal-Mrs. Ralph Garvin of Odessa at- ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dalbey, ifornia by boat early this month in Austin. Wallace is a student at and have been visiting at Robert an Episcopal Seminary in Oak- Lee with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins.

Mrs. Havins is a native of Mel-Lyle Scott of Ft. Stockton vi- bourne, Australia, and became aced there. A few years after their

(Special)—When the National As- provement in his defensive play. sociation of Intercollegiate Athforward wall must have felt very thing but a stranger to the scene. much at home.

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senior didn't even make the all- ed him the title of the game's outdistrict at class B Robert Lee high standing player and the huge troschool, this is the fourth time that phy that goes with it. he has been named to an end posmall West Texas high school near tality Bowl at Gulfport, Miss. San Angelo.

n't even play end in high school- he thought about his selection to he was a fullback. When he went the N. A. I. A. All-America team to San Angelo junior college, he this year was, "It's a shame they quickly realized that he could do couldn't pick the whole team. better at another position; so he They all deserve it. I should know went about the task of learning to play the terminal.

His coach, Max Baumgardner who was once an All-America end in spite of the fact that he takes at the University of Texas, was his a lot of good-natured ribbing teacher, and Norman gives him from team mates for it. "I had a great deal of credit for getting the last laugh when we went to him off to a good start.

tion well as is evident from the pups. "We went to the races in fact that he has made an All- Orlando, and the boys got just as America team every year since- interested as I am. After that, twice at San Angelo and twice at they didn't say much about my East Texas.

His long list of "all" honors also includes All-Texas junior college two years, All-Texas two ned at the A. J. Bilbo home over years and All-Lone Star confer- Christmas when all their daughence two years.

Although his pass-receiving rec- to be present. ord for this season (14 catches for 140 yards and 1 TD) is far be- of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clark will hind last year's total (20 catches be Mrs. Jeffie Bell Garrett of Big for 314 yards and 6 TD's) the Lion Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus coaches feel that this is because he was more closely guarded this

COMMERCE, TEXAS, Dec. 23 year. They also pointed out im-Besides Roberts' frequent acletics All-American selectors plac- quaintance with all-star teams,

ed East Texas' Norman Roberts when the Lions hit Orlando, Fla., on their team for the second suc- for their Dec. 27 date with Miscessive year, the man who an- souri Valley college in the Tanchors the right side of the Lion gerine Bowl, Norman will be any-

In the most recent Elks Club Although the quiet 195-pound benefit game there his feats earn-

He has also played in the first sition on an All-America team Junior College All-America Bowl since his graduation from the in Jackson, Miss., and the Hospi-

The first comment of the honor-In fact, the E. T. co-captain did- laden Lion end when asked what -I play beside them."

In his spare time, Norman likes to hunt rabbits with greyhounds, Florida last year," said Norman, And he learned the new posi- owner of two sleek greyhound dogs."

> A family gathering is being planters and families are expected

Christmas guests in the home Turner of San Angelo. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. Clark.

Mr. Turner had a wide circle have moved from Quemado, N. of friends and was one of Ferguson Mex., to Robert Lee. Mrs. Mc-Steere's most trusted employees. Broon is the former Chanda He had many Coke County friends Brown. They are residing in the who extend sympathy to the bereft Brown family home at the east side of town. family.



FROM

The Observer Family

tralia for a period, and this was their second and longer visit.

Mr. Havins had a good position as an advertising salesman with a big daily newspaper at Melbourne but they decided to return to the United States for their permanent home.

The family has moved to San Angelo where Basil expects to find employment and may go into business for himself.

DEER SEASON ENDS DEC. 31 Game Warden Glen Crooks advises that the open season for hunting deer and turkey will close Dec. 31. The quail season will remain open until Jan. 16.

Douglas Pierce, 5 years old, of San Angelo spent a few days here the last of the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis.



MISS MELBA BROWN, 4th grade teacher at Robert Lee, shows proof of a successful hunting trip. She shot the wild turkey on the Davidson Ranch south of town while hunting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coalson and son, Durwood, and County Auditor Weldon Fikes. The gobbler weighed 25 pounds.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS last year.

SILVER-3RD GRADE

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and some doll clothes. I want a Bible. I liked all the toys I got last year. Why is your beard so long?

Your friend, Cathy, Box 231, Silver

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a baby doll. I want a watch, some dishes and a book. Please bring a White Christmas. Dear Santa Claus, My sister wants a bride doll. My Mother wants a Bible. My father | football suit, Winchester rifle, two

wants a pin. Thank you for last year's gifts. Your friend,

Nelda Conaway

Dear Santa Claus,

Christmas.

Your friend, Lonnie Bloodworth

I want a snare drum, football,





Dec. 26, 1958 guns with a holster, watch, houseshoes and a chemistry set. Thank you for the toys you brought me Your friend,

Tommy Morgan, Box 97, Silver

Dear Santa Claus, I want a little motor car. My sister wants a doll. My big brother wants a typewriter. My other I want some guns. Thank you brother wants a big car. I got for my toys you gave me last the bicycle you sent me. Thank you for the toys you sent me. Love,

Lloyd, Silver, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a Bicycle. I would like to have some Lady Doll clothes too. Thank you for all the toys you gave me last year. Thank you. Your friend,

Rose Ann, Box 139, Silver

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a watch and a foot ball suit. I want a B . B. gun and a foot ball. Thanks for the toys you gave me for last Christmas. Your friend,

Alvin Butcher, Box 94, Silver

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a Lionel train. I need some parts for my bicycle. I want a wagon too. My brother wants a car. Thank you for the toys you brought me last Christmas.

Love.

