

# Robert Lee Observer

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## MAR. 1 SET FOR COURT HOUSE COMPLETION

Coke County's new court house is 85% completed, states J. P. McSwain, who is closely connected with the project as a representative of Architect Wyatt C. Hedrick.

Further delay was recently caused by a shipment of material used in setting the steel framed windows. The material was off-size and had to be replaced by the factory in Michigan.

Plastering and lathing is now the main operation and there is a lot of wall space to be covered in the corridors and various rooms and offices.

Front steps of Lueders stone have been laid, as well as some of the front trim of cast Lueders stone. Most of the glass has been put in place. The blocks are 12 inches square and 4 inches thick. They are hollow and sound proof.

Plumbing, heating and air conditioning is more than 60% finished. This work is being handled on a sub-contract by Tucker & Son of Big Spring, with Orel Whitfield in charge. Electrical work keeps pace with construction. Westbrook Electric Co. of San Angelo has the contract and the work is directed by Buster Ficklin.

McSwain told the Commissioners Court Tuesday that construction work should be finished by March 1. Moving in new furniture and equipment will require some time and the building is not expected to be ready for occupancy until several weeks later. County officials plan to name a citizens committee to arrange for the court house dedication.

A. Z. Sturgess is superintendent in charge of the entire project for Suggs Construction Co. of Big Spring.

Mr. Suggs recently was awarded a contract to build a new Kent County court house in Jayton on a bid of \$338,257. Contract price of the Coke County court house was \$270,818.

## Casing Run For Completion Of Havins Wildcat

Miami Operating Co., Inc. of Abilene was waiting on cement after setting 5½-inch casing at 5,370 feet for completion attempt in Strawn lime at its No. 1-A P. H. Havins, Coke County gas-distillate prospect in 7-Caldwell csl, six miles south of Robert Lee and two miles north of the Weaver Ranch (Strawn) Field.

Production was indicated on two drillstem tests. On a two-hour test between 6,143-65 feet, gas surfaced in two minutes and flowed at the daily rate of 1,500,000 cubic feet. Recovery was 90 feet of distillate.

On a two-hour test between 6,170-6,220 feet, gas surfaced in seven minutes. Recovery was 450 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud, no water. Flowing pressure was 125-175 pounds; 15-minute shut-in pressure, 2,460 pounds.

The project was drilled to 6,540 feet.

Rotary rig was moved off the first of the week and smaller equipment will be used in completion. Perforation of the pay section was scheduled for this week.



FRED CHEERY

## Fred Cheery To Open Baptist Revival Jan. 11

Mr. Fred Cheery, of Oklahoma City will be at the Robert Lee Baptist Church to lead them in a revival from January 11-20. He is just a lay preacher. He has not been licensed or ordained to preach. He has had no training from or in any denominational school. By trade he is an oil geologist, therefore he will speak the language of many in this area.

Mr. Cheery's home is Oklahoma City, Okla., Rt. 1, Box 139 A. He is married and has ten children. He is a deep spiritual man, and a great witness for the Lord. He will witness to every one he sees, and where ever he sees them. He has a conviction that there is a Hell and that it is a terrible place, to which every one will go, unless they prepare themselves for Heaven, by accepting Jesus as Saviour and Lord of their soul.

Mr. Cheery will be very different, as well as interesting. His approach to the subject matter, as well as his illustrations will be different. If you have a sin and would like to hear it preached on you must come, for he has the reputation of preaching on every sin in the book. He preaches against the sins of today about like Elijah did Baalism in Israel. He is no looking for a pastorate, and even with a family of ten children, believes God will provide, so he does not spare the condemnation of sin in any form. You will want to hear him again once you come.

Morning services will begin at 10:00 and last for close to an hour. He leads some wonderful discussions and studies during his morning services. The evening services will begin at 7:00 for the booster band and prayer services. The song service and preaching will begin at 7:30 P. M. Everyone is invited to come. The nursery will be open evenings.

Mrs. James K. Caffrey and sons, Joe and Mike, have concluded a pleasant six weeks' visit in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Viola Gramling. Mrs. Caffrey is the former Nina Gramling. She and the children met their husband and father, Capt. Caffrey, at Big Spring and accompanied him to Florida. Capt. Caffrey, a jet fighter pilot, is soon to be transferred to Europe with NATO forces. His family will reside in Boston until they are permitted to join him overseas.

Mrs. Wilson Bryan underwent minor surgery last Saturday at Coke Memorial Hospital.

## Onie Bessent Dies Here Of Heart Attack

Onie Bessent, 57, well known Robert Lee resident, died at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday a few hours after he suffered a heart attack. He made his home here with his mother, Mrs. W. B. Bessent.

He was stricken about 7 o'clock and collapsed near the bathroom door. Dr. J. D. McDaniel was called and the patient was soon revived. About 10 o'clock he suffered additional attacks and was rushed to the hospital where he died within a short time.

Graveside services were scheduled for Thursday at 2 p. m. at Valley View cemetery, five miles south of Robert Lee, with Rev. Bennie Smith officiating. Funeral arrangements and interment were in charge of Clift Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jack and Bill Capps, Carl Brock, Alfred Lofton, Lee Roberts and Alton Roberts.

