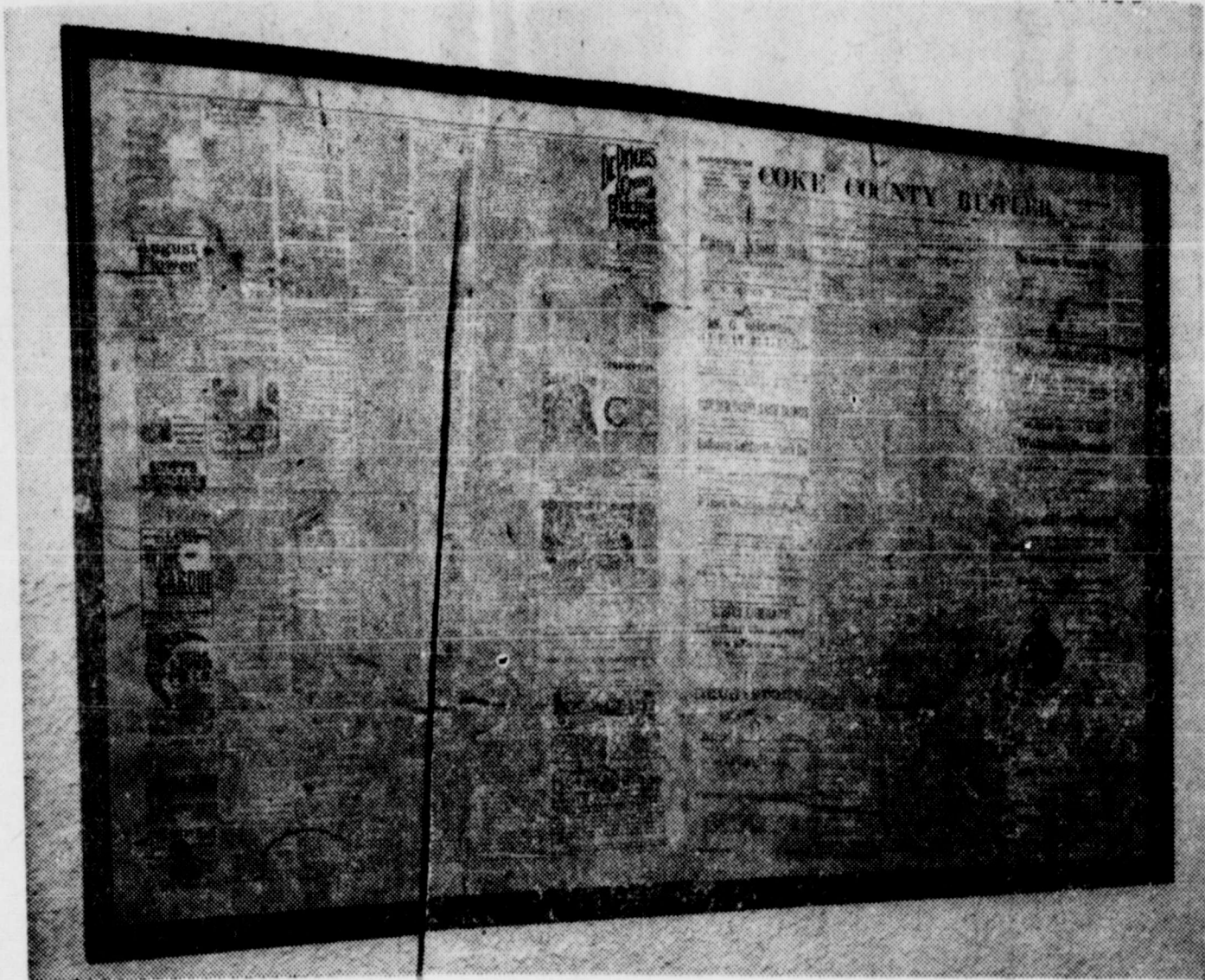


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1881 Rustlers In Cornerstone Of Old Court House

Coke County has had a newspaper since soon after the county was organized. In the early days it was known as the Coke County Rustler, but about 20 years later the name was changed to The Observer.

Shown above is one of the copies of The Rustler removed from the cornerstone when the court house was torn down this summer. Two of the papers were printed in May, 1891, at Hayrick and the third issue was dated July of the same year after the courthouse and newspaper plant were moved from Hayrick to Robert Lee.

The papers were not well preserved as water had seeped to the cornerstone. They are readable, however, and are displayed under glass on the landing leading to the basement. Little of historical value was found in the old cornerstone.

The Rustlers of 1881 carried a small amount of local news and it had lots of advertisements in San Angelo, Ballinger, Colton City and Sweetwater, as well as some from new Robert Lee.

Files are not complete, as far as can be determined in this newspaper has never missed an issue since it was established in the year 1880.

The Observer can rightfully claim to be the oldest newspaper establishment in Coke County.

DEATH OF C. A. McKINNEY

Charlie Alvin McKinney, long time resident of the Division community southwest of Robert Lee, died Dec. 31 in Austin. Funeral services have been set for today at Johnson-Cox funeral home in San Angelo. Burial will be in the Divide cemetery. Mr. McKinney was a Divide ranchman more than 50 years. Surviving his wife, a son, Vernon McKinney, two grandchildren, Mary Karl Alvin, one brother and sister. He was a brother of the late Mrs. Emma Cox of Robert Lee who died a few months ago.

