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MRS. ROBERT L. JAY

Robert L. Jay Miss Castello Married Dec. 24

Before an altar flanked with baskets of white gladioli and silver candelabra with blue tapers, Miss Pansie Castello became the bride of Robert Lewis Jay during Christmas Eve services in the North Side Church of Christ in San Angelo. Minister Tommy Williams, uncle of the groom, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Castello, 3201 North Goodbourne, San Angelo, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay of Robert Lee.

When given in marriage by her father the bride was wearing a five-foot length dress of white faille with a full gored skirt and fitted bodice topped with a lace jacket. Her shoulder length veil of white tulle net attached to a bandeau of white satin. She carried a white Bible with a corsage of orchids and white carnations.

Miss Willie Sue Skipworth served as maid of honor. She wore a five-foot length dress of aqua soft tulle. Her hat was of white satin and her corsage of white gardenias.

Almer Heller served as best man. Bill Bessent and Sherman Williams were ushers and candelabers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Smith presented nuptial music.

The reception after the ceremony was held in the Carlos Mathis home. Miss Nell Porter presided at the register, with Miss Skipworth and Miss Charlene Ford at the refreshment table.

After a wedding trip to San Angelo the couple will be at home in Alpine.

For travel the bride wore a black wool suit with blue and white accessories.

Mrs. Jay is a graduate of Lake High School and has been

employed in the office of Ragsdale Appliances Store in San Angelo. Her husband is also a graduate of Lake View, and is attending Sul Ross College in Alpine.

STORES OPEN NEW YEARS

Most Robert Lee business houses will be open Saturday, Jan. 1. It is a legal holiday and the post office and bank will be closed.

Mrs. Finis Millican will be the new clerk in West Texas Utilities Co. office here, beginning Jan. 1. She succeeds Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Jr., who has resigned. For the past two years Mrs. Millican has been employed at Farris Drug Store.

CHECK COURT HOUSE PLANS

County officials were scheduled to meet with architects here Thursday to check final plans and specifications for the new Coke County Court House. Members of the citizens advisory committee will also be present at the session. A bond issue of \$300,000 to build a new court house was voted a few weeks ago.

Mrs. E. A. Burgess and daughter, Madine, spent Christmas with the Oren Fletchers in San Angelo.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 22 — Mrs. G. E. Oliver admitted, daughter born at 11:40 a. m. Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Jr., admitted.

Dec. 23 — Mrs. Tom Luera admitted. Mrs. Frank Wojtek, Mrs. Jack Walker, Howard Varnadore dismissed.

Dec. 24 — Sam Powell admitted. Son born to Mrs. Tomas Luera at 5:30 p. m. Mrs. G. E. Oliver and daughter dismissed.

Dec. 25 — Sam Powell dismissed.

Dec. 26 — Mrs. B. D. Gartman admitted. Mrs. Tomas Luera and infant son dismissed.

Dec. 27 — Sam Ed Skipworth, Charlene Robertson admitted.

HOME FROM KOREA

T/Sgt. Henson Fikes is back from nearly a year of service with the Air Force in Korea. His wife, the former Irene McDorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pres McDorman of Robert Lee, has been living in San Angelo. She met her husband on the west coast and they visited his sister, Mrs. Lorene Stratford, and husband at San Francisco before coming on to Texas. Henson will report at Fort Bliss for duty in January.

FIRE AT SPARKS HOME

Prompt work by the Volunteer Fire Department prevented heavy damage from a fire at the Calvin Sparks home Wednesday afternoon. None of the family were at home when Mr. Sparks returned to discover the blaze in the living room.

Burl Austin Mourns Death Of His Father

B. A. Austin of Robert Lee mourns the death of his father, N. A. Austin, 87, of San Angelo. He died at 1:20 a. m. Thursday of last week. He had been bedfast since being injured in a fall last October. A heart attack was the immediate cause of his death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at Johnson's Funeral Chapel with Dr. James B. Leavell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Guy McWilliams, Weldon Fields and P. D. Wilson, all of San Angelo, Cumbie Ivey of Robert Lee, Foster Conger of Sterling City and Finus Conger of Andrews.

Mr. Austin was born in Nashville, Tenn., June 25, 1867. The family lived for a time in Kentucky before coming to Texas in 1879 when they settled in Erath County.

Mr. Austin and his wife lived in Sterling City from 1907 until 1917 and then moved to San Angelo. Before his retirement he operated a farm, cotton gin and grocery store. His wife died in April, 1952.

Surviving are three daughters Mrs. Walker Morgan, Mrs. F. A. Sparkman and Mrs. Blake Lacey of San Angelo; and two sons, B. A. Austin of Robert Lee and D. D. Austin of San Antonio.