Onie was born Jan. 16, 1898, in Kames County, Texas. He came to Coke County when a young man and resided with his parents in the Valley View community, six miles south of Robert Lee. Several years ago he and his parents retired from the farm and moved to Robert Lee. Several years ago he and his parents retired from the farm and moved to Robert Lee. His father died Nov. 11, 1952.

Since retiring from the farm, Onie worked as a carpenter. He was a good citizen, honest and industrious, and had a wide circle of friends.

Surviving are his mother; four sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Watson and Mrs. Annie Casey of Robert Lee, Mrs. Ethel Lofton of Blythe, Calif., and Mrs. Ruby Welch of Kerrville; seven brothers, Charles of Robert Lee, Alvin and Warren of Pecos, Dick of Houston, Joe of Freeport, Ray of Texas City, and Allen Bessent of Yreka, Calif.

All the brothers and sisters were present for the funeral except the brother, Allen.

## Death Claims Mrs. McCrohan In San Angelo

Mrs. Elizabeth McCrohan, 71, mother of Mrs. Katie Stroud of Robert Lee, died at 10 a. m. Saturday in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo after a long illness.

Rosary was recited at 7:30 p. m. Monday at her residence, 402 East Harris Ave. Funeral rites occurred at 10 a. m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church in charge of Father Fidelis Albrecht. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

The McCrohan family formerly resided on a ranch southwest of Robert Lee, but moved to San Angelo many years ago. Mrs. McCrohan was the mother of the late Mrs. Emma Percifull, whose husband, Frank Percifull, served several terms as sheriff of Coke County. Will and Franky Percifull are grandsons of the deceased.

Other survivors include her step-mother, Mrs. Fannie Fury of Christoval; a son, Dave McCrohan of Alice; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Roe and Mrs. Ed Pratt, both of San Angelo; two half brothers, Marcus Fury of Fort Stockton and Boyd Fury of Garden City; and a half sister, Mrs. Frank Van Horn of Eldorado.

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

Coke County Commissioners Court held its first regular meeting of the month Tuesday. Judge Jeff Dean attended a portion of the session and appeared to be feeling some better. Routine matters were taken up and monthly bills were ordered paid. Commissioners will be in session again next Monday to take up other matters.

Leon Byrne received a broken arm in a drilling rig accident Tuesday morning. He is employed by Miami Operating Co.

## PHONE PEOPLE OUT ON STRIKE THIS WEEK

Employees of the Robert Lee exchange joined with more than 2,000 workers in the southwest strike against General Telephone Co. The walkout became effective last Saturday at midnight.

Six switchboard operators who quit work at the Robert Lee office include Mildred Wallace, Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry, Mrs. Bruce Allen, Mrs. Marven Stewart, Mrs. O. W. Davis and Mrs. W. T. McAdams.

In the meantime service is being handled by Mrs. Eddie Patterson, local manager and chief operator.

The striking employees have thrown up a day time picket line in front of the Robert Lee telephone office, and the public has been prevailed upon not to cross the line. The women have large placards reading "CWA-CIO on Strike Against Gen. Tel. Co."

The local group was concerned Wednesday when they learned Mrs. Viola Bynum was working at the switch board. They referred to her as a "strike breaker" and planned to talk to her about the matter. They said Mrs. Bynum drove up to the rear of the building and entered through the back door.

The strike was called when the company and union officials failed to agree on terms of a new contract. One of the union demands is that workers in small towns be paid the same wages as prevail in San Angelo.

## Allen Retires As President Hospital Board

At the monthly meeting Tuesday of Coke County Hospital trustees, H. C. Allen announced he had declined re-appointment.

Other hospital trustees whose terms are up include Raymond Schooler, Bryan Gartman and John Coalson. All are expected to be re-appointed. Trustees are selected by the Commissioners Court, there being three from precinct 1, two from Precinct 2, and one each from Precincts 3 and 4.

Holdover members of the board are Emmet Caperton of Bronte, Bert Blaylock and H. L. Bloodworth. Mr. Allen has been president of the board during the four years he served, and in that capacity has devoted considerable time and effort to hospital affairs.

Routine matters were taken up at Tuesday's meeting. An automatic dish washer was purchased for the hospital kitchen, making it possible for dishes to be properly sterilized in the future.

## POLITICS OFF TO GOOD START IN COKE COUNTY

The New Year was a signal for action on the political front and four Coke County officials immediately announced for re-election. They are Sheriff Paul Good, Clerk J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler and Commissioners Ed Hickman and J. W. Service.

Other officials, who were elected to 4-year terms in 1954 and don't have to run this year, are Judge Jeff Dean, Treasurer Mrs. Gertrude Gray and Commissioners Howard Brock and Claude Dismore.

County Attorney Frank Dickey, Jr. is also one of the officials whose terms expire this year. He is expected to run for re-election.

Precinct officials whose terms of office end this year are Justice of the Peace E. C. (Doodad) Davis and Constable Bruce Allen. The J. P. and Constable in Precinct 2 hold over two more years.

A highly interesting election year is in prospect for 1956. It is pres-

Political announcements of Sheriff Paul Good, Clerk J. L. Tinkler and Commissioners J. W. Service and Ed Hickman will appear in The Observer next week.

dential election year and a full slate of state and district officials are to be chosen. Will Ike run and again carry Texas. Will Allan Shivers try for Governor or what will he do? Will Price Daniel resign his U. S. Senate seat to run for Governor? These are some of the big questions which cannot be answered at this time.