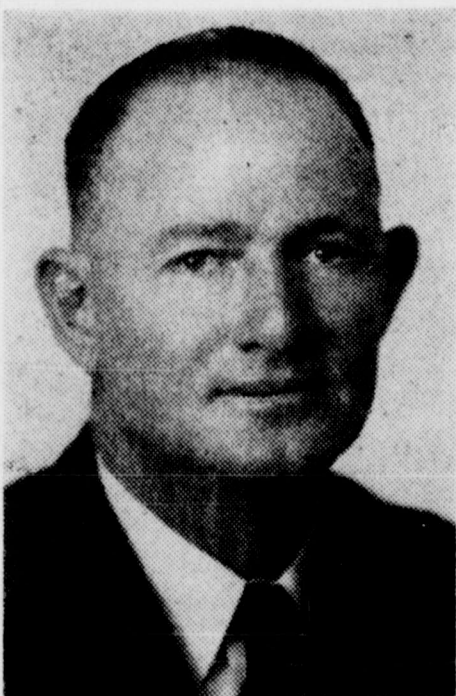
BACK TO COLLEGE

The following Robert Lee young people have returned to college after spending the holidays with home folks:

- Texas Tech—Milburn Wink, Mary Ann Gray.
- Sul Ross—Richard Lewis Jay, Leslie Nell Wink.
- Baylor—David Dumas.
- North Texas State, Denton—Tommy Kirkpatrick, Roland McArthur.

San Angelo College—Jimmy Gray, Betty and Nell Burson, Joyce Bagwell, Voleta Harwell, Jo Clawson and Bill Simpson.

Tommy Hood has returned to Austin after a holiday vacation spent in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jett Hood. Tommy is a student at the State School for the Blind at Austin.



LEAVES OFFICE—J. W. Service on Monday rounded out eight years as County Commissioner in Precinct 1. He has served his precinct and the county well and retires from office with the respect and friendship of the community. Many changes and much progress have been made since Mr. Service took office in 1949 and he has had a guiding hand in all of it. Eight years ago county funds were overdrawn, and tax money from oil was just starting to come in. Mr. Service leaves a considerable balance in the Precinct 1 road fund which will be at the disposal of his successor.

1957 Dimes March Opens in Coke To Finish Polio Job

"Let's finish the job!"

This is the theme announced by the March of Dimes headquarters here for the campaign that will be carried on through January.

The "job" is two-fold: To raise funds for repair of the damage that polio has done to thousands of Americans in the past and to prevent the disease from crippling more thousands in the future.

March of Dimes spokesmen explain that an estimated 80,000 persons have been left handicapped by polio, throughout the length and breadth of the United States; and they point out that the job of conquering the disease cannot be considered finished until these patients have been helped to regain normal and productive lives.

The second objective of the campaign is to promote the widest possible use of the Salk vaccine, which was developed under March of Dimes sponsorship, and which has been proven safe and effective many millions of times over.

Commenting on the 16,000 cases of polio reported in 1956, Basil O'Connor, president of the March of Dimes organization, said:

"We of the March of Dimes are determined that 1957 shall not see a repetition of the polio record of 1956. Even so, we know there will be attacks of the disease, and we must provide for the care of all who need it."

"We must also remember," Mr. O'Connor added, "those persons for whom the vaccine came too late. When we give to the March of Dimes, we are helping those who need help and protecting those who don't."

Heading the polio campaign in Coke County this year is I. C. Oden of Bronte, while Lewis Heuvel of Edith is chairman for the west side of the county.

Mr. Heuvel reports that Mrs. Winnie Waldrop, deputy county clerk, will be secretary-treasurer. Community chairmen will be Supt. Paul Ashby at Silver, Mrs. Fred McCabe, Divide, and C. A. Dukes and E. C. McArthur of Edith.

NEELY GARDNER HERE

Arriving the last of the week for a visit with his sister, Mrs. I. B. Millican, was Neely Gardner and his wife of Sacramento, Calif. Mr. Gardner was born and raised in the Edith community. He left here in 1911 to spend a few years in Kansas and Missouri and graduated from Wichita University. He moved to California in 1922. Mr. Gardner retired last summer from his position as English instructor and counsellor at Sacramento Junior College. Since then the Gardners have been enjoying a leisurely motor trip which took them to Maine and down to Florida, then back into southern and midwestern states.

Poll Taxes May Be Important In 1957 Elections

Only 283 new poll tax receipts had been issued in Coke County up to Dec. 31, according to Deputy Sheriff O. B. Jacobs.

While poll taxes drop off in off-election years, it is pointed out that Texas will have an important special election this spring to name a new United Senator.

School elections held annually and any other local elections which may be called require payment of a poll tax.

Deadline for paying your poll tax is Jan. 31.

DEATH OF MRS. R. O. JAY

Mrs. R. O. Jay died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at her home in Van Alstyne after a year's illness. She was the mother of Sam Jay of Robert Lee and Raymond Jay of San Angelo, both of whom were enroute to Van Alstyne at the time of their mother's death. They were accompanied by their nephew, Dick Skipworth, and were joined at Abilene by their sister, Mrs. Kate Melton. Mrs. Jay, 80, was a long time resident of the Van Alstyne community. She is survived by her husband and eight children.

Mrs. Jack Corley of Tennyson received the Norge automatic gas range awarded Christmas Eve by Butane Service Co. at Bronte.



FERN HAVINS is the new County Commissioner in Precinct 1 and began his 4-year term Jan. 1. Mr. Havins has been active in community affairs and is a former Robert Lee city councilman. He says he has no big plans to announce immediately, but wants to see the county get value received for its tax money. R. C. Sawyer is the only member of the Precinct 1 road crew who is being retained. New appointments include Jett Hood and Roy Casey.

