

# Robert Lee Observer

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## Christmas Season Is Here



**GOLD STAR WINNERS —** Rebecca Walker and Marshall Millican were winners of the coveted Gold Star Awards for 1969 for their outstanding work in 4-H Club. Marshall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican and has been in 4-H work six years. Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr. and has worked in 4-H eight years. The awards were presented at an awards program held in Robert Lee Dec. 15.



Robert Lee residents, like people all over the country, have been caught up in a whirlwind of activities the past several days, getting ready for Christmas. Merchants and employees have been extra busy with the added business brought on by Christmas, and most everybody has been busy with parties, shopping, special religious observances and other activities which go with the holiday.

### Stores to Close

Most Robert Lee business firms will take a two-day holiday, closing both Thursday (Christmas Day) and Friday. They will all be open for business as usual Saturday. An exception is Robert Lee State Bank

which will be closed only on Christmas Day. There are probably some service stations and other businesses along the highways which will reopen Friday, also.

The courthouse and city hall will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, giving county and city officials and employees a five-day holiday, since they close regularly on Saturdays and Sundays. The post office will be closed Christmas Day only.

There is only one shopping day left till Christmas, and Robert Lee firms still have a large selection of gift merchandise. They invite everyone to visit them to get those last minute gift items. Specials on food

items which were run in last week's Observer by Baker's Grocery and West Way Grocery are still in effect through Wednesday.

### Paper Out Early

The Observer was printed on Tuesday and placed in the mail so it could be delivered Wednesday morning. This week's paper contains a large number of greeting ads from those who wished to use this method of wishing readers a Merry Christmas.

Next week's Observer also will be printed early, on account of New Year's. As was the case this week, Monday will be the deadline for accepting news or ad copy and the paper will be printed on Tuesday. The regular Wednesday printing time will become effective again for the issue of Jan. 8. The Observer office will be closed the remainder of this week, in order for the staff to have a short Christmas vacation. It will open as usual next Monday, Dec. 29.

### Saturday Services For Mrs. Thetford

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Jane Thetford, 87, were held Saturday in First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee. Conducting the last rites was the pastor, the Rev. Arthur Kendall. Burial was in Paint Creek Cemetery in the Edith community.

Mrs. Thetford died at 8:20 p.m. last Wednesday in Shannan Hospital in San Angelo, after an illness. She was a long time resident of Coke County, having moved to the Edith area with her family in 1920. She had lived in Bronte during recent years, but had made her home in San Angelo for about the last year.

Mrs. Thetford was born Jan. 22, 1882, in Hill County. She was married to W. W. Thetford Oct. 2, 1900, in Motley County. The family lived there until 1920 when they moved to Coke County. Mr. Thetford died in 1937. Mrs. Thetford was a member of Robert Lee Methodist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Opal Vest of Lordsburg, N. M., Mrs. Mae Hurley and Mrs. Christine Allen, both of San Angelo and Mrs. B. D. Snead of Bronte; two sons, J. T. Thetford of McCamey and County Judge W. W. Thetford of Robert Lee; three sisters, Mrs. Tessie Partin of Portales, N. M., Mrs. Laura Loftin of Fort Worth and Mrs. Hattie Calhoun of Fort Worth; 18 grandchildren, 37 great grand children and five great great grandchildren. Grandsons were pallbearers.

### SINGING WILL BE SUNDAY

The Coke County Singing convention will meet next Sunday afternoon at the Pecan Baptist Church. Everyone who sings or likes to hear good singing is invited to attend, according to a spokesman.



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

Mary L. Prine

Ben and Libby Oglesby

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's note: The following letter came to the Observer office Tuesday afternoon. It was brought by a frost bitten carrier pigeon which obviously had come from a colder climate than West Texas. We thought our younger readers might be interested in it.)

Dear Editor,

Please inform your young readers that I will be in Robert Lee as early as possible on Christmas Eve night. I have a good bit of work to do there, so I want to get an early start. Then, there are lots of other places I have make before daylight comes on Christmas morning.

I enjoyed my visit with all the youngsters of Robert Lee a couple of weeks ago, and must say it was really fun to ride on that new fire truck you all have.

My thanks to you for sending me all the letters from Robert Lee kids. I have gone over them and I believe I have most of their requests filled. Goodness, I'd sure hate to miss anybody.

All the reindeer are in fine shape except Rudolph. I would hate to have to go off and leave him, but if he doesn't cooperate a little bit better with the vet who is treating him. I may just leave him at home. He won't take his medicine at all unless we just pour it down him.

Well, I'll be seeing you Wednesday night, and Merry Christmas to all. Ho, ho, ho.

Cordially,  
Santa Claus

### DEATH OF JOHN MILLICAN

John Millican, 68, died Monday at his home in Mesa, Ariz. Funeral services were held Wednesday with burial in a cemetery there.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Basil Millican of Mesa, two sisters, Mr. Katherine Hoots and Mrs. Laura Capps, and one brother, D. M. Millican, all of Robert Lee, and a host of nieces and nephews.

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and some kind of a game and I want a big Santa like you and a Movie Projector and a race track and I want a Organ.  
Lisa Devoll  
Age 8, Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle. I want a road and a doll that talks and some crayola. I want a book and some skates and my sister wants a doll that talks. I love you.  
Your friend, Martha Ramos

Dear Santa,  
I want a good and happy Christmas. Santa Claus I don't no what I want. But I want a Susiehomacer stove. And then I don't no.  
Love, Cathy Ann Roe

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good. Please send me a sockerball for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Audrey Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
I can hardly wait until Christmas. I am in the third grade. I want a bike.  
Your friend,  
Tony Gonzales



*Merry Christmas*

*We hope you have a bappy holiday!*

**SCOGGINS**  
Ballinger

Dear Santa,  
I want a Davey Croket rifle. I hope you had a nice summer. I want some house shoes for my daddy and a BB gun and some BB's and a bow and arrow. I am 7 years old.  
Lynn

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a gun, and a football -suit, and a race trak, and a tent.  
Love, Kevin Roe

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like a BB gun and a ball for base ball and a doll for my sister. Age 7. I love you Santa. Grade 2.  
Love, Scotty

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck for Christmas and a be be gun and a speker and a go-cart and a crepey color.  
Love, Wesley Sawyer

Dear Santa,  
I want a spider bike and a B.B. gun and some BB's and a nightgown for my sister.  
With love, Clay Bloodworth  
Age 7, grade 2

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pellet gun and a tape recorder.  
My brother and sisters have been good and I have been good too.  
Love, Terry Ross and my brother

Dear Santa,  
I am in the second grade. I am seven. Please bring me a bike. Please bring my brother a training wheel bike.  
With love, Jana Hood

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a bike for Christmas, Santa.  
Love, Teddy Carrasco

Dear Santa,  
I want a little organ with no legs.  
With love, Debbie Askins  
Age 7, Second Grade

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a game of battling tops, a NFL football game, and a pair of saddle baskets.  
Yours truly, Waid Davis

Dear Santa,  
I would like a ring, stationary, a raido. Well that's all I can think of.  
Love, Lisa Bessent