With so much politics in sight a record number of poll tax receipts should be sold. Up to Jan. 3 only 406 had been issued in Coke County.

Richard Sims sustained a foot injury while playing basket ball recently and is now getting around with the aid of a walking cast.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. (Judge) Campbell left Tuesday for an extended stay at Coral Gables, Fla. While there Mr. Campbell plans to take treatments for a limb ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Olsen of Odessa spent the New Year weekend here with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCutchen and family.

James A. Austin of Toledo, Ohio visited here during the holidays with his uncle, I. M. Austin.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 28 — Danny Sheppard admitted. Gary Jackson dismissed.

Dec. 29 — Alvin Bessent, Mrs. A. J. Muston admitted. Donnie Dukes, Connie Dukes, Mrs. W. O. Skipworth dismissed.

Dec. 30 — Mrs. T. W. Casey, Mrs. Don Bell, Lendy Devoll admitted. Mrs. H. L. Scott, Mrs. Charlie Arnold, Frank Snyder dismissed.

Dec. 31 — Mrs. Wilson Bryan, Julian Torrez, Pete Tijerina admitted. Mrs. Don Bell, Mrs. Wilson Bryan dismissed.

Jan. 1 — Mrs. I. B. Millican admitted.

Jan. 2 — Oramarie Stout admitted. Mrs. I. B. Millican, Pete Tijerina dismissed.

Jan. 3 — M. E. Stout admitted. Alvin Bessent, Lendy Devoll, Julian Torrez dismissed.

Jan. 4 — Mrs. Tom Luera, Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. admitted.



## Silver News

This is Bible Study Week at the Silver Baptist Church. The subject for consideration is the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters 6 through 7.

During the holidays Pastor and Mrs. Ray Sparks visited among their children, including John Sparks and Mrs. A. M. Fuller and their families in San Angelo, Carl Sparks and family at Amarillo and Mrs. Carroll Puckett and husband at Stamford.

Silver public school resumed classes Tuesday after a two weeks holiday vacation. Silver boys and girls junior high basket ball teams play at Christoval on the night of Jan. 13. Local practice sessions were discontinued over the holiday period.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jahew Jameson included their three daughters and their husbands. They are Pfc. and Mrs. Joe Ash of Elizabethtown, Ky., A/2C and Mrs. Clifford Wilson of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Thorp and little son, Jahew, of Throckmorton. Mr. Wilson is stationed at Biggs AFB and Mr. Ash is at Fort Knox. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts and children of Monahans were also guests. Mrs. Counts is a sister of Mrs. Jameson.

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullican were home for a holidays visit last week. They included the Bill Hoods of Dallas, Frank, Jr., and wife of Hereford and Jerry, a student at Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen spent Sunday at the Elmer Allen home near Orient where a family gathering was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patterson recently spent a few days at Big Lake with their daughter, Mrs. Edwin Wright, and family.

Don't forget the WHD Club meeting next Wednesday, 2 p. m. at Sun Recreation Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Windham and son have returned from a two weeks' vacation trip. He is a camper for A. G. Hill. They visited his brothers in Mississippi and Alabama, and with a brother of Mrs. Windham at Hollis, Okla., and her mother at Pittsburg, Tex. Mr. Windham went quail hunting near Overton and spent a night with Floyd L. (Tiny) Pettit, pusher for Empire Drilling Co., who formerly lived in Coke County. Just before the Pettits moved from Robert

Lee two years ago their family dog disappeared. Tiny advised Mr. Windham to be on the lookout for "Sailor" when he came back home. The Pettits now live at Sherman.

Delbert Coalson recently married Miss Charlotte Bussey. The Observer was in error last week in stating that Cecil Coalson was the new bridegroom.

Mrs. Lee Weigel and son, Tommy, are visiting her parents in San Antonio.

Ten new gas engine propelled scooters were received by Silver youngsters for Christmas.

Bob Edwards and family spent the New Years weekend with kinfolks at Henderson.

A group of Silver residents who motored to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl game on Monday were Paul Ashby, Earl Lindsey, Cecil Palmer, Charles Kennedy and Ted Stone.

Ernest Clendennen and family also went to the big game, as did Hank Baker, who visited a sister in Dallas.

Sun gas department officials from Dallas were here one day last week holding a session with Jameson plant Supt. John Shimer and employees concerning company policies. The visitors included H. P. Pew, H. O. Evinger and R. L. Sullican. Both Messrs. Pew and Evinger are former superintendents of the Jameson plant.

Jack Burgess and family have returned from a holiday visit with kinfolks at Eudora, Ark. Mr. Burgess is a construction foreman for Sun's gas department.

Rabon Martindale, Sun Pipeline Co. station engineer here the past two years, has been transferred to the Sour Lake district and will be stationed at Warren. The family was given a farewell party Friday night when a covered dish dinner was enjoyed at Sun Rec Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Martindale were presented with a movie camera and equipment. Rabon left Monday for his new assignment, while his wife and children, Donald and Karen, will join him at Warren as soon as living quarters are available.

Leslie Farr, who resigned his position with Sun Pipeline Co., has left with his family for Newton where he will engage in the automobile business.

Paul Ashby left Wednesday morning to attend a state-wide meeting of school superintendents in Austin. He made the trip with school men from Water Valley and Christoval.