COKE RAINFALL WAS 12 INCHES DURING 1956

NEWS RELEASE
Soil Conservation Service

The year 1956 has passed into history; and the lack of rainfall recorded some horrible stories upon the pages of time. The drought was the most devastating the first 10½ months of the year when we received 5.7 inches of rainfall, according to unofficial records maintained by the Soil Conservation Service at Robert Lee. A total of 12.2 inches were recorded in 1956.

The rain received by months is recorded below:

January	0.7 inches
February	0.2 inches
March	0.0 inches
April	2.3 inches
May	0.9 inches
June	0.2 inches
July	0.8 inches
August	0.3 inches
September	0.4 inches
October	4.9 inches
November	0.3 inches
December	1.3 inches
Total	12.2 inches

Lack of any effective moisture during the growing season resulted in the shortest crops ever produced in the Coke County Soil Conservation District.

Landowners harvested only a few bales of cotton, did not combine any grain sorghum, or harvest any bundle feed. All the grain sorghum died before maturing and most of it was grazed.

Not until October 15th was there a bright spot in the rainfall, when 4.9 inches were recorded during the next 15 days. The 4.9 fell in four rains with 1.9 being the largest rain. These rains fell in slow gentle showers that produced very little runoff. They have provided some good moisture where nearly all soaked into the ground.

Rainfall in 1956 added to the devastation of the drought of the past decade. From unofficial records the rainfall received during the past eleven years is listed below with only 1949 receiving normal rains.

Years	Rainfall
1946	7.2 inches
1947	11.5 inches
1948	13.9 inches
1949	24.6 inches
1950	16.2 inches
1951	13.9 inches
1952	10.1 inches
1953	13.0 inches
1954	14.3 inches
1955	12.6 inches
1956	12.2 inches

The landowner or operator does not have any power over providing rain, however, the condition their land is in when rain comes makes a big difference on the effectiveness of the rain; because it is the rain that we keep that counts.

During the rains in October, the moisture penetrated 40 inches while on other soils with no cover or that had not been plowed the moisture soaked only 5 and 6 inches in the ground, according to A. V. Sheppard, Work Unit Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service.

POLIO BENEFIT GAME

Bronte and Robert Lee boys and girls high school teams will play a double header at the Robert Lee gym on the night of Jan. 10, when all proceeds will go to the March of Dimes. Lew Heuvel, campaign chairman, says the event will be given a big build-up.

Popular Robert Lee Couple Are Wed In Church Ceremony Here Dec. 26th

The marriage of Miss Rose Marie Sawyer and Garland Ellis Davis, popular Robert Lee young couple, took place at 7 p. m. Dec. 26 at the Methodist church. The Rev. Travis McNair officiated with the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sawyer and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory C. Davis.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina gown of white lace and a panel of pleated tulle over white taffeta. The bodice had a V-shaped neckline and shirred sleeves.

She carried a bouquet of white carnations and lillies of the valley atop a white Bible.

Kenneth June Sawyer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a street length dress of red brocaded taffeta. Her flowers were similar to those carried by the bride.

Becky Ann Lyon of El Paso cousin of the bride, was flower girl and the ringbearer was Jim Bob Davis of Amarillo, a cousin of the bridegroom. Edwin Gene (Butch) Davis served his brother as best man. Ushers were Tom Sawyer and Eddy Roy Braswell.

Organist was Ronnie Sims and the singer was Carolyn Childress, who wore a pale green brocaded taffeta dress. Traditional wedding music was played and Miss Childress sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Christmas greenery sprayed with artificial snow was used in the decorations along with poinsettias and candelabra.

Following the wedding a reception was given in the church parlors, with the bride's mother presiding. A three-tiered cake and punch were served from a table covered with a white linen cut-work cloth.

When the couple left for a brief honeymoon trip to Austin and San Antonio the bride was wearing a brown wool suit with corkette shoes and bag and a brown velvet hat.

Mrs. Davis graduated from Robert Lee High School and is now employed as a clerk in the Coke County ASC office.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Robert Lee High School and San Angelo College and attended West Texas State College at Canyon. He is employed as English teacher in Robert Lee High School.

The couple is residing in one of Mrs. J. J. S. Smith's residence properties in the north part of town.

Guests over Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. (Buster) Fields were Miss Beth Gilmore of Monahans and the Connie Brown family of Alamogordo, New Mex. The ladies' mother, Mrs. Mary Gilmore, has been here since November when her home burned at Whitney.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Millican were their sons, Alton and family of San Antonio, Dewey and his family of Welch, Freeman of Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders of Stanton.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lee, who reside in the Lometa community southeast of Robert Lee, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at open house in the home of their son, Edgar L. Lee, in San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jordan, former Coke County residents, celebrated their golden wedding Christmas Day at their home in San Angelo. Six of their eight sons and daughters were present. Mr. Jordan taught school for more than 30 years. The family moved from Coke County to San Angelo in 1940. Mrs. Ben Steffey is one of their daughters.

PERSONALS

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Ethel Green included her sister, Mrs. Pauline Garrett, of Carlsbad, N. Mex., J. D. Green and family of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Augustine and children of Sterling City, and Garlan Green and family of Colorado City. The Garlan Greens have been entertaining her mother, Mrs. Lupe George, of New York City, who left from San Antonio for a visit and business trip to Mexico City.

Christmas week guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Page were Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Page and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snyder and little son, Harrell Lynn, of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Modgling and sons, Elmer Lynn and Geary of Weatherford and Ronnie Robbins of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wojtek entertained a number of holiday guests in their home last Thursday, including Mrs. R. A. Perry of Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Paysinger and son, Robert, of Uvalde, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davis and daughters, Marilyn and Patsy of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Young of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave King were happy to have their three daughters and their families home for Christmas. They included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall and baby of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker of Robert Lee. The Andersons have recently moved to Oklahoma City from Pawhuska.