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby frist step and a bick and a toy for my little sister. I would like to give a toy to my little brother.  
Love, Karen Kay Flowers

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a raido place. I like you very much. I hope you have one. And I want some toys for my sister. She is a baby, any kind.  
Love, Linda Longoria

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun and a football and a boogun.  
Love, Ricky Tijerina


Dear Santa,  
I would like a donky litng set, a football set and a B-B gun.  
Love, Bobby Ramond Wallace

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. I want a bike. I am a good girl.  
Love, Debra Clemens



**OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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Ballinger, Texas



**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.*

**Dawn's Floral & Specialty Shop**



**Blessings of the Season**

Charles Hambrick  
Jeweler  
Ballinger

*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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Ballinger, Texas



**JOLLY ST. NICK IS HERE AGAIN! MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**MORGAN MOTORS**  
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Ballinger, Texas

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas. I want a B-B gun. I want three speed gears to put on my bike. I want an erector set.  
Your friend, Marty Joe Caston

Dear Santa,  
I want Tippee Toes. I want Aipl Shower. I want cook mixes. I want newborn baby. I want Dancerina with a blue dress.  
Love, Karen Preston

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dancerino doll for Christmas. I want a bending doll. I have been good. I want a bunch for little kids for Christmas. How have you been today?  
Love, Mary Sue Ybarra

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck for Christmas. An a bike that had four gears. An a B-B gun and hot wheel set.  
Love, Jimmy Lara

Dear Santa,  
I want a bending doll. I want a bike with gears. I want a new pair of shoes. I want a dancerina.  
Love, Carolyn Simpson

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? I want a gun and football. I have been a good boy.  
Love, Joel Percifull

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am a good girl at school. I want a Dancerina and my brother Joe wants a truck and my sister wants a doll and I want a little boy Rudolph.  
Love, Dora Torres

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. I want a Dancerina and a purse for Christmas. I want a dress and a pair of shoes. My two little sisters want play dolls and my little brother wants a little truck and a boat.  
Love, Marta Torres

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am a vary good girl. I want Dancerina and my brother Johnny wants a football and I want a bike and a new fashion dress, and Susie Home Maker Mixes.  
Love, Priscilla Clemens

Dear Santa,  
I want a football and a basket ball. My three brothers want some guns. I have been a good boy.  
Love, Saul Saucedo

Dear Santa,  
I want a football. I want a B-B gun. I want a play gun. I want a sled.  
Love, Albert Avalos

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph's nose really red or does it blink? Jodi wants a doll that crawls, and my little brother wants an electric train. I want electric cars like Roger's and a gocart.  
Love, Edwin Wilson Jr.

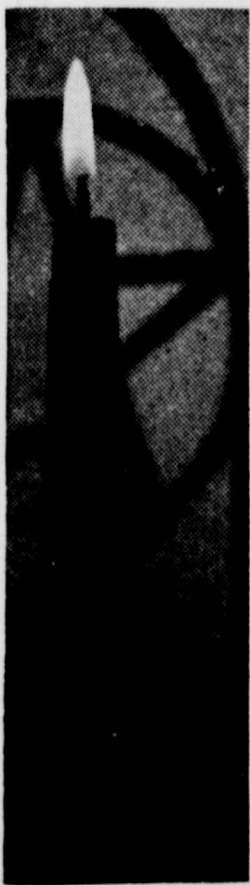
Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a bunch of little things for Christmas. How have you been? Anything will do.  
Love, Renea Flanagan

Dear Santa,  
I want a football suit and a bike with brakes and gears, 5 speed. I want a firetruck and a football. I want a basketball with a basket and a 20 dollar bill. I want a car that goes by it's self. I want a Santa Claus that say ho ho.  
Love, Monroe Killam



HE SHALL BE GREAT AND SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE HIGHEST: LUKE 1:32

VIOLET KIRKPATRICK



*Sincere Good Wishes*

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

Juanita and Jack Trimble



## Robert Lee State Bank

### The Gift of Light Makes Christmas Bright



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### November Bond Sale Total \$1855

November sales in Coke County totaled \$1,855, according to Gerald C. Allen, chairman of the Coke County Savings Bond Committee. Sales for the eleven-month period were \$16,890 and this is 56 per cent of the 1969 goal of \$30,000.

Texas sales during November totaled \$12,962,108 while the first eleven months sales amounted to \$161,490,677 which is 95 per cent of the 1969 goal of \$170.1 million.

"Recently the interest rate on United States Savings Bonds was raised to 5 per cent when to maturity of 5 years and 10 months (4% for the first year and 5.20% when held to maturity.) Freedom Shares will be removed from sale on June 30, 1970, so be sure to put your note allotment into "bigger" E bonds. Buy them through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work or at your bank," Chairman Allen said.

#### CHRISTMAS REUNION

The family of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harmon had a Christmas dinner at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall Sunday, Dec. 21. Eight of the eleven children, seven great 12 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and a brother and sister of Mr. Harmon and several friends were present.

These included Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harmon and Mandy, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican, Troy and Marshall, Sheri Pitcock, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Meshburn, Ricky and Rena, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, Sheila and Douglas, all of Robert Lee.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Alf Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Harmon, Sharon, Debra, Judy, Linda Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Harmon, Teresa, Betsy Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Harmon, Clint and Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Harmon and Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Boyd, all of San Angelo.

And Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harmon, Teresa, Betsy, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Bill Harmon and Glenda and Kenditha of Midland, Mrs. Mary Brothers and Mrs. Maude Davis of Stanton.

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AND YOUR COUNTRY  
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"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Luke 2:10

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SUPPLY CO.

Ballinger

### BIRTHS

Steven Bradley is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gartman of Abilene. He was born Sunday, Dec. 14 and weighed eight pounds and six ounces.

Mrs. Gartman is the former Linda Schasroth of McAllen. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman of Sanco and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schasroth of McAllen.

### WANT ADS

#### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

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Insertions ..... Per Word 3c

Minimum Charge: 50c

Additional 50c for blind ads.

CARDS OF THANKS  
Per word 5c — (Minimum \$1.00)

Classified ads and cards of thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account. \$1.00 minimum charge it posted in ledger.

#### CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our recent bereavement. These expressions have been deeply appreciated.

The Family of Nancy J. Thetford.

#### CARD OF THANKS

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful ways during our recent bereavement, we express our heartfelt thanks.

The Family of Misses Ada and Pearl Hurley.

SHEEP SHEARING and tagging wanted. I am running a shearing machine full time. Alvin Lara, phone 453-2603.

FOR SALE — Beautiful spinet piano and bench; GE portable dishwasher; 3 bedroom house, 2 lots, central heat and air. 1621 Bishop. ltp

DECORATED Christmas cakes on special. Call 453-2485. Mrs. B. R. Duncan.

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#### NO HUNTING

Because of past abuses, no hunting will be allowed on the J. W. ARLEDGE ESTATE and PALMER LEEPER RANCHES IN COKE AND NOLAN COUNTIES for the 1969-70 season. Game warden patrolled.

#### No Hunting

or firearms permitted on H. H. Jameson Estate. Mrs. H. H. Jameson.