John Clifton and family enjoyed a Christmas visit at Gainesville. Mr. Clifton is an oil tester for Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Goodwyn and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes and Susan spent Christmas with relatives in Waco.

Dr. and Mrs. David Collins and son of San Angelo were Sunday guests of the Henry Skrabanek family. Mrs. Collins is a sister of Mr. Skrabanek.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Puckett of Stamford spent the weekend with Mrs. Puckett's parents, Pastor and Mrs. Ray Sparks. Mrs. Puckett is the former Juanita Sparks.

Holidays guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pennington, and

son, Dennis George, of Prague, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mathers report a pleasant trip to Carlsbad, N. Mex., where they attended the double golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tubb of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Norfleet of Baldwin Park, Calif.

Among the 100 guests present were Mr. Norfleet's brother, Bob Norfleet of Kress, Tex., and a sister, Mrs. N. E. Jameson and husband of Fritch. Another brother, Frank was ill of pneumonia and could not attend. Mrs. Mathers is a sister of Mrs. Tubb. Their brother, Lem S. Batton of Lovington, N. Mex., was also present.

The anniversaries were celebrated in the home of the Norfleet's son-in-law and daughter, Marion and Mona Alzugary, who have a beautiful home furnished with rare antiques gathered from all parts of the world. The honored couples received many beautiful anniversary gifts.

## PERSONALS

Willie I. Tubb took his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Millican, to Lamesa for a visit over the weekend with their sister, Mrs. L. D. Rogers and family.

Mrs. Willis Smith entertained a group of relatives at Christmas dinner, including her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Bronte, and her sons, Willis Wayne and Royce and their families of Robert Lee. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mitchell and children of Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Johnson of Slaton, and J. S. Johnson and Bill Simpson and families and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson, all of Waco.

Mrs. Zelma Milam and son, Joe, were dinner guests Dec. 26 of friends at Ackerly. Later Joe spent a couple of days with the Tom Baum family in Stanton.

## YOU CAN'T MAKE US MAD —

—By buying tubes from us. Some people are afraid we will get our feelings hurt if they don't bring in the set, but we'd rather sell tubes than WORK any day!

## BIRD'S RADIO CLINIC

Phone 213

Robert Lee, Texas

## GREETINGS FROM TRAVIS B. HICKS

Box 106

Hollywood, N. M.

Dear Friends:

Let me first extend to you our Best Wishes for a Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### INCOME TAX NOTES

There are several changes this year in calculating your income tax; however, I am sure that the continued drought has taken care of any income tax payments. The main thing is to be sure you have all your expense items which are deductible. Remember this year you can count the cost of terracing or other dirt work, not paid for by the government. There is a new method for figuring depreciation on NEW equipment. Children can earn more than \$600 and still be counted as dependents. You get a little better deal on medical expenses this year. These are just a few changes that affect farmers this year.

I plan to be in Robert Lee from JANUARY 10 through JANUARY 22 in order to help you with your 1955 Income Report. I promised to return for this purpose and help those who wanted me.

Farmers, be sure to have your Social Security number ready.

Remember—January 10 to 22.

Sincerely,  
TRAVIS B. HICKS

**Hayrick Lodge**  
No. 696 A.F. & A.M.  
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### Statement of Condition

## Robert Lee State Bank

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

DECEMBER 31, 1955

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 418,272.13	Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Overdrafts	1,392.99	Surplus	60,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	1,643.56	Undivided Profits	6,619.71
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	2,550.00	Reserves	2,500.00
CCC Cotton Loans	23,634.51	Deposits	1,688,654.84
U. S. Government Securities	492,807.00		
State and County Securities	131,957.38		
Cash and Exchange	720,516.98		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,792,774.55</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,792,774.55</b>

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# THE OBSERVETTE

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### EDITORIAL

The fault with New Year's Resolutions is not, usually, with the Resolutions but with failure to carry them out. We should resolve to do better; we should do it more than once a year. There is no improvement without desire. Desire leads us to resolve. Let's resolve to be more considerate of others. Let's resolve to be better and do better; let's tighten the traces, pull more and kick less. Let's cooperate more and we shall find less fault. Last, but not least, let's be happy and strive to be successful. The Golden Rule is a good rule. Let's abide by its teachings.

### WHO IS IT?????

By Mary Vaughan

Another week, another column. It seems like the column was pretty hard to guess last week as I had several ask me who it is. Better luck this time kids.

Our mystery girl of the week is a girl that has the admiration and friendship of everybody in high school. She has light brown hair, is 5'5" tall and weighs 115 pounds. One of her most outstanding qualities is her neatness. Her pet peeve is people who brag all the time. Her favorite sport is basketball but at the present time she is playing ping pong for recreation. Her favorite color is orchid. Her favorite food is shrimp. English is her most difficult subject. Typing is her favorite subject. She likes to spend her leisure time going shopping. Her ambition is to be a stenographer and my guess is that she will be an excellent one.

The boy this time is well known for his athletic ability. He likes baseball most of all. Not only does he just like to play baseball in high school but he wants to make a career out of it. His favorite food is fried chicken. He detests people who are stuck-up. His favorite subject is chemistry. English is his most difficult subject. His favorite color is blue and I must say it goes good with his blond hair and pretty green eyes. He weighs 160 pounds and is 5'10" tall. Most often he can be heard to say, "Is that right?"

