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O/E posts holiday schedule

The Observer/Enterprise offices in both Bronte and Robert Lee will be closed Christmas week, December 22-26, for our annual holidays. We will open again on Monday, Dec. 29, for the shortened last week of the month, and will be closed again on Thursday, New Year's Day.

The next issue of the O/E will be dated Friday, January 2, 1987. Advertisers and news sources are asked to get their copy in by Monday, December 29, for the January 2nd issue.

We hope you enjoy this Christmas issue of the Observer/Enterprise. As we take a backwards glance at 1986, we find that in addition to some disappointments during the past year, we all 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Courthouse to close

Coke County Judge Aubrey Denman's office has announced the holiday closing schedule for the courthouse. All county offices will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 and re-open for business on December 29. The courthouse will again be closed on New Year's Day, January 1, 1987 and Friday, January 2. Business will resume on January 5, 1987.

Bank to host Open House

Robert Lee State Bank will host a Holiday Open House on Friday, December 19th from 9:30 until 2:30 p.m. Bank personnel invite everyone to join them for the occasion.

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

Best Wishes To You And Yours This Holiday Season!

Bronte merchants name gift certificate winners

The Bronte downtown merchants gave away six more \$25.00 gift certificates Saturday. This week's winners were: Geneva Minnick, Juanita Parker, Virginia Boatright, Joy Spiller, Earlene Alexander, and Hazel Caulder.

There will be one more drawing this Saturday, Dec. 20th at 3:00 p.m. at the City Mini-Park. You must be present to win. If you have not registered, you may do so, at any of the participating downtown merchants.

In addition to the merchants drawings, individual drawings were held by Margarets Flowers and Gifts, Cumbie-Arrott Mercantile and Hometown Hardware. Winners were announced at each business.

At Hometown Hardware the winners were: R.W. Blackman, Susan Arrott, Virginia Boatright and Celeste Service. Merle Billingsley won the door prize.

Cumbie-Arrott's winners were Anna K. Tinkler and Kanan Coalson. Margarets Flowers and Gifts winners were Debbie Neighbors, Roenna Thomas, Frances Pierce, Margaret Brunson, Karla McClure and Tara Hale.

All the downtown merchants wish to express their thanks and appreciation to their customers, to the Bronte Lions Club who managed the drawing, and to the First National Bank in Bronte which donated the money for the gift certificates.

Upcoming...

Gun club meeting

A spokesman for the Red Canyon Gun Club at Robert Lee reminds all club members that their dues must be paid by January 1, 1987 to retain their shooting privileges at the range. The lock will be changed on Jan. 1. Dues remain at \$10 per year. They may be mailed to Richard Johnson, Box 101, Robert Lee or come by J & B Lumber.

Coming up in January, the club is making plans to include some black powder shooting and a black powder workshop. A number of members have expressed interest in this phase of shooting.

Also mention has been made about instructing la-

dies who are interested, in pistol and rifle shooting, perhaps in the spring.

C/W Musical

The monthly Country/Western musical in Robert Lee will NOT be held in January, 1987. Normally held on the first Thursday night, the date will fall on a holiday, New Year's Day, next month. The musical will resume the first Thursday night of February, the 5th of the month.

Happiest of Holidays

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

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...Obituaries

Millar

Mrs. Anita Jean Millar, 49, of 4509 Timber Ridge Lane, San Angelo, died at 4:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 1986, in Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church chapel with Dr. Jerold McBride and the Rev. James Andrews officiating. Burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Millar was born Sept. 2, 1937, in Eagle Branch. She married Russell Millar on Nov. 11, 1969, in San Angelo. She was employed in civilian personnel at Goodfellow Air Force Base, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Russell Millar of San Angelo; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roe of Robert Lee; two sisters, Sondra Caves of Irving and Cathy Day of Midland; three brothers, Billy Wayne, Billy Jack and Ray Don Roe, all of Robert Lee; and several

nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Joe Roe, Kevin Roe, David Caves, Mark Roe, David Lee Roe and Harold McDonald.

Recipients named

More than 350 scholarship recipients were recognized during the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences' 59th Annual Pig Roast Nov. 20.

More than \$250,000 in scholarships were announced during the dinner in the University Center Ballroom. Scholarship donors and judging teams were also recognized.

Senior agricultural economics major Quint Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Anthony of Robert Lee received the \$2,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association Scholarship.

Freshman animal science major Douglas Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roberts, San Angelo Route, Robert Lee, received the \$400 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Fund Scholarship.

Commodity recertification necessary

Anyone currently receiving commodities must recertify Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1986 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Buildings in Bronte and Robert Lee. Anyone who thinks they might qualify please come by. If you are unemployed you can qualify.

If you are going to be out of town or unable to be there, call 453-2314 at Robert Lee, or 473-6471, Bronte, and make some other arrangements. You must be prepared to present your current payroll check stubs or your 1985 Income tax statements you filed with the Internal Revenue Service. Please remember you CANNOT receive Cheese and Butter in 1987, if you do not recertify.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program was established by Public Law 98-8 and was amended by Public Law 98-92. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the program on the federal level. The Department of Human Services (DHR) administers the program in Texas. Through the Emergency Food assistance Program, DHR provides needy people, including low-income and unemployed people with USDA-donated foods (commodities) to relieve situations of emergency and distress.

Personal

Recent visitors in Robert Lee with Mrs. Evah Mahon and other local relatives over the Thanksgiving holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and Joy of Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Bobbie Mahon of Weimer.



SANTA CLAUS VISITED in Robert Lee at the Coke County Library during the Tuesday Story Hour for three and four-year-olds. He heard requests from each child as cookies and candy canes were handed out.

'64 Study Club meets

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th, members of the '64 Study Club in Robert Lee enjoyed their annual Christmas buffet supper. As they entered the big Recreational Hall, accompanied by their husband, each was impressed by pretty holiday decorations, displaying the atmosphere of joy and good fellowship.

After their plates were filled with delightful goodies, and then partaking of a delicious meal, they participated in singing many favorite Christmas carols with Ronda Wojtek leading and Lucile Bryan at the piano.

Near the piano was a large table filled with attractive packages, all wrapped and ready to be shipped to the children at M.D. Anderson. This is a yearly practice of the club.

Hostesses for this gala

affair were: Leta Caston, Cookie Burns, Grace Dittmore and Pam Bradford.

Ambulance meeting

The East Coke County Ambulance Service had their regular business meeting, December 15th. New officers were elected: Elmer Hurley, president; Randy Gibbs, vice president; Sharon Hamilton, secretary; Lois Carlton, treasurer; Jackie Corley, reporter; Bruce Sonnenbery and Jackie Corley, supply persons.

On January 5th a practice meeting will be held with the next regular business meeting scheduled for January 19th.

Donations were: Cactus League, Bennie and Jackie Corley, Bronte All Sports Boosters Club. Memorials were by Jack and Finis Bryan in behalf of Frances Freeman; and by Lorena Hicks in behalf of Dora Gutierrez.

SEASONS GREETINGS

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Friday Dec. 19

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christmas

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Jerry, Sharon, Louise, & Kathy

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Friday,

December 19,

from 9:30-2:30 p.m.

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-Letter To The Editor-

Hal Spain

Hello! My name is Christopher D. Paul. You do not know me, but about five years ago I lived in Bronte, Texas. I worked at the Exxon Gas Station and at that time I lived with the Exums. Mr. Exum was the preacher at the Church of Christ.

I have just met someone here in the Oklahoma State Prison who was raised there in Bronte. When I met him it reminded me so much of that long ago place called Bronte.

Many memories came to me, such as the nice people that I encountered while I was there. The community there was all open arms and smiles. I will never forget the Warmth and the Pride that the Bronte Community showed me. I also hold close in my heart the memories of the Exum family that provided me with a roof over my head and accepted me as family. I was raised in an orphanage without a Real Family. If I may say so, the Exums were the only ones that showed me love and caring and I Love them deeply.

I remember the Christmas I spent there in Bronte-- everyone happy. The snow coming down-- all was white and clean. You could just feel the Christmas spirit in every person you met. The children all bundled up in their coats with rosy cheeks and runny noses-- throwing snow balls and making snowmen.

The spirit that I felt in the Bronte Community is as nothing I felt before or will ever feel again. Bronte is a special place with special people.

I wrote a Poem that I dedicated to all of you-- You Special People in Bronte, Texas.

Love,
Christopher Paul
#134372

(cont'd. next column)



Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Box 97
McAlester, OK 74501
P.S. Thank you, Hal Spain,
for taking your time to read
this.

LONG AGO
By Christopher Paul

Don't say a word, my friend,
Let the silence be the mood.
Listen to the soft wind blow
Under the winter moon.
Silence is a peace of mind,
It gives you time to see
All those young childhood days.
We were young, you and me.
Think about all the times
When we were so young;
All the childhood days we spent
Playing in the sun.

What about all the times when we used to watch the leaves floating down through the skies with the autumn breeze?

We always ran in the fields,
Singing our favorite songs
Running with the wild winds in the warm summer's sun.

Now that we're much older it seems so long ago;
Sometimes we find ourselves out there

Where the cold wind blows.

But when the sun comes out again

We're thinking about days to come--

Not where the cold wind blows

But in the warm summer's sun.

To the people of Bronte with love.

Spend money at home

Editorial by Mike White
Have you ever thought about where your money goes when it leaves your hands? Think of money as being divided into two classes; That spent in your town or your community and that spent anywhere else.

Money spent outside your community is money used only once. (as far as you are concerned anyway). It goes to pay bills in the place you spent it. It pays salaries in the place you spend it. If, in a larger city those salaries are in turn spent in that city. City tax money is used in the city that you spend your money. In short, money spent outside your community is rarely recirculated anywhere close to you. You rarely see it again.

You say "Yes, but someone else's money is being spent where it will affect me". True if in a large town. Absolutely untrue in a small town. Small town people go to a large town to make purchases. Few large town people come to a small town such as Bronte or Robert Lee to make purchases.

Why is it so important to keep our towns healthy? Glad you asked. If a town is strong you can attract and keep good teachers.

You can go to a store and not have to wait an hour to pay for a purchase. You can do business without having

to produce a drivers license and two other forms of identification. You can walk down the street knowing most of the people you meet and not worrying about being mugged while people watch but won't help. It will keep a special way of life alive and well.

What happens to money spent in your town? It mostly stays there. City tax money builds roads, pays upkeep on the parks and helps keep utilities in good working order. It goes to salaries of people who live here and pay either rent or mortgage. The more money spent at home allows merchants to offer a bigger and wider range of services.

How many times have you bought gas in San Angelo when the price is the same in Bronte or Robert Lee. When was the last time you simply went browsing around your own town? Try it sometime. The merchants will welcome you.

Let us all try to aide our communities by doing business when possible in our own town. It can't be done totally but when you do you will have helped several of your friends and neighbors. You will never feel like you have helped anyone if you are lost in the shuffle of a big town crowd and most don't appear to appreciate it.



EFFIE ROE AND Rosa Longoria are Resident and Employee of the Month of West Coke Co. Nursing Home. Effie has been a resident for four years. Rosa has been employed for 7 years, including aide, medication aide and housekeeping.

Remembrances of Christmas Past



May every festive setting of the season inspire you with happiness.

COKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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To Friends and Customers
of

Ivey Motor Company

You're invited to our

OPEN HOUSE

Tues. Dec. 23

2:00 pm-5:00 pm

It's our way of saying

Merry Christmas

to our friends & customers.

We will close at noon on Dec. 24th,
and be closed all day Dec. 25th.

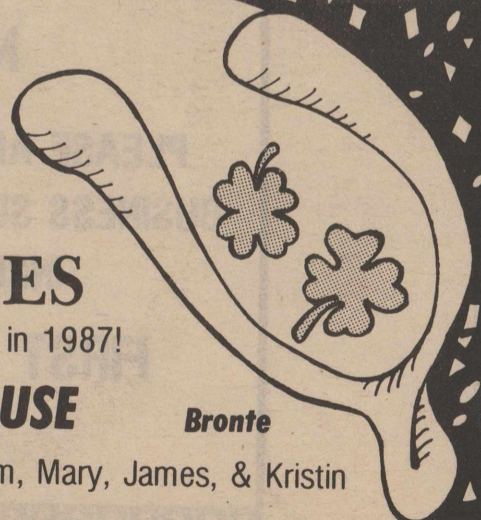
BEST WISHES

and lots of luck in 1987!

K C HOUSE

Bronte

Mary, Karen, Pam, Mary, James, & Kristin



BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Art winner

Tod Strickland of Bronte won third place in the amateur division of the Concho Valley Art Guild contest.

He received \$150 for his painting "Early Morning Flight". The contest was held at the Kendall Art Gallery, 119 W. 1st Street in San Angelo.

The paintings were on display from Dec. 1st thru the 17th.