FOR SALE — U. S. Flags at the Observer office. Call 453-2433 for information.

#### Monuments Grave Markers Lettering

Representing Birk Monument Mfg. Co.  
Sam L. Williams, Phone 453-2525.

FOR SALE: Good pecans. Contact Chism or Ruth Brown. Phone 453-2426.

### Recreation Hall Gets Face Lifting Job

The recreation hall in Robert Lee County Park has been completely re-decorated, with the finishing touches going on last week. The hall has been getting a good workout with Christmas parties and other gatherings, and the refurbishing has increased its attractiveness a great deal.

The county did the work which included painting inside in the kitchen, meeting room and baths. New curtains were purchased and put up, and the Home Dem-

onstration Council, 64 Study Club, Garden Club and Friendship Home Demonstration Club furnished an artificial fir Christmas tree and decorated it, to add to the setting of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Trimble of Odessa are spending the Christmas holidays here in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek.

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### PERSONALS

Bob L. Davis of Amarillo visited relatives here last week and attended the funeral service for the Hurley sisters, who were killed in an auto accident near Wingate last weekend.

W. W. Sudduth of San Angelo was guest speaker at Northside Church of Christ for both morning and evening services. He was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.



ZETTLER'S RESTAURANT

### Our Thanks . . .

### And

### Best Wishes



The Christmas season will always be a time for the expression of good will and the exchange of friendly greetings. In this spirit of friendship and with genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations we have enjoyed with you, we extend the season's greetings and best wishes.

Mrs. Artell Roberts

Kaye and Gaylon Pitcock

### A Christmas Wish

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

John 16:22

To all our friends at Christmas we extend our best wishes and our thanks for all past favors.

KING - HOLT CO.  
Ballinger, Texas

Bud Everett

John B. King



**4-H SPEAKER**—Rep. George Baker (center) of Fort Stockton was the main speaker at the 4-H Club awards program held Dec. 15 at the Robert Lee School. Pictured with him are Coke 4-H members Harvey Wink (left) and Mark Matlock.

### Dickeys Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Dickey observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 7 with a celebration in their home here. Dickey is a native of Coke County and his wife was born in Dallas.

The couple was married in Dallas. They have two sons, District Attorney Frank C. Dickey Jr. of San Angelo and James S. Dickey of San Angelo.

Mr. Dickey is from pioneer Coke County stock, his father having come through Coke County before the Civil War. He worked as a ranch hand as a young man and volunteered for Army duty shortly after war was declared in 1917. He received his law degree from Baylor University in 1926.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickey lived in Waco and Ballinger for 20 years and returned to Coke County in 1946.

### Big Spring Rites For E. A. Sample

Funeral services were held last Thursday in Big Spring for Eugene Alexander Sample, 93, a retired farmer and Methodist minister. He was the father of Mrs. James E. Herford of Robert Lee.

Mr. Sample died Dec. 16 in a Big Spring hospital. He was born Oct. 5, 1876, in Tabor, and was married to Lucy Day March 2, 1913, in Bryan. They moved to Big Spring in 1926, and had lived in Lubbock from 1952 to 1960, when they returned to Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Jasper Sample of Houston, Henry Sample of Knott and James Sample of Ruidoso, N. M.; five daughters, Mrs. Clara Drake of Ozark, Ark., Mrs. Ina Mae Haynes of Yucon, Okla., Mrs. Mary Pettus of Tuscola, and Mrs. Herford; 25 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ross and family of Midland were weekend guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ross.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore this week during the Christmas holidays are their children and their families. This includes Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mac Mathis, Kathy and Todd of Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Varnadore, Ronnie and Marcia of Garland.

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- 1962 Ford Falcon Ranchero. 6 cylinder and automatic transmission ----- \$425
- 1967 Ford Fordor Cruiseomatic with air -- \$1150
- 1967 Pickup. Long wheel base, V-8 and automatic transmission ----- \$1350
- 1969 Falcon Wagon, air and power-loaded, still in factory warranty ----- \$2395
- 1964 Chevy II Fordor, standard transmission, with air, extra nice ----- \$575
- 1967 Cadillac 4 Dr. DeVille. This is extra nice and has all the Cadillac equipment ----- \$2295

These cars are priced to sell and on terms to suit you. Come look today.

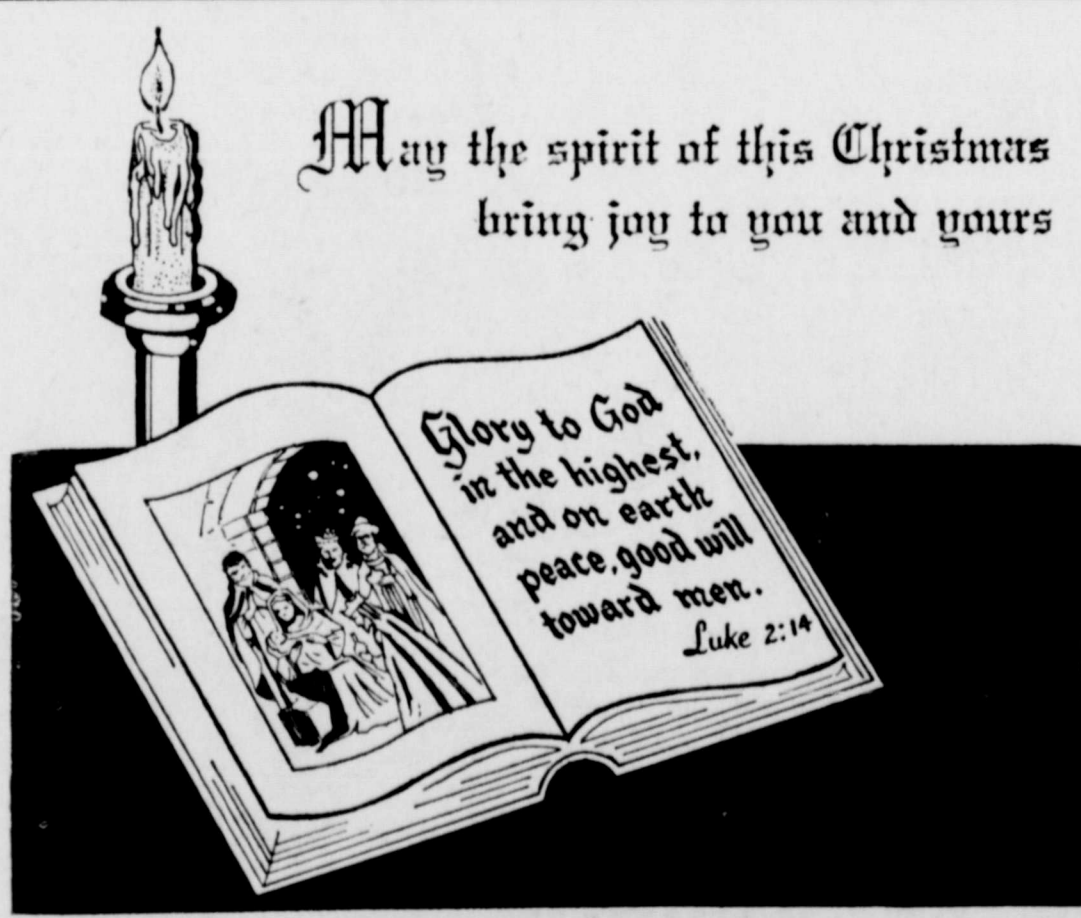


As the Holiday Season approaches, it is a pleasure to express our sincere gratitude for the cordial relations we have enjoyed with you during the year.

