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Coke Livestock Show To Be Held January 3 Local Firms to Close For Christmas Holiday

The 1977 Coke County Livestock Show will be held at the Recreation and Show Center in Robert Lee Park Monday, Jan. 3. The 1977 edition will be the largest ever, with 97 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members competing for top honors in the various divisions.

A total of 230 animals have been entered with 97 young people competing for the some 240 ribbons and rosettes, 21 trophies and showmanship awards and \$900 in prize money.

The sale to follow the completion of the showing is expected to gross \$3800 in premium money for the exhibitors. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell one animal in the premium sale.

The show will get underway Monday at 8:30 a.m. with the showing of breeding swine. Market swine, market lambs, market steers and breeding cattle will follow in the order listed. The auction is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., immediately after the completion of the show and awarding of trophies.

Judge for the 1977 show will be Wilburn Frey, County Extension Agent, Mason County. He will be assisted in the ring by the county show directors, serving as division superintendents. D. J. Walker, Jr., chairman of the show association board

TRAPPERS WHO SELL MUST HAVE PERMIT

Trapping season opened Dec. 1 and will run through Jan. 31.

Game warden, R. L. Flanagan, noted that a trapping license is required for anyone taking pelts for sale. The license can be obtained from the Parks and Wildlife Dept. in San Angelo.

It is illegal to trap on any public road. Also if you leave the county of your residence, you are required to purchase a resident hunting license.

of directors, will be announcer for the show. Frank Brownfield, vocational agriculture teacher at Colorado City, will classify lambs for the show.

Jerry Gibbs, Robert Lee High School principal, will serve as show clerk. The sale will be under the direction of Ed Cumbie of Bronte, who will serve as auctioneer.

Coke County Home Demonstration Clubs will serve barbecue lunches in the adjacent recreation center. Everyone is invited to attend the 1977 Show and have lunch with the club women.

Robert Lee and Bronte Schools will be dismissed Monday to allow students to participate in the annual Coke County Livestock Show.

The following individuals are expected to have entries in the show:

SWINE

Douglas Roberts, Joel Percifull, Anthony Percifull, Amy Percifull, Pat Percifull, Terry Joe Millican, Lynn Gulley, Scot Long, Richard Long, Wayne Sprenkle, Bill Grant, Jr., Darryl Jackson, Donnie Jackson, Doug Tounget, Debbie Askins, Cindy Walker, Vicki Gartman, Kerry Gartman, Debbie Brown, Miles Brown, Lance McCarty, Russell Johnson, John Paul McGuire, Robert Taylor, Jeff Easterly, Randy Leigh, Ronnie Gardner, Randy Bessent, Ronnie Wagner, Terry Ross, Ricky Ross, Mike Wilkes and Clay Bloodworth.

CATTLE

Lynn Gulley, Lisa Devoll, Jimmu Tidwell, Russell Ash, Susan Ash, Cynthia Ash, Randy Bessent, Everett Wilson, Jodie Wilson, Edwin Wilson, Mark Riley.

SHEEP

Terry Joe Millican, Amy Percifull, Pat Percifull, Kellye Percifull, Joel Percifull, Dianna Tinkler, Kelly Glenn, Bud Johnson,

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Most of Bronte's business firms and offices will be closed Saturday in observance of Christmas Day. Local residents are looking forward to the Saturday and Sunday off, and a few lucky persons will even be excused from work on the Friday before Christmas.

Things were going at a rather frenzied pace the first of this week as everyone was busy making last minute preparations for Christmas and winding up Christmas shopping. The spirit of the season was definitely in the air, and even a cold spell hit late Sunday, but no forecast of a white Christmas was made by weathermen.

A few businesses will remain open Christmas Day to serve the needs of local residents as well as travelers. Those who will get off Friday include employees of the First National Bank, the city hall, The Bronte Enterprise and offices in the courthouse at Robert Lee.

Classes at Bronte School were dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and will be resumed Tuesday, Jan. 4, giving students and teachers almost two weeks off. Some basketball games are scheduled during the holiday period.

NO ENTERPRISE NEXT WEEK

The Bronte Enterprise will not publish a paper next week, the one which would ordinarily be printed for Dec. 31. It has become the custom to miss the issue the week after Christmas and the issue during the first week in July. Skipping an issue will allow the Enterprise staff to have some time off, as well as to catch up on a few jobs which have been postponed for some time.

This week's paper is being printed early in order to get it to readers before Christmas. It contains a large number of letters to Santa and greetings from business firms and individuals to their friends.

Bronte merchants say they still have a large

selection of gift items for late shoppers and invite everyone to come in and make their selections.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

For the most part the holiday schedule listed above for the Christmas weekend will apply to the following weekend, which is New Year's.

Trustees Hear Report on School Construction

The board of trustees of the Bronte Independent School District met Dec. 9 in regular session. A progress report on new construction was heard by the board.

Now being built is the Student Refreshment Center, which is located in the patio area between the Home-making Department and the Vocational Agriculture Department. The center will provide coin operated refreshment machines for the use of students. It will be operated by the Student Council under supervision of the school administration.

Other construction work includes building of bins for holding sand gravel and cement for use in concrete work by the Vocational Ag. Dept.; the erection of yard markers and building an outside fence at the track site.

The board also:

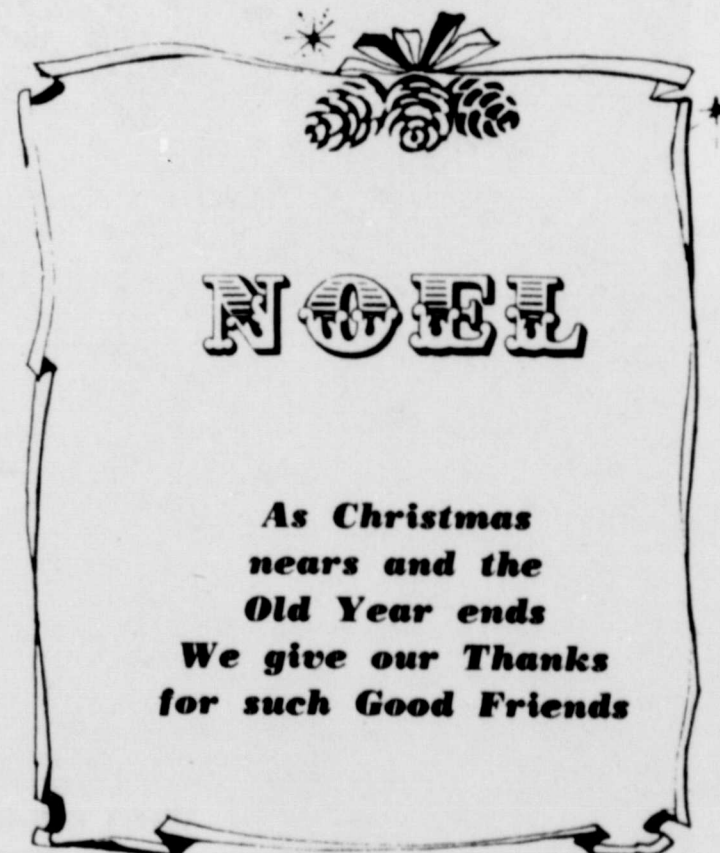
*Approved the selections of the textbook selection committee, which was made up of teachers in various involved in the selection.

