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Observer/Enterprise posts holiday season schedule

The Observer/Enterprise offices in both Robert Lee and Bronte will be closed Christmas week, Dec. 23 - 27, for our annual holidays. We will be open Monday, Dec. 30, and closed again on New Year's Day.

The next issue of the O/E will be published on Friday, January 3, 1986. Advertisers and news sources are asked to get their copy in by Monday, December 30, for

the Jan. 3rd issue.

We hope you enjoy this Christmas issue of the Observer/Enterprise. As we look back through 1985, all of us have much to be thankful for, and we at the newspaper would like to express our sincere appreciation to you, our readers and advertisers, for your continued support. Our very best wishes to you and yours during this holiday season.

Hospital Board meets

The West Coke Hospital Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, December 16th, with all members present, and a large crowd of between forty and fifty interested county residents also in attendance at the District Courtroom in Robert Lee.

The first order of business included a discussion of the previous minutes, which were approved as read, and this was followed by a lengthy discussion of current economic problems of the district.

It was noted during this discussion that income for the month of November was approximately \$112,000, with bills in the \$165,000 range, making the deficit for this month nearly \$53,000.

December's bills were reported at \$21,000, with payroll in the \$25,000 range. Current overdrafts at the bank were said to be over \$65,000. After the discussion, motion was passed to table the bank balance discussion to a later date.

The 1986 Budget was the next item on the agenda, with the following figures noted - Anticipated Income \$1.9 million; Anticipated Expenditures - \$1.85 million. The 1986 Budget was approved by the board after three amendments were made, including 1, deleting the proposed \$60,000 plus expenditure for computer equipment; 2. deleting the proposed patio addition to the hospital; and 3. deleting

the proposed expenditures for use on the operating and obstetrics tables.

Hospital insurance being the next item on the agenda, the quote of \$6960 from Fields, Stewart, Dolliver, a San Angelo insurance firm was presented to the board. Motion carried to table this insurance discussion until the local insurance agent could be contacted to provide a quote on the same type of coverage as the San Angelo firm had provided.

The next item concerned two problem areas of the hospital, and it was pointed out that the collection of bills owed the hospital as a result of surgery were running approximately 30 per cent, with collection in the obstetrics ward running approximately 20 per cent. This was followed by more lengthy discussion, with one board member making the statement, "That's poor business." This discussion was also tabled.

The next portion of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Wayne Ogburn, representing Western Hospital Affiliates, Inc., concerning the possibility of an agreement between the management corporation, which is satellite of the Hendrick's medical facility, located in Abilene, Texas, and the West Coke Hospital District. This company already has leasing agreements with hospitals in Cisco and Seymour, and they are

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May the spirit of Christmas bless you and yours, bringing you all the joys of the holy Season.

Gift certificate drawing winners named

Santa Claus was handing out \$25 gift certificates to six lucky people whose names were drawn and were present at the Bronte Mini-Park last Saturday afternoon. Last week's winners were Ina Annel who registered at the First National Bank; Pearl Mae Andrews, registered at Cumbie & Mackey; Ella Pruitt, who signed up at Margarets Flowers; R.M. Andrews, registered at First National Bank; Mary Lou Sublett, signed up at Sav-On Food; and Shaye Coalson, registered at Cumbie-Mackey.

The Bronte Lions Club will sponsor another and final drawing this Saturday at 4:00 at the Mini-Park. There is still time to sign up at each participating business in Bronte, Blackwell and Tenyson and then attend the drawings to be eligible to win. Six \$25 certificates will be awarded this week.

The Bronte Lions Club expressed appreciation to the First National Bank of

Bronte for their generous contribution of \$300. used for the gift certificates. The bank has supported this

project each year, and the drawings have become a popular tradition in the community.

Banks to host open house

Robert Lee

Robert Lee State Bank will host a Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 24, from 9:00 until 12:00 noon. Bank personnel invite everyone to join them for the occasion.

The facility will be closed on Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday, Christmas Day, in observance of the holiday.

Courthouse posts closing dates

County Judge Aubrey Denman has announced that the Coke County Courthouse will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 25, in observance of the traditional Christmas holiday.

Bronte

The First National Bank in Bronte will host a Christmas Open House on Friday, December 20 during regular banking hours, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. All customers and friends are invited to stop by for refreshments.



Santa says only five shopping days left!

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--- Letter to the Editor ---

[Editor's note: Rebecca Dennard of Odessa was a victim of the head-on collision between her vehicle and a truck tractor-trailer about three miles west of Bronte on Thanksgiving weekend. Elmer Hurley was one of the volunteer ambulance members who worked the accident. She asked that we publish her letter to him expressing her gratitude for his assistance during this life threatening situation.]

Dear Mr. Hurley,
 How do you begin to thank someone for saving your life and my precious grandmother and little sweet friend? "Thank You" seems so little to say. If somehow you could feel the emotion and gratitude in my heart as I write this. Perhaps if I tell you what I remember... maybe I will help you understand how very much your appearance in my life meant. God has been kind to me and there are many events of the accident I don't recall.

"My first recollection is the front of the truck, trying to swerve and impact and it seemed we moved endlessly backward... and the noise. My thoughts are still very confused, but I remember little Grandma crying softly and I raised my head to see blood trickling down her face as she said, "Becky, are you alright?" Then I think someone took her from the car. Then I remember darkness and pain and poor James crying out "my legs, my legs; arguing outside and someone giving orders and I could hear tools cracking the door, trying to get me out. After this all I remember was long periods of darkness and a very kind voice calling my name, holding my hand and kissing my cheek. I do not have a face to put with this comforting voice, but I have been told it was you, Elmer Hurley. Grandmother says she feels sure, had you not been there with me, I would have gone into an unconsciousness which I would

never have come back from. I know that God gave you to us... to me. I will be eternally grateful for your caring. I have a feeling that I am not the only one who has been on the receiving end of your warmth and kindness and Bronte is very fortunate to have you as a citizen there. Thanks seems so little, but for now it is all I can offer. When I have recovered, and I am day-by-day, physically and emotionally, I want to meet this caring person, put a face with his voice and personally thank him. Until then, I am praying God's blessings on you and yours and thanks to you and Janet for your sweet card too. Thank you again and again for caring... for saving my life.

With deepest gratitude,
 Becky Dennard
 P.S. Hope you won't mind but I sent a copy to the Bronte newspaper so they would know how much I appreciate you and how they should.

...Hospital (cont'd. from front page)

building a new hospital in Comanche, Texas. Mr. Ogburn provided several suggestions for improving the efficiency of the hospital, including greater utilization of the facilities, and reduced staffing levels. Under the lease agreement, Ogburn explained that the corporation would serve as the local hospital administrator, with the ongoing services that the local hospital had been providing, such as surgery and obstetrics, being continued in the same manner. The cost for this service was stated at three different rates, which were between \$4500 and \$5,000 per month.

Following this discussion, a question and answer session was conducted between the board and interested citizens present, which centered around the situation with Dr. Pulse's contract. Board member Bill Helwig

served as spokesman for the board of directors, and stated that as a result of an executive session on November 25, Dr. Pulse's contract with the district had been terminated. Helwig went on to explain that this in no way affected Dr. Pulse's hospital privileges, which allows him to refer, admit, and to treat patients at the West Coke facility. When asked why Dr. Pulse's contract was terminated, Helwig stated that the board's attorney had advised them not to comment on this subject at the present time.

After further discussion, and more questions and answers between those present and the board members, the regular meeting was adjourned, and the board went into closed, executive session, to discuss personnel management.

'64 Study Club enjoys dinner party

On Dec. 10, members of the '64 Study Club, along with their husbands, enjoyed the traditional Christmas dinner party at the new Recreation Hall in Robert Lee. At this joyous occasion Christmas music was given by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bradford.

After a delightful buffet dinner with all the trimmings and Christmas goodies, the club members and guests were entertained by Dr. Terry Pulse, who showed unusual slides of Egypt and the Holy Land, accompanied by discussions of each.

This club, which assists in helping so many charitable organizations, again responded to the needs of Angelo State School at Carlsbad. Members arrived with many Christmas packages, which Jim and Reba Tabor distributed to clients at the state school.

Hostesses for this festive occasion were: Mmes. Roane, Beaty, Fields, Saunders, Newell, and Parker.

"If I Were Santa"

Were I Santa I'd lay these gifts at your door--

The things that you have lost that you cherished before;

I'd deliver to you all the maidenly vigor

That went along with your size 12 figure.

I'd bring back the contours with which youth is gifted

So that things now suspended wouldn't need to be up-lifted.

I'd pull in your tummy and smooth down your back

So you'd be a dream walking in tight-fitting slacks.

I'd bring back the color that once graced your hair

Before rinses and bleaches took residue there.

There'd be no more hot flashes or queer dizzy spells

No more strange headaches or ringing of bells.

No more searching through closets for big enough clothes.

No more looking for spectacles right under your nose.

No more shots in the arms, or the hips, or the fanny

By a doctor who thinks you're a silly old granny.

I'd smooth out the wrinkles, leaving only one chin

So you wouldn't spend hours rubbing grease on your skin.

Yes, if I were Santa, many

things I'd deliver--

Like the romance of cupid with his cute little quiver.

The lift of the heart when the "wolves" start whistle,

The joy of a spirit as light as a thistle.

But-----alas!-----

I'm no Santa-----I'm only just me,

The plumpest old matron you ever did see.

And I'd like to recite all the symptoms I've got

But I'm due at the doctor's right now for a shot!

Author Unknown

THE WEAR HOUSE
 FINAL WEEK OF SPECIALS

20% off everything in the store

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We will close at noon on Christmas Eve and re-open on

Friday, Dec. 27
 at 9:00 a.m.

Prices good
 Fri. Dec. 20-26.



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 ROBERT LEE, TX.

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 May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

AUBREY & ZADA DENMAN
 Janet Baker

Join us for
 OPEN HOUSE
 on
 Tuesday,
 December 24,
 from 9:00-12:00 pm
 ROBERT LEE
 STATE BANK

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horn cagers have enviable 6-0 record

The Bronte Longhorn cagers have an enviable 6 win and no loss record for the season following two games played last week. The first game against Westbrook was an easy 90 to 41 win for the Longhorns. Double digit scorers were Stephen Lee and John Morrow with 18 points each, David Phillips, 16 points and Pete Puentez, 14. Also scoring were Cody Hartman 9, Corby Kelso 7, Terrence Hale 6, Conda Richards 4, and Kerry Lee 2. Rebounders were S. Lee with 11, Morrow, 10 and C. Hartman, 5. Puentez stole the ball 6 times and assists were made by Phillips and K. Lee, 5 each and Waylon Ensor 4.

The J.V. boys outscored the Westbrook JV 40-30. Kirby Hartman was top scorer with 13 points and

Kelly Green and Reil Barron furnished 9 points each.

A host of Lady Longhorns got in on the scoring as Bronte plowed under Westbrook 66-20. Dorinda Scott shot 12 points, Estella Puentez and Melanie Cooper both contributed 10 each, and Carol Reyes, 8. Others were Molly Glenn, 6; Pam McGinnis, 6; Alice Puentez, 4; Melinda Parker and Tina Hines, 3 each; DeAnn Parker and Lanelle Jones, 2 each.

The varsity girls stacked up 61 big points against 26 for Talpa-Centennial at the home gym Friday night. Scott led with 15 points with Cooper and Parker scoring 14 each; McGinnis, 12; and making 2 points each were Sandy Hilliard, Melissa Arrott and Misti Taylor.

The boys from Bronte had a lopsided 76 to 37 victory

over the Talpa-Centennial lads. D. Phillips dropped in 28 points, made 6 assists and 6 steals; J. Morrow, 14 points, 9 rebounds; S. Lee, 13; P. Puentez, 8; C. Kelso, 6; K. Lee, 3; W. Ensor, 2; C. Hartman, 2 and Jamie Powers had 6 steals.

The Horns varsity boys pounced on the Santa Anna Mountaineers on the home court Tuesday night, December 17th, to the tune of 84-68. David Phillips tossed in a whopping 44 points to lead all scorers, and also came up with 19 rebounds and 7 steals in the winning effort. John Morrow ended the night with 16 points, 9 rebounds, with Stephen Lee and Pete Puentez making ten points each, with Pete also coming up with 7 assists and 6 steals. The remainder of the scoring for the home team was done by Jamie Powers - 4 points, 5 assists, and 5 steals, and Kerry Lee with 6 steals.

The varsity girls took it on the chin in the second half, as they led at intermission by 2 points, and ended up on the short end, 39-30. Scoring in the contest included: Melanie Cooper, 10 points; Estella Puentez, 7; Parker and Pam McGinnis, 4 each; Tina Hines, 3; and Dorinda Scott, 2.

Then the J.V. skirmish, the boys were defeated by a score of 50 to 39, by the visiting hill climbers. Leading scorers for the home teamers were Rocky Patel with 13, and Kelly Green with 11.

The Robert Lee tournament this Thursday through Saturday is the Horns next assignment, and after the holidays on January 2, 3, and 4 they will host the Bronte Invitational tourney.

Jr. Hi travels to Sterling

The Bronte Jr. High boys and girls entered the Sterling City tournament last week with Forsan boys narrowly getting by Bronte boys 28 to 26 in the first game. Justin Phillips led with 10 points; James Badgett, 8; Tim Davis, 4 and Bill Windham and Jason Pierce each had 2. The lads were nudged out of the race for consolation by Sterling City 32-20 over Bronte. Badgett and Phillips both hit 6 each,

Pierce, 4, Windham, 3 and James Teel, 1.

The Jr. High girls won consolation honors at the tourney by defeating Water Valley 23-20 in their second game, after narrowly losing to Forsan 27-29 in their first round of play.

Scoring in the game against Water Valley was high pointer Melinda Gentry with 8 points; Maria Puentez and Kelly Webb dropped in 6 each; and Donya Cooper made 3.

In the hard fought game lost to Forsan M. Gentry again high scorer with 7 pts.; K. Webb, 5 pts.; Angela Reyes, 4; Jackie Green 3; Teresa Vaughn, Maria Puentez, Jennifer Robinson and a Forsan player, all contributed 2 each.

Congratulations girls!

Roundball tourney upcoming in Bronte

Basketball fans will want to keep in mind the upcoming Bronte Invitational Basketball Tournament on January 2, 3 and 4. The tourney will open at 3:30 Thursday afternoon (Jan. 2) with the Novice and Eldorado girls game. Bronte girls will go up against the Loraine girls at 6:30 and 8:00 is game time for Bronte and Loraine boys.

Play continues on Friday afternoon beginning at 3:30. Bronte girls meet Novice at 6:30 and Bronte-Novice boys game will be at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday's action begins at 10:00 a.m. with Bronte girls scheduled to meet Eldorado girls at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Bronte and Eldorado boys at 2:30.

Also, the Bronte Jr. High tournament will be held the following week, January 9, 10 and 11.

Happiest of Holidays

May you experience the joys of Christmas with those you love.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



All the happiness of the season be with you and yours this best of times... Christmas!

Allen Insurance Co.

Board accepts resignations

When the Bronte School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, December 12, they accepted resignations from Gail Hilliard as secretary to the superintendent and Cindy Cregar, high school English teacher. Mrs. Cregar's resignation is effective January 17 as she and Ms. Hilliard each will be moving from Bronte.