**GREETINGS**  
to our Manu Friends and Customers


## Ivey Motor Co.

Robert Lee, Texas Ph. 453-2715



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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good. I want Dancerina with a red dress. I want a pair of shoes. Have you been working hard? I want Susie Homemaker. I want my father to have a pair of shoes. I want a baby sister. I want a baby brother.

Love, SueLyn

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a bicycle for Christmas and telephone and records. Thank you, Dianna Tinkler

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a Bicycle and a ballerina doll for Christmas. I am six. Thank you.

Shelia Jean Pope

Dear Santa,  
 I have tried to be good. I can hardly wait until Christmas. I am eight years old. I would like a Buffy doll, hippity-hop and a baton.

Your friend,  
 Cindy Walker

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a bicycle for Christmas and electric football game and army men. Thank you.

Trey Womack

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a swiny doll for Christmas. I want a teddy bear. Thank you.

Kellye Percifull

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a football for Christmas and I want a bicycle and jeep. Thank you.

Michael Wolfe

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a bicycle and a record and telephone and ballerina. Thank you.

Rosa Balderas

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a bicycle and dancing doll. Thank you.

Sylvia Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a bicycle and a record Christmas. Thank you.

Melinda

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a football and telephone for Christmas. Thank you.

Jose Raul Saucedo

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I am a boy. I am nine. I want a football for Christmas. Your friend,  
 David Lackey

Dear Santa,  
 I have been looking forward to Christmas. I would like to have a B B gun, a Dallas Cowboy football suit, an English Racer, a GI Joe, a Timex watch, and a basketball.

Your friend,  
 Brian Wright

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a bicycle for Christmas. I want a ballerina doll. Thank you.

Anna Bazar

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want Christmas to get here in a hurry. I am in the third grade and I am nine years old. I am a girl. I want a watch and basketball for Christmas. How are your reindeer doing?

Your friend,  
 Lynnette Boykin

MAY WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR WARMEST  
**GREETINGS**

To everybody...

**Gordon's Variety Store**



**Coke County Sheriff's Dept.**

MELVIN CHILDRESSES      JESSE PARKERS  
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## GREETINGS

Our warmest wishes to each of you at this Holy Season.

**Rev. & Mrs. Bill Beaty and Boys**

HELLO

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A PURR-R-FECT CHRISTMAS



**BELL AUTO PARTS**

Elmo and Bernice



**A & B AUTOMOTIVE**

OUR THANKS ... AND BEST WISHES

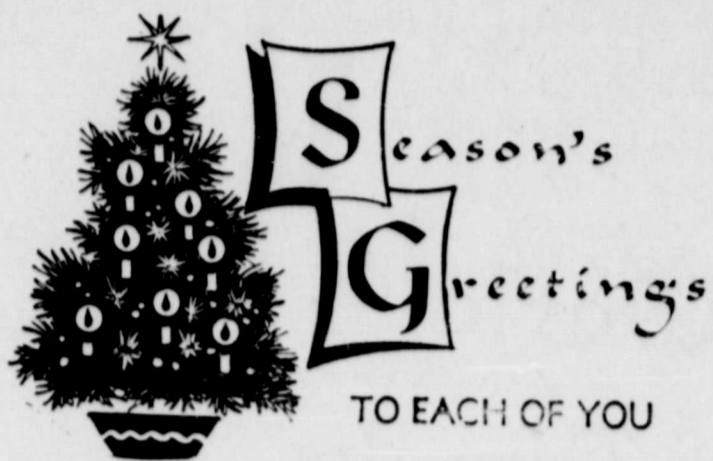


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**HOME FURNITURE CO. — Ballinger**

MR. AND MRS. J. G. TUCKEY AND EMPLOYEES  
 "THE STORE WITH THE FRIENDLY SERVICE"

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



TO EACH OF YOU

Ollie Roe and Family

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a 2-22 and a new coat. Get my mother a ring. And get my daddy a new 30-30. And get my sister a neckles. And my teacher wants good grades.

Love, Clary Allen

Dear Santa,

I want the doll named Tippy Toes. And I want my Bible fixed. I want to be a good girl all year.

From Jeannie Valori Robertson

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike for Christmas. And I want any kind of doll.

Love, Tammie

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you will bring me a Jonny Linning set. And I want a montor set, and I want a foot-ball helmont, and I want a bike-sickle.

Love, Danny Preston

Dear Santa,

I would like a bickcicle. And I would like a watch. And I would like a gun. Please get my moucher a prety dress. Get my daddy a gun too. Get my sisters a dress.

Love, Jimmy Bazar

Dear Santa,

I am seven. Piese bring me a bike.

With love, Ricky Ross  
Second Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a Bike, and a Doll-house. And some houseshoes.

With love, Elsa Dela Pena  
Age 8, Second Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun and som BB's. I Love you, I am 8.

Max

Dear Santa,

This Christmas, I would like a new born baby and electric oven and a Christmas stocking. I love you, Santa.

Love, Gayla  
Age 7, Grade 2

Dear Santa,

I want a Bike and I want a clock and I want a table and a race track and I want some kind of a game and a Movie Porjector.

Barney Carrasco  
Age 8

Dear Santa,

How are you, Santa? This Christmas, I would like a foot-ball suit and a football. This Christmas Eve I will leave you some cake.

With love, Wade Wallace  
Age 8, Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I can hardly wait until Christmas. I have tried to be good. I want a watch for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Wyndell Skinner

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be good. I can hardly wait until Christmas. I would like a hippity hop, a basketball, a play drum, some clothes, go go boots, Tippy Toes.

Your friend,  
Vallery Deen

Dear Santa Claus,

I can hardly wait until Christmas. I am eight years old. How are things going at the North Pole. Are the reindeer all write. I want a G.I. Joe and a electric car for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Mike S. Wilkes

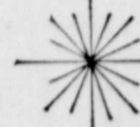
May hope and peace, and above all, good cheer, be yours at this **best** happy season; and may unhappiness be forever unknown to you and yours. **wishes**

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*"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel..."*