Mrs. L. W. Welch of Kerrville visited over night last Thursday with relatives and friends in Robert Lee. She was accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Carl Williams. The former Ruby Bessent, Mrs. Welch had come here expecting to take her mother back to Kerrville, but learned that she was in Pecos visiting her sons. While in Robert Lee Mrs. Welch renewed her subscription to The Observer.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 26—Fred Roe, Sr., Mrs. Oscar Collett, Mrs. W. P. McDorman admitted. Mrs. Thelma Mauldin, Howard Varnadore dismissed.

Dec. 27—R. S. Crum, Bobby Cowley admitted. Fred Roe, Mrs. C. E. McDonald, Mrs. Pearl Mayo dismissed.

Dec. 28—Carl Brock, E. C. Davis, Mrs. Sam Fowler admitted. Mrs. W. P. McDorman, Mrs. Oscar Collett, Bobby Collett, Mrs. Sam Jay, Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick dismissed.

Dec. 29—Mrs. Leslie Copeland, Mrs. C. G. Walker, Mrs. James Bynum admitted. E. C. Davis, Mrs. Sam Fowler, Mrs. Mary McKool, Mrs. B. B. Duncan dismissed.

Dec. 30—Mrs. Sam Williams, Mrs. Jack Cowley, Mrs. Bruce Clift admitted. Mrs. James Bynum, Mrs. Gary Elliott and infant son dismissed.

Dec. 31—Mrs. Oscar Collett, Jack Trimble, E. O. Higgins, Kathy Denman admitted.

Jan. 1—Jerry Dean, Vicki McAdams admitted. Mrs. Leslie Copeland, Mrs. C. G. Walker, Mrs. Oscar Collett dismissed.



L. T. YOUNGBLOOD

L. T. Youngblood Re-Appointed to UCRA Board

Among the list of appointments announced this week by Gov. Shivers was the naming of L. T. Youngblood to succeed himself as a director of the Upper Colorado River Authority for a 6-year term.

Also re-appointed UCRA directors were Rufus W. Foster of Sterling City and Dale Leddy of San Angelo. Leddy was named to the board last spring to succeed H. C. Ragsdale.

Mr. Youngblood, well known Bronte banker, is one of the first UCRA directors and has served as chairman of the group for many years. He has worked closely with G. C. Allen of Robert Lee, who looks after UCRA business as its secretary-treasurer. Cumbie Ivey of Robert Lee is also a UCRA director.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bird of Knickerbocker were Christmas guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Green, and family.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Phillips of Dalhart visited here last Friday with Mrs. Phillips' aunt, Mrs. Curtis Walker. Mrs. Phillips is the former Ruth Allen and was raised at Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Sep Hall visited here a couple of days the last of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Powell. They were driving a new auto from Ft. Worth to their home in El Paso. A former home economics teacher in the Robert Lee high school, Mrs. Hall now directs adult home making which is sponsored by the El Paso public school system. Mr. Hall's health remains bad.

Mrs. Elsie Latham and Chester (Poochie) Allen motored to Carmi, Ill., where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Latham and daughter, Monnette. Lee Roland re-enlisted in the army a few months ago and is now stationed at Ft. Gordon, Ga. Mrs. Latham and Monnette will remain in Carmi until the school term ends next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Richards entertained at a family holiday dinner Sunday. Guests included Commissioner and Mrs. Ed Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turner and grandchildren, Bill and Mimi Cornett of Artesia, New Mex., Pete Hickman and family of Ozona and the C. E. Trimble, Austin Sandusky and Franky Percifull families.

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Phone Company Plans Big Year In Construction

A record 1957 construction budget of \$14,200,000 for General Telephone Company of the Southwest was announced today. The 1957 budget is a 20 per cent increase over the 1956 budget.

W. G. Wright, president of the company, said the largest expenditure will be for outside plant — poles, cable and wire—to extend the company's facilities in the 233 exchanges in which it operates. About \$5,500,000 is earmarked for this purpose.

Approximately \$4,300,000 is budgeted for central office equipment, \$2,800,000 for station equipment, \$1,100,000 for land and buildings, and \$490,000 for vehicles and furniture.

Wright pointed out that the company will convert 25 of its exchanges to dial operation during the year, will establish three new exchanges, and will replace equipment in eight other exchanges. At the end of 1957, 83 per cent of the company's telephones will be dial operated. Anticipated gain in telephones for 1957 is 15,500.

General Telephone Company of the Southwest operates 195,000 telephones in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana and is the largest independent (non-Bell) telephone company in the Southwest.

Considering construction budgets of the Texas Telephone Company and Oklahoma Telephone Company (other General System companies) the total construction budget for all three General Telephone Sys-

tem companies in the Southwest is \$18,400,000.

Home Demonstration Club Activities

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

I am back at work after a nice holiday visit with my folks in East Texas and a few days at home to do some cleaning and rearranging needed about the house. Surely had a nice Christmas.

The H. D. Clubs have started their 1957 meetings already. I am meeting with Bronte and Green Mountain this week and will meet with Silver and Friendship next Wednesday and Thursday respectively. The demonstration is on "Roasting Meats." I will discuss meat and meat cookery while the roast is cooking.

I am getting anxious to start on the semi-tailoring school for leaders. I am planning to have the "pre-meeting" on January 11 at 2 P. M. Two leaders from each club will attend. Fabrics, patterns, findings, and plans for the school will all be discussed.

Committee chairman of the Coke County Home Demonstration Council will meet at 10 A. M. on Tuesday, January 8. These committees will make recommendations for the years work for the H. D. Clubs in the county. The meeting will be in the court house.