Interest Grows In Oil Activity Here

FIREWORKS ACCIDENT

Sam Ed Skipworth, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skipworth, received a serious leg wound while shooting fireworks Monday morning. He placed a bomb under a coffee can, but failed to get off to a safe distance when the explosion occurred and the can hit him. A big hole was torn in the fleshy part of his left thigh. Twenty stitches were required to close the wound. The youth is at Coke County Memorial Hospital where he is making a good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Welch and little son of Kerrville visited over Christmas with Robert Lee kinfolks and friends. Mrs. Welch is the former Ruby Bessent, daughter of Mrs. B. W. Bessent.

Death Claims Mrs. Albert Baze

Mrs. Emma Baze, 79, died at 9 p. m. Tuesday at Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo. She had been hospitalized only one day.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday in the Robert Lee Methodist Church, with Rev. Lee Griffith of San Angelo Heights Methodist Church and Rev. Warren Ellis officiating. Burial will be in Robert Lee cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of Johnson Funeral Home of San Angelo and Clift Funeral Home of Robert Lee.

Born May 5, 1875, in Marlin, Mrs. Baze and her family resided many years in the Robert Lee locality where her late husband, Albert Baze, was a Harris Ranch foreman. When he retired from ranch work, they moved to San Angelo. Mr. Baze preceded his wife in death. The family owns a ranch north of town which is operated by Milton Wylie.

Among survivors are three sons, Mike M. Baze of Lancaster, Calif., Winford Baze of McAllen and Albert Baze of 614 N. Van Buren, San Angelo; one niece, Mrs. J. O. Talbott of San Angelo; and five grandchildren.



FUTURE FARMER OFFICERS—Officers of the Robert Lee Chapter FFA are pictured above. From left to right, Donald Walker, sentinel; Sammie Duncan, treasurer; Bill Simpson, reporter; Jerrel Harmon, vice president; Joe Ross, secretary; Joe Harmon, president.

Oil activity is growing rapidly north of Robert Lee. A 304-barrel producer was brought in recently on F. C. Wojtek Sr.

No. 1 W. D. Markam will be dug 660 feet from south and east lines of northeast quarter of Section 408, Block 1-A, H&TC Survey, three miles north and slightly west of Robert Lee. It is one and a quarter miles west and slightly south of J. B. Randle No. 1 F. C. Wojtek, recent Canyon sand discovery. It is contracted to 6,700 feet.

Fortune and Cosden No. 1 T. W. Wiginton is to be drilled 660 feet from north and east lines of Section 412, Block 1-A, H&TC Survey, three miles northwest of Robert Lee. It is two and a half miles southwest of Randle No. 1 Wojtek. It is slated for a 6,700-foot bottom. Fortune moved its rotary from Marvin Simpson's place to Wiginton.

Union Oil Co. of California will drill No. 1 F. C. Wojtek as a south offset to Randle 1 F. C. Wojtek. Site is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of Section 406, Block 1-A, H&TC Survey, four miles north of Robert Lee.

A third offset has been staked to a recently completed Coke County Canyon sand discovery north of Robert Lee.

Superior Oil Co. has announced location for a 3/4-mile west offset to J. B. Randle No. 1 F. C. Wojtek. It will be the No. 1 Frank Wojtek.

The project will be drilled with rotary to 6,800 feet.

Location is 660 feet from the north and east lines of 407-1A-H&TC.

BIRTHS

DAY — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Day (Maxine Littlefield) of Robert Lee are parents of a daughter born Dec. 21 in Shannon Hospital at San Angelo. Arriving at 12:40 a. m. Karen Denise weighed 5 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces. She has a brother, Barry, 2 years old. Mr. Day is a gang pusher for Younger Construction Co. Grandmothers are Mrs. Hattie Day Payne of Robert Lee and Mrs. Dovie Littlefield of San Angelo.

OLIVER — A daughter was born in Coke County Memorial Hospital at 11:40 a. m. Dec. 22 to Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Oliver of Acosta, Fla. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 5 ounces and has been named Georgia Lynn. Mrs. Oliver had come to Robert Lee to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Sudie Clepper.

LUERA — Thomas L. Luera and wife are parents of their first child, a son born in Coke County Memorial Hospital at 5:30 p. m. Dec. 24. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and has been named Tommy Gromez. The father is employed at the Texaco service station here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins were hosts at a family gathering on Christmas Day. Most of their children and their families were present.

Farmers May Get Emergency Loans Thru 55

Designation of Coke county as an area where eligible farmers can obtain emergency loans from the Farmers Home Administration has been extended by the U. S. Department of Agriculture until December 31, 1955, Paul C. Shillingburg, County Supervisor, said today.

Applications are made at the Farmers Home Administration county office. The office for Coke county is located in the Agricultural Building at Robert Lee. In applying for assistance a farmer must certify that because of substantial losses from the adverse weather conditions, or due to economic factors, he is unable to get from local private or cooperative sources the necessary financing to continue his normal operations.

