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## AWARDS GIVEN AT ANNUAL GRID BANQUET

"You don't have to win all the games to have a successful football season," according to Homer Norton, former well known coach of Texas A & M.

He spoke here Tuesday night at the annual banquet honoring Robert Lee High School's football squad.

Mr. Norton, who made an outstanding record during his 13 years with the Texas Aggies, told his banquet audience that the most important part of athletics are the lessons they teach. "The boys learn to develop their minds and control tempers," he added.

Norton now lives at Houston and does some sports writing for the Houston Post. He was accompanied here by his wife, who is a sister of A. V. Sheppard. They were overnight guests in the Sheppard home.

It is the first time in history Robert Lee has ever had a big name coach as its football banquet speaker, and the event Tuesday night was highly successful.

School Supt. B. C. Goodwin served as master of ceremonies and viewed highlights of Mr. Norton's athletic career before introducing the speaker.

Coach James Mancill was praised for his fine work with the seniors. He presented jackets to the seniors, four juniors and seven sophomores. They were as follows:

Seniors — Lynn Davidson, Sherman Williams, Ben Bessent, captains; T. C. Brown and Jerry Harley.

Juniors — Don Bell, Bill Simpson, Jerrel Harmon and Roland Arthur.

Sophomores — Robbie Godwin, Ma Hall, Jack Gray, Harold Robertson, Frederick Ashworth, Jimmy Joe Duncan and Byron Russell.

Sweaters were awarded to the following freshmen on the squad: Perry Jackson, Don Baugh, Tom Sawyer and Freddie McDaniel.

Jackets were also presented to Coach Mancill, Peggy Jackson, Ma Hall sweetheart, Managers Tom Collett and John McDaniel, and Tommy Hood, who has been MVP of school this year because of his leadership.

The dinner, featuring roast turkey, took place at the school cafeteria and was prepared by the kitchen staff. Serving was in charge of Miss Martha Taylor and home economics girls.

Mrs. Augusta Puett, former Robert Lee resident whose husband published The Observer, writes to her address changed from Fort Worth to Solomon, Ariz. She adds she don't want to miss a copy of The Observer.

## Bank Adds \$15,000 to Surplus Fund

At their monthly meeting Tuesday the directors of the Robert Lee State Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of 5% and voted to add \$15,000 to the surplus fund.

This will bring the bank's surplus up to \$50,000, while the capital stock remains at \$35,000.

C. Allen, executive vice president, said the bank this week had assets of more than \$1,300,000 and deposits were \$347,657.



MRS. VIRGIL STRENG

## Mary Walker Is Bride Of Virgil Streng

Miss Mary K. Walker and Mr. Virgil Streng, Robert Lee young couple, were married Dec. 4 by Justice of the Peace Walter Grice in Big Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Baylor Walker of Silver. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Streng of Muenster. He served two years in the armed services, more than half of which was in Korea. He is employed on an Empire drilling rig at Silver.

Present for the wedding were the bride's father and her brothers Ronny and Gorman Walker, and the latter's family.

The newlyweds went to Carlsbad and other points in New Mexico on a honeymoon trip. They are now at home in Robert Lee in one of Mrs. J. J. S. Smith's apartments.

## More Than \$500 Contributed To Tommy Hood Fund

More than \$500 has been contributed to the Tommy Hood fund. The movement was launched the last of the week to provide further medical and hospital treatment for the 16-year-old Robert Lee youth.

An exploratory head operation two weeks ago in St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth, disclosed a tumor that had been affecting his vision for several months. Located at the base of the brain, the growth could not be removed by surgery. Specialists are hopeful that x-Ray treatment may prove successful.

Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jett Hood. He was popular in high school where he played football two years, and was also outstanding in 4-H turkey and livestock projects.

Mr. Hood and their older son, Bobby Gene, returned home Friday, while Mrs. Hood will remain in Fort Worth with Tommy for an indefinite period. Latest reports say the youth continues to improve but no treatments have been started.

Persons who have not been contacted and wish to do so, may leave their contributions at The Observer office. More than \$500 had been deposited up to Tuesday in the Robert Lee State Bank to the credit of the Tommy Hood fund.

WILL TRADE 4 room and bath brick house for large house in Robert Lee, or will trade on small farm near Silver with large house. Write Box 144, Iraan, Texas. 29w2p

## Funeral Service Held Friday For Fred McDonald, Sr.

Funeral services were held for Fred E. McDonald, Sr., long time resident of Bronte and Coke county at 2 p. m. Friday from the First Methodist church in Bronte. Rev. Clifford Williams, Fort Worth Presbyterian minister officiated. He was assisted by Rev. W. C. Craig, Bronte Methodist pastor, and Rev. Maynard Rogers, Bronte First Baptist pastor.

