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Both Boys and Girls Teams Are Proud Of Winning Tournament

Both Robert Lee High School boys and girls teams won the championship trophy at their own tournament last weekend, which is no unimportant fete any year. But it was especially satisfying this year, since the Robert Lee boys team had not won their own tournament championship trophy since the new gym was built in 1969.

Coach Ed Poehls was justly proud when his Steer team took the big trophy Saturday night from Water Valley by a score of 51-38.

RLHS girls teams have been pretty consistent winners, but the boys teams have had some uphill sledding during the past 12 years. Consequently, the victory Saturday night was especially exhilarating to the Steers who have been hungry for a long time.

The tournament was judged a big success as big crowds poured in to witness the contests.

Robert Lee's girls took a big 73-44 win over Miles to capture the crown in the girls side of the bracket and giving second place honors to Miles. Bronte girls defeated Christoval 47-39 to take third place honors and Water Valley girls downed Irion County 34-28 to take the consolation trophy.

Robert Lee boys took the big honors when they defeated Water Valley 51-38 in the finals. Bronte boys took the third place spot by defeating Christoval 60-54. Eden boys were handed the consolation cup after they downed Irion County 68-36.

ROBERT LEE GIRLS

Robert Lee girls swarmed over Westbrook 88-33 in their opener Thursday night. Scoring honors went to Martha Bickley, Leigh Ann Runnion and Frankie Walker, who had 13 each; Debbie Cummins hit 12; Mary Galvan 8; Sara DeLaPena 7; Amy Percifull 7; Tracie Tomlinson 6; Cindy Gartman 5; Lupe Munoz 4.

The Robert Lee girls met up with Christoval in their second round games Friday and took an easy win, 71-39. Top pointmaker was Bickley with 15; Runnion had 14; Percifull 10; Cummins 8; Walker 8; Tomlinson 6; Galvan 4; DeLaPena 2; Gartman 2; Munoz 2.

The Robert Lee girls took Miles to the slaughter Saturday night in the finals, as they defeated the Lady Bulldogs 73-44. Runnion was high scorer with a big 26; Walker was close behind with 21; Percifull hit 12; Galvan 7; Cummins 3; Tomlinson 3; Bickley 1.

BOYS GAMES

In their first game on Thursday, the Robert Lee Steers literally slaughtered the team from Westbrook, 72-7. Quint Anthony was high pointer for his team with 16; Kirby Rasco had 14; Darren Williams 14; Lupe Torres 7; Scot Long 6; Scott Stephens 5; Bob Flowers 4; David Hubbard 4; Kyle Gibbs 2.

The Steers had to play goal basketball in their second game on Friday. They defeated the lads from Christoval 56-51. Lon was high pointer with 19; Anthony had 15; Flowers 6; Torres 6; Williams 5; Rasco 3; Stephens 2.

In the finals Saturday night,

the Steers outplayed a Water Valley team 51-38 to take the title. Top scorer was Williams with 19; Long had 10; Anthony 9; Torres 8; Flowers 3; Stephens 2.

It was a great tournament for the Robert Lee teams and they were grateful for all the support given them by the home fans.

Robert Lee does not award all-tournament team honors, as school officials feel team effort is more important than individual performance. All members of the top teams were presented individual awards.

Due to UIL rules, all the school basketball facilities must be closed during the period of Dec. 23 through Dec. 27.

Robert Lee Ready To Take Christmas Holiday

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Jacoby recently attended funeral services in Dallas for Mrs. Jacoby's brother, Boyd Kirkham.

Mr. Kirkham died Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Dallas. Services were conducted there in Sunset Church of Christ on Saturday, Dec. 12. Interment followed in Rockston Cemetery in Rockston.

Buy and Sell with Want Ads

Christmas 1981 is just about here and citizens of Robert Lee and the surrounding community are making plans for a good holiday. Shoppers have been busy this week making last minute gift purchasers, stocking up at the grocery stores on good things to eat, and generally getting ready for the holiday.

Stores still have some gift items for those who have waited until the last day and businessmen invite everyone to take

advantage of merchandise they have on hand.

Classes at Robert Lee School were dismissed Friday of last week and the holidays will continue until Monday, Jan. 4, when classes will be resumed at the regular time.

The Robert Lee Observer is coming out early this week in order for readers to have their papers before Christmas. It is full of greeting ads from businesses and individuals. There are plenty of letters to Santa Claus from kids in the area. Everyone is invited to read these special features.

The Observer office will be closed next week, as no paper will be published Jan. 1. The office will be open as usual on Jan. 4.

Just about all businesses and offices will be closed Christmas Day, and quite a number of them will be closed Saturday, Dec. 26, also.

We, here at the Observer, want to wish our friends, subscribers, advertisers and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Christmas Peace

There is no holiday so dear to the hearts of young and old, so meaningful to the purpose of life upon earth. Best wishes to one and all.

ROBERT LEE OBSERVER

Space Leased For Silver Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service has awarded a contract to lease space for a new main office in Silver, Postmaster Amanda J. Wilkes said here.

The contract was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll T. Wilkes Jr., of Silver.

The building containing approximately 551 sq. ft. of interior floor space is located at 551 Wilkes Ave.

The space will be renovated to meet Postal Service requirements. Renovation costs will be paid with private funds and the space will be leased to the Postal Service for a basic period of five years with renewal options for 15 additional years.

The space is expected to be completed and available in February 1982.

LUNCHROOM MENU

Monday, Jan. 4: Fish krispies with tartar sauce, green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls with butter, milk and peanut butter supreme.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Spaghetti with meat sauce, blackeye peas, carrots, hot biscuits with butter, milk and peanut butter brownies.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Pinto beans, spinach, tator-tots with catsup, cornbread with butter, milk and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Vegetable beef soup, cheese stick, lettuce wedge, crackers, milk and chocolate cake with icing.

Friday, Jan. 8: Chicken pot pie, lettuce tomato salad, corn, milk and canned fruit.

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EXTENSION EXTRAS

By Mary Anne Lackey

As I reflect over the past year, the part spent here in Coke County has been most enjoyable and most rewarding. All of you have made it so, and it is with a warm heart that I extend to you

best wishes for the coming year. I would like to thank the Robert Lee Observer and the Bronte Enterprise for their support and willingness to help the Extension Service in our educational role.

Now, as we relax in front of a cozy fire this Christmas, here's a way to add a continental touch to your holiday coffee:

CAFE VIENNA

- 1/2 cup instant coffee
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Stir ingredients together, or mix in blender until powdered to reduce bulk. Use 2 rounded teaspoons of powder in a 6-8 ounce cup. Add boiling water.

This recipe yields 1 cup dry mix, and is a good gift for friends and relatives.



LIONS CLUB MEETING

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Christmas Greetings

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Ross Conoco Service Station

West Coke County EMS News

By Lou Wright, REMT/P WANTED... VOLUNTEERS

The West Coke County Ambulance Service is staffed by a total of 12 willing volunteers who have taken the training necessary to provide prompt, efficient and effective ambulance service for our area. This may sound like enough people but we are talking about staffing an ambulance service on a 24 hour, seven-day-a-week basis. The Texas Department of Health recommends a minimum complement of 24 persons for a volunteer ambulance service.

In addition to having too few persons to staff the ambulance (and it takes three volunteers normally for an emergency run), these volunteers are not able to be constantly on call. For example, there are only three fulltime volunteers available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is a real hardship for these people when they have to make all of the daytime ambulance trips. Each of the volunteers works fulltime at a job (to pay the bills) and his or her boss expects him or her to be on the job at least part of the time. The volunteers (and their bosses) have been handling the daytime service for quite a while but the ambulance service desperately needs more volunteers. We especially need volunteers who are available in Robert Lee during the day Monday through Friday.