Michael Post, Box 93, Silver







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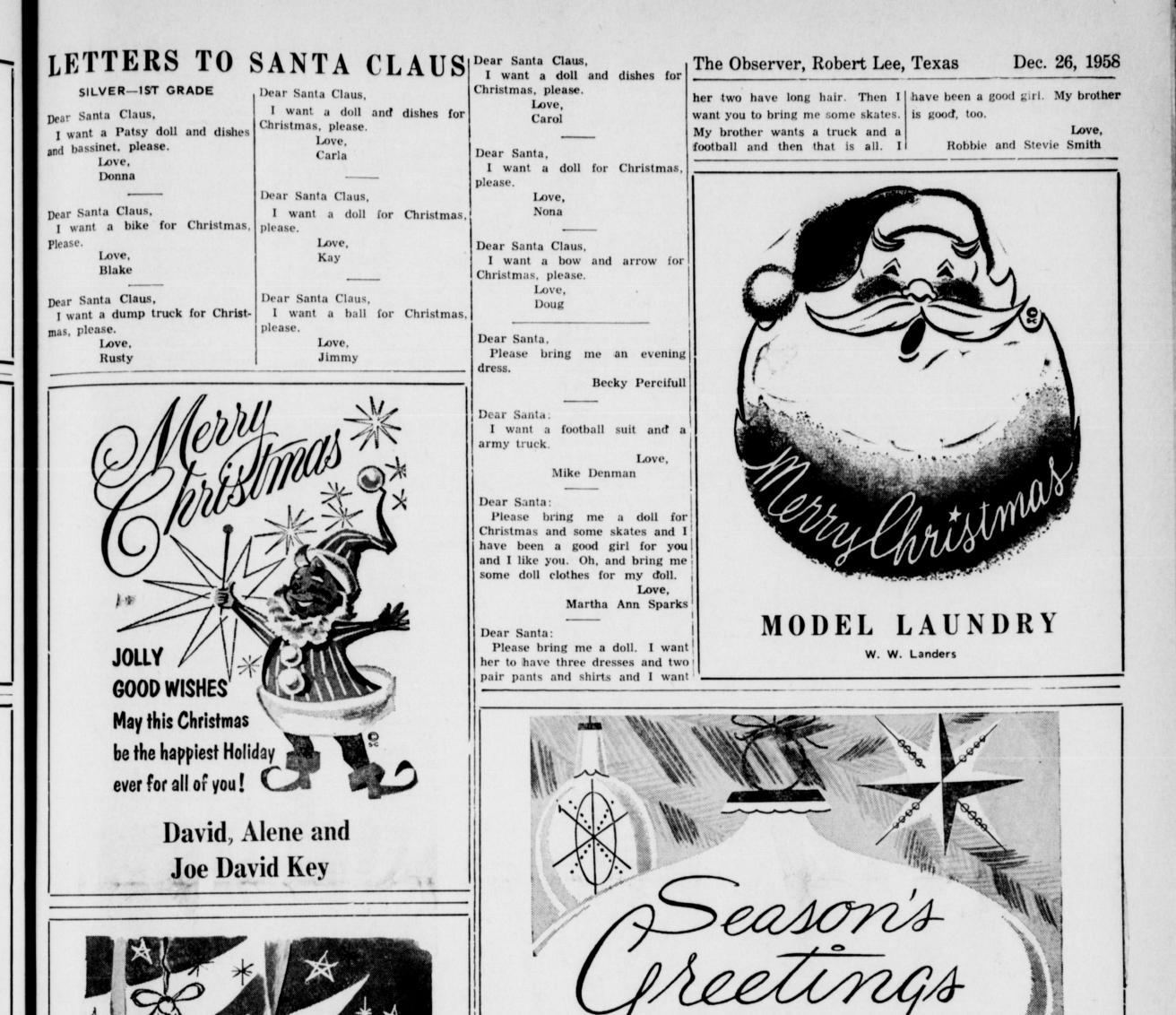
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We'd like to gaily-bedeck your Christmas tree with ornaments of Health, Wealth, and Laughter!

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Varnadore Cafe Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore MAY YOUR HOLIDAY BE BRIGHT AND GAY AS CHRISTMAS BAUBLES!

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E. H. Ivey

Jimmy Killam

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey

Royce Smith

Jack Cowley

Jessie Gloria Elmo Bell Cumbie Ivey Jr. and Family

Dear Santa: Please bring me a coat for Christmas. Love, Gordon Bird	SANTA CLAUS girl. Will you bring me a record player and a record please. And some clothes for my doll. I hope you a merry Christmas to you too. And two more toys for a surprise. Love,	love you. And I want a football. — Love, Freddy Smith. Dear Santa Claus, I want a bicycle and a wood burning set. And that is all.	PERSONALS Wesley Kinsey received a bro- ken foot while working as a driller on an Ard rig at Andrews last Thursday evening. His wife and brother-in-law, Pete Davis, brought him to Robert Lee the fol- lowing day and he is now conva-	Mrs. Willis Smith and son, Royce Smith and family plan to spend Christmas with relatives at Mel- vin. A. B. Sheppard APARTMENTS
Dear Santa,	Dhullia Davia	Love,	lescing at his home.	Modern Trailer Court
Will you please bring me a foot- ball suit, a new watch, and ma-	Deen Contes	Gary Wilcox	Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Kresta are	PHONE 786-J
chine gun. Please bring my fami-		Dear Santa Claus,	anticipating as a Christmas visi-	ROBERT LEE TEXAS
ly something. Please bring my		I want a puppet and a filling	ton Mas Frosta's mother Mrs.	
dog a rubber bone.	I want some boots.	station. And that is all.	Lilly Nail of Mesa, Ariz.	
Your friend,	I like you, Santa.	Love,	John R. Reese of Phoenix, Ariz.,	
Love, Randy	I am a good boy, I hope.	Robert Lynn Ledbetter	will motor here for a holiday visit	1
	Love,		with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Con-	63 M
Dear Santa:	Clifton Bradshaw		ley. Mr. Reese is a retired army	
Please bring me a football suit and a B. B. gun.	Dear Santa Claus,	Will you please bring me an	colonel, having been disabled dur- ing World War II.	(
And I have been a good boy.	I want boxing gloves and steel	electric football game and a bi-		ALCOSTY .
Love,	point bow and arrow and arm	cycle? Do not forget to bring	son, J. T. of McKinney, arrived	
Darrel	guard and finger guard and an	gift too.	Sunday for a visit until Wednesday	
	Elvis Presley guitar.	Your friend,	with their daughter, Mrs. Montie	
Dear Santa:	Love,		Wallace and family. The Wallace's	
I would like to have a doll. I told	Teddy Millican		will leave Wednesday afternoon to	24
you what she looked like. I would	Dear Santa Claus	Dear Santa,	spend Christmas with Montie's pa-	
like some dresses too. I like you. Love,	I want a ballet doll with clothes	Would you please bring me a		
Sharon Walker	and a buggy and a stuffed skunk	baby doll and two hoola-hoops?		* * " * *
	with a perfume bottle. My mother	Bring my family and friends some-		Other " "
	has sent a letter but I am sending	thing. Your friend,	help their brother, R. D. Ross and	
My name is Melinda Percifull.	another letter.	Kay Roberts	family move back to Robert Lee. For the past few years he has been	
I am 9 years old. I want for Christ-	Love,		employed there in oil field work.	
mas an english bicycle.	Ann Miller	Dear Santa:	Larry J. Farris and wife of Bry-	
That is all. Thank you very	Dear Santa, Please bring me a machine gun,	Please bring me a nurse kit for	an are expected to arrive Wednes-	1
much, Melinda Percifull. Right me!!!	a football suit and a watch. Do	Christmas. I have been a good	day for a visit over Christmas with	1 ison/mon
Argue metri	not forget to bring my family and	girl. I like you. You are nice.	his father, Buster Farris. Larry	1 Alexantia
Dear Santa:	friends a gift. I hope you bring	I wish you a merry Christmas.	is an aviation instructor in the	
Please bring me a doll and		Love, Susan Calder	ROTC at Texas A & M College.	TO ALL
clothes. I do not no if I been a	Your friend,	Dear Santa,	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan	-
good girl. I hope I am a good	Douglas Petross	I wish you a merry Christmas.	expect to have their two married	OUR FRIENDS
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		Santa, there is something spec-	daughters and their families here for Christmas. Coming from Mc-	o on thickey
*		ial I want for Christmas. It is a	Alester, Okla., will be Mr. and	N DOWNER
		B B gun.	Mrs. Ben Bessent and children	McDONALD'S
		Love,	and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Watkins	GROCERY
		David Roe	and children will come from Gra-	GROCERT
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Dear Santa:	ham	
		I wish for some soldiers.	1	
		I wish for some guns. Artudo Gloria		
		Dear Santa:		
1 100 100		I want a doll for Christmas. I		
		want her to walk and talk and I		