ST. MATTHEW 1:23



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*Greetings of the Season*

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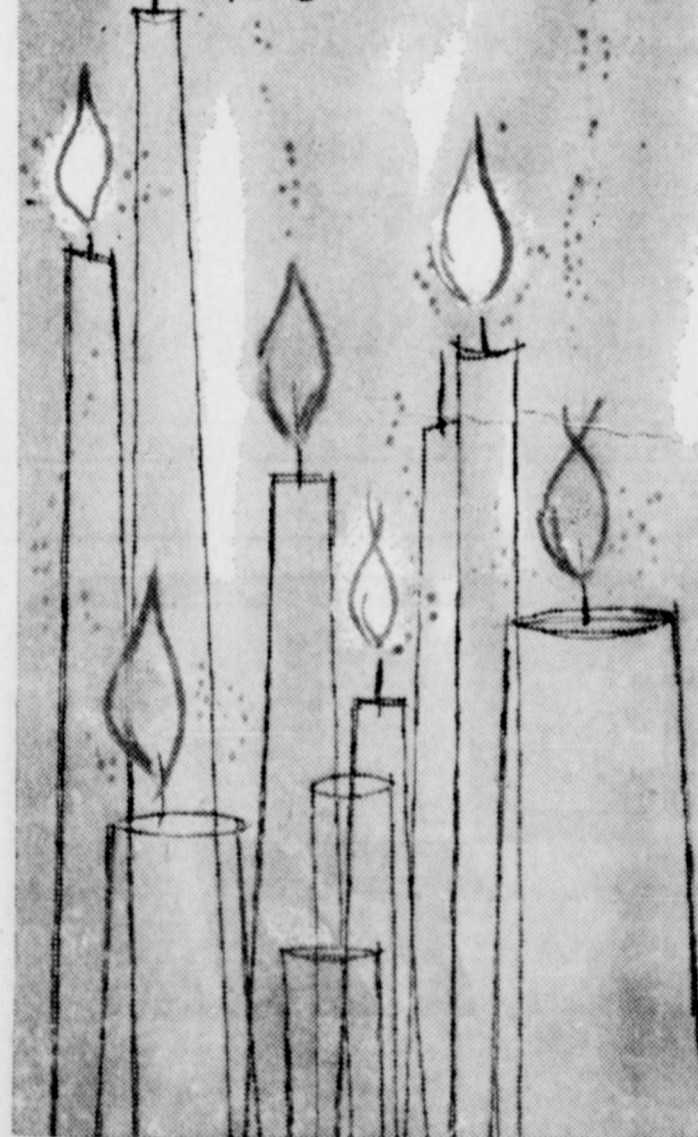
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## Coahoma Boys, Wylie Girls Winners Of First Robt. Lee Basketball Tourney

Coahoma boys and Wylie girls were winners of the First Annual Basketball Tournament held last weekend in the new gymnasium of Robert Lee Schools. The action, which began last Thursday, was completed Saturday night with the boys' championship game.

Coahoma defeated Bronte, 56-41, in the boys finals, to take the championship trophy and give the Longhorns second place. Wylie downed Forsan, 76-46, for third place and Robert Lee took Lake View Junior Varsity, 69-60

for consolation honors.

The all tournament boys team was: Willie Zuniga, Bronte; Richard Dodson, Wylie; Richard Palmer, Lake View JV; Darrow Cobb, Forsan; Steve New, Coahoma; Joe David Key, Robert Lee; Jimmy Leverett, Wylie; Colton Wright, Coahoma; Mike Mumford, Robert Lee; Keith McCutchen, Bronte.

### Girls Games

Wylie girls roughed up the lassies from Forsan, 87-50, for the championship trophy. Bronte downed Coahoma, 44-37, for third place, and Roscoe defeated Robert Lee, 48-40 for consolation honors.

The all tournament team was: Belinda McKinnon, Forsan; Connie Howell, Coahoma; Jolene Vaughn, Bronte; Sandra Jackson, Wylie; Charlotte Foster, Sterling City; Rebecca Walker, Robert Lee; Gloria Dodd, Forsan; Pam Raughton, Wylie; Ann Stout, Coahoma; Norma Pruitt, Bronte; Sharon Martin, Wylie; Pam Brazzil, Roscoe.

Next basketball action will be at the Sterling City tournament Jan. 1, 2 and 3.

## Mrs. L. E. Smith Is Party Honoree

Mrs. L. E. (Eula) Smith was honored Sunday with a birthday open house in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Finnell Smith of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Smith was 80 years old Monday and has been a resident of Coke County more than 50 years. She and her late husband ranched for many years in the Lemeta area.

Other children helping with the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Guymon, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair of Robert Lee. Mrs. Smith also has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is a member of the Progressive Study Club of Bronte and is active in Robert Lee Baptist Church where she is a Sunday school teacher.

Mr. and Mr. Dalton Millican and family of Midland, William Houghton were guests recently in the D. M. Millican home. Weekend guests in the Millican home were Mr. and Mrs. Jerral Millican and family of Midland, Roy B. James, and Oscar Lee, all of San Angelo, Robert Lowrance and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Millican and family of Abilene.