Council will meet at 2 P. M. on the same day with Mrs. Jahew Jameson, Silver, Chairman presiding.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Walker was the scene of a happy family gathering when all of their

five children and their families came home for the Christmas holidays. They included Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Varnadore and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and children of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Conger and Debbie of May, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker of Mullin and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker, Jr. and children of Robert Lee.

HARMON REUNION

The four daughters and one son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon enjoyed a reunion Dec. 30 with Mrs. Annie Carriger and family in Midland. Other members of the group were Mrs. H. C. McMinn and granddaughter of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Nellie Daffern of Fort Worth, D. C. Harmon and family of Farmington, New Mex., Canaro Epperson and husband of Coleman, and a grandson, Foy Gene Epperson of Merkel. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Griffin and their children of Rio Oso, Calif. Mrs. Griffin is a daughter of Mrs. McMinn.

SOCIAL SECURITY NOTICE

F. Neil Tarvin, a representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office, will be in Robert Lee and Bronte on the following dates: Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 27. Interested persons should write to the San Angelo district office for an appointment. They will then be notified as to the time and place when the representative will meet

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them. Anyone wishing to file a claim for retirement or survivors benefits under the Social Security Act, or anyone having questions

to ask are invited to make an appointment.

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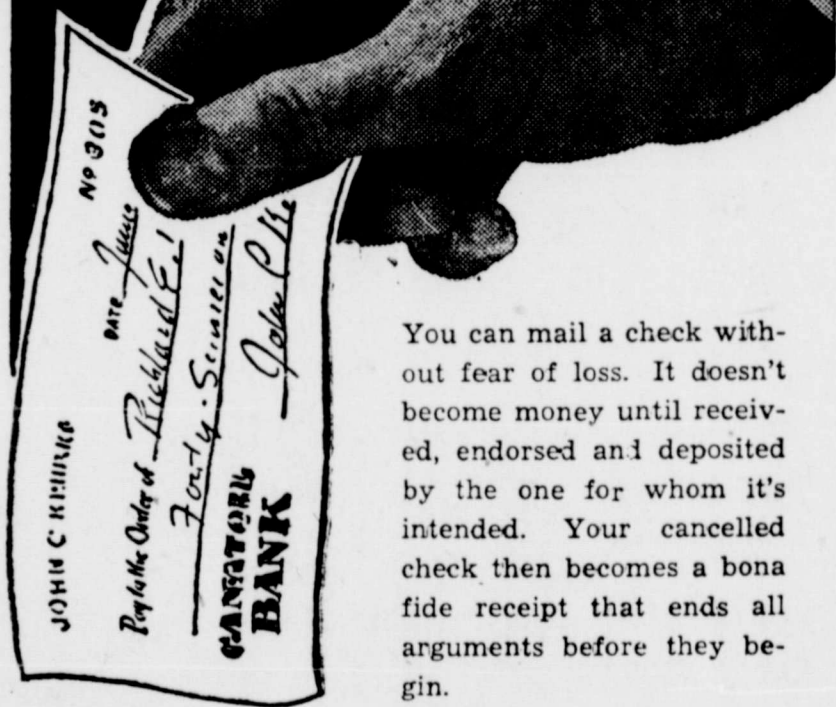
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Silver News

Silver public school took up again Wednesday after two weeks vacation over the holidays.

A group gathering Sunday for a family dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jameson included Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Brown of Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jameson and children of Big Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Duncan of Silver.

John P. Voelkel arrived last Thursday for a two weeks' visit with his son, John Voelkel, and family.

Mrs. P. P. McGee of Colorado City spent Sunday with Silver friends and attended services at the Church of Christ.

H. K. Kirkpatrick has returned from Ada, Okla., where he visited over Christmas with his mother.

Visitors in the Frank Lacik home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thurston and children of Camden, New Jersey, and Mrs. T. S. Grubbs, Sr. of Dallas.

Attending the New Years Day football game in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas were the Hale Kincaids and the George Fugates.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crowson, Sr. of Larenceburg, Tenn., are here for a holiday visit in the home of their son, Charlie Crowson, Sun engineer.

Forrest Ferguson and family visited over the holiday weekend with kinfolks in Dallas.

Mrs. Arch Mathers and son, Robert, returned Sunday from Grand Prairie where they had been with the former's mother, Mrs. Tad Walls, who underwent major surgery last week. The patient is making a good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Weigel and son, Tommy, returned Friday from a week's vacation. They visited relatives at Luling, Uvalde and San Antonio.

Silver Lions Club postponed their meeting this week until Tuesday, Jan. 15. Ladies night will be observed Jan. 29.

Mrs. W. L. Ashmore was called to Johnson City Monday by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. A. B. Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stewart and children joined relatives of Mrs. Stewart at a Christmas gathering at Killeen. She has two brothers who are stationed at Fort Hood, and her parents came from Port Arthur for the event.

Clayton Bloodworth and his wife of Fort Worth are here for a two weeks' holiday visit with kinfolks, the H. L. Bloodworth and Perry Post families. Clayton is stationed in the Air Force at Carswell Field and will complete a 4-year enlistment in early March. His wife is employed in the security division at Consolidated Aircraft factory.

Gene Garner and family visited over Christmas at Eastland and Breckenridge.

Frank Kizer spent Christmas

with his parents in Dallas.

Bob Edwards and family motored to Ozona Saturday where they spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edwards.

C. B. Jacobs and family were in Oklahoma for a Christmas visit with kinfolks, when the former became ill before arriving home on Christmas Day. He has a recurrence of typhus fever and is back in the Colorado City hospital for treatment. Mr. Jacobs is a distillation engineer at Jameson gasoline plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brady of Long Beach, Calif., were holiday guests of Mrs. Brady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burgess. Last week the group motored to South Texas and visited Mr. Brady's relatives at McAllen and Mission. At Mission Mr. Burgess visited Roy Overturf, former field clerk at Jameson plant, who is now stationed in Starr County.