The West Coke County EMS (Emergency Medical Service) is sponsoring an ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) course to be held in Robert Lee beginning on Jan. 11, 1982, and running two nights a week for the 27 hour course. This course is primarily designed for those who have had no previous emergency training but will also serve to re-certify EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) whose current certification is to expire in the near future. Won't you consider volunteering to help staff the ambulance? You never know when it might be a member of YOUR family, a next door neighbor or even yourself who will need the ambulance. Only YOU can help us to HELP others.

Please call 453-2241 to pre-register for this course. Unless at least twelve persons pre-register, the course will not be held. If you have any questions in regard to the ambulance service, please feel free to contact any of the volunteers. Gene Hinnard is

EMS board president and JoAnn Harrison is the ambulance service captain. They will be pleased to talk with you in regard to volunteering to assist in providing this essential service. ONLY VOLUNTEERS WILL MAKE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE WORK... YOU MAY BE THE VOLUNTEER WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

Walker Service Held Saturday

Douglas Wayne Walker, 21, of 60 E. 39th St., San Angelo, died in Angelo Community Hospital at 1:08 a.m. Thursday of last week. Services were conducted in the Lake View Baptist Church, Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. with Rev. George Magnor Jr., pastor of Lake View Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in Lawnhaven Memorial Garden, under the direction of Robert Massey Funeral Home. Emergency Corps members were honorary pallbearers.

Walker was born Aug. 3, 1960, in Robert Lee and was a resident of San Angelo for 21 years. He was an auto mechanic for Jerry Frederick Lincoln Mercury Co. for 1 1/2 years. Walker was a member of the Lake View Baptist Church and the San Angelo Emergency Corps.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis W. Walker; two brothers, Robert and Kevin Walker, all of San Angelo. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman of Robert Lee.

Family request memorials be sent to the Lake View Baptist Church.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus, this is what I want for Christmas.

- 1. Rubix cube.
- 2. Skate board.
- 3. Bow and 2 arrows.

Yours truly,
Todd Griffin

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for bringing me a bicycle last year. This year I want new parts to my bike and I want a rubix cube. And I want a view master.

Love,
Rick Cram



Our holiday prayers: peace on earth, goodwill to men.

Robert Lee-Silver Lions Club



A stocking full of best wishes to all our wonderful patrons.

The Flower Sak

Joan & Ara Burns

Joyous Noel



May the yule season bring joy into each and every heart.

Curtis & Lula WALKER

This holiday season...



don't get smashed.

It can cost you your license or your life.

A reminder from this newspaper and the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa

I want Tippy-Toes and a Western Barbie and Horse Dallas and a cat. Dear Santa How are your Reindeers doing. Dear Santa is Rudolph doing good this year. And Santa would you please bring Rickv some models. Santa my mom needs some new house-shoes and my dad wants a new gun. Santa I sure have been a good girl this year.

Love,
Debbie Drennan

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to send me a cat, dog, a picture of Santa, a new coat, a horse, a crismas book. Please bring my little brother Matt a tricycle.

Rhoda Anderson

Dear Santa.

I love you! How's the weather up north? I would like a play-jeep, a little one with a man, motorcycle, a jeep, a boat, and a farm. It has one cow, one man, and three play girls. And a racetrack. The one that you push a button and it goes and jumps off. Tell Rudolph Hi - I have you some cookies for you.

Love,
Thad Metcalf

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a new Barbie doll and makeup set mi Brother wants a new rocking horse my mom and dad are fine I am a girl.

I Louv you.
LOUV EVALOU TORRES

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a make up set and a doll house. My brother wants cars.

Love,
Alice Ann Eckler

Dear Santa

Will you please bring me a nerf football and Bring me a BB pistol and bring me a target to shoot at.

Love Steven

Dear Santa Claus.

I am 8, my brother is 10. I want pink makeup set.

Frome
Kathy Doss

Dear Santa Claus.

I am 7 years old. I want a baby snoopy. My brother is 15 years old. He wants a new pair of shoes. My name is Mary Jo Naico. My brother's name is Gery Naico.

Love,
Mary Jo

Dear Santa Claus.

I wish and I wish I could have a basket and my brothers wish they had a race car.

Love,
Stacy Oleksiuk

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a Barbie doll that has some clothes. I have three brothers and three sisters. I am seven years old. My name is Esther. I love my mother and my father and I love you too. Santa Claus, that's all I want too say. My name is Esther, Santa Claus, and my last name is Rodriguez.

Love,
Esther.

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a doll and a makeup set. My sister want a curling iron.

Eujeano Putman

Dear Santa Claus, 7

I want a doll house and my family likes you.

Love,
Vicky Torres

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a Stomper and a fast submarine. My brother wots a green kattle truck an a too bol sot.

Love,
Blake Pitcock

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a Ducks car. I have one sister and six brothers and one Mother and one father. I am a boy and I'm 7 years old. My name is Eli Arellano.

Love,
Eli Arellano Martinez

Peace...
and Good Wishes

May you and yours share fully in the wonderful blessings of the Christmas season.

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Greetings of the Season to all of you.

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Holy Holiday

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa.
 Happy Christmas! One thing I would like for Christmas is a trampoline. I want some football clothes and a real football helmet, baseball glove and a real rabbit. I guess I want a bicycle if somebody will teach me how to ride it. That's about it. Oh I want some cologne. I don't need "nothin" else. I'll see ya Christmas.

Dean Burns

Dear Santa.
 Hello. I want some perfum, a baby doll, a Dukes of Hazard car, Strawberry doll and that's all. See ya Christmas and have a Merry Christmas.

Christy Thompson

Will you bring me a doll house, a dollie, and a collection pop game. I would like a bike. Something for mama and daddy. I want a lunch box. Thats all.

Regina Sanchez

Hello.
 I want a Barbie doll and her house, a bunny rabbit and some perfum, and a Strawberry shortcake. Thats all.

Prula Ferguson

Merry Christmas to all.
 I know what I want for Christmas. I want a B-B Gun and my two front teeth. That's about all I can think of now. I'll see ya Christmas Eve or sometime.

John Williams

Hello.
 I want a little car. Will you bring my sister a doll? Two trucks for me will be O.K. Just bring my mama and daddy something pretty.

Thank you
Bye-Bye
Lorenzo Fuentes

Dear Santa.
 I love you and I am going to look for you in the Mall. I might have on a dress and berets in my hair. Will you bring me a Strawberry Shortcake. I don't know what Mama and Daddy and Brent want but when you find out, will you bring it to them. Santa, I will fix you a snack. It won't be yucky--- it will be good.
 I love you,
 Wendy McPeek
 P.S. I love everybody in this whole wide world.



FOR YOU, OUR FRIENDS

Better friends we could not wish for
 Nor a happier occasion
 than this Christmas to wish them
 joy, success and happiness.



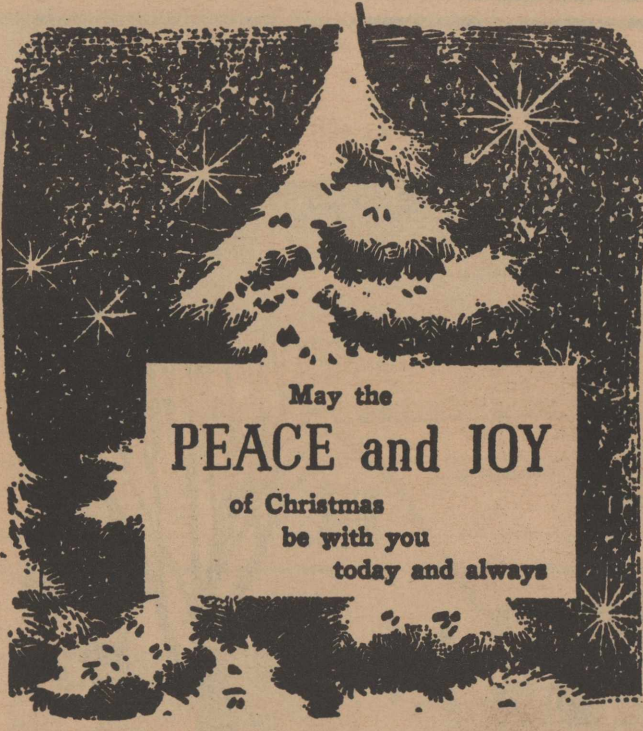
Opal and Jake Jacoby



A Small Sign of Christmas

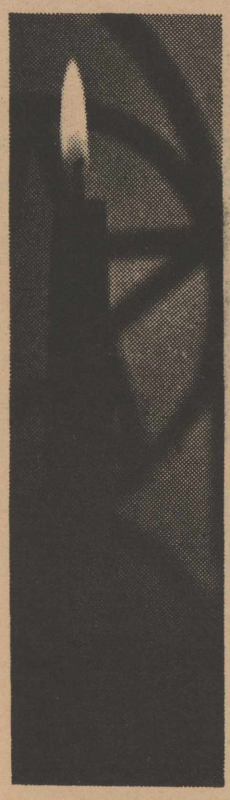
GREETINGS

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PEACE and JOY
 of Christmas
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 Sue MILLICAN



