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AT SILVER RANCH PLACE 32 YEARS



Horace and Mary Bloodworth to their neighbors of fifty years, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, visit with a guest in the ranch home where they have lived for 32 of their fifty years together and stand on the porch to greet a daughter and son-in-law who had just surprised them by driving up in their car from Casper, Wyoming. — Mr. and Mrs. Willie Price, with daughter, Janie, and two sons, Gary Don and Jeffery, home of Mrs. Price's parents' golden wedding anniversary celebrated Sunday at Silver.

Others present of the family

were Mr. and Mrs. Waymon (Ruby) Robertson of Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bloodworth, Raynelle, Carl, Lonnie, and Charles of Silver; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Jr., Marilyn, Jackie, Donna, Susan, and Buddy of Robert Lee; Ernest Bloodworth of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bloodworth, Janice and Clay. Too far away to come were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bloodworth, who are in Liberia, Africa, on government aid work, and Bill and Barbara of Stillwater, Oklahoma, also Eddie Price, in the Army and stationed in Louisiana.



ANN CARWILE

Ann Carwile Wins DAR Good Citizen Award at RLHS

Miss Ann Carwile has been selected Good Citizen at Robert Lee High School in the contest sponsored by the Pocahontas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile of Robert Lee.

Miss Carwile is a four year A-honor student and is currently president of the Student Council and Future Homemakers of America. She is an active member of other school organizations.

Past honors include secretary of the F. H. A. Chapter, vice president of an representative to the Student Council, band officer, and class officer. She received both the English Award and the Spanish Award her junior year. She has been a participant in the University Interscholastic League Contests, participating at both the District and Regional levels in Ready Writing and Typing.

COURT HOUSE CLOSING

The offices at the Court House will be closed Saturday, December 22, through Tuesday, December 25th.

BCD Re-elects Same Officers, To Meet Next On January 8

The Board of Community Development re-named present officers to serve another year, with Willis Wayne Smith president, J. E. Quisenberry vice president, and Sterling Lindsey secretary-treasurer.

Report was made on the Christmas Party sponsored by the BCD, with discussion as to any possible changes for another year in the plan. The organization voted appreciation to W. D. McAdams, Robert Vaughan, and W. T. Roach for their work as a committee planning and carrying out the Christmas Party, and to the three officers for the faithful service during the year past.

The next meeting is to be held Tuesday, January 8.

Christmas Greetings Mark Week When Good Will Spreads Cheer

This week the business firms and many individuals are extending their personal Christmas greeting to you through the columns of the Robert Lee Observer.

The newspaper and all who have a part in it join them in this, and this issue is one big personal Christmas card.

Last Saturday Santa Claus came to town and greeted the children as you will see pictured on this page.

Candy was distributed to them and free gifts from the merchants of Robert Lee to grownups.

Fagan Parker missed a chance at two facials Saturday by being awarded a subscription to the Observer. The luckiest man of the lot when gift prizes were awarded at Robert Lee's annual Christmas Party, Mr. Parker could have only one and the Observer was the first up.

A \$5.00 blanket at Roach's went to Mrs. Fred Smith. H. L. Reid got \$5.00 worth of groceries at Richards Grocery, Vernon P. Burne \$5.00 in groceries at Wallace Grocery.

A \$5.00 gift certificate at Farris Drug went to Willie Eads and a \$10.95 reading lamp at Brown Lumber and Supply to Alton Roberts.

Coke County Butane's \$10.00

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Tuesday Only

West Texas Utilities
Francilla Flowers
Farris City Drug
Baker Grocery
Wallace Grocery
Robert Lee State Bank
Brown Lumber
Froggies Cafe

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday

Adams Abstract
Court House

Announcements of others appear elsewhere