The board also employed two personnel, Mrs. Glenda Draper as secretary to the superintendent effective December 16, and Carla Jones as kindergarten teacher beginning January 2.

They further:

- * Discussed the TEAMS test.
- * Discussed discipline

management plan.

- * Considered TI-IN network television for 1986-87.

- * Evaluated superintendent favorably.

- * Approved policies and procedures of small schools co-op.

- * Visited new kindergarten mobile classroom and approved lease through June.

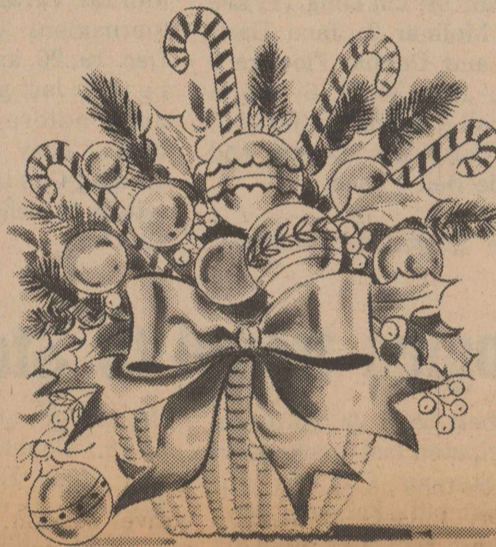
- * Agreed to apply for \$458.89 of bond series money held by state treasury.

- * Discussed the computer program.

- * Called special meeting for December 19 to open bids for new construction.

- * Approved bills and adjourned.

season's best



May the joys of the season be yours

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



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Karla and Maureen

ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

RL juniors score 100 per cent

Robert Lee School Superintendent Jim Bickley announced the results this week of exit-level exams.

One hundred per cent of Juniors at Robert Lee High School passed the first TEAMS test!

Preliminary results from

the first administration of a graduation test given to 191,000 Texas eleventh graders showed 84.6 percent of the students passed the two-part exam.

On individual sections of the test, 91 percent passed

the English language arts portion and 88 percent passed the mathematics section. One hundred percent of the Robert Lee High School eleventh graders passed both sections.

Beginning with the graduating class of 1987, students must pass the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) exit-level test in order to receive a high school diploma.

Dogies split games with Eagles

Four teams from Robert Lee Jr. Hi played roundball in Sterling City on Tuesday, Dec. 17 where the young Eagles stole three of the matches from the locals.

The 'B' girls were defeated 17-12 with scoring by Brande Burrows 8 and Mary Jo Naico 4.

The 'A' girls team were overcome 24-12. Lisa Sanchez had 6 points, Stephanie Crawford 3, Brooke Boone 2 and Felicia Sparks 1.

The Dogies 'B' squad also lost out 15-6 with Pete Coffee, Russ Horn, and Tobin Dunham scoring 2 each.

Luck changed for the Dogies in the 'A' game when Wes Horn led the count with 10, followed by Jose Bewick 7, Jon Rogers and Jason Wink, 2 each and Warren Brasher 1.

Steers crush Westbrook

Both varsity basketball squads from Robert Lee hosted Westbrook on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Westbrook girls were crushed by the hosts 85-6. Top scorer for Robert Lee was Missy Grim with 20, aided by Rachel Metcalf 14; Lin Long 11; Lee Ann Molinar 9; Jana Gartman and Debbie Flowers 8 each; Kim Hood 6; Karla Donnell 5; Dana Anthony 2; and Patty Bloodworth and Tancie Bell 1 each.

The Steers subdued the

visitors 63-44. Counting for the winners were Randy Gartman 17; Wes Hood 13; Jason Herring 8; Robert Runnion, Stevie Ebenstein, and Tim Garringer, all 6 each; and Curt Gardner 7.

Robert Lee will host their annual varsity basketball tournament this weekend, Dec. 19, 20, and 21. This will be their last games on schedule before the holiday break. They will enter the Sterling City tourney on their return to school Jan. 2, 3, and 4.

Dogies travel to Sterling

Robert Lee's Jr. Hi teams participated last weekend in the Sterling City Jr. Hi. Tournament. Forsan's boys and girls teams skidded by the locals in their first round of play.

The Dogies were overcome 38-29 with Wes Horn the leader with 14 points followed by Jon Rogers, 9, Jose Bewick, 4, and Jason Wink, 2.

Forsan spanked the girls to a 33-19 win with scoring by Brooke Boone 6, Becky Padgett and Shannon Skipworth, both 5, Stephanie Poehls 2, and Stephanie Crawford 1.

Second round play saw the

Dogies go under to Miles 31-18. Counting for them was Wes Horn and Jon Rogers, both 6, Jose Bewick, 3, Jason Wink, 2 and Stevie Epperson, 1.

The Robert Lee lassies squeaked by the Miles team 24-23 and hung on for the 3rd place win in the tourney with points by Becky Padgett, 8, Stephanie Poehls, 6, Brooke Boone, 5, Lisa Sanchez, 3 and Shannon Skipworth, 2.

Next Jr. Hi play is scheduled for Jan. 9 at Sterling City beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Sterling loses to Steers

Sterling City Varsity basketball teams visited in Robert Lee on Friday, Dec. 13, and the locals took the pair of games from them.

Eight players figured in the scoring for the girls including Jana Gartman, 12, Missy Grim, 9, Lee Ann Molinar and Rachel Metcalf, both 8, Lin Long, 4, Debbie

Flowers, 3, Dana Anthony and Tancie Bell, 2 each.

The Steers took it to the Eagles with a 54-41 victory. Scoring for the varsity were Randy Gartman, 15, Wes Hood, 14, Tim Garringer, 10, Robert Runnion, 9, Jason Herring, Stevie Ebenstein, and Curt Gardner, all 2 each.

Student body elects couple

In an election held Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Robert Lee School the high school student body elected the following: Jana Gartman, Most Beautiful, and Tim Garringer, Most Handsome.

Jana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman. Tim makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Garringer.



Thursday, Jan. 2

Corndogs w/Mustard
Tator Tots w/Catsup
Ranch Style Beans
Chocolate Cake w/Icing
Milk

Friday, Jan. 3

Fish Krispies
w/Tartor Sauce
Carrots
Peas
Hot Rolls-Butter
Fruit Cocktail
Milk



REJOICE

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

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HSL Taylor Co.

Bronte

Icorinthians 13:6

Rejoice in the truth
R for peace

Dr. Terry Pulse
Jerry McCutchen

Willie Hibbs
Sharon Kelton

Luckett services held

Mrs. Mattie Mae Luckett, 83, died at 9:12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1985 in the West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee.

Services were held Friday at 2 p.m. in First United Methodist Church of Bronte, with the Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor, and the Rev. R.W. Blackmon, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Luckett was born May 22, 1902, in Angelina County, and was married to George Dewey Luckett Nov. 24, 1921 in Frankston. They moved to West Texas in 1924 and to Bronte in 1945. He

preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1984. She was a Methodist and a homemaker and had been a resident of the Bronte Nursing Home since August 1984.

Survivors include three sons, Dewey Luckett and Billy Joe Luckett of Bronte, and James Dale Luckett of Amarillo; three daughters, Joy McDaniel of San Angelo, and Helen Murtishaw, and Pat Oglesby of Bronte; a brother, W.F. Collins of Cisco; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were LeDrew Arrott, Royce Dean Clark, Ben Hambright, Bill Thomas, Bobby Vaughn, all of Bronte, and Jesse Eads Jr. of Robert Lee.

Lee rites told

Mrs. Renza (Bernice) Lee, 92, went to be with the Lord at 5:30 a.m. Friday at the West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Bronte, with the Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor of the Methodist Church in Bronte, and the Rev. R.W. Blackmon, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery, directed by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lee was born Oct. 8, 1893, in Travis County and came to Maverick in Runnels County in November 1901, with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Little. She was married on May 21, 1916, to Renza Lee at the home of her parents. They continued to live in the Maverick Community. She was a member of the Bronte United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Renza Lee of Bronte; two sons and daughters-in-laws, Clyde and Bobbie Lee and Royce and Betty Lee, all of Bronte; two daughters and one son-in-law, Dorothy and Earl Nutter and Margaret Martin, all of Bronte; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Lee of Norton, widow of one son, Joe B. Lee; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers, Gary Martin, Royce Lee Jr., Ronnie Lee, Craig Lee, Billy Ren Lee and Turner Lee.

Bronte Seniors to sponsor singing

There will be an old-fashioned singing at the Senior Citizens Center in Bronte Dec. 29, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and urged to attend.

Fall is a beautiful season in many ways and it's the time of the year when you can add to the beauty of your own little "piece of nature".

Fall is easily the most ideal planting season for most ground covers, vines, shrubs and trees.

The most critical aspect of any transplant effort is for the plant to re-establish an effective system of feeder roots before it's subjected to severe stress. By planting in the fall, new plants have several cool, leisurely months during which to proliferate new feeder roots before the rigors of summer heat and drought set in.

In fact, research indicates that planting now will give plants almost a full growing season advantage over planting next spring. Furthermore, fall planted materials will have enough feeder root development by spring to be able to effectively use an early spring application of fertilizer for even faster growth.

Fall is also a good time to purchase landscape plants because individual specimens can be rated on the clarity and brilliance of their fall colors.

Finally, nursery and garden center personnel usually have more time now to answer questions and help with specific landscape concerns than during the spring rush.

To get your landscaping project off to a good start, select some authoritative books on do-it-yourself home landscaping. Most homeowners don't realize how large many trees and shrubs can get and, as a result, they plant too many, too close together and thus dwarf the

Fall is ideal for planting

house.

Next, choose tough, low-maintenance, pest-resistant plants that are adapted to local environment conditions.

Smart homeowners will avoid poorly-adapted, troublesome or pest ridden plants so common on today's marketplace. Arizona ash, sycamore, cottonwood, poplar, umbrella tree or china-berry, silver maple, tree-of-heaven, arborvitae and eunymus fall into this category.

When planting, dig gene-

rous holes, backfill with an open, well-drained growing mix, and mulch the soil surface with 6-8 inches of dry grass clippings, leaves, straw or other organic material to moderate soil temperature. Water regularly throughout the fall and winter.

To make your landscaping venture a smashing success, remember three things: enlightened planning, proper plant selection and lots of tender loving care.

The family of

Ethel (Ganny) Green

invite you to join them

in celebrating her

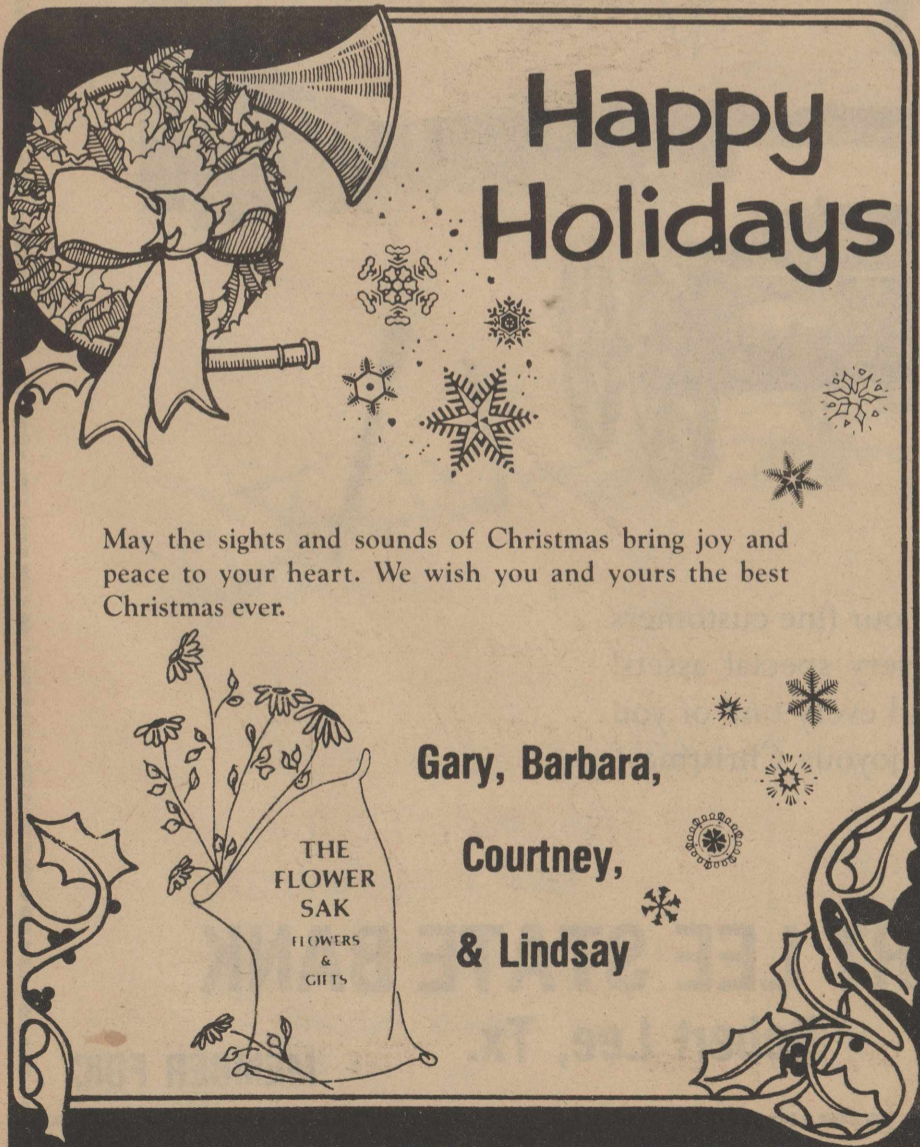
87th birthday Saturday,

December 21, 1985

2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

Old Recreation Hall

No gifts, please.



Happy Holidays

May the sights and sounds of Christmas bring joy and peace to your heart. We wish you and yours the best Christmas ever.

Gary, Barbara,
Courtney,
& Lindsay

THE FLOWER SAK
FLOWERS & GIFTS



Peace

May His word inspire you at Christmas and in the days to come.
Joy to all.

Officers, Directors and
Employees of

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF BRONTE**

MEMBER FDIC

"Dining Room" to play at Colorado City

"The Dining Room", the latest production of the Colorado City Playhouse, will start a five-night run on Tuesday, December 17 at the Opera House.

Directed by Carl Moore and written by A.R. Gurney Jr., "The Dining Room" deals with the decline of the use of the dining room in today's society.

The author questions both the good and bad aspects of the use of the dining room and studies why we have stopped using it," said Moore, adding that the play is a combination of 19 different scenes.

"The Dining Room" is a plotless play, explains Moore, with the "one connective tissue being that the scenes all take place in a dining room."

The play has a cast of six actors who each play a minimum of 10 different characters.

The cast includes Joe She-rill, Tracy Womack, Lonnie Reynolds, Gwen Wistrand, Debbie Goforth and Karan Johns.

Bill White is in charge of sets and costumes while Genevive Moore has been rehearsal prompter.

"The play is very, very

funny and sometimes very, very sad and very thought provoking," explains Moore.

"The whole atmosphere is fun and enjoyment. "The Dining Room" is a perfect play to put on in the middle of the holiday season."

He adds that the play is an experimental show, "the kind of theater we have not had at the Playhouse very much."

"The scenes are not clear-cut," he explains. "One scene ends as another begins-they all interwind."

Performances will be nightly Tues., Dec. 17 through Sat., Dec. 21. Cur-

tain time is 8 p.m. nightly.