Calder named to Honor Roll

Fall quarter honor rolls have been announced at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater, according to Mr. Ed Scruggs, acting Campus President.

Included in the honor rolls are the names of TSTI's Sweetwater Campus, Abilene Extension and Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. In order to be eligible for the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll, he/she must maintain a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average in all subjects for the quarter and can be enrolled either as a part-time or full-time student.

Among those listed on the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll was a Robert Lee student, Gary Calder. He has maintained a 3.941 grade point average in Automation Robotics Technology.

Blackwell all-district

Ray Walls, a sophomore at Blackwell, was named as the punter on the District 4-A, six-man All-East Zone first team. Two of his Hornet teammates during the 1986 football season were placed on the second team.

Senior Andy Lee, a linebacker, gained the honor on defense, and Bradley Connel, also a senior, was placed on the second offensive team at quarterback.

Horns breeze to first in Highland tournament

The Bronte Longhorns breezed their way to the 1st place trophy in the Highland Basketball Tournament Dec. 11, 12, and 13. Bronte's first victim was Eden. The Longhorns won 51-36. John Morrow had 18 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals. Stephen Lee had 14 points and 3 steals. Conda Richards had 7 rebounds. Jamie Powers had four assists.

In the second game Bronte beat Robert Lee 49-37. John Morrow had 22 points and 10 rebounds. Pete Puentez had

12 points and 3 steals. Jamie Powers had 3 assists.

Sterling City was Bronte's opponent in the championship game. It was 59-44 Bronte. Pete Puentez had 16 points and 5 steals. John Morrow had 16 points. Stephen Lee had 10 points and 9 rebounds. Jamie Powers had 7 assists.

Bronte played Eldorado Tuesday and will play in the Robert Lee Tournament this weekend. Bronte's record is 7-0.

School closing

Friday, December 19th will be the last day of school before the Christmas holidays.

Bronte classes will resume January 5, 1987.

Albany defeated

Tuesday, Dec. 9th Bronte beat Albany in Bronte 76-54. High scorers for Bronte were Pete Puentez, 22 points, John Morrow had 10 rebounds. Stephen Lee led in assists with 5. Pete Puentez led in steals with 4.

Christmas skit

The Bronte 3rd graders will present a Christmas skit Friday, December 19th at 12:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Following the skit the Kindergarten class will sing Christmas carols. Everyone is invited.

All-District Volleyball

The District 11-A All-District VB team was announced this week. Named to the team from Bronte were Seniors Jann Tounget and Estella Puentez.

The rest of the team was made up of Janet Glass, Kathy Juarez, Becky Farris, Water Valley and Sherri Hedden, Miles.

Shorthorns win two

The Bronte Shorthorns came away with two victories against Robert Lee. In the B game the final score was 12-3. Scoring for the Shorthorns were Aime Parker 6, Tamara Richards and Jamie Morrow 2 each and Tina Smith and Kristie Cooper 1 each. The B team has a perfect 4-0 record.

The A team was also on the winning end of the stick

with a score of 39-23.

Angela Reyes scored a big 21 points. Darla Scott had 10, Eboni Taylor 4 and Julie Blair and Susan Culp both had 2 each. The team has a district record of 3-1.

The Shorthorns will plan in the Sterling City Tournament on Dec. 11, 12, 13. Their first game is Thursday at 4:30 against Robert Lee.

Bronte School Board

The Bronte School Board met December 11th at 8:00 p.m. High School principal Bert Johnson reviewed Exist level TEAMS test results. Scores on the test were generally good. This test must be passed in order for a student to receive his high school diploma.

Board members evaluated the school superintendent and evaluated themselves. This was in order to establish goals and develop long range plans.

Members discussed a building and maintenance

program.


The budget was amended to include salary and insurance for the elementary principal's secretary.

It was decided to hold future board meetings at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 until daylight savings time comes again in April.

A handicap bus route to San Angelo for special ed students was approved. Correspondence was reviewed and bills were paid.

The next meeting will be January 8, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.

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Janet Baker

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CHRISTMAS
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Thurs. Jan. 1
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Christmas Wishes

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I would like a my kid sister for Christmas. My brothers, Salvador, would like a My Buddy for Christmas. My babysister, Heidi, wants the twin babies. We been pretty good kids this year.

Love,
Heather, Salvador &
Heidi Randazzo

Dear Santa,
I want a football and a play, what you put on your head (helmet) and a pound puppy. Not a realy one just a play one. A choo choo train and shoulder pads for the football game. And a puzzle and thats all except for a Christmas book about Santa Claus and a red wagon.
Were going to leave you some milk and cookies.

Love
Dusty

P.S. Happy X-mas to all.

Dear Santa,
I sure will be glad when Christmas is here and you bring me some new toys!

I want a "BIG" Pickup and Trailer, just like Casey's and anything else you think I need.

My grandparents think I am a good little boy, even though my Mom & Dad don't always agree with them.

Love,
Joel Webb

P.S. Micala needs a "BIG" Pickup & Trailer just like the one you bring me, please because she is my favorite playmate.

Dear Santa,
I want Animal, a pocket knife, a baby Pound Puppy, and a Turbo Hopper.

Your friend,
Casey Gibbs

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy, Teddy Ruxpin, a play dog that jumps up and barks, and some crayons and some coloring books.

Your friend,
Courtney Arrott

Dear Santa,
I want pom-poms, a Pound Puppy, a doll, and a Bingo Bear. I want a play horse.

Thank you.
Love,
Julie Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a Pound Puppy, Bingo Bear, dolls, dresses, and Chubble.

Thank you.
Love,
Bianca S. Lara

Dear Santa,
I want some snow bells, Teddy Ruxpin, a ball, and a star for my Christmas tree. I want a toy tractor for my brother.

I love Santa,
Mandy Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer, a football suit, a Pound Puppy, and a G-I Joe.

Thanks.
Your friend,
Michael Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want three pom-poms, a Bingo Bear and a small rocking chair for my sister.

Love,
Melinie Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a Turbo Hopper, an Animal Pick-up, and a Cross Boss.

Thank you.
Love,
Darrel Swenson

Dear Santa
How are you? How is Rudolph? This is my Christmas list: G.I. Joe, Rambo base and a few men, Lambegine, Ferri, a cat, a knife, and give me something big.

Your
Friend
Nicholas

Dear Santa
My Christma list
I want a Teedy Rex bear and some games. I love you sianta very much I am goin to be nice to all my friends and sitters and brothers. I want some bunch of toys. I like to have some baby toys for my sitter and cousin. I want a Jam-lox and I want a cabby patch.

By

.Becky

Dear Santa
I want a car whash. oh I almost forgot how is you'r reindeers well I want a set of cars. Two sets of G.I. Joe. fill my stocking

Chadrick. B

Dear Santa
I want ghostcomand ghostbusers game metroplex ultramagnes and night raven.

Cory Robinson

Dear santa,
I want a real houres and a cabbage patch kid and a care bear and a traper keeper for Chrislams!

Your
friend
Shannan

I Wish I had a BMX and a DRAW Books and...

Russel

Dec. 5, 1986
Dear Santa
I wish I would have three things for Christmas 1. castle grayscull 2. skyfire 3. mini dirtbike too.

love Arron
Thanks Santa

Dear Santa,
I wish that all people will be friends, and not fight. I wish Cabbage Patch Baby. And Cricket the talking baby. And I wish that every body has a happy Christmas

Love,
Christina

Dear Santa,
I want a Gobot, a transformer watch, Breaker, Thundercat, and Slave. One more thing - a transformer.

Your friend,
Justin Brazeal

Dear Santa,
I want a Gobot, crayolas, Cooler, Animals, a transformer, a football, and a pocket knife.

Love,
Scotty Graves

Dare
Santa I want a Gocarta and a molorcycle

Your
friend
Ruben

christmas
Joy



Wishing you joys to remember, memories to treasure, and love for this Christmas and always.

Butane Sales Co.
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Happy Holidays



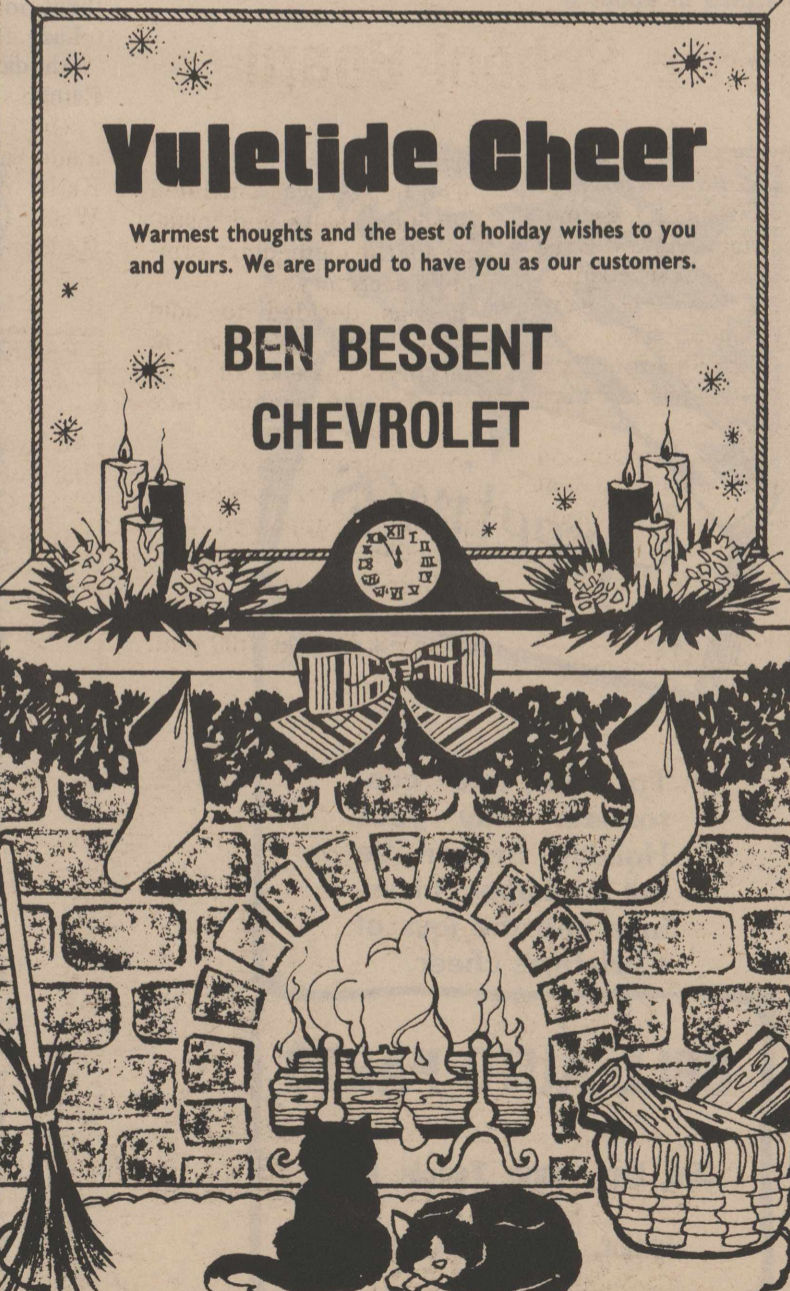
We're delighted to have you as our customers. May your Christmas be filled with all the Season's joys.

KEY FEED STORE
Joe David, Teri, Jason, and Jessica
David, Alene, and DeeAnna

Yuletide Cheer

Warmest thoughts and the best of holiday wishes to you and yours. We are proud to have you as our customers.

**BEN BESSANT
CHEVROLET**



Kids! Color Santa!

OES meeting

Owens celebrates 80th

Edna Owens, of Bronte celebrated her 80th birthday, Dec. 13th for her birthday on the 24th.

It was held at the Senior Citizens Center in Bronte. Mrs. Owens has lived in Bronte for almost 25 years. She was married to G.W. Owens. After his death in 1970 she took Drivers Ed and got her drivers license and has lived alone since.

Hosts were her children, Gerald and his wife, Helen Owens of Kaufman, Texas; Dale and husband, Harold Stallings of Killeen; Virginia Frazee; Sam and wife, Joyce

Owens of Midland.

Guests were: grandson Steve and Debbie Brosh, great-grandson Terry Lee Brosh of Odessa; Bob and Patti Frazee and great-granddaughter, Katy, Debora and great-granddaughter, Linnie Frazee of Bronte; Jan and Bill Matlock of Brownfield and Cheryl Rusk of Midland.