*Worked out arrangements on overdrafts at the local bank.

*Rejected specifications of the State Board of Control on a 20 passenger school bus requested earlier.

*Entered into a contract with Lone Star Gas Co. for services and supply of natural gas from Jan. 25, 1977, to Jan. 25, 1978.

*Approved November bills.



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LIVESTOCK SHOW--
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Wayne Sprenkle, Connie Littlefield, Sharon Littlefield, Teresa Littlefield, David Jackson, Robert Ball, Lance Ball, Carla Ball, Cody McClure, Joe Bob Ragsdale, Jana Ragsdale, Kathy Ensor, Tom Ensor, Tim Lee, Tanya Lee, Lisa Lee, Sheila Lee, John Halamiccek, Danny Aguero, Colin Pope, Jay Schoenfield.

Also, Monroe Killiam, JoAnn Killiam, Kyle James, Bruce James, Bill Carper, Butch Carper, Bill Ensor, Leroy Mathews, Mark Ball, Clark Tinkler, Scot Long, Richard Long, Paul Bosworth, Barry Clark, Brett Clark, Vic Conner, Jimmy Lara, Saul Saucedo, Ricky Tijerina, Robert Tijerina, Benita Torres, Tiodosa Torres, Wade Wallace, Buddy Caulder, Dallas Johnson, Jimmy Munoz, Wesley Sawyer, Shell Williams, Audrey Williams, Billy Matlock.

OTIS SMITH ATTENDS CIVIL DEFENSE MEET

Otis Smith of Bronte has completed a two-day special seminar, Dec. 14-15, for local officials in Texas Civil Preparedness at Disaster Emergency Services in Austin. He was one of approximately 20 officials from around the state participating.

The course dealt with responsibilities and actions the attending officials must know in order to benefit local communities under emergency disaster conditions. Such conditions, it was stressed, could range from hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes to butane explosions and nuclear attack.

The seminar, one of several each year, was conducted by members of the staff of the Governor's Division of Disaster Emergency Services. The seminars are scheduled in an underground fallout shelter which serves as a round-the-clock Emergency Operating Center at the Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters.

Fires a Special Hazard During Christmas Time

Citizens of Coke County and the surrounding areas have been warned by officials of the Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Departments to exercise extra caution in preventing fires during the Christmas holidays.

Christmas trees and wrappings from gift packages are especially vulnerable to outbreaks of fire.

Lighted candles should never be placed on, nor even close to Christmas trees. Electric lights used to decorate trees should be checked out carefully before they are placed on the trees. Any strings of lights that are frayed or damaged should be replaced with new ones.

Christmas wrappings should be gathered up and disposed of as soon as possible after gift packages are unwrapped. Loose paper all around a room is a good target for a fire, especially when persons are smoking while opening gifts.

One fire department official said, "We don't want to be out fighting fires Christmas Day, but most of all we would hate to see some family's Christmas marred with a fire in the home."

"Extra care and common sense should prevent such a tragedy from happening," the firemen added.

There is no time like Christmas

We wish you a Christmas filled with brightness and abundance.

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Your Conoco Wholesaler Noel and Maxine Percifull

Merry Christmas

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H D Agent's News Dept.

By Fay C. Roe

HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH CRANBERRIES

Cranberries can say Happy Holidays in a lot of ways other than being served up with the turkey at holiday meals. They invite lavish use, now that they are coming to market in such abundant supply.

This year's crop will surpass last year's by 300,000 barrels. The total crop will reach 2.4 million barrels.

Explore the use of cranberries in cakes, cookies, and even pies for giving or eating. Their tart taste and fine color will help enhance the magic of Christmas.

Use cranberry juice, hot or cold, for a variety of punch recipes. Or, freeze the juice into ice cubes and float them in your favorite punch.

If your Christmas tree runs to the old fashioned, string cranberries

and encircle your tree. Alternate them on the string with popcorn for a color variation.

Cranberry Refrigerator Cake

- 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, chopped
- 1 large banana, diced
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups crushed vanilla wafers
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 1 cup confectioners sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup whipping cream

Mix together chopped cranberries, banana and granulated sugar. Set aside while you prepare rest of recipe. Place one-half of the crushed vanilla wafers in the bottom of 8 x 8" pan. Cream margarine and confectioners sugar together, add eggs and beat well. Spread this mixture over the crumbs. Now top with a layer of the cranberry-banana mixture and sprinkle with the chopped nuts. Whip the cream until it

peaks and spread over the cranberries and nuts. Cover all with remaining crushed wafers and chill at least 4 hours before serving. The best flavor results if chilled overnight. Serves 9-12 depending on size of piece.


You can keep your freshly cut fruits looking their best on a buffet platters by dipping them in orange or lemon juice. To avoid a last-minuted rush, prepare and treat bananas, pears and apples ahead of time, then chill.

Pears have a place in your diet. Low in calories and with no acidity, they are easy to digest and ideal for weight-watchers.

Scandinavian countries prepare Christmas trees for the birds. It is a long pole to the top of which is attached a large sheaf of grain.

In merrie old English, country gentlemen, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, held open house for all. With daybreak on Christmas morning, neighbors came to the manor for a feast of blackjacks and Cheshire cheese, toast, sugar and nutmeg.


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INSUR-MATION



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Isn't term insurance much less expensive than permanent insurance?
Not necessarily. Premiums for term insurance are considerably less, but there are other factors you probably should consider. Term insurance is protection for a certain (limited) period of time which usually may be renewed for another period of time or converted to permanent insurance . . . provided you and your agent arranged for this privilege when you bought the policy. Permanent insurance will last as long as you want it and will accumulate cash value and paid-up values . . . which may later be used as cash or collateral. Although term insurance costs less in premiums the policy will expire after its term . . . unless renewed. Since term does not accumulate cash value or paid-up values, many feel, while cheaper in the short run, it is more expensive in the long run and when possible provisions should be made to convert it to permanent insurance.

CHRISTMAS

MEMORIES

Perhaps the warmest and most welcome part of Christmas is the album of Christmas Memories each of us carries in our heart. As the days slip past and Christmas approaches, we turn back the pages and once again enjoy the warm moments of other Yuletide Seasons.