want her to be a big wedding doll. And I want some skates too.

Please bring me and my sister a doll. I wish she would cry and wet her pants. And tubes and

Dear Santa:

Love, Sue Percifull

Greetings!	7
May Santa	ALL AND
present you 🐧	
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Moliday Season?	

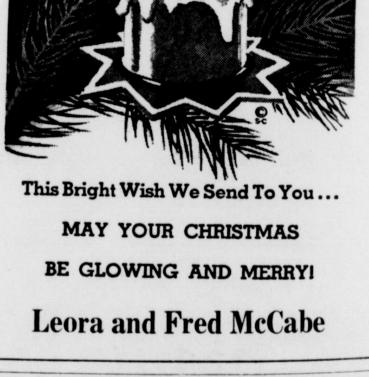
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4 551	tires for my bicycle. I want her	
R 31	two dresses and two pants. We	
	have been a good girl. And two	
	shirts and one bottle for me and	
	my sister.	
. 81	Love	
	Debby Jean and Da Niell	
	Dear Santa:	
	Please bring me a football suit.	
	I wish you would bring me a	
. 3	electric train. I wish you would	
<u>}</u>	bring me a wagon. I wish you	
. %	would bring me a gun. Please	
	bring me a cowboy gun.	
	Love.	
* \$	Roy Blair	
*	Dear Santa Claus,	1.1
. %	Do you have what I want?	Contraction of
~ ~	Do you know what? I pulled a	
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	tooth and I got a nickel. Do you	
8	have something to give to me? I	
1 %	am in the second grade. I want	1.1.12
33	a baby doll. This is all I have to	
*	say. Goodbye!	
S	Love,	
3	Elaine	1
*	Dear Santa:	
8	Please bring me a doll.	
	Please bring me a pair of skates.	
3	And bring me a picture of you,	
	too, Santa.	
1 12	Cathy Mathis	
33	Dear Santa:	
* *	Please bring me a cowboy set,	
	a cowboy suit, an army truck, a	
er {}	football suit, and a road main-	
***	tainer.	
· *	Joe Dee Blair	
55	Dear Santa.	
33	Santa Claus, would you bring	
	me a Jerry Mohoney puppet, and	
· *	an airplane, clarnet.	
5	With love, Lynn	
	P. S. Don't forget Debby.	
	Dear Santa,	
35	I have been good. I want a air-	
}	plane.	

Jack Lee Wallace Dear Santa. I have been good. I want a big baby doll. I am 5.

Donna Wallace



THANKS

To everyone who attended the formal opening of our new building and Maytag Laund-o-Rama. We appreciate your business, whether big or small and invite you to come back.

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CHRISTMAS AT MURTISHAWS | Dale Wojtek and sons of Robert DEATH OF MRS. C. H. BROWN The Murtishaws had their Christ- Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Walk- Mrs. J. S. Gardner mourns the Murtishaw.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wojtek of afterward. Robert Lee, Mrs. Alex Eubanks and family, Big Spring, Mrs. Wilford Sparks and family, Colorado sited a couple of days last week Church. She lived in Robert Lee City, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murti- with his brother, O. S Wiginton, shaw and ark, Bronte, Mr. and and family at Carrizo Springs They ter moving to Roswell where she Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw and family report good fruit and crop condiof Bronte and Mr. and Mrs. Clif- tions in that area. ford Sharp and Cliffie of San Angelo. Floyd Murtishaw of Midland planned to motor to Marble Falls was not able to attend. Also at- to join in a family gathering in tending were Mrs. Roberts and the home of Mrs. McNair's mo-Mr. Leslie Woullard of Eldorado, ther. Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long and sons of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs.

mas family dinner Sunday in er of San Angelo. There were 17 death of her oldest sister, Mrs. Bronte Sunday in the home of J. grandchildren and four great- C. H. Brown, who died Dec 12 at grandchildren present. Dinner was Los Angeles, Calif. The body was Among relatives attending were served and gifts were exchanged returned to Roswell, New Mex.,

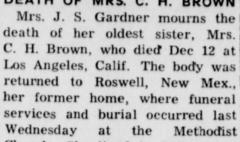
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wiginton vi-

Rev. Travis McNair and family

HUSPIT Dec. 17-W. H. Robertson, Dianne McClure, Mrs. Della Freeman, W. J. Capps admitted. Jimmy Bell dismissed.

Dec. 18-Gary Havins admitted. Dec. 19-Wesley Kinsey admitted.

Dec. 20-Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry Jr. admitted. Wesley Kinsey, J. S. Ferrell, Dianne McClure, H. S. Lewis Sr. dismissed. Dec. 21-Gary Havins, W. J. Capps, Mrs. Hugh Lewis Jr. dismissed.



a short time many years ago, laresided many years. After the death of her husband she went to California to live with a daughter, Miss Elsie Brown, a librarian. Mrs. Gardner and her son, Woodrow Gardner and wife, attended the funeral at Roswell as did two other sisters, Miss Clydine Stick-

ney of Colorado City and Mrs. Harry Hall of Lubbock and a brother, A. B. Stickney of Midland.

PERSONA

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell expect to motor to Wichita, Kans., home town. for a Christmas visit with their son, First Lt. Paul S. Ferrell, and family. Lieut. Ferrell, an Air Force career man, is stationed at a Wichita base.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Thompson and son, John Paul, returned Saturday to their home at Beaver. Okla., after a few days' visit here with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore. Mrs. Varnadore, who is convalescing from a broken leg, accompanied the Thompsons home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts left Thursday for a Christmas gathering with their son, Bobby F. Roberts, and family at Long Beach, Calif. They drove to Pecos and made the western trip by bus, leaving their car with Mrs. Robert's brother, Marion Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard motored to Austin Saturday evening to spend the weekend with their son, Floyd Sheppard, and family

Lt. and Mrs. Jack Snead and son, David, arrived Tuesday from Stillwater, Okla., for a holiday visit with home folks.