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Merry Christmas



To all our dear friends,
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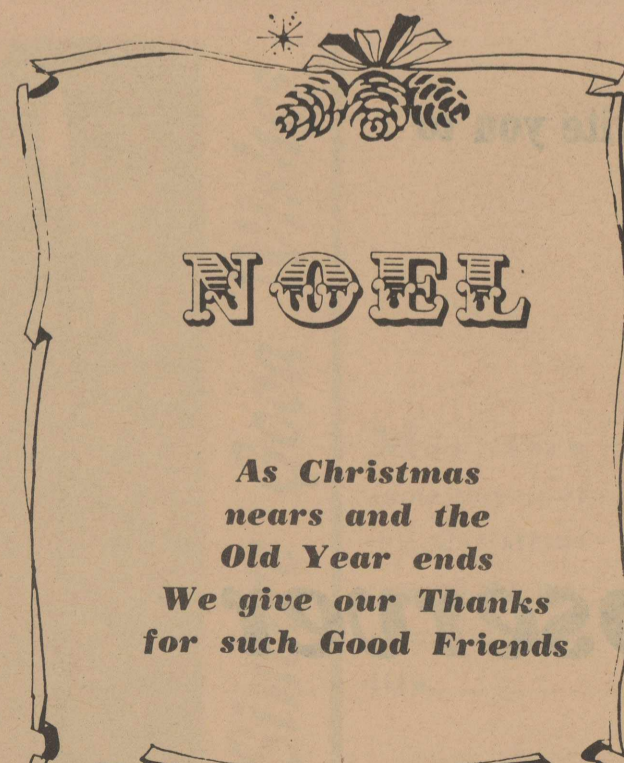
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GREETINGS

It is an ever-new delight for us to wish good friends the best of the Season. We've been fortunate because of the continuing loyalty and patronage of folks like you. It's a pleasure for us to pause now and say thank you. We look forward to serving you in the future.

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NOEL

*As Christmas
 nears and the
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 We give our Thanks
 for such Good Friends*

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
 Winnie Waldrop
 Mildred Reese
 Ettie Hubbard

I.A. Bird Honored by Friends In Celebrating 100th Birthday

On Sunday, Dec. 13, 195 people signed the register at the reception honoring Mr. I.A. Bird, long time resident of Coke County on the occasion of his one-hundredth birthday celebration.

Hosting the affair were Mr. Bird's daughters, Mrs. Evelyn McKinley and Mrs. Mary Jo Pentecost, along with their families including Mrs. McKinley's daughter, June Gulley, her husband, Bob, and their son, Lynn, and Mrs. Pentecost's husband, Nolan, their son, James Pentecost, his wife, Kathy, and their children, Janet, Rachel and Michael.

Some relatives and friends drove great distances to greet Mr. Bird and attend his party. Don Berryman, a great-nephew came from north of Santa, N.M. with his wife, Sharon, who sang for the group, and their daughter, Penny Jo. Other nephews and nieces present were: Carroll and Jodie Berryman, Conroe; Doyle and Ina Bell Berryman, Hobbs, N.M.; Irene (Berryman) Brady, Eunice, N.M.; Joe and Ruth (Berryman) Vernon, Sweetwater; Ulmer and Josephine Bird, Robert Lee; Glenn and Willie Ruth (Gunnels) Simpson, San Angelo; Millard and Harlene Knowlton, Jim and Rhoda (Miller) Lemons, Lisa (Lemons) Robertson; Melissa and Christi Xan, Big Spring; Sam and Maxine Miller, Midland; Dan and Margaret (Miller) Gray and Mike and Debby Whittemore, Odessa; and John Elton Clanton, Seminole.

Also attending the reception were Bernard and Sadie Longbotham from Snyder and Tennis and Claudia Creighton from Christoval. Mr. Longbotham and Mr. Creighton are cousins of Mr. Bird.

Many long-time friends from out of town came from Big Spring, Sweetwater, San Angelo, Dallas, Lubbock, Odessa, Bronte, Blackwell, Christoval, Maverick, Junction and Sterling City. Included were O.C. Fisher, from Junction, former representative from the 21st District, and Judge Glenn R. Lewis from San Angelo, as well as a host of neighbors from Robert Lee. Dr. Swann, who has helped Mr. Bird reach one hundred, and his wife were there from Sterling City.

During the afternoon Mr. Bird recalled and shared with the guests a few interesting incidents, jokes and stories from his earlier years.

Cake, punch, nuts and mints were served to the guests from a table set with Christmas colors accenting a center arrangement of red and white carnations. Christmas arrangements and poinsettias decorated the recreation hall.

Mr. Bird came to Coke County with his parents, two brothers and three sisters when he was five years old. They moved here from Hico near Waco.

Mr. Bird married Miss Maud Cosby from Big Spring April 29, 1900, and they spent most of their lives in the Sanco Community with the exception of a short while that they homesteaded some land near Lamesa. Mr. and Mrs. Bird were engaged in ranching for many years, and raised Hereford cattle for more than 50 years. Mr. Bird still has a small bunch of sheep and a few head of cattle. Mrs. Bird passed away Jan. 6, 1968. The Birds had two daughters, Evelyn and Mary Jo, who still live in the Sanco Community. Evelyn lives with her father, and Mary Jo and her husband, Nolan Pentecost, live nearby.

REPORT YOUR NEWS!



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Dr. & Mrs. Zae Young Zeon & Frances
 WILLIE, JERRY AND BETTY

Oil, Gas Provide \$89.2 Million Boost To Coke County Economy

The sale of crude oil and natural gas from Coke County wells in 1980 boosted the county economy and accounted for

\$89.2-million of the \$31.2-billion value placed on Texas production last year.

In a report on the economic impact of oil and gas industry operations in the top producing counties of Texas, Dallas-based Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association said the county ranked 87th among Texas' 254 counties on the basis of the value of its marketed petroleum production. This includes condensate and casinghead gas.

The county's wells produced 3.2 million barrels of crude oil, valued at \$68.5-million, and 13.9-million Mcfs of natural gas, valued at \$20.7-million. Owners of royalty in the county received \$11.2-million as their share of the output, the Association said.

"Although crude oil and natural gas production in Texas declined slightly last year from 1979 levels, we in the industry are encouraged by the fact that drilling starts in 1980 were up 16-percent over the previous year," said the Association's chairman, Avery Rush Jr., of Amarillo. "Since petroleum remains the cornerstone of our state's economy and its tax base, Texas must continue to encourage the development of its energy resources," Rush added.

In addition to paying local, county, and state property taxes, producers in the county also supported state government through production tax payments estimated at \$4.7-million, according to the Association. Crude oil taxes amounted to \$3.1-million while natural gas levies totalled \$1.6-million.

Based on Texas Employment Commission figures, some 93 oil and gas industry employees in the county received wages of about \$1.7-million in 1980.