It is our hope that the memories you save from this Christmas are especially bright and wonderful. May every single moment be one which you will treasure for many seasons to come.

"Merry Christmas"

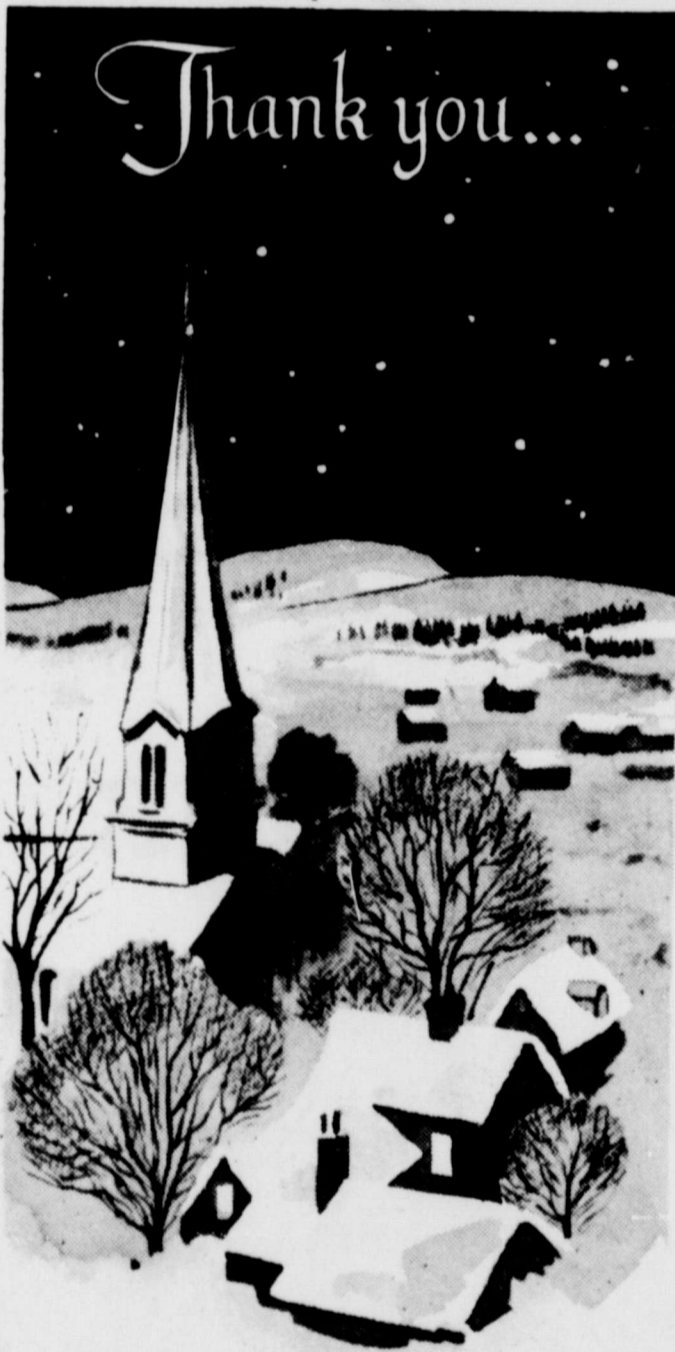
FROM



J. B., GEORGIA MAE, MARGARET AND JOYCE

CUMBIE & MACKKEY

Thank you...



The most appropriate words we know to convey our gratitude for the confidence you have shown us during the past year.

We Will Close at Noon Christmas Eve. We will Also Be Closed Monday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 31.

Margaret's Flowers & Gifts

Eddie, Earlene and Wayne Alexander
Sandra Arrott

GIRLS WIN CONSOLATION, BOYS TAKE THIRD AT TOURNAMENT

The Longhorns came out ahead of Eola by 56-53 in Thursday's game with Tim Scott the high scorer with 14; Wayne Coalson next with 13; followed by Randy Leigh and John Hibbs 10 each; Turney Coulter and Jay Schoenfield, 4 each and Brian Champion, 1.

Wall squeaked by with a 2 point 70-68 win over the Longhorns Friday. John Hibbs shot a hot 25; Leigh a 14; Coulter, 11; Coalson 7; Robert Ball and Tim Scott 2 each.

Playing Saturday for 3rd place the Longhorns topped the Robert Lee Steers 65-55, Coalson was high pointer with 30; Hibbs followed with 13; Scott 7; Coulter and Leigh 6 each and Ball, 3.

GIRLS GAMES

The Bronte girls fell to Eola in a close 39-44 game Thursday, then beat out Paint Rock by 58-49 and won the consolation trophy Saturday by stomping Christoval 105-24.

Scoring in Thursday's game were, Kim Glascock with a big 20 points; Beckie Coalson 8, followed next by Shelene Tidwell with 7 and Karen Arrott's 4.

Scoring against Paint Rock in Friday's match were: Leah Barbee 23; Tidwell 21 and Shelley Cumbie 14.

In Saturday's game for consolation Tidwell lighted the board with 31 big ones; Cumbie had another big 28; Arrott added, 22; Barbee dropped in 16 and Coalson 8.

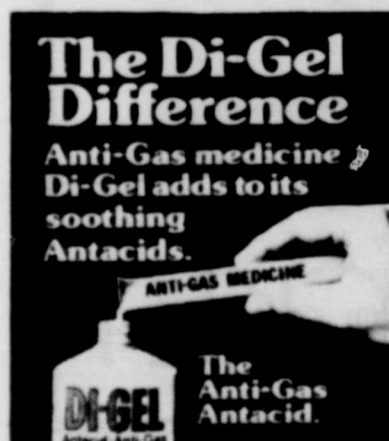
SCHEDULE

Tuesday night Dec. 21 the Longhorns host Eola at 6:30 while the Bronte lasses travel to Lakeview to face the Maidens at 6:30.

On schedule during the

WORMS CAN KILL YOUR PET.

Large roundworms (Ascarids) can kill your cat or dog. And he can pick them up any time—even be born with them. What can be done about the "worry of worms"? Sergeant's® Worm-Away® Capsules mix easily with pet food to rout roundworms. For other worm problems, get Sergeant's Sure Shot® Capsules, Puppy Capsules or Tapeworm Medicine.



THE FIRST CARD

The first American Christmas card is believed to have been

used by Peasis Great Variety Store, Louis Prang, who issued the first line of Christmas cards

in the United States in 1857, is said to be the "Father of the American Christmas Card."



...the most sincere expression we know to convey our appreciation for your friendliness and patronage this past year.