DEATH OF MRS. COOK Mrs. R. B. (Bessie) Cook, 67, of Ballinger died last Thursday morning in Austin. She had recently undergone surgery and was convalescing in the home of her son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Millican. The body was returned to Ballinger where funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at the 7th Street Baptist Church, with Rev. Emmet Brooks and Rev. O. D. Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery at Ballinger. The Cook family resided in Robert Lee for some time before moving to Ballinger ten years ago. She is survived by her husband and two other daughters besides Mrs. Millican. Following the funeral Friday the family group came to Robert Lee and were overnight guests in the I. B. and D. M. Millican homes.

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DEATH OF MRS. WULFJEN Mrs. T. M. Wylie Jr. has been advised of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Dona Craddock Wulfjen, who services and burial occurred last passed away Saturday at her home Wednesday at the Methodist in Mineral Wells following a heart attack. She was passed 80 years of age and was the oldest sister of Jess Craddock of Colorado City, former Robert Lee resident. The Craddock family resided at Sanco many years ago and Mrs. Waulfjen was a teacher in the Sanco school.

> Rev. and Mrs. Travis McNair and Mary attended a ladies night meeting of the Jim Ned Valley Lions Club at Tuscola Thursday night. They were accompanied by the Bachelors Quartet, who sang several selections as a feature of the program. Rev. Mc-Nair was the guest speaker. James Blankenship also accompanied the group to Tuscola, his former





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Hayrick Lodge No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.

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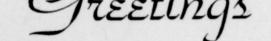
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FOR SALE - Portable Handy Hot washer with wringer, \$25. Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Sr.

FOR SALE - Dressed hens, small and fat. J. E. Quisenberry. 27w3p phone GL 3-3031.

WANTED - Want grass leases. One-half section up to any amount. Fred L. Roe, Jr., Robert Lee. 26w5p Phone 32K05.



To Our Friends:

Each passing year brings greater pride in the friendly contacts and pleasant relations we enjoy during the course of business.

Please accept our sincere thanks and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

ROACH'S DRY GOODS

Bill Tom and Christine Roach Cristie Glenn **Billy Rankin** Mrs. Leola Scott

THE ELEMENTARY MAKES NEWS

(MARIAN MASON and SUE PARKER)

A Casey Jones coloring book was awarded Mac Adkins when he was given honorable mention in the San Angelo Standard Times Coloring Contest. Mac is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adkins of Robert Lee.

Hand prints of the first and second grade students were made in plaster of paris. These will be painted and given to their parents for Christmas presents.

The birds of Robert Lee will also have a Christmas present. The present, a tree with strings of popcorn made by the enthusiastic first grade students, will be set outside during the holidays.

As a present for their mothers. the third grade pupils have made Christmas card holders. They were made of colorful construction paper with a design on the front.

Letters were written to Santa grade pupils for Christmas. These did? letters were written in language class by the students.

return to school soon.

Christmas scenes everywhere grade students. are gleaming and shining. There were two new outstanding scenes.

trees, and poinsettas with Santa | And all through the land and his reindeer. There was also nativity scene.

A nativity scene was also seen in the fifth grade room. Mrs. Jeff Dean made the shepherds and wise men. The students colored the trees.

Many thanks were extended to Mrs. Carl Brock when she brought to the fourth grade room a Christmas tree to be decorated by the students. The captains last week for the point system were Janis Fowler and Donnie Devoll.

The sixth grade students are looking forward to the Christmas parties and holidays.

A new girl has been enrolled in the sixth grade room. Her name is Linda McBroom.

Everyone in the sixth grade is having a terrible time trying to keep from walking under the mistletoe hanging over the door. telling him what to bring he third Wonder what would happen if he

There was a PTA meetnig held last Thursday in which some of the Leroy Casey has been absent sixth grade students and the Bachfrom the third grade due to an ap- elors Quartet sang Christmas capendectomy. Leroy is expected to rols. The sixth grade was reported by Shirley Roe and the sixth

Carole Hooper, county home de-These were found in the third and monstration agent, is spending the fifth grade rooms of the Robert holidays with her mother in Abilene.

DID YOU PUT XMAS AWAY? (FRANCES WYLIE)

The third grade had a house. Twas the day after Christmas The real meaning of Christmas

Had been forgotten. The true spirit of Christ, Which had barely been there

Had now disappeared Right into the air. Has the spirit of Christmas escaped with the smell of spruce and

holly? With the storing of Christmas ornaments, have the experiences of Advent been put away too?

Someone once said, "To Make people mindful of Christmas the year round, I'm sending my Christmas greetings in July."

FHA INTERNATIONAL PARTY

The FHA's International Christmas Party took place Monday night, December 15. Approximately 20 girls and four boys attended the affair which was held in the Homemaking Cottage. Many wore foreign dress. Mrs. Glen Hodge and Mrs. Travis McNair were sponsors for the party.

Gay streamers of various colors decorated the cottage. Mistletoe and Christmas berries lent a festive air.

Games from the Philipines, Germany, China, and Mexico were played. Everyone filled their pockets with candy when the pinata was broken.

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pec. 29 - Cheese meat loaf. steamed rice, green beans, hot rolls, butter, ½ pt. milk, spiced prunes.

Dec. 30 - Vegetable beef-rice soup, crackers, baked potato, peach halves, cheese sticks, milk, gingerbread.

Dec. 31 - Hot dog with chili, onions, shoestring potatoes, pinto beans, milk, fruit jello.

BAND HAS MANY ACTIVITIES (BRENDA COWLEY)

The Robert Lee High School Band under the direction of Mr. Robert Lewis Jay will be very busy now. The band has many plans for the future. The band has planned many money-making ideas. The money will be used for parties and perhaps a tour. The band went to Marching Contest, Saturday, November 6. They came back with a second in inspection and third in marching. The twirlers, Gladys Rives, Gayle Lewis and Brenda Cowley, received second places.

On January 10, four band memhers will represent the school at Regional Contest. These four will be selected later. Mr. Jay is going to be a trombone judge at the contest

IDIOT'S DELIGHT (JERRY DEAN)

A ringer of bells from Denoff, While ringing his bells had to koff, He soon was quite strangled, And in his rope tangled. Then he just tolled himself off.

A watch-man whose wife was unkind,

Was asked why he nearly was blind.