In the search for new petroleum reserves in the county, oil and gas operators spent a reported \$18.8-million in the drilling of 102 wells, including 25 wildcat, or exploratory, wells. This effort resulted in the completion of 57 oil wells and three gas wells, although some \$5.5-million was lost in the drilling of 42 dry holes. As of March 1, 1981, there were 578 producing wells in the county: 545 oil and 33 gas.

Petroleum processing also contributed to the county economy, with two natural gasoline plants, having a total daily capacity of 66.1-million cubic feet of natural gas, and one petrochemical plant in operation.

"Men often mistake notoriety for fame, and would rather be remarked for their vices and follies than not to be noticed at all!"
Harry S. Truman

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Christmas
AND HAPPINESS IN
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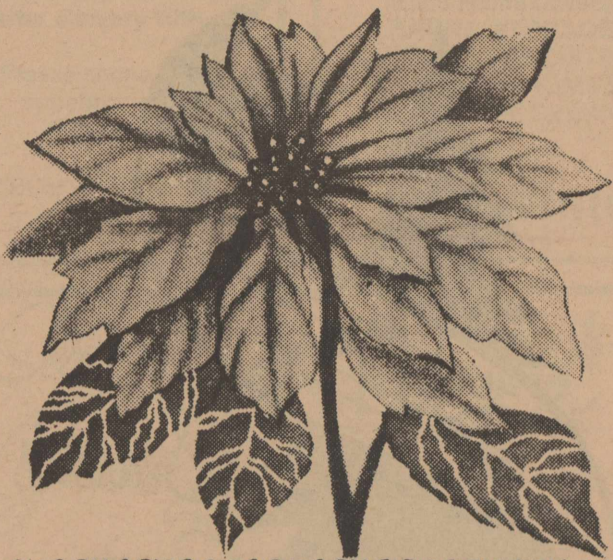
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Denman To Head ASCS Committee

Aubrey Denman was recently elected to a three year term on the county committee of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. Finis Harmon was elected first alternate and C.J. Millican second alternate. The committee was reorganized with Denman being named chairman, Arch Mathers as vice chairman and Billy J. Blair as regular member for 1982.

In a newsletter to Coke County farmers and ranchmen, J.E. Quisenberry, county executive director, reported the following items of interest:

MOHAIR PRODUCERS

Producers of mohair are encouraged to bring their sales documents of 1981 marketed mohair to the county office. There is a possibility that an incentive payment may be due since the market price of mohair is below the support level. The final date to file an application for incentive payment for 1981 marketings is January 31, 1982.

WOOL AND UNSHORN LAMBS SALES

Remember that your sale receipts for 1981 should be turned in now. The final date to file for incentive payment is January 31, 1982.

DEFICIENCY PAYMENT WHEAT AND BARLEY


Deficiency payments are being made to wheat and barley producers as a result of the low average market prices received by producers. Eligible producers will be paid 15 cents per bushel for their 1981 crop wheat, and 11 cents per bushel for the barley.

HOLIDAY

This office will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas and Jan. 1, 1982, for New Year's. The courthouse will be closed on these days.



The smallest of all birds is the hummingbird. It can fly straight up in the air like a helicopter.



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

BLACK'S

Box 519 Ballinger, Texas



BEST WISHES

And a heaping portion of all good things the Christmas brings.

BURWICK OILFIELD SERVICES

THERELL AND GLENN BURWICK AND ALL EMPLOYEES

Box 368 Bronte Phone 473-4391 473-3091


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San Angelo Phone 655-1660



It's Christmas

There's no better time to let you know how much we value your patronage and friendship. Happy Holidays!

LACY TRUCK & TRACTOR, INC.
P. O. Box 640 Hwy. 67 West
Ballinger, Texas 76821

GREETINGS

Christmas lasts but a little while but for you, we hope the spirit of Christmas lasts and lasts . . . for every day of the coming year.

**ADAMS ABSTRACT CO.
ADAMS LAND & REALTY CO.**



**O.B. AND VIVIAN
JACOBS**

**Treasurer's Annual Report
Confirms States Growth**

State Treasurer Warren G. Harding recently submitted his annual report to the Governor detailing activities in the State Treasury Department for the last fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1981.

A table in the report reveals a 13% increase in custodial operations from \$17.3 billion to \$19.6 billion. Custodial operations include securities held in trust, funds in depository banks, cash on hand, and checks in transit. Bank balances in the depository banks increased by 14% from \$2,563,847,670.51, at end of fiscal year 1980, to \$2,933,607,892.51 as of the end of fiscal year 1981.

The percentage of funds invested in time accounts, earning interest, increased to 98.7%. The interest earned during fiscal year 1981 was \$254,999,541.13. This was a 13.2% increase over fiscal year 1980 when \$225,299,611.39 was earned in depository interest.

Treasurer Harding is highly pleased to present Texas taxpayers with this big Christmas bonus. Harding stated that his primary objective is to continue to serve the best interest of the people of Texas by keeping their hard earned tax dollars working effectively for them.

(Editor's note: Even though the financial status of the State of Texas must look like "small potatoes" to the wizards who run this country in Washington, it is reassuring that the financial condition of our state is as good as it is. It sounds pretty smart to have almost \$3 billion in the bank drawing interest amounting to about \$255 million a year. It sure does sound a whole lot better than the federal national debt which recently passed \$1 trillion

and costs millions of dollars every day in interest which must be paid with tax dollars of Americans.)



One-third to one-half a teaspoon dried herbs is the equivalent of one tablespoon fresh herbs.



**Christmas
Cheer**

To everyone, we send best wishes for a holiday filled with much joy and peace.

**Melvin
& Essie
Childress**



**MERRY
Christmas**

*With traditional greetings,
we add a sincere word of
"Thanks" to our many
customers and friends.*

WESTERN AUTO STORE

Robert Lee

Phone 453-2414

Bob, Phelan, Kerry & Kristi Wrinkle
Gary & Gaye Williams



And all the world is bright and cheerful. May your holiday be one to long remember.



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BALLINGER, TEXAS 76821

Jack and Nancy Clinkscale

702 Hutchings Avenue

Dear Friends,



Our wish for you at this holiday season and throughout the coming year is whatever is beautiful; whatever is meaningful, whatever brings you happiness.

Richards Butane Company

J.R. & MyrIden Thompson

Vandalism Interrupting Phone Service

Some 1300 General Telephone customers in the Bronte, Robert Lee, Edith and Silver communities may have experienced interruptions in their local and long distance service during the past few months as a result of several incidents of vandalism that occurred in the Bronte-Robert Lee area according to Melvin Jennings, the firm's San Angelo Division Manager.

"General Telephone detected the first case of trouble on Oct. 9 to three toll carrier system repeater huts between Bronte and Robert Lee," Jennings said. "The repeater huts had been shot several times damaging the long distance equipment inside the huts," Jennings added. "Seven other cases of repeater huts being shot in the Bronte-Robert Lee vicinity have been detected since the first occurrence."

The most recent service affecting incidents occurred on Highway 158 west of Bronte during the evening hours on Dec. 15 and 17, 1981.

Anyone having information that leads to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for damaging these telephone repeater huts will receive a \$250 reward, according to Jennings.

"We at General Telephone regret the inconvenience these cases of vandalism may have caused our customers. We are doing everything possible to prevent the recurrence of vandalism in the future," Jennings concluded.



The everlasting beauty of Christmas sparks the spirit of mankind- it is with thanks that we wish you a beautiful season

MAYTAG
MANSELL BROS.
P.O. Box 431 Phone 365-3011 365-2763
BALLINGER, TEXAS 76821

R. C. A.



BLESSINGS TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS

May the peace and joy of the first Christmas fill your heart during this holy season.

