

# Robert Lee Observer

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## STATE TO GIVE CHEST SURVEYS HERE IN MARCH

A mass chest X-Ray survey for Coke County residents will be made in early March by the State Health Department. The X-Ray examinations are made free of charge to everybody.

Application for the survey was made early in the fall when Rev. Travis McNair was named chairman of a Robert Lee BCD committee, and the matter was taken up with the State Health Department by Dr. J. D. McDaniel.

Plans were set up here Tuesday when H. K. Shackelford, a representative of the state agency, conferred with local leaders, and the following dates were set:

Bronte, Friday, March 1, 8:30 a. m. until 5:30 P. M.

Robert Lee, Monday, March 4, 1 P. M. to 5:30 P. M., and Tuesday, March 5, 8:30 to 1 P. M.

The state furnishes x-ray equipment and technicians and the unit scheduled for Coke County will move in here after conducting a survey in Sterling City.

Local committees will be required to furnish a location, clerical help, hostesses, etc.

Editor A. J. Kirkpatrick will serve as general chairman of the survey to be conducted in Coke County. Rev. McNair will be local chairman for Robert Lee and Mrs. Ben Oglesby will serve as Bronte chairman. The Silver Lions club will be asked to take part in the project.

It will be exactly eight years since a similar survey was conducted in Coke County, and the success of the undertaking is proven by the fact that 1,718 persons received the free X-Ray examination at that time.

Mr. Shackelford advised that special emphasis is being placed on the need of adults and older people availing themselves of this opportunity to get the free X-Ray examination.

Persons 15 years of age or older are eligible to be checked, but the project is not designed for school children.

A complete chest picture is made permitting the discovery of early stages of cancer and heart ailments, as well as lung defects.

## Rev. McNair New BCD President

The Rev. Travis McNair, Methodist minister, was elected president of the Robert Lee Board of Community Development at Tuesday's weekly meeting. He succeeds Editor A. J. Kirkpatrick, who has headed the organization the past year.

Named as vice-president was Victor Wojtek, and the new secretary is Deputy Sheriff O. B. Jacobs. A. V. Sheppard is the retiring vice-president and J. L. (Chilly) Tinkler is the out-going secretary.

Robert Vaughan was re-elected as a director and Mayor Cumbie Grey, Jr. was named as a new member of the official board.

Tuesday's noon meeting was held in the private dining room of Vardadore Cafe where a special turkey dinner was served.

BCD meetings will not be held during the next two weeks because of the holiday season.



**BAND SOLOIST** — Mrs. Mary Hornbaker, who delighted a Robert Lee audience with two soprano selections at the High School Band concert Friday night. Mrs. Hornbaker is a senior at Abilene Christian College where she is active in musical circles. Sanderson is her home town.

## 42 Grade Pupils On Hand Tuesday For Polio Shots

Forty-two pupils from the Robert Lee elementary grades received polio shots from Dr. J. D. McDaniel at Coke Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

High school pupils were scheduled to get the Salk vaccine Thursday at 1 p. m.

Analysis of the shots given Tuesday showed that 22 were given their first shots, two received second inoculations and 18 had their third and final shots.

Efforts are being made by teachers to keep records of polio vaccination received by their pupils. This seems to be highly important, since timing between shots has a bearing on immunization. One month should elapse between the first two, and the third inoculation is advised to be given seven months after the second.

It is presumed that the majority of Robert Lee young children are being given the Salk treatment against polio. Parents must give their permission. A detailed check of the situation is hoped to be made within the near future.

It is expected that a far less number of high school students have been treated, since the program was started last spring when only enough vaccine was available for the lower age group.

Dr. McDaniel said he had received a quantity of Salk vaccine from the State Department of Health which is sufficient to give free inoculations to all children of school age.

A movement to persuade adults to be treated against polio will get underway after the first of the year. Dr. Salk, who discovered the vaccine which is hoped to stamp out the dread infantile paralysis, recommends that all persons up to 50 years of age be given the shots.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the people of Robert Lee who were so nice to us following our recent car accident and during our stay in the Coke County Memorial Hospital. Also want especially to thank the doctor and hospital staff.—Mrs. A. M. Hoots and daughter, Mrs. E. T. Lowrance.

## SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

The Year's Best Words

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Of all the words we put into type during the year, these are the very finest — Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

They carry our most sincere wish that you will have such a holiday season and that Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Seven will hold for you much happiness and good fortune.

The Fred McCabes got a new idea that seems to have a lot of merit. As will be noted from their space in this newspaper, they decided not to send out a bunch of Christmas cards this year, but instead forward a contribution to the Baptist Orphans Home. Considerable expense and much time is required when folks try to send a card to all their friends. Some times we might think it is being overdone. Any way Mr. and Mrs. McCabe's Christmas gift to the orphans will be gratefully received.

Maybe the guy's got something. When the band played "Stormy Weather" at the concert Friday night, Director Keith Farris announced they played it at the court house dedication in October and Coke County received four inches of rain within the next few days. He wondered if it would produce any desired results again. It did and we'll be calling on him from now on.

Pre-Christmas activities at our house bogged down with Violet in the hospital getting flu treatment. It's natural to keep going because one feels better being active than laying around. We'll be late with some greeting cards, but the patient is improving and should be home by the end of the week. It's a family affair, too, as her daughter, Ida Belle, is also hospitalized. Grandpa and Grandma J. W. Service are looking after the grandchildren.

Received a letter from Ulmer Bird of Sanco that was pretty salty, but near the end he stated it was not for publication. So you readers are missing something. Ulmer don't agree with our politics it seems, although he would like to keep the small farmers from being plowed under.

We may work out later to have some kind of newspaper debate on politics and kindred subjects. It would be a natural. We're usually on opposite sides.

My holiday season would be much brighter if there was more activity in subscription paying. Many of them are due at this time of the year.

A reporter from the Standard-Times called on us Wednesday and said he wanted to do a feature on the rivalry between Bronte and Robert Lee. Frankly, we were a little nonplussed — didn't quite know what to tell him. We believe that practically all the rivalry between the two towns nowadays is on the football field. — Bronte Enterprise.

And that ain't all. Too many Bronte young fellows are coming over here and dating Robert Lee girls. Take 'em right away from the local guys. Even marrying them. Some talk of setting bear traps around to put a stop to these inroads.

## HOLIDAY CLOSING

Some extra holidays are planned in connection with Christmas Day, Dec. 25. County offices will take Monday off, too, as will Ivey Motor Co. and Vaughan Chevrolet Co.

Several retail stores, including Roberts and Baker food stores, plan to remain closed on Wednesday, Dec. 26, giving them a two days' holiday. Of course all retail establishments will be open Monday to take care of late holiday shoppers.

Everything will be closed Christmas Day, although usual holiday rules will be observed at the post office.

Christmas and New Years holidays mean lots of entertaining and trips to other places. The Observer will be glad to have reports of these holiday activities.

## Mrs. Barger, 84, Former Coke Co. Resident, Dies

Mrs. Charles M. (Anna Sparks) Barger, 84, former Coke County resident, died early last Thursday in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. She had been ill the past month.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Saturday in Pecan Baptist Church west of Edith, with the Rev. Jimmy Rogers, officiating. Burial was in Pecan cemetery under direction of Clift Funeral Home.

Mrs. Barger was born May 1, 1872, in Johnson County and moved to Coke with her parents at the age of 15. She and her husband were married August 5, 1888.

Mr. Barger died in 1944. He formerly ranched west of Edith but lived in Robert Lee many years prior to his death and operated a grocery store for a long time.

The Barger family resided in the property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Sr. Since her husband's death Mrs. Barger had resided in San Angelo with a daughter, Nina Barger, at 10 West Ave. I.

Survivors include two sons, Claude F. Barger of Alpine and Homer T. Barger of San Angelo; three daughters, Miss Barger, Juanita Barger of Dallas and Mrs. Velma Lowell of Kermit; a sister, Mrs. J. H. Donnelly of Jonesville, La., five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A. R. Bagwell talked on Geology Wednesday forenoon before the high school General Science class taught by Henry Nease. A geology graduate of Texas Tech, Mr. Bagwell followed the profession a number of years before leasing the Texaco Station in Robert Lee.

Guy Denman returned Tuesday to his farm home north of town after a few days in Shannon Hospital where he underwent clinical tests. He will continue with a prescribed medical treatment.

## BIRTHS

**BLAIR** — Mr. and Mrs. Don Blair (Shirley Stewart) of Barnhart are parents of their first child, a daughter, born at 11:19 p. m. Dec. 10 in San Angelo Clinic Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and has been named Donna Jean. The father is employed by the Texas Highway Department at Barnhart. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Blair and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart, all of Robert Lee.