Elmo Hargis and family returned last Wednesday from a Christmas visit with Mrs. Hargis' parents in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunter recently spent a week in Dallas where their two small children were given clinical examination by a specialist. A Jameson plant field clerk here, Mr. Hunter and his family reside in Colorado City.

Ray Sparks and wife entertained all their children and grandchildren Christmas with a turkey dinner. The following were pres-

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ent: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fuller and children, Melvin, Nelda and Jackie; Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks and children, Brenda, Buddy, Marilyn and Carolyn; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sparks and children, Eddie, Teresa and Paula, all of San Angelo; and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Puckett of Hamlin.

Pastor and Mrs. Sparks were treated to a bountiful pounding by the Silver Baptist Church on Sunday prior to Christmas Day, for which gratitude is expressed.

January 7th to 11th is Bible study week at the Silver Baptist Church, at which time the book of Romans will be studied. All young people and adults of the community are welcome and urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Furr, David and Carla of Silver visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Autrey at Eden and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Furr at Junction during Christmas. Guests in the Furr home New Years were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Autrey of San Angelo. Also Mrs. Furr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Autrey of Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clendennen and children returned Wednesday from Dallas where they witnessed the thrilling Cotton Bowl football game on New Years Day. They went down Saturday and visited numerous places of interest in Dallas, including Cinerama's Seven Wonders of the World.

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Coke County Quarterly Statement

From July 1 to September 30, 1956

Fund	Balances		Disbursements	Balances	
	July 1, 1956	Receipts		Sept. 30, 1956	
Jury	\$ 53,934.42	\$ 25.49	\$ 2,338.21	\$ 51,621.70	
General County	53,536.92	900.47	28,938.50	25,498.89	
Court House and Jail	24,427.65	150.49	14,823.34	9,754.80	
Road and Bridge	32,098.00	5,245.06	14,075.47	23,267.59	
Farm to Market	37,747.34	71.84	13,588.95	24,230.23	
Road and Bridge Spec.	14,873.29*	76.52	0	14,796.77*	
Lateral Road	259.33	8,903.75	1,906.20	7,256.88	
Court House Bond Account	52,196.15	0	27,773.06	24,423.09	
Officers Salary	3,054.43	13,530.94	10,594.78	5,990.59	
Road Bond Acct. No. 3	2,901.00	0	603.95	2,297.05	
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking	19,206.80	10.00	160.00	19,056.80	
Road Bond No. 2 Sinking	287.25*	6,219.79	5,810.00	122.54	
Road Bond No. 1 Sinking, Ser. 54	5,422.03	17.69	0	5,439.72	
Road Bond No. 3 Sinking	15,418.35	30.00	6,440.00	9,008.35	
Social Security	3,506.65	0	1,321.52	2,185.13	
Coke Co. Park Int. and Sinking	0	0	0	151.26	
Coke Co. Park Bond Acct.	126,360.77	0	8,041.99	118,318.78	
TOTALS	\$415,060.56	\$35,182.04	\$136,415.97	\$313,826.63	

NOTE: * Indicates Over-Drawn

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COKE ss

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

Mrs. Gertrude Gray.

Golda Smith, Notary Public, Coke County, Texas.

(Seal)

PERSONALS

COUNTS FAMILY GATHERING
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Counts entertained all their nine children and their families over Christmas at their ranch home southwest of Robert Lee. The children are Carl Counts and Mrs. Melba Posey of San Angelo, Mrs. Lucile Cathey of Odessa, Dennis Counts of Monahans, J. Q. and James Counts of Robert Lee, Logan Counts of Las Vegas, N. Mex., Lloyd Counts of Arlington and Mrs. Ethel Harmon of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brooks of Amarillo visited during the holidays with Coke County and San Angelo kinfolks. Mr. Brooks is a brother of Eugene Brooks and his wife is a sister of Mrs. Curtis Walker of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Elzie Cox of Winters visited here Tuesday afternoon with her sisters, Mrs. Joe Dodson, Jr. and Mrs. Genie Baker. She was accompanied by her nephew, Rusty Dodson, who had spent a few days in the Cox home.

Don Fields returned last Thursday to Lamesa where he is assistant county agent in Dawson County. He spent a ten days' Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fields, and was joined here by a former college friend, Bill Laroe, of Happy. E. O. Higgins was admitted to Coke Memorial Hospital the first of the week for observation and treatment.

Holiday guests of Mrs. J. S. Gardner included her sons, Wilfred and family of Midland and Woodrow, who now resides at Orange, Calif.

County Agent and Mrs. Jack Waide returned Wednesday from a holiday visit at Llano with Mrs. Mrs. Waide's parents, Senator and Mrs. Carlos Ashley.

Mrs. Travis McNair spent New Years with her parents at Marble Falls.

Mrs. Claude Carter and granddaughter, Juddie, of Harlingen spent the holidays in San Angelo with the former's mother, Mrs. J. N. Adams, and with the S. E. Adams and Sam Powell families.

R. S. Crum is recovering at Coke Memorial Hospital from a heart attack which he suffered last Thursday at his home here. Mr. Crum is a former Robert Lee city secretary and justice of the peace.

Sam Ed Skipworth played trumpet with the Sul Ross College Band on its holiday concert tour to several southwest Texas towns. Richard Lewis Jay, student at Sul Ross, is a trombone soloist with the band.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard included Mr. and Mrs. Ira Koskie of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davis and daughters of Millican Camp west of Edith.