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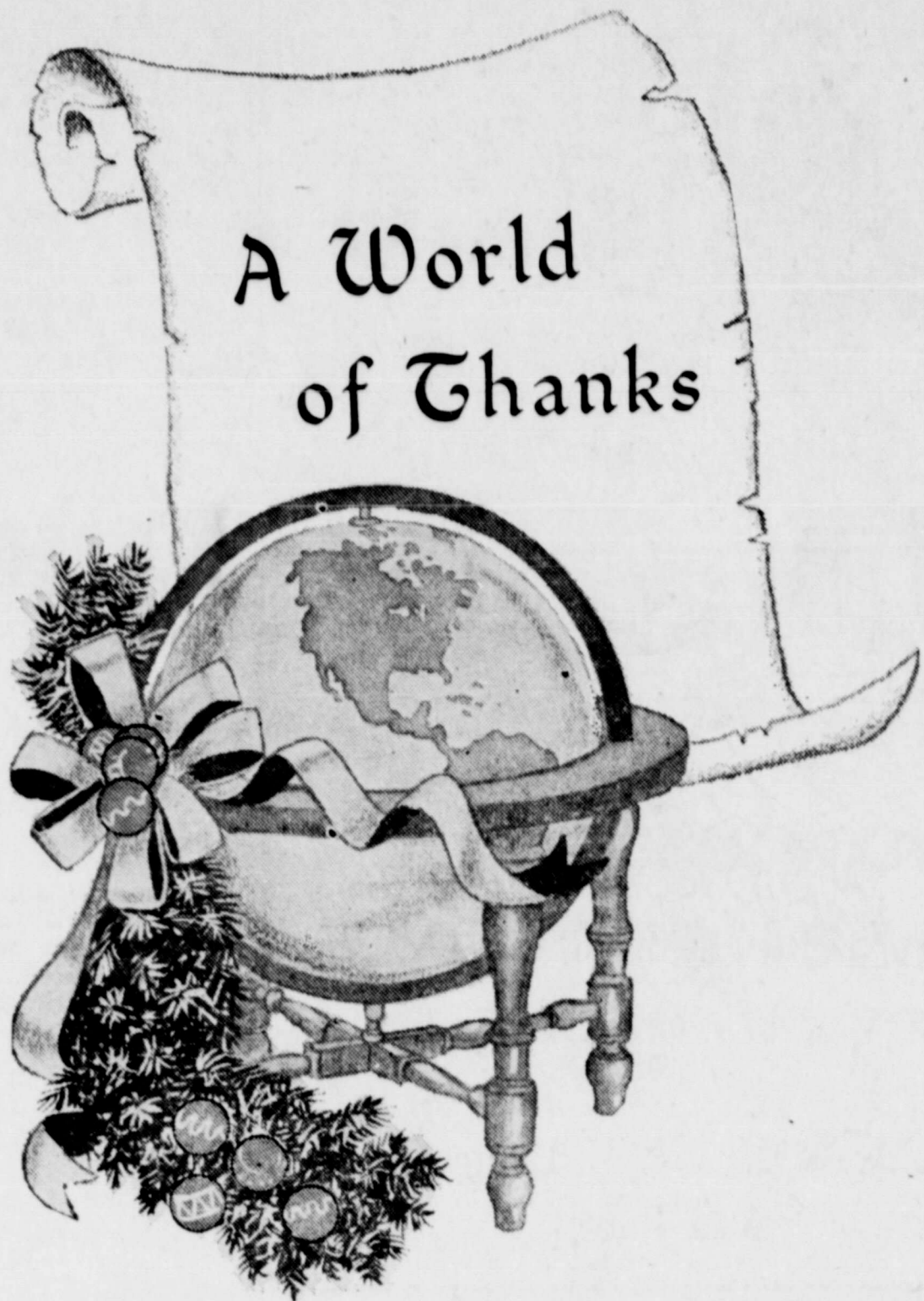
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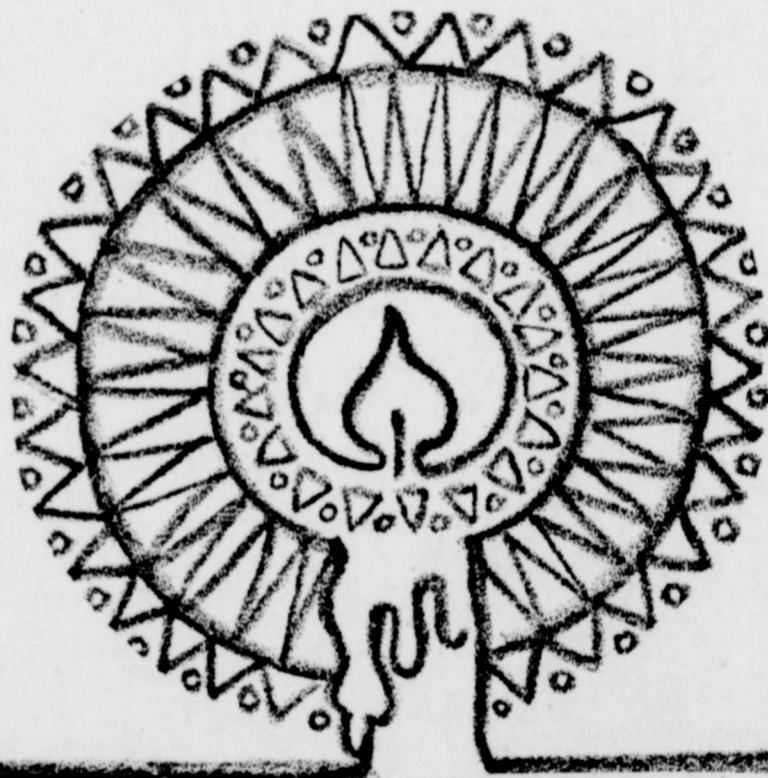
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### LETTERS TO SANTA

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I have been very good. I am eight years old and I am a girl. I am in the third grade. I can hardly wait until Christmas. I want a Tippy Toes.

Your friend,  
Patty Black

Dear Santa Claus,

I can hardly wait until Christmas. I am a boy. I am eight years old. I want a bike and a B.B. gun.

Your friend,  
Tiodoso Torres

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the third grade. I can hardly wait until Christmas. I would like some barbie clothes, and some bell bottoms. A ring too.

Your friend,  
Susan Rowoldt

Dear Santa Claus,

I can hardly wait until Christmas. I want a electric pro football field. I am in third grade. I am nine years old. (I am a boy.)

Your friend,  
Sam Ybarra

### 'Commercial' or Not—Christmas Means Giving

Today we hear many people say that Christmas has been "commercialized," and has lost its true meaning.

Has it? Is it wrong this one time in the year to make the dominating theme one of giving rather than receiving? Giving has always been the major part of the Christmas theme...the giving of joy and happiness to others.

Giving will remain one of the great joys of Christmas for all time to come. The idea has survived through the centuries and nothing will ever stop it. What, after all, brings more joy than seeing people happy?

The big problem usually is the question of what to give. Of course everybody likes to receive many gifts, as much as he'd like to give as many as possible.

Sometimes, however, the budget seems not large enough to give something that makes a good, solid year-round gift.

Christmas clubs, and — of course—time payment plans are one solution to the problem.

Really, it will give you much happiness to see children and loved ones open gifts and express their thanks in word and deeds.

Be grateful that in this country, we are able to "commercialize" this season with buying and giving as many gifts as we can afford. It is, essentially, the Christmas Story.

The world's oldest Christmas trees, 400 of them, stand 600 feet above the Mediterranean. These are the Cedars of Lebanon.

Did you know that the Druids believed that evergreen trees meant eternal life, and this is where the custom of using evergreen swags, wall mantel and doorway decoration comes from!

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### Hospital News

Dec. 17 — Mrs. C. J. Brooks, J. E. Terry admitted. Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough dismissed.

Dec. 18 — Tom Sawyer, Jr. ad-

mitted. Mrs. H. L. Reid, Mrs. Lexie Lewis, Mrs. Lena Russell dismissed.

Dec. 19 — Mr. Lexie Lewis admitted. Mrs. W. A. Preston dismissed.

Dec. 20 — W. A. Preston admit-

ted. Tom Sawyer Jr., Mrs. Ruth Clift, J. E. Terry dismissed.

On Tuesday, there were five patients in the hospital and nine were in the nursing home.

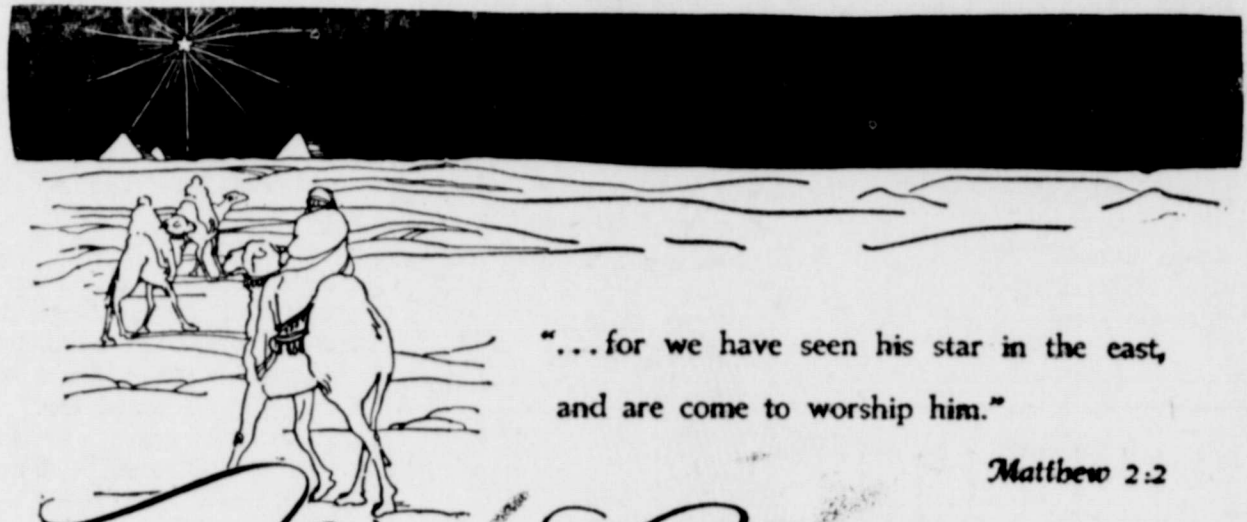
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**LETTERS TO SANTA**

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I have tried to be good. I am a girl. I am ten. I am in the third grade. Santa, I want a basketball.