Eligibility of applicants is determined by the Farmers Home Administration county committee. Committeemen for Coke County are George Thomas, Bronte; W. Delmir Sheppard, Robert Lee and W. W. Ivey, Bronte.

These loans may be made for the purchase of feed, seed, fertilizer, and for other essential farm and home operating expenses. Emergency loans may not be made to pay existing debts. Ordinarily, emergency loans to meet current operating and living expenses are expected to be repaid out of the year's income. Amounts advanced for crop production purposes are repayable when the income from the sale of the crops produced with the loans is received. No loan is made unless it appears that an applicant has reasonable prospects for success.

PERSONALS

S. B. Plumlee wishes to thank the Fire Department, American Legion and BCD for the Christmas packages left at their house for his family and their guest, B. W. Shropshire.

J. B. Mauldin and family of Belton were in Robert Lee for a Christmas visit. Also joining the Mauldin group for Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims were the Willis Wayne Smiths.

Coming from a distance to join in a happy Christmas gathering in the home of G. E. Davis were Bob L. Davis and family of Amarillo, Russell Zoet and family of Galveston, Jake Davis and family of Pecos and Pete Davis and his family of Colorado City.

A family gathering on Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millican included Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blair, Jr. and daughters, Nona Gay and Becky, of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Millican of Mountain Home, and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Millican and Marshall Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Harmon of Robert Lee.

Hayrick Lodge

No. 696 A.F. & A.M. Meets second Tuesday night in each month. Visitors welcome.

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SEE

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PERSONALS Farm Bureau to Plan Drives Jan. 4

Roy Walker and family of Silver were in Austin for Christmas where they visited Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. May Grote.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mac Mathis and daughter, Kathy, were here from Childress for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Mathis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough were in Sweetwater over the Christmas holidays where they joined other kinfolks in a visit at the home of Mrs. G. A. Beeman.

Willie Wallace and family were here from Amarillo for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends. They were joined by the former's brother, Gilbert, Wallace and wife of Pecos.

Bob Vaughan, Robert Lee Chevrolet dealer, underwent minor surgery Sunday at the Colorado City hospital. He is reported to be recovering nicely and will return to his home here the latter part of the week.

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good spent Christmas at Stephenville with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker and sons.

A/2C and Mrs. Floyd Sheppard and their little daughter, Valori Kay, are here for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard. Floyd is stationed at Lowry AFB at Denver, Colo., and is enjoying a two weeks' leave.

George Powers and the Fred Ashworth family spent Christmas in Brownwood. They visited the former's daughters, Mrs. Rock Blanton and Mrs. N. C. Montgomery, and their families. Mrs. Ashworth is also a daughter of Mr. Powers.

County Clerk and Mrs. Weldon Fikes entertained their kinfolks at Christmas dinner. The group included Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fikes, Sgt. and Mrs. Henson Fikes, Don Stewart and family of Lamesa, Marven Stewart and C. D. Stewart, who now resides in the Fikes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fleming of Brady were Sunday guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Tinkler, and family. Joining them here were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitaker and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baldwin of San Angelo.

Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr. cut her left hand badly over the weekend while slicing a ham. She was given medical attention and several stitches were required to close the wound.

The Javan Vosburg family spent Christmas with his kinfolks at Hubbard.

Mrs. W. E. Milam and son, Joe, motored to Cadiso Mills for a Christmas visit in the Paul Milam home.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kincaid were Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McRoberts and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owens and daughter of Truscott and Mr. and Mrs. Dick VanDyke of Amarillo.

Mrs. A. E. Latham and her mother, Mrs. W. M. Summers, Chester Allen and Bill Phariss, Jr., have returned from Carmi, Ill., where they spent Christmas with the former's son, Lee Roland Latham and family.

Radar Speed Control To Be Featured on Humble TV Program

Some motorists will find the Humble Company's Texas in Review especially interesting next week. This is because the program's featured film will show how and why the highway department uses radar control stations to catch speeders.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks were Sunday dinner hosts to their children and their families. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks of Big Lake, Sgt. and Mrs. James Mitchell of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson of Robert Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ivey and children of Corpus Christi were here for a weekend visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Buck) Ivey. They spent Christmas at Rotan with Mrs. Homer Ivey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Huckaby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker spent a few hours Christmas Day with the former's parents at Clyde.

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A meeting will be held next Tuesday night, Jan. 4, by the Coke County Farm Bureau. The meeting will be at 7 p. m. at the vocational agriculture building in Bronte. Officers and directors will discuss with the membership an all out drive to (a) get as many of the present members into Blue Cross and Blue Shield as possible and (b) to enroll as many new members into the Farm Bureau as possible and tie them in with Blue Cross and Blue Shield catastrophic illness endorsement. The drive will be conducted during the month of January. Farm Bureau members will be entitled to cancer coverage on the Blue Cross policies.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to our many friends here and everywhere for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy shown during the illness and death of our wife and mother. We also want to thank Dr. Harris and the entire staff. The interest and sympathy of all has been an inspiration to us. May God bless you.