The box office opened Dec. 12 at 1-5 p.m. Tickets

are \$5 each. Thursday, Dec. 19 is senior citizen's night and all senior citizens will be admitted at half price, \$2.50.

Books awarded in contest

During National Children's Book Week, Elementary Librarian Charlotte Tounget held a contest for the children of Bronte Elementary. The children were given an award for estimating the number of pages in selected

books. Also, an award was given to the child who guessed closest to the correct number of books found in the Elementary Library.

Winners for the number of pages in the books were: Kindergarten, Jeffery Gladden; First, Shea Kelton; Second, Michael Longoria; Third, Jerrod Gladden; Fourth, Mandy Johnson; Fifth, Shane Boyd and Sixth, Luke Robbins. Jay Parker was the winner in guessing the total number of books in the Library. Each child who won was presented with a book to keep.

DPS officer warns of winter driving

Major Dudley Thomas, commander of the Department of Public Safety's West Texas region said, "Winter driving is more hazardous than most people realize. There are more hours of darkness, often less visibility, and sometimes freezing temperatures with ice, sleet or snow. These are real challenges for drivers and test a person's ability to drive."

"Safe winter driving, when it's all said and done, is largely the application of common sense to some basic driving facts," Thomas said. Drivers must be able to see all around their vehicle to drive safely. Make sure all ice and snow is removed from all windows. Don't be a "peep hole" driver. Keep windows from fogging by using the defroster. If necessary, stop every once in a while and knock ice or snow off of wiper blades to keep windshield clear.

Too much speed on slippery roads is the mistake that breeds the most trouble. Adjust your driving habits to fit the weather conditions. Trips on icy roads are going to take longer. Face the

facts, don't be in a hurry. If the road is covered with ice or snow, start your vehicle moving slowly and gently. When stopping, apply the brakes lightly, much earlier than usual. When turning, slow your speed and turn smoothly.

Major Thomas advised a driver should not use a cruise control when driving on ice or snow. He explained a driver does not have posi-

tive control of the vehicle when a cruise control is used under adverse conditions.

In the event of a skid, steering is the best correction; stay off the brakes and steer in the direction the rear axle went. Good tire treads are a must to help prevent skidding.

"To have safe winter driving, take it easy, make smooth movements and slow down," Major Thomas said.

Millicans host neighbors

Gladys and Dalton Millican were hosts to a neighborly get together in their home south of Silver on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Refreshments and Christmas goodies were served to those attending: Evia Jo and Bunyon Millican, Brent, Tiffany, Barbara

and Larry Jameson, Doug and Debbie Wilkes, Jeff Cole, Ruth Wilkes, Raymond and Gertrude Bloodworth, Clayton and Pansy Bloodworth, Allen and Frances Bloodworth, and J.P. and Marie Jameson.

Gifts were exchanged and a good time was had by all.

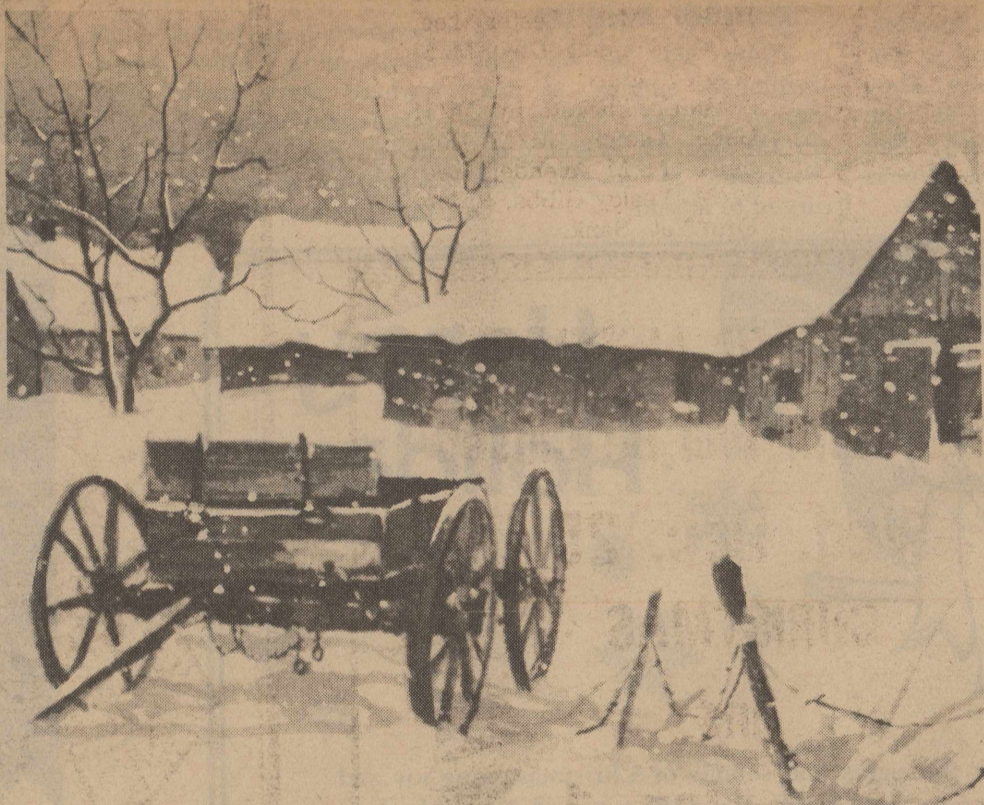


Peace, love and happiness to everyone this glorious season!

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Season's Greetings



We count all our fine customers among our very special assets! May each and every one of you have a most joyous Christmas!

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Mr. and Mrs. Craig Pearson of Dallas are the proud parents of a new daughter, Chelsea Eaves Pearson, born Dec. 13, 1985 at 2:50 a.m. Chelsea weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20½ inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearson, Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaves, McCamey, Tx. and great-grandfather, Robert P. Amacker of San Angelo.

Kaysie Renee Mitchell is the new daughter of James and Suzette (Tips) Mitchell of Alvin. She was born at Mainland Hospital in Texas City, Tuesday, December 17 at 10:25 a.m. Kaysie weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Shirley Tipps of Bronte and Alvin Tipps of Alvin.

Paternal grandparents are Betty Hayes of Coleman and Jimmy Mitchell of Abilene.

Maternal great-grandparents are Leon and Georgia Rogers of Waco and Ethel Tipps of McGregor. Great-great-grandmother is Iva Rogers of Waco.

Paternal great-grandparents are Lula Mae Mitchell of Coleman and Charlie Cones of Cross Plains.



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Nursing Home sets party

The 1985 Christmas party for the residents of the Bronte Nursing Home will be Friday, Dec. 20 starting at 6:00 p.m. with a covered dish supper.

Santa Claus and the tree will follow supper.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Editor's Note: The following poem was written and contributed by the daughter of an employee of the Bronte Nursing Home.]

REMEMBER US

As the holiday season rolls around,

Joy is in the air;

But some people are all alone.

Holiday joy doesn't travel there.

Ambulance Service sets practice

The East Coke County Ambulance Service will have an important practice session at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m. January 6. Their regular monthly meeting will be on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall. All members should take note of these dates and plan to be present.

Memorials or donations to the ambulance service may be mailed to Box 357, Bronte, Tx. 76933. The service announced the following contributions:

Donation: M/M Carroll Robbins.

Memorials:

Bernice Lee by M/M Gene Glenn, M/M Ron Sims, Zola Hatley, Mrs. Lester Lee, M/M Wendell Lee, M/M Wesley Gibbs.

Mattie Luckett by M/M Gene Glenn, M/M Ron Sims, M/M Wendell Lee, M/M Wesley Gibbs, Bronte First Nat. Bank.

Charities are filled with donations.

That's wonderful, don't get me wrong.

But donations are needed of a different kind

For those who have waited long.

Here in Bronte we have a "home"

That needs donations as the holidays near.

A place of elderly who patiently hope

That Christmas will be joyful this year.

An invitation of your help is expressed throughout the poem. So around the holiday season, remember the Nursing Home.

By Rebecca Wilcox



Stewart performs in ballet

Homer Stewart, band director of the Bronte school bands and a member of the San Angelo Symphony, performed as a member of the San Angelo Civic Ballet Orchestra during the third annual presentation of the Nutcracker ballet.

Attending the Sunday matinee were Bronte Sosis Study Club members Mary Frances Glenn, Ann Hamil-

ton, Pat Oglesby and Betty Lee. Also, Royce Lee and the Lee's twin granddaughters, Amy and Michelle Cantrell.

Joyous Noel

Jolly greetings to all! We hope your holidays are filled with laughter and good feelings.

GINGHAM DINER

Dorothy Putman & Employees

Happy Holidays

A Christmas that sparkles, a Christmas where every child's wish comes true — a fairytale Christmas is our warm wishes for you.

We at the

CRACKER BARREL RESTAURANT

wish all our customers and friends a very Merry Christmas

Tradition of sending cards

One of the most cherished traditions of the Christmas season is that of sending greetings to friends and family — yet Christmas cards did not become popular in the United States until the latter part of the 1800s.

A German immigrant named Louis Prang produced the first Christmas cards in this country in 1874. Prior to then, Christmas cards were known primarily in Europe. They were already an accepted custom in England, where the very first Christmas card had been created.

The English artist John Horsley designed the first card in 1843 at the request of Sir Henry Cole. The illustration on the card depicted a family celebrating the season and bore the message, "A merry Christmas and a happy new year to you." Side panels depicted the poor receiving gifts of charity.

This design was eventually lithographed, hand-colored and sold for a shilling a copy. Not more than 1000 copies of the first Christmas card were sold.

The second Christmas card was not designed until 1848, by W.M. Egley. In England, at that time, the custom was to write to friends and family during the holidays, exchanging good wishes. There were sheets of writing paper decorated with Christmas motifs available for such messages. But, these handwritten letters took a great deal of time. In fact, it was the desire to save time that prompted Sir Henry Cole to have a Christmas card made up for his holiday correspondence.

Thus, by the year when Louis Prang designed the first American card, the English mails were already flooded with cards at Christmas time.

Prang sent his first cards to England, but the following year he began to produce them for domestic consumption. His enterprise coincided with the postal service's policy of delivering free mail in large cities, encouraging Americans to purchase the new, beautifully printed cards.

Prang's cards reflected the tastes of the Victorian

times. Fanciful animals, cherubs, flowers and romanticized children were popular subjects for his cards. Oddly enough, the cards seldom reflected religious sentiments.

Today, Prang would doubtless be amazed at the great variety of cards available. From the deeply religious scenes of the Madonna and Child, to the playful antics of Santa, the correspondent of today has a wide choice of subjects conveying his greetings.

There is also another significant change from Prang's time — the postal service no longer delivers these cards free of charge!

However, today's cards convey the same message as those of Prang's Day — "Merry Christmas!"



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. I like school. I want a Cabbage Patch doll and a Cabbage Patch book - Rainbow Bright.

Heather Nichols

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a three wheeler I want a bike.

I am 7 years old.

Merry Christmas
Merry Christmas. I want a play gun.

Thank you.
Jennifer Scott

Dear Santa Claus,
I Love You, Santa Claus I want a a bike and a train. I want a hard Cabbage Patch and a horse. I want a Care Bear.

I Love You Santa Claus
Heather Ybarra

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. I want a Glow-Worm and a Cabbage Patch, a Barbie doll cabbage Patch with a horse.

Paula Wolfe

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. I like school. I want a Cabbage Patch book. I want a hard Cabbage Patch kid on a horse.

Kannan Millican

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Foot and a remote control car.

Jerrod Pitcock, 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Transformer and a play train and some race trucks - maybe one or two.

Danny Calder

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote control 4-wheeler. I want a baseball.

I Love You,
Jody York

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun and a Transformer Jet Fire and a Robot and a remote control car.

Korey Pitcock, 7

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Transformer Jet Fire a Racing car, motorcycle, and a big truck.

Bobby Longoria, 6

Dear Santa Claus,
Give me a bow please. Give me a gun.

I am good. Give me a football.

Stanley Pendleton

Santa Claus,
I want soundwave and his bird, Buzzsaw. Santa Claus please I have been wanting im but I don't have him.

Thank you,
Lance Shandley

Dear Santa Claus,
I wot The Gobots and bbs. I want a remote control car.

Courtney Smith

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Customs and origins of the Christmas tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging!
 The words of this beloved carol call to mind one of our favorite symbols of the holiday season — the Christmas tree.

Where did it come from? Why is it associated with the birth of Christ? For the answers, one possibly has to go back to mythological times. Norse mythology had its Yggdrasil ash and the early Greeks had Dodona's oak. In Greece, it was an old custom to wreath a pole with myrtle, olive and orange leaves. The Circassians would carry a young pear tree into the house, where it was covered with candles.

Later on, it became the custom to bring small potted cherry or hawthorn trees into the house, for blooming at Christmas or the New Year.

Before the 17th century, large decorated "paradise" trees were carried around in Germany, or used in paradise plays. In these plays, a fir tree hung with apples was used to represent the Garden of Eden.

Later on, pyramidal erections of wood, decorated with candles and fruit were often carried from house to house. Re-

searchers conjecture that these pyramids were possible substitutes for trees. The first decorated trees in the home began to appear in Alsace in 1605. At first only apples, cookies and treats were used to trim these new paradise trees, symbolizing the sweet fruit of redemption. Martin Luther is thought to have added candles to the trees for the first time.

By Victorian times, the tradition of the Christmas tree was firmly established in Germany. When Prince Albert became consort to Queen Victoria, he introduced the Christmas tree to England. By then, it was adorned with candles, gilded nuts and fruits and gingerbread. These goodies would remain on the tree until it was dismantled after Twelfth Night, at which time they were gleefully eaten by the children.

The Christmas tree was introduced to America by German immigrants during the 1800s. Homemade decorations such as popcorn and cranberries added an American touch to the tree, which quickly became popular in this country.

Today, electric lights have replaced the old-fashioned and unsafe candles, and there are no

end of beautiful ornaments with which to trim the tree. Christmas trees can be found in homes throughout the country during the holidays, and in public places as well. The lighting of the Christmas trees at Rockefeller Center in New York City and at the White

House are among the spectacular displays enjoyed each Christmas.

The Christmas tree can be found in many parts of the world as a symbol of the season. It has journeyed from legends of the past to become a sign of redemption for all.



Holiday Hints

There's good news this holiday season for everyone who tends to overindulge in high calorie treats then pay the price come later. It is possible to enjoy the holidays and the treats that make them special and still stay fit.

- Invent fun, family activities that involve exercise. Get the gang together for a brisk 30-minute walk or plan a neighborhood ice skating party. Aerobic activity (that which increases your heart rate) actually helps your body burn calories faster so a little exercise before that big holiday meal is a great idea.

- Don't sacrifice. Substitute treats containing Nutra-Sweet Brand Sweetener for those high calorie goodies. Try this for starters: line a parfait glass with thin wafer cookies and top with sugar-free instant chocolate pudding.

- Start your own holiday traditions. In place of the old family egg nog recipe, substitute a lower calorie beverage. Try sugar-free hot cocoa spiced with vanilla or almond extract. Crown it with low-calorie whipped topping.

- Take a break between



A little exercise before the big holiday meal may help your body burn calories faster.

courses to give your stomach time to signal to your brain that you're full. You'll eat less and avoid that "too full" feeling.