In keeping with mandatory holidays and in order for our employees to enjoy the holidays, we will close on Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, since Christmas and New Year's Day come on Saturday this year. Please arrange your banking business so our closing will not inconvenience you.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

IN BRONTE

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

E. F. GLENN, Chairman of Board and President

MICKEY PIERCE, Executive Vice President

VIRGINIA BOECKING, Vice President

WANDA BELLE PARKER, Cashier

KAY DAULONG, Assistant Cashier

DOROTHY RUTH COLLINS, BOBBIE ARROTT,

JOLENE BARRETT, IDAMAE PATTERSON, SUSAN ARROTT,

AND LINDA BADGETT, Employees

DIRECTORS

E. F. GLENN

J. B. MACKAY

THERELL BURWICK

VIRGINIA BOECKING

ROYCE FANCHER

T. F. SIMS, JR.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a weaving loom and a stapler and a Gieder Power. I've been liking your presents. I hope you will bring me toys. I've been good all year. Thank you Santa.

Sincerely,
Billy Reed

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Air Plane and a B.B. Gun and a Trattur and a G.I. Joe set and a Reg. That's all.

Your friend,
Ricky D. Basquez

Dear Santa,
I would like a pellet gun and a bean bag chair and have a nice Christmas.
Sincerely your friend,
Kerry Lee

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a Jaws game, pellet gun, Six Million dollar Man, 3-speed bicycle, and all the things on my mother's list. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Terrance Hale

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good! I enjoyed last Christmas when you got me the Chrisy doll. I love you. I hope you do not get cold at the North Pole.
Sincerely your friend,
Cindy Amacker

Santa,
I want a 30-30 and a bikesikol (bicycle) and a moder bike and a trane set.
Darold Ohlemacher

Dear St. Nick,
I would like a BB gun and some BB's. I would like a G. I. Joe set. And a new pellet gun. I want to have a new bike.

From your friend,
Ronnie Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some shoulder-pads and a helmet and jeans too! And a Golden Retriever.
And I have been very good!

Love,
David Phillips

Dear Santa Claus,
I can't wait 'till Christmas!
I will like to have a S.W.A.T. Van and a S.W.A.T. kit and all the S.W.A.T. dolls and a Wrist Radiom and Jaws.

Your friend,
Devin Koenig

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the things you gave me last year. This year I want clothes for Skipper and Ken. I want a swimming pool and a van. I want some records and some true books.
Sincerely your friend,
Stefanie Robbins

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a kite and the six million dollar man.
Love,
David Casares

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 410 and a 22 and a 30-30 and a 243 and a 12 guage and a 42 guage and 10,000 piles of candy and 10,000 piles of dollars in my house.

Love,
Rob Shields

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**MAY YOU ENJOY
A FINE
CHRISTMAS**



CACTUS CAFE
PETE AND INEZ NUTTER



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO
YOU!**

These greetings given
in cordial appreciation
of your good will and
patronage.

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AND
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**Season's
Greetings**

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Bill Marion, Terry Bryan

**TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS**

GREETINGS



At this time of the year, we can give expression to the gratitude we feel for having you as our friends, and to assure you, in turn, of our friendship. In this spirit, we want to wish you a Happy Christmas.

L. L. Webb's Chevron Station
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb



We cherish the Happiness old and new friends have given us and at this joyous and heartwarming season we send you our heartiest wishes for a Happy Holiday.

MR. & MRS. BILLY JOE LUCKETT

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
 We want to thank you for the wonderful things we received last year. We have enjoyed these things very much.
 Jeff Lee thanks you for his big wheel.
 Paul Basquez says the big jeep was great.
 Joe Flores really liked his bike.
 Ricky Turney and Pete Ensor sure have enjoyed their BB guns.
 Gary Hoelscher and his brothers really enjoyed his train and track.
 Thanks for my bike says Steven Lee.
 Jansen Hale is glad to have the big wheel.
 Alysia Bilbrey thanks you for the hot cycle.
 Alicia Puentez loved her baby doll.
 Michelle Stevens enjoyed her Bride doll.
 Lee Daulong and Malinda thank you for big wheels.

Shannon Hart has enjoyed his bicycle.
 Conda Richards had pleasure in his volkswagen.
 David Amacher thanks you for the train and track.
 Sammy Dominguez thanks you for his boat.
 Donna Ortiz thanks you for a good time last year.
 Jill Strickland thanks you for Baby Alive.
 Kelly thanks you for her Barbie doll.
 Donelle thanks you for her bicycle.
 Greg Charles thanks you for the racing car.
 John Morrow enjoyed his train.
 We thank you for the good things to come this year.
 Bicycles, Big Wheel, Candy Bars, Toy Bulldozers, Baby Alive, Six Million Dollar Man, Jet Plane, Aircraft

Carrier, a blue jet airplane, football suit, football jersey, blue and white pom-poms, Baby Tender Love, Maroon and white pom-poms, are some of the things we wish for Christmas.

Love,
 First Grade Class
 Bronte I. S. D.

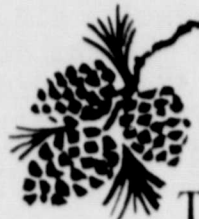
Dear Santa,
 I want a six million dollar man and his bionic repair station and a trampoline and Evil Knievel jet cycle, and Strech armstrong.
 Craig Grant

Dear Santa,
 I want baby tender love and a baby alive and a bike.
 And I also want a barbie town house and a Jamie Summers.
 And I also want a notebook for school and a pair of boots, size 3. Please.
 Carol Reyes

Dear Santa,
 I want a trampoline please. I want Evil Knievel jet cycle please. I want a stretch ar strong please.
 I want a six million dollar man please.
 Robert Marion

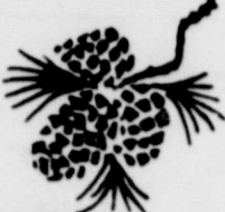
Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a bionic woman for Christmas. And a Barbie townhouse. And Share Barbie doll, and trampoline and stretch Armstrong.
 Rebecca Joy Wilcox

Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie Townhouse and a Jamie Summers, trampoline, Share Barbie doll, Baby Thataway and Stretch Armstrong.
 Melanie Cooper



TO WISH YOU

ALL THE JOYS



OF

Christmas

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 James Turner, Zelma Caperton, R. T. Caperton



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LUIS, NINA, TERRY, YVONNE and GREG



Season's Greetings

and Best Wishes

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MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BE WREATHED IN HAPPINESS FOR ALL WHO GATHER AROUND YOUR HEARTH.



Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thetford



HAPPY HOLIDAY

May we, too, rejoice in our praise to Him. Let us sing these praises every day of the coming year . . . grateful for the manifold blessings which have been bestowed upon us.

First United Methodist Church

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I please want a toy gun, tools, race track, police car, and a map of South America. I would also like flags of America, Texas, Mexico and Brazil.