Interment followed in the old Fort Chadbourne cemetery, beside the graves of his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDonald. Clift Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pall bearers were L. T. Youngblood, George Taylor of San Angelo, Jacob Morrow, Carter Rawlings of Water Valley and Bailey Russell and Edd Hickman of Robert Lee.

Mr. McDonald died at 2 a. m., Thursday, Dec. 9, in the Bronte Hospital after an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 23, 1880, the son of the late W. C. and Laura Doughty McDonald at Soddy, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He was 74 years and nine months old at the time of his death.

He was married to the former Miss Katherine Robinson in Sweetwater on August 10, 1899. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1949. They have lived in Coke County continuously since their wedding. Mr. McDonald served as a merchant, stock farmer and ginner until he retired.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. A. N. Rawlings; three sons, Fred McDonald, Jr., of Robert Lee, W. C. McDonald of San Angelo and W. D. (Pete) McDonald of Bronte; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren.

He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Will N. McDonald and Mrs. Roberta Roland, both of Fort Worth; Brooks McDonald of Lawton, Oklahoma and Mrs. W. J. Robinson of Denton.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the people of Robert Lee who offered to help us during Carolyn Lasater's stay in the hospital. Our special thanks to Dr. McDaniel and the hospital staff. — May God bless all of you. — Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lasater and Charles.

## Work Begins On Housing For Gas Plant Families

Work started the past week on a 16-unit housing project for employees of the new gasoline plant to be constructed in the northwest part of the county by Texas Natural Gas Company.

McMillan Lumber Co. of Robert Lee will furnish material for the houses, while the labor contract is to be handled by Jack Capps & Martin Casey. Footings for some of the buildings have been poured. A warehouse will also be included in the project.

A 63-acre site for the new gas plant has been cleared off. Some pipe and other material is arriving, but work on the plant has not started.

West Texas Utilities Co. is running in a new electric line which will furnish power for construction activities.

### GOOD XMAS BUSINESS

Robert Lee stores report a good Christmas trade this year, and they have ample stocks for shoppers during the final week. The town is filled up with families brought here by renewed oil field work. Several new business concerns have greatly helped Robert Lee also and all of them report business is good. Estelle's Flowers and Gifts is highly attractive this week with a big stock of Christmas flowers and plants. The Santa Claus Parade scheduled for Saturday has been called off, as a number of High School Band members could not take part.

## To Perforate, Treat Wojtek Test Thursday

J. B. Randle No. 1 F. C. Wojtek, wildcat 3 miles north of Robert Lee, will try for completion in a sand section just below 4,900 feet.

The hole was plugged back from 5,700 feet when contractors were unable to recover stuck tools and drill collars.

Casing (5½ inch) has been seated at 5,134 feet. Perforating was to take place Thursday, followed by fracture of 26½ feet of tight sand pay. On a drillstem test two weeks ago 100 feet of clean oil was recovered from 4,902-10 feet. Two more pay sections were discovered when a core was cut.

Operators are clearing a location to the east where a deeper test will be made. Location for storage tanks is also being prepared.

### ROYALTY SOLD

Royalty sales in the immediate locality were completed the past week. W. H. Wyatt sold one-half the royalty on Section 380 for \$32,000. Southeast corner of the section is only a short distance from the Wojtek test in the northwest corner of Section 406.

Heirs of Mrs. J. V. Davis in Section 407, which adjoins Wojtek on the west, have also sold part of their royalty on a \$100 per acre basis.

### SIMPSON DRILLS DEEPER

Kewanee No. 1 Marvin Simpson, wildcat 3 miles northwest of Robert Lee, was drilling ahead Thursday morning at 5,735.

A drillstem test Wednesday from 5,604-56 feet recovered 4,750 feet of sulphur water. The formation was said to be porous Strawn lime.

Operators announce they will drill to the Caddo.

### IT'S SUBSCRIPTION TIME

It's subscription paying time for a large number of Observer readers, and the publisher will be happy to get all renewals in by the end of the year. Persons who send The Observer as gifts are also requested to advise if they wish to continue them another year. The Observer makes a highly appreciated gift, you know.

### JUDGE DEAN IN HOSPITAL

County Judge Jeff Dean entered Coke County Memorial Hospital again Saturday for additional treatment. He has been suffering from arthritis which recently had been very painful between his shoulders. Because of his illness Judge Dean was unable to attend the annual state convention of County Judges and Commissioners in Houston this week. He is president of the association and in past years had devoted much time to the district and state organization.

## YOUNGER GETS ROAD WORK IN PRECINCT NO. 1

Contract for building six miles of new surfaced highway at Silver and paving several blocks of city streets in Robert Lee had been awarded to Younger Construction Co.

Bids on the Precinct 1 projects were opened by the Coke County Commissioners Court in a special session Saturday. Younger's bid of \$58,382 was the lowest of six bids submitted.