- Instead of heading for the sugar-laden desserts after each holiday meal, try satisfying your sweet tooth with a flavored instant coffee beverage spiced with a cinnamon stick or sprig of fresh mint.

- One way to avoid over-indulging in high-calorie foods is to fill up on more nutritious ones before hand. Start off your holiday meal with a small multi-grain roll and garden salad topped with low-calorie dressing.

In short, it's not that difficult to stay fit during the holidays. In fact, it can be fun!



"A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("Twas the night before Christmas...") was written by Clement Moore in 1822 as a Christmas gift to his children.

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

A wish that your Christmas blooms with happiness, love and caring!

Jerry Thomason

Best Wishes

To wish you holiday greetings, filled with special joys!

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Peace

In the spirit of the season, we wish all our good friends a very Merry Christmas.

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Maurine, Ruby, and Phelan

Warm Wishes

Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;
 When good friends get together,
 Love and peace will abide.
 It's Christmas!

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Howard and Maxine

Reading program slated

The Bronte Elementary School is participating in the Texas Bluebonnet Award Reading Program. Each year, a selected group of school librarians choose twenty books they feel are outstanding in the field of children's literature. This list is then made available to school librarians in Texas who then have the option of registering their school to participate in the program.

The books are then made available in the school library and students are encouraged to read them and vote for the ones they liked best. In order to vote, each student must read at least five of the books. Voting will take

place in January.

On Dec. 11, Mrs. Charlotte Tounget, Elementary Librarian, gave a slide presentation to the children in grades three through six. The slides were used to present information about each book so that the children could make a choice of the books that they wanted to begin reading. Each child who reads five or more books will be presented with a special Bluebonnet Award certificate. Through activities like this, the elementary school hopes to encourage children to read and to help them develop a pleasure in reading.

Signs must be registered

Any owner of an off-premise advertising sign along a road or highway outside any incorporated city or town has until December 30, 1985 to register or remove the sign. An off-premise sign is a sign which advertised a service or product not principally sold on the premises where the sign is located.

The new state law assigns the responsibility for regulation of advertising signs to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT).

The law also requires that all signs both on-premise and off-premise erected after Sept. 1, 1985 must have a permit issued by the Department.

Anyone who is in doubt about whether their sign is required to be registered should contact the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation

Office before Dec. 30, 1985. Registration forms are available in the San Angelo District Office located at Loop 306 and Knickerbocker Road. The telephone number is :915; 944-1501, Extension 244.

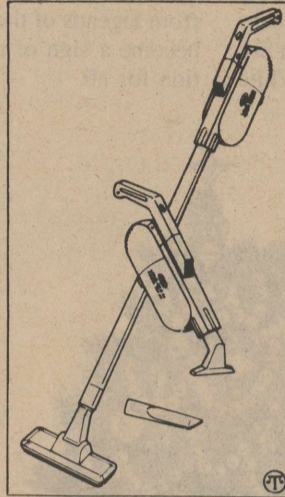
SEASONS GREETINGS

Royal holiday

Contemporary accounts of London in 1398 tell of the daily festivities during the Christmas holidays, which included joustings and "running at the tilt." The crowds were so great that each day 26 oxen, 300 sheep, and fowl without number were cooked.

Holiday Hints

Get set for the crowds that can drop in during the holiday season! Here are some hints that may help:



A light touch for holiday cleaning: an electric broom can often be used instead of a vacuum cleaner.

- Sparkling mirrors: Clean them with water mixed with rubbing alcohol and laundry soap.
 - Sometimes electric brooms can be more convenient than vacuum cleaners. Weighing only 3.3 pounds, the Dazey Corporation's Vac-Man Power Broom, is two appliances in one. Remove the two extension wands and the broom converts to a hand vacuum. Use the floor tool, upholstery attachment and crevice tool for specialty areas. The five year limited warranty makes it a no-risk purchase.
 - Shiny bathroom tiles: dip a chamois cloth into warm water, squeeze it dry and clean small areas at a time.
- Keeping these tricks in mind can help you keep your house in hand and so have the heart to enjoy holiday visits more.

Seale hosts club members

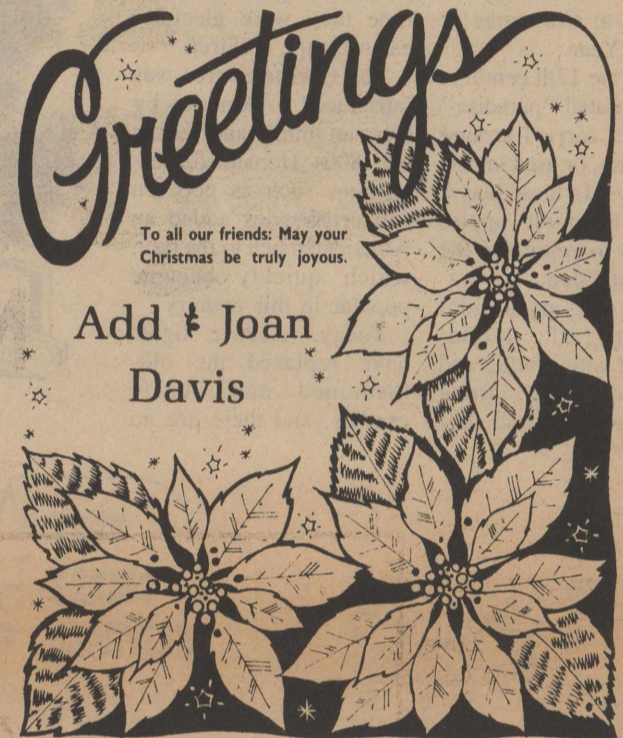
The Omega Coterie Club of Blackwell had their monthly meeting Dec. 11 in the Oak Creek home of Laura Seale, with Bea Murray as co-hostess. The business meeting was presided over by Brinda Fulton, president.

Santa Claus favors were made and Christmas cards signed for the Bronte Nursing Home. A cookbook was discussed and a committee appointed to start one. Thank you notes were read for the donation to the Abilene State School and from the Bronte Nursing Home for Thanksgiving favors.

Gifts were exchanged with our Secret Pals. A Christmas luncheon was enjoyed by Ruby Patterson, Verla Smith, Shirley Walston, Bert

Smith, Marie Wheat, Brinda Fulton, Betty Totzke, Mildred Woods, Marie Romine, Emma Lee Lanier, Lilly Walters, Luvane Akins, Margaret Stout. Also two guests Esther Smith and Noba Ware and the above hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Marie Romine, January 8.



Blessings

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. For Christmas, I want a new Jambox and a fur coat. Then I want a basketball.

Sincerely,
Larisa Rozzle

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, and a hamster, and a pair of boots.

Your friend,
Kelly Clayton

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Santa? How is Rudolf? Please can I have a Charm necklace? And a Cousin Care Bear? Can I have a Cabbage Patch doll? Can I please have a Jam Box.

Love,
Angela Ibarra
P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you get hear soon. I want a basketball, bike, and a Jambox.

Love,
Jonathan Torres
P.S. I like you Santa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good all year. I'm in second grade and I'm seven and I'm good.

I want a four wheeler.
Love,
Denny Bohannon

Dear Santa Claus,
I am having a good time. Are you? For Christmas I want a Cabbage Patch doll and a Babybrite and a baby cheer Bear.

Love,
Gina Luna

Dear Santa Claus,
Could you get me a Barbie dollhouse?

I am in the second grade and I am seven years old.
Merry Christmas.
Merry Christmas.

Love,
Heather Millican

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I am seven. I have a bunch of friends. One of them is Casey. I would like for you to bring me some things this year. I would like a GI Joe aircraft carrier.

Happy Christmas.
Love, Aaron Hood

Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old. I want a puppy Brite, Rainbow Brite, Baby Brite.

I am in the Second Grade.
Love,
Dona Bell

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have this? It is a GI Joe air craft carrier and a Big Foot and a My Buddy.

I am seven and in second grade.
Love,
Larry Dan Welch

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you bring me what I want? If you can, a four wheeler and some of the Dinobots, and Big foot.

Love, Santa Claus
Daryl Calder

Dear Santa,
I am in Second grade and I am eight year old and Love you Santa Claus. If you can, bring me a Cabbage Patch doll and something for my mom and something for my dad and something for my brother.

I Love you Santa,
Jessica Loza

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old and I'm in second grade. I've tried to be good this year. If you could get me these things I would really appreciate it. I would like the transformers Omega Supreme and Jetfire. And also

a baseball glove.
Love, Jason Key

Dear Santa,
I've been as good as possible for an active little boy and would like to have some toys under my pretty Christmas tree. Please bring a three-wheeler (I'll probably need a helmet, too!), a robot and some transformers. Be good to all the little boys and girls.

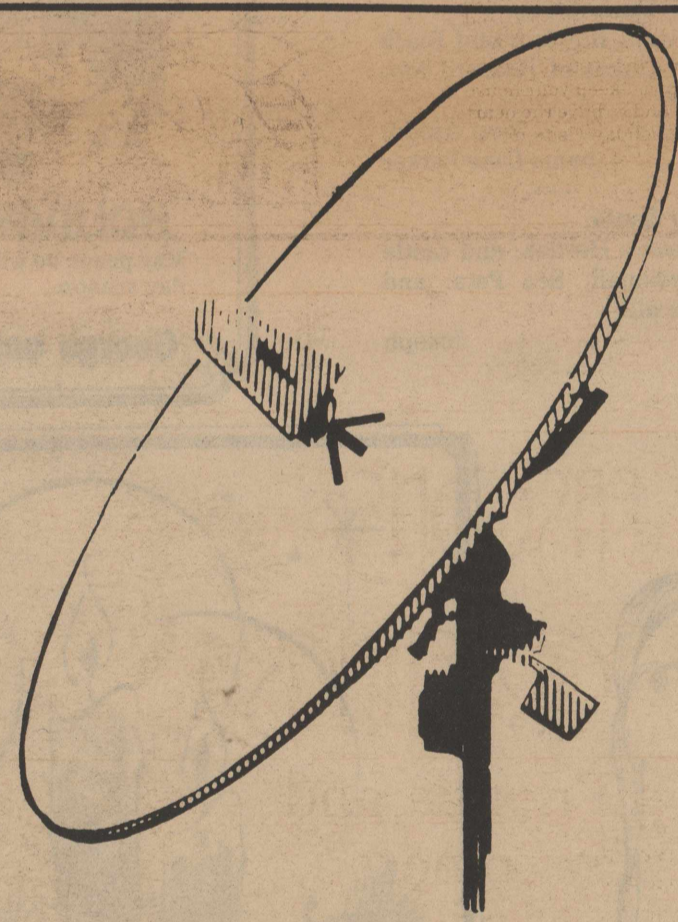
Love,
Brandon Gibbs



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want two little Car Bears.
I want a tricycle for my sister and a bike for me.
Brandi Jo Brosh

Dear Santa,
1. Hot Wheels
2. Legos
3. Bike
4. Records
5. Four Wheeler
6. Two ABC puzzles sisters.
7. Games
8. V.C.R.
9. Walt Disney Books.
10. Computer
Jerrod Copeland

Dear Santa,
I want Grumby Bear and Lincoln Logs and a race car and a pickup and four wheel-er and book.
Mike Pentecost

Dear Santa,
Hug-a-bunch, Cabbage patch premee, three wheel-er, and Rings and neklaces, baby.
Rachel Shook

Dear Santa,
I want two Cear Bear Cousins and two games. I want one Love-A-Lot Bear and a bike. I want a tape player and a tape.
Thank you
Jennifer Ann Tinkler

Dear Santa,
Please send me a lite bright and a dress. Also a glow worm, hug-a-bunch and a care Bear P.K's.
from, Sabrina Cowart

Dear Santa,
This year I want a puppy because my dogs ran away you probably know that. I also want a play army 45. And my brother Aaron wants Otmus prim. My other brother Wes wants a real pick up. Wood you get my mom and dad some clothes?

Thank you
Merry Christmas
P.S. Please send Kim a necklae.
from,
Eric Devin Hood

Dear Santa,
What I want is gun with a army helmet and a maching gun and sun shades. Also a army suit.
And things that are not in army like V.C.R. and a T.V. I want real black boots and a four wheeler.
Please bye Thak you
from, Robert Dan Smith

Dear Santa,
I miss you. I hope you come soon. I like your rein-deer.
from,
Jesse Arellano

Dear Santa,
I wood like a Voltron Oktmesprim telescope Mask and Big foot. I want a diary and super gobots. I want a Roboteers. Wheel Jack, Hel-met, Joger Soot, bumbl bee and a drt bock is black and a astrotrain. So I ges that is all. This yer.
Thank you.
from, T.J.

Dear Santa,
I want a Pound Puppy. And I want a Cookie make it and bake it. And I want a Cookie make it and bake it. And I want a make it and bake it.
from,
Katrina Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want some Care Bears. I want a reindeer. I want a flag, playhouse, and a pant suit, and Upsy Baby.
from,
Amanda Sanders

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy in second grade. I wish I had a Dinobot and a Gobots and a four wheeler and a big foot and a Gi Joe aircraft carrier and mi buddy. and my name is Eric. I play te ball and football.
Love Santa,
Eric

Dear Santa,
I have been good thise year. I want Upsy Baby and Baby Brite and a Care Bear. I love you Santa.
from Krystal Carver
Love you.

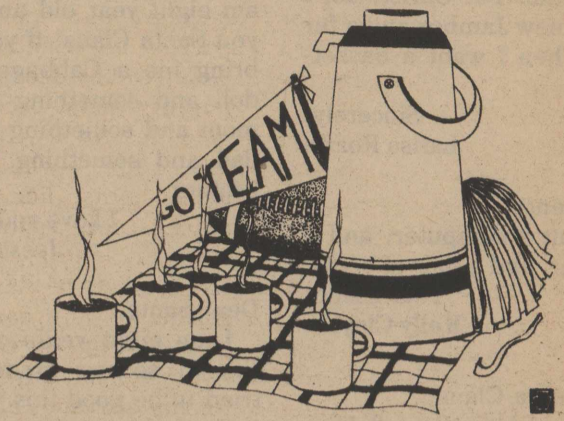
Dear Santa,
Come to our house again. I want a Mr. T and He-Man. Mr. T. wants a truck to get in. We would use a dog. We want a deer. I want a fast car and a hat and robot.
I love Santa and all the kids.
Matt Anderson, age 9

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dog. And a lion and a real one too and I want a model of a ship. A car that goes with out a cord. And the most thing I want is a toy ghost.
your frind
Michael

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Big foot and Black Gold Dukes of Hazzard Model.
Your friend,
name Lane Parker

Dear Santa,
I wat a Herdak. and castle Grayskulall. Sea Pets. and thats all.
Joseph

BEVERAGES TO KICK-OFF THE TAILGATE



Not simply a parking lot barbecue, "tailgating" has become an experience in alfresco dining — complete with great food, beverages and convivial friends!
To "get the chill out" at the stadium, kick off the celebration with some tea-rific hot, spiced beverages. Just start with convenient Lipton Lemon Flavored Iced Tea Mix and create these delicious totable tea warmers in an instant!