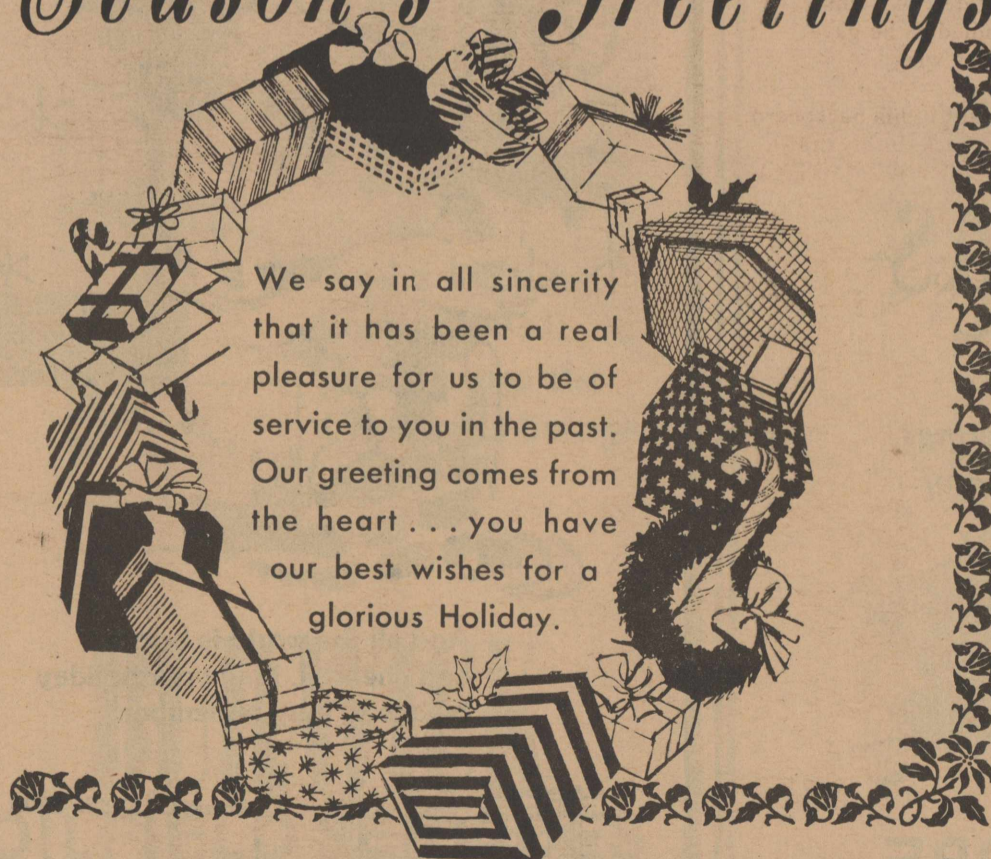
GRANNY'S RAGS

BALLINGER, TEXAS



Use denture cleaner to get some food stains off your china plates and cups.

Season's Greetings



We say in all sincerity that it has been a real pleasure for us to be of service to you in the past. Our greeting comes from the heart... you have our best wishes for a glorious Holiday.

BELL AUTO PARTS

Jimmy, Beverly, Doug, Tancie & Debra Bell
Don Bell
Daryl Copeland

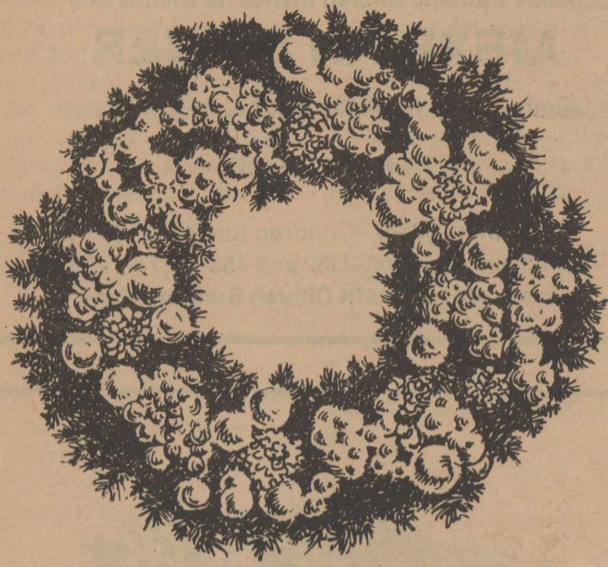


May the true spirit of this great holiday brighten your world.

SHAFFER FUNERAL HOME

ROBERT LEE AND BRONTE
Gary, Maxine & Howard Shaffer

North Dakota is a state of highs and lows, in temperatures. It has recorded one of the nation's highest readings — 121 degrees F. — and one of the lowest, minus 60 degrees F.



HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS
AND BEST WISHES

Marshall

Sheri

Kannan
MILLICAN



Along about this time of the year we like to take a moment or two just to tell you how greatly we appreciate your fine friendships and loyalty and to wish you every good thing in life during the days to come.

JERRY THOMASON

COKE COUNTY TREASURER



We've come a'caroling to bring you joy and happiness... May our warm friendship continue.

D.W. Sims, County Judge

Dianne Luckett, secretary

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(in Texas that is)

'Twas the night before Christmas
In Texas, you know,
Way out on the prairie
(Without any snow.)

Asleep in their cabin
Were Buddy and Sue,
A-dream' of Christmas,
Like me and like you.

Not stockings, but boots,
At the foot of their bed,
For this was in Texas
What more need be said?

When all of a sudden
From out the still night,
There came such a ruckus,
It gave me a fright!

And I saw 'cross the prairie
Like a shot from a gun,
A loaded up buck board
Come on at a run.

The driver was 'geein'
and 'hawin' with a will
The hosses (not reindeer)
He drove with such skill.

"Come on there Buck, Pancho,
And Prince, to the right!
There'll be plenty of traveling
For you-all tonight."

The driver is Levi's
And shirt that was red,
Had a ten-gallon Stetson
On top of his head.

As he stepped from the buck-
board
He was really a sight,
With his beard and moustaches
So curly and white.

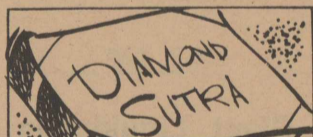
As he burst in the cabin
The children awoke,
And both, so astonished
That neither one spoke.

And he filled up their boots
With such presents galore
That neither could think
Of a single thing more.

When Buddy recovered
The use of his jaws,
He asked, in a whisper,
"Are you Santa Claus?"

"Am I the REAL Santa?
Well, what do you Think?"
And he smiled as he gave
A mysterious wink.

Then he leapt in his buckboard,
And called back, in his drawl,
"To all children of TEXAS,
MERRY CHRISTMAS, you-all!"



The first printed book known is a copy of the Diamond Sutra, a Buddhist scripture from the 16th century.

Dec. 25, 1981

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CLUB MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT PARTY

Extension Homemakers Clubs of Coke County were entertained with a luncheon on Dec. 16 at the Hitchin' Post with 13 members present. They later went to the home of Mrs. Clarence Arrott for Christmas party and gifts were given to the agent, Mary Ann Lackey and Bronte president, Mrs. Wayne

Cason.

Those attending were Mrs. Marie Arrott, Mrs. Virgie Arrott, Mrs. Wayne Cason, Mrs. J.C. Boatright, Mrs. Tom Green, Mrs. Nettie Lammers, Mrs. Truman Parker, Mrs. Chas. Ragsdale, Mrs. Louvenia Rees, Mrs. V.H. Smith, Miss Mary Ann Lackey, Mrs. John Reeder and Mrs. Betty Page.



Dear Friends,

This Holiday Season marks the end of my first full year as your County Attorney and a practicing attorney in Coke County. On behalf of my family and myself, I extend a heartfelt thanks to you for your support and confidence. Your interest, friendship, patronage and support have made this a year filled with blessings for my family and I.

Best Wishes this Christmas & a Happy New Year
Bill J. Helwig, Attorney At Law-County Attorney

Bill, Audrey & Chad Helwig

Secretaries - Nell Bosworth & Linda Boone



You're tops and our first wish is that your holiday be filled with much love, peace and happiness.