Sincerely,
Kenny James Harrison

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a six million dollar man and that's all.

Your friend,
Gary Flores

Dear Santa,

I like a diamond ring, and a doll and a game and a toy mop.

Love,
Tonya Cobb

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a BB gun and toys and candies.

Your friend,
Pete Puentez

Dear Santa,

This year I want some new shoe skates size 3 and some good mystery books. I also want some Barbie doll things and a record player like the one in the Sears Christmas Catalog that's in blue jean style. I have been a good girl this year, so please bring me these things.

Sincerely,
Janet Eubanks
P.S. Don't forget Devlin this year. He and Jason have been good. (Tippy too)

Dear Santa,

Would you make me a cowboy suit and get me a football, dragracer, and a flag of Texas.

Your friend,
Ruben Dominguez

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline, and a Stretch Armstrong and the Six million dollar man and a train with a brij (bridge) and a Evil Knieval.

Tod Strickland

Dear Santa,

I want a workbook and a bike too and some candy.

I like you Santa, I love you too. I want a Baby Alive and a Jamie Summers doll. I Love you very much. You look good. I love Santa Claws very much and a notebook to and a new school.

Janet Sheen

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby Alive and a wagon and a trampoline and a Barbie Townhouse.

Sandie Dominguez

Dear Santa,

I want a jetcycle please Santa. And a notebook Santa.

Kris York

Dear Santa,

Please if you can get me a Hi-riser bike.

Jamie Powers

Dear Santa,

I would like to have Evil Knieval and Six million dollar man and end.

Chilo Minjarez

Dear Santa,

I want to have Jamie Summers and a trampoline and a ball and a Baby Thataway.

Carrie Ann Chew

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

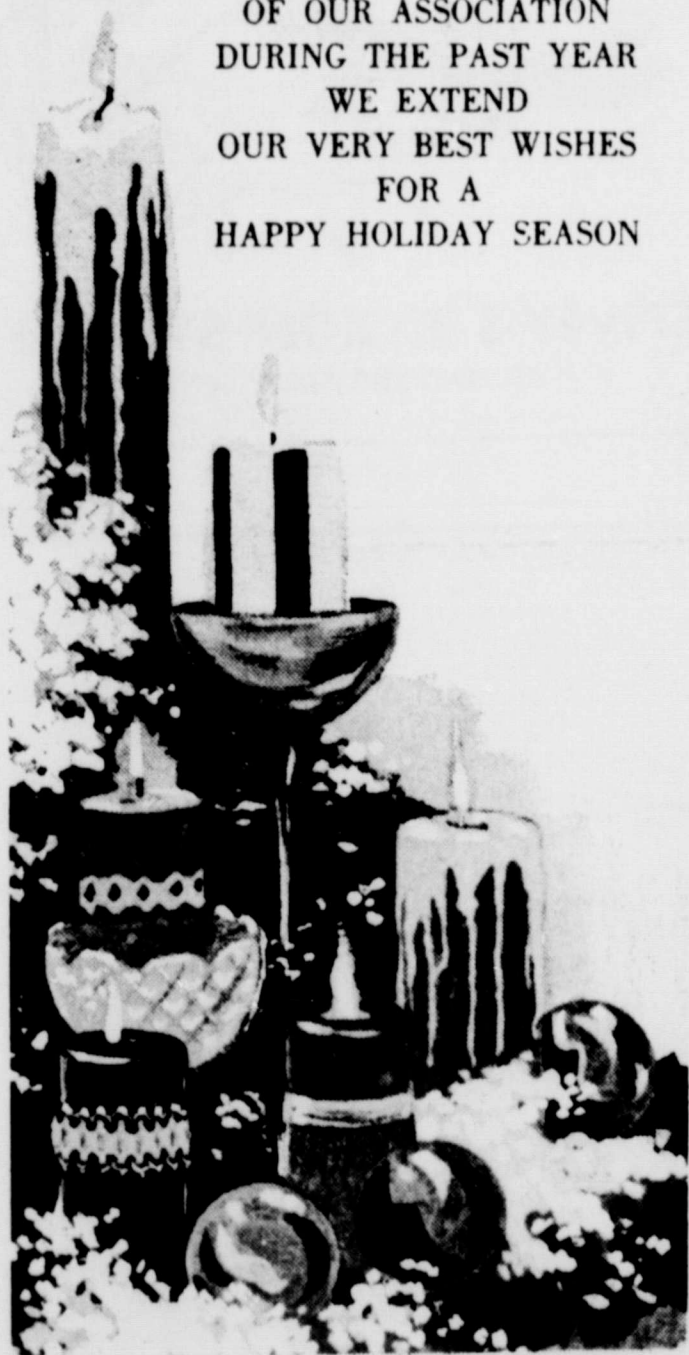


We wish you a festive Christmas . . . a Christmas as jolly and cheery as Santa himself!

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IN APPRECIATION
OF OUR ASSOCIATION
DURING THE PAST YEAR
WE EXTEND
OUR VERY BEST WISHES
FOR A
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



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Randy, Sujane and Melinda

Best wishes
FOR A VERY happy
Holiday season

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive and Jamie Summers and a Barbie Town house and a purse and a teddy bear please.

Estella Puentez

Dear Santa,
I want baby alive, Jamie Summers and Barbies Townhouse please.

Jann Tounget

Dear Santa,
I want a Evil Knievel and a jetcycle and a Six million dollar man, Stretch Armstrong, walky-talky and a trampaling.

Mark Hambright

Dear Santa,
I want to have Jamie Summers and a trampoline and notebook.

Love,
Donna Lewis

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. And I want some candy. And I want jaws game. And I want a BB gun. And I want G.I. Joe. And I want a motorcycle and a man. And I want a radio. And I want a new camera. And I want a map. And I want some cars. And I want some books about the map. And I want a weaving loom. And I want a ball. And I want a flag. And I want a globe.

Love,
Jason Sheen

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. tennis and a scope for my 22 and some trucks. Most of all I want a horse.

The End.
Love,
Todd Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,
You are nice. Thank you for the toys you sent last year. We will give you something We love you. Thank you for the surprise.

Here is what we want:
Sherri Eubanks-Barbie doll; Valerie Cason-Baby Bundle; Adam Minjarez-Race car; Anissa Gibbs-Baby That Away; Corina Juarez-A doll that blows bubbles; Dean Casares-Evil Knievel; Dorinda Scott-Wake Up Thumbalina; Dorothy Littlefield-Baby Alive; Jim Bob Thomas-Batman shirt; Kerri Bilbrey-Baby That Away; Maria Puentez-Baby Alive; Kim Reynolds-Baton; Melissa Arrott-Barbie doll; Michael Lee-Slot car race set; Misti Taylor-bicycle; Redaina Ohlemaker-Rub-a-dub Dolly; Robyn Lee-Baby That Away; Shary Parks-Baby That Away.