Mr. Claude Ditmore and Children.

Visiting in the homes of Mrs. J. N. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams in San Angelo and in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell at Robert Lee have been the Claude Carters and granddaughter, Juddy Allen, of Harlingen and the Noel Adams family of Amarillo.

Mrs. Ethel Green was happy to have three of her children and their families here for Christmas. They included the Billy Carrol Greens of Gainesville, J. D. Green and family of Big Lake and Mrs. J. S. Augustine and children of Sterling City.

Rev. Ray Lee of Rankin, former Methodist minister in Robert Lee, underwent minor surgery Monday at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

MAY IT BE A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY REALIZED

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History of Coke County

By Jessie Newton Yarbrough

INSTALLMENT 37

Divide Community Church
The Divide Community Church, built early in 1896, and furnished with benches donated by a San Angelo church, was the first building used exclusively for church purposes in the west half of Coke County. Religious leaders in that community included the families of F. M. Pritchard, John and Frank McCabe, S. J. Chapman, the Smith family, and others.

Robert Lee Methodist Church
In 1896 the Methodist Church, the first church building in Robert Lee, was erected. Funds for the building were donated by local people supplemented by a three hundred dollar donation from the Mission Board of the Methodist Church South. The Reverend E. Bates, Methodist pastor did much of the work on the church and parsonage with his own hands.

The conference had maintained

a mission at Robert Lee since 1889. The first building was used by all denominations for several years. It is remembered that the Baptist congregation held their Sunday School in the morning, while the Methodists held their Sunday School in the afternoon. Many children attended both schools.

A larger building was erected in 1906. That building was destroyed by a storm in April, 1927, and was replaced by the present brick structure.

An outstanding service to the Robert Lee Methodist Church has been rendered by Mrs. Cortez (Lena Simpson) Russell, who has served the church for fifty years as pianist and organist. Mrs. Russell was honored at a special service on January 27, 1952. Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, who made the speech of appreciation said, "Mrs. Russell has touched the lives of everyone in the community at

some time during the past years... at weddings, graduation exercises, funerals, and church services... a wonderful and always willing woman."

The Methodist Church has a new combination piano-electric organ given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newton, pioneers of Coke County. The instrument was given by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill of Midland.

The families of W. K. Simpson, A. J. Russell, W. H. Bell, and Roy Taylor have been long-time members of this church.

Robert Lee Baptist Churches
Soon after the turn of the century the First Baptist congregation erected an attractive building. It stood on the corner, across the street north from Baker's Grocery, on the lot now occupied by a service station. The First Baptist Church was wrecked by a storm in April, 1927, and was never rebuilt. Early leaders in the church included H. H. Pearce, the W. B. Hamiltons, and J. B. B. Overall.

The Robert Lee Baptist Church was organized after a schism in the First Baptist Church. The only surviving charter member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church is Miss Ollie Green. Some of the leaders of that congregation include the families of T. W. Farris, Buck Ivey, B. A. Austin, Hawley Allen, Gerald Allen, Will Cumble, Weldon Fikes, and Melvin Child-

ress.
Robert Lee Church of Christ
The Church of Christ in Robert Lee dates from 1900, when the late Elder N. C. Brown moved his family to Robert Lee. "Many have been added to the church since that time," said Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray, and the church has a fairly large congregation in Robert Lee. Because of slight differences in belief, the Church of Christ has three different congregations in Robert Lee.

FROM GRACIE WHITT

Mrs. Gracie Whitt, Rt. 2, Cisco, Tex., writes as follows:

"Am sending \$2.50 for which please send by daughter, Mrs. Thelma Lee McAuley, The Observer for a Christmas present from her mother. Her address is Box 61, Gulf Camp, Texas.

"My oldest grandson, Clifford Lee McAuley, was married Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, to Miss Earline Hancock of Midland. He was discharged Dec. 8 at the San Marcos Air Base and during his enlistment served 33 months in Germany. He graduated from Monahans High School and attended business college for a year.

"His wife graduated from Lubbock High School and attended college in Denton. They will live in Midland."

Larry Farris of Dallas has been in Robert Lee for a holiday visit with his father, Buster Farris.

Miss Wyatt Weds At GFAB Chapel

Miss Bennie Helen Wyatt became the bride of A/IC Charles McKinley on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Goodfellow AFB Chapel.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt of Robert Lee, and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McKinley of Shawnee, Okla.

The double ring ceremony was read by Chaplain Whiteside.