- RUSSIAN TEA**
1 cup Lipton® Lemon Flavored Iced Tea Mix
1/2 cup orange-flavored instant breakfast drink powder
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
Combine all ingredients; store in airtight container. Makes about 1-1/2 cups mixture.
By the pot: In teapot, pour 4 cups boiling water over 1/4 cup mixture.
By the cup: In cup, pour boiling water over 2 teaspoons mixture.
- BERRY TEA WARM-UP**
4 cups water
2 cups cranberry juice cocktail
2 cinnamon sticks, broken
4 whole cloves
1/3 cup Lipton® Lemon Flavored Iced Tea Mix
In large saucepan, combine all ingredients; bring to the boiling point. Pour into 2-quart thermos or insulated container. Makes about 6 servings.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
May peace be with you this joyous holiday season.
George and Mavis Newby

We hope this joyous time will bring to you all the goodness of Yuletide.

Bill, Audrey, Chad and Jodee Helwig

Happy Holidays
Greetings of the season to our many good friends! We hope your Christmas is bright with love and joy.
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like a Transformer a Dinobot a Toy Robot a Train Set and for Sef I would like her to have a cabbage patch Kid. By the way How is Rodolph

Love
Michael

Dear Santa

I would like some paint bottols, a He-Man set that has all the men and a Desk, and an ATC, a new bed, Jingle bell stuff, and Kermit costume, and snow. Three Little pigs house with the pigs, a santa claus paint book, a He-man Paint book, Rodolph and an electric santa sleigh with reindeers, a chalk board with chalk a computer with bottons, and talks to you and takes you to a haunted house.

For my brother I would like a bunch of books a Toy christmas tree that is electric and you have push a bottan to turn on the lights. a bunch of cars a color book.

For me I want some Herm-itrabs a cow calender Two big Robots a big Christmas Tree Two bottles of glue some colors.

Love
James

all and goal, rainbow, lots of money, he-man lunch box, lights, water, ro-bot bear, necklace with charms, back pack, 4 boy Cabbage Patch Kids, ro-bot deer, 3 pound puppies, paint brush, paint, gold (lots of it), desk, hat, kite, little 4-wheel driver, bells, horns, lion like He-mans, seal, roller skates, flowers, chair, suit like Santa's, lots of masks, monkey bars, swing, sandbox, all He-man stuff in the world, flying animal, airplane, pilot for his airplane, and saddle and bridle.

Love,
J.C.

Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a firetruck, logator, dumptruck, bicycle, He-man stuff, puzzle, jingle bells.

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Dear Santa,

I've been good and cleaned up. I want a new coat. He-man, Turbo, some puzzles, a tape recorder a real pet. some new clothes, a baseball, a stuffed reindeer, a real firetruck, and a bike.

Love,
Scotty

Dear Santa,

I want a He-man I want a bike and a baseball glove. And I want a truck and Santa If you can get me a robot Santa I also want a puzzle and a plane and wants a Castle of Greskull.

??
(Only Santa knows who?)

Dear Santa,

little swimming pool for me and my sister little dining room set with kitty cat in it lunch box.

Melinie

Dear Santa,

I want an upsy baby. I love you Santa. I love Rudolf. I also want a Big swimming pool. I want a Big trampoline.

Love
Charity

Dear Santa,

I would like a transformer and a black jacket. And I want a boke. And Santa Clause I want a swimming pool in my back yard.

Daniel

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a Cabbage Patch, I also want a pound puppy and I really want a santa Clause.

Jennifer

I love you. I want a cabbage Patch Kid. I like to play with my puppy. I want a girl.

Teddy Ruxpin

More and more good cooks are turning to classic American pecan pie as a favorite dessert. The one below is not only easy to make, but easy to remember. Three eggs and then one of everything else. It's a recipe you'll never be without.

PECAN PIE

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 3 eggs | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 cup Karo light or dark corn syrup | 1 cup pecans |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 unbaked (9-inch) pastry shell |
| 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted | |

With fork slightly beat eggs, add corn syrup, sugar, butter or margarine, and vanilla; stir until well blended. Stir in pecans. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in 350°F oven 50 to 60 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean. Cool. Makes 1 (9-inch) pie.



Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like He-man, Skeletore, Snake Mountain, Castle Greyskull, Grindjure, swimming pool, Go-Bots, T.V., radio, transformers, Moss Man, puppy dog, candy, reindeer, clothes, clay, a real pony, cow, robot Santa Clause, chalkboard, colored chalk, drums, crabs, fishing pole, bee-bee gun, shot gun, sports car, lots of little cars, calendar, crayons, three little pigs, little Christmas, Tree, catcher's mitt, baseball bat, baseball, basketb-



All happiness of the season be with you and yours this best of times... Christmas!

Finis, Sue, Sue Ann and Jennifer Millican



To all our friends and patrons, we wish you a hearty and bountiful holiday season, with generous portions of happiness served up to all!

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a real gun and that's all.
Your friend,
Lorenz Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I hope you can make it this year. For Christmas I would like. A Electric station. All the gobots, and ale the transformers, and snake. mountain and castle of gray-skull and a model car, and a battery operated tractor. and constriction vehicles, and the masters of the universe.
Love,
Randy Bradford

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a fur coat, and a travel cabbage patch kid
Love,
Angelia White

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some mask vehicles and a aircraft carrier, and a G.I. Joe.
Love,
Devlin Pierce

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm just fine. If you're hungry there is some food in the icebox and if you want to you can let the elves and reindeer eat some food. I would like a She-ra doll and a Koosa, and Crystal Castle. And I want a ring with my birth stone.
Love,
Micah Arrott

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. What I would like for Christmas is a Barbie set, basket ball, and clothes that fit. How is your wife? How are all the reindeer? How is Rudolf?
Love,
Stacy Wheeler

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine. I hope I can see you sometime. What I want is a Dart Board and a Transformer. I also want a Big Foot.
Sincerely,
Wayne Hayes

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? How is Rudolf? We are going to have a Christmas concert. I want to see me on Christmas.
I want a basketball, Care Bear, and a desk.
Love,
Kris Hall

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Momma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher, now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

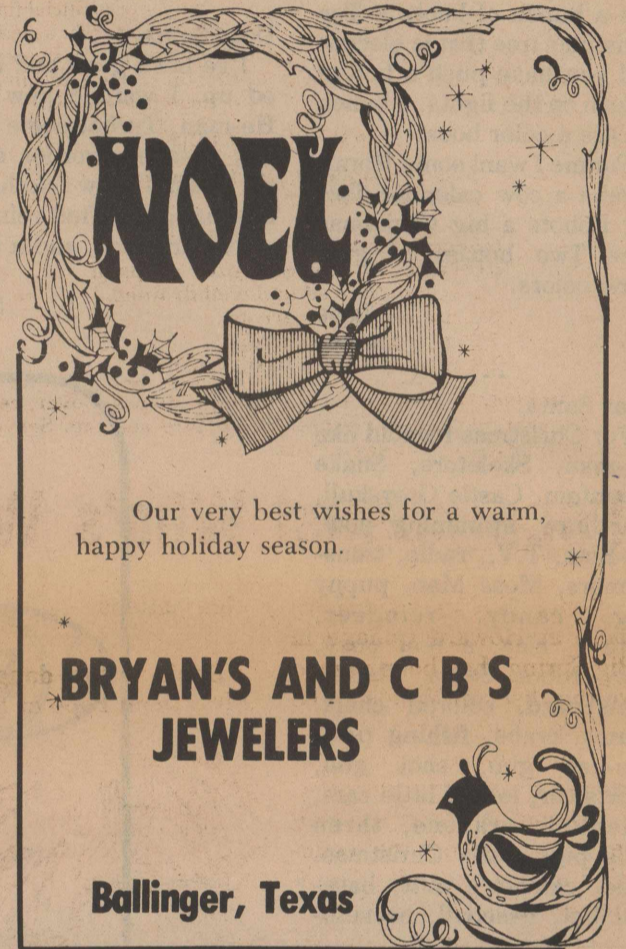
His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stub of a pipe he held tight to his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all...and to all a goodnight!"



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Italian Broccoli Dip For Last Minute Guests



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Thank goodness you thought ahead! With a pouch of new Campbell's dry onion soup and recipe mix on hand, you

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ITALIAN BROCCOLI DIP

- 1 pouch Campbell's Dry Onion Soup and Recipe Mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed and well drained
- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed

In medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Cover; refrigerate 2 hours or more. Stir before serving. Serve with crackers. Makes 3 cups.

Pope named Who's Who

Denia J. Pope, a sophomore at Howard College in Big Spring, has been named to the list of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, announced Dr. Bob Riley, president.

"Denia has been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders," said Riley. "She was nominated on her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and future potential".

Miss Pope joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several for-

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Denia is the daughter of Mrs Dean Pope of Bronte.



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T. F. Sims anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Sims were honored with a family dinner in San Angelo on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosts were the couple's son and wife, Glenn and Lavonne Sims, also their two grandsons, Shaughn and Lance Sims; and Royce and Modelle Hayley.

T.F. (Tuffy) Sims and the former Pauline Glenn were

married December 14, 1935 in the Bronte First Baptist Parsonage. They have been lifelong residents of Bronte where they were engaged in

the grocery business and ranching. Mr. Sims is a director of the First Nat. Bank. They are active members of the First Baptist Church where Mr. Sims is a deacon.

Christmas Quotes

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.

— Sir Walter Scott

Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys
The Christmas log to the firing,

While my good dame,
she bids ye all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.

— Robert Herrick

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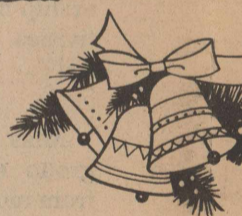
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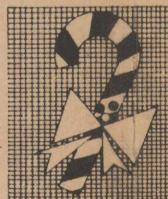
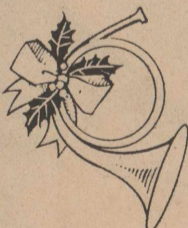
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a mini bike and snake mountain. and all of the master of the universe.

Love,
Freddie Montez

Dear Santa,
I want a tank. I want a bike. I want a go-cart. I want a gun.

Love,
Jonathan Clevenger

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm just fine. If you're hungry there is some food in the icebox. Time to get down to business. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Cabbage Patch Kid Koosa. I want some jewelry and some clothes. And I want a camera. And I want Crystal Castle. and Day-to-Night. Barbie I want a Care Bear and a Peches and Cream Barbie. I want Strawberry Short Cake. And a Care Bear Cousin She-Ra doll. I want a Real Baby. I want a Workout Center and a Workout Barbie. I want a Pound Puppy and i want a Barbie doll house. I want a Ken doll. I want a Ballet Barbie Doll. I want a three-wheeler and I want a new Bike. I want Patty-O-Green and I want Rainbow Bright. And I want Star light and I want Buddy Blue and I want Canury Yellow and I want Baby Bright and I want Lurky and I want Red Buttler La-La-Orange and I want J wink and I want Murky Dizmo.

Have a happy Christmas!
Love, Amana Nowlain

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a new watch, basketball goal, ring and jewelry.

Have a Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Joni Barrett

Dear Santa,
I want some cabbage patch kids, and care bears, and dolls, and little cars.

Love,
Roy Lynn Sonnenberg

Dear Santa,
I want a digital clock and a Care Bear. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Goerge Strait tape and Angella, Double-trouble, Bow, Kowl, Castaspella, Frosta, Glimmer, Catra, and all of their animals. I want Upsy Baby and just anything.

Love Forever,
Mandy Dunn

Dear Santa,
I want the gobot power warrior, and gobot puzzler set. I want some transformers, a mask, helicopter, and sports car, Voltron, and gobots. G i Joe men and vehicles. I want the gobot comand center, Super gobots, and he man figures, and some clothes.

Love,
Brent Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm just fine. If you're hungry there is some food in the icebox, you can share it with your elves, too. Mother said she didn't care if you eat all the cookies in the cookie Jar. The milk is in the refrigerator. Our Christmas tree is outside, but don't put the presents outside. Well, here's what I want. I want a care bear digital watch and the game Siman. I would also like a stuffed animal and twirly curls Barbie.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Love,
Amy R. Tuinstra

Dear Santa,
I want an army tank, switch blade, air wolf 36 caliber machine gun, M36 bomber and all the toys in the world, no Barbies dolls.

Love,
David Wayne Cason

Dear Santa,
I want a Silver knight truck, and lots of hot whcels, and a boa constrictor. I want a motorcycle and a new girl friend, and a new earring.

Your friend,
James Hambright

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa and how are the Raindeer? But anyway, I want a train set, a camera, a Big Robbot, some jewelry, some boots, some clothes from kids Marcat, and some film, and some ear rings.

Love,
Jill Ann Johnson

Dear, Santa Claus,
Is is cold in the Nort Pole? All I want for Christmas is a couple of surprises. What would YOU like for Christmas?

Have yourself a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jessica Salser

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun. I want some little cars. I want a jacket, and I want \$5.00. I also want a pen. I want a watch. I want a new notebook for school. I also want a basketball. I have been good

all this year.
Thank you,
Fernando

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm just fine. If you're tierd you can rest on the couch and eat your cookies and drink your milk. For Christmas I would a one-man tent, some She-ra dolls or Cristal Castle. I would also like a stomper

five winder and a stomper water demon.
Love,
Laura Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a gobot, a trans fomer, a He-man, and the fright zone. I want a four wheeler. I want a girl frind.

Love,
Zane Scott

DIRTY CHIMNEYS CAN CAUSE FIRES-- Chimneys with heavy creosote deposits are a leading cause of home fires, so an annual chimney inspection and clean-up is in order, notes a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Serfice, Texas A&M University System. Creosote is produced when wood burns. It collects on the inside walls of the

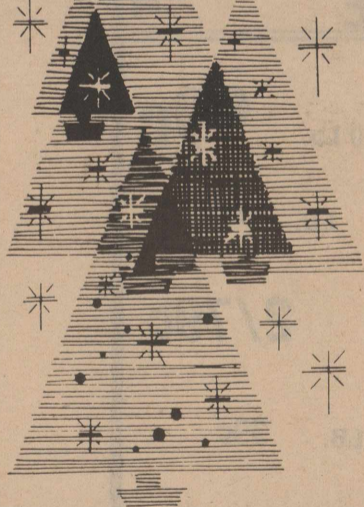
chimney and is highly flammable. Once ignited, creosote can burn at temperatures up to 3,000 degrees F. and can be pulled out of the chimney by a strong upward draft and onto the roof. Since chimney cleaning is messy and requires special tools, the job might best be handled by a professional chimney sweep.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dirtbike and a football and a basketball.
Your frind,
Jessie Flores

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you and Mrs. Santa Clause? Would you please bring me twin girl Cabbage Patch Kids or a bald headed boy Cabbage Patch Kid? Would you also please bring me a Care Bear Share Bear?
Your friend always,
Christy Hendry
P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Santa? I hope she is fine. I want to have a basketball, and I want a purse, and I want a brand new play car for my brother.
Love,
Martha Garza

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. Is Mrs. Santa giving you plenty of cookies? Well, anyway I would like to have a stuffed little bear, lasket-babb, a little kitten.
Love,
Rhiannon White

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball and a jambox and a watch.
Yours truly,
Ross Torres

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a Cabbage Patch kid, a church suit, and a ten speed boke. Besides cookies and milk I will leave out a pice of paper and a pencil and can I have your autograph?
Your frind,
Hardin Dunham

Dear Santa,
Could yow please get me dinobots, Gremlock, Slodge, Swoop? How have you been, tell me please Santa.
Your freind,
John Wolfe
P.S. I have been fine.