They will furnish a bond to cover the contract and expect to begin work in the near future. Younger has done a lot of oil field construction work in Coke County, and already has considerable equipment at Silver.

### Other bids were:

F. A. Seidel & Son, Ballinger, \$82,754.

Cage Bros., San Antonio, \$67,405.

B. G. Brown & Co. and J. B. Pruitt, San Angelo, \$82,619.

Angelo Constr. Co. (Hunter Strain), \$67,727.

Centex Paving Co., San Antonio, \$65,180.

County officials were pleased over the Younger bid which was under the engineers' estimate. Eight miles of additional surfaced road and a new bridge across the Colorado River southwest of Silver are also to be constructed from the \$245,000 bond issue voted in Precinct 1 last summer.

D. Williamson, representing the W. W. Greif engineering firm in charge of the work, advised The Observer yesterday that exact location of the road leading southeast of the new bridge toward Edith is uncertain. Drainage problems have arisen which require additional surveys, he said.

However, contractors will be asked to submit bids early in the year. A separate bid will be asked on the steel and concrete bridge which will have a width of 26 feet. Paving in Robert Lee will be 2½ feet wide on a 32-foot base. Core tests on the bridge footings have been made.

### PRECINCT 2 APPROVES BONDS

Precinct 2 voters overwhelmingly endorsed a \$160,000 road bond issue for improvements in the Precinct. Total vote was 310, with 291 voters for the proposal and 19 against it. Funds derived from the \$160,000 bond issue are to be used on paving some 100 city blocks in Bronte and bridge repair and construction. Little or no increase in taxes is expected.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 9 — Phebe Casey dismissed.

Dec. 10 — Johnny Elkins, Earl Roberts, Mrs. C. W. Brown admitted. Mrs. Ethel Green, Mrs. Bruce Clift, Tony Dean admitted.

Dec. 11 — Mrs. R. W. Ellis, Jeff Dean, Mrs. Leon McBee admitted, Virginia Sue Arnold, Earl Roberts, Carolyn Lasater, Mary Vaughan dismissed.

Dec. 12 — Mrs. C. W. Brown, Susie Skipworth dismissed.

Dec. 13 — Jerry Dean, Ralph Englert admitted. Mrs. Leon McBee dismissed.

Dec. 14 — Mrs. Jack Walker, Mrs. R. W. Ellis, Ralph Englert admitted. J. A. Childress, Mrs. C. A. Dukes, Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed.

# History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

## INSTALLMENT 35 CHURCHES

Just as a house does not constitute a home, neither does a church building alone constitute a church. Although there were no church buildings in Coke County for several years after the county was organized, the people had worship services in the homes, under brush arbors, in schoolhouses, and in the court house.

Many pioneer families held daily worship services in the home, either in the morning or after the evening meal. Usually, the father would read aloud from the Bible, then with all members of the family kneeling, he would pray. Sometimes the reading was preceded by hymn singing, with the mother playing the organ.

### CAMP MEETING

During the summer, some missionary or circuit rider held a camp meeting, extending over two weekends, and sometimes for two full weeks. Sites for the camp meeting included:

- (1) a liveoak grove on Live Oak Creek,
- (2) a grove of trees about one mile southeast of Hayrick Mountain,
- (3) a pecan grove near Bronte in what is now the American Legion Park,
- (4) a hackberry and china grove on Pecan Creek, northwest of Edith post office, and
- (5) a grove on Yellow Wolf Creek in the Sanco Community.

People took covered wagons or tents, and whole families camped and attended the meetings for the entire time.

### HAYRICK SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday School, believed to be the earliest in the Coke County area, was organized in Charlie Roe's dug-out northeast of Hayrick Mountain in 1886. The next Sunday, it met in the W. A. Robbins dug-out, while on the third Sunday, the group met in the Dancer dug-out. The Sunday School continued meeting in those dug-outs, rotating the meeting place in that order for quite some time. Later the Sunday School met in the schoolhouse. After the county was organized, the meeting place was the "upstairs room of the first Coke County courthouse at Hayrick. The Sunday School has been continuous since its organization and is known as the "Hayrick Sunday School."

### SANCO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Very soon after the Sanco community was established in 1887, a Sunday School was organized in that community. Religious leaders at Sanco included: four generations of the Bird family — Miller Bird, Smith and Ira Bird, and children and grandchildren of Miller Bird, the Ulmer family, the B. W. Bilbos, the Scarboroughs, Gartmans, Breedloves and Craddock. Mrs. J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls, who with her husband, endowed the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University of Dallas, was Lois Craddock of Sanco. Sanco now has two churches, the Missionary Baptist Church and the Evangelical Methodist Church.