Mrs. Elmer Simpson of San Angelo provided the music.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, wore a princess styled dress of white satin, with long sleeves pointed over the hands. Her shoulder length veil was trimmed with seed pearls. She carried a white Bible topped with white carnations.

Miss Joan Mercer was bridesmaid. She wore a princess styled dress of pink taffeta and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

A/IC Charles Landers was best man.

A reception was held in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, T/Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Springer of 230 East 5th St. in San Angelo.

Miss Wyatt is a long distance operator employed by General Telephone Co. of the Southwest. Mr. McKinley is stationed at Goodfellow AFB.

The couple will be at home at 337 West Avenue B in San Angelo.

Coke County Quarterly Statement

From July 1, 1954, to September 30, 1954

Fund	Balances		Receipts	Disbursements	Balances	
	July 1, 1954				Sept. 30, 1954	
Road and Bridge	\$ 8,219.91*	\$ 2,954.60	\$25,121.23	\$ 30,386.54*		
General County	45,676.01	268.24	21,628.99	24,315.26		
Court-House and Jail	60,738.57	134.54	7,936.97	52,936.14		
Jury	34,032.87	26.90	536.24	33,523.53		
Officers Salary	3,834.39	12,063.92	10,996.34	4,901.97		
Farm to Market	62,341.57	24.65	5,269.01	57,097.21		
Road & Bridge Special	10,863.96*	190.65	4,899.96	15,573.27*		
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	15,441.83	2,090.00	200.00	17,331.83		
Road Bond No. 3 Sinking	12,888.35	1,050.00	360.00	13,578.35		
Lateral Road	2,869.51*	9,393.75	0	6,524.24		
Social Security	4,050.00	0	1,873.87	2,176.13		
TOTALS	\$217,050.21	\$28,197.25	\$78,822.61	\$166,424.85		

NOTE— * Indicates Over-Drawn.

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COUNTY OF COKE ss

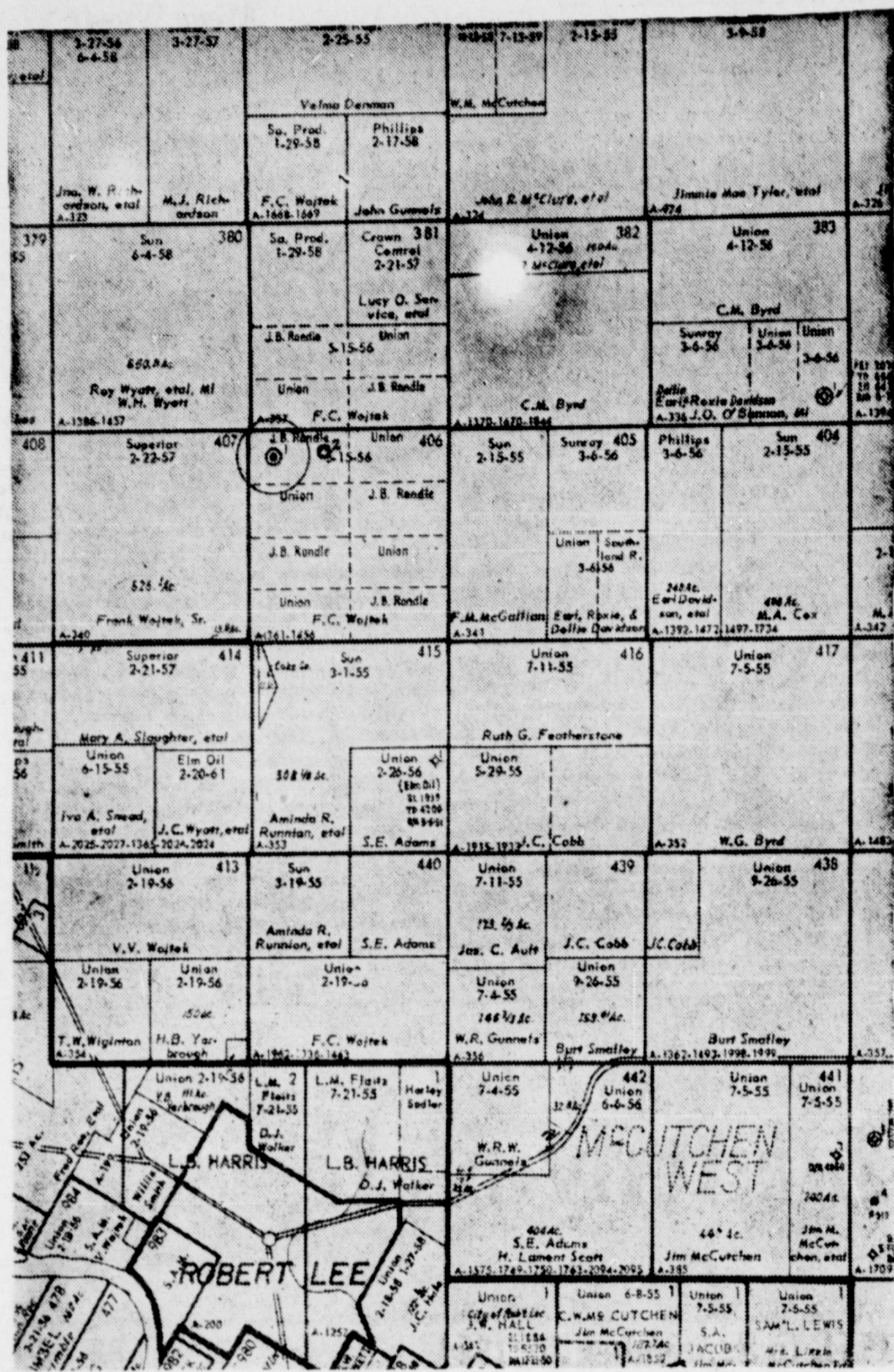
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Weldon Fikes, County Clerk of Coke County, Texas, who being duly sworn, says that the within and foregoing is true and correct statement as taken from the Quarterly Report of the County Treasurer of Coke County, Texas.