Dear Santa,
How are your deer? I wood like a basketball. and a bike and a Trans farmer octmas prime.
Your friend,
Jason Thompson

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? The first thing I want is a basketball. and a big football I wish I could see you.
your friend,
Stacy Pendleton

Dear Santa,
I would like to have the black animal. I would also like a black bicycle. But I mainly want a telephone.
Your friend,
Anthony Wink

P.S. By the food and drink I will lave a piece of paper for your autograph.

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Santa? Please may I have a Teddy Bear? And a Jambox? And a pair of Wroper Boots? I may see you Christmas. I hope.
Your friend,
Melissa Hawkins

P.S. I'll leave you some cake and milk.

Dear Santa,
I remember when Rudolf spilled the milk. I'm having fun in school. What I want for Christmas is a pellet pistol and maybe the G.I. Joe Hovercraft. Please would you get them for me? If you can't you can just get what you think I would like. My baby brother wants Transformers Megatron.
How is Rudolf? How are the other reindeer doing? How are your little elves? Are they doing good in work?

Your friend,
Jeremy Fluhmann

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Teddy bear and a Barbie. And please bring me a basketball.
Love,
Laura Chesshir

Dear Santa,
How is it in the North Pole? I hope it's been a good year. I want a telescope, a Dallas Cowboy helmet. I also want a Dallas Cowboy jersey.
Your friend,
Michael Lamar

Dear St. Nicholas,
I hope you bring me what I want. I would like Transformers or Star Wars men. I would also would like some stuffed up animals.
Your friend,
Blake Payne

Dear Santa,
Please get me a radio and a basketball.
Come see me soon.
your friend,
Brandy Padgett

Homemade Cookies Make Great Rewards

Have you ever felt as though you deserve a reward? Perhaps it's for a job well done — the kitchen cleaned... a good workout... the lawn cut... homework completed.

When this happens, it's a special treat to have homemade snacks on hand for an edible reward.

Whole grain oats have been the start of delicious cookies for generations of Americans. Oats are high in water-soluble fiber, and provide a distinctive nutty texture to baked goods.

Here are two contemporary classics to fill your cookie jar. Raisin Spice Drops is a chewy oatmeal cookie packed with morsels of raisins and nuts. Or, for the chocolate lover in all of us, try Easy Chocolate Chippers.

You'll think the best reward for making your own oatmeal cookies is the aroma as they bake—that is, until you take your first bite!

EASY CHOCOLATE CHIPPERS

- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2-1/2 cups Quick Quaker Oats*, uncooked
- One 6-oz. pkg. (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate pieces

Heat oven to 350°F. Beat together margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Blend in egg, water and vanilla. Add



Raisin Spice Drops

combined flour, salt and baking soda; mix well. Stir in oats and chocolate pieces. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 13 to 15 minutes. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire cooling rack. Store in loosely covered container.

About 3 dozen cookies

*NOTE: When using Old Fashioned Quaker Oats, uncooked, increase amount to 2 3/4 cups.

RAISIN SPICE DROPS

- 3/4 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2-1/2 cups Quaker Oats (quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked)
- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease cookie sheet. Beat together margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire cooling rack. Store in tightly covered container.

4-1/2 dozen cookies

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Kids! Color Santa!



A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

'Twas the day before Christmas vacation and all through the schools

The pupils were flipping our nerves and our rules.

The broken tree ornaments were piled with care,

In hopes that the janitor soon would be there.

The children were nestled all restless in chairs,

While pieces of construction paper danced in their hair.

And I with my pointer outstretched in my hand,

Just about to deliver a sharp reprimand,

When from the back of the room there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter.

Away to the back I flew like a flash,

Bumped into the table and got quite a gash.

Then what with my watering eyes did I see,

But a head peeking out from the tipped Christmas tree.

His squeals and hollers so lively and quick

I knew in a moment it was not St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his classmates they came,

I whistled and shouted and called them by name,

Now Candy, Now Danny,

Now Richard and Terry, Back to your seats, NOW! Robert and Sherry,

So up to the front the classmates they flew,

Looking for something else novel to do.

With all the excitement, I peeked out the door

And gazed down the hall hoping for nothing else more.

But... as I drew in my head and was turning around

Down the corridor St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his toes to his ears,

In a Santa Claus suit he had rented at Sears.

The children, so joyful, leaped on his back,

Pulled off his whiskers and scattered his pack.

His eyes, tired and blood-shot... his padding like blubber,

His cheeks were all painted, his nose made of rubber.

He had a thin face and was shaped like a willow

His little round belly bounced just like a pillow

He was skinny and tired, this seasonal elf,

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the presents you gave me last year. This year all I want is a farm set with a tractor, truck and animals.

I also need a toy chest to keep my toys off the floor.

Well, that's all, so hugs and kisses to you!

Love,
Joel Webb

Dear Santa
Cabbage Patch Kid with pass a fire, playdough, pop up game, pac man puzzle, doll, a picture of Santa Claus, A book of Santa Claus, paint, a little playhouse, dominoes, calendar, little people, Teddy Ruxpin.
Courtney

And I laughed when I saw him... but just to myself.

The stars in his eyes, and the droop of his head,

Soon game me to know he was practically dead.

But biting his lips, he smirked, then he smiled

And gave a sweet nod... then, tripped on a child.

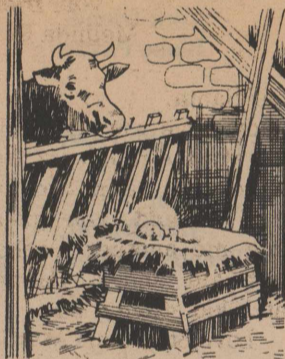
But he sprang to his feet and the class gave a whistle

And away they all flew, like they'd sat down on a thistle.

But I heard the class say, as they ran down the hall,

"Why is our teacher climbing the wall?"

Author Unknown



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like four boy Cabbage Patch Kids, Five cans of any color play-do, a radio, and a swimming pool.

Love, Mandy

Greyskull.

Love,
Christopher


Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for Christmas. Land Shark, Leach, Spidor, Transformers, play animal, stradows, new Boots, work desk, swimming pool, Snake Mountain, Playhouse, Castle

Dear Santa
I would like a Transformer please and a puzzle, a Dinobot, a Domonoes, Trowing Star.

For my brother I would like to give him a He-man book and a lunch box for when he get in school

Love
Raymonb

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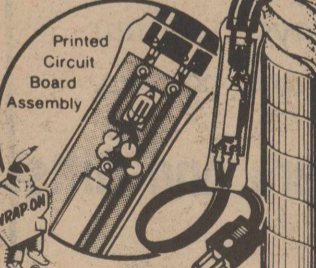
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

HO HO HO!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 Dear Santa,
 I have been very good this year. I want a new baby and a crib for it, Sweet Secrets, Puppy Brite, any kind of clothes, My Little Pony Sleeping Bag, and a Pound Puppy.
 Bring Joni a basketball goal. Also I need a Bear that talks. I'll have cookies and milk for you to eat.
 Have a Merry Christmas.
 Brittany Jo Barrett

Dear Santa,
 I want a horse reins, and saddle. A Cabbage Patch with a pacifera and I want a Cheerleader dress.
 Your friend,
 Amy

Dear Santa Clus,
 I want a Cabbage Patch Kid with glasses. I want a Car Bear. I want a bicycle.
 Kim Mc corkle

Dear Santa Claus,
 For Christmas I want He-Man, leddy Roxpin Bear.
 your friend,
 Jason

Dear Sant Claus,
 For Chrismas I want a pecuiar with math. I want a doll, and Teddy Bear and record player of care Bears.
 Your friend
 Belinda Longoria

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a Cabbage Patch and a Care Bear. I want to hug you and to be a cheer leader.
 Your friend,
 Olivia

Dear Santa,
 I want a lunchbox. and I want a Tedd Rocks Ben. and a horse.
 Your friend Blake

Dear Santa,
 for Christmas I want a sea Pony and Cabbage Patch Kids clothes and a Teddy Rocks Bear and the Care Bears. I love you.
 your friend,
 Shelly Sims

Dear Santa,
 I want a Cabbage Patch and a Care Bear, and a Glow Worm and a Hug-A-Bunch-Doll, Teddy Bear and a Baby Gerbil and a Hamster and a puzzle and Cabbang patch and a clothes and a Angel Baby and a Rain Bow Brit and a Tedd Rocks Bear.
 Your friend,
 Heather

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a Cabbage Patch and Cabbage Patch clothes.
 I love you
 Danielle

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want Rudolph the red nose reindeer and handcuffs remote - control 4x4, train set, backhoe.
 Your friend, Santa
 Billy

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a puppy. And a baby bird. And a 4x4. And a rocket. And a car. And a house. And a Teddy Rocks, Ben.
 Your friend,
 Shea Kelton

Dear Sunta Claus,
 I want a bike, Care Bear, and a Tedd Rock Bear and that is all. I love you.
 Your friend,
 Jodie

Dear Santa,
 I want a Cabbage Patch Doll.
 I Love You.
 Thank You,
 Cassandra Munoz

Dear Santa,
 I want a Sleepy Real Baby Doll.
 I love you.
 Thank you,
 Angela Abalos

Dear Santa,
 I want a My Buddy Doll.
 I love you.
 Thank you,
 Charles Glenn Abalos

Dear Santa:
 My name is Selena Marie. I am nearly two years old. For Christmas, I would like a tricycle, a doll, and some boots. For my little brother, Ruben, a motorcycle, trucks and boots too.
 We Love You,
 Selena and Ruben
 Dominguez

Dear Santa,
 I have been good this year. I want a baby Cheer bear, My Buddy, Swift Heart Rabbit, a Care Bear Cousin and Octimus Prime the leader of the good Transformers.
 Love,
 Jaclyn Waldrop

Dear Santa Claus
 I want a Barbie doll and a Care Bear and a Cabbage Patch reindeer and Teddy Bear.
 your friend,
 Melinda Reyes

Dear Santa,
 How have you been? How are the reindeer? Have the elves been working hard? Would you please bring me another Cabbage Patch kid and a Cabbage Patch kid slpping bag.
 Love Stephanie Martinez

Dear Santa,
 I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, a huga bunch, a Care Bear, a Barbie, Pac Man, hair clips, a baby blanket, a ring, car rings, nickless and sweater with my name.
 Love,
 Melissa Sanders



Greetings of the Season
 May it hold many happy moments for you.

Ruth Garvin

Blessings to All

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Cayla Jeffrey and I'm 3 yrs. old. I live with my Bamma and Papa at the ranch. Please, I would like for you to bring me a Shuffle Town. Papa wants a chain-saw, Bamma wants a wall clock and a wallet. Mommy and Greg live at the trailer-house. Mommy wants a set of dishes, and Greg wants a puppy and a pair of boots.
I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, especially Mommy and Papa and Bamma and Greg and Dot and Daniel. I love them very much and I love you.
P.S. I will leave some cookies and milk by the fireplace for you.

Cayla Jeffrey

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll for Christmas. I would also like to have a SHERA and a Crystal Castle. If you can, I would like for you to bring me a Wuzzle. I love you Santa Clause and I have been a good girl.

Amanda Blair

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Landon and I live in Robert Lee, Texas. I would really like to have a tractor for Christmas.

Thank you,
Landon Shandley

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a set of drums for Christmas. I would also like to have a piano and a front end loader. If you could bring me a backhoe. I would like to have one. I would also like it very much if you could bring me an Animal. I love you Santa Clause and I would like to kiss your head.

Beau Blair

Dear Santa,
My name is Sondra, I'm 5 yrs. old so my mother is writing this letter for me, I've been real good this year.

I want diapers for my Cabbage doll, a dress for my doll, toy Santa Claus, a stroller for my Cabbage Patch Doll, Doctor Kit, a Musical Glow worm, that's all I want this year.

Tell Rudolph and the other Reindeers hello. There will be cookies and milk out for you. Be careful.

Love,
Sondra Van Deventer

Dear Santa:
I am 3½ months old and I have been a good little girl. For Christmas I would like a few little toys and some warm clothes. I guess that will be all for this year Santa.

I Love You
Jennifer Lynn Millican

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get these Christmas toys. I want a bike and a Big Foot.

Casey Antilley

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you can give these things I want to me. I want a Puppy Brite, Kodak Disk Camera, aby Brite. I am seven years old.

Love,
Patricia Minjarez

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I have been a good girl. I am in second grade. I am seven. I would like my brother to have My Buddy and my sister to have a Cabbage Patch Doll and I would like a Care Bear. Have a merry Christma.

Love,
Cynthia Abalos

Dear Santa,
If you can get me what I want, I would appreciate it. This is what I want. I want baby Cheer bear and My Buddy.

Santa, for my mother I

want a pretty dress and for my father I want a new pair of boots. Have a happy Christmas.

Love,
Jaclyn Waldrop

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a good little boy and my name is David Millican. I want Mask Bolder Hill and Mask Rig Rhino and a Three wheeler that you can ride. Please, please bring the things that I said I wanted.

Love,
David Millican

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Care Bear Cousin. I want an Upsy Baby. I want workout girls. I want a Baby Brite. I want a Cabbage Patch doll. I want a Barbie doll.

Love Santa,
Sabrina Brock

Pointers For Parents

Keeping Toys Healthy After Christmas Morning

Toys and children's play equipment are designed for fun, relaxation and diversion.

But it's no fun when toys break down or start to squeak—it leads to unhappy children and frustrated parents.

One way to prolong the life of mechanical toys is to lubricate moving parts. One product, WD-40 lubricant and cleaner, removes carpet fibers as well as grass clippings or dirt from working parts, protects metal parts from rust or damage, and stops squeaks. It is especially useful on items stored or forgotten outdoors.

The spray lubricant is also used as a cleaner, removing crayon, and black marks left by children and their toys. The non-oily product leaves no sticky residue to attract dust and dirt. It does not build up with repeated use.

Parents are sometimes challenged with the assembly of new toys. Putting a new tricycle or bike together, for instance, can be difficult when the nuts, screws and various parts are new. The lubricant



also works to ease the assembly of toys.

To prolong the life of toys, try WD-40 lubricant on:

- swing sets
- wheels of miniature cars and trucks
- erector sets
- squeaking tricycles or bikes
- bicycle chains
- wagon, roller skate and skateboard wheels
- strollers
- cleaning plastic dolls
- moving parts of mechanical toys

For a break around the house, try WD-40 on toys, and help maintain a peaceful, smooth-running home.



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Dr. Ham,
Louise, & Janie

JOY

We wish you an old-fashioned holiday filled with love and laughter and all the special delights of the season.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
How is everythig up there on the North Pole? It is nice down here. There are a lot of things that I want but those elves of yours are to buzzy. This is what I want: a carn necklas a fur coat and a pair of boots.

Your Freind,
Faith Manney

Dec. 10, 1985-Tues.

Dear Bonhomme Noel

(Father Christmas)

My mom said I'm spending too much time watching football games on T.V. Last night she said I should skip the game and write a poem for a gift to you instead. I sure did want to see the 49er - Ram game, so I sat down at the kitchen table and wrote this poem in 15 minutes. And I only had to miss the first 5 minutes of the game. (Mom and I were both happy)

Best Christmas Wishes,
Millicent

P.S. I get to decorate the tree. In any way that pleases me.

"A 15 year old's Christmas"

It's time for Christmas once again

And very good is how I've been.