### EDITH AND PECAN CHURCHES

The first sermon preached in the Edith community was in the home of Ran Stewart by a Baptist missionary, a Mr. Munsey from Ballinger. The Reverend Andrew

Jackson Potter, a circuit rider of San Angelo, organized a Methodist church at Edith. According to Mrs. C. D. Stewart, that was the first organized church in the Edith sector. There is no church at Edith today; however, the Pecan Baptist Church is a few miles west of Edith near the Millican Oil Field.

### BRONTE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Missionary Baptist Church which later came to be called the Bronte Baptist Church was organized June 19, 1887, by the Reverend W. C. Green. The first pastor, R. M. Cumbie, was called in 1890. The Bronte Baptist Sunday School was organized in October, 1901. Outstanding Baptist leaders in Bronte have included the families of Reverend R. M. Cumbie, J. B. McCutchen, R. E. Cumbie, H. T. Wilkins and L. T. Youngblood. Miss Lou Wilkins of the Bronte Baptist Church became a missionary. R. E. Cumbie has served as superintendent of the Bronte Baptist Sunday School for nearly a half century. The Bronte Baptists have a new thirty-thousand dollar building.

Don't overdraw in your basic asset — the soil.

### SET WEDDING DATE

Miss Pansie Castello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Castello of 3201 N. Chadbourne St. in San Angelo, and her fiance, Robert Lewis Jay, will wed during Christmas Eve ceremonies in North Side

Church of Christ at Lake View. Miss Castello and her fiance attended Lake View High School. Now a student at Sul Ross College in Alpine, Mr. Jay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Cox and daughter, Alice, of Bangs spent the weekend here with the former's sister, Mrs. Howard Eaton. Another brother, Floyd Cox, and his son, Mack, of San Angelo joined the group on Sunday.



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### SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

Palmer Leeper contends our town should be known as Robert Lee and he wonders why the name was left out. Postmaster Bub Lewis says it is almost impossible to get the Post Office Department to do anything about it. So we will go along as Robert Lee. It's a good name, isn't it?

While on the subject, wouldn't it be appropriate for our community to make some sort of an absence of Robert E Lee's birthday on Jan. 18?

In death Robert E. Lee — Lee of America as well as Virginia, — has become a major national figure, achieving a destiny realized by few of his contemporaries. Lee's birthday is observed as a holiday in Southern States. We believe our town should make something of it.

A Gentleman Farmer is described as a fellow who has more money in the bank than on the farm. The world is like a fruit cake — wouldn't be complete without a few nuts.

Hurrah for the Democrats said their friend. They have taken control of the House — something that most men have been trying to do for years.

A Dallas friend writes "Don't forget to feed the birds. I have a feeder on the front porch with sunflower seed for the robins, and on a window ledge in the back I have parakeet seed and bread for the soft bill birds. It is a great pleasure to see how they go for the food. I'm sure that all the song birds would stay at Robert Lee if food was put out for them. They stay here all winter, and if anything, it's colder here than at Robert Lee."

HELP, HELP! Your contributions to this column will be highly appreciated.

Did you ever wonder how much these good Coke County oil wells was worth? Earlier this year Kirk Johnson sold 28 sand producers southwest of Silver to Pop Rock for 7½ million dollars. That figures \$300,00 per well. Would like to trade advertising space for one.

Regret to pass on the information that eggs were thrown at members of the High School Band during the Halloween Parade. This column has guaranteed that nothing like that will occur during the Santa Claus Parade coming up in a few days.

Tommy Carwile cut off the end of a finger the other day while working on a piece of road building equipment. Doc McDaniel sent him to the caliche pit north of town to get the half inch of flesh he sewed it back on. Now he has a full length finger.

### Have R. Gassiot Gets Discharge from Air Force

Have R. Gassiot will arrive Saturday, Dec. 18, from Warrensburg, Mo., where he enrolled in college Dec. 6 for his second semester's work as a junior.

He recently was discharged from the 488th Bombardier Sqdn., Sedalia, Mo., after completing 7 years of service in the Air Force, with 2½ years of overseas duty.

He is a Bronte High School graduate and was a junior at Harlow-Simmons University when he was discharged in the Air Force four years ago.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gassiot, superintendent and primary teacher at Silver.

### Notes From The Oil Field

Sun Victor McCabe No. 12, northeast of Silver in Mitchell County, was drilling Tuesday at 2,510 feet.

#### FIFTH PRODUCER

The Fuller-Coke, South (Strawn) field of Coke County has gained its fifth well and a location south extension with completion of Homer Snowden No. 3 Nora Gee, in 119-2-H&TC, 20 miles northeast of Sterling City.

It was finaled for a daily flowing potential of 528 barrels of 45 gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 400-1. Production was through a 25-64-inch choke and perforations between 7,076-7,160 feet in 5½-inch casing cemented at 7,263 feet on total depth of 7,265 feet.