Weldon Fikes, County Clerk
Coke County, Texas

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1954.

J. L. Tinkler
Notary Public in and for Coke County, Texas

(SEAL)



COKE COUNTY DISCOVERY—Another new oil producing area in Coke County is shown at J. B. Randle No. 1 F. C. Wojtek, Canyon sand discovery circled in 406-1A-H&TC, located three miles north of Robert Lee. The smaller circle is the location for Randle's No. 2 Wojtek, 6,800-foot rotary test which was started Saturday. No. 1 Wojtek flowed 300 barrels on a 24-hour test this week. (Map courtesy of the Midland Map Co., Midland, Texas. Cut borrowed from San Angelo Standard-Times.)

SILVER NEWS

Those visiting in the Rev. Sparks home Christmas Day were their four children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fuller and children, Melvin, Nelda and Jackie; Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks and children, Brenda, Buddy, Marilyn and Carlyn; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sparks and children, Eddie and Teresa, all of San Angelo; and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Puckett of Coleman.

The week of January 3rd to 7th will be Bible Study Week at the Silver Baptist Church, studying the book of Hebrews. All are invited and urged to come and bring your Bibles and enjoy the week. The class will meet at 7 p. m., Monday thru Friday.

The Young Married Ladies class

and Mrs. Lawrence Higgins of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jacobs and children were forced to stay in their car all night Tuesday when snow blocked the highway near Vernon. They were enroute to their home here after spending Christmas with relatives in Oklahoma.

David McKinnon, who is taking army training at Ft. Bliss, enjoyed a Christmas visit here with his wife who is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caldwell

The R. M. Tunnell family spent Christmas with relatives at Van, Texas.

Billy Ray and family went to Delhi, La., for a Christmas visit. A welcomed guest in the O. W. Newell home is Mrs. Develin of Duluth, Minn. She is Mrs. Newell's mother.

Bill Preston received third degree burns last week while helping clean a heater separator on the A. G. Hill lease. He was taken to the Colorado City hospital and is reported to be doing good. He was working on a J. P. Jameson roustabout crew at the time. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Preston, Bill has been home from San Angelo College where he is a sophomore.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Casey were their son, Roy Casey and family, and their daughters, Mrs. Henry Maples and husband of Odessa and Mrs. Sam Williams and family of Robert Lee. Another guest was Mrs. L. M. Service, mother of Mrs. Roy Casey.

S. E. 'Skinny' Adams

Oil Properties Insurance

Office in Cactus Hotel Annex
SAN ANGELO TEXAS

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Coke County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. C. WHITESIDE, W. C. WHITESIDE and JOHN H. BRUNNER, if all or each of such persons are living, or if all or each of such persons are dead, their or his unknown heirs or legal representatives, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Coke County at the Courthouse thereof, in Robert Lee, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 24th day of January A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of October A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 2001 on the docket of said court and styled Henry Harris Allen, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. Lou Whiteside, a widow, Mrs. Mamie White and her husband, Pat White, J. C. Whiteside, W. C. Whiteside, Leah Hubbard and her husband, Ralph Hubbard, Elmer F. Whiteside, Marcel Jensen Whiteside, John H. Brunner, and Mrs. James R. Dougherty and husband, Dudley T. Dougherty, if all or each of said persons are living, or if all or each of such persons are dead, their, his or her unknown heirs and/or legal representatives, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: * Trespass to Try Title for Title and possession of all the Southeast 1/4

of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28 Block 1-A, of the H & T C Ry Survey, in Coke County, Texas, and to cancel a Mineral Deed Homer Beasley to John H. Brunner and an Oil & Gas Lease executed by Mrs. Lou Whiteside, et al, to S. E. Adams covering said land, as is more fully shown Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Robert Lee, Texas, this the 9th day of December A. D. 1954.