Scratch your head and pull your ear

Guess the first mystery boy and girl of this year.

The mystery boy and girl last week were: Rose Marie Sawyer and Bill Simpson.

### CAROLYN'S QUIPS

Carol and David, Doris and Roland, Rose Marie and Garland, Jerrel and Jeanny went to the show in San Angelo New Year's Eve. Jo Alice and Noel Dean went to the drive-in in Ballinger Saturday night.

Three "old steadies" are back together again. They are Mary and Ben, Jo Alice and Noel Dean, and Carolyn Lee and Norman.

From Sunday night we gather that Carol and Byron are on "friendly terms" again.

David Dumas took Marta home Sunday night. Can this be another guy to add to her collection? She already has one from Bronte and Sterling City, or so she thinks.

Wondering...

What Carol Geer got for Christmas from the Bride Shoppe?

Who took Carolyn Childress to see her "sick friend" in Bronte? Who let the air out of Roland's tires Saturday night? Did he try to steal someone's gal?

### Student Quiz

By Jo Alice McDonald

The question of this week is "How Can Teenagers Help Promote Safety On the Highways?" This has been a problem for some time because a lot of automobile accidents in the present day are caused by people under 21. Here are some good thoughts on this question from some students of Robert Lee High.

Byron Russell. Teenagers should be careful because they usually cause more deaths on our highways today. Young people have the urge to drive at a higher rate of speed than their experience should allow them. Teenagers take too many chances and are a little too daring. Remember to look out for other peoples' safety as well as your own.

Richard Dumas. Teenagers could help promote safety on high-

ways by observing all highway signs. One of the most important to observe, is the speed limit signs.

Some people seem to think that, because a car is built to go fast, they should drive extra fast. Another way to promote safety of highways would be to take a drivers training course in school if possible. Most teenagers think that because they drive they know all the safety rules. However, they probably do not know but a small portion of them.

Carolyn Lee Box. Teenagers can help promote safety by observing the signs and trying to do the right thing. Don't forget that you can't tell what the person in the other car is going to do. Be careful and live longer.

Tom Sawyer. Teenagers can promote safe driving on the highways by setting an example for older people. A lot of the people that drive these days take a lot of

chances on the highway and most people think it is done largely by teenagers. If the teenagers would set the example by driving carefully and not taking chances, I believe it would help a lot.

### FFA Completes Eventful Year

Despite the drouth, thirty F. F. A. members had a combined labor income of \$3,250 for the year of 1955. This grand total includes net profit earned during the year from their supervised project programs.

Various projects throughout the year included: 8 steers, 27 beef cows, 14 heifers, 18 barrows, 10 gilts, 6 sows, 275 broilers, 20 hens, 37 lambs, 303 ewes, 4 rabbits, 70 acres of oats, 10 acres of cotton and 7 acres of milo.

The chapter had an average of 2.6 individual projects per member. 30 lambs and 15 pigs were exhibited by various members at the Coke County Livestock Show, Abilene Fat Stock Show and the San Angelo Livestock Show.

The chapter entered in the fol-

lowing leadership and judging contests: District leadership contest at Roscoe, Area leadership contest at Big Spring, State leadership contest at Huntsville, and the Texas Tech Judging contest.

Outstanding achievements by chapter members are: Joe Harmon, elected chapter president for the year 1955, Jerrel Harmon, star chapter farmer, elected to State Farmer at Houston. Donald Walker, chapter officer of the year. Coleene Varnadore, elected district Sweetheart. Lynn Davidson, exhibitor of 2nd place fine wool lamb at County Show.

Milburn Wink and Bill Carwile, received highest award possible at Kansas City, Mo., "American Farmer Degree." T. C. Brown, outstanding senior F. F. A. member, winner of the De Kalb award.

### IT'S A DATE

January 10 — Bronte boys and girls basketball games at 7:00 here.

January 11-12 — Mid-Term tests  
January 13 — Winters A, B and 8th grade girls games 7:00 here.

### LAYMEN'S

# REVIVAL

## Robert Lee Baptist Church

# January 11-20

Booster Band and

Prayer Service - 7 P.M.

Preaching - 7:30 P.M.

Morning Service 10 A.M.

NURSERY OPEN  
EVENINGS



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OF DEEP

SPIRITUALITY

AND

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He Feels Compelled

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## Home Demonstration Club Activities

By Faye C. Roe  
County Home Demonstration Agent

Now that the Holidays are over, your H. D. Agent is back on the job with a full schedule ahead! I will meet with Green Mountain club, the Robert Lee P. T. A. and with Council Committees this week then next week, this will be my schedule:

Monday — Council Committees and Council Meeting

Tuesday — Mason (Agent's training.)

Wednesday — 2:00 P. M., Silver H. D. Club

Thursday — 2:00 P. M., Friendship H. D. Club.

The W. H. D. Yearbooks have been received and distributed to the club members. Major demonstrations for the next 2 years will be Meat Cookery and Clothing. Ba-

sic Sewing Workshops are being planned for Bronte Humble and Olga clubs early this spring. Others may be worked in later if the demand of the women is great enough. There are now 6 active womens clubs in the county with a membership of around 90. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining a club, contact me or a member of the club nearest to you. We would love to have you!

It surely is nice to know Mrs. C. E. Arrott of Bronte is back after a trip to Minnesota. We missed her as she is one of those "dependable members" we always call on for everything!