Top of pay was picked at 7,060 feet on elevation of 2,601.3 feet. Pay section was shot with 149 quarts of nitroglycerin. Tubing pressure was 275 pounds; with packer on casing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Fields and children have returned to Robert Lee after residing the past three years in Missouri. The former was foreman of a ranch at Mt. Vernon. Carlton went to work this week for D. S. & R. Construction Company. They are living in the Boyd Yarbrough house at the north edge of town.

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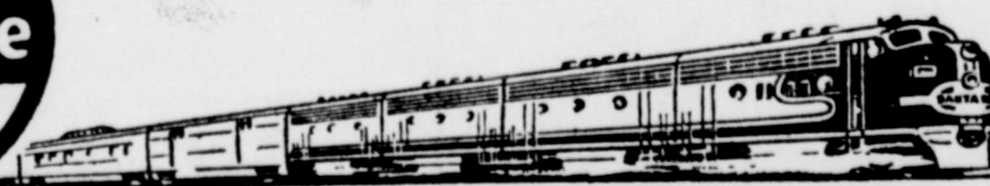
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### Right of Way Required For New FM Road

Right of way easements for the new Farm to Market Road southwest of Robert Lee are now being secured. It is a state project but the county must furnish right of way and fencing.

The new paved road will intersect Highway 208, a mile south of town, and run west and southwest, a distance of 13 miles. Later it is planned to continue the highway to Water Valley.

Much of the route will be relocated, although some stretches will follow the present road. A right of way 100 feet in width is required for state roads.

Commissioner Ed Hickman says he has contacted most of the land owners in Precinct 3, which extends west from the Bob Patterson place 8 miles to a point west of Alvin Counts.

The east end of the new road is in Precinct 1, under supervision of Commissioner J. W. Service. The latter had been busy with road matters in the Silver area, but plans to give his attention to the Farm to Market project immediately.

County officials hope to have all right of way procured by Jan. 20. The state has completed its engineering work and will be ready to let a contract early in the spring.

V. H. Simpson remains at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. He has improved following surgery a short time ago, but his condition remains serious.

#### Hayrick Lodge

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#### MRS. DITMORE DIES

Mrs. Claude Ditmore, 59, of Tenyson, wife of Coke County Commissioner in Precinct 4, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon of a heart attack. She was in Bronte Hospital where she was recovering from surgery which she underwent Monday. Funeral services will be at 2:30 Friday afternoon in the Bronte Methodist Church.

Harry Weaver returned the last of the week from an eastern trip. He is continuing some special surveys for the U. S. Navy in regard to proposed new naval installations. While in the east Mr. Weaver visited Atlantic coastal cities and Washington, D. C.

#### FRUIT CAKE

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 4 whole eggs
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup sour milk
- 1/2 lb. white raisins
- 1 pt. pecans
- 1 pt. walnuts
- 1/2 pint almonds
- 1 tablespoon water with 1 teaspoon of soda dissolved in it.
- 2 lbs. dates.
- 1 lb. candied cherries.
- 2 tall cans of sliced pineapple (candy this yourself and save enough slices to cover the top of the cake).
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract.
- 1 teaspoon almond extract.
- Cream butter and sugar and un-beaten eggs, milk, and molasses. Add 3 cups of flour, spices and soda mixture to the above. Mix all nuts and fruits together and sift 1 cup of flour over them and add this to above mixture.

Cook in a tube pan. This can be cooked in the oven but she prefers the pressure cooker method. For this she lines the pan with foil, ungreased and places foil on top of the cake and puts it in the cooker. Leave the cock pit open for 45 minutes and then close it and bring the pressure to 5 lbs. and steam for 45 minutes. Then raise the pressure to 10 pounds and steam another 45 minutes. When cooking time is over, release the steam very slowly. Let stand in the cooker 30 minutes. Remove and cover the top with the remainder of candied pineapple and put in oven at 350 degrees and let all the moisture dry out. This will take approximately 5 minutes.



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Members of the Home Makers class of the Baptist Church enjoyed their annual Christmas Party Friday night, with Mrs. Frank Cabe as hostess. A covered dish dinner was served, followed by a gift exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore were early Sunday for their home in Mena, Ark. They had been called here the previous week by the death of Mrs. P. W. Millican, a sister of Mrs. Varnadore.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Norton and daughters, Donna and Sandra, left Thursday for their home in Houston after a visit since Monday in the home of A. V. Sheppard and family. Mrs. Norton is a sister of Mr. Sheppard. Mr. Norton, former outstanding coach at Texas A & M, spoke at the football banquet in Robert Lee Tuesday night.

Mrs. Betty Green of Tennyson has sent The Observer as a Christmas Gift to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myers, 337 East 37th St., San Angelo.

Frank Smith returned to his home here Sunday evening after spending several days in Shannon Hospital where he underwent an examination and treatment. His ailment has been diagnosed as arthritis.