Christ's LITTLE FASHIONS
Ballinaer

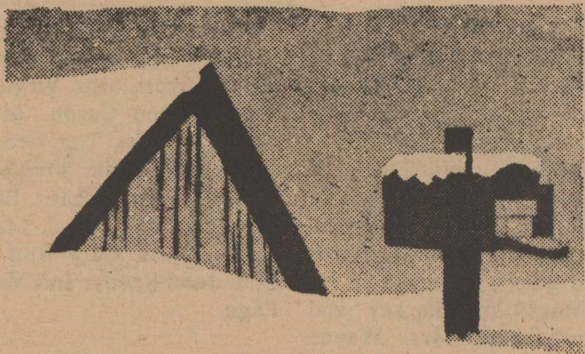
There is no time like Christmas

We wish you a Christmas filled with brightness and abundance.



Coke County Cablevision

Virginia, Wayne, Jim



We are truly grateful for the steady and enduring friendships that have been the basis of our success in the past. May good fortune favor each of you in every moment of the Yuletide Season and the year ahead.

From the Bunch at
Powell's Cafe & Texaco Station

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Sec. 43(a) of Art. 1446c, V.A.C.S., West Texas Utilities Company hereby publishes NOTICE that it has filed, on November 25, 1981, its statement of intent to make changes in its rates charged for electricity and services sold and rendered inside and outside municipal jurisdictions, such proposed changes to be effective January 1, 1982. Such Statement of Intent includes the proposed revisions, tariffs and schedules, and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of the Company, and the classes and numbers of utility customers affected. Gross revenues are expected to be increased 15.4 per cent over adjusted test year revenues by the new rates. Statements of intent were filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and with the following municipalities:

Abilene	Hawley	Quitaque
Alpine	Hedley	Rankin
Anson	Impact	Rising Star
Aspermont	Iraan	Roaring Springs
Baird	Jayton	Rochester
Balmorhea	Junction	Rule
Ballinger	Knox City	San Angelo
Benjamin	Lawn	Santa Anna
Big Lake	Lueders	Shamrock
Blackwell	Marfa	Sonora
Bronte	McCamey	Spur
Buffalo Gap	Melvin	Stamford
Childress	Memphis	Sterling City
Cisco	Menard	Talpa
Clarendon	Merkel	Throckmorton
Clyde	Mertzon	Trent
Cross Plains	Miles	Turkey
Crowell	Moran	Tuscola
Dodson	Munday	Tye
Eden	O'Brien	Valentine
Eldorado	Paducah	Weinert
Estelline	Paint Rock	Wellington
Goree	Presidio	Winters
Hamlin	Putnam	Woodson
Haskell	Quanah	

Areas affected by the filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas are in the following:

Cities		
Albany	Lakeview	Roby
Chillicothe	Matador	Rotan
Dickens	Robert Lee	
Counties		
Baylor	Foard	Pecos
Brewster	Gillespie	Presidio
Briscoe	Hall	Reagan
Brown	Hardeman	Reeves
Callahan	Haskell	Runnels
Childress	Irion	Schleicher
Coke	Jeff Davis	Shackelford
Coleman	Jones	Stephens
Collingsworth	Kent	Sterling
Concho	Kimble	Stonewall
Cottle	King	Sutton
Crane	Knox	Taylor
Crockett	Mason	Throckmorton
Dickens	McCulloch	Tom Green
Donley	Menard	Upton
Eastland	Motley	Wheeler
Edwards	Nolan	Wilbarger
Fisher		

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tippy Toes, Pink Bicycle, Western Barbie and Horse and a Doll Playpen.
Love,
Kristen Holland
Houston, Tx.
(Granddaughter of Mrs. Polly Holland of Robert Lee.)

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a cement truck. Also I would like 3 Hot Wheels. Thank you.
Love,
Jason Key

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a doll and a tricycle. Also, I would like a truck. Thank you.
Love,
Jessica Key

kindergarten
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you! I love you. I want a three whellers. I have my tree, my stockings and my presents under the tree. Be careful and don't step on any of them.
I love you,
Cole Montgomery

Dear Santa,
My name is Jesse Jr. and I love you. I saw you in Robert Lee at the parade. Will you bring me a car? It needs to be a racing one. Don't forget my family too!
I love you and
I'll be seeing you.
Jesse Valenzula

Hello,
I want a Barbie Doll and clothes for her, a baby doll, and a Barbie house. I think I'll take for a present magic markers & Books. Some clothes for my little sister. Her name is Lana. For my mom a ring, I think I'll take a watch for dad. I will leave you some cookies for Christmas Eve.
I love you.
Daphne Balderas

Dear Santa
I want a racing track and a train set. Thats all.
Ross Torres

Guadalupe Catholic Church invites its friends to a
MEXICAN DINNER

Sunday, Jan. 10, 1982 - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

New Rec Hall

Adult plate \$3.25 - Children (under 12) \$1.75
Tickets available 453-2332 and 453-2827 or at door
Proceeds to benefit Church Building Fund



May health, happiness and success be abundantly yours and may good friends always surround you.

**BEN BESSENT
CHEVROLET**

ATTENTION LADIES! HURRY FOR BEST SELECTIONS!!!

Joni-Lyn Blouse Factory in Bronte Is Up for Sale!

Giant Liquidation Sale of Entire Inventory. Everything Drastically Reduced-Almost all Items Sold at Wholesale or Below.

All Blouses size 30-44 - \$2.00-\$11.00

Pants size 8-22- \$6.99

Pant Suits, Long and Short Sleeves - \$12.00-\$13.00

Wrap Around Skirts - \$10.00

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I want a play house that you can get in and an electronic dog with push buttons. And an airplane that you can steer around up in the air with wires...you know. There will be a snack for you. I think I'll be at my Grandma Adkins.

I love you,
Michael Adkins

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Christmas tree and some toys - just any kind. I like you and I am in Kindergarten.

I love you,
Saul Arellano

Dear Santa,

I saw you at the Mall but I didn't tell you what I want. Now I'll tell you. I want a Strawberry Shortcake doll. I want little play house, a calendar and a little doll that plays in the water. I'm going to be waiting for you. Thank you.

Jeanne Service

Dear Santa,

I've seen you two times. The first time in Robert Lee and the next time in San Angelo. We went ahead and got that Christmas tree we found. I want a ballet doll and anything else you want to bring me because I know you always know just what I want most. I'm going to make you some cookies for a snack. You will like them. I will let you ice them like we did at the Home-making party the teenagers had for us. It's fun!

I love you,
Kim Carver

Dear Santa,

My name is Samantha but you can call me Sam. I want a doll named Strawberry Shortcake. I also would like a swing set with a slide on it. That's plenty for me.

I love you,
Sam Doss

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. How are you feeling? I hope you are well. I want a motorcycle track to play with. When I get big I want a BB gun. Maybe in two Christmases--but I can buy the bb shots by myself. I want a cap for Daddy, some clothes for Mother and me some boots.

I love you,
Jonathan Torres

Dear Santa:

I want a 3-wheel, bicycle, and a siamese cat & puppy.

Dear Rudolph, I want you. How have you been? Will you get me a plastic turtle? I would also like a goldfish, and a Christmas book. I would also like a motorcycle.

I will leave you a cookie and some milk.

Thank You,
Randal Griffin

Dear Santa,

Santa, I like your toys. My brother wants a play "Chips" motorcycle. I want a new bicycle cause I can ride two wheelers without training wheels. My sister wants a bicycle too. My Daddy can buy his own BBs but he needs a new BB gun. Mom just wants good boys and girls.

I love you,
Judd Pitcock

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, a doll, and say Hi to Santa and some clothes and some games. Thank you.

Oralia Garza



Season's GREETINGS

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

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Birth of Christ brings to all mankind the full hope and promise of peace on earth. Let us give thanks.