NEW FORD OWNERS

Ivey Motor Co. of Robert Lee reports the following sales of new Ford and Mercury units for the last two months of the year:

November Sales

- Humble Oil & Refining Co., Custom 300 Fordor.
- Frank Strom, F-100 Pickup.
- Charles Joseph Ward, Fairlane 500 Victoria.
- Jack Snead, Fairlane 500 Fordor.
- T. B. Childress, Ford Custom 300 Tudor.
- R. E. Jay, Country Sedan.
- Mrs. Vivian Grantham, Custom 300 Fordor.
- Maurice Yarbrough, Custom Ranch Wagon.
- J. C. Tucker, Mercury Montclair Hardtop (Phaeton).

December Sales

- Tommy Walker, Fairlane 500 Victoria.
- Sun Oil Co., Custom 300 Fordor.
- Marvin Glasgow, F-600 Truck.
- Bethlehem Supply Co., Custom 300 Tudor.
- Franklin D. Mashburn, Fairlane Fordor.
- Hugh N. West, Fairlane 500 Victoria.
- Fred Wright, Custom 300 Fordor.
- Bob McLane, Fairlane 500 Fordor.
- Jimmie T. Post, Fairlane 500 Victoria.
- Ernest Bates, Fairlane 500 Victoria.
- Dean Flowers, Fairlane 500 Tudor.
- Bill Bosworth, Fairlane Country Sedan.
- Leon Sockwell, Custom 300 Tudor.
- Lonnie Forman, Mercury Montterrey Fordor.
- L. E. Higgins, Mercury Montclair Fordor.

APPRECIATION DAY

PLAN LAUNCHED BY

24 Robert Lee Firms

The progressive business firms of Robert Lee have banded together to sponsor a series of APPRECIATION DAYS as a means of showing their genuine appreciation of your patronage.

In addition to the special Appreciation Day values they will be announcing from time to time, these merchants through this sponsoring organization are in the process of creating a Community Treasure Chest as a further token of their gratitude for your continued patronage.

This Treasure Chest will grow from week to week, and from it a weekly award will be made starting Saturday, Feb. 2.

Treasure Chest coupons will be distributed by all Appreciation Day business firms. Pamphlets giving details of the plan are now being distributed.

Following is a list of the sponsors:

- WALKER HARDWARE
- FARRIS CITY DRUG
- EARL ROBERTS GROCERY
- ROACH'S DRY GOODS
- FRAN-CILLA FLOWERS & GIFTS
- IVEY MOTOR CO.
- THE OBSERVER
- VAUGHAN CHEVROLET CO.
- KEY FEED STORE
- BAKER GROCERY & MARKET
- BROWN & CLARK SERVICE STATION
- WALLACE GROCERY & MARKET
- REBA BEAUTY SALON
- J. & W. LEATHERCRAFT
- MACK'S GROCERY & MARKET
- BAHLMAN CLEANERS
- SHEPPARD SERVICE STATION
- LINZY McDORMAN, Foremost Dairy Dist.
- FROGGY'S HAMBURGERS
- BAGWELL TEXACO STATION
- VARNADORE CAFE
- McCABE SERVICE STATION
- OLENE'S BEAUTY SHOP
- McDONALD LUMBER COMPANY

Want Ads

FOR SALE — Furnished residence, Hillcrest addition; electric stove and refrigerator. S. R. Young. 1p

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

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

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. tfe



FOLGER'S
Coffee
POUND
99c

KIMBELL'S 5 LBS.
Oleo **\$1.00**

ZESTEE—Pineapple, Peach, Apricot, Red Plum 4 JARS
Preserves **\$1.00**

GLADIOLA 10 LBS.
FLOUR - - **99c**

GLADIOLA 5 LBS.
FLOUR - - **49c**

GLADIOLA 5 LBS.
MEAL - - **39c**



WESSON OIL - - - **Qt. 69c**

HUNT'S
CATSUP - - **5 Bottles \$1.00**

SARDINE FLATS - **10 for \$1.00**

BETTY CROCKER—Choc., White, Devils Food, Yellow
CAKE MIX - **3 Pkgs. \$1.00**

10 LBS.
Pinto Beans **99c**

KIMBELL
PEANUT BUTTER - **2 Jars \$1.00**

HORMEL THICK SLICE 2 LB. PKG.
Bacon **\$1.00**

HORMEL 2 LBS.
Sausage **\$1.00**

2 LBS.
Pork Chops **\$1.00**

We Give Appreciation Day Coupons

ROBERTS

GROCERY & MARKET

FEW NEW FACES IN COURT HOUSE OFFICIAL GROUP

Coke County Commissioners Court held its final session Monday when business for the year 1956 was wound up and new officials were sworn in.

Fern Havins was installed as the new commissioner in Precinct 1, succeeding J. W. Service. The other new official is Ollie L. Roe of Robert Lee, who succeeds Bruce Allen as Precinct 1 constable.

Judge Jeff Dean was present for the forenoon session, and appeared to be gaining in his long battle against arthritis.

A request from the state association of County Judges and Commissioners for a \$50 annual contribution to be used in the provision of better government struck a responsive chord, and the sum was voted without opposition.

The following bonds were approved:

Fern Havins, new Commissioner of Precinct 1, elected for 4-year term; \$3,000 bond as commissioner, and \$1,000 as road overseer.

Ed Hickman, re-elected for 4 years as Precinct 3 commissioner; same bonds of \$3,000 and \$1,000.

Paul Good, re-elected for 4 years as sheriff and tax assessor-collector; bond of \$5,000 as sheriff and \$43,950 for the tax office.

Mrs. Golda Smith, deputy county auditor, \$1,000 bond.