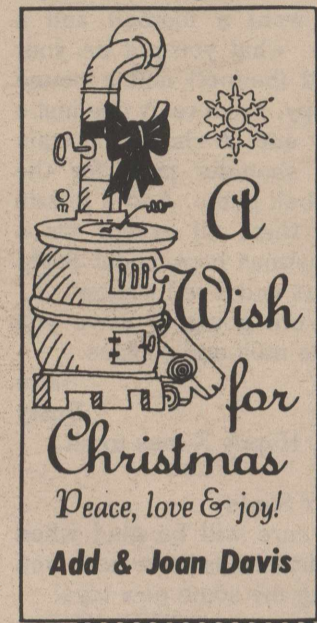
Many Bronte friends attended. She received congratulations from President and Mrs. Reagan and from State Representative Bill Sims.



Bronte Chapter #1048 Order of the Eastern Star, met Monday night, Dec. 8, at the Bronte Masonic Hall.

A Christmas program was presented. Margaret Martin led the group with Christmas carols accompanied by Leonard Fletcher pianist.

Betty & Royce Lee, worthy matron and worthy patron, hosted the social hour following the meeting.



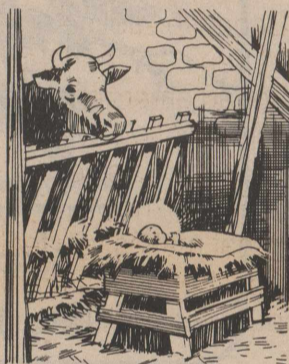
Personal

Mrs. Betty Green of Tennyson has been hospitalized in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo following congestive heart failure at her home. For those who want to write or visit, she is in room #351.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Moore returned to their Robert Lee home Monday evening. Moore had been a patient in the Medical Center of Odessa for nearly a week with heart problems. He has undergone two open heart surgeries in the past.

Mrs. Irene Newell was released last Saturday from St. John's Hospital in San Angelo after a lengthy hospitalization there. She is recuperating at her home in Robert Lee following surgery and complications resulting from it.

Sid Long returned to his home in Robert Lee on Tuesday from Shannon Hospital. He had suffered a moderate heart attack 10 days before. A family spokesman reported he is much improved. He will probably be able to return to his job as vocational ag teacher at RLHS in about 6 weeks.



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



To our fine customers: may your Holiday Season be full of happy blessings and the joys of Christmas cheer.

BELL AUTO PARTS

Jim, Bev, Doug, Tancie, Deb,
Junior, Troy, and Gery

Merry Christmas

It's that wondrous time of year, when nature wears her dazzling gown of white! We wish you a joyous Yuletide.

HILLSIDE GROCERY
The Sherrills
Charles & Ann, Charles Michael & Crissy Y.J. & Dair



"I JUST MADE MY FAMILY FEEL BETTER."

This holiday season my family is giving me a Lifeline® locket.

It's a tiny transmitter that weighs about an ounce and is given to people who might need emergency help at home.

"But I'm the picture of health, so why do I need it?" I asked.

"Because it will make us feel better," said my family.

"How so?" said I.

"Because Lifeline can electronically alert the police, or an emergency service, or a neighbor, in case anything ever happens. You'll feel a lot more secure. After all, you do live alone, you know."

"If that makes you feel better," I said, "then I feel better. Matter of fact, at this moment, I never felt better in my life."



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Please contact the Coke County Judge's Office

(915) 453-2641

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.

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Merry Christmas

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
Buy me a poppel brown pound puppy, and a kicker ball, and a stroller, and that's all.

Where your reindeers are? And where is your wife? I was good.

Love,
Misty White

Dear Santa,
How are your deer doing? How many elves do you have? How many deer pull the sleigh? Is it cold up there?

Please bring me a gun. Please bring me a bed, and a play horse. Please bring me a suit like yours.

I love you.
J.C. Jones

P.S. What's your deers' names?

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Castle Greyskull, and I want this train that goes fast. I want G.I. Joe and some books, and I want a Snake Mountain, and I want a three-wheeler, and I want Big Foot. And I want a little bit of candy. And I want some cars. I want an Animal, 'cause mines' broke.

I love you, and I like you. Thank you for all the toys, and one more thing: I like you the best.

Merry Christmas!
I wanna see your face.
Dustin Holland

Dear Santa,
Please, Santa, bring me a dump truck, a cowboy hat, He-man, and Robot-O and Man-and-Arms. And a Gobot. There's two more things - a watch and castle. I've been good.

I love you!
Rod Harrell

Dear Santa
I want a car and I want a cabbagee ptch kid and I went rome crayloa and some Glue and I went a play house and a glitter battong and a cear Bear and I went a jam box and some pencils and santa doll and a doll and lots of thing I went.

Your Finend,
Melinda

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I want a lots of things. I want so miny thigs. I want to go to my Grandmothers house.

Love,
Shaunna

Dear Santa
I want a bobby Cabbage Patch Kid. I want Cabbage-Patch clothes. How are you doing. I am doing fine.

Merry Christmas
Love,
Danielle

Dec. 4, 1986
I want a Caggeg Patch Kid. I want a raido. I want a baton. I want clows. I want Rainbow Brite.

Merry Christmas
Love, Jodie

Dear Santa Cluas
How are you going I am fine How are yous deer doing Merry Christmas.

I want a remot control. I want a b-b gun I want a

picket Knife. I want a robot. I want the Animal. I want the Lazer tag. I want tow sebes. I want a lot of Games. I want a Foot ball. I want gobots. I want thundercats. I want Heman. I want Gabbage PAils. I want a watch. I want Teddy Ruxpen. I want Racing set. I want a bow and arrow. I want cloths. I want broken stuf.

Love Camden

Dear Santa,
I want an angmaiter and a new watch. I want a football helment. I want a football. I want a football jersey I want a lazer tag. I want a football fild. I want a football Tee. I want a flex.

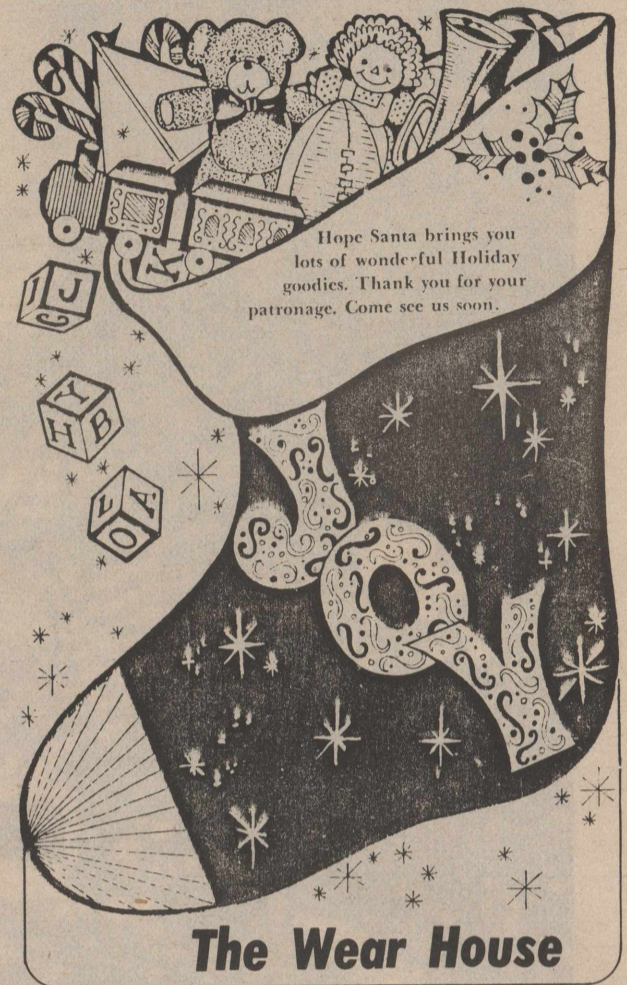
Merry Christmas
Thank you
Stephen Shea Kelton

Dear Santa
I wold like a bike and a turbo hopper and a wrenkils and a pound puppie.

Merry Christmas Santa Claus
Thank you
Love
Lane Parker

Dear Santa,
I want a Jambox. I want a dog. I want a gun I want a

remote-train.
Thank you
Joseph Costilla-Gonzalez



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I was good sometine. I want a doll and a Pople too. I want a Cabbage pachtkid.
by Jennifer Fuentes

Dear Santa
I have been good and so have my friend. I want a bike a gun and a basketball and a football and a bike, and a uno cards
Gary

Dear, Santa
I have been good. Please give me a Scate board, cabeg batch kid hair you can brush, fille, boots, and a tape recorder.
Your friend,
Wendy

I am Tim moore. I have ben good to day I wonte a walhman and a racecartrack

Dear Santa
I have been very good. I whis I can have a Raindeer. and a four wheer and a jambox. and a pet fish.
Nanie Stephanie Pomper

Dear Santa
I have been very bad. How have you been. I want a motersickle. And a jambox and football.
Thats all

by Robert Reyes

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a cabbage pachtkid and a doll house a horse witch white and blak spoots and a new like and a jambox and a cowgirlsuit and a lox full of julire and that is all I have been good have you leen good?

Love Darla jones
8 year old

Dear Santa
I am been good. I wand a raed rifle I wand a three wheeler I wand a raed roed. That's all.

Yhor friend
John Cositlla Gonzalez
8 yeser old

Dear Santa,
I would like a jam box, jams, guns, and a bike and a cag and some money.

Love Alex,

Dear Santa
I wode like a cobra ra van and base and 5 G.I. Goe men and 7 cars.

from Ben to Santa

Dear Santa
I've been good I want a jambox, a tomohawh, and some G.I. Joe men.

from Bedo To Santa

Dear Santa
I wont a Jam Box. I wod like some tapes. I want a glitter boton. I wod like

make-up.
I hope you have a Mery Mery crims.

Love, Kelly

Dear Santa Claus,
Buy me a talk doll. Get me a new bike.

Where do you live?
Merry Christmas!
Melissa Reyes

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Fleming contacted by Stenholm on planes

(Editors Note: Greg Fleming of Robert Lee recently made an appeal to Representative Charlie Stenholm in regard to low-flying Air Force aircraft over the city. Mr. Stenholm replied that he would look into the matter. Here are further responses.)
Mr. Greg Fleming
Post Office Box 698
Robert Lee, TX. 76945

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This is in further response to your letter to my office concerning the difficulties you are encountering with low-flying aircraft near your home.

Hon. Charles W. Stenholm
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
20515-0001

Dear Mr. Stenholm:

This is in response to your inquiry of October 23, 1986, in behalf of Mr. Greg Fleming regarding low flying military aircraft in the vicinity of Robert Lee, Texas.

Mr. Fleming apparently lives in the area underlying a military training route called "Instrument Route (IR) 124". This route is controlled by the Tactical Air Command (67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing/DOC, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas 73743). The minimum altitude along this route, in the vicinity of Robert Lee, Texas, is 500 feet above the ground.

The military training routes used by the various services are developed in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and in compliance with national environmental policies. Planning these routes is a comprehensive process and considers such variables as existing air traffic restrictions, local topography, and

As you know, I have been in contact with officials at the Department of the Air Force, in an attempt to be of all possible assistance. I have recently received the enclosed response from Air Force officials. The letter states that you will be contacted by the appropriate officials in an attempt to resolve the difficulties.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me. With my very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,
Charles W. Stenholm
Member of Congress

location of densely populated areas. The responsible officials at Headquarters, Tactical Air Command (HQ TAC) are in the best position to evaluate solutions to Mr. Fleming's concern. For this reason, his letter is being forwarded to airspace officials at HQ TAC (TAC/DOX-BO) for investigation and appropriate action. We have requested that they contact Mr. Fleming to acquire additional information on specific occurrences and to answer any questions Mr. Fleming may have.

We wish it were possible to accomplish the defense mission without disturbing private citizens. Be assured

BRINGING UP BABY

By Barbara J. Ivens, M.S., R.D.
Nutritionist
Gerber Products Company

SODIUM VS. SALT

Q. While feeding my baby strained squash, I noticed the label on the baby food jar said the squash was prepared without added salt. Why, then, does the label show a sodium content for the food? Aren't salt and sodium the same?

A. The terms "sodium" and "salt" can be confusing. Sodium occurs naturally in all foods. Salt, however, is the common name for a compound called sodium chloride. The terms are often confused because the main source of

sodium in most adult diets is table salt.

Sodium is an important nutrient that our bodies need. Sodium will always be present in foods, even when no salt has been added. Therefore, the sodium content that you see on the labels of baby foods is the amount of naturally occurring sodium in that food. Salt has not been added to baby food for almost a decade.

If you have other questions about the nutritional content of baby foods, you may want to call Gerber Products Company's new, toll-free Consumer Information Services phone number, 1-800-4-GERBER, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is our subscription check.

Merry Christmas to all. Looking forward to Coke County News for 1987.

Bill & Dolores Higgins
Anchorage, Alaska

that we will continue to dedicate every effort toward reducing the annoyance associated with low altitude training.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and hope the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,
Laimon T. Tarzier
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Program Liaison Division
Office of Legislative Liaison



Yuletide Greetings

Merry sentiments for a holiday abounding in joy and goodwill.