Santa, we have two children absent. They are Tim Mackey and Elizabeth Fuentez. Please bring them something nice.

Remember, we love you. We have all been good.
Love,
1976 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
Six million dollar man for Christmas.
Signed,
Johnny Ray Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a stove and Baby Alive, a chair, a book about you, and a long dress that has trees on it.

A coloring book and colors, and some dishes and a dishwasher, and that's all. Merry Christmas Santa. And I love you.

Your friend,
Linda Casares

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WISHES



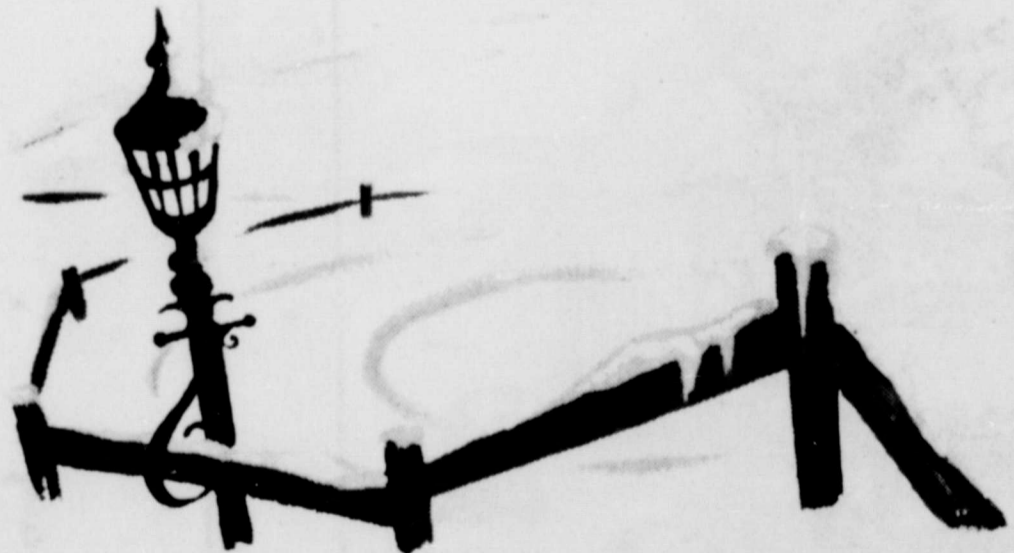
SPIVEY'S EXXON STATION
MR. AND MRS. LARRY SPIVEY

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. **II-SL. MATTHEW-X**



Let the love of Jesus be present in your home during this blessed Holiday Season.

HURLEY
PHARMACY
MR. AND MRS. ELMER HURLEY



Season's Greetings

We want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and want to thank all the people of this area for being so kind and helpful to us.

BRONTE NURSING HOME

Merry Christmas

A happy wish for a Holiday of happiness, cheer and good will to all our friends and customers.

LORENE'S Western Wear

COKE STUDENTS ON TSTI HONOR ROLLS

Students from Bronte and Robert Lee have been named to fall quarter honor rolls on the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute.

Named to the President's Honor Roll was Marian Clark of Bronte, a student in the Dental Assistant program. Students on the President's Honor Roll have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Named to the Vice President's Honor Roll were Ricky D. Frazee of Bronte, a student in the Auto Body Repairman program, and David Lee Roe of Robert Lee, a student in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics program.

Students on the Vice President's Honor Roll have maintained a 3.5 grade point average.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Misti Taylor. I have started to Kindergarten this year and have been very good. Please bring me a bicycle, baton, Ballerina Barbie, and a pair of roller skates. Please remember my little sister Eboni and all of the other boys and girls. I will have cookies and milk waiting for you. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,
Misti Taylor

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old, and have been as good as I can be this year. Please bring me a Tree Tots Amusement Park, a Tug-Boat-Shower, Hush-Little Baby doll and a pair of roller skates. Please remember my big sister, Misti, and everyone else. My sister and I will leave you cookies and milk. I love you Santa.

Love,
Eboni Taylor

Puritan Children Not Without Toys

While it is quite true that Christmas was just another winter day in early New England, Puritan children were not without toys.

It is quite likely that children in Puritan families received toys as awards for being good. Since there were no stores in which to buy toys, the father had to rely on his own ingenuity and imagination.

In most instances, toys were miniatures of furniture or other items familiar about the home, and were carefully whittled out of wood.

Some interesting toys from the New England of a century and a half ago may still be seen at Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., a recreation of a typical town in this period of American history.

Included in the collection are such items as a doll bed, wheelbarrow, a slant-topped desk, and a tiny team of oxen drawing a sled.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Vaughn
And Family



GREETINGS

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

RICHARDS BUTANE CO.

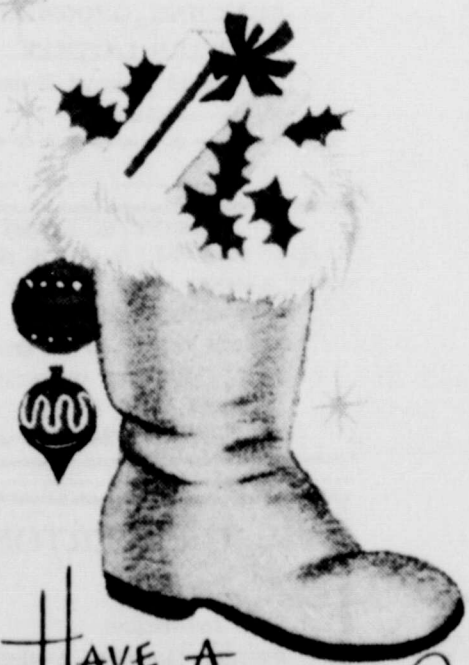
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NOEL



"Have a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a YEAR of HAPPY DAYS!"

MOTEL VICTOR
LIZ AND ERNIE



HAVE A
Wonderful Christmas

TIDWELL GULF STATION

JAMES, BRENDA, JIMMY, SHELENE,
CLIFFORD, MARVIN

THE HAPPY SEASON




IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT WE PAUSE FROM THE USUAL ROUTINE OF BUSINESS TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, GOOD WILL AND LOYALTY. MAY THE HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE YOURS THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

H. S. L. TAYLOR & CO.
BRONTE, TEXAS

May the joys and
peace of Christmas
be with you today
and always

*peace good will
toward men*



Newby Funeral Home

Rules Change for Those Under 72

People under 72 can work and earn more and still get their social security benefits starting in January, according to Franklin Upp, social security district manager in San Angelo, Texas. "In 1977 people can earn as much as \$3,000 and get their full social security retirement or survivors benefit," Upp said. "The

yearly earnings limit for 1976 was \$2,760. The increase keeps the amount in line with increases in general average wages." For earnings over \$3,000 in 1977, social security benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned. "But no matter how much people earn for the year," Upp said, "they can get their full social security benefit

for any month in which they neither earn over \$250 nor do substantial work in their own business." The 1976 monthly earnings limit was \$230. Different rules apply to disabled people who are getting social security disability benefits. "And people 72 and over will continue to get their full social security benefits regardless of earnings," Upp noted.