## RAIN THIS WEEK DEALS BLOW TO DROUTH PERIOD

Unexpected showers this week brought from an inch to more than 1½ inches of moisture to Coke County.

Robert Lee and Bronte gauged slightly more than an inch, while many ranch and farm localities report considerable more. Silver got better than 1½ inches and farmers north of Robert Lee toward Sanco received close to two inches.

The rainfall was general in this area, and all directions south of town measured from an inch to 1½ inches.

Coming at this time the moisture will be of untold value to a large acreage of oats in the county which had made a good start after the October rains, but were again needing moisture badly.

It will also promote prospects for some early spring weeds for grazing and benefit pastures and fields in general.

While weather predictions are a source of ridicule in West Texas, the long drouthy pattern has been broken up by the generous rains in mid October and now comes additional moisture just before Christmas.

These solid punches at Old Man Drouth may be the start of knocking him out during the coming year.

Ira A. Bird returned the last of the week to his ranch home northwest of Robert Lee after spending some time in St. John's hospital at San Angelo. He underwent major surgery and is reported to be making a good recovery.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dukes at Milligan Camp west of Edith will be their friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Trahan and daughter, Rebecca, of Sour Lake.

## Band Concert Fine Success

Robert Lee High School's Band Concert Friday night was well attended and everyone was well pleased with the fine showing the band has made under its new director, Keith Farris.

The program included marches, an overture, novelty selections and special number featuring a trumpet solo composed of Ronnie Sims, Mack Tubb and Jimmy Bell. Another interesting selection was "Stormy Weather" with lightning and thunder effects.

A special treat was the appearance of Mrs. Mary Hornbaker of Abilene Christian College, who sang two beautiful soprano solos with band accompaniment.

Recognition was given Ronnie Sims, June McKinley and Mary Beth Schooler, who had achieved high ratings in regional band contests. A loving cup was presented to Edwin (Butch) Davis, who has been president of the band as well as assistant director and drum major. Richard Sims was the announcer.

The band is getting a better balance, but still lacks a trombone section. Jerry Dean will be in the concert band from now on after taking part in football the past season.

Mr. Farris announced the band is hoping to make a trip next spring, and candy bars are now being sold to help raise expense money.

# SILVER NEWS

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Baptist and Methodist congregations held a joint candle light service Sunday night at the Methodist Church. The Rev. Chas. Camp, Methodist minister, directed a Christmas pageant for the event with characters in costume portraying the Christmas Story. Excellent music by the choir was directed by Mrs. Ruth Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole S. Johnson and their two daughters left the middle of the week to spend Christmas with kinfolks at Nederland. Mr. Johnson is taking a week's vacation from his work with Sun Pipeline Co.

Pete Ashmore, Pipeline chief clerk, also left Wednesday for a week's vacation. He and his family will visit relatives at Liberty and Johnson City.

David McKinnon returned Monday to his work here as a Sun

production field clerk, after two years' of army service. He was inducted Dec. 1, 1954, and took basic training at Fort Bliss. For the past 19 months he was stationed with the Anti-Aircraft Artillery at the Savannah H-Bomb project in South Carolina. He was discharged Nov. 30 and returned to Silver to join his wife and baby, Sharon, who were here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Caldwell. David and his family are residing in Colorado City.

John Fallowill is back at work as a Sun production foreman after an absence of several weeks because of illness. He suffered from complications following an appendectomy.

Chas. Kennedy and family left Wednesday afternoon for a visit over Christmas with Mrs. Kennedy's parents at Gilmer. Mr. Kennedy is a Sun pumper and his wife is a teacher in the Silver

school.

Barbara Clifton will arrive Friday from Texas Tech. She will accompany her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clifton, to Gainesville to spend Christmas with the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taylor were in Abilene over Sunday where they attended the golden wedding anniversary of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Muncy. The couple are long time and highly respected citizens of the Abilene community.

Members of the Silver Church of Christ and their families enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday night at Sun Recreation Hall. The event was featured by a gift exchange and special gifts were presented to the preacher, Foy Moore and his family of Bronte. Refreshments were served.

## SCHOOL VACATION

Silver public school turned out Wednesday afternoon for a holiday vacation which extends until the morning of Jan. 2.

Supt. Paul Ashby and his family will remain here until after Christmas when they will go to Pampa to visit kinfolks of Mrs. Ashby.

Prin. Guy Wheeler and family will visit his folks at Vernon and then continue to Enid, Okla., to spend a few days with Mrs. Wheeler's family.

Silver junior high boys and girls cage teams split a double header at Bronte last week, and lost a pair in Robert Lee Monday night by close scores.

Mrs. J. L. Gilbert of Vivian, La., arrived Monday for a holiday visit with her son, J. D. Gilbert, and family. Concluding a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Gilbert, and family was Mrs. J. A. Bryant, who returned this week to her home at Haynesville, La.

Mrs. Frank Mullican was in Lubbock Friday when her son, Franklin, Jr., underwent major surgery. The little grandson, Franklin III, is now here with his grandparents.

Roland Palmer and wife have moved to Muskogee, Okla.

Monte Wilkes had hoped to be home for a holiday visit, but his Navy leave has been cancelled according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wilkes, Sr. Monte's ship has been in port in San Diego. He will complete a 4-year enlistment on March 8.

C. B. Jacobs has returned to his home here and is well on the road to recovery from a recent illness.

Murray Marie, Jameson gasoline plant employee, has returned from Dallas where he spent two weeks of active duty in the military reserve.

Mac Tunnell is taking a vacation from the Jameson plant and with his family will visit kinfolks

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at Van, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McClusky were due to arrive Wednesday evening from Beaumont, accompanied by their daughter, Dorothy Jean, who is attending college there.

Sonny Palmer came in Wednesday night from Texas A & M to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Palmer.

## WEDS PREMONT MAN

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Carden of Silver have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Ronny D. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Parker of Premont.

The ceremony was performed in Dallas November 16 where the couple is now at home.

The bride attended Hardin-Simmons University last year and is now employed at the headquarters office of the Boy Scouts of America in Dallas where she does art work and illustrations for Boy Scout publications. The groom attended Texas A & I College in Kingsville and is now with the Lofland Engineering Co. of Dallas.

A folded damp cloth placed under a mixture bowl keeps it from slipping and speeds mixing.

May all the Peace of Christmas-time abide forever in your heart and give, through your Faith in Him, a lasting joy.



# Holiday Greetings

COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Weldon Fikes and Family

Mrs. Golda Smith

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# Merry Christmas

To all of you who have contributed to our success and who have given us your fine friendship during the past year, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**ERNEST CLENDENNEN**  
PORTABLE WELDING SERVICE

Silver, Texas

Carroll Wilkes

Teddy Pitcock

Bill Gibson

Ernest Clendennen and Family

At this radiant season of good cheer when everyday cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely

extend to you our

Best wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MR. AND MRS. R. S. ANDERSON

Silver, Texas



# Christmas Greetings



As you make ready for the Holy Christmas Day, we want to wish you the finest of everything. May choicest blessings be yours and graces in abundance fill the days that are to follow.

MR. AND MRS. BOB ODOM

Silver, Texas

As we think of all the good things we would wish you this Christmas, we cannot help but feel that this sentiment is inspired by your good will and friendship.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas

# Sun Grocery

Silver, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Waymond Davis

## Health Dept. Urges Caution At Christmas

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—Most Texans are susceptible to holiday fever, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of health. Each year they are caught in a last minute rush of buying gifts, wrapping packages and sending cards; in short they have caught the annual fever. This "fever," just as any fever, should be handled carefully, or serious complications may arise.

In order for the fever not to get you down you had better incorporate a few sane ideas into what might become the mad rush of these days.

Organize as well as you can so as to save steps. Always stop before reaching the point where sheer fatigue affects your judgment, tempers and bodily control. When fatigue gets the better of one, he is much more vulnerable to accidents—both at home and on the road.

Duties should be scheduled to allow some time for relaxation. It is surprising how much more enjoyment one gets when he is well rested. Some time should be devoted to sitting and thinking—thinking of what Christmas really means.

If there are children you will want them to have a part in the family preparation for Christmas and a share of the fun. Parents need to remember that the younger children's routines should be upset as little as possible. To deprive a child of his nap, to drag him through crowded stores, to expose him to confusion and to offer him too many sweets is not the right kind of sharing.