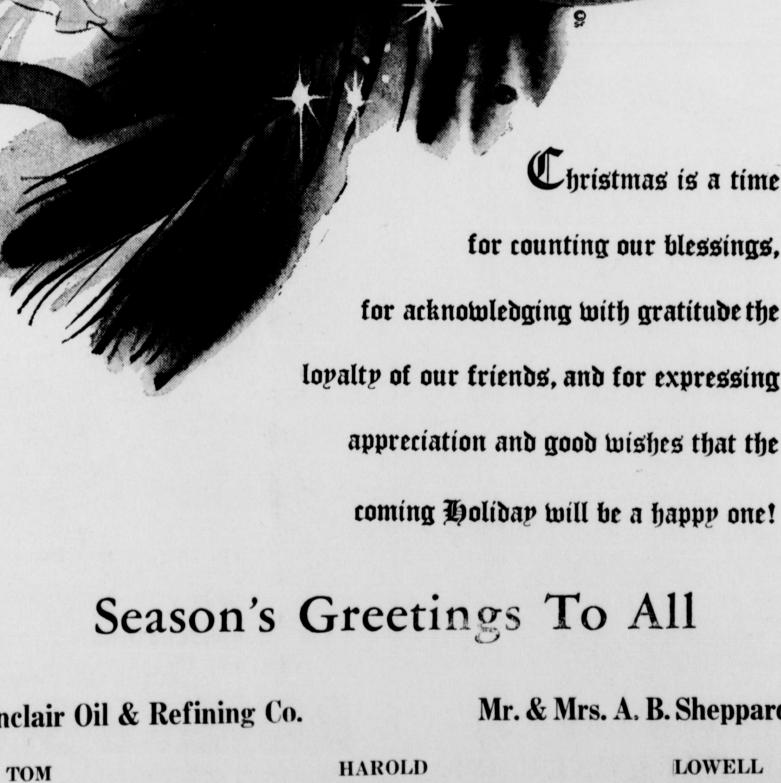
"My wife," the man said, "Sits down on my head, "And I can't get her off of my mind."

A candlestick maker from Yends, Said, "I have the best job, my friends. "I get paid quite well, "And, happy to tell. 'I only work on the wick-ends."

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Christmas is a time

for counting our blessings,

for acknowledging with gratitude the loyalty of our friends, and for expressing

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coming Holiday will be a happy one!

Season's Greetings To All

Sinclair Oil & Refining Co.

TO ALL OF \

OUR MANY, MANY

GOOD FRIENDS

Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Sheppard

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SMALL TALK By A. J. K.

nicest Christmas poems which on the Canadian at the old town of came to us from kinfolks this week:

Hope — that shines bright as the first Christmas Star.

Faith - that led Wise Men to travel afar.

shepherds knew.

His love - to guide you a bright for the number and variety. New Year through.

your way -

ery day.

A TRIBUTE TO CAL AND MIMI FARLEY

acclaim our deserving potentates, time a fine citizen is coming up. dignitaries and statesmen, lose - Cordially, Frank C. Dickey. sight of some of our less-known P. S. Seriously, Cal and Mimi less-pretentious citizens who pos- wouldn't be interested in being acsess attributes of greatness like- claimed "Husband and Wife Team wise worthy of acclaim, Cal and of the Year." If we would just

Dona Roberts

ed "Husband and Wife Team of the Year."

Cal and Mimi ranch out in the Violet thinks this is one of the Panhandle. Their headquarters is Tascosa. They run horses, sheep, goats, cattle and the rest of the usual stock. You'd think that they had raided every pound in Texas, if you were to see and count the dogs around the place; how-Peace - and Contentment the first ever, each dog is the individual property of a hand which accounts

The main produce of the Ranch These are the wishes I'm sending is citizens. They make 'em from all sorts of beginnings. Some of Not only at Christmas but for ev- those new hands are as wild as snakes. Cal and Mimi don't count each club will also be in the Rectoo much on background; they just loop an arm around a kid's neck and let him feel some love and That we may not, in our zeal to understanding and most of the kick in with some groceries, shirts, blue-jeans or shoes; or, better still, the price of same, old Cal would

spread that grin of his a little wider and Mimi would purr like a kitten. Of course, the more than 250 hands will get their groceries and their Christmas, too, whether we put in our bit or not; but, it sure would make a feller feel real good to know that he was paying a part of that tab. Remember Cal and Mimi are recruiting hands from all over Texas. Their address is Amarillo, Texas, Box 1870.

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Mimi Farley are hereby nominat- HD Agent's News Dept.

I've certainly had a pleasant time this month. Four of the five women's Home Demonstration Clubs have had Christmas parties, then the County Home Demonstration Council had a party for all club members in the county. I've certainly enjoyed attending all these parties.

The time for the Fat Stock Show is fast approaching. The club members plan to have a concession stand in the Recreation Hall again this year. Exhibits from reation Hall.

My program for the clubs next month is on consumer buying. I have entitled it "Be Wise When You Buy" and I plan to relate it to this matter of grocery buying. We would certainly like to welcome you ladies who are not members of a home demonstration club to these meetings.

My schedule for these particular meetings is as follows:

January 6-Green Mountain January 7-Bronte January 8-Friendship January 14-Robert Lee January 15-Silver

I've certainly enjoyed my first six months in Coke County. Everyone has made me feel so at home and I work with so many wonderful people. I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year



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R o Dur Friends

Of all the gifts that folks exchange. and all the pleasure they enjoy during a Christmas Season, the best of these is the simple goodwill of friends and neighbors.

We wish you the Merriest Christmas ever — and hope that all good things may come your way in the New Year. For your continued patronage — For your help — For your understanding - we again "Thank You" and sincerely resolve to conduct ourselves in a manner that will warrant your continued support.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sims

B'tis the season for carol singing, for gay wreaths of holly, glowing candles, and sugar plums. It's Christmas! Time to wish you all the

APPIEST OF HOLIDAYS BAKER'S Groc. & Ronnie Baker and Family Bobbie Baker and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Genie Baker and Sandra

Bruce Allen

Jerry Dean

Gov. Daniel Urges Safe Driving During **Coming Christmas Holiday Period**

ed in Texas this year through Dec. In his official proclamation, the in Texas, daily and weekly news- sisters want a baby doll. Bring 5. Gov. Price Daniel's statewide Governor suggested that Texas papers, press associations, radio traffic safety crusade is being con- clergymen include traffic safety and TV stations and movie theaeluded with an all-out drive to re- in their pre-Christmas messages tres. Without this vast array of duce the year-end holiday death and urged citizens of the State help, we could never have made toll on Texas streets and high- to "join in this united religious so much progress this year. We ways.