Attest: Weldon Fikes, Clerk District Court
Coke County, Texas
By Winnie Waldrop, Deputy Seal.

BILL CRADDOCK INJURED
Bill Craddock, former well known Robert Lee resident, received hip and back injuries, in an accident Tuesday of last week. He was attempting to hitch a stake trailer to his car when the accident occurred. He was taken to Kerrville hospital for treatment and was released Friday. Bill sides on a ranch near Medina. His wife is the former Carlene Clark daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Clark, who spent the weekend at the Craddock ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey joy a family gathering at Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hickman at Bronte.

Mayor and Mrs. J. S. Ferguson spent Christmas with their T/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul S. Ferguson and little daughter, Dianne, at Albuquerque, New Mex. Paul is stationed at Sandia Air Force near Albuquerque.

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Russells Hosts At Clock Winding Ceremony Dec. 27

Mr. and Mrs. Cortez Russell observed their sixth annual ceremonial clock winding on their thirty-second wedding anniversary Monday, Dec. 27, at their home in Robert Lee.

About fifty people present for the occasion signed the permanent register, which contains autographs of all who have attended one of the ceremonies. The guest list this year included relatives and friends from Ballinger, Bronte, Levelland, San Angelo and Robert Lee.

When all were assembled, Mrs. Russell voiced a welcome to the group, stated the purpose of the occasion, and gave a brief resume of the five previous ceremonies.

Mrs. Allen Davis of Ballinger, niece of Mrs. Russell, wound the 400-day clock. The Rev. Warren Ellis, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, gave the prayer. Mrs. Otto Wojtek and Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough, who have presented vocal duets at each of the anniversary parties, sang "Whither Thou Goest" by Guy Singer, "Wedding Prayer" by Dunlap, "Silver Bells," and "Merry Texas Christmas You All."

Highlighting the entertainment was the "Christmas Story" depicted

by exquisite shadow pictures, which were hand-made by Mrs. Russell and shown by Mrs. Melrose Russell in a miniature stage setting as Mrs. Wojtek, Mrs. Yarbrough, and the Rev. Ellis, using traditional carols, sang the story. They were accompanied by Mrs. Russell at the piano and Mrs. Mary Carter, well known radio artist of San Angelo, at the organ. Following the Christmas Story, all present joined hands and sang, "Blest Be the Tie." Mrs. Carter also presented a prelude of organ music and several numbers at the close of the program.

Refreshments consisting of several varieties of Christmas confections with nuts, mints, punch and coffee were served from the dining table, which was laid with a cut-work linen cloth. A large bouquet of deep-red carnations, centered with a tall-stemmed crystal bowl containing red and gold Christmas balls and flanked by red candles, filled one side of the table, forming a background for the confections and carrying out the Christmas theme, which was emphasized in decorations in all the rooms. Mrs. Bruce Clift was at the coffee service; while Mrs. Marvin Simpson poured punch. Others in the house party were Misses Patricia, Rebecca and Kathleen Davis of Ballinger, and Miss Carolyn Simpson.

H. M. Mitchell and family of Tyler were Christmas guests of Robert Lee relatives and friends. They visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adkins, and Mrs. Mitchell's father, S. B. Plumlee.



We appreciate serving you in 1954 and wish you luck, success and prosperity in all your undertakings in 1955. Happy New Year!

SNEAD Barber Shop

Jean O'Bannon Weds AF Man At Roswell, N. Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. O'Bannon of New Mex., former Robert residents, announce the marriage of their daughter, Jean, to Harold K. Moore, WAFB, son of and Mrs. George Moore of Orchard, Okla.

The ceremony was performed Friday night, Dec. 13, at Washington Avenue Baptist Church in Roswell, by the pastor, Rev. B. Copen. A small assemblage of relatives and close friends were present.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dress of sheer jersey of ice-blue color, made of full skirt and jacket and lined with pearl and rhinestone trimmed round collar. Her hair of winter white was trimmed with seed pearls and glitter and slippers were of dark blue. She carried a white Bible decorated with a white orchid and marked with white satin ribbons.

The mother of the bride wore a dress of navy blue silk faille with a hat and accessories. Her hair was white carnations.

The bride graduated from Robert Lee High School and for the few years has been employed at Roswell by Fletcher & Company. The groom was educated in Blanchard, Okla., schools. He has been a member of the United States Air Force the past three years.

The bride and groom are at present at 301 N. Washington Ave., Roswell.

LOCAL NEWS

Today guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams included her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Eoff of Tuscola, also Mrs. Rogers and children and Mrs. Knight and children of Abilene, also Edgar and B. M. Porter and families, Ted Eoff and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Casey and family reentered Tuesday from a trip to California. They visited Mrs. Cassister, Mrs. Ellen Prengel, and Elmer operates the Hamburger stand on the corner here and reopened the stand Wednesday after a 10 days absence.