The child under five can easily be over stimulated about the holidays. Too much advance excitement may make the day itself a let down. Setting limits for older children is also wise, so that Christmas won't be spoiled because they are half dead with fatigue or are battling against a

cold. The older folks would also be wise to get plenty of rest, watch their diet and do everything possible to avoid accidents in the home and on the highways.

## Norman Roberts In All-Star Game

Mr. and Mrs. Lenn Roberts, accompanied by their daughter-in-law Mrs. Norman Roberts, attended the Junior College All American all-star football game at Jackson, Miss., Friday, Dec. 14.

Norman was selected as one of the co-captains of the West team which won the game 7 to 6. He flew to Jackson several days earlier but returned home with his family.

An outstanding end at San Angelo Junior College the past three seasons, Norman for the second year was named on the all-American junior college football team. He plans to play two more seasons and has had attractive offers from Tulsa University and Hardin Simmons. Sammy Baugh of H-SU coached the all-west team at Jackson.

On the return trip home the Roberts family visited a cousin of Mrs. Lenn Roberts at Bozier City and attended the Louisiana Hayride Saturday night at Shreveport. The great Elvis Presley drew a crowd of 20,000 at the Shreveport event.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 12 — Sam Ed Skipworth, Mrs. Mary McKool admitted. W. D. McAdams dismissed.

Dec. 13 — Mrs. R. F. Ford, Cumbie Ivey, Jr., Elizabeth McDaniel admitted. Mrs. E. T. Lowrance, Mrs. A. M. Hoots, Mrs. Lee Hallmark, Mrs. Lena Millican, Sam Ed Skipworth, Mrs. R. J. Large dismissed.

Dec. 14 — Mrs. Wm. H. Allen admitted. Mrs. Dick Skipworth, Mrs. R. F. Ford dismissed.

Dec. 15 — Phillip Shamburger, Mrs. G. L. Lester admitted. Cumbie Ivey, Jr., Mrs. Bailey Russell

dismissed.

Dec. 16 — Mrs. Rosa Ybarra, Mrs. Frank Dickey, Jr. and son, George, Mrs. Lena Millican, Mrs. C. E. McDonald admitted. Mrs. G. L. Lester, Mrs. Bill Allen, Elizabeth McDaniel dismissed

Dec. 17 — Ray Gene Ivey, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick admitted. Phillip Shamburger, Mrs. Rosa Ybarra dismissed.

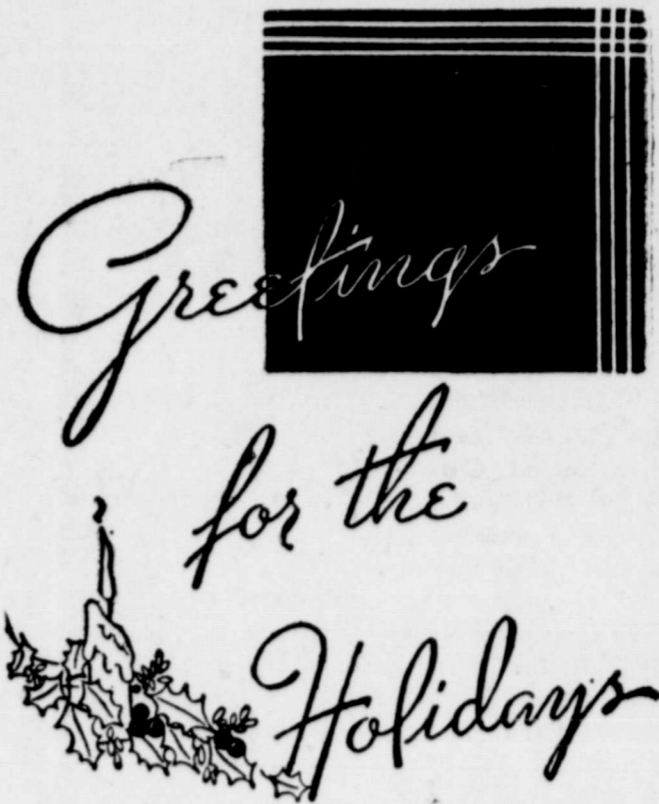
Dec. 18 — Mrs. J. W. Service, Jr., Mrs. B. B. Ducan admitted.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard were called to Austin recently by the illness of their granddaughter, Valorie, 2½ year old daughter of A/2C and Mrs. Floyd Sheppard. Latest word indicates she is much improved. Floyd is stationed at Bergstrom AFB at Austin. He has disposed of his trailer house and he and his family now occupy an apartment at 2710-N La Mesa in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. were Dallas visitors early last week and went on to Whitewright where they visited Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Jim Brown, and husband. Mrs. Brown is the former Mrs. O. V. Looney of Robert Lee. Mr. Brown is out and around this winter following hospital treatment some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fansler and son, Lloyd, of Wichita Falls are visiting here with their friend, Mrs. May Boone.

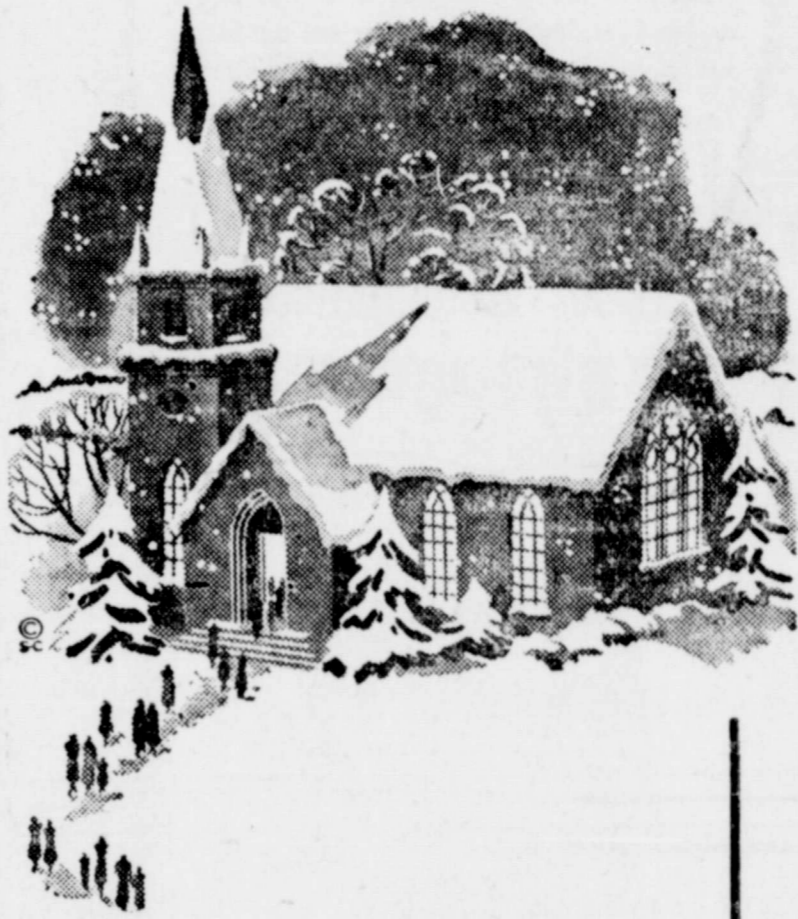


## BAGWELL SERVICE STATION

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bagwell  
Jessie Eads

Donald Walker

Jerry Harmon



Each Christmas Season we realize anew

that our most treasured possessions are  
our many enriching friendships. And so

to all our friends and customers

we wish a Very Merry Christmas!

## Vaughan Chevrolet Company

Foy Askins

Fred McCabe, Jr.

J. M. Prine, Jr.

Robert Vaughan and Family



A world without Christmas would  
be a world without friends. The Season's  
Greetings to Everyone.

## VARNADORE CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Varnadore

# Greetings

## TO OUR FRIENDS:

A warm friendly wish of cheer  
For Christmas and the coming year.

**MR. AND MRS. C. A. DUKES**  
DONALD AND CONNIE



**O. T. COLVIN**  
Farm Bureau Insurance & Tax Service



Here's wishing  
you the happiest  
Yuletide Season  
you have ever had.

**COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**  
Winnie Waldrop Betty Davis  
J. L. Tinkler and Family

## PERSONALS

Jim Tate, 29, brother of Mrs. Warren Ellis, wife of the former Robert Lee and Silver Methodist preacher, was killed in a hunting accident Saturday. The tragedy occurred while he was on a hunting trip in Dimmitt County. He was accidentally shot by a small boy carrying Tate's rifle. Tate resided at Carizzo Springs.