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year's holiday toll below 103, the the realization that negligence at Year's death toll because of this dav maintained by the Department of mand, "Thou Shalt not Kill." Public Safety during the 1957 A Christmas traffic safety re- their fellow citizens." Christmas-New Year's period.

ports that the 218 persons killed ers through the cooperation of evin December, 1957, was the small- ery billboard company in Texas. est number for any December in Officials of the Outdoor Advertisnine years. The nine-year average ing Association of Texas, Inc., anfor December is 255. If the pre- nounced that members of their orsent trend continues, the Gov- ganization had pledged 976 billernor points out, then the major boards - about one out of every 20 improvement noted thus far this in the state - to carry the Govyear can be maintained.

nite their efforts in the climaxing boards signed by the Governor and traffic safety project of 1958, a carrying his full-color photo, feayear which thus far has seen mo- ture a personal statement, readtorcides drop 10 per cent from the ing: "Don't Let A Collision Spoil 1957 toll. That 10 per cent re- Your Holiday." Printing of the duction has been Governor's year- color posters and space on the billlong goal.

"Safety Sunday" for the Decem- cil by member-companies of the ber holidays this year at the re- billboard association. quest of Rev. Don Benton of Dal- Expressing his appreciation to las. Chairman of Church Safety the companies for their coopera-

with some 238 lives already sav- for the Texas Safety Association.

minder is also being carried to The DPS Statistical Service re- millions of Texas highway travelernor's traffic safety Christmas Several powerful forces will u- reminder. The big, 24-sheet billboards was provided without cost Governor Daniel proclaimed to the Texas Traffic Safety Coun-

are very grateful for the huge amounts of time and money devoted Dear Santa, to the traffic safety crusade by

her mass communications media hair and a ponytail. Both of my campaign to awaken in the con- now hope for major improvement The objective will be to hold this science and mind of every driver in the annual December-New number of lives lost during the 11- the wheel of an automobile is a type of cooperation and because "Operation Deathwatch" transgression of God's Own Com- so many Texans this year are working to help save the lives of

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle and a machine gun. Do not forget to bring my family a gift.

Your friend. **Richard Long**

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a BB gun, and a TV. Don't forget to bring my family and friends a Christmas gift. Your friend,

Eric Samuelson

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me a machine gun, and a football? Bring Linda a typewriter, please. Love, **Douglas** Thetford

tion, Governor Daniel said: "We The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas my brother a toy airplane. Don't Will you please bring me a doll? forget my Mother, Daddy and the billboard companies and ot- I would like for it to have blond friends. Your friend,

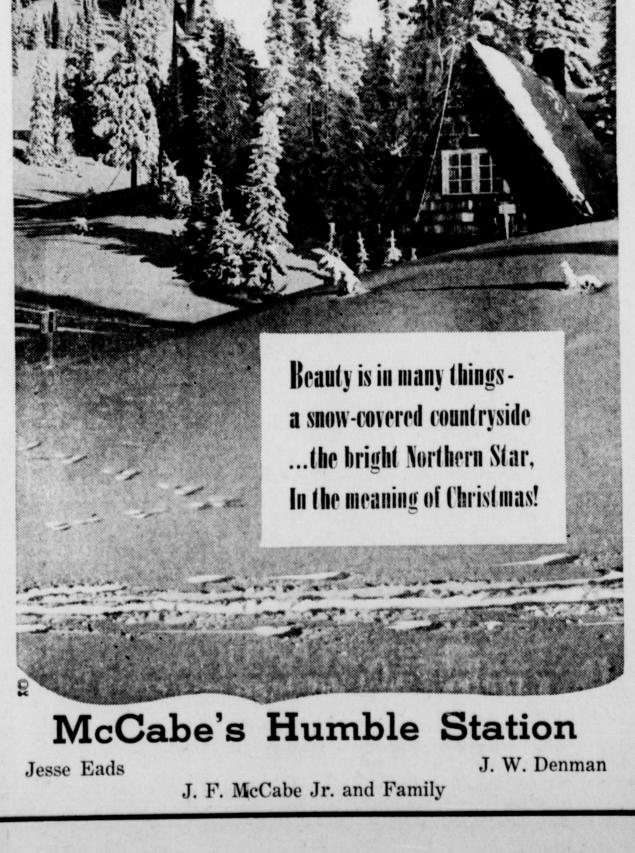
Marilyn Wallace.







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'59 AUTOS HAVE PRICE STICKERS SANTA CLAUS

When the new 1959 automobiles, the price-labeling legislation prowent on sale recently with them bably was the fantastic merchancame the first price stickers the dising of recent years. This saw car industry has used in many years.

Robert Lee dealers have indicated their approval of the plan.

The price-labeling law, or more formally the automobile informa- dealer, as some advertisements tion disclosure act, requires the indicate, can actually give away car makers to affix a sticker with fur coats, trips to Bermuda, or a wealth of detail not heretofore \$1,000 for anything you can "drive available to the car buyer. To be printed on the stickers is the manufacturer's suggested retail price, including excise tax and factorysuggested preparation charge, freight charges, price of factoryinstalled accessories, point of production and name of retailer to whom the car was shipped.

To a large degree the law was designed to eliminate what had come to be known in the industry as price packing. This has sometimes been called the greatest evil of automobile merchandising.

In price packing, the list price suggested by the manufacturer for the car and all its optional accessories was boosted at the point of retail sale before a discount was offered. In many instances the proferred discount was said to amount to little more than the amount by which the overall price had been increased. Another factor in passage of

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa.

Will you bring me a doll, camera and a magic slate? Please bring my sister a doll. Please bring my Mother and Father a gift.

> Your friend, Frances Valezocex

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a bicycle, a doll and a magic slate? Please bring my Mother, Daddy and my sister something. Do not forget my friends. Your friend.

Ann Moore

offers of big price discounts and gifts of substantial value offered as premiums to buyers.

In approving the measure, a Senate committee reported: "No in" without packing prices.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me an and friends a gift, please. electric football game, boxing bag and a football. Do not forget my family and friends.

Your friends, Roy Ivey

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me an electric foot ball game, a base ball glove and some cowboy boots. Please bring my Daddy and Mother a gift.

Your friend, Danny Smith

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I have been a good Don't forget my friends. girl, and some doll clothes for my doll.

I hope you will bring me a doll and some doll clothes for Christmas. Good-bye

Deborah Kay Box

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a housecoat. I want you to bring me a sweater. Please bring me a painting set. Do not forget to bring my family and friends a gift. Your friend,

Sharon Ann Bradshaw

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a doll and camera? Do not forget to bring my family and friends a gift.

> Your friend, Rosita Ybarra

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Dear Santa,

Will you bring me a typewriter and a magic slate? Please bring my brothers and sister something too. Mommy and Daddy want something too. Bring my friends something too. My sister wants a Baby doll.