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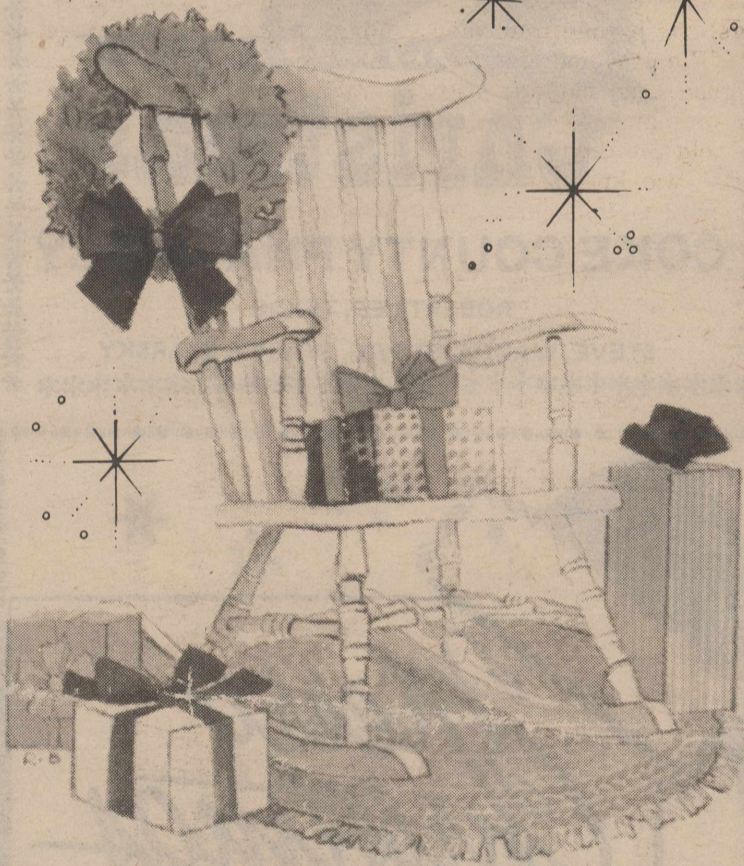
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St. Jude devoted to abused children

St. Jude's Ranch for Children is a place devoted to abused and unwanted children in Boulder City, Nevada. It is a non-profit, non-sectarian facility for the care of homeless children.

Some of the Ranch's case histories follow:

Twelve year old Aaron and nine year old Michelle, a brother and sister team who have been with us for two years, were recently entertaining us with the tales of "remember when" before coming to St. Jude's. Some of the stories were not as happy or amusing to the staff as they were to the two children: Like when Michelle got stuck inside a Good-Will collection depot while trying to steal a warm winter coat; or the time she found \$1.67, enough to buy some candy, in the pockets of some pants left at a Salvation Army Thrift store box; or the time they found "two whole fried chicken legs that had never been eaten on" in a restaurant garbage can, and that was their Christmas dinner that year; or how the only Christmas presents they got were toys they picked out of a trash dumpster. They had been left simply to roam the streets and fend for themselves.

And then there were the two brothers and one sister who had been living in a van parked in the desert. They were so covered with lice and fleas that we had to use a special chemical shampoo to clean them. I didn't know what the word "nit-picker" really meant until we had to pick out all the nits (lice eggs) one by one from their hair. We provided emergency good used clothing from our storage closet. For eight year old Dorothy we got one dress, two little shirts and two pairs of blue jeans, all size 6 because she was so small. The next morning after being waked she stood in front of her closet for half an hour before getting dressed.

As she put it, "I don't know what to put on. I've never had so many clothes in my whole life." After being with us a year we were worried that she had not gained weight although she ate everything in sight, so we took her for a medical check up. The doctor prescribed high potency vitamins with fluoride to combat bad teeth and a scurvy type condition. But first he asked Dorothy, "What did you eat before coming to St. Jude's?" "Do I have to answer?" asked the child. "No," replied the doctor gently. "Well, I'll tell you anyway," she said, "we had bologna and cold hot dogs." "Everyday?" replied the doctor in amazement. The little girl thought for a while and finally said, "Once we had a watermelon."

Florita was only eight when she, with her brothers and sisters, was lined up against a kitchen wall and forced to watch while her drunken stepfather picked up his shotgun and blew their mother's brains out. It is no wonder that when she came to the Ranch she was wracked with nightmares about it so that Sister Rosamond would have to calm her fears almost every day.

Jimmer was four when his father first broke his nose with a soda bottle. He also spent months in a body cast for broken bones after he had been hit against a wall. He came to St. Jude's at age seven and couldn't talk about his problems for almost two years. Finally he opened up one night, and we began to discuss the scars on his chin. "You ain't seen nothing yet, Father," he said almost proudly. Then he took off his shoes and showed me the soles of his feet which were a mass of scar tissue where his dad had burned him with a cigarette lighter. "But you know I'm lucky" Jimmer continued. "I used to have a little brother,

and when he was six weeks old my father smeared him all over the kitchen wall and he's dead now." I didn't remember reading that in the case history so I looked at the file again. There was an entry from medical authorities at a military hospital reporting the death of a six week old sibling whom the parents claimed had "fallen out of the crib." I think Jimmer saw what really happened.

Thirteen year old Carl arrived at the Ranch with a colossal chip on his shoulder. "I'm a punk" he said. "Nobody better mess with me, or they'll be sorry." But after about half an hour of counseling with Sister Gabriel the little boy inside him broke through the tough outer shell and the child began to cry. "The truth of the matter, Sister, is I'm not a punk. It is just that nobody wants me."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta says that the worst disease in the world today is not tuberculosis or cancer or any other incurable malady. The worst disease in the world is feeling unwanted... unloved... unneeded.

St. Jude's does not employ professional fund raisers. They do not sell, loan, rent or otherwise exchange mailing lists with any other charity. In fact they don't do anything the way the professional fund raisers say it must be done.

Anyone wishing to help the Ranch in any way may write to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Box 985, Boulder City, Nevada, 89005 or phone 702-293-3131. Father Herbert A. Ward, Jr. SSC

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Joyous Holidays



Here's hoping that you and your loved ones will know every joy at this Yuletide season.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



Wishing you the best gift of the season — happiness at Christmas and always.

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LUMBER AND HARDWARE



COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley

USE WOOD HEATERS SAFELY

Many people burn wood to heat or help heat their homes or to enjoy the cheery comfort of a fireplace.

Wood is very economical if it can be cut on the home place or is there for the taking from a friend. Still, applicable safety rules must be honored to prevent fire and woodlot injuries.

Here are a few safety tips:

- Install wood-burning stoves according to directions supplied by the manufacturer and fire department.
- Keep chimneys and flues clean to avoid a dangerous creosote build-up.
- Don't burn coal in your stove unless it was designed to handle it.
- Don't burn trash in a stove or fireplace.
- Don't let your stove overheat. Keep the fire properly damped for even heat output

and good fuel efficiency.

-Use a fireplace screen or glass door to contain any sparks and hot ashes.

-If you cut your own firewood, use your chainsaw according to manufacturer's directions and other woodlot tools with appropriate care. Wear a hard hat, safety shoes, goggles, gloves and hearing protectors.

-When handling wood, avoid strain and watch your step.

-Install fire extinguishers; discuss your needs with your fire protection dealer.

-Install smoke detectors, but not in the same room with a stove or fireplace.

If you are old enough to know better it's probably not quite as much fun.

Life is like coming home from fishing. No matter how many or how big you have the biggest one got away.

-Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

HAVE REASON FOR PRUNING WOODY ORNAMENTALS

Don't whack away at woody ornamentals in your yard unless they really need pruning. Some of the right reasons for pruning include removing dead or winter-killed growth or balancing the top with the root system when setting out new plants.

Exposing the structural form of plants such as crepe myrtles can be done by removing overly dense growth or small, twiggy limbs that cross one another. Also remove diseased or insect-injured wood as well as storm or accident-damaged limbs.

Shrubs can be rejuvenated by removing older branches at the base. Pruning also can help develop a desired shape or size as well as aid in producing better flowers and fruit.

If possible, avoid severe pruning. It is better to prune lightly and more often to prevent sunscale to sensitive inner branches. Never leave stubs that invite insects and disease to enter.

Plants which bloom in early spring with the appearance of new leaves should be pruned after they flower. Those that bloom later in the spring or summer should be pruned during the dormant season.

For any pruning operations, always use sharp tools.

For additional pruning information, get a copy of B-1347, "Pruning and Training Landscape Plants," at the County Extension office.

Children's Christmas quiz

How much do you know about Christmas?

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 pull-

- ed 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. |

Pointers For Parents Stuttering Child Needs Holiday Help

Christmas and other holidays can be a very sad time for children who stutter.



Many clinicians believe emotions like stress, anxiety and excitement contribute to frustrating a child who stutters.

Speech-language pathologists recommend steps parents can take to reduce emotional pressure on the stutterer:

structure the holiday to keep the level of excitement down, remind adults with whom the child will be in contact to pace their own speech patterns, and make sure the child gets normal rest.

"Sometimes even trips to see Santa can frustrate a stutterer, especially if Santa tries to finish sentences for him," says Jane Fraser, president of the Speech Foundation of America. "If the parent could meet with Santa earlier about taking his time with the child, it could help."

The Speech Foundation of America is a non-profit organization founded for the prevention and treatment of stuttering. For a free list of books including *If Your Child Stutters: A Guide for Parents*, call 1-800-992-9392, or write: Speech Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, Tenn. 38111.

JOY TO ALL

We wish you a season of beautiful Christmas moments...lasting memories to treasure forever.

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

Bill, Audrey, Chad and Jodee Helwig

Blessings

...for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer!

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LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dyess are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Blaine Matthew was born at 5:06 p.m. December 10, 1986 at Angelo Community Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 8½ oz. and measured 19½ inches long.

Grandparents are Royce and Frances Dyess of Bronte, Nell Ballard of Winters, and Billy Ray Ballard of Girard, Tex.

Great-grandparents are Mabel Dyess of Bronte and Pauline Allen of Ballinger.

Terence Joe Scott was born to proud parents Merritt and Elaine Scott of Bronte.

His brother Zane and sister Mandy are quite pleased and proud of Terence.

He was born Dec. 11 at 1:46 p.m. during a snowstorm at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 20½ inches.

Maternal grandparents

are John and Betty Oates of San Angelo Paternal grandparents are Joe Ed and Wilma Scott of Bronte. Great-grandmother is Mrs. J.W. Oates of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clawson, Jr. are proud parents of a daughter born Dec. 12, 1986 at 1:39 a.m. at Shannon Hospital. The new baby has been named Felicia Lurette Clawson, for her grandmother Felisa Ybarra and her great-grandmother, the late Odessie Lurette Clawson. She has a sister, Athena Marie, 4 and a brother, Christopher Ryan, 2 years old.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ybarra of Robert Lee, Roy Clawson, Sr. of Midland, and Mrs. Joyce Morris of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ruby Bollinger of San Angelo and Sra. Leonarda Uvalle Mendez of Mexico City, Mexico.

Boiles reception slated

On Sunday, Dec. 21, 1986, 1 to 4 p.m., Elmer and Helen Boiles will be honored an Open House reception to be held in Bayview Estates in Robert Lee at their home. Their friends are invited to attend their 50th Anniversary celebration.

They were married in Sweetwater, Texas Dec. 19, 1936. The couple were long-time residents of the Wylie community near Abilene, where all their children were born and attended Wylie Schools.

Elmer Boiles farmed in Wylie and was also a school bus driver for year. Helen Boiles was a homemaker and worked some at Sears Methodist Home in Abilene.

The reception will be hosted by their children, grandchildren and one great-grandson:

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Castleberry and sons, Michael and Joe Douglas Castleberry of Greenwood community,

Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and son, David Michael Jones, also of Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Boiles and son, Tracy Boiles of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. David Boiles and son, Gary Boiles and daughters, Deniece and Lisa Fulson of Denver City.



Peace on Earth

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

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

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring a nerf football? I love you. For my mom I would like a very pretty dress and for my dad a truck.

Your friend,
Cynthia Abalos

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please give me three Mask things? One is a orange pickup. It's name is Fire Cracker. One is a Slick GTO car it's orange too, it's name is Stinger and there is one more. It's a new Cheverlete van. It's name is Sting Shot.

Your best friend,
David Millican

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

My Child, TV, rabbit fur coat.

Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Amanda Sanders

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to own a corn Cabbage Patch Kid. And a pound puppy. And if I can have it, I would like a bike.

Your friend,
Dawn Nichols

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a moc-control car. I would also like a Mo-control boat. And a basketball. Now you can bring me anything you want.

Love,
Jeremy Burns

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse. I would like some clothes. And a raft to go fishing in.