Mrs. B. P. Copeland of Sundown has arrived for a visit over Christmas in the home of her son, Leslie Copeland, and family at Perkins-Prothro Camp, southwest of Silver.

## Want Ads

FINISH HIGH SCHOOL or grade School at home. Spare time. Books furnished. Diploma awarded. Start where you left school. Write Columbia School, Box 5061, Lubbock, Texas.

HOUSE FOR RENT—Nearly new, comfortable 2-bedroom home, on pavement and close to school. Has TV antenna and rotor. This is a desirable place for a small family. See the owner, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen.

HOUSE FOR SALE—5-room modern house, newly re-finished. Requires only a small down payment.—Fred McDonald, Jr. 47tf

LOST—Pair ewes coming 2 yrs. old, black V on rump, got out of Curtis Trimble pen in Robert Lee and were seen along the highway east of town. Please notify the owner, Floyd Modgling, or call me collect. Bronte phone No. 115.

FOR RENT—Modern house close to school. If interested, the key can be obtained from Mrs. Roy Ross across the street or call the owner at 9557-4, San Angelo—Mrs. Coke Austin. 27tf

FOR RENT—Furnished house; also furnished apartment. Mrs. H. L. Scott. 27tf

FOR RENT—Unfurnished house, six rooms and sleeping porch, \$55. Write or call Mrs. Nellie Simpson, 610 E. 19th St., San Angelo. Phone 39122. 9 tf

FOR RENT—Two-bedroom modern home, close in. Mrs. Frank Smith.



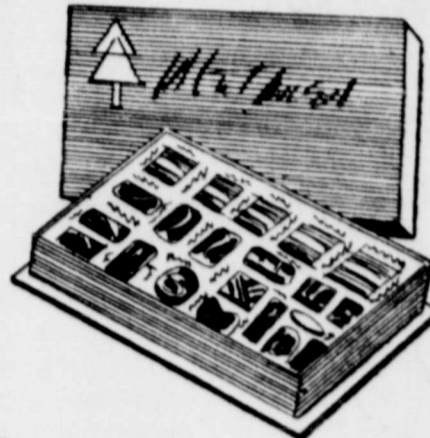
To wish you  
every happiness  
at Christmas time

**Fern Havins**  
And Family

## Christmas GIFTS

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**PANGBURN'S CANDY**  
Is Always Welcomed

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PANGBURN'S IS THE BEST!

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Delight her with  
**PERFUME GIFTS**



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Complete line of G-E household appliances such as Steam and Electric Irons, the famous G-E Skillet that every woman loves, Toasters, Percolators, Deep Fryers, etc.



Christmas Decorations, Wrappings, Colored Lights, Etc.

## TOYS! TOYS!

Santa's Headquarters for all kinds of toys to please the little folks. Dolls, games, books, etc.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

A big selection from which you may choose.



## FINE STATIONERY

In a variety of styles that will please and suit your pocket-book.

## LADIES HOSEY

Ladies fine Hosiery that cannot be duplicated at the price!

## Make It A Television Christmas

Still time for us to install a new TV set as the perfect gift for your family' Merry Christmas! We sell the best — Zenith and R. C. A.

COME IN AND BROWSE AROUND

**FARRIS**  
City Drug

Christmas  
best wishes

**MAC'S GROCERY**

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDonald

Season's  
Greetings

My family joins with me in wishing our friends the merriest of Christmas seasons and the brightest of Happy New Years. Sincerest greetings for th holidays.

**J. W. SERVICE**

Commissioner Precinct 1

Merry Christmas

May the Christmas season bring you much happiness and a full measure of prosperity.



**MRS. LEE ROBERTS**

Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio

At This Joyous  
Christmastime

May you be blessed  
with every happiness.



**SNEAD BARBER SHOP**

**THANK YOU FOR PAST FAVORS**

The warm wishes we send today are but a mild expression of our feeling toward you at this Holiday Season.

**MRS. GERTRUDE GRAY**

County Treasurer

**Expect Crowd  
At Christmas  
School Event**

A Christmas program given by pupils of the first six grades of the Robert Lee public school was expected to draw a crowded house at the school auditorium at 7 o'clock Thursday night of this week.

Mrs. Jeff Dean, music teacher, is directing the production with the assistance of elementary grade teachers. The children will have special costumes and there will be lots of singing.

The program will portray Christmas customs in other lands, beginning with the Dutch folks in Holland. Then the gnomes of the Scandinavian countries will take part and there will be a highly colorful Mexican Christmas with a large pinata filled with goodies to be distributed.

American customs at Christmas time, including the Red Cross and children's hospitals, and not forgetting old Granny Appleby, "who lives down by the pickle factory." Santa Claus will take part and the finale will depict the birth of Christ in the manger.

Members of the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church and their families enjoyed a covered dish supper and Christmas Party in the church recreation room Wednesday night. Gifts were presented to the teacher, Mrs. Melrose Russell, and to the pastor, the Rev. Travis McNair and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Heuvel and daughters are leaving Friday for a Christmas visit at Houston with the former's mother and his sister.

Mrs. Malcom Pate returned Wednesday to her home at Denver City, having been called here last Wednesday by the illness of her father, Guy Denman.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.

**Hayrick Lodge**

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



**EDDIE GOOD, W. M.  
J. DALE BROWN, SEC'Y**



Greetings to all our friends even though you don't hear from us. Instead of sending cards this year, we decided to use the money in making a Christmas donation to the Baptist Orphans Home at Waxahachie.

Mr. and Mrs.  
Fred McCabe

**HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BEST**

**Holiday Foods**

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**TURKEY WINNERS LAST WEEK:**  
Mrs. Fred Smith Mrs. Bill Gibson

**- NOTICE -**

Closed Dec. 25 and 26 for Christmas. Open bright and early Thursday, Dec. 27. Open, of course, Monday, Dec. 24.

**ROBERTS  
GROCERY & MARKET**

Mrs. Lee Roberts last week moved from her farm west of town to the modern residence two blocks east of the court house

which she purchased from Mrs. E. A. Burgess. Mrs. Roberts operates the Merle Norman Cosmetics Shop in Robert Lee.

With  
best wishes  
for  
Christmas  
and the coming  
year



**WALLACE  
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**St. Francis Gave  
Much to Christmas**

Some 400 years before Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, performed the many acts of generosity and kindness which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we know today, another saint—St. Francis of Assisi made other contributions to our celebration of Christmas.

St. Francis lived in the small Italian village of Garcia. In the year 1200 A. D., St. Francis arranged the first manger scene in a cave near the monastery where he lived. The scene was typical of that at Bethlehem. There was a manger filled with hay, an ox and an ass. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Himself a lover of music, St. Francis believed that the early chants (written in Latin) were too theological to be popular. He felt that Christmas music should be religious, yet should be more in keeping with the festivity spirit.

**Christmas Tree,  
Though Beautiful,  
Potential Killer**

Your Christmas tree is a beautiful and necessary Christmas decoration. It's also a potential killer. Decorative as it may be, your holiday tree is filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

Here are some suggestions that will eliminate the dangers of a tree fire in your home this holiday season.

Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a big one. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors. Place it in the coolest part of the house, well away from fire places and radiators. And don't let it block an exit.

Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub. Never use cotton or paper for the decorations on or around the tree. Do not put electric trains under the tree. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that wires are not frayed. Be sure that wiring sets for lights show they have been tested for safety. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near the tree.

Don't leave the lights burning when no one is home. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

**Favorite Carols  
From Many Lands**

Three of our favorite carols were brought to us by early settlers from European lands. England contributed "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen." France gave us "Cantique de Noel," from Germany came "Away in a Manger."

"Adeste Fideles" belongs to no one country, but has been translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

Three Americans enriched our heritage of lovely carols. The earliest contribution, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was made by Edmund H. Sears in 1849; Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in 1859 composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and in 1868 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Phillip Brooks.

If you don't get The Observer, you don't get the news!

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble plan to spend Christmas at Odessa with her son, James Coleman, and family. James is making a fine success of his job as Odessa distributor for the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Annual Christmas party of members of the staff of Coke County Memorial Hospital was held Monday night. The event was featured by a Christmas tree and gift exchanges.

Friendly Greetings  
to You  
at Christmas



**KEY FEED STORE**  
David Key and Family

Season's  
Greetings



Though Christmas comes but once a year, we wish that we could extend the gay Holiday spirit throughout all our years... so that the feeling of friendship which has characterized our associations through recent months can be made even more friendly... more cordial... more heartfelt... than ever before. Good wishes to all.