> Your friend, Kathy Service

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a camera, a little baby doll, and some doll ilothes for my big dress up doll. Don't forget to bring my family

> Your friend, Vernay Vaughan

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a watch and the surprise that you were going to bring me. Do not forget to bring my family and friends a gift too. Your friend,

Jesse McGallian

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a Cub Scout suit, football suit and rodrill? Bring my brother some toys too and Mother something please. Your friend,

Craig Thomason



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J. E. Quisenberry, Jr. **Butch Davis** Jessie Faye Brock

Robert Forman Mildred Wallace Thelma Jo Hinnard



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Sabior is reborn in the hearts of all mankind! May lobe and peace light your way this Christmas!

Ruth and Bruce Clift

Silver News

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Mrs. R. S. Anderson returned Tuesday of last week from Albuquerque, N. Mex., where she had been called the previous week by the death of a niece, Mrs. Donald piper. She died on Thursday af- Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson inday at Albuquerque.

May Stepp, daughter of Mr. and therford; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mrs. S. A. Stepp, and was born Wilson of San Saba and Mr. and at Silver 45 years ago.

She is survived by her hus- of San Marcos.

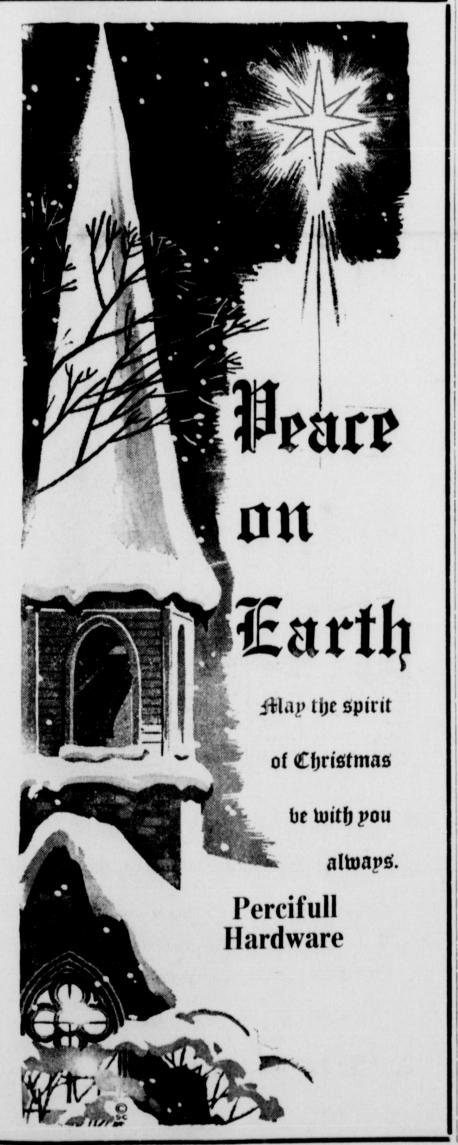
Stepp of Pleasant Plains, Ark. Mrs. Anderson was accompanied to Albuquerque by a sister, Mrs. O. O. Burleson and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Noel Oats, of Slaton.

Christmas guests in the home of ter a brief illness. Funeral ser- clude their three daughters and vices and burial took place Satur- their families. They were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russell Ash and 2-Mrs. Piper was the former Ethel months-old son, Russell, of Wea-Mrs. Buzz Thorp and son, Jahew,

hand, a married daughter and Christmas guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Walker will

YULE GREETINGS ... best wishes and much joy we send to you, our patrons and friends!

> Silver **Beauty Shop** Mrs. Patsy Arnold



James Eaton of Ranger and Mrs. Wilton Robertson of Notrees, and their families. Also their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Claudie Walker and baby, who are making their home here while Claudie is in Germany with the U.S. Army. Phil Wall and family returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives in Dallas. Parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Walls reside in Big D. A number of Sun employees

went to Midland Monday to attend funeral services for Celia Colville, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Colville. She was killed in a highway accident near Sweetwater Friday while returning home for the holidays where she was a freshman student at SMU. Her father is Sun Oil Company's district superintendent for the production department and makes frequent visits to Silver.

MILLICAN - Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Millican (Eva Jo Johnson) are parents of a son born Dec. 16 in Root Memorial Hospital at Colorado City. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and has been named Jay Lynn. The father operates a service station on Highway 208 north of Silver. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Johnson of Hon, Ark., and D. M. Millican of Robert Lee.

J. Weldon Phillips, who is stationed in the Air Force at Travis AFB in California, has arrived for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Phillips.

Mrs. Carroll Wilkes and children returned the fore part of the week from a visit at Eola with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scoggin.

Mrs. S. G. Gibson and son, Tommy, arrived the last of the week from Oilton, Okla., for a visit among Silver and Robert Lee relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican, Jr. and son, Franklin III, were weekend guests in the home of his parents.

J. C. Windham, pumper for Chapel Hill, is taking a two weeks' vacation. He and his family visited in East Texas and with their daughter, Mrs. Rickey Adams and family at Justin.

Mrs. Jerroll Sanders and children of Eldorado were weekend

include their daughters, Mrs. The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Coahoma, went to Big Spring Sunday where they visited their cousin, Mrs. Jake Ligon, who is hospitalized with a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams of Mertzon were Sunday guests in the Lawrence Feaster home. Mr. Williams is a brother of Mrs. Feaster.

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John Clifton and family will spend Christmas with kinfolks at Gainesville. Their daughter, Barbara, went to Munday the last of the week to meet her husband, Martin Bowman, who returned from Ft. Carson, Colo., where he finished army basic training.





guests in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen. They will go to Houston to spend Christmas with relatives of Mr. Sanders. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hugh Odom, Beaumont, are expected Wednesday night for a visit through the remainder of the week with relatives and friends.

Jameson gasoline plant employees on vacation this week include D. H. Caldwell, Murwood Mumford, Murray Marie and W. E. Welder. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and Mary Ann have gone to Kingsville to visit the David McKinnons, the Mumfords will visit at Tyler and Van and Mr. and Mrs. Marie will spend Christmas with relatives at Carthage.

Butch Arnold, who is looking after a ranch near Baird, is home for a week's holiday vacation.

John T. Stewart and family will spend Christmas at Killeen. Mrs. Stewart has two sisters living there and their parents will come from Beaumont to join the family gathering.

Sun Pipeline families are planning to get together for Christmas dinner at Sun Rec Hall.

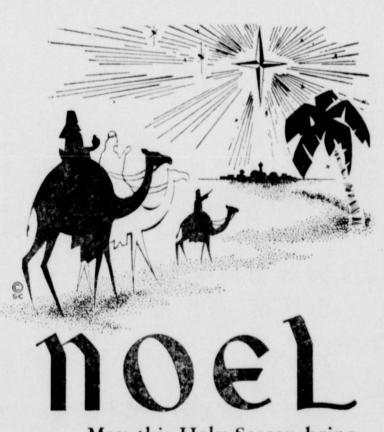
L. K. McKinnon is confined to his home this week following dental surgery. He is a Sun Pipeline station operator.