Your friend,
Alicia Key

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a pet Hawk and a pellet gun and I would like a horse.

Love,
Eric Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Pound Puppy, a Care Bear, please. Merry Christmas

Your friend,
Heather Millican

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like the Decepticon cald Tyipticon and the rest ov the Pretecons and Conbaticons. I do not have. Say hello to Mrs. Santa Clous and give all my happiness to Rudoulf.

Your truly,
T.J. Roe

Dear Santa Claus,
May I get a chess set? I would like a Uno set too. I would like to get a Lego set.

Your friend,
Larry Welch

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas. I would like a Transformer called Metroplex. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jason Key

Dear Santa,
This year I would really like to have a new sweater, computron, and Grumpy Bear.

Love Your friend,
Jaclyn Waldrop

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a BMX bike and a castle Grayskull and a Ninja doll and a mask.

Love,
Jesse Arellano

Dear Santa Claus,
I think you're very nice. I want a Kodac Camera. BMX Bike, Chihuahua dog.,

Love,
Maria Minjarez

Dear, Santa Cluse,
I want for Christmas is a jambox and a Cabbage Patch baby and a doll.

From: Sabrina Cowart

Dear Santa,
Could I please have a little football? I would like a deer rifle. And I want some new clothes.

Your friend,
Aaron Hood

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like new bulletin bord and a Pound Puppy and a Pound Purry.

Your friend,
Krystal gayle Carver

Dear Santa
I would like a horse and a bazooka and a machinegun. I want a pretty dres for my mom and pens for my dad. Wes wants money and Kim wants perfume.

Your friend,
Eric Hood

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a toy truck and a small football and a small basket ball.

Love,
Denny Bohannon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a happy Christmas. I want my father to get some business. I want all of us to have a nice Christmas. That is all I want. I wish you a happy Christmas.

Love
Katrina L. Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I like Christmas Day. I like the presents. Santa may I please have a phone, watch, and a pound Puppy?

Love,
Regina Luna

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a 4 wheeler and real pads and shotgun. I love your elves and I love your deer and Rudolf.

Your friend,
Casey Lee Antilley

Dear Santa
I want a masher on He Man. I would need Snake Mountain. I want Man At Arms. I love the reindeers. Our room in school is nice. We have the calendar. We have a typewriter and I need one. I need friends of the Horde. I like Night Rider bikes. I need a Slime Pit. We have Big Blue Birds rules at school.

Good bye

Love
Jeremy Kyle Eaton

Dear Santa
Please bring me a bike. Please bring me a Cabbage Patch doll. I need a Barbie Doll. Hello to Rudolph.

Love
Holly Copeland

Dear Santa
We had a program. It was for Christmas. I want a sleigh and reindeer for Santa's holiday. Please come to school at the East. We live in the one called Earth. There is one called Mars and one called Mercury. Do you live on Earth or Pluto? I have a sister that is a baby and she is named Kimberly Faye. On accident I took her bottle to school. Boy was Mrs. Henshaw surprised. She made me not drink out of it at recess. Give my mom 2 or 5 flowers. Give Mrs. Henshaw a reindeer to freak her out. I hope you have a present to get.

Love
Geoff Waugespack



We wish you happiness and serenity this holiday season and always.

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Let us spread His message of peace and good will to all men.

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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

Dear Santa,
I would a robot and I would a bigfoot and I would a kingkog.
Love Freddy.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football fieldgoal set. I have been a good boy. I also would like a computer.
I like you santa.
Jason

Dear Santa,
I want a Ramboman and a missile launch Squirt Gun and a Beab Gun I Love Santa very munch I love Gilbert Torres.
Dear Santa,
I want Rambo stuff. and Transformers stuff Jam box.
I like you.
Love
Steven Shaun Robertson

Dear Santa.
Transformers Turbo Turbo train a new bike
Love
Matthew Dean Hodges

Dear Santa,
I would like a now bike and a Radio and a Juke box.
Love Jerrod Pitcock

Dear Santa
I want a machine gun that shoochs pellets and B.Bs.
Love Lance Shandley

Dear Santa,
I want a Jam box. and I want a book bag. and a gun. please
Love Jennifer Scott
I Love you Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me these things, a popple, a Barbie a corn silk cabbage patch.
Love, Miranda

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have something like a swamper and a flex and my pet monster and a my brother wants a Hart to hart bear.
Love
Donald Clay Edging

Dear Santa,
I want a popple for Crist-mas and a swimming Pool to and I want a cat for Cristmas
Love,
Jenita Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I want a robot for my Christmas Day. I will take it to school to play with. Davis a clown. Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.
Love You,
Matt

Dear Santa
I want orange mask pick-up. And red mask car and black mask car. Please bring me a Wish Bear
LOVE
MICHAEL PENTECOST

Dear Santa,
I wont a bike and I some clothes and some shos
Love Brandi

Dear Santa,
I want a Cam Recorder and a calculator watch. And I want a robot. Please
Love
Chad Goodman

Noel



May your Christmas be everything you've been hoping for!

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Peace



May you share the joy of this Holiday Season with the special ones you love!

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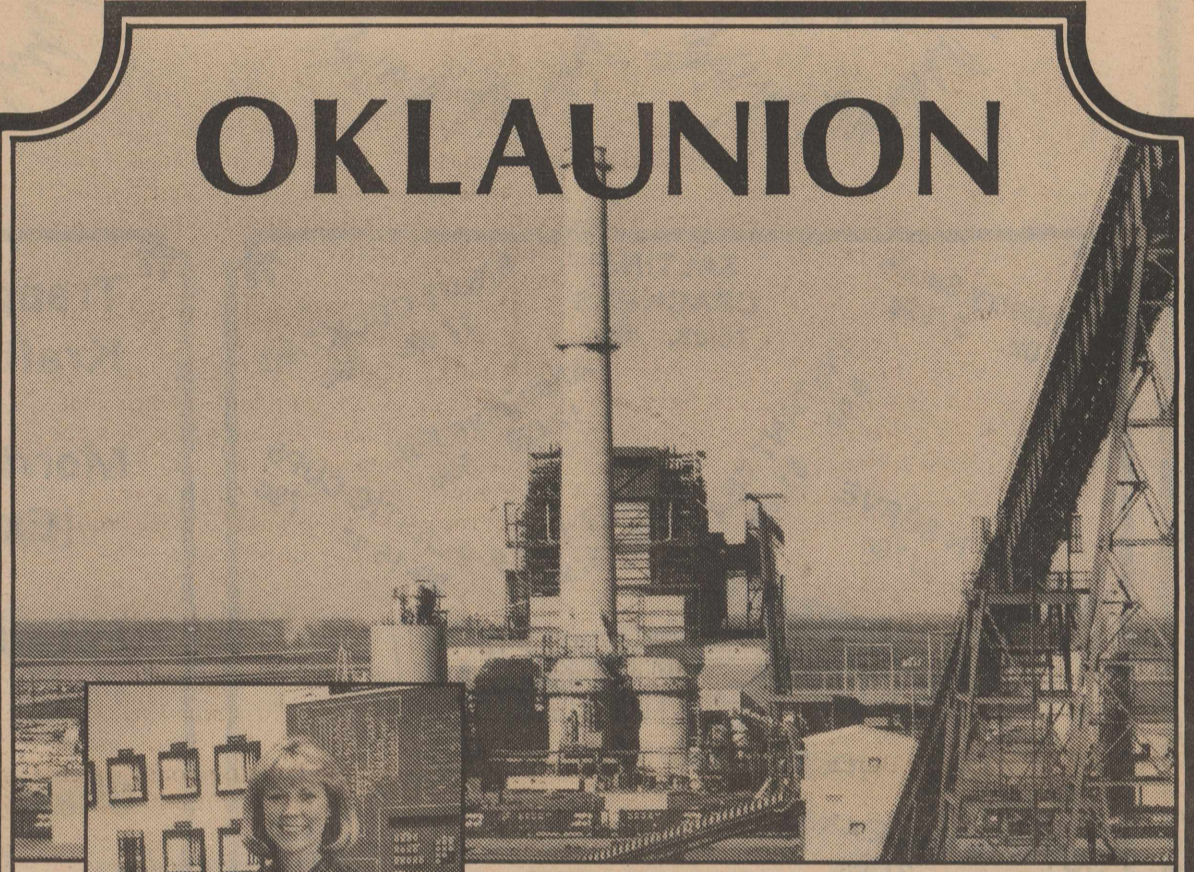



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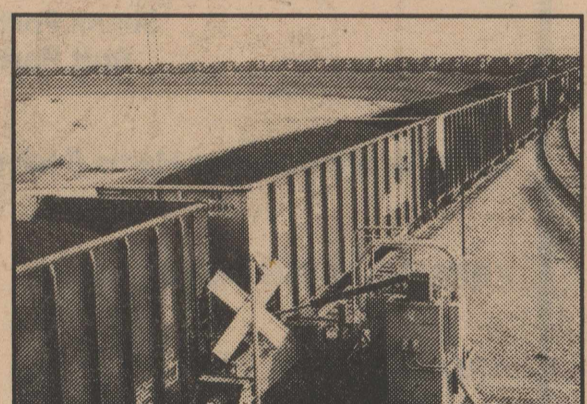
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21	22	23	24

CEDAR CREEK BONELESS HAMS HALVES
Lb. \$1.89

PARADE BROWN N SERVE ROLLS
2/79c Limit 4

PEPSI DIET PEPSI
6 Pk.-12 oz. Cans
\$1.89
Limit 4

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6 oz. Pkg.
4/89c
Limit 8

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PARADE SPECIAL
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SALTINE CRACKERS 16 oz. 49c

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Aluminum Foil 12x25 59c

BROWN N SERVE 12 ct. 2/79c

SWEET PEAS 303 3/99c

PLASTIC CUPS 20-16 oz. 79c

CUT GREEN BEANS 303 Can 3/99c

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SWEET POTATOES 303 2/89c

CORN [Whole or Cream] 303 3/99c

AUTOMATIC DISH DETERGENT 50 oz. \$1.99

MANDARIN ORANGES 11 oz. 69c

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[Except Mexi Kits] 6 oz. 4/89c

Paradise Candied Cherries
[Green or Red] 8 oz. \$1.99

Shari Almond Bark 20 oz. \$1.99
[White, Butterscotch or Chocolate]

Comstock Cherry Pie Filling
21 oz. 69c

FOLGERS COFFEE 1 Lb. \$2.99

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Shank Portion \$1.49
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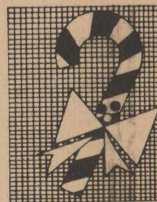
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WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS



Gallaway's WEST WAY GROCERY

Robert Lee

Friday, Dec. 19, 1986

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Limit 2

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MRS. SMITHS PIE SHELLS
2-9 5/8 Inch
99c Limit 2

BOUNTY PAPER TOWELS
Lg. Roll
69c
Limit 2

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CHINET PAPER PLATES [Reg. or Compartment]	15 ct.	\$1.49
NORTHERN NAPKINS	140 ct.	79c
Parade Aluminum Foil	12x25	59c
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Parade Plastic Cups	20-16 oz.	79c
Parade Automatic Dish Soap	50 oz.	\$1.99

Gift Wrap Paper	35 sq. ft.	\$1.99
Mylar Gift Wrap	17 sq. ft.	\$2.99
HOLIDAY BOWS	25 ct.	99c
Duracell Batteries AA	2 Pk.	\$1.59
9 Volt, C Cell or D Cell	2 Pk.	\$1.79
White Rock Asst. Mixers	28 oz.	69c
[Ginger Ale, Tonic Water, Club Soda, Collins Mix]		
Brachs Candy Canes	6 ct.	\$1.19
	12 ct.	\$1.19
Brachs Choc. Covered Cherries	12 oz.	\$1.99
Brachs Xmas Stockings	8 oz.	\$1.99
Brachs Asst. Xmas Candies	10 oz. Bag	\$1.09



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XMAS DAY

DAIRY		
Parkay Margarine	Qtrs. 1 Lb.	Limit 2 2/99c
PARADE BISCUITS [Homestyle or Buttermilk]	8 oz.	5/99c
KRAFT VELVEETA	1 Lb.	\$1.99
Pillsbury Crescent Rolls	8 oz.	99c
Pillsbury Asst. Refrig. Cookies	20 oz.	\$1.79
Gandys Whipping Cream	1/2 Pt.	49c
GANDYS EGG NOG	Qt.	99c
GANDYS SOUR CREAM	8 oz.	49c
PARADE CREAM CHEESE	8 oz.	79c
KRAFT ASST. DIPS	8 oz.	59c



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Mrs. Smiths Pie Shells	2-9 5/8 in.	99c
BIRDSEYE COOL WHIP	8 oz.	79c
MRS. SMITHS PUMPKIN PIES	26 oz.	\$1.69
Sunvale/Chapala Strawberries	10 oz.	59c
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Green Giant Broccoli Spears, Brussel Sprouts, or LeSueur Peas	10 oz.	\$1.29

Merry Savings



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a popple. I want a Care Bear birthday bear and a magic move barbie with the clothes Please? I Love you dear santa claus
Love Heather Ybarra
Thank you

I love Santa
Dear Santa Claus.