**S. E. 'Skinny' Adams  
AND FAMILY**

## Christmas Rose

The beautiful Christmas rose has played its part in the many legends associated with our Christmas observance.

An early story tells of the young shepherd girl who wept as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child with rich gifts when she had nothing to offer as a present. An angel appeared and asked the reason for

her distress. And suddenly the ground was covered with shimmering white flowers. The shepherdess gathered some of the blossoms and took them as her gift to the Christ Child. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

It is also believed that the Christmas rose helped popularize the custom of gift giving at Christmas time. In the days of knighthood

it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. The rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them the young knights and ladies would meet, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

### Home Demonstration Club Activities

MRS. A. J. ROE, JR., H. D. Agent

I have had my share of Christmas parties but each one has been nice and lots of fun. I've attended the following club parties: Green Mt., Friendship, Bronte and the Home Demonstration Council party. Santa has been nice to me and everyone else. We had turkey and all the trimmings at Friendship and at Bronte.

The Extension Agents were visited by Miss Thelma Casey and Mr. V. G. Young, district agents. We enjoyed their visit. Hope they come again soon.

Have you tried to make candy from the frosting mixes you can find on the grocers shelf? It is a quick way to have good candy and oh so easy even the children can make it?

A good candy is the caramel crunch found in the bulletin "Christmas Time at Home." The cereal, coconut, peanut and caramel combination is wonderful! Try some soon as I believe you'll like it.

This rain is nice — just hope it keeps on and comes often— Things were pretty around Silver Tuesday as the trees and bushes were icy.

Our office will be closed Monday Dec. 24th through Jan. 2nd, for the Christmas holidays.

I will give a meat roasting demonstration on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 2 and 3rd to the Bronte and Green Mt. Clubs.

My family and I will leave Saturday for a holiday visit with my relatives near Paris. We will return around Dec. 28.

I wish each of you a happy holiday season. May 1957 be a good year for all of you.

### Health to You

In the days of the Saxons, "wassail" was a popular greeting meaning "health to you." It later became a Yuletide drinking toast, and cups of hot wassail were given to visiting Christmas carolers.

Here is the recipe for a cherry bowl which will help extend a hearty welcome to your Christmas guests.

#### CHRISTMAS WASSAIL

- 2 quarts sweet cider
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 three-inch stick of cinnamon
- 6 whole allspice
- ½ cup light brown sugar

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Juice of 6 oranges  
(16 to 20 punch cups)

Simmer the cider, spices and sugar for 15 minutes. Let it stand for 12 hours. Then add orange juice. Strain, reheat and serve.

Serve wassail hot from a large bowl and green cherries, orange slices or small baked apples floating in it. Place the bowl on a holly-trimmed tray.

## PERSONALS

We are happy to hear from Mrs. Paul Daffern enclosing \$5 and requesting her name be put back on The Observer subscription list for two years. A former Robert Lee resident, Mrs. Daffern is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon. Her address is 3947 Chenault, Fort Worth.

## Christmas Greetings



This message is warm with friendliness and filled with good wishes for Christmas

### TRIMBLE LAUNDRY

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trimble  
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Trimble

At This  
Radiant Season  
of Good Cheer--

WHEN GOOD FELLOWSHIP  
AND KIND THOUGHTS ARE  
IN ABUNDANCE, WE SINCERELY  
EXTEND TO YOU OUR  
HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

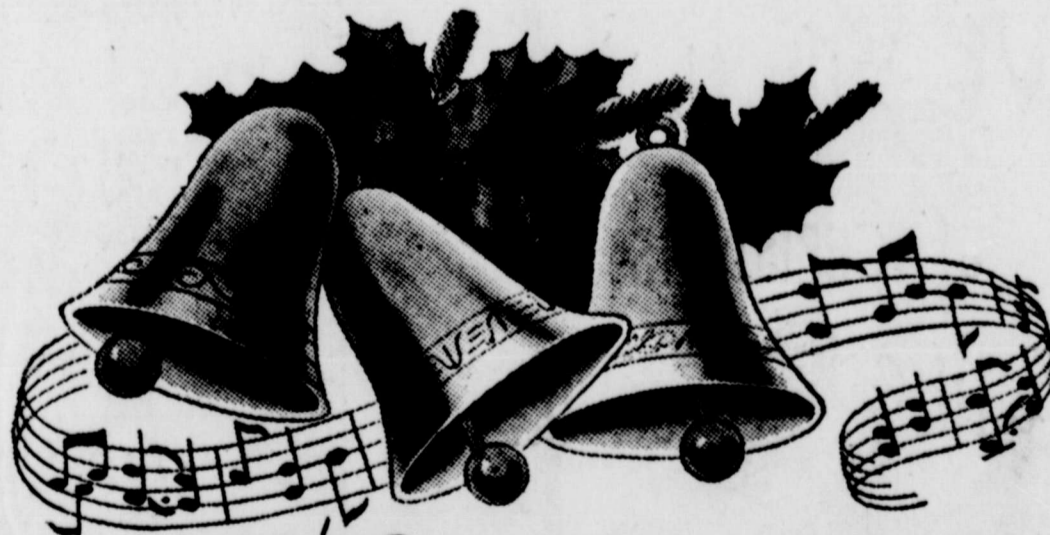


### ROACH'S

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tom Roach  
Mrs. Leota Scott



ADAMS ABSTRACT CO.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell



Greetings

May happy Christmas bells ring out for you the best of the season's cheer and may the melody stay with you for many, many joyous days.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

O. B. Jacobs

Sammy Jo Baker

Frank Keesee

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Good

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek stopped Tuesday enroute to their home near Goldthwaite from a visit with their children at Big Spring. Their son, Luther, has been employed at the carbon black plant there for 11 years and he and his family have purchased a new home. The Meeks' son-in-law, Bill Webb, is also now working at the carbon black plant at Big Spring.

## PERSONALS

Guests over Christmas in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Frank Coalson will include Mr. and Mrs. Truett Rogers and children, Paula and Gary, of Fort Worth. Mr. Rogers is attending the Seminary there. His wife is the former Yvonne Coalson. Also expected are Mrs. Coalson's brother and family, the W. T. Reeds of Judsonia, Ark.

Don Fields is here for a vacation visit until after Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. (Buster) Fields. Don is assistant county agent in Howard County.

Mrs. Jack Gray of Stanton, wife of the former Robert Lee band director, mourns the death of her father, J. S. Bearfield, 69, who died Monday at his home in Miles.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May yours be extra jolly to reward you for the fine friendships, our wish for you on this gala day.



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## BEST WISHES

If we just wish you, simply and sincerely, the old, yet always new wish, you'll understand that we're wishing you With all our heart, a very Merry Christmas



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Jeff Dean and Family

Mrs. Mary Patterson

May the blessings of CHRISTMAS be with you this season



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We salute you this Christmas with the wish that God may bless you with every good thing.

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PLENTY OF DRESSED HENS & TURKEYS

THESE PRICES GOOD THROUGH MONDAY, DEC 24

FREE TURKEY to be given away Monday at 10 A.M. Be sure to Register Friday and Saturday.

Closed Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 25 & 26



## Evergreen Symbol Of Sadness for People of Finland

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room ceiling.

Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the altars are banked and windows are filled with them, so that before dawn on Christmas morning the churches beckon ap-

proaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

## Christmas Down Through the Years

Christmas was first observed in England around A. D. 521, during the reign of King Arthur. Observance of the holiday (as well as that of Easter) was forbidden when the Puritans conquered in 1642. They passed an act in Parliament forbidding the celebration of both holidays and it was not until the Restoration of Charles II that these Christian practices again became prevalent in England.

Most historians credit Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" as being perhaps the most effective force behind England's return to the observance of Christmas.

Celebrating Christmas was at one time forbidden on American shores. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay Colony passed a law stipulating a fine of five shillings for anyone "found observing any such days as Christmas, or the like, either by forebearing labor, feasting or any other way, as a festival..."

Almost thirty years later, the first "legal" Christmas was observed in America when Gov. Andros conducted services in the town hall of Boston.

Many of our modern Christmas customs resulted from early efforts to transform major pagan customs

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under Christian influence.

In the eighth century, St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, persuaded his converts

to substitute a green fir tree for their sacred oak and to adorn the green tree in a way that would pay tribute to the Christ Child.

# Greetings

It is a genuine pleasure at the Holiday season to depart from usual business routines and wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.



**FOREMOST DAIRIES**

Mr. and Mrs. Linzy McDorman and Brenda Sue



the old, old story of

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas can and should be more than just a day...