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Continued from Last Week

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

APRIL 1, 1975

| NAME | SERIES | DATE OF ISSUE | INTEREST RATE | AMOUNT OF ISSUE | AMOUNT RETIRED | AMOUNT OUTSTANDING |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| CITY OF BRONTE | | | | | | |
| SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM TAX BONDS | 1960 | 10-15-60 | 5% | 50,000.00 | 21,000.00 | 29,000.00 |
| REVENUE BONDS | 1960 | 10-15-60 | 5% | 85,000.00 | 26,000.00 | 59,000.00 |
| CITY HALL, FIRE STATION & JAIL | 1962 | 8-15-62 | 4½% | 18,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| TOTAL MARCH 31, 1976 | | | | 153,000.00 | 59,000.00 | 94,000.00 |

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------|----|------------|------------|------------|
| UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY | 1952 | | 0% | 234,087.98 | | |
| UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY | 1962 | 8-14-62 | 0% | 62,397.74 | | |
| UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY | 1964 | 7-21-64 | 0% | 80,000.00 | | |
| UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY | 1965 | 3-04-65 | 0% | 8,000.00 | | |
| UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY | 1965 | 10-05-65 | 0% | 1,076.90 | | |
| UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY | 1975 | 10-23-75 | 5% | 50,542.66 | | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS ON ABOVE CONTRACTS | | | | | 213,700.00 | |
| AMOUNT OUTSTANDING ON ABOVE CONTRACTS | | | | | | 222,405.28 |
| TOTALS MARCH 31, 1976 | | | | 436,105.28 | 213,700.00 | 222,405.28 |

CITY OF BRONTE SPECIAL SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BOND FUND SERIES 1960

INVESTMENTS

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Certificate of Deposit | 12-9-76 | 2,161.09 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 3-29-77 | 29,397.18 |
| TOTAL | | 31,558.27 |

BREAKDOWN OF CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Certificate of Deposit to | 12-6-75 | 2,038.76 |
| Interest to | 12-6-75 | 122.33 |
| TOTAL | | 2,161.09 |
| Certificate of Deposit to | 3-19-76 | 27,733.19 |
| Interest to | 3-19-76 | 1,663.99 |
| TOTAL | | 29,397.18 |

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People who earn over \$2,760 and get benefits in 1976 must send a report on 1976 earnings to social security by April 15, 1977. The social security tax rate remains the same in 1977--5.85 percent of covered wages paid by employees and employers; 7.9 percent of covered self-employed income. The earnings and contributions base--the amount on which social security contributions are made--will be the first \$16,500 of covered earnings for the year, starting in January. The 1976 base was \$15,300. Since benefit amounts are based on average earnings covered by social security, the increase in the wage base means that while some people may pay more in social security taxes, they will be entitled to higher payments later. Social security pays over \$6.2 billion a month in retirement, disability, and survivors benefits to over 32 million people. The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

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BOARDING, GROOMING
HOWARD LATIMER
The Kennel Nearest Bronte
653-1625

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No. 962, A. F. & A. M.
Meets first Monday each month, 7:30 p.m. Members urged to be present. Visitors welcome.
L. O. CLARK, W. M.
J. T. HENRY, Secretary

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New Tax Permits Being Sent Out By Comptroller

Comptroller Bob Bullock asked Texas retailers Monday to be on the lookout for new state sales and use tax permits that should be arriving in the mail later this month.

Bullock said his office is issuing new permits to the 290,931 holders of the "Limited Sales Tax Permit" and the 4,594 holders of the "Texas Use Tax

Certificate." The new permits are scheduled to be mailed December 10, he said.

Because of the Christmas mail rush, however, he said retailers should not be alarmed if the new permit arrives late in the month.

The Comptroller said the new gold-colored permits will replace all existing green permits, which will then become void.

Only those retailers currently holding valid permits will receive a

new one, Bullock emphasized. "Those businesses which have become delinquent and have had their permit suspended will not get a new permit until they pay up," he said.

He reminded all retailers that law requires the permits to be prominently displayed in their place of business.

"I am asking the news media to help us get this message out to minimize any confusion," Bullock said.

Bullock also urged retailers to read the new permit closely to make certain all information on it is correct. If it is not, he added, they should contact the Comptroller's field office nearest them.

Sales and use tax permits have never been reissued since the inception of the sales tax, he said. Retailers are supposed to get their permits corrected should their address or ownership change, but many have not, he added.

"The result is that many of the old permits--some dating back to the early 1960's--are illegible, incorrect or, in some cases, lost," Bullock said.

Bullock said the issuance of new gold permits will be followed by a statewide effort to get all retailers to properly display them.

"Consumers ought to be able to glance up at the wall of a business and be assured by a gold permit there that the sales tax pennies and nickles they pay are being properly remitted to the state," Bullock said.



ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT Continued from Preceding Page RECAPITULATION OF VARIOUS FUNDS

| OPERATING FUNDS | BALANCE APRIL 1, 1975 | RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR | TOTAL FUNDS | DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR | BALANCE MARCH 31, 1976 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| CITY OF BRONTE | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND | 9,528.81 | 56,647.73 | 66,176.54 | 56,155.07 | 10,021.47 |
| WATER WORKS | 2,824.03 | 60,236.87 | 63,060.90 | 61,442.68 | 1,618.22 |
| WATERWORKS PETTY CASH | 10.00 | 10.00 | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM | 5,015.85 | 10,947.15 | 15,963.00 | 12,378.34 | 3,584.66 |
| SPECIAL SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BOND FUND SERIES 1960 | 3,208.38 | 3,947.41 | 7,155.79 | 3,512.00 | 3,643.79 |
| CONTINGENCIES FUND | 3,000.00 | 816.00 | 3,816.00 | 816.00 | 3,000.00 |
| INTEREST & SINKING FUND | 717.50 | 1,320.00 | 2,037.50 | 1,303.50 | 734.00 |
| FIREMEN'S RELIEF & RETIREMENT | 331.66 | 113.09 | 444.75 | - | 444.75 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY | 600.67 | 3,059.50 | 3,660.17 | 3,325.82 | 334.35 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 25,236.90 | 137,097.75 | 162,334.65 | 138,933.41 | 23,401.24 |

Expenditures listed in the foregoing statement are covered by City warrants #5229 through #5872 and #4872 through #5699 inclusive and are properly entered in the warrant register. Expenditures are duly allowed in Council meetings.