Ollie L. Roe, Precinct 1 constable elected for 4 years, \$1,000 bond.

T. F. Sims, Sr., Bronte, re-elected constable in Precinct 2, \$1,000 bond.

J. L. Tinkler also began a 2-year term as County and District Clerk. He held the position by appointment since October, 1955.

Frank C. Dickey, Jr. retained the office of County Attorney, having been re-elected for a 4-year term.

Regular meetings of the Commissioners Court will be held next Monday, Jan. 7, and again Jan. 14 when plans for the new year will be discussed.

Coke County ended the year with a good sized balance of cash on hand. A detailed financial report for Dec. 31 will be published at a later date.

County officials to be voted on in 1958 include judge, treasurer, clerk, commissioners in Precincts 2 and 4, and justices of the peace.

Jackie Thomason was given a party Wednesday afternoon in honor of his fifth birthday. The event took place at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jerry Thomason, and fifteen guests were invited. Games and refreshments were enjoyed and Jackie received many nice birthday gifts.

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SMALL TALK

By A. J. K.

In spite of the continued drouth, Coke County came through the year 1956 in better shape than you might expect. Farmers and ranchers suffered further financial losses because there were no crops to harvest and pastures were bare. Some government aid was received to help out, and a lot of land owners are getting oil lease rental money and some royalty was sold. An encouraging segment of the farm-ranch picture was the big rain in October and more moisture coming just before Christmas. It was the first winter rainfall to be received in Coke County since 1949.

Coke's rainfall for the year at 12.2 inches reported by A. V. Shepard is much better than Tom Green and Taylor where less than 8 inches was gauged.

Progress in Coke County continued the past year. Biggest news was completion and dedication of the new court house. The building cost \$300,000 and equipment ran to \$75,000. The debt will be paid off in ten years. Robert Lee State Bank's beautiful new \$50,000 building opposite the court house was also an outstanding improvement. New county swimming pools and parks at Bronte and Robert Lee are also under construction and will be ready to open this spring. The state farm-to-market highway from Robert Lee to Water Valley was extended an additional 11 miles.

Oil field jobs continue to furnish employment for several hundred residents, and other construction projects kept men employed until winter.

We are fortunate to be so well off as the old year ends, and we enter 1957 with renewed hope and determination to keep up the fight. The quitters dropped out some time ago. Business was good in Robert Lee and every firm is solvent and pays its bills. That's a good record for any town, big or little.

Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Sr. at Sanco reports an old hen which is now laying in a nest she built in a tree. Smart hen, too many varmints around nowadays.

We finally got around to having that turkey dinner on New Years Day. It was worth waiting for, too. Violet has regained her normal good health, Tommy has gone back to college and the holidays turned out just fine.

It appears that J. W. Service established a record in never missing a meeting during the eight years he served as County Commissioner. There were many extra meetings during the period which saw construction of a county hospital, numerous road building projects and the new court house.

The President has chosen a good place to come for a first hand look at the drouth situation. By going out a few miles from San Angelo he will see good farm land that hasn't produced a crop in some time, as well as bare pastures on every hand.

We all know what Ike will see, but the question is what good will it do for the President to make this inspection trip of the southwest's enormous dry sections.

The government has already helped in numerous ways. What more can be done? We feel that

more of the government's surplus grain and feed should be distributed at a lower cost.

This drouth is a disaster and more aid could be given the victims. It would help cut down the enormous grain surplus which has been held as a club over the farmer's heads.

Why not sell some surplus feed at half the present cost so that farmers and ranchmen can carry over foundation herds and stop this forced abandonment of small places?

REVISED GUEST LIST

Robert Lee, Texas
Dec. 28, 1956

Mr. Kirk:

I don't know who gave in the notice about our Christmas gathering, but it's very much in error. The Edwyn Smiths of Dallas were not present.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie May of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Williams of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace of Amarillo, Mrs. Tommie Black of Monahans, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis of Robert Lee.

Other recent guests in the home of the Smiths and other relatives in Robert Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Foy D. Smith of San Antonio. Foy, who formerly lived here, was introducing his new wife to relatives and friends, having been married only seven weeks. Thank you. — Mrs. Fred Smith.

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MOTION PICTURES ARE YOUR FINEST ENTERTAINMENT

2 SHOWS DAILY: Evening Show Starts 6:15, Sun. Matinee 1:30

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 4 & 5
Tony Curtis, Colleen Miller, Arthur Kennedy in

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Also Cartoon

SUN., MON., & TUES., JAN. 6, 7 & 8, Matinee Sun. 1:30 & 3:28
William Holden, Deborah Kerr in

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Also Cartoon

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Office in Cactus Hotel Annex

SAN ANGELO

TEXAS

BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

Sugar 5 lbs. 49c

CORN, Our Darling - - - 2 No. 303 Cans 35c

VANILLA WAFERS - - - 25c Size 19c

CHOCOLATE COVERED

Cherries 1 lb. box 49c

BEANS, Our Value - - - 2 No. 303 Cans 29c

CORN, Kounty Kist - - - 2 Cans 29c

BLACKBURN SYRUP - - - 1/2 Gal. Jar 63c

SWIFT JEWEL

Shortening 3 lbs. 69c

OLEO, All Sweet - - - 2 Lbs. 69c

KIMBELL

Chili 2 cans 43c

CRACKERS, Tender Kist - - - 1 Lb. Box 25c

HOMINY, Kimbell - - - 1 Lb. Can 9c

SOUP, Heinz Cream of Tomato - - 2 Cans 25c

SIRLOIN OR CLUB

Steak 1 lb. 59c

HORMEL'S THICK SLICED

Bacon 2 lbs. 99c

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