It should be a spirit as vital throughout the year as on the Birthday of the Saviour.

For the Spirit of Christmas is the

Spirit of a love and faith which nothing can dim. It is the spirit of the Golden Rule... the essence of friendship.

For yours we are grateful and as the

Season is properly observed

we wish each of you a glorious Holiday.

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**SANCO PROGRAM**

A Christmas program has been scheduled at the Sanco Evangelical Methodist Church beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. A group of young folks will accom-

pany the pastor from the First Evangelical Methodist Church of America in San Angelo and present an interesting program, along with others from the Sanco community. Everybody is invited to attend.



We like to say "thank you" for the opportunity of serving you and to wish you success and prosperity in the days that lie ahead... may you enjoy a merry Christmas.

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# GOOD WISHES



Because it's Christmas time we want to wish you health and happiness for Christmas Day, for the day after Christmas and through the year. For your fine patronage we are grateful.

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## Sanitary Group Held Meeting In Robert Lee

The Fort Concho Sanitary Association held its December meeting at the Varnadore Cafe Thursday night, December 13. A nice turkey dinner was served to the members and guests. Commissioners Wayman Robertson and Curtis Walker attended the meeting.

C. E. Swanson gave an interesting talk on city planning. He showed how a city should plan for the future in regard to industry, width of streets and the all important factor of having an adequate water supply to meet the demands as well as water mains and laterals to take care of the supply.

Officers for the year 1957 were elected, as follows:

Eddy Young, President, San Angelo.

Charley Bryant, Vice President, San Angelo.

Virginia Jay, Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Lee.

C. W. Guess, Assistant Chairman, San Angelo.

This is Mrs. Jay's sixth year to serve as secretary. The purpose of the association is to give credit toward the members operating license and to help each other in whatever problem comes up.

### ATTEND GRAND LODGE

W. M. Milican, W. J. Martin and C. S. Brown recently attended sessions of the Masonic Grand Lodge in Waco. The annual meeting drew 3,500 Masons from all over the state. Paul Turney of Sonora was named Grand Master. Mr. Brown concluded a year's official appointment as deputy in the Robert Lee and San Angelo area.

### WILL WED DEC. 26

The marriage of Miss Rose Marie Sawyer and Garland Davis, popular Robert Lee young couple, will take place at 7 p. m. next Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Robert Lee Methodist Church. The Rev. Travis McNair will officiate. All friends of the couple are invited to witness the ceremony.

## Deer Hides Used By Patients Of T-B Hospital

Austin, December 11 — Donation of deer hides for use in occupational therapy at state TB hospitals slowed a bit during recent warm weather, collection centers over the state indicate.

Sportsmen planning a last try at the elusive game during Christmas holidays are reminded by the State Volunteer Council for TB Hospitals that the deer hide they donate may help some patient get well.

L. M. Rathbone, Austin Taxidermist who receives and cures the hides for tanning, says a handful of common table salt scattered over the wet surface will keep them from spoiling in shipment.

Most motor freight lines will transport the hides free if they are properly salted, drained and labeled "For TB Patients." Such shipments should be addressed to Austin Taxidermist Studio, 2708 Fredericksburg Road, Austin, Tex.

Many deer storage plants also will send in the hides if asked to do so.

Funds for tanning are still needed, too, according to Buckskin Committee Chairman Grady Hill of San Angelo. Checks made payable to "Bucks for Buckskins" may be sent to the Volunteer Council for State TB Hospitals, Box S, Capitol Station, Austin, or to Chairman Hill at the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Darvin, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gregston, received a broken collar bone recently while playing at school. He is a second grade pupil.



In genuine appreciation of your cooperation during the year just closing, and in strong belief that we will be of greater service to you in the next twelve months, we send you a cordial wish for a Christmas of good cheer and a happy, bright New Year!

### SPECIAL NOTICE

We still have plenty of lovely Christmas Flowers off all kinds. Also holly!



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## GREETINGS AT CHRISTMASTIME!

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# THE OBSERVETTE

## Who Is It??

By Nettie Bob Bell

The girl this week is an upper classman. She stands 5'7½" in height and weighs 145 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes. Red is her favorite color and steak is at the top of her list among foods. Her favorite sport is basketball and she's very active in this. "Blueberry Hill" seems to be her choice among songs. For entertainment, she enjoys going to the show and dancing. Dating is her favorite pastime. Bookkeeping is her hardest subject. Stuck up people are her pet peeves and "dadgum" is her slang expression.

The boy this week is also an

upper classman. He stands 6'1" in height and tips the scales at 180 pounds. He has brownish blonde hair and green eyes. His favorite color is blue and shrimp is his favorite dish. Among sports football is his favorite. He chose "Moonlight Gambler" as his favorite song. Algebra seems to be his hardest subject. For entertainment he likes to read, and watching television is his pastime. His pet peeve is rather unusual "elders" and his slang expression is "shoot".

Last week's boy and girl was Wayne Calder and Carroll Bagwell.

## What If?

Ronnie was a couple of years

older?

Kenney was the quiet-type?

Doris did like Gary?

Christmas vacation was longer?

Joyce was big and fat?

Patty wasn't "a crazy, mixed-up fish"?

Manire wasn't coach?

Martha's last initial was "M" (M. M.)?

Sandra was 5'5"?

Robbie hadn't played football?

Mike had blonde hair?

Wade ignored Betty?

Troy had to wear shoes instead of boots?

Gay hadn't come to R. L. H. S.?

Carolyn C. wasn't engaged?

Charlie lived in Robert Lee, Marta?

Leslie, Troy and Dale sat by each other in Algebra?

All the boys weren't going steady?

Dale went to Colorado City?

The Seniors were sophs, and the sophs, Eighth graders?

Yours Truly hadn't written this column?

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## Grade School News

By Judy Allen

The first graders are learning poems in December they learned "Do You Know What I'd Like to Do?", "When Santa Comes," "Christmas," and "Night Before Christmas." In the Christmas program, they act the part of Brownies.

Tyrus Davis bought the second grade a tree which they have decorated very pretty. The birthdays last week were: Wanda Yabrough, Derexal Skipworth, Jimmy Varnadore and Susan Gloria.

In Mrs. Eastland's second grade class, they have the Biblical scene in the Christmas Program. In the class they are studying this. They are using a flannel board to show different paintings of the birth of Jesus.

The third grade has the Dutch scene in the Christmas Program.

The first six grades are presenting a Christmas program, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

## CHRISTMAS

What is Christmas? Many believe that it is being so commercialized that the true meaning is being lost. They believe that all people think about is giving and receiving gifts.

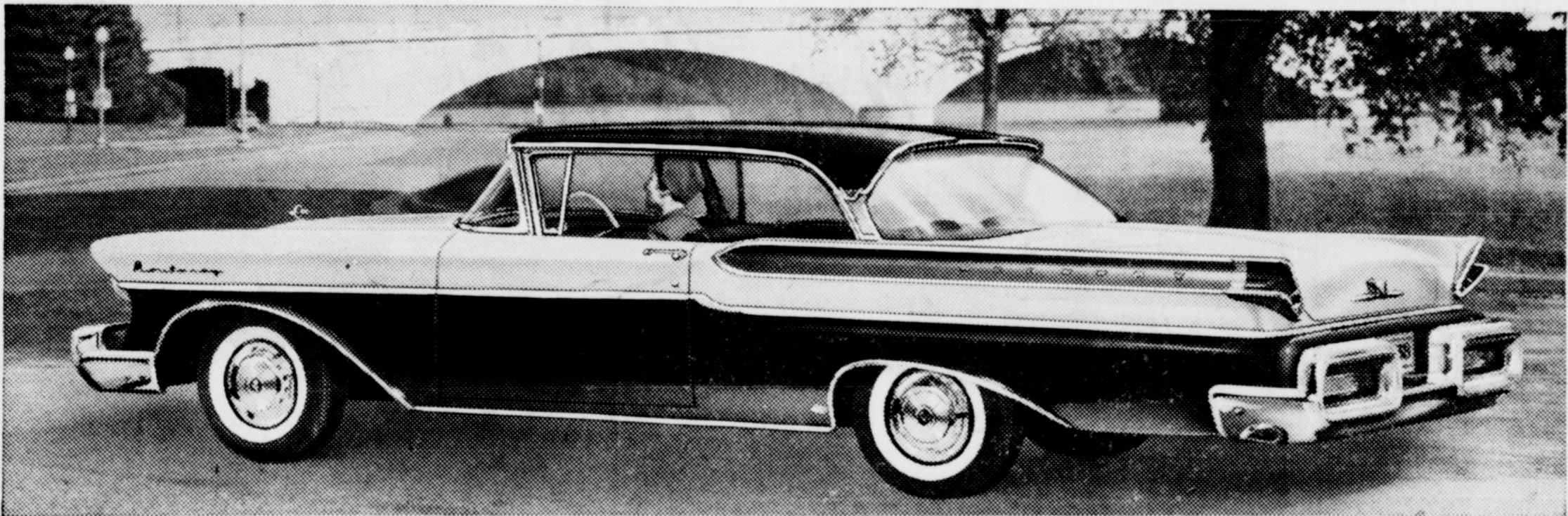
Christmas is the birthday of Christ. A time when all people should be thankful and forgiving. They should feel a closer relationship with God.