Correct Helene Kirkland
 City Secretary

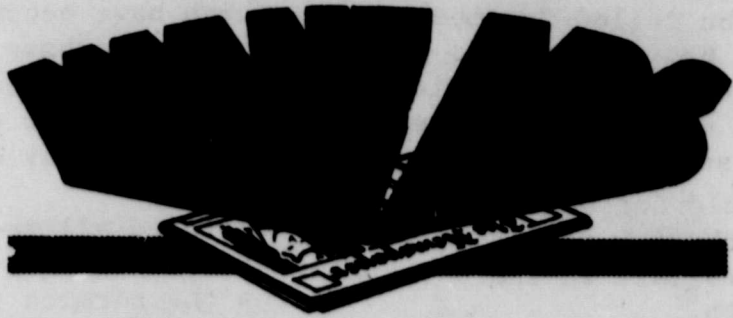
We, the undersigned audit committee, have checked the above statements and find them in accord with bank statements and is apparently correct.

Signed Virginia Boecking
Wanda Parker

We find Real JOY
 in wishing you
 A Glorious Christmas

Greetings

WINNIE & BARTON WALDROP



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1st Insertion Per Word 5c
2nd and Subsequent

Insertions Per Word 3c

Minimum Charge: 50c

Additional 50c for Blind Ads

CARDS OF THANKS

Per Word 5c — (Minimum \$1.00)

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

COPY DEADLINE

Classified Ads 4 P.M. Tuesday

Display Ads 4 P.M. Tuesday

PALMER STUDIO AND GALLERY: Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Some

not plants, potting soil, handmade stoneware pottery, 6 pot spiral stand with pots, \$22.50. Bakers racks, \$22.50. Ceramic pottery. Hours 9 to 5 p.m. Robert Lee. 50-1fc

Monuments Grave Markers

Lettering
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Sam L. Williams — Robert Lee
Phone 453-2525

NEW MATTRESSES AND RENOVATES:

For Western Mattress pickup service, call Mrs. Lynn Phillips, 201 Jones, Phone 473-5391. Weekly pickup and delivery service. 43-1fc

BULLDOZING, ROOT PLOWING, Grub-

bining and Raking. Bobby Pitchford, Norton, 786-2447. 1-52tc

FOR SALE: Five rooms and bath; carpeted except bath and kitchen

which have linoleum. Garage and plenty of out buildings for storage. 1 1/2 lots on corner of South W. Washington and Oliver. Phone 473-6601. Frank O'Rear. 51-3tp

THE WEATHER IS COLD and now is a

good time to have that interior painting done. Get things prettied up for Christmas. Call George Weir, 453-2853. 4tp

FOR SALE

4 bedroom house and other buildings, good well of water, hurricane fence, pecan and fruit trees, located on 2 corner lots in Bronte. Make offer.

3 Section Ranch; 240 acres farm land;

125 acres east of Hwy. 277 near Colorado River; 70 acres near Bronte. Excellent for sub-division. ADAMS LAND & REALTY CO. Phone 453-2723 or 453-2757 or 655-9429

POSTED: 160 acres six miles north of

Bronte on left; north of Higginbotham place and south of Youngblood place. Violators will be prosecuted. Gladys Maye Sims. 3tc

WE HAVE SEVERAL nice home offer-

ings in Bronte. Choice lots. Brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, small acreage. Nice home with guest house, excellent location. Nice frame 3 bedroom home. Plus several others, all priced right. We can possibly assist in finding, financing for qualified buyers. Martin N. Lee and Associates, Bronte, Texas, 473-3611. 1fc

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Thousands of fabrics and vinyls to

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needs.

Persons in the Bronte and Robert Lee

area call Johnnie Smith in Bronte, 473-5761 for appointment in your

home. Coke County service once a

week, or come by the shoppe when

you're in Ballinger. 1fc

FOR SALE: 1964 V-8 Plymouth. L. O.

Clark. 473-5741. 49-1fc

FOR SALE: 1967 Volkswagon, call 453-

2587. 51-2tp

FOR SALE: 1969 Chevrolet Pickup,

standard shift, air conditioner, butane

equipped. F. A. Tidmore, 702 Mea-

dawlane, Bronte, Texas. 50-3tp

FOR SALE: Couch and Chair, gold color.

Both for \$75. See at Nick Picon's

place, phone 473-3301. 51-3tp

WANT TO BUY: Small Used Refrigerator.

Inquire at City Hall. 52-1fc

FOR SALE: M & M Putting Course and

Recreation Center. Excellent busi-

ness, no equity, take over payments.

Contact Louist Thornton, 473-3101.

52-1fc

FOR SALE: 1973 Pinto Ford. C. B.

Barbee, 473-3261, Bronte. 1tc

FOR SALE: On Railroad and Oliver, Bronte, 5 room older house and bath, new carpet, linoleum on living room and kitchen, newly painted inside, carpet on all bedrooms. 52-3tp

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Welcome to Our Big Country Dances — 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE Featuring the Veda Smith Trio

Also

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Gala Hats, Etc. Featuring Tim Holiday and The Hole in the Wall Gang

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THANKS

To all our friends and relatives, to Dr. De and the entire hospital staff, to all who sent flowers and cards during the time the wife was in the West Coke Hospital; for the wonderful supply of good things to eat, for the assistance rendered to me during my wife's confinement by Mr. Leonard Heath who stayed with me night and day during this time. May the good Lord bless every effort made in our behalf.

Sincerely and respectfully

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Seay

1tp-8P

TO BE GIVEN TO ANYONE— SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

FOR SALE: 20" Boy's Bicycle. New tires and tubes. Lester Webb. 1tc

One of the most popular festivals of Puerto Rico is Bethlehem Day. It celebrates the coming of the Magi, or wise men, on the twelfth night.

December 25, Christmas Day, also is the date of the winter solstice, the turning point of the year, when winter begins its decline towards spring.

Merry Christmas

Thank you for your patronage and we look forward to serving you in 1977.
CHARLES RAGSDALE BARBER SHOP
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragdale

Season's Greetings

MR. AND MRS. O. B. JACOBS

To Our Friends, Customers and Everyone:

May the spirit of this Christmas bring joy to you and yours

At the Approach of the Glorious— CHRISTMAS SEASON WE MUST COUNT OUR MANY BLESSINGS

We are thankful for your friendship and we hope to continue to serve you during the years ahead. We trust that His Holy spirit will be the center of your life and that you can know the real spirit of Christmas.

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