Johnnie Walker and family moved Saturday from Colorado City to a Sun company owned house in Jameson Camp. The property was vacated by Harold Spivey, who was transferred to Snyder. Mr. Walker, Sun Pipeline Co. employee, is married and the father of a son, 4 years old. His wife is a grade teacher at Colorado City.

Mrs. Charlie Arnold accompanied her sister, Mrs. Ray Swann of

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson

Silver, Texas



May this Holy Season bring you an abundance of happiness!

SUN GROCERY

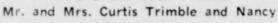
Silver, Texas

Mr. & Mrs. V. S. Davis Mr. & Mrs. Doug Waid

Dear Santa Claus,	Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a teen-ager doll and Dinosaurs that you put the bones together. Love.	
Judy Ann Voelkel	Bill Burns

and arrow and a nd a cowboy fort







Silver News

Peggy of Sun Field arrived Saturday night for a visit with their niece, Mrs. Geo. Conner, and family. They will spend Christmas with kinfolks at Eastland.

Jack Morgan and family will go to Tulsa where kinfolks of Mrs. bring them to me? My mother Morgan will gather for a Christ- has me a tiny tear and another mas reunion in the Don Grant present. home.

Sun production employees on vacation this week include Hale Kincaid, W. S. Shingleton, C. N. Mayo, Delbert Shoemaker and O. F. Bradham.

Duke Jimerson of Midland, Lions District Governor, was guest speaker at a Ladies Night dinner of the Silver Lions Club Tuesday night of last week. The program was featured by selections by the Bachelor's Quartet of Robert Lee. Mrs. Jeff Dean is accompanist for the group of excellent high school singers which includes Ronnie and Richard Sims, Jerry Dean and Don Weathers. Gov. Jimerson invited them to be on the Lions mid-winter program at Midland on Jan. 10.

Last Friday night John T. Stewart and W. W. Paul and their wives attended a Ladies Night dinner sponsored by the Colorado City Lions Club. The men are president and secretary, respectively, of the Silver Club.

The Baptists and Methodists held a joint Christmas program at the Methodist Church Sunday night. Young people brought gifts for a Christmas box to be sent to a Mission at Ozona. Rev. Chas. Simpson gave a brief sermon and there was special music and group singing. Later refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

William Allen Bloodworth Jr., student at Tarlton College in Stephenville, is spending a part of his Christmas vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth. Allen's family reside in Thailand where his father is a U.S. government ag specialist with the Point 4 program. Allen Jr. attended high school in Thailand and arrived here in August to attend college.



Love, Jo Anne Arnold

I want a baby buggy and a baby bottle and some dishes and a jew. elry set and doll with clothes and a Betty Crocker set and a dress up set. Santa Claus, I love you. Love, Joyce Fay Morgan



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GREETINGS -ONE AND ALL

May your Christmas tree be bright and gay, and heaped with gifts and good cheer for you, and all the family!

FARRIS CITY DRUG

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Farris Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS SILVER-2ND GRADE

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Jerry Mahoney puppet and a clarinet, and an airplane that really flies. It works on fuel about nineteen minutes. Love. Lynn Beal

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a ballet doll. I want some play kittens, I want some dishes. I want a jewelry set. I want a stuffed teddy bear. Love. Kathy Denman

Dear Santa Claus. Please give me a 30-30 Winchester and a pistol with eighteen shells with it. Love, Mike Parish

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you can bring this-bow and arrow, Fort Apache set, and a sword. I am in the second grade.

Quinn Conley

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a football suit and shoes. Please bring me a Winchester gun set. Please bring me some arrows.

Love, **Robert Fugate**

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a big baby doll and a telephone. Love,

Judy Gartman



WE PAUSE AT THIS HOLY SEASON TO GIVE THANKS FOR OUR BLESSINGS

... and among our many blessings we

count your friendship and loyalty.

Thank you a a very Happy Holiday.

Fran-Cilla Flowers & Gifts



Is That Christmas Gift Taxable?

ral government levies a tax which 000 given to each individual in \$30,000 - before the tax applies. a bun warmer? For my father

applies to gifts made by one per- each calendar year. son to another. However the gov- The law also excludes from taxernment has no desire to tax or- able gifts, gifts to the church, Dear Santa, dinary birthday and Christmas community chest, and similar Will you please bring me a bicy- My brother and sister want a toy Alhough it may come as a sur- gifts. The law therefore excludes charitable organizations, and al- cle, machine gun and painting set? gorilla. prise to some people, the fede- from taxable gifts the first \$3,- lows each giver an exemption of For my mother would you bring

The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes.

For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the descendant's death.

An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,-000.)

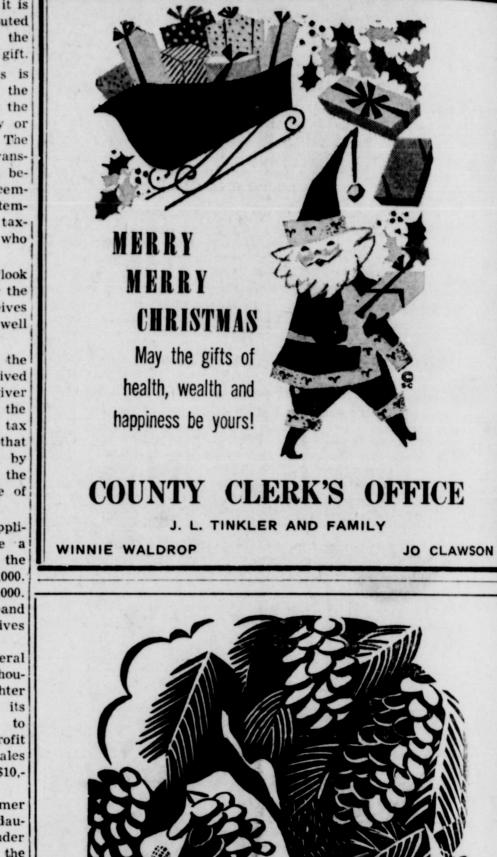
On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to nav any income tax.

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would you bring an electric drill?

Your friend. **Ross Adkins**

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Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift. However depending upon individual and particular circumstances, there may be occasions when a gift is advisable. Your lawyer can advise you on this matter.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform - not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I want a magic slate and typewriter. Do not forget my Mother and Daddy. Do not forget my sisters too.

> Your friend, Patricia Hughes

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a bicycle and a record player? Do not forget to give my family a present.

> Your friend, Lois Heuvel

Dear Santa.

Will you please bring me a bicycle, a watch and a typewriter? Do not forget my family and friends.

> Your friend, Jacquelyn Counts



May the Joy of the Holiday Glow Brightly for You and Your Family

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H. C. Preslar and Family