School will be let out Friday, the 21st, for the Christmas holidays. Everyone is very anxious for Friday to come. School will not open until the first of the year. This will be a nice time to get rested up for the last semester of school. I hope everyone has a nice holiday.



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## JUS' TALK

By DORIS SPARKS

### WONDERING:

What Senior boy eats Baby food? Bam, do you like it??

Why W. H. was so secretive about what he did Thursday nite??

Why Don is so hep about Eldorado?? Who is this Becky???

Where Freddy was Thursday nite?? Martha thinks that Merton really has the boys!! How about this, Freddy???

Who stole the lights out of the bus Sat. nite??

Who Carolyn Box was with Sun. afternoon?? Looks like a regular dream boat??

Why Gary and Charles were late to school Fri. afternoon?? Were your consciences bothering you??

What Peggy did to get so much teasing on the bus Sat. nite.

What Dale, Mike and Troy were doing Sat. nite. Have fun, boys??

Why Frances was so disappointed Thursday nite after the bus got back???

Why Wayne sent his class ring to Silver with Gay. "Is it all that bad, Pat?"

W. H. and Pat Conner, Jerry and Jo Ann, and Wayne and Peggy triple dated Thurs. nite. Where did you all go??

Francis and Kenny were with Dale after church Sun. nite! Which one was with him and which one was just along??

Don stayed in Eldorado Saturday with his Daddy?? Or was it Becky??

Tom and Gay didn't seem to enjoy the ball games very much Sat. nite or did they just find something more interestin'??

Marta, you shouldn't flirt with Monty so much! What will Dina think??

Sherman was up this weekend so Judy was kept pretty busy.

Nettie Bob was seen wearing a football jacket Saturday night. Whose was it, Net??

Squeakie and Gay came to Robert Lee to the Methodist church.

W. H. and Patricia Connor are going steady.

Jerry H. and Jo Ann M. are also going steady.

Sharon has been seen with that "Dreamboat" named Alex.

Mary Beth was real happy this weekend. Of course it couldn't have been because Dennie came in.

Sat. night dates of the Seniors were: Carroll and Jimmy Noel, Mary Beth and Dennis, Sharon and Walter, Simp and Delton, Nancy and Sammie, and Joyce and Skeeter.

## More Honors For Robert Lee Future Farmers

Robert Lee FFA walked off with four of the five first place banners at the District Leadership Contest held in San Angelo recently.

The Senior Chapter conducting team composed of President Burson, Vice-President Jamie Schooler, Secretary Sam Skipworth, Treasurer Dennis Blair, Reporter Tom Sawyer, Sentinel, Douglas Robertson, Members Marlow Wojtek, Larry Cheatham and Bobby Cowley placed first among the seven District Schools. L. M. Hargrave, Professor at Texas Tech in Lubbock, judged the contest.

The Jr. Chapter Conducting team with Freddy Ross as President, David Waldrop, Vice-President, Terry Bryan, Secretary, Douglas Ashworth, Treasurer, Butch Service, Reporter, A. J. Summers, Sentinel, Frankie Casey and Kenneth Wink as delegates, followed in the footsteps of place. Clemon Montgomery, Area of the Seniors by also winning first Supervisor, served as judge of this group.

Robert Lee scored 276 out of 300 to defeat Ozona by 4 points in winning the FFA Quiz. Individual scores: Kenneth Wink 96, Freddy

Ross 90, A. J. Summers 90. The FFA Quiz is based on parliamentary procedure questions and FFA activities.

Sam Skipworth, Jamie Schooler, Larry Cheatham and Douglas Robertson demonstrated their ability

on Radio Broadcasting on "The Current Farm Problem" to be judged first out of three teams competing in the Radio Contest. The broadcast included a panel discussion on the farm problems facing our Nation's farmers.

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### PLACE MATS

If you feel your Christmas cards are too pretty to throw away, make them into place mats. Cardboard such as shirt pasteboard makes

a good base for them. Paste the cards to the cardboard with shellac. Then coat the surface with one or more coats of thinned fresh white shellac.

Hey Dad!  
Be big shot

Give the whole family an Electric gift for Christmas

hello Reddy -  
make mine an Electric gift

See Your Electric Appliance Dealer or  
**West Texas Utilities Company**

## Attorney Bill McDonald Gives Hints On Rose Culture Here in West Texas

William C. McDonald of San Angelo, former Bronte and Robert Lee resident, is not only a well known lawyer but is considered one of the best authorities on rose culture in West Texas.

Bill recently gave a radio talk on roses and has sent us a copy for publication, feeling that it will be of interest to his many old Coke County friends. We are happy to publish it herewith:

This is William C. McDonald, and I am pinch hitting this morning for Mr. Wyatt; Mr. Wyatt was supposed to make this talk, but as he had to go after some plants, he requested me to make this broadcast.

The subject is "Roses." As I am growing 138 different varieties, maybe I can give you some information that will prove helpful.

It is now time that you prepared your rose beds for the setting of the plants you intend to buy. In fact, your beds should be prepared several weeks before you set your new plants.

Roses are not difficult to grow here; yet, there are a few simple fundamental rules that should be followed if you are to obtain best results from your plants.

You may either grow your plants as specimens, or in beds. If you are to prepare a bed, then I would suggest that you dig it 14 to 18 inches deep; 5 ft. wide and 20 ft. long. This gives you 100 square feet and will enable you to later apply such chemicals as might be required with little effort, as most of them give directions for application to 100 square feet on the bottle, jug or box.

The soil in this area is well suited for roses provided only that you mix ample peat moss with it. In some sections of this area there is no need to haul in top soil, as your soil is excellent as it is; however, if you live on a caliche hill as I do, then it is necessary that you dig your beds the required depth, cart off the caliche and haul in good top mesquite soil. Mix this dirt with an abundance of peat moss and be sure that you leave at least a 4 inch basin so that your rose bed will be easy to water. Then soak the mixture of soil and peat moss and let it settle. It is a good idea to turn the bed once or twice and soak each time before you plant the rose bushes. So prepare your beds now. You will want to begin planting your roses about December 15, and they may be planted successfully until April in this section.

Your local nurserlyman will fully instruct you on how to plant the bushes you buy from him. But water them well, as here we have no drainage problems, and it is nearly impossible to over water your plants.

Do not buy inferior or second grade plants; buy only No. 1, field grown roses. And here, I want to say a word about the under stock. There are a number of understocks used upon which roses are budded. The more common being Dr. Huey, Multiflora and Ragged Robbin. Each of these wild understocks has a definite influence on the roses budded thereon. I have experimented with each, and beyond any doubt those roses which have been budded on Dr. Huey understock do far better in this section. Your nurseryman knows what understock his plants have been budded on; ask him, he will tell you. Texas usually produces everything better than that of other states; but as most Texas roses are grown in East Texas, and are budded on multiflora understock, we have fallen behind the plants grown in California, as most all California roses are budded on Dr. Huey. Now, those budded on the multiflora do better in East Texas, La., Ark., and those localities where there is ample rainfall and

the humidity is high; but we, in San Angelo, have a climate more similar to that of Arizona, New Mexico, and the more arid States. Therefore, the understock of the rose becomes a major consideration. Dr. Huey is far better out here than any other.

As most California roses are budded to this stock, they will be found superior, and be sure and inquire of your local nurseryman if his roses came from California; and if so, then you will be getting superior plants for this locality. Insist upon plants that have been budded on Dr. Huey understock. (Or California grown roses.)

A woman once asked me: "Mr. McDonald, just what is the best rose?" I answered thus: "The one you like best."

People differ in roses as in everything else, otherwise, there would be only one kind or variety on the market. Some like red roses; for them I would suggest Crimson Glory; for those who want their roses yellow, I would recommend Golden Masterpiece; if you want a rose color then by all means get Charlotte Armstrong; if you want one that blooms in the hot dry West Texas sun continually then get Dean Collins, a grandiflora; if you want a white rose that is never ending in bloom and fragrance, then get Snowbird.