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

PHONE 453-2258 FOR APPOINTMENT

ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1981

	Operating Funds	Interest and Sinking Fund	Designated Purpose Funds	Enterprise Funds	Total
RECEIPTS					
Local Sources					
Ad valorem Taxes	\$ 636,467	\$ 60,670	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 697,137
Other Receipts	35,019	5,589	-0-	3,260	43,868
Rent Receipts	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,820	4,820
Lunchroom Receipts	-0-	-0-	-0-	19,606	19,606
Athletic Receipts	-0-	-0-	-0-	14,431	14,431
Transfers - Net	(14,465)	-0-	465	14,000	-0-
State Sources					
Per Capita and Foundation	232,846	-0-	-0-	-0-	232,846
Transportation Aid	36,334	-0-	-0-	-0-	36,334
Other Foundation	250	-0-	-0-	-0-	250
Vocational	2,140	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,140
Federal Education Acts	442	-0-	22,903	-0-	23,345
Other State Receipts	12,633	-0-	-0-	-0-	12,633
Lunchroom Aid	-0-	-0-	-0-	18,415	18,415
Other Receipts	1,032	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,032
Total Receipts	\$ 942,698	\$ 66,259	\$ 23,368	\$ 74,532	\$ 1,106,857
DISBURSEMENTS					
Instruction	\$ 445,305	\$ -0-	\$ 20,698	\$ -0-	\$ 466,003
Instructional Administration	2,793	-0-	232	-0-	3,025
Instructional Resources	11,724	-0-	607	-0-	12,331
School Administration	52,771	-0-	-0-	-0-	52,771
Guidance and Counseling	7,206	-0-	-0-	-0-	7,206
Health Services	5	-0-	-0-	-0-	5
Pupil Transportation	52,349	-0-	-0-	-0-	52,349
Cocurricular Activities	28,307	-0-	-0-	17,241	45,548
Food Service	1,020	-0-	-0-	49,287	50,307
General Administration	158,848	-0-	548	-0-	159,396
Debt Service	140	62,490	-0-	-0-	62,630
Plant Maintenance and Operation	100,334	-0-	-0-	1,986	102,320
Total Disbursements	\$ 860,802	\$ 62,490	\$ 22,085	\$ 68,514	\$ 1,013,891
Excess Receipts (Disbursements)	\$ 81,896	\$ 3,769	\$ 1,283	\$ 6,018	\$ 92,966
Beginning Cash Balance	170,243	42,930	996	32,486	246,655
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 252,139	\$ 46,699	\$ 2,279	\$ 38,504	\$ 339,621



Season's Greetings

In the spirit of Christmas, we wish you much joy and peace.

FRANKIE, ROYCE, JANA & EDDIE HOOD

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa

I want a Slippy Dog and I want my Mommy to have some clothes and my baby brother to have a little Puppy dog that walks and barks and for Jason I want a Teddy bear. I want some snow gloves for when we pick up snow and make ICE CREAM. I also want a little Rabbit thats white and I want some gloves for my Grandmama and Granddaddy and my Nanny some shoes. I want a playhouse for Christmas and for my big brother I want some clothes. Tell Rudolph Hi for me.

Shaye Thompson

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Brent. I want my Grandma Nana a microwave. I would love to have a tape recorder. Please send me a picture of you. I would like a crane. One of the things that knock's down buildings. Would you also get a bike for me. I have one but it is broke. Is Mrs. Santa, Rudolph, and all the other Reindeers all right. I will leave some milk and cookies for you at my house. Leave me a note with the cookies and milk.

Love
Brent Jameson

Dear Santa

How are you Raindeer. My name is Jonie. I want a Dolly, crib, sleep dog, baby baby cat, a baby baby Ruduolf. I want a Rudulf book, and a walking Snta. I want to know my ABC. I want a baby horse so I can ride on it and I want him to come. I want a dolly what push a crattle. I want a candy that has a lot of balls on it. I want some moscits. I want a little Christmas tree to put in my dolly house. I like you Miss Santa and I hope you come to. I want a chicken so my mother will not have to buy eggs.

Jonie Wagner

Dear Rudolph

I would like for you to lead my sleigh on Christmas Eve. Would you please tell Santa to bring a box of kitty litter for my kitty. I also want a control Trans Am. And a little bag of Candy.

Love
Jason Bower

Dear Santa,

I want a barby face case and some rollerskate strings. Say hi to Mrs. Clause and your reindeer. I want a fuzzy kitten too! I want a fishing pole. I want the game Mr. Pop. Would you please tell Roughdolph that I would like to have a reindeer like him for a pet. Tell all of the other reindeers that I like thier pictures in the books. Tell Mrs. Clause that I like her. Santa, I'll leave some cookies & milk at my house for you.

Love,
Shelley Griffin

Dear Santa Clause,

I would like a Barbie doll and another doll. I would like also a record player and some records, and some warm-ups. I will leave

some milk and cookies for you Santa. I would like for you to bring my mom a necklace.

Love,
Shelbi Grim

WISHING YOU AN
OLD FASHIONED



MERRY
Christmas

COKE COUNTY PHARMACY

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS
STEVE, WANDA,
STEVIE, STACY & STASKY

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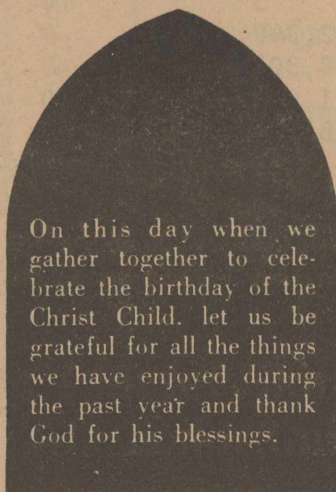
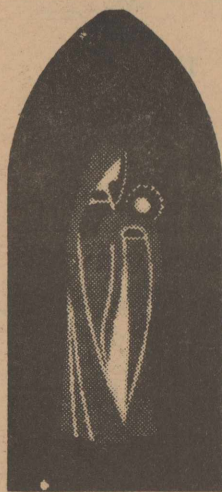


And the angles said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold I bring
you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.

St. Luke 2:10

The rich blessings of Christmas
be yours this greatest of holidays.

BESSIE WALKER



On this day when we
gather together to cele-
brate the birthday of the
Christ Child, let us be
grateful for all the things
we have enjoyed during
the past year and thank
God for his blessings.

ADD & JOAN DAVIS

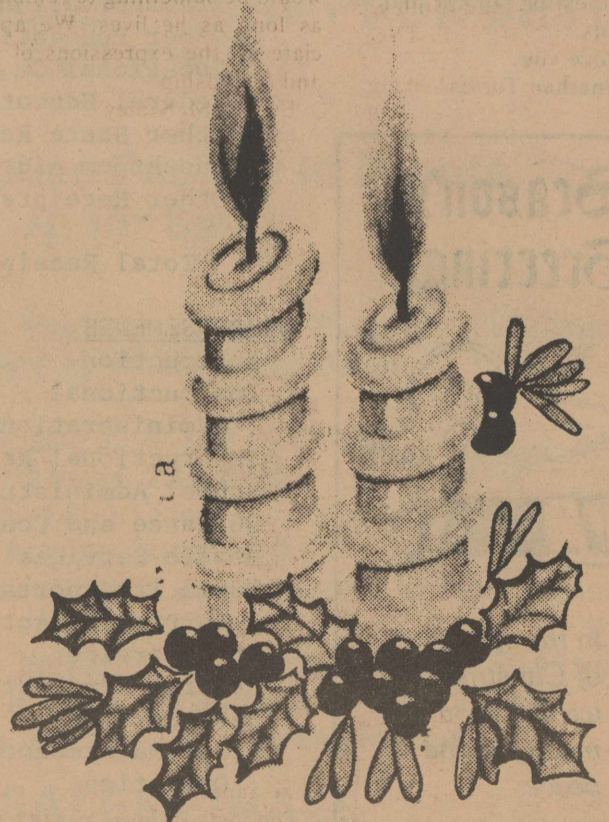


It is the star of Hope, shining
brightly for all to see. Rejoice!
Welcome Christmas in your heart.