If you want a copy of the Coke County Cookbook they are still available. Sales have been good so the supply may not last too long. Everyone has been very pleased with the contents and appearance of the book. My thanks go to the following ladies for the

time they spent in making the book a success:

Mrs. Tom E. Rives, Jr., Mrs. Brent Clark, Mrs. Lowell Roane, Mrs. Walter King, Mrs. C. E. Arrott, Mrs. Pat Rives, Mrs. A. D. Fields, Mrs. Frank Mullican.

Various other members assisted and I do thank each one, especially Mrs. H. A. Springer, Bronte and Gladys Waldrop who helped with proof reading. The staff of The Bronte Enterprise did a grand job of printing. Thanks to them also.

My wish for each one for the New Year is that you enjoy the best of health, best of friendships, the best of family life and community life, and last but not far from least is the best of Spiritual Life—Don't forget to count your Blessings each day!

If You Don't Get the Observer  
You Don't Get the News

The Observer, Robert Lee, Texas

Jan. 6, 1956

## Local News

Intended for last week

Foster Sims Price of Sterling City has bought the Bade Estate Ranch from the owners for \$35 per acre. The land joins his Bob's Creek Ranch on the Garden City Highway west of Sterling City. Mr. Price owns two big spreads in Coke County, between Sanco and Silver and west of Edith to the county line.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker had all their five children and their holidays. They included Mr. and families home for the Christmas Mrs. W. K. Varnadore and family of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Conger and daughter of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker, Jr. and family

of Robert Lee and Ralph Walker. Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo over the holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Steward Evans and Sandy of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boree and Kathy and Bebo of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay and Jan and Mark of Alpine. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Kay of Sundae, Alberta, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Krogsrud of Ysleta, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Bilbo and son, Paul, of Hobbs, N. Mex., and Mrs. Robert McGuire of Lubbock.

Genie Baker visited Monday with his parents in Clyde and also called upon relatives in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. (Buster) Fields and son, Don, spent Christmas with relatives in Fort Worth. Supt. and Mrs. B. C. Goodwin and daughter, Sue, left Sunday to visit kinfolks in Dallas and vicinity.

# It looks high priced

...but it's the '56 Chevrolet!



THE NEW BEL AIR SPORT COUPE—one of 19 high-priced-looking Chevrolet models.

Who wouldn't mistake this handsome new Chevrolet for a high-priced car!

It looks strictly "upper bracket" with its bold new Motoramic styling . . . its longer, lower hood . . . its proud new grille that spans the full front end.

Even the details would do credit to an expensive car . . . like the sleek, high-fashion taillights (the left one hides the gas cap!).

But, even beyond the costly appearance of its Fisher Body, Chevy gives the high-priced cars a run for their money. For it's

one of the few great road cars built today!

It brings you the added security of nailed-down stability on turns and lightning acceleration for safer passing. Horsepower now ranges all the way up to 205! All engines now have hydraulic-hushed valve lifters.

Of course, Chevrolet has safety door latches in all models. In addition, you can have seat belts, with or without shoulder harness, and instrument panel padding at extra cost.

There's a new Chevrolet just made for you. So come in and highway-test it.



THE HOT ONE'S EVEN HOTTER

# VAUGHAN CHEVROLET COMPANY



# PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patterson enjoyed a Christmas family gathering at Big Spring in the home of their son, Herman. Others attending were R. C. Patterson and wife, Eddie Patterson and Crowley Harmon and their families of Robert Lee, Aubrey Denman and family of Bronte and the Sid Comptons of Colorado City.

A Christmas gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hickman at Edith included all their children and their families, except Ed F. Hickman of Killeen. Coming from Artesia, N. Mex., were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tanner. They were unable to attend their parents' recent 50th wedding anniversary because of illness. Mr. Tanner recently underwent major surgery and is recovering in a highly satisfactory manner.

A/2C Floyd Sheppard and family came from Austin for a brief Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard. Other Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Koskie of Abilene. Mr. Koskie is now handling tools for a Robinson Drilling Co. rig out of Colorado City.

A family Christmas gathering took place Monday, Dec. 26, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crum, when all their children and their families were present.

Mrs. Lloyd Watson and twin daughters and Mrs. Johnny Torti and little daughter visited Robert Lee kinfolks and friends for a brief period on Christmas Day. They had been making a holiday visit in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kerley at Hermleigh. Mrs. Watson is the former Pat Jones and Mrs. Torti is her younger sister, Kaleta. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. (Bud) Jones and reside at Irving.

H. J. Gartman, former Sanco resident, was up from Austin during the holidays. He stopped by The Observer office to renew his subscription.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fowler had their family together for a Christmas Eve dinner.

## Bank Deposits Reach New High In Robert Lee

At a recent directors meeting the Robert Lee State Bank added \$10,000 to its surplus fund, bringing the total up to \$60,000. This makes a combined capital and surplus structure of \$95,000.

During the past year the bank paid its stockholders two 5-per cent dividends and gave bonuses to its employees.

A condensed statement as of Dec. 31, 1955, shows deposits of \$1,688,654, a new all-time high figure for the Robert Lee State Bank. The footings increased to \$1,782,774.