Dear Santa
I want a big foot truck. I want a big foot car.
Love
Joseph Allen Tenut

Dear Santa,
I want a bib gun and I want a 1000 piece puzzle and I want in my stoken a bear that talks.
Starsky Oleksiuk

Dear Santa,
I want .a Cabbage Patch and a big Cricket doll and a globe and a crayon box.
Love,
Rachel Shook

Dear Santa
I want a computer becace I like them. I can learn aute it and do math a lot of times.
Love
Dona Miara Bell

Dear Santa,
I want a popple this year to play with and I want a white one to. I have never had one. It want cricket for Christmas
Love,
Heather Yvonne Nichols

Dear Santa
Please bring me a foot Boll and a real Tee and Bring My mothe some gaves and Bring my fother a Toboging.
Bobby Longoria

Dear Santa,
I want a turbo hopper that gos 30 miles an hour. For a stocing stufor I want all GI Joe guys and the bad ol ship game.
Love
Korey Pitcock

Dear Santa
I wold ilke a computer for Christmas. I would like a bridge a cross. I woud like for my mom to get a ring and my dad to get a new set of tools, and my siter to get a baby talk and my bruther to get a bebe gone to.
Love
Daryl Calder

Dear Santa
I would like a book abawt dinuswrs. And a puzzul that I kud work. I would like a globe.
Love
Jerrod Copeland

Dear Santa
I want two toys. I Like you and I like your toys. I want a skat bord and I want a cmpyter. I Like the toys, you breing
Love,
Courtney Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a makeup Kit and a bike with training wheels.
Love
Sabrina Brock

Dear Santa
I want a littel popel and a preemy Cabbage Patch kid and I want a bouquet of roses for mama.
Love
Kannan Millican

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a flex car and bridge. I want a race track, and a train track, I want a GI Joe Triple Attack with sargent Shrdy, I want castle lego, I want a kindergarden block set, a He Man lunch box, a bike without training wheels, painting set, I want a tranchila, a truck with claws in the tires, books with a shelf, a car with a remote control, I want my dad to have some tools, and a walkman.
Love,
Mario

Dear Santa,
this year I would rely like these things I would like a Corn Silk Cabbage Patch and a Popple and Cabbage Patch clothes.
Love Shalon Waldrop

Dear Santa,
I want a Care Bear Cousin and a Cornsilk Cabbage Patch and a camera.
Love,
Jennifer Tinkler

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a crash up car, the truck that has tires that air up and down, a bicycle, a skate-board,
Love,
Nicolos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bicycle, army clothes, training wheels, an airplane, a train, socks and boots for my Dad, and a football.
Love,
Shaungh

Dear Santa,
A barbie Doll, a bicycle, a cabbage patch kid, Shera, Teddy Ruxben, a barbie house, a play horse, an coat, some new horse, a play Unicorn, some new shoes, a play dog,
Love,
Brandy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy reindeer, a toy Santa, a pound puppy baby, a big teddy bear, a glow barbie, a real pony horse, some little friends, barbie and the Rockers with a tape, an angel doll, a Shera doll, a little American flag, a snowman toy,
Love,
Linda

Dear Santa,
I want popple, blocks, dolls, cabbage patch kid, a Sheara doll, a horse cow, a cat, a doggie and slinky.
Love,
Roseann

December 5, 1986
Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a coat? And a bike tires? And a Pound Puppy?
Your friend,
Jessica Ann Loza

JOY

Have a delightful Holiday Season filled with laughter and good feelings. We enjoyed serving you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa

I want a Popple. I like Popples. I want some real make-up. I want a real stroller. I want a Care Bear purse. I want your elves to come over I want you to buy me a swimming pool for our front yard. Do you know where my front yard is? It is by the glass door. I want a diamond necklace like big people. I want a scissors with hearts and a purse with flowers. I want a doll and a house. I want all the stuff in our room in the school place. I want all the planets.

Love
Kyla Long
(I live in Robert Lee, Texas
7777990)

Dear Santa

I want an Upsie Doll. I want a stuffed rabbit. You know about Popples? I want one. I want a new bike. I know the names of the planets in my class. I want a few puzzles. I like baby clothes. I need play dishes. I like stuffed squirrels.

Love,
Relissa Sanders

Dear Santa

Merry Christmas! I really don't know what to say. Just bring me lots of presents. I have been real good. I have not had any spankings lately. I want a Christmas tree. That's it.

Love,
Justin Francis

Dear Santa,

Okay - I want to say, uh, thank you for my toys. And, thank you for coming at Christmas. I don't need any-

thing now. For Daddy a knife and for Momma Perfume. Oh, yea, thank-you, elves. I want a toy for my brother. That is all. I really love you.

Love forever,
Andrew McCabe

Dear Santa

I like you. I want presents. I like Christmas trees. I like your deers. I like the lights. I want a play Rudolph. I like decorations. I would like a pink piggy bank. I want a tiger. I need string.

Love,
Whitney Montgomery
P.S. Eat the candy
when you come over.

Dear Santa

I love Care Bears. I want a doll that opens her eyes. I also want a doll that shuts her eyes. She needs a bottle. I could use a Rainbow Brite.

I love you--
Angela Abalos

Dear Santa

My name is Lindseys Collins. I sat on your lap at the mall in San Angelo. I want a set of rings and some new panties and I want you to remember that I've been good and I want everyone to be nice. I need some new dolls and I want a new doggie - a real one. Now I want some puzzles and I want some pictures and a camera. I want my daddy to have new "long-johns" and my momma new jewelry. I want Logan to have some new trucks. I want a real clock in my room so it will remind me to get up. I need a new stove and new dishes. And I want some blocks. I

want everyone to be nice & good.

Love
Lindsey

Dear Santa,

My name is Jeremy Edging. I want a yo-yo; a Heart-to-Heart Bear, a computer and an animal (a blue one). I want a typewriter and a slime pit. I want a He-man guy named "No-Spout". I also want a ro-bot. I want a belt and a bell and a tie.

Some new books too. I want to have new trucks. I want some toy bats (the ones that fly). Also a calculator. I want my Daddy to have a new truck. Thank you-- one more thing-- a Lion-A. (Thundercat) and one more thing-- a toy spider that crawls.

Jeremy Edging

Dear Santa

I would like a book; stickers; and decorations. I would like a bunch of presents. I would like a clock and flash card numbers. Also a bicycle and a tricycle. And crayons and a coloring book. And a Shera and Princes of Power. A watch for me. A play bug -- some real make-up and earrings and a necklace and

a pretty bracelet. Also some socks. and a cabbage patch doll and a care bear. My name is Dawn Rhodes.

Thank you
Love, Dawn Rhodes

Dear Santa,

Trey Sparks said "He loves you." I wish he brought me a lot of toys. He wants a remote control boat; a remote control car and I want a remote control car from you. And a remote control gray car and a black

one. I can't think of anything else. I may want some more pants, another sweater and a coat that will fit me.

Thank you,
Love, Trey Sparks

Dear Santa,

I would like a skateboard, a basket ball, a football, and a soccerball.

Love,
Joshua

JOY TO ALL



Health, prosperity
and good cheer...
may these
be yours at Christmastime!

MARGARET MARTIN

GREETINGS



To the traditional message of the season, we add a warm "thanks" for your most-valued patronage.

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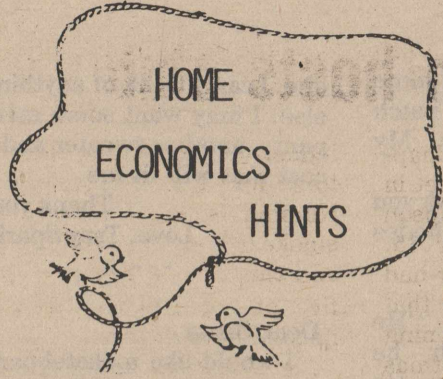
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Season's Greetings



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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Jan Hohensee
County Extension
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CHILDREN MUST LEARN SHARING, GIVING TRAITS

Christmas is the season for good will to all men.

Especially now, parents like the idea of teaching their children to share and to be generous. Parents often tell their children to share and be kind to others. By listening to their parents and other adults, children learn that selfish and insensitive acts are to be avoided.

But repeating what adults say and responding mechanically to their requests does not mean that children understand and value kindness. Children are not passive learners who respond to commands. Instead, they form their own ideas about the world around them. They listen to parents, make observations, try various options and form their own conclusions. If we want our children to be kind and generous, we have to recognize and influence the way they think.

Research by Willam Damon indicates that children go through a series of stages. Young children are

primarily self-centered (ego-centric), until the age of four or five. They see no viewpoint but their own. They will share and give when no real sacrifice is involved.

During the late preschool years, children begin to think about fairness and use a rule of strict equality. They may now insist on equal shares for everyone when something is given out.

Six to nine-year-olds learn to consider the feelings and opinions of others when deciding whether to share. Instead of strict equality, they now think in terms of what a person deserves.

Children later realize that viewpoints and needs can be difficult because each person has an individual set of values.

The progression from one stage to another is not automatic. Older children (even adults) may remain immature in their giving if they have never been encouraged or challenged to change. Age can bring perspective to generosity but not ensure it.

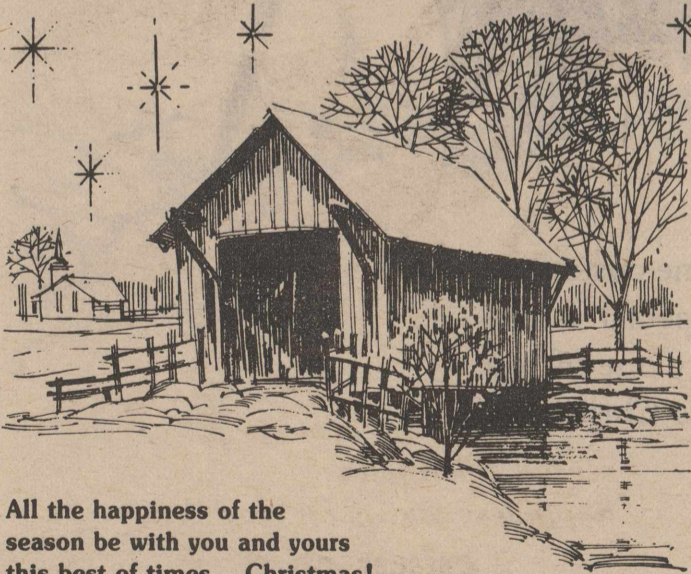
Holiday treats

TEXAS PECAN PIE

- 1½ cups brown sugar, firmly packed
 - ½ cup granulated sugar
 - ¼ cup water
 - 2 T. all-purpose flour
 - ½ tsp. salt
 - 2 eggs
 - ½ cup evap. milk
 - 1½ cup pecan halves
 - ¾ tsp. vanilla
 - 1 unbaked 9" pastry shell
- Combine first 5 ingredi-

ents in small bowl and mix well. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add evaporated milk and mix well. Stir in pecan halves and vanilla. Mix well and turn into unbaked 9" pie shell. Cook in preheated 400 degree F. oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F. and cook an additional 35 to 40 min., or until filling is puffed in center and well browned. Let pie cool before cutting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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

Allen Insurance Co.

VA NEWS

VETERANS REMINDED OF VA BURIAL BENEFITS

The Veterans Administration reminds former servicemen and women that awareness of VA burial benefits can often spare the family of a deceased veteran anxiety and financial hardship following the veteran's death.

Interment in a national cemetery is available to veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Also eligible under certain guidelines, are a veteran's spouse and minor children.

VA will furnish a headstone or marker to memorialize a veteran or mark the grave of a veteran buried in a national, state, or private cemetery. VA will also provide markers to eligible dependents interred in a national or state veterans' cemetery.

A memorial marker or headstone for veterans whose remains have not been recovered or identified is also provided by the VA. This includes those who were buried at sea, those whose bodies were donated to science, and those who were cremated and the ashes scattered. A memorial section in national cemeteries honors these veterans.

The VA provides, if death is not service connected, burial allowance of \$300 if the veteran was entitled at the time of death to VA compensation or pension payments or died in a VA medical facility. This allowance may also be available in cases of certain indigent veterans whose remains are unclaimed.

• Sparkling mirrors: Clean them with water mixed with rubbing alcohol and laundry soap.

Blackwell club meeting

The Omega Coterie Club of Blackwell met Dec. 10th in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Joyce Jones, president, presided over a short business meeting.