As I watch the years go by,
How they fly, my my!
I want some play-doh,
Or maybe just plain dough
To buy my very own gift,
A car - to give pedestrians a lift.

I like to open boxes
With puzzles, toys and stuffed foxes.

Afterwards, there's so much trash that my Moma gets a rash,

Just trying to pick it all up.
One year I got a real pup.
His name was Brown Cow
And I still have him now
He lives in his house
And chases away the grouse;

That build nests in the pines

Which we picture in our minds

While we're snuggled in

bed,
Waiting for the man in red.

By: Little
Millicent
Morgenstern

Dear Santa,
I would like a M.A.S.K. Boulder Hill Playset. I would also like a siren that has a tiger face on the front and siren light on the front too. It also has an ambulance, police and firetruck sounds. It also has a radar that blinks when someone is coming.

I would also like some surprises.

Your Friend,
John T. Johnson

Dear Santa,
Good Morning! I think you're nice. My mother likes you and we will leave cookies and milk by the fire. I want a cabbage patch kid, and a care bear, cabbe patch kid Koosa and a show pony, My little pony, upsy baby shera,

angella, catra, bow kowl, scoreres, teela he man, candy, and necklace, fur coat, stikers.

Love,
Angel Lewis

Dear Santa,

I woud like She-ra, Angel-la, catra, double trouble, A cabbage patch kid Koosa, A cabbage patch Kid carrier, A new bike, show pony, day to night barbie, butter bear, cabbage patch kid high chair, a great shape barbie, workout center, cabbage patch kid with a tooth, funshine bear, bright heart racoon, peaches-n-cream

barbie, My little pony. hug-ga bunch, some clothes, some clothes for my cabbage patch kid, a cabbage patch kid table mate, a cabbage patch kid slumber bag. a new cabbage patch kid sleeping bag, pound puppy You better be waiting for the cookies and milk.

Love,
Jennifer Lynn Graves

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, a Care Bear, a lunchbox, a ball, an umbrella, and earrings.

Love,
pptip

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Castle Greyskull, Furbo, Skeletor, and a swimming pool.

Love,
Dustin H.

Dear Santa,
robot, He-man, skeletor, another Robot, Jam Box, record player, another robot, a lot of robots, T.V., calendar, cowboy hat, swimming pool, trampoline, transformer, Gobot, Christmas Tree, cookies, Santa Claus, Christmas Tree, table, reindeer.

Lee

GREETINGS

Have a bright and happy holiday decorated with lots of wonderful things! Merry Christmas!

Ettie Hubbard





S. Clay

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Origins of holiday customs

Deck the halls with boughs of holly! The lively carol describes one of the oldest customs of the season. Where did it originate?

Most holiday customs have a rationale behind them, as does the practice of hanging holly.

The ancient Druids believed that holly branches protected them from evil spirits. When placed in the home, these branches provided a warm haven for the sylvan spirits. In time, the practice became associated with the holiday season.

We can also thank the Druids for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. The ancient priests of Ireland, Britain, and Gaul regarded mistletoe as the soul of the oak, which was their sacred tree. Because the plant never touched the earth, the Druids believed it represented pure spirits. As it was a symbol of peace and good will, Druid enemies would drop their weapons under the mistletoe and embrace. This practice evolved into today's holiday custom.

The yule log has been associated with Christmas for centuries in many countries. This custom goes back to the Norsemen, who used it as a symbol of the rebirth of the sun at the winter solstice; the word *yule* is actually Norse for December. The yule log is always lit with a piece from last year's log, and in many countries, wine is poured on it as a blessing.

We can thank St. Francis of Assisi for the custom of placing manger scenes under the Christmas tree. Wanting to bring the spirit of that first Christmas to his parishioners, the good saint brought animals into his church, where he placed a manger. He scattered hay about the altar, where a mother and her baby represented Mary and the Infant Jesus. The villagers loved this tableau and soon the custom of creating nativity scenes evolved from that reenactment.

The wassail bowl, where holiday toasts are customary, goes back in tradition to hundreds of years. The

daughter of a Germanic chieftain is said to have offered a gold cup filled with wine to her host, with the words "Waes hael hlaford Cynig," or "Be of health, Lord King." As the practice of drinking a wassail spread, those who could not afford wine used a mixture of hot oil, sugar, nutmeg and ginger, topped with toasted bread. That is how drinking to one's health became known as a toast!

The custom of gifting children at Christmas time probably originated with St. Nicholas, a bishop of Asia Minor in the 4th century. Because of his reputation for being generous — it seems the saint gave bags of gold to a poor man for his daughter's dowries — St. Nicholas was looked upon by children as the dispenser of goodies. This stately figure gradually evolved through the years into our own Santa Claus.

The practice of exchanging gifts is attributed both to an ancient Roman custom on New Year's Day, and the bringing of gifts to the Christ Child by the Magi.



It is the season to buckle up... wherever you travel.

A message from this newspaper and the Texas Department of Public Safety

HAPPY HOLIDAY

TO ALL

May your Christmas be evergreen bright. Have a Merry Christmas and the best wishes to all!

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Mary, Karen,
Jackie, James, Lola,
Jackie, & Susie

Holiday Greetings of the Season

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Christmas plants and legends

A beautiful legend tells how the poinsettia plant came to be. According to the legend, a poor boy, having no money to offer the Christ Child, plucked some weeds along side of the road and laid them on the altar.

Such was his faith that the weeds were miraculously transformed into the *Flor de la Noche Buena*, as it is known in Mexico, or the Flower of the Holy Night.

There is also a legend about the palm tree. It seems that during the flight to Egypt, Mary asked the palm to bend its head in order to provide shade for the Infant Jesus.



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You may have wondered how the very first Christmas tree came to be.

The story, as told by Rose Fyleman, explains that the fairies in the forest are responsible for our now familiar custom of a bright and sparkling Christmas tree.

It seems that there once was a thoughtful little girl named Annis who lived in the middle of a large forest with her mother and father. Annis' father was a poor woodcutter who traveled daily to and from the forest and a little shed where he stacked his cut wood.

While her father was working in the woods, Annis would remain at home to help her mother in the kitchen. As Annis worked, the fairies in the forest would call out to her. You see, all of the forest creatures loved Annis dearly and the fairies, especially, wanted her to come out and play. But Annis always finished working with her mother, telling the fairies that she could not come play just yet.

However, at night while everyone else was sleeping, Annis would hear the fairies come tapping at her bedroom window. She would dash out of bed and run gaily into the moonlit woods to join her magical friends.

As the seasons changed and the weather grew cold, Annis would hang a lantern on a small tree outside to guide her father home each evening. The lighted lantern provided Annis' father with a warm welcome every night as he ended his

hard day's work.

One Christmas Eve though, as the woodcutter was heading home as usual, he did not come upon the lighted lantern when expected. He became quite bewildered and realized that he was lost. The snow began to fall and the sky was getting very dark. The woodcutter was beginning to get frightened when he spotted a light on one of the trees ahead of him. Thinking that he was home after all, he headed toward the light. But, much to his surprise he found that this light was certainly not Annis' lantern — for it was an entire tree ablaze with lights. As he approached the lighted tree, the woodcutter saw another tree suddenly light up farther ahead. So, the woodcutter headed toward this next tree. Each time he reached one lighted tree, another would light up! The woodcutter was mystified, when all of a sudden it came upon him — the fairies were guiding him home with their magic!

He followed the lighted trees all the way home and finally arrived safely to the little lantern hanging outside his door.

Because of the fairies' kindness and protection, the woodcutter foreverafter placed lights upon a special tree every Christmas Eve to honor the fairies. This became such a delightful custom that it spread throughout the land, and today the fairies' Christmas trees are cherished and enjoyed all over the world.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline, and my own pound puppy. And I also want a cabbage patch kid. And I want a plain skirt. Also I want an upsy baby. And I want a Big puzzle. Also I want a sweater, and a matching coat. I want a ring. And a record. And a truck. And a he-man. And an umbrella. Swimming pool a Big one to! A transformer. coloring book to! Painting bord, piano. And a doll house. Barbies also. And a boke. Pants. And a TV. Purse. Socks. Hat, Clay.

Love, Lana

P.S. I like a book and a flag. I would like a pin and a castle grey skull. A shera Doll and a neklas to where. I would like a pear of tiny shoes for my feet and a shera note book for my home work. I would like a peral neklas. I would like a desk and a rule. I would like a Poster with a foolball on it. I would like a pigy bank and a pear of ice scates. I would like a flute and cloth for barby dolls.

Love Samta

Dear Santa,

A christmas tree, castle gray skull, raindeer, He-Man stuff, Foofball, Cowboy stuff, go-bot, baseball, pool, airplane, bike, bigfoot, car (play) shoe, joggen pants, I'm not done.

Spaceship, money, candy, hotwheels, Animal, lunch box, transformer, race track, trampoline, choo choo train, chemistry set, guitar, own T.V., puppet, own radio, coat, Boy Cabbage patch, ottopus, play frog, horn, play gun, play spider.

Bud

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, hot rider car, Go-car and a transformer, electronic train set, Castle of Greyskull, He-man, water pistol, chemistry-set, wagon, and a dog for Christman. And I really want a glove.

Robert

rainbow, telephone, Playhouse that you don't have to build. T.V.

Shawna

Dear, Santa

I want for Christmas, Christal Castle, Shera doll, Hordact, Pony Castle with ponies, play christmas tree with play christmas dictora-tions, play house that I can get in, work desk, a study book, chicken coop, upsy baby, flag with one big star a stick red, white, an angle with blue costum and glass slippers and wings that fly.

Love,

Sarah Nell Richarbs

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like Snake Mountain, Spidore, Skeletore with squirt, robot, money, reindeer, puppy, pound puppies, Santa's sled, Santa Clause, PRESENTS, bike, Christmas Tree, and a kite.

Love, DVSTY

Dear Santa,

I would like an upsy baby, a bike, a swimming pool for the summer, a remote control car, riding catepillar, a bunch of dolls, a box of blocks, a chalkboard with chalk, a flag, Shera, Rainbow Bright set, Rainbow Brite toothbrush holder, Rainbow Bright bedroom set, a bunch of new clothes, and lots and lots of new toys.

Please be waiting for some cookies and milk. I also want a scarf and some warm clothes.

Love, Misty Dawn Seales

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a nerf football knight rider that talks, a car that can go all by itself - remote control, construx, Snake Mountain, a pound puppy, the bull dog one. A race car. A dukes of Hazzard with a man in it. A race track and race car. A Go-Bot. Some pajamas with Leter I on it. Robots that goes to He-Man And I want panthor. Thank you for the toys last year and a robot that stands on its head.

Love,
Casey Gibbs

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a musical of glo-worm, a three-wheeler that runs on a battery and everything they show on T-V commercials! I have a Christmas tree in my room especially for me, but you can leave my toys under the big tree.

Love,
Anthony Gibbs

Dear Santa,
How have you been? How is Miss Santa; are your reindeer ok are your elves for christmas I want a cabbage patch a care Bears baby bright seat in the get along gang a Barbie and a rad well cepe that Ho. Ho up please. good luck.

Yea for Christmas
Your friend
Julia

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good winter. and I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
I want the Voltron force men and I want the Voltron linos and the transformer helmet and the Gobot command center Night Rider car Truster and Frite Zoen.

your firend
Cory

Dear Santa,
How have you been?
I have been nice? Will you bring me some toy like this a Voltron, and three wheeler, and a football. And a trans-formers and a motorcycle. and a some cars.

Dear friend Robert.

Dear Santa,
Haw is rudolph bin doing this christmas are the elves bin doing good. haw is Miss Santa. I wate a new boke for christmas and a sleeping bag. I wote a new toy car.

Love Robb

Dear Santa,
How is your raindeer.
I want a three wheeter fotball. your friends Tim

Dear Santa,
How have you been?
have it been cold at the North pole?
I like you santa.
Is rudolph noes still red.
I have my christmas tree up.
I have lots of presents under my christmas tree.
I want a care Bears?
Remember christmas is most here.
I am a nice gril?
I Love you santa.

Your frined Becky

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa and how is Rudolph will you bring me a Voltron watch and a bike and a surprize have a good Christmas?

Your friend, Ruben

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa? Is it cold where you live? Is Rudolph's noes still bright? Will you give me what is on this list?
Cabbage Patch Kid, Care Bear Cousin or Care Bear Baby Bright, Barbie doll.
Have a happy Christmas Day.

Love,
Christina Melendrez

Dear Santa,
How are the elves.
I hope Rudolph's nose hasint burned out.
I hope you have been good.
I wish for a theer wheeler, and a dirt bike, and a G.I. Joe, Voltron, pellet gun, I have been very good.

Your friend
Cody

Dear Santa,
I Have you been good this year. Have you been good too?
I what a care Bear a baby stroller a Rainbow bright doll a cabbage patch doll and care Bear sleeping bag.

Love, Brandy

Dear Santa, how are you I am fine how is Mrs. santa
I have been good have you been good.
I would like some boots an a coat ana cabbage patch an a shirt a pone puppe an some pants.

Love Darla

Dear santa,
How have you raindeers been doing and how has Rudolph been doind and now? I want a Voltron and I want some GI* Joe men and all the transformer and thats all?

Your friend
Bedo

Dear Santa,
How have you been? How is Rudolph? I've been a good boy this year. Remember it's all most Christmas. Are your elves busy? I have 7 presents unde the tree. this is my Chictmas list: a Texas Aggie jersey, new shoes, G.I. Joe, Army men, lamber geney, nkife, shot gun, boots, rifel, a new watch, three wheeler, camoflage sute, and give men soming big by-by-HO-HO!!!!

Love
Nicholas

Dear Santa,
How are Mrs. Santa and you? I have been good this year. For Christmas I wand a Cabbage patch dall and a Care Bears.

Love
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing this year? How are the elves doing? This year I want another Cabbage Patch. and a Muppet Baby.
Have a nice Christmas.

Love Melinda

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer? How are you? Have you been busy? How is Mrs. Santa, Will you bring me a care bear and cabbage patch

Merry Christmas
Love Shannan

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. I like school. I want a Cabbage Patch with a tooth. I want some clothes and some socks and some shoes. I want some Barbie clothes, make up, and a neklace and some earrings. I want some Cabbage Patch diapers.

Shalon Waldrop

Dear Santa Claus,
Want a Jet Fire, Knight Rider, Big Foot, motor cycle, racing car and that is all.

Fred Wojtek

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a Go bot and a little gun. I love ur toys that you give me.

Joseph Tenut

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun. I want a three ten and I want a little

horse just in case I ride one.

Chris Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 4-wheeler I want a boke. I want a shot gun.

Merry Christmas
Starsky Oleksiuk

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Kit car and a gun with BB's.

Matthew Hodges

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Transformer and a B-B gun and a Gobot and a toy gun.

Merry Christmas
Gilbert

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. I want a Cabbage Patch book and doll and some clothes for Cabbage Patch doll.