### QUARTERBACK CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Quarterback Club Jan. 12 at 7 p. m. in the school cafeteria. A good attendance is desired. — R. C. Sawyer, President.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Askins motored to Ft. Worth Sunday to get their daughter, Sarah Nell, who had spent a week there in the home of her uncle, Raymond McGallian and wife.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: R. P. Humphrey, Eliza Humphrey wife of said R. P. Humphrey, C. R. Kinchen, Ollie V. Davis, Mr. Davis, husband of the said Ollie V. Davis; the unknown heirs of R. P. Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Eliza Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ollie V. Davis, deceased; the unknown heirs of Mr. Davis, deceased, husband of Ollie V. Davis; the unknown heirs of C. R. Kinchen, deceased.

### 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 the issuance of this citation, same being the 23 day of January A. D., 1956, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court, on the 10 day of December, A. D., 1955, in this cause, numbered 2056 on the docket of said court.

The names of the parties are: Marcus Turner, as Plaintiff; and R. P. Humphrey, Eliza Humphrey wife of R. P. Humphrey, C. R. Kinchen, Ollie V. Davis and husband Mr. Davis; the unknown heirs of R. P. Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Eliza Humphrey, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ollie V. Davis, deceased; the unknown heirs of Mr. Davis deceased husband of Ollie V. Davis; and the unknown heirs of C. R. Kinchen, deceased; as defendants;

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: For the title and possession of All of Lots 2, 3, and 5 in Block 35 of the Austin & Northern Land & Cattle Company Addition to the Town of Robert Lee in Coke County, Texas; plaintiff claiming title by regular chain of title from the sovereignty of the soil and in addition under the 5 year and 25 year statutes of limitations.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 10 day of December, 1955.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Robert Lee, Texas, this 10 day of December, 1955.

J. L. Tinkler, Clerk of the District Court of Coke County, Texas.

By Winnie Waldrop, Deputy. (SEAL) Publish Dec. 16-23-30, Jan. 6

# PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mitchell of Chihuahua, Mexico, were here for a Christmas visit with the former's uncle, H. C. Allen and family. While enroute home last week Mr. Mitchell suffered a heart attack and is convalescing in an El Paso hospital. A former San Angelo resident, Mr. Mitchell has been in Chihuahua 25 years or more and is engaged in the wholesale mercantile business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinley and infant son, Charles Ray, came from Shawnee, Okla., for a Christmas visit in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt. Mrs. McKinley is the former Bennie Helen Wyatt. They were accompanied to Robert Lee by Bill McKinley, a brother of Charles.

Marvin Glasgow and family returned Saturday night from a two weeks' trip to California. They visited Marvin's parents at Ventura, and found his father much improved from a recent illness of pneumonia. The Robert Lee family visited many places of interest during their stay in the Golden State.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek were here Tuesday from Goldthwaite visiting friends and looking after business matters.

# Want Ads

**HOUSE FOR RENT** — Two bedroom modern home near school, new butane water heater. Phone the owner 95574 San Angelo or see Genie Baker.

**FOR RENT** — 3-room house, bath and butane, 2 blocks from post office, \$25 per month. See S. R. Young or J. C. Strickland, phone 213063 San Angelo. 32tf

**SEWING MACHINES** — All makes, repaired, bought and sold. Lowest prices on new machines. Bring us your repair work. H. T. DOWD, 1215 N. Chadbourne, San Angelo. 17tf

**HOUSE FOR SALE** — Two-bedroom modern home in Robert Lee; near school, lot 70 x 150 feet. Can be bought on monthly payments. If interested come and talk with the owner, PALMER LEEPER. 33 tf

**Building Materials — Cement and Paint. The right materials at the right price. McDonald Lumber Co., Robert Lee, Texas.**

**MAN WANTED**—Are you dissatisfied with your work? Would you like a business of your own in Coke County? If so, see J. R. Shipman, Winters, Tex., today or write Rawleigh's Dept. TXL-1230-GG, Memphis, Tenn. 32w6p

**NOTICE** — I have all equipment for cleaning your septic tanks and cess pools. Call me at No. 8, Bronte, for this service. Also do plumbing. — A. L. ROGERS. 17c

**HOME FOR SALE** — Nice, 5-room modern home, well located in Robert Lee, 4 blocks from post office, 100 ft. front x 150 ft. depth, includes butane tank, water heater, venetian blinds, floor coverings, garage. Goes at a bargain price if taken soon. If interested, see Cumbie Ivey. 33tf

**MORE MONEY** FOR CAST IRON AND HEAVY STEEL delivered to our yard than you get anywhere else. SAN ANGELO IRON & METAL CO., 700 Block W. 14th St., San Angelo, Texas. Tel. 21421. 27tf

**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.

5 LBS.  
**Sugar 49c**

GOLD MEDAL 10 LBS.  
**Flour 79c**

**TIDE - - - Reg. Size 29c**

**CLOROX - - - - Qt. 15c**

FRESH SHELLLED  
**PEANUTS - - 1 Lb. Cello 29c**

GLADIOLA  
**CAKE MIXES - 5 Pkgs. \$1.00**

MAYFLOWER  
**CORN, Cream Style - 2 for 25c**

**DOG FOOD, Red Heart - 2 for 29c**

HORMEL  
**Oleo 1b. 19c**

FOREMOST 2 HALF GAL. CTNS.  
**Big Dip \$1.00**

LIBBY'S 2 NO. 303 CANS  
**PEACHES, Sliced or Halves - 45c**

LARGE FIRM HEADS  
**Lettuce 1b. 12c**

SLAB  
**Bacon 1b. 43c**

SEVEN OR ROUND  
**Roast 1b. 43c**

**Beef Ribs 1b. 33c**

# KRALL'S GROCERY & MARKET



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## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

During the holiday period quite a change has taken place in The Observer office. The plant was given a thorough going over, some paint was used in brightening up things, desks were re-arranged and the entire appearance has been improved. Son Tommy, home for the holidays, did most of the work. We have a new front counter over which it will be a pleasure to receive subscription renewals.