Each member brought a gift for their secret pal. A covered dish luncheon was served on Christmas decorated tables. Mrs. Shirley Walston and Marie Romine served as hostesses.

Members present were Billie Murray, Jane Wheat, Joyce Jones, Marie Wheat, Opal Jeffcoat, Mildred Wood, Luvene Atkins, Annie Pruitt, Bert Smith, Ollie Crain, Verla Smith, Emma L. Lanier, Mildred Mullin, Margaret Stout, Eppie Crain, Lillie M. Walters, Billie Roberts and Bea Murray.

Next meeting will be Jan. 14, 1987.

Have a happy Christmas holiday in the presence of family and friends. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Marshall, Sheri, Kannan, and Stewart Millican

Glad Tidings

Through each moment of your holidays, may happiness be yours.

FINIS, SUE, SUE ANN and JENNIFER MILLICAN

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

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!"



Simpson hosts club

The Alpha Kappa Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Dianne Simpson on Monday, December 15. Members of the chapter had a formal sit down dinner that was followed by the opening of the traditional Christmas presents.

During the business meeting, sealed bids were opened and read for the sale of the chapter owned jukebox. The winning bid was sent in by James McClure of Robert Lee. The money from the sale will be used to buy five

industrial size smoke detectors for the Robert Lee Nursing Home. Cost of the smoke detectors is \$100 each and this money will provide five of the seven detectors needed by the home.

Also during the business meeting, members voted to send \$50 to the fund being set up at the bank to aide needy Robert Lee families during the holiday season. The next meeting of the chapter will be January 7 in the home of Beverly Bell.

Planned Parenthood phone numbers

Planned Parenthood Inc. of San Angelo asks:

Did your child just ask you what an orgy is? Call 1-800-433-FACT, and punch in code 310 for the message, "How to Talk to Your Child About Sex".

Do you think you might be pregnant? Call 1-800-433-FACT, and use code 121 to listen to the message "Symptoms of Pregnancy".

Is your boyfriend putting pressure on you to have sex, and you don't want to? Call 1-800-433-FACT, and tap in code 313 for the message "Saying No to Sex".

Are you confused about the risk of getting AIDS? Call 1-800-433-FACT, and listen to message #115.

The FACTS-of-Life-Line is now available for use by Texas residents, thanks to a grant from the Levi-Strauss Foundation. The grant was

awarded to Planned Parenthood of San Angelo.

It is a 24 hour-a-day, toll-free, totally confidential source of accurate information about topics related to family planning pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other sexual concerns.

The Facts-of-Life-Line provides 53 messages about a variety of topics. Forty-eight of these messages are provided in Spanish.

The objective of this new service is to offer another means of providing accurate, well-prepared information about reproductive health care. Since these subjects are so personal, people are often reluctant to ask for

information they need. The Facts-of-Life-Line is intended to encourage people not to rely on misinformation obtained from peers, but to seek additional assistance from health professionals.

We anticipate that teenagers and young adults will be the most frequent callers to the Facts-of-Life-Line, but potentially anyone with a touchtone phone and a message directory can use the system at no charge from anywhere in Texas.

For more information or to obtain message directories, call Margaret Henderson, Director of Education, Planned Parenthood of San Angelo, 944-2699, 1-800-237-2162.

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ASCS applications now being accepted

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is currently accepting applications for the 1987 feed grain, wheat, and upland cotton acreage reduction programs. The sign-up period will end March 30, 1987.

County ASCS official J.E. Quisenberry, Jr. said the acreage reduction programs are necessary to bring about a better balance between supply and demand. All farmers with an established crop acreage base are eligible to participate in the voluntary program.

"We encourage all producers to study the programs and consider the benefits in relation to their farm operations," Quisenberry said.

He said program participants will be eligible to receive price support loans and deficiency payments. Additionally, feed grain program participants will be eligible for land diversion payments. Producers may also receive advance deficiency and diversion payments when they sign up.

The 1987 farm programs offer target prices of \$3.03 per bushel for corn, \$2.88 for sorghum, \$2.60 for barley, \$1.60 for oats and \$4.38 per bushel for wheat. Target prices are 79.4 cents per pound for upland cotton and \$11.66 per hundredweight for rice.

According to Quisenberry, a 20 percent acreage reduction requirement is in effect for 1987 feed grains with an optional paid land diversion of 15 percent. Other acreage reduction requirements are 27.5 percent for wheat, 35 percent for rice and 25 percent for upland cotton.

"Only those producers who take part will be eligible for 1987 farm program benefits," the ASCA official said.

'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!"



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

BAHLMAN JEWELERS
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Slime pit and a go-bot and a Transformer I been a good boy.

Chris Torres

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a My Child and a Popple and a Pound Poppy and a little Baer. I've been a good girl.

Thank you to Santa
From Stacy Hendry
I Love You Santa

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a sling, shot and transformers. I've been a good boy.

Dustin Daves

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a B-B fun, Pistol (real), 4 wheeler, a ninja book, Slime pit. I have been a good boy.

David Rainwater

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a pound puppy and a popple.

Thank you, I have been a good girl.

I Love Santa,
Erika Galvan

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Transformer. I have been a good boy. Thank you.

Love,
C.R. Tijerina

Dear Santa,
Would - you - please bring - me a Popple - My - Child She-rea - Supel Pound puppy I have been a good girl. I Love you.

Samantha Padgett

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a B-B gun, and a Dirt Bike.

I have been a good Boy.
Timmy Schiwart

Dear Santa,
I Luv You. Would you please bring me a The whole She-rea set, a popples and a my Little pony. I have been a good girl.

Amanda Wele

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a popple and a super pound puppy, a care bear. I've been a good girl. I Love You Santa.

From Jessica Key

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a My child and doll house, and a pound purry. I have been good.

Thank you.
Melissa Smith

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a zipper pants, machine gun, pellets and a Be-Be gun. I Love yu Santa. I am a good boy.

Lynn Shandley

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Slime pit He-man and a Spikear.

I have been a good boy.
I Love you Santa.
George Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want some dress boots and a Garfield and new lunch box, and a pretty necklace and bracelet.

Thank you,
Sondra Van Deventer

Dear, Santa Claus this year I would realy like to have these things. A casio electronic mini keyboard, Omega Supreme, fisher price microphone wireless, a VCR, movies, a tie for dad, a coat for mom, and I like you very much! I will have cookies for you when you come to my house have a Merry Christmas see you then.

Your friend, Jaclyn Waldrop

Dear Santa
Just wanted to let you know that this is going to be a very sad Christmas for me and my 5 sisters, Because we don't have a Christmas tree and my mommy does not have any money to buy us anything. Please Santa help my mommy get some money so she can get us the boots we want and some clothes for school. If not help her get money so she can buy us anything even if it just cost 1.00 We will be very happy Because I know she will give it to us. with all her love. (Please Pray for us). Pray for my mommy
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Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Popple, Slime pit, Go-Bot, and pound purry and a Pony House.

Amber Nichols

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Dragon Walker. I have been a good boy.

I Love You.
Ricky Bell

Dear Santa,
I want a cabbage patch dollw, blocks, lunch box, some toys, a pound puppy, shoes.

Love
Linda Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like a fourweeler and a 22 gun and if you could I would like a army suit.

Your freind,
Rob Smith

A very melancholy man who was always up on the latest accident and death statistics once cornered Mark Twain. "Mr. Clemens, do you realize that every time I breathe, an immortal soul passes into eternity?"

"Have you ever tried, cloves?" asked Twain.

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.

Peace



VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Jerry Thomason

Merry Christmas

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

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Merry Christmas

Hope your holiday is a bell-ringer! Have a happy day!

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a Curly haired Cabbage Patch doll. How are your reindeers doing? For my dad, a new sweater, a new ring for my mom and for my sister a new Hug-A-Bunch.

Love
Summer Coulter

Dear Santa,
I want the Siver Hawk bad guys. And a Sling Shot - That is a van with a jet in the Mask toys,

HoHoHo
Love
Dustin Mahaffey

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you feeling? I want an Evil Horde Slimepit. I want a Mop Tops New Hair Shop.

Ho Ho Ho
Love,
Polo Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a Survival knife and a bicycle with training wheels.

Ho Ho Ho
Love,
Andy Stewart

Dear Santa,
I want a baby Pound Puppy and a girl Cabbage Patch kid.

Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Stacy Thomason

P.S. I want a new dog for my sister.

Dear Santa,
I want a TV in my room.

Ho Ho Ho
Kirk Bagwell

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? How are your elves? Now it's toys - a play pistol, a play rifle, and one holster. For the rest of my family - my sister a care bear, a race track, for my brother my daddy a knife and for my mothers just a ring. That's all.

Matthew Millican

Dear Santa
I want a toy sword. How are your reindeer and how are you? How are your elves? How is your wife?

Love you,
Thomas Brickey

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun - a shot gun, a new Christmas tree, and a gun for my daddy. I want my mamma to have a ring. I like to open my presents.

Daniel Calder

Dear Santa
I want a real kitten and a bike

Are you feeling good? I want a colored cup for my Grandma.

Love you
Santa Claus
Amanda Brock

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and elves? I would like a bike and a doll for my sister.

I Love You
Michael Munoz

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I would like a My Child, a real baby and a pop up sleeping bag. That's all.

Ho Ho Ho
Merry Christmas
Tracy Millican

Dear Santa,
I want binoculars. I want an Evil Force slime pit. Merry Christmas.

Your friend
Joey Barrett

Dear Santa,
I want a play robot, and I want an airplane that has seats.

I want a Mop Tops New Hair Shop. I want a ring for my mom. I want a gun for Hal.

How you doing Santa?
Josh Timm

Dear Santa,
How are you, Santa? Are the reindeer fine?

I want a doll and some boots for my dad?

Love
Merry Christmas
Shauna Valenzuela

Dear Santa,
I want a Rambot-Shirt and a front-end loader. I would also like to have a Mumbra Thundercat.

I will try to be a good boy. Thank you very much.

I love you,
Beau Blair
Box 471
Robert Lee

Dear Santa Close
I wade like some mask, GI jo, tundercats, and a Wheel of fortune game, fabele, and a Jemboukes, and a four-weeker,

Love,
Lynn

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good I wish you would bring me a Feival, tropaical barbie, Baby Cabage Patch Kid, Hot Pink babe, car, My Child, Barbie closes and Barbies.

Love,
Melinda

Dear Santa
I have been very good I want a Transformer, and a G.i. joe man, and a pelit gun, and some new tapes for the atary.

Cody

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would want a Train set, Robots, skateboard, tapes, a football set, coloring books, comics, and a football.

Michael



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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH MARVELOUS MOCKTAILS

The following recipes are some of the new "non-alcoholic" beverage ideas. Use these in place of alcoholic beverages and you can still be "the life of the party".

STRAWBERRY-ORANGE FROSTY

2 scoops crushed ice
10 fresh or frozen strawberries
4 oz. fresh squeezed orange juice
1 oz. simple syrup
•Combine in blender, blend until smooth
•Serve in 16 oz. glass
•Garnish with orange twist and strawberry

CITRUS COLLINS

•Fill 10 to 12 oz. glass with ice cubes
2 oz. fresh squeezed orange or grapefruit juice
1 oz. fresh squeezed lemon juice
1 oz. simple syrup
•Fill with club soda
•Garnish with 1/2 orange slice and cherry

CRANBERRY-ORANGE NOG

1 scoop crushed ice
2 oz. cranberry juice
2 oz. fresh squeezed orange juice
2 oz. cream of half & half
1/2 oz. simple syrup
1 whole egg
•Combine in blender, blend until smooth
•Serve in 12 oz. glass
•Sprinkle with dash of cinnamon
•Garnish with 1/2 orange slice

Equivalents:

1 scoop crushed ice = approx. 1/2 cup
1 oz. = 2 tbsp.
1/2 oz. = 1 tbsp.
1 medium lemon = approx. 1 1/2 oz. juice (3 tbsp.)
1 med. orange = approx. 3 oz. juice (1/2 cup)
1 med. grapefruit = approx. 6 oz. juice (2/3 cup)

SALTY PUPPY

•Salt rim of 9 oz. glass
•Fill glass with 1 scoop crushed ice
3 oz. fresh squeezed grapefruit juice
Splash club soda
•Garnish with grapefruit wedge and mint

TOMATO BULL

•Salt rim of 10 oz. glass
•Fill glass with ice cubes
•Squeeze and drop in 1 fresh lemon wedge
•Squeeze and drop in 1 fresh lime wedge
•Fill with Bloody Mary mix
•Garnish with celery stick

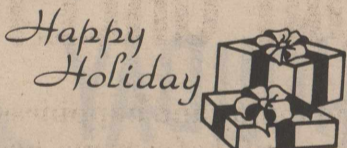
RONDO FIZZ

1 scoop crushed ice
2 oz. fresh squeezed orange juice
1 oz. cream or half & half
1/2 oz. simple syrup
1 egg white
•Combine in blender, blend until smooth
•Serve in 12 oz. glass
•Fill with club soda
•Garnish with 1/2 orange slice

BANANA FLIP

1 scoop crushed ice
1/2 small banana
1 1/2 oz. cream or half & half
1 oz. fresh squeezed orange juice
1/2 oz. simple syrup
•Combine in blender, blend until smooth
•Serve in 8 oz. glass
•Garnish with orange wedge, banana chunk and mint

Hint: Simple Syrup... in saucepan, combine 2 cups sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Boil gently for 5 minutes. Makes about 2 cups. Will keep 6 months in refrigerator.