**LETTER TO SANTA**

Dear Santa:  
 Please bring me some of that wonderful chocolate candy the Band is selling. Tell Butch Davis all about us little kids wanting some. — Your Robert Lee Sweeties Pop.

Experience always provides the raw material for a lot of unnecessary conversation.

**Want Ads**

**NOTICE**

My place south of Robert Lee has been posted and \$50 Reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons trespassing upon my property without permission.  
 —Fred McDonald, Jr.

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## Robert Lee Girls Win Blackwell's Cage Tournament

Robert Lee girls won the championship of Blackwell High School's basketball tournament Saturday, defeating Blackwell 39-33. Bonita Robertson scored 15 points, Sue Henson 13, Jo Clawson 6 and Carroll Bagwell 5. Charlene Robertson and Mary Beth Schooler also saw action as forwards.

Robert Lee guards were Jackie Sparks, Carolyn McDaniel and Leslie Nell Wink, with Carolyn Box and Doris Blair, subs. Rita McCarley made 17 points for Blackwell. Chosen on the all-tournament team were Jackie Sparks and Sue Henson.

In the first game Robert Lee defeated Roby B girls 38 to 26. Bonita Robertson was high with 12 points, while Henson and Clawson scored 10 each, Bagwell got 5 and Charlene Robertson 1.

### BOYS LOSE FINAL

Robert Lee boys were defeated in the tourney final by Highland. The score was 59 to 44. Lynn Davidson led with 18 points, Atha Hall 13, Bill Simpson 5, Jerrel Harmon 4, and Sherman Williams 4.

The Steers earlier had won from Roby 57 to 36. In that contest Davidson registered 23 points, Hall 10, Simpson 9, Harmon 9, Williams 6. Fred Ashworth also was in the lineup.

### SPLIT AT LORAIN

Robert Lee split a double header at Loraine the fore part of last week. The girls defeated Loraine 26 to 23, while the Robert Lee boys were smothered 45 to 30. B. Robertson accounted for 15 points, Henson 3, Clawson 6, Bagwell 2.

In the boys game Davidson scored 17 points, Simpson 5, Hall 4, Harmon and Williams 2 each. Also seeing action were Freddy Ashworth, Jack Gray, Sammy Duncan and Roland McArthur.

### CHRISTOVAL DEFEATED

Christoval dropped three games to Robert Lee here Monday night.

The B girls team scored a 30 to 24 victory as the opener. Bagwell was high with 12 points, C. Robertson 9, Janelle McGilvray 5, Joe Alice McDonald 4. Mary Beth Schooler also played a forward.

Guards were Carolyn Box, Jo Francis Box, Doris Blair, Nettie

Bob Bell and Carolyn Simpson.

Robert Lee A girls won an easy 40 to 23 victory from Christoval. Henson led the scorers with 18, Clawson made 10, B. Robertson 8, Bagwell 4. Substitute forwards were Sue Goodwin, Doris Sparks and June McKinley.

In the boys game Robert Lee took Christoval 58 to 35. Scoring for the home club were Davidson with 15 points, Hall 5, Simpson 14, Williams 9, Harmon 8, Duncon 4, McArthur 2 and Byron Russell 1. Also playing for Robert Lee were Fred Ashworth, Jack Gray, Wayne Blair, Joe Harmon and Harold Robertson.

Robert Lee has no more basketball games until Jan. 3 following the holiday vacation.

## Water Group Held Monthly Meeting Here

The Fort Concho Water and Sanitary Association met at the high school cafeteria Thursday, Dec. 9. Miss Martha Taylor and her Future Homemakers Class served a delicious turkey dinner to the 25 members and two visitors.

Mr. Sheppard, representative of the American Cast Iron Pipe Co., had charge of the program. He showed a film of the manufacture and described the making of cast iron pipe. This was very interesting and instructive as all the towns represented at the meeting use that type of pipe to some extent.

Officers for the 1955 term were also elected. They are as follows: Henry Lancaster, San Angelo, President, L. E. Burk, Eldorado, Vice-Pres., J. E. Williams, San Angelo, Program Chairman, and Mrs. Virginia Jay, Robert Lee, Sec-Treas.

This is Mrs. Jay's 3rd year to be elected to the office.

The January meeting will be held in Sonora and the February meeting in Ballinger.

Charles McDaniel of Robert Lee is a member of the University of Texas symphony orchestra which presented its annual Christmas concert last Sunday afternoon. The son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel of Robert Lee, Charles is a pre-med student at the University.

## Coke County Gains 2 Oilers, Locations for 8

Stanolind Oil and Gas Co. No. 33 J. E. Chappell was completed as a producer in the Jameson-Strawn Field of northwest Coke County. It is in Section 36, Block 15, SP Survey.