ERNEST CLENDENNEN, INC.
SILVER, TEXAS

Greetings

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



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We thank our friends and loved
ones for their kindnesses while I
was in St. John's Hospital, your
visits, letters, cards, and gifts;
the fast work of Dr. Zeon and
ambulance attendants, were and
are more precious than words can
express. God bless each of you.
Mark and Sadye Chumley

26-1TP

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank you who came
to Mr. Bird's birthday party, sent
cards or gifts, helped to serve or
presided at the register or in
any way helped to make the day a
delightful occasion to be remem-
bered by him and his family. He
said he had a good time, he
enjoyed the party and that it
would be something to remember
as long as he lives. We appre-
ciate all the expressions of love
and friendship.
Evelyn McKinley
Mary Jo Pentecost

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CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for your many expres-
sions of sympathy and concern at
the loss of my brother in Dallas.
Opal & Jake Jacoby

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I would like a electrect game
for Christmas and a bike and a
Barbie doll. Will you bring it to
me for Christmas? And Santa a
very merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Vivian Ybarra

Dear Santa,
The only things I want is a
stomper jeep and a pair of nobes
and dirt bike forks.
Love
Ronnie Wagganer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a rubics cube
and a leather football.
Your friend,
Ignacis Loza

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl and I'm 7 years old.
My brother is 10 years old and I
want a doll house and my brother
wants a army set.
I Love you
Vianna Sue Valdez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a T.V. game. I want a
stomper 24. My sister wants a
doll house. I want a car set.
Scott Sevice

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a makeup set. I want
some Barbie Shows.
Love
Audra Sharrel Pitcock

Dear Santa Clus,
I want a army tank. My sitr is 4
years old.
Love
Justin Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl. I am seven. I have a
brother and a sister. My brother
would like a new tennis racket.
My sister would like a bracelet.
And all I want is a western Barbie
horse.
Love,
TaaraKenney

Dear Santa Claus,
How you been?
My sister wants a little doll. My
brother wants a bike little. I want
a bike. That's all.
Love,
Maria Garsa

Dear Santa
I want a Wearwofe Doll. I also
want light bright and a magnet
dodle and bike.
Love
John Fluhmann

Dear Santa
I want a doll. And a cheerlead-
er suit. There will be cookies and
milk on the T.V. Say high to
Rudolf.
Love
Joellen King

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll. And a pair
of boots. And a pretty dress.
Love,
Becky Lewis

Dear Santa,
I want a electric truck set, a
new electric race track and bow
and arrows.
Love,
Brent McPeek

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll car.
And a new game. And of course a
candy cane.
Love,
Emily King

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and some
pants and makeup set.
Love,
Amy Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a B.B. gun. I want it to
shoot very well. And I also want a
new watch.
Love,
Jason Schnabel

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Dear Santa Claus,
I wanted a Big Track for
Christmas. And I want a race
track.
Love,
Thomas Baker

Dear Santa Claus,
I like to have a dollhouse and a
doll and a toy dishes. I love you.
Merry Christmas to Santa Claus.
Love
Melissa Kay Aultman

Dear Santa Claus,
First I want to ask you if you
would tell Rudolf I like his red
nose O.K. I would please like a
Snoopy snow cone machine and a
new watch for my techer and a
Dukes of Hazard for my friend
thank you.
Love,
Michelle Adkins

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a pleated
skirt and some moecesens. Thats
all I want.
Love Jody

Dear Santa,
I want a bow. I want a few
arrows. I want a t.v.
Love,
Jeff Cole

Dear Santa,
I want a white stuffed poodle
and a Barbie dresser. Hope your
family is doing all right. Merry
Christmas.
Love,
Janet Pentecost

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring what I
want. First I would like a bike.
Second I would like a race track.
Third I would like a remote
controle car. I hope you have a
fun Christmas.
Your friend,
Stephen Epperson

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a Merry
Christmas. I would like a Barbie
Van, and a Electronic Basketball
game fullcort, and a Getti'm
Pretty make-up set.
Sincerely,
Stephanie Poehls

Dear Santa,
I lik what you brought me last
year. Can you bring more good
stuff like you did last year? Here
is what I want, a camera, tape
recorder and a purse from Roach-
es.
Love,
Sheree Burns

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of skates and a
doll.
Deborah Aultman

Dear Santa,
I wont a dump truck and some
cars hot rod ones to but best I
wont a little diesel with a traeler
to. I live on 1701 Childress.
Love,
Buddy Harlin.

Dear Santa
I want a bike for Christmas.
And I want \$500 dollers. Becose I
want a gocart.
Your friend,
Stevie Oleksiuk



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to all our friends.
We appreciate
the confidence
you have shown
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extended in so
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AKP Activities For December

On the evening of Dec. 5, at 7 o'clock, members of Alpha Kappa Pi prepared a Christmas feast at the old Recreation Hall in Robert Lee. The members invited their husbands as guests.

The hall was decorated with a Christmas atmosphere with lots of holly and red and green streamers. The tables were lined with candles encircled by miniature wreaths.

A buffet table was filled with ham, turkey, dressing and lots of delicious trimmings. Everyone enjoyed the meal and also enjoyed the fellowship at Christmas time.

Two meetings were held this month. One was in the home of Jackie Walker with the program presented by Dorene Mashburn. The other program was presented by Dolores McCabe in the home of Dianne Simpson.

Items of interest brought up in the meetings were:

- * a donation was made to Cody Bill Bessent to help purchase a medical device needed for his chemotherapy.

- * discussion concerning the Coke County Child Welfare as a service project.

- * a donation was made to EMS of West Coke County to purchase a special suit for treatment of victims in shock.

- * a box of Christmas items prepared by the members was sent to the Big Spring State Hospital.

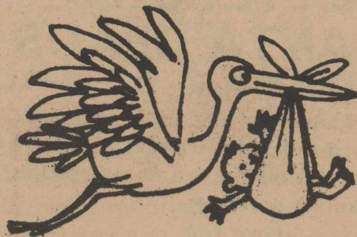
- * tray favors made by the members were delivered to the Robert Lee Nursing Home and West Coke County Hospital.

- * Evelyn Flanagan finished her pledgeship and accepted the Ritual of Jewels.

- * Secret Sister Christmas gifts were exchanged

January 13, 1982, will be the date of the next program, which will be presented by Jeanette Jacobs in the home of Phelan Wrinkle.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ray Walker of Bay City have announced the birth of a new daughter, Karreen Michelle, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19½ inches long.

Grandparents are Mary and Claudie Walker of Robert Lee and Mary Anderson of Phoenix, Ariz.

The baby's great grandparents are Mrs. Zella A. Walker of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Alice.

Upton Dennis Mathers is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mathers of Anson. He was born in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, on Dec. 10, at 7:37 a.m., weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. His sister, Amy, is six years old.

Grandparents are Mrs. Katherine Jenkins of Eusaula, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDonald of Robert Lee.

GREETINGS



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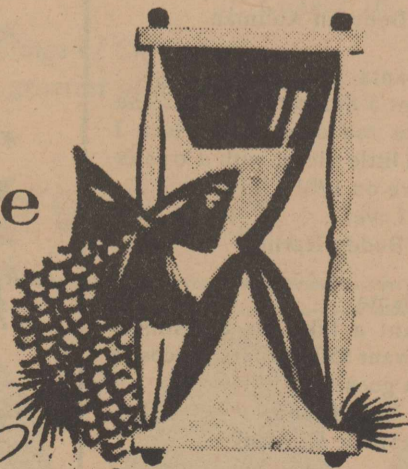
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