PINK GRAPEFRUIT FIZZ

1 scoop crushed ice
3 oz. fresh squeezed grapefruit juice
1 oz. grenadine syrup
1 oz. simple syrup
1 oz. cream or half & half
1 egg white
•Combine in blender, blend until smooth
•Serve in 15 oz. glass
•Fill with club soda
•Garnish with grapefruit wedge and mint

SPARKLING SIPPER

•Fill 12 to 13 oz. glass with ice cubes
1/2 oz. simple syrup
•Squeeze and drop in 1 or 2 fresh lemon wedges
•Fill with sparkling mineral water

Deck the halls

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.



Holiday fever, spreading merriment and laughter, is here. Yet, with today's emphasis on health and fitness, more and more holiday drinking is changing to the non-alcoholic variety. Mocktails, non-alcoholic drinks, are perfect for entertaining.

The Sloe 8 Fizz featuring nutritious "V8" Vegetable Juice mixed with club soda and just a touch of lemon juice creates a mocktail that's refreshingly crisp and light.

For more ways to enjoy the holidays, send for a new leaflet called "Drink Well—Feel Great." It's a 10-page, color leaflet filled with great-tasting beverage and mocktail recipes using "V8" Vegetable Juice. Helpful tips for ways to entertain without alcohol are also featured throughout the pages. To order, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Drink Well—Feel Great, P.O. Box 1232, Adams Avenue, Bensalem, PA 19020.

SLOE 8 FIZZ

5 3/4 cups "V8" Vegetable Juice, chilled (46 ounces)
1 bottle (10 ounces) club soda, chilled
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Lemon slices

In 2-quart pitcher, mix well "V8" juice, club soda and lemon juice. Serve over ice cubes in 10-ounce glasses. Garnish with lemon slices. Makes 7 cups or 7 servings. Calories per serving: 40

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



'Tis the season to buckle up... wherever you travel.

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



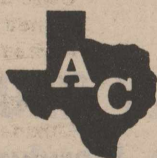
Joyous Holidays

Christmas is a special time of year and we want to thank our very special friends and wish them a happy and holy holiday season.

Roy & Louise Walker

Merry CHRISTMAS

Alderman-CAVE



Winters, Tx.

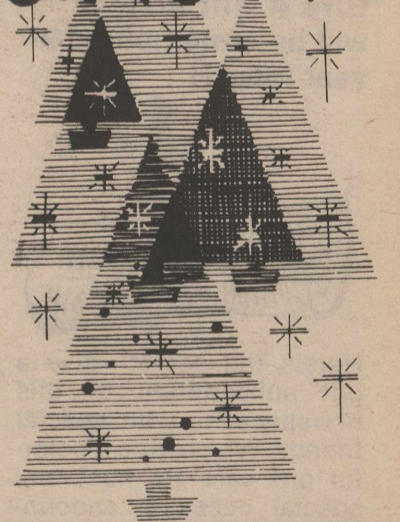
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Jim Turner,
Roy Robinson,
Kathy Jackson,
Zelma Caperton

Weight loss resolution

Resolution for weight loss in 1987 can start on New Year's Eve with an elegant, yet easy to prepare dinner party from Weight Watchers.

Roast Cornish hens served with Black Cherry sauce highlight the full-course dinner. Garlic-Parmesan Potatoes and Vegetable Medley with Hot Vinaigrette provide colorful, calorie-wise accompaniments. Custard-Fruit Tarts are a sweet finale for the dinner and the old year.

Weight Watchers Area Director Joyce Aron Nimetz says, "so many people overeat during the food-filled

season because they don't know how to cope with holiday stress. Some people overeat because they deprive themselves of favorite foods and adequate rest. At Weight Watchers we teach our members how to avoid these common diet pitfalls."

If lots of parties fill your schedule and you need to avoid "traps," Joyce has these tips: Choose a wine spritzer, mineral water with a twist or diet drink instead of calorie-laden drinks. Nibble on fresh vegetables at cocktail time instead of mixed nuts.

CHRISTMAS PUNCH

- 1 can (46 oz.) Dole Pineapple Juice
- 2-1/2 cups fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup grenadine syrup
- 1 can (12 oz.) ginger ale
- 1 can (20 oz.) Dole Sliced Pineapple in Juice, frozen*
- 2 cups frozen melon balls
- Ice cubes

In a punch bowl, combine pineapple juice, orange juice, lemon juice and grenadine. Add ginger ale. Garnish with frozen sliced pineapple and melon balls. Add ice. Makes 2-1/2 quarts.

*To make frozen pineapple garnish, remove one end of can and freeze. Submerge can in hot water to loosen; drop pineapple into punch.

Good tidings to all our friends. Wishing you all the joys of Christmas!

SILVER PEAK GROCERY

ENJOY

Some like summer heat
Others say autumn can't be beat
Winter scenes could be best
Or maybe spring outdoes the rest,
What is really the most important
Is to enjoy the present in its instance
And look not only into the distance.

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR

Lo and behold
It's that time of year.
Can you believe it
Christmas is near
Trees are adorned
With tinsel and snow

Presents are hidden in places forbidden
Children's lists just grow and grow.
My what a time.
When the weather is drear
For people to smile

All full of good cheer.
Now is the time
For remembering the year,
For wishing you a Merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.

A Christmas Wish
May you have the holiday spirit of peace and love.
Robert & Mildred Reese



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Wishing abundant joy and happiness to all during this most beautiful of seasons, enough to last the whole year through.

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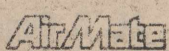
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We've come a'caroling to bring you joy and happiness...May our warm friendship continue.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me Rambo and his helicopter and his weapons. Also, please bring me commando and He-Man.

Thank you,
Billy Wayne Torres

Dear Santa,
I want some perfume, fingernail polish, nail file, and a cabbage patch. And I want lipsticks, powder, and a lunch box (My Little Pony). I also want hair spray, new shoes that tie.

Thank you,
Kendra Bohannon

Dear Santa,
I want a lunch box and a basketball I also want a radio and a baseball and bat. I would also like a Count Dracula. That's all.

Thank you,
Rocky Cantrell

Dear Santa,
I want a black karate suit; a football suit, and a watch (waterproof). I want sun glasses too and a big, stuffed animal cat.

Thank you,
Brent Cole

Dear Santa,
I would like a cabbage patch and a game (Strawberry Shortcake). I also want a Barbie Doll and clothes. I want Shera too. I want some magic markers and a new kitty cat (live). I want a Barbie book too.

Thank you,
Lori Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I want a cabbage patch, some Barbie furniture and a Pound Puppy. I want a talking doll that says "Mama-feed me". I also want a play house.

Thank you,
Kelli Forbes

Dear Santa,
I want a "Walkman" because Lupe has one. I want a cabbage patch. I can't think of nothing else.

Thank you,
Kimberly Gloria

Dear Santa,
I want a drum and Megatron and Watamus Prime and a train that transforms. Also bring me He-Man. Please bring a little Christmas tree with decorations on it.

Thank you,
Will Simpson

Dear Santa,
I want some new clothes and another baby doll. Please bring me a stuffed reindeer.

Thank you,
Jill Thomason

Dear Santa,
My name is Gary Lee Duncan. I want a choo-choo train-remote control. A lite write. I want a Big Foot. I also want a big race track. I want a three wheeler. I want my baby brother to have a bunch of puzzles. I want my baby brother, Christopher Leland, to have a baby Christmas tree with baby Christmas lights.

Now I want my Daddy to have tools and have a good pick up. I want my daddy to have a bunch of presents. I want Momma to have a plant and bowls and have some make-up. I want my momma to have a bunch of presents too. I'm through now. Thank you.

Love,
Gary Duncan

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, skates, clothes, and boots. I need 2 new front teeth, too.

Thank you,
Flor Barrera

Dear Santa, ---
I would like you to bring me some make-up, tights, lunch box, bicycle and anything you want to get me. I have been a good girl kind of!

Love,
Lennie Frazee

Dear Santa,
My name is Cayla Jeffrey and I'm four years old and I live in Silver, Tex. with my Papa & Bamma. For Christmas I would like a big set of wooden blocks, Ritten, games, Teddy Ruskpin Bear, games, Teddy Ruskpin Bear. Please bring my Papa a pair of Cover alls and a new shirt. Bamma needs a new vacuum cleaner.

Santa, I have a new brother named Mitchell, he would like a pull toy and a truck. Mommy wants a set of pans, clothes. Greg wants a big tool box for his pickup. Thank you Santa, I love you and Merry Christmas.

Love
Cayla Jeffrey
Box 152
Silver, Texas
76949

P.S. My brother lives in Robert Lee, Texas

Dear Santa,
You know those transformers- I want a cy-kil and animal truck and a van truck.

Thank you,
Tony Bell

Dear Santa, ---
I would like a new bicycle and these furry underground monsters-something like Centurians. I would like a karate kid and a helmet to go with my bicycle. And I would like a karate suit. One more thing-- A Happy Christmas.

Thank you,
Chad Helwig

Dear Santa,
I would like a wagon and a bed cover and pillow. I would like a football and soccer ball and a play house. I want a play car and a Rambo-- also an Indian. I want a play Momma, Daddy, baby and sister and a play brother.

Thank you,
Jeremy Ortega

Dear Santa, ---
I want a play house. You can just bring me whatever you want and I'll be happy.

Thank you,
Melissa Sanders



We are most thankful for your friendship and good will. Happy Holiday!

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On November 27, 1987 an ad appeared in the Observer/Enterprise concerning a group of Coke County Citizens accepting donations of canned goods, powdered products, canned meats, etc. to be distributed to 10 families or individuals of Bronte and Robert Lee. Our original goal was set at 10 baskets, which was met in less than two weeks!

The response has been overwhelming!! There are approximately twenty baskets of food now at the Observer office in Robert Lee. In addition, an account has been opened at Robert Lee State Bank, the "SPECIAL FUND" to buy more groceries, etc. This Fund will remain open to help those who are having a tough time.

At this time, we who began this project, would like to THANK everyone in Coke County and surrounding areas for lending a helping hand toward a much needed cause. To all who gave food, money, picked up donations at the grocery stores and volunteered their time and effort, THANKS--WE TOGETHER HAVE MADE CHRISTMAS A SPECIAL TIME FOR SOMEONE WHO MAY HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS OURSELVES.

THANK YOU AGAIN

Christmas greetings

Donations will be accepted up until Dec. 21, 1986 for the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PROJECT.

Donations will be accepted throughout the year at Robert Lee State Bank to the "Special Fund"

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Holiday Food Shopping **Buy**

CRISCO

3# Can **\$2.19**

Del Monte Pineapple 15 oz. can 65c

Del Monte Sweet Peas 303 can 2/89c

Del Monte Cut Green Beans 303 2/89c

Parade Mandarin Oranges 11 oz. 69c

MIRACLE WHIP qt. Jar

SALAD DRESSING \$1.79

BAKERS COCONUT 7 oz. pkg. 89c

Hersheys Chocolate Chips 11 oz. \$1.69

Kraft Minia. Marshmallows 10 oz. 53c

Kraft Marshmallow Cream 7 oz. 65c

Blackburn White Syrup 32 oz. \$1.09

Duncan Hines Layer Cake Mix 95c

PARADE

FLOUR

5# Bag **69c**

CORN KITS Each 25c

Lipton Tea Bag 24 Family \$1.99

Reynolds Heavy Foil 37 1/2 sq. ft. \$1.19

Parade Plastic Cups 20-16 oz. 69c

Northern Napkins 140 ct. 75c

Charmin Bathroom Tissue 4 roll \$1.19

ARMOUR STAR

TURKEY

Lb. **89c**

SLICED SLAB BACON Lb. \$1.49

Cedar Creek Boneless Cooked

HAM

3# to 5# Lb. **\$2.39**

BANANAS 3# **\$1.00**

ORANGES CALIFORNIA Lb. 39c

Apples Wash. Red Delicious Lb. 59c

STALK

CELERY Each **39c**

ONIONS YELLOW Lb. 25c

POTATOES 10# Bag \$1.29

COOL WHIP 8 oz. Ct. **89c**

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CREAM 8 oz. Crt. **59c**

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GANDYS

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We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS
& a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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