Daily potential was 362.93 barrels of 46.3 gravity oil, through a 14-64-inch choke with 575 pounds on casing and 1,029 on tubing.

Gas oil ratio was 629-1.

A new producer in the Fuller-Coke (Strawn) field is Humble Oil and Refining Co. No. 3-B Lou E. Johnson Estate in Section 26, block 2, H&TC Survey.

Daily potential was 390.46 barrels of 44.2 gravity oil, through a 1/4-inch choke with 700 pounds on casing and 100 on tubing. Flow was from 40 perforations at 6,570-80 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 992-1.

Perkins-Prothro Co. of Wichita Falls staked eight new locations in the Fuller-Coke Strawn Field 20 miles northwest of Robert Lee. All are on the J. W. Johnson, et al, "B" lease, in section 76, block 2, H&TC Survey, and are slated for 7,300 feet with rotary.

No. 17-B Johnson spots 500 feet from the east and 660 feet from the north lines of the southeast quarter of Section 76. No. 18-B Johnson will be 660 feet from the north and 1,702 feet from the east lines of the southeast quarter.

No. 19-B Johnson spots 596 feet from the north and 1,856 feet from the west lines of the southwest quarter. No. 20-B Johnson spots

467 feet from the north and 525 feet from the west lines of the southeast quarter. No. 21-B will be 467 feet from the south and east lines of Section 76. No. 22-B Johnson spots 660 feet from the south and 1,980 feet from the east lines

of the section. No. 23-B Johnson will be 660 feet from the south and 2,183 feet from the west lines of the section. No. 24-B Johnson spots 700 feet from the south and 1,010 feet from the west lines of the section.



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## SILVER NEWS

J. C. Furr has gone on a two weeks' vacation and will join his wife and children who are visiting kinfolks at Junction. Mr. Furr is in charge of the butane loading at Sun's gasoline plant.

Silver public school will turn over Friday afternoon for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher are visiting Silver friends and are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hargis. Mr. Fisher was formerly employed here and is now a man of Sun's gasoline plant Starr County.

Donna Jean Jameson of San Angelo and Mrs. Susie Wilson of Midland were weekend guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks and children are enjoying a visit with relatives in Dallas and with friends in South Texas. Mr. Brooks is an engineer with Sun Co. production department.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Carden are leaving this week on a two weeks' vacation. The former is a pumper.

John Voelkel, Sun pumper, has recently been hospitalized with a kidney ailment.

Mrs. R. B. Allen is in San Angelo this week visiting in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Archer, and making the acquaintance of a new grandson, Timothy Allen Archer. Sunday guests of the H. R. Gasts were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gast and children, Vicki and Mike. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson and son, Richard, of San Angelo.

## BAND NEWS

Four members of the Robert Lee High School Band accompanied Director Jack Gray to Abilene Saturday to tryout for places on the Regional Band. It is to be composed of 104 of the top students in this region.

To qualify a student must show musical proficiency of the highest order for their particular instruments. The top players of the region then are chosen for the State Band meeting in Dallas February.

Leslie Nell Wink, baritone saxophone player from Robert Lee, is the only student to qualify for the Regional Band. She is a senior and is also drum major of the marching band. Also trying out are Butch Davis on sousaphone, the McKinley, flute, and Mary Schooler, clarinet.

**TOWNER LEEPER HONORED**  
AUSTIN, Texas — Towner Leeper of Robert Lee is a new member of the University of Texas chapter of eBta Alpha Psi, honor society for accounting students.

Leeper, a law student, is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, social fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Leeper.

## Farmers To Get Social Security

Farmers, farm workers, ranchers, ranch hands, cotton ginners and their employees make up the largest single group added to the Social Security family by the 1954 Amendments.

Because of the size of this group and because the weekly newspaper is an excellent source of information, this series of short articles has been prepared. Those who save these articles will have a ready reference source for most questions that may arise as to what actions are necessary by the self-employed farmer and his employees.

Mention will be made in later articles of the desire of your Social Security representatives that everyone know fully both his rights and his responsibilities under this Federal family insurance system, from which some 7 million persons are now receiving regular monthly checks based on the record of a retired or deceased individual who was insured by reason of his earnings record. This series, thanks to the cooperation of this newspaper, is one means of informing persons in this area. Writing or visiting your social security office is another. Asking for a free booklet on the subject or questions that most directly affects you is still another. Following articles will deal with coverage provisions for the farmer and his employees, definitions of farm earnings, benefit provisions, things that need to be done now, seasonal employees, the sharecropper and his standing as self-employed or employee, and eligibility for receiving monthly checks.

Readers with questions are urged to send them to the Social Security Administration, San Angelo Texas.

Mrs. R. A. Perry and Mrs. Nannie Lindsay of Miles visited here Monday with the S. R. Young and Victor Wojtek families.