Your friend,  
 Alie Garza

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want Dancerina, and a Susie homemaker and a girl bike.

Sue Lyn

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I can hardly wait for Christmas. I am a girl. I am eight years old. I have tried to be good. My brother wants to pet Rudolph's nose. I would like some doll clothes and a baton. I want some games, too. Operation and records, and Lincoln Logs.

Your friend,  
 Karen Rasco



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**Some Familiar Legends About Santa Claus**

Just how old is Santa Claus? Where does he come from? Why does he enter by way of the chimney? Why does he drive a sleigh?

Even the best reference sources don't quite agree about the ancestry of the jolly, big-hearted fellow.

But, after all, is it important whether the name Santa Claus has its origin in the Dutch "Sinterklaas," or in the German "Christkindl" or "Kris Kringle"?

It is generally agreed that the idea for our modern day Santa Claus began with a young boy called Nicholas over 1600 years ago.

During his early years, growing up in the Asia Minor portion of present-day Turkey, he was generous and pious. These qualities grew within him until as a man he became the bishop of Myra.

His most famous deed of generosity was directed toward three beautiful daughters of a poor nobleman. He wanted dowries for his children so they could be married.

So, Nicholas on three different nights tossed bags of gold through a window of their home, and each daughter could be married and well cared for.

Down through the centuries the story of Saint Nicholas was carried to other countries and when unexpected gifts appeared they were attributed to him.

Dutch children still wait for Saint Nicholas, or "Sinterklaas" as they call him. He is pictured as a kindly, white bearded bishop who rides a white horse over the housetops when he lowers his gifts down through the chimney.

It is to this "interklaas," brought over by the early Dutch settlers, that we give thanks for Santa's custom and method of giving, for the full white beard, riding over housetops and partially, for his name.

Santa Claus had many other forerunners, some who still brings gifts in his place to children in other lands.

Another "ancestor" of Santa came from Germany. "Christkindl," sometimes called "Kris Kringle," is a little messenger of the Christ child. This same angel also was the gift-giver to the Swiss children. There the angel arrived in a sleigh drawn by six rein deer. The elves, Santa's fine helpers, are "imported" from Norway.

Dr. Clement Clark Moore, a seminary professor, wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas" ("The Night Before Christmas") for his children. He vividly described Santa Claus, bringing together all the many legends he knew.

In 1863, cartoonist Thomas Nast was commissioned to illustrate Moore's poem. Santa Claus, much as we see him today pictured everywhere at Christmas, emerged from Nast's drawing board many years ago in New York City.

Since then, this red and white garbed fellow known as Santa Claus—with the big heart, the jolly face and abundant good will is here to stay and is now quite, quite real for every child!

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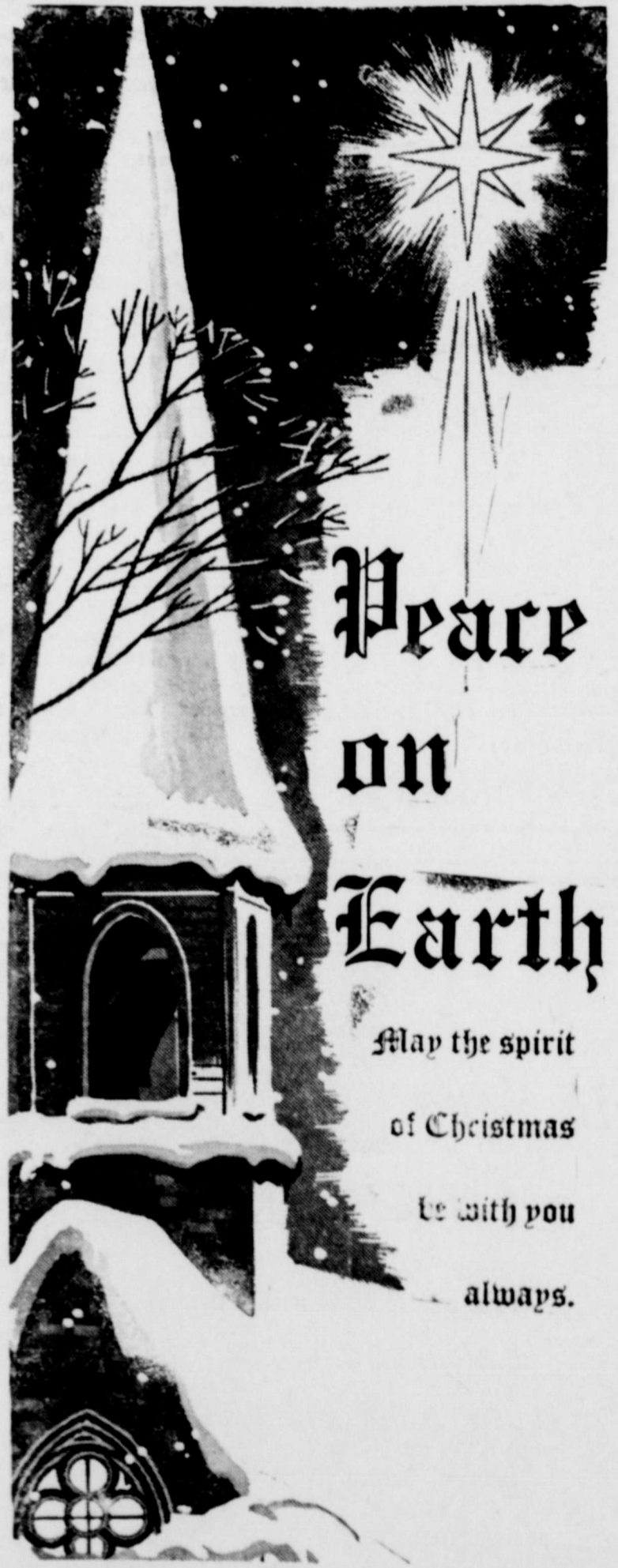
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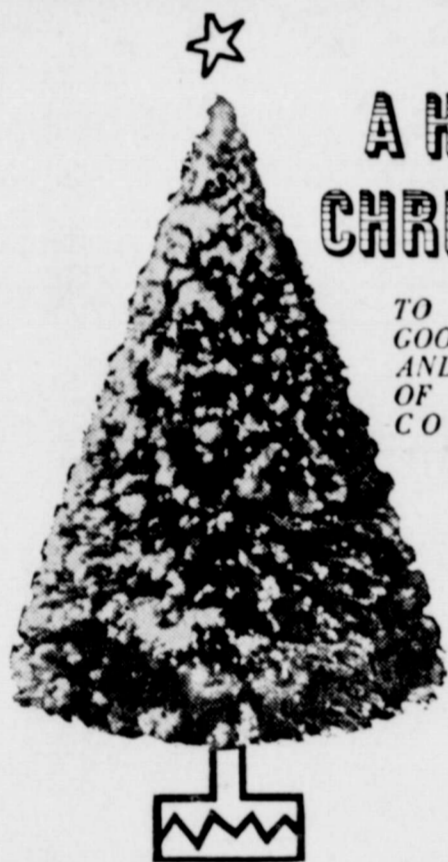
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**'Official' Date Of Christmas Set In 4th Century**

The history of the Christmas observance is one that has intrigued clerical and lay scholars for countless years.