Michelle Blair

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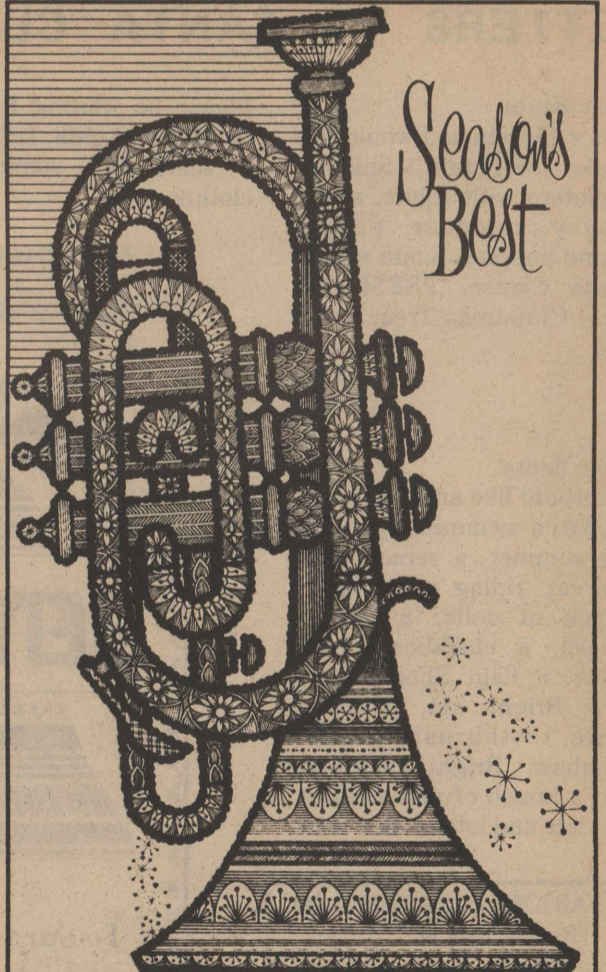
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I have been better than my sister. Would you bring me a battle car for my He-man? My brother wants a Skeletor.
Love,
Ricky Bell

Dear Santa,
I would like some red roper boots and Shera-dress-up clothes. Santa, I think you are very special. I have been pretty nice this year.
Love,
Summer Coulter

Dear Santa,
I want a Big-Foot with a jack and trailer. Can I have some red, green and brown playdough, too? I hope your elves can make my Big-Foot.
Love,
James Carson

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Would you bring me a Barbie Dream House and a new coat? I watched Rudolph on T.V. last night.
Love,
Erika Galvan

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby Hug-A-Bunch and a Mama-Hug-A-Bunch. My mama wants clothes. I have been good.
Love,
Kassey Hubbard

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, Sherah, and a Sherah Castle. I like Santa Claus. I have been good.
Love,
Amanda Blair

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? I want a Dream Barbie House and a new lunch box. I have my Christmas tree up at my house. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Angel Odom

Dear Santa,
I want my first Barbie. I also want a Rainbow Brite Sprite and the Pony Cuddles. I love you.
Love,
Stacy Hendry

Dear Santa,
I want a He-Man and a Robot Transformer. How are your reindeer and your elves? Good by Santa!
Love,
George Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want you to come down my chimney, but you may be too fat. I want a Foot Truck and a bear. I have been good, sometimes.
Love,
Thomas Brickey

Dear Santa,
I want a Wuzzle. I like you and I like your reindeer. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Dustin Daves

Dear Santa,
Have a nice Christmas! Would you bring me G.I. Joe characters and Mask Figures? I might get you a puppy from the pound.
Love,
Dustin Clendennen

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Go-Bot, a little fire truck and a little Dukes of Hazard car. I like you, Santa.
Love,
Polo Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a Rainbow Brite, My Little Pony and Barbie make-up. Santa, I want you to be my friend.
Love,
Bree Bolding

Dear Santa,
I want Upsy Baby, playdough, and a doll that you put playdough in. I love you. I want a real bird and a cage.
Love,
Amanda Brock

Children's Christmas quiz

How much do you know about Christmas? ed by _____

Here's a quiz that will test your knowledge! Just fill in the blank spaces, then check the answers below to see if you were right.

1. The Wise Men followed a _____ to Jesus.
2. A popular Christmas carol is called Jingle _____.
3. Jesus was born in _____.
4. Santa Claus wears a _____ suit.
5. Presents go under the Christmas _____.
6. Santa's sleigh is pulled by _____.

7. The mother of Jesus is _____.
8. The shepherds heard about the birth of Jesus from an _____.
9. Everyone exchanges _____ at Christmas.
10. Santa lives at the North _____.


Answers:

1. Star.
2. Bells.
3. Bethlehem.
4. Red.
5. Tree.
6. Reindeer.
7. Mary.
8. Angel.
9. Gifts.
10. Pole.

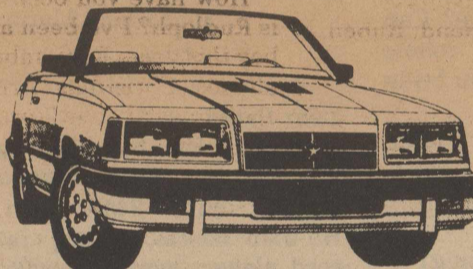
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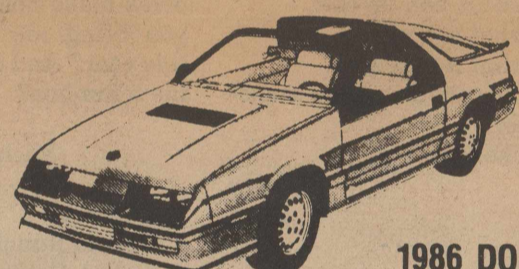
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Maple-flavored table syrup also lends its rich flavor to candies and confections. Holiday Brittle Bites team thrifty popped popcorn with chewy raisins and crunchy nuts. The light candy coating adds just the right amount of sweetness and maple taste.

For best results when making Holiday Brittle Bites and other candies, cook the mixture to the recommended temperature. The syrup for brittle and some toffees must be cooked to the hard crack stage, 300° to 310°F. If you don't have a candy thermometer, test the syrup the old-fashioned way. Drop a small amount into a measuring cup filled with very cold water. If it immediately forms a hard, brittle thread that will break when pressed, it's ready to be combined with the other ingredients. Work quickly to prevent the syrup from hardening before it can be spread onto a greased baking sheet.



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HOLIDAY BRITTLE BITES
5 cups popped popcorn
1 cup coarsely chopped mixed nuts
½ cup raisins
1 cup sugar
¼ cup margarine
¼ cup Aunt Jemima Syrup
¼ cup water

Lightly grease 1 large bowl and 1 large cookie sheet. In prepared bowl, combine popcorn, nuts and raisins; mix well. In heavy medium saucepan, combine sugar, margarine, syrup and water. Bring mixture to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Continue cooking, stirring frequently, to hard crack stage (300° to 310°F) or until small amount of mixture dropped into very cold water forms a hard, brittle thread that breaks when pressed.

Remove mixture from heat; immediately pour over popcorn mixture, mixing until popcorn is well coated. Spread onto prepared cookie sheet, pressing with back of large spoon to flatten. Cool thoroughly. Break into pieces. Store in tightly covered container at room temperature. About 1½-lb. candy. Approximate cost: \$2.25.

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Christmas Day in the Morning

As I sat on a sunny bank,
A sunny bank, a sunny bank,
As I sat on a sunny bank
On Christmas Day in the morning.

I saw three ships come sailing by,
Come sailing by, come sailing by,
I saw three ships come sailing by,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And who d'you think were on the ship,
Were on the ship, were on the ship,
And who d'you think were on the ship
But Joseph and his Fair Lady.
O he did whistle and she did sing,
And all the bells on earth did ring
For joy our Savior Christ was born
On Christmas Day in the morning.

— Anonymous



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

Do you have all the toys ratu? Are you elver well? Will you pleas brend me a new boin arrow and Voltron and a pellet gun and a G.I. Joe sleeping bag thana you Santy!

your freig
Russel

Dear Santa,

Have it ben ve cold. I what a 4 wheel. I what a play gun. Will you bring me trans-former. I like this.

Love
Larry

Dear Santa,

How have you been? How is Rudolph? I have been good this year. I want a transformer. And a BMX bike. And I want my fiamly to be Happy!

Your friend
Gary

Dear Santa,

How are the elves do you know what I want for christmas? I want all the transform-

ers, and all of the Go bots, and a Mini Dirt Bike.

thank you Santa for all your kindness.

Love,
Arron.

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Is it cold at the north pole? Is rudolph find. Did the elves make some toys? Can you bring me some robots this year? And can you bring me a jambox?

Your friend,
Michael Longoria.

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph doing? I want Optiomus-Prime. I have been good your friend john

Dear Santa,

How ahve you been? I been nice to others. In remember to bring me some-

things to play with. Oh in remember I like you. And I like foot balls. And have a good Christmas.

Your friend Alex.

Dear Santa,

How have you been How are the elves. I want a transformer and I want a super gobot. And I want Mini Dirt Bike.

Your friend Mario.

Dear Santa,

I want a lase ball glove, a base lall bat, rollor skates, jogging suit, BMX bike, He-man cassle, shoes, record player, games, puzzle, Pants, stuffed animals, big foot, the animal, race track, race cards, trampoline, play pick-up, train, go-luts, trans-former, T.V., book, basket-ball net.

Dustins.



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Dear Santa,
I want a play bunny rabbit, a (real) little monkey and some Go-Bots. I want a play house for my tree. I want some cars with a road. For my mommie I want a necklace and for Hal I want a mirror.

Love, Josh Timm

Dear Santa,
I want the whole She-rah set (with the horse). Please bring the Crystal Castle, too. I want a Santa Claus suit and Miss Piggy and Kermit and some dominoes.

Love, Amanda Welch

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Big Foot and a motorcycle.

Love, Michael Munoz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a switch-light and a Big Food like Will's. If you don't have any of that, please bring me a He-Man.

Love, Kirk Bagwell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage Patch doll and a Barbie pool and a Barbie car.

Love, Melissa Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play pen for my Cabbage Patch doll, some dishes, and clothes for

me.
Love, Tracy Millican

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Care Bear and a Barbie-doll house and a "Baby Stand-up".

Love, Samantha Padgett

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Michael Knight car and a typewriter.

Love, C.R. Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I want a Go-Bot, some Go-Bot tennis shoes, and a Go-Bot watch.

Love, Shaun Payne

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage-Patch book-bag, a Cabbage-Patch watch, and a Care Bear.

Love, Amber Nichols

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch doll and just a plain doll and a coloring book with crayons. Also, I want a bike for me and my brother.

Love, Shauna Valenzuela

I love you and I like you. I want Rhino the MASK truck. My name is Lynn Shandley. Thank you and I love you dear Santa Claur.

Love, Lynn Shandley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some

Go-Bots, a bike, and some football stuff. Also, I would like a toy, Big Foot and a Transformer watch.

Love, Timmy Schiwart

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler and a Go-Bot. Also, please bring me a He-man watch and a bicycle.

Love, Rusty Thompson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of Rainbow Brite roller skates and a Cabbage Patch doll named Jessica. Also, I want a Big-Bird play and learn

and a new t.v. computer.
Love, Jessica Key

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a VCR and a Wuzzle (it's part lion and part bumblebee). I want Casey the tape player with personality. Also, would you bring me a little Cabbage Patch doll. I want a Hugs Care Bear and the little boy doll called My Buddy.

Love, Stacy Thomason

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy rabbit and a toy Santa Clau. Also I would like a cabbage Patch doll and a toy raccoon

and Miss Piggy.
Love, Bianca Lara

Dear Santa,
I want a robit and a play chimney, a big racing car and some robot shoes. I would also like a Big Foot and a robot watch.

Love, Matthew Millican

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a He-Man Figure, a new tennis shoes and a Santa Claus hat. I like you. How are your elves? I want a real baby rabbit.

Love, Joey Barret



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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trict No. 1, said Directors do hereby order that on the 14th day of January, 1986 at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, County of Coke, State of Texas, an election shall be held for the purpose of electing two directors of said District.

That the polls shall be open for such election at the City Hall in the City of Bronte, Texas located in said district from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of election; and the following officer to hold said election hereby is appointed to wit: Willie B. Edmiaston, Presiding Judge. Said Presiding Judge is hereby given authority to hold said election. No person shall vote at such election unless he is a resident voter of said district and also a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws of the state of Texas. All votes of such election shall be by ballot, and voters desiring to vote for Directors of the District shall vote for two (2) persons, each of who shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a resident of said District and an owner of taxable property in the District.

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

Public notice of this Order shall be given by publication thereof in The Observer/Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Coke County, Texas, the publication of this order being two times, with the publication being not more than 20 days prior thereto.

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

Otis Smith
President
Don Adams
Secretary
19-2tc

AVISO DE ELECCION DE DIRECTORES DE COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Este dia, el dieo y siete de Octubre 1985, los directores, de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 consideraron la materia de tener una eleccion para el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores para dicho distrito parano servir un ermino de dos (2) anos del 2nd Martes, enero 1986; y e aparece a dichos directores del distrito que se aconseja para tener dicha eleccion en el dies y quatro enero 1986, el mismo es el 2nd Martes, enero 1986, y los directores de dicho distrito dan un orden por eso y se da aviso por la presente que se acabo eleva legalmente.

Ahora, por eso para la virtud de la revestido de autoridad de los directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, dichos directores mandan que en el diez y canatro de enero 1986, en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la ciudad de Bronte, dl condado de Coke, el estado de Texas, una eleccion se tendra para el propo sito de elegir dos (2) directores de dicho distrito. Que los parajes donde se

vota abrira para la eleccion en el edificio Publico De La Ciudad en la diudad de Bronte, Texas, situada en dicho distrito de las siete (7) de la manana a las siete (7) de la noche en el dia de la eleccion; y el eiguiente funcionario para tener dicha eleccion por la presente es: Willie B. Edmiaston Magistrada presidienda. Dicha Magistrada presidienda por la presente se da la autoridad para tener dicha eleccion. No persona se votara en esta eleccion excepto si es un votante registrado de dicho distrito y tambien es un votante cualificando debajo la Constitucion y los leyes del estado de Texas. Toda votas de esta eleccion sera de la balota, y votantes que se quiere votar por Directores del Distrito votara para dos (2) personas, cada tendra diaz y ocho (18) anos, cada sera un residente de dicho Distrito y cada tendra bienes inmuebles en el distrito que esta sujeto a impuestos.

En o antes del quinto dia despues de la eleccion los funcionarios que tienen la eleccion haran los resultados en triplicado, de todas de las hechas votas para los directores de dicho distrito, y can uno (1) al Presidente del distrito y uno (1) al secretario.

Noticia publica de este orden se dira por publicacion de esto en el Observer/Enterprise, un periodico de circulacion general, publicada en Coke County, Texas, la publicacion de este orden es dos (20) vez, con la publicacion no mas que veinte dias antes a eso.

Testigo el mano del Presidente y el secretario de los Directores de Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

Otis Smith
President
Don Adams
Secretary

Draper assumes duties

Mrs. Glenda Draper began her duties as secretary to the Bronte School superintendent Monday. Mrs. Draper is the wife of Joe Draper and they are the parents of two sons, Troy who is a sophomore at Texas A&M, and Randy, a junior at BHS. The Drapers reside on the Sayner ranch at Tennyson, where Mr. Draper is in the farming/ranching business. The Drapers have resided

at Tennyson since January of 1983, having moved there from Brownfield. Mr. Draper was engaged in irrigation farming while there and Mrs. Draper was employed at the First National Bank of Brownfield for four years. She has also done substitute teaching in the Bronte School system. The Drapers are members of the First United Methodist Church of Bronte.

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