## Billy Goode Is Doing Nicely At Boys' Ranch

The following letter has been received by Attorney Frank C. Dickey from Cal Farley, founder and president of Boys' Ranch at old Tascosa near Amarillo.

The communication refers to a former Robert Lee youth and is entirely self explanatory. The letter follows:

"Dear Frank:

"You will be glad to know that your boy and our boy, Bill Goode, is coming along very splendidly. He's one of the nicest boys as far as doing not only his part of the work, but that of many others under lots of different occasions, because he's a boy that's loyal to the place and wants to do his part.

"He takes part in all branches of athletics and plays his heart out for everything he goes into. Anytime you can find any more Bill Goodes down in your territory we'd like awfully well to have him.

"We're going to return your very splendid citizen one of these days and you'll be just as proud of him as we are, and if you are, you'll have your chests out quite a ways.

"Thanks for sending a good kid to the Ranch. With all good wishes to you, I am, Sincerely yours,

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**AMERICAS' FIRST BOYS' RANCH,** Cal Farley, Founder and President."

Mr. Dickey was instrumental in getting another Coke County youth into the Ranch a number of years ago. That young man also has made good. He graduated from Texas A & M, has a wife and two children, and has a good job in agricultural extension work not too far away.

During the past Mr. Dickey and other local people have contributed to the Boys' Ranch at Amarillo. Frank says Mr. Farley has and is doing a wonderful thing. He will be happy to know of other contributions being made to Mr. Farley's project at this time.

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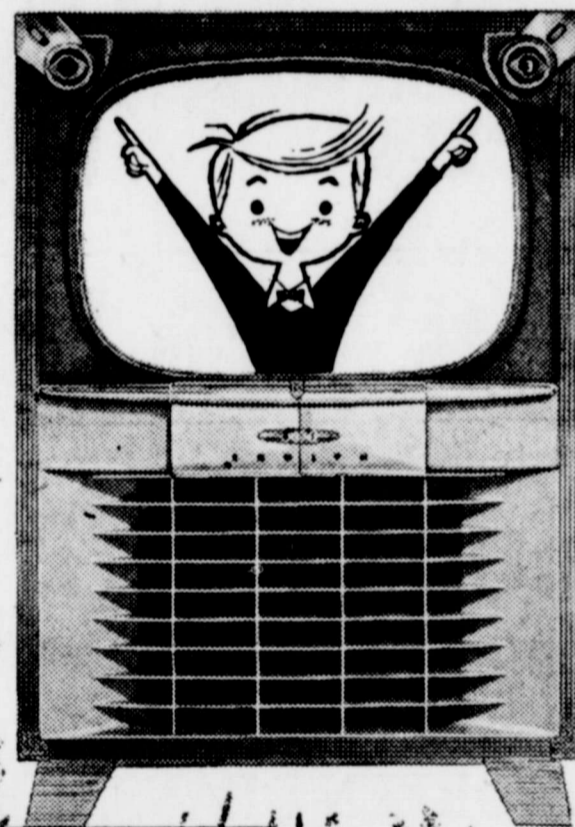
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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

### Cotton Farmers Approve Quotas On '55 Acreage

Coke County cotton farmers voted 40 to 2 for continuation of marketing quotas on the 1955 crop, and figures from College Station indicate Texas farmers voted overwhelmingly for the quota system.

Figures on Coke County were released Wednesday by J. E. Quisenberry, county agricultural stabilization and conservation officer. He said hardly one-third of the cotton farmers in the county voted. Tuesday's vote gives approval for strict acreage allotments on the 1955 cotton crop. It means that next year cotton will again

be supported at 90 per cent of parity.

Coke County's cotton allotment for 1955 has been fixed at 7,410 acres. It is a decrease of nearly 2,500 acres from 1954. The past year this county was allotted 10,000 acres, but because of the drouth only 9,000 acres were planted.

#### \* MISS WYATT TO MARRY

Miss Bennie Helen Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt of Robert Lee, and Charles McKinley will be married Dec. 18 in the Chapel at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo. Mr. McKinley is stationed there. Miss Wyatt is a long distance operator employed by General Telephone Co. of the Southwest in San Angelo.

#### COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular monthly meeting of Coke County Commissioners Court took place Monday with Howard Brock of Precinct 2 serving as chairman during the absence of Judge Jeff Dean. Bills were allowed and a bobcat bounty was approved. Commissioners are expected here for another meeting Saturday and probably next week to go over plans to be submitted by Wyatt C. Hedrick, architect on the new court house.

#### SCHOOL VACATION

Robert Lee public schools will turn out Friday afternoon for a two weeks' vacation over the Christmas and New Years holidays. Classes will be resumed Monday, Jan. 3.

#### SINGING SUNDAY

There will be a singing Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Kickapoo Baptist Church, north of Bronte. There will be good singing and some special quartets. Everyone is invited to attend.

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