Researchers have found that as far back as the fourth century, the Christmas festival was already an established custom dating back to earlier eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or as in old English "Christes Masse" or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of deaths rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for a universal observance that Christ's Mass was changed from its previous celebration in the spring (as we now observe Easter).

The good Bishop was granted permission by Pope Junius I to appoint a group of theologians to determine as accurately as possible, the exact date of Christ's nativity.

Too many years had elapsed for absolute accuracy, and after discovering various contradictions of calendars, astrological and astronomical calculations, the date for the celebration of Christ's Mass was set by the church for December 25.

So it is that since the year 354 A.D., this date has been observed as the date of the Saviour's birth.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches celebrate this on January 6.

To this day, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates throughout the world.

December 6 is the day when Christmas is observed in most Western European countries and marks the beginning of a long, happy holiday season.

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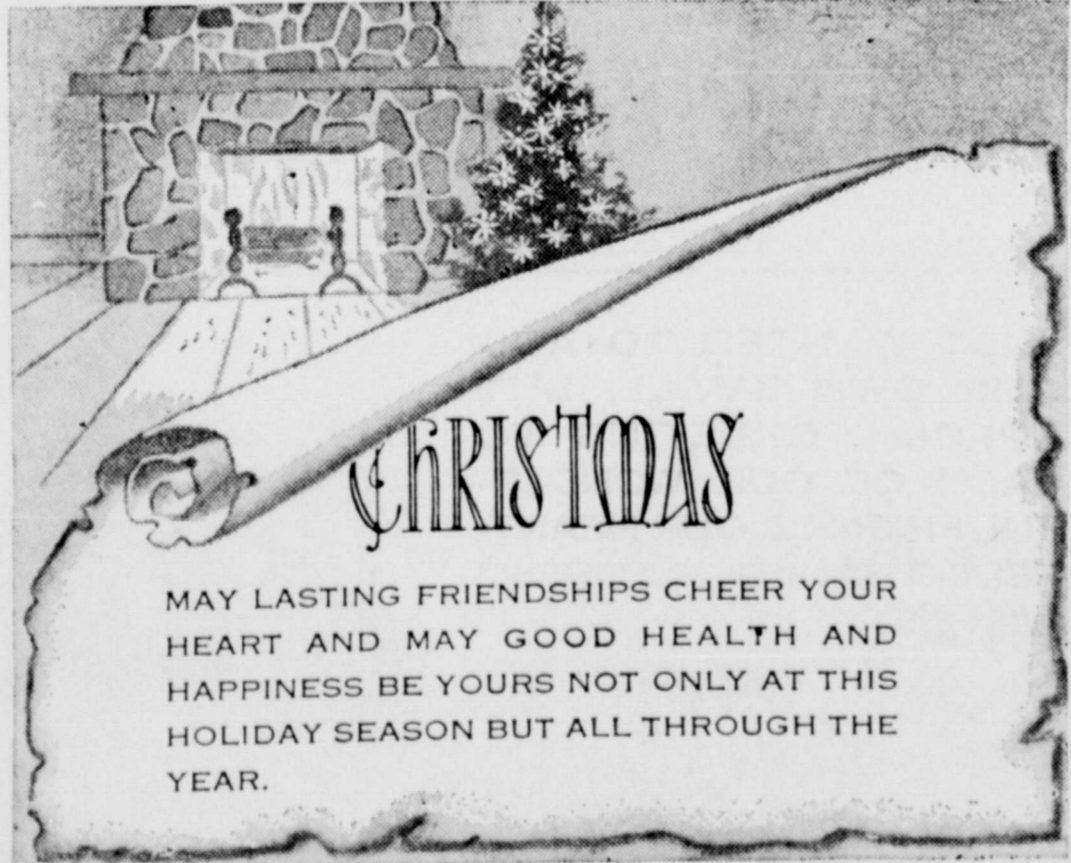
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Your friend,  
Jimmy Munoz

Dear Santa Claus,

I can hardly wait until Christmas. I am a boy. I would like to have a B.B. gun.

Your friend,  
Robert Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,

I can hardly wait until Christmas. I have tried to be good. I am a boy. I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. This is what I want for Christmas. Hippity-hop, B.B. gun, kick-ball, football set, mini-bike.

Your friend,  
Buddy Caulder

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## Christmas Time Is Gift Time in Christian Lands

The giving of gifts has been an important part of the holiday season ever since the wise Men and shepherds brought gifts to the Holy Child in Bethlehem. Gifts expressing love and goodwill are given all over the world at this time, but the bearer of these differs from country to country.

After the Christmas Eve feast in Poland, Mother Star, who is dressed like an angel in a white robe and veil, distributes the gifts after Father Star, who is a bit to be feared, listens to the children's prayers and catechism.

In Norway, they remember the birds and animals with seed and choice sheaves of grain tied to trees and roof tops; extra fodder is provided for the cattle.

Candles shine from every window in Bavaria to light the Kristkind on her way from home to home. She is the messenger of the Infant Jesus and Bavarian children believe that she brings them their gifts. She wears a white robe and has golden wings.

In Holland, Dutch children wait anxiously for the arrival of St. Nicholas. Dressed in traditional Bishop's robes, he carries a crozier and wears a mitre. He brings gifts for the children which he places in their shoes standing in the chimney corner.

Gifts are given to the Swiss children by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer.

English children wait for Father Christmas who puts gifts in their stockings. They also find gifts tied to a Christmas tree.

In Spain, the Three Wise Men deliver gifts as they continue their way to Bethlehem.

"La Befana," the mystical wanderer in search of the Christ Child, delivers the gifts to the children in Italy. She is represented carrying a broom and goes from house to house.

### Mexican 'Fire Plant' Is Our Own Poinsettia

More than a hundred years ago our Ambassador to Mexico Joel Roberts Poinsett, took a fancy to a brilliant tropical plant, known as the Mexican Fire Plant.

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In tropic climates, poinsettia is grown in varieties of white, pink and yellow, but by far the most popular is the bright red that carries out the color scheme of Christmas.

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at Christmas

and your treasure during  
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