A happy Christmas gathering took place in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. All of their daughters and their families were present except Mrs. Jane Goldsmith of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Sylvia Kennemer of Shreveport. The Lee Ligons (Mildred) of Odessa made their visit here a week earlier. Coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard of Spearman, the Jack Martins of Portales, New Mex., and the Kent Good family of Weimer.

Mrs. Lillian Caraway and her children spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. R. M. Williams, in Big Spring.

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Little League Team at Silver Had Good Start

Little League base ball was inaugurated the past summer at Silver, and it proved highly successful. Boys prefer base ball to soft ball and the Silver team developed rapidly.

Sun Oil Company furnished suits and equipment, but all youngsters in the community were allowed to participate.

Pictured above 1st row, left to right, are Richard Ramsey, Raymond Kincaid, Lawrence Stewart, Eddie Jacobs, Wayne Reed, Curtis Higginbotham and Tommy Jacobs.

2nd row, Jay Shimer, Jim Palmer, Bill Newell, Jerry Jameson, Pat Lomas, Larry Lindsey, Norman Agee, Mike Lomas and David Lindsey.

Earl Lindsey, team manager, is at the back. Assistant managers not shown were C. E. Palmer, L. B. Carden and Oscar Higginbotham. Photo by Bob Edwards.

Robert Lee FFA Team Third In State Contest

Robert Lee Future Farmer Chapter won third place in the Future Farmer Quiz contest in the 24th annual state Future Farmer Leadership contest that was held on the campus of Sam Houston State College in Huntsville Saturday, Dec. 11.

Members of the team were Charles Calder, Bub Burson and Dennis Blair. Coached by their advisor, Hulan Harris, the Robert Lee Future Farmers proved themselves among the best by placing third in the contest over thirty teams who were competing from throughout Texas.

This state contest is sponsored by the Sam Houston Collegiate Chapter of the Future Farmers of America and is rated as one of the top Texas Future Farmer events, according to G. H. Morrison, professor of Agricultural Education at the College and chairman of the contest.

Beginning in 1931 the event attracted only five teams with 15 contestants. This year entries were well over 100 teams with 500 contestants, said Morrison.

There were six phases of the contest this year which covered Green Hands and Chapter Conducting Farm Skills, Future Farmer Quizzes and Radio Broadcasting.

Frank Clawson, Jr of Oklahoma City and Johnny Clawson of Baytown and their families were here for a Christmas visit in the home of Mrs. Frank Clawson, Sr.

LOCAL NEWS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives over Christmas were their three children and their families. They included Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rives and Stevie of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rives and Jimmy and Barbara of Odessa and Cpl. and Mrs. Donald Mauldin and son, Donny, of North Ft. Hood, Gatesville, Tex. Mrs. Mauldin and Donny remained for a week's visit with her parents.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brooks of Guyton, Okla. The ladies are sisters.

Frank Allen returned Tuesday to Merced, Calif., after a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen. Frank is employed by an irrigation company in the famous California valley which produces a wide variety of fruits, vegetables and cotton and grain crops.

Marvin B. Simpson, owner of the Black Gold Angus Farms here, recently sold four purebred Angus bulls to R. L. Hardgrave of Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Earl Pierce and little son, Douglas Earl came from San Angelo for a visit over Christmas with their parents, the B. B. Pierce and Mitchell Davis families.

Cpl. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard and little daughter, Deborah Karen, are here for a visit with kinfolks. Mrs. Hinnard is the former Thelma Jo Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bryan. Cpl. Hinnard is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and is due to be discharged in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Allen were happy to have their three sons at home for Christmas. They included Frank Allen of Merced, Calif., H. C. Allen Jr. of San Angelo and Gerald Allen and family of Robert Lee. The group was entertained at supper in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen. H. C. Allen, Jr., who has been connected with Robert Massie Co. in San Angelo for a number of years, is leaving for Batesville, Ind., where he has accepted a sales position with a large furniture manufacturing concern.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin and daughter, Sylvia, of Crane visited here the last of the week in the home of Postmaster H. S. Lewis, Jr. Mrs. Lewis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Partin.

Coming down from Spearman for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends in Robert Lee and Bronte were Mr. and Mrs. James (Whistle) Thomason and family. Whistle is operating an oil field truck for Baker & Taylor at Spearman.

A TOUCH OF WINTER

Coke County received its first real winter weather early this week. The temperature dropped to 17 degrees Tuesday morning. Some snow and sleet also fell here amounting to nearly a half inch of moisture.

Mrs. Hazel Chiles and son, Leslie, spent Christmas with relatives in the vicinity of Ada, Okla.

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