Get your pen and paper and I will give you a list of roses that do well here: These have all done exceptionally well for me, and I have observed them for the past three years and am now referring to my garden notes which I took while observing these roses growing in my garden. From the 138 varieties I am growing, these have given the best performance:

Get your pen and paper and write down these varieties:  
The four best roses in the world: Peace, Crimson Glory, Charlotte Armstrong, and Golden Masterpiece.

These four varieties do well here; also, one of the best here is Dean Collins, a grandiflora. The best florabunda here is Embers.

Of the hybrid Teas I recommend the following:  
Charlotte Armstrong, Chief Se-

attle, Crysler Imperial, Mojave, Tiffany and the new "almost blue rose, Twilight," and of course, that famous yellow, Golden Masterpiece. Opera is a new red that bids to be good here. (You all know what Peace is.)

In the floribundas you will not be disappointed if you set Embers, Circus, Fashion, Geranium Red, Red Pinnocchio, China Doll, Pinkie, and Summer Snow.

In the grandifloras you must set Carrousel and above all, DEAN COLLINS. Montezuma is also good here.

There is a new red rose out this year and which may be excellent; it is called "Midnight." I have not grown it, but from reports of the various test gardens this bids to be an excellent variety.

Snowbird is one of the best whites in the "unknown class." It is listed by the American Rose Society as a Hybrid Tea, but its growth and habit seem to be more of a "Tea" rose; at any rate, it is one of the very best whites grown in this section.

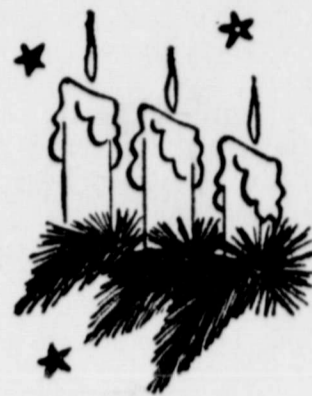
The old tried and true roses,

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## LET'S LIGHT THE Christmas Candles



As you light the Yule tapers at this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

Watch for the opening date of our new service station on the Y intersection. We hope to be open for business soon after the first of the year.

MR. AND MRS. A. B. SHEPPARD

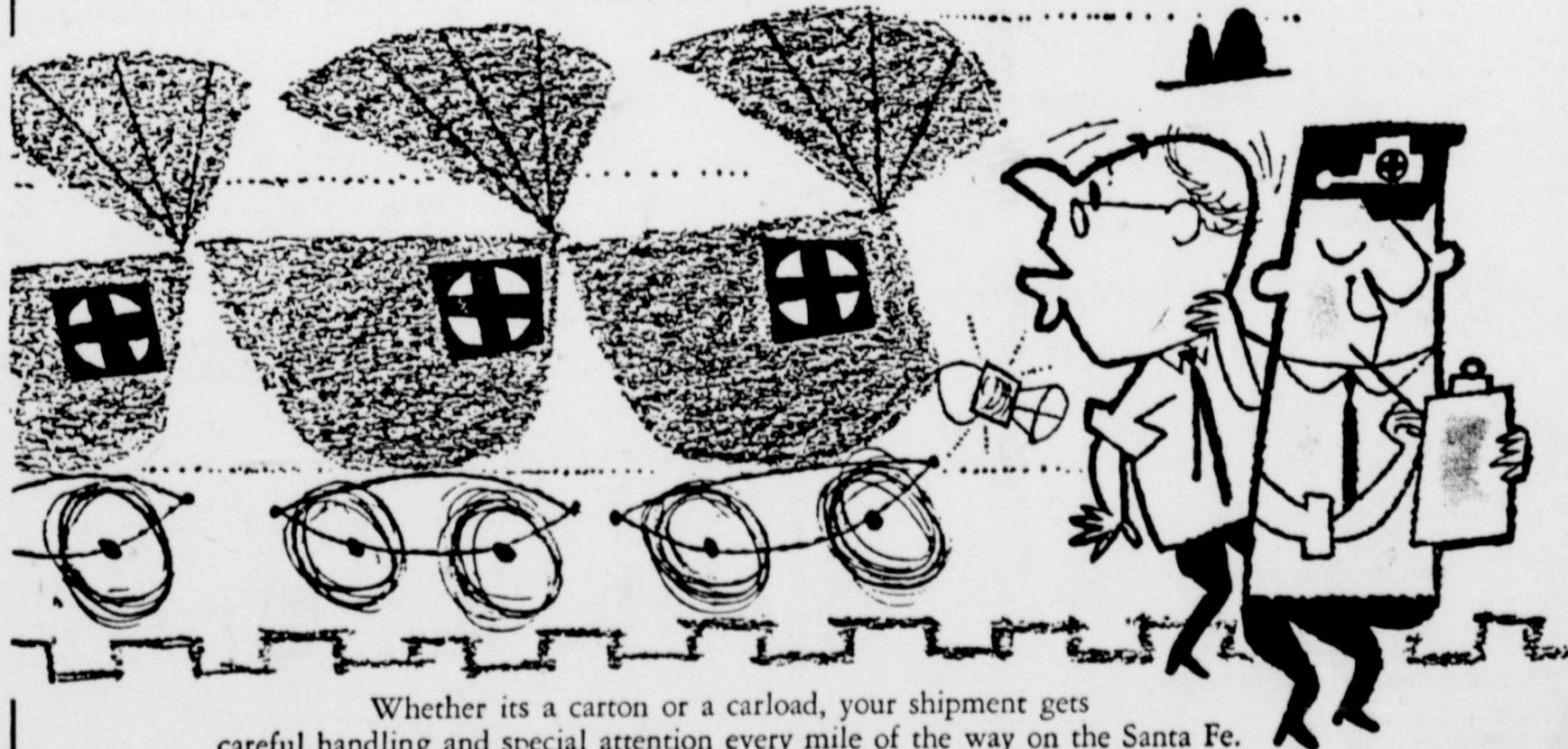
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**ROSES—**

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Radiance, Hoover, Etoile de Holland, etc., although good, must step aside for the newer varieties, these were excellent and are still fair roses, but these older varieties are not nearly so good as many of the later originations.

Roses, as automobiles have been improved through the years and a great many of the later originations are superior to many of the older favorites.

Your local nurseryman will tell you which varieties should be planted in full sun or in part shade, as many varieties will not do good here unless given some shade, whereas, others demand the full sun. Some are tall growing and some grow low and have a tendency to spread; your local nurseryman will gladly assist you in getting the right plants for the specific spot you want to set.

Remember, here you cannot use too much peat moss; and in fact, roses will not grow to do any good here without a lot of it.

In conclusion, I must remind

you again of Dean Collins, Golden Masterpiece and Twilight. Now, some do not like the color of Twilight, it is nearly a blue rose, or that is a lavender, but the shade is so unusual that every rose garden needs one or two of these plants. At least it grows well here and will take full sun or may be grown in part shade. I believe you will like Dean Collins best in full sun. Give it plenty of room as the bush grows wide, but is covered with blooms all season.

I know of no very large bloom which has so many as Golden Masterpiece. Generally, if the bloom is extra large, there will not be an abundance of them; but this is not true of Golden Masterpiece, as not only is it the largest yellow rose in the world, but it produces a great abundance of bloom. It is a sun rose also and does not fade.

I hope I have not said anything that Mr. Wyatt will not agree with, and I trust that my remarks will prove of some benefit to you who grow roses in West Texas.

W. C. McDonald

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to take this method of thanking our friends for their good wishes and the many gifts which we received on the recent happy occasion of our golden wedding

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anniversary. It was so nice of all of you, and we appreciate having so many wonderful friends.—Ninnie and Bob Paterson.

Mrs. Fred McDonald, Jr. is recovering from pneumonia. She has been a patient in the Bronte Hospital.

Because friendship is the foundation of business relationships, it gives us pleasure at this Holiday time to extend to you our

best wishes for a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**OLENE'S BEAUTY SHOP**

MRS. CHAS. SIMS

MRS. MIKE CASEY



**A**s the Star of Bethlehem so long ago guided the Magi to the manger where the Infant lay, it is our prayer that the spiritual meaning of this Holy Season will guide you, one and all, to greater hope and happiness!

**MR. AND MRS. W. B. CLIFT**



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*The brightest note on our Holiday calendar is this opportunity to express our thanks for your loyal patronage and wish you a Very Merry Christmas!*

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