More honors recently came to Norman Roberts when he was named on the All-American junior college all-star football team. Norman was a standout in high school before starring at end position at San Angelo College. He has some wonderful offers and will be playing football two more years on some other crack college team. Norman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenn Roberts.

WELL, GIRLS, DID YOU KNOW 1956 WAS LEAP YEAR? A LOT OF OLD BUCKS AROUND ROBERT LEE BETTER WATCH OUT.

A new excitement at the editor's house is the discovery of a roadrunner nesting not more than 100 feet from our front door. The bird established her nest in the forks of a small mesquite about six feet above the ground. We presume there are eggs, but have not wished to disturb the mother bird to find out. An unusual time of year for nesting, but these roadrunners are peculiar characters anyway.

Ira M. Bird, Robert Lee's radio and TV doctor, says three new TV stations not too far from here are scheduled to go on the air this



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SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

month. They include Sweetwater, channel 12, Jan. 15; Odessa, channel 7, Jan. 15; and Big Spring, channel 4, Jan. 25.

**GOOD RESOLUTIONS** are a pleasant crop to sow. — The seed springs up so readily, and the blossoms open so soon with such a brave show, especially at first. But when the time of flowers has passed, what as to the fruit?— L. Malet.

Public thanks go to Hawley Allen who has done such excellent work on the County Hospital Board the past four years. Even though few of us have made it a point to personally thank Mr. Allen for his efforts, much credit is due him for the success of the hospital and its harmonious operation. Hawley praised other members of the board and he leaves his position knowing that everything is running smoothly at this important institution.

We asked Melvin Krall if he watched the football games on TV Monday. He said he didn't because he was busy. His other project was devoted to trying to work his son, Mike's, new jigsaw puzzle. Failed to get the job done from 1 to 7 p. m., so tackled it again after supper. The Kralls and the Rudds now have one of those super jig-saws which may be put together by spring if they work hard.

The diet? I got off three weeks over the holidays and only picked up two pounds. Am back on it now in earnest. Have company, too, Bea Anderson and Juanice Jameson of Silver. Those gals are sure getting results.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation to friends and neighbors for their sympathy and many acts of kindness bestowed upon us in our recent bereavement. Your kindness will never be forgotten. — G. C. Casey and Family and the Martin Family.

Miss Joyce King visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vick in San Angelo, who have recently moved into their new home. Mrs. Vick, the former Annette Simpson, is employed by the City Planning Department in San Angelo. Her husband works for Lone Star Gas Co.

Alvin Bessent of Pecos submitted to a hernia operation last Friday at Coke County Memorial Hospital here. After his release from the hospital Tuesday morning the room was immediately occupied by his brother, Onie, who had suffered a fatal heart attack.

## Local News

Mrs. Fred McDonald, Sr. has been seriously ill in the Bronte hospital. She is to be taken to M. D. Anderson hospital in Houston for observation and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tubb and son, Mack, spent Christmas with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Vincent Hanna, and family at Perryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest L. Wanker for their home at Hill City, Kans., and two little sons left Saturday after a week's visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends. Mrs. Wanker is the former Bertie Mae Gaines.

Mrs. Eva Bird has been a guest in the I. M. Austin home since Dec. 1 and plans to spend the remainder of the winter in the home of her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyatt had all their children and their families home for a Christmas Eve party and a big dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Taylor and son of Albany, Ga., were holiday guests in the I. M. Austin home. Mrs. Taylor is the former Ruth Austin.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Jenner of El Reno, Okla., were guests over Christmas in the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, and family.

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Joel McCrea, Vera Miles, Edgar Buchanan in

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

I will be at the Court House in Robert Lee beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10, to assist you with your Income Tax Returns.

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LARGE FIRM HEADS

**Lettuce** 1b. 12c

FRESH

**Tomatoes** 1b. 19c

MORTON'S SALAD DRESSINGS - - Qt. 39c

STAR-LAC POWDERED MILK - 5 Qt. Size 37c

HORMEL'S OLEO - - - - - Lb. 19c

JELLO, All Flavors - - - - - 3 for 25c

SWIFT'S JEWEL

**Shortening** 3 lbs. 69c

KIMBELL CORN MEAL - - - 5 Lb. Bag 39c

CAL-TOP PEACHES - - - - - No. 2½ Can 25c

VANILLA WAFERS - - - - - 25c Size 19c

MIDWEST

**BACON** 1b. 39c

SIRLOIN OR T-BONE

**Steak** 1b. 55c

HOME MADE WHOLE HOG

**Sausage** 2 lbs. 95c

CENTER CUT

**Pork Chops** 1b. 49c

SHOULDER & LOIN END CUTS

**Pork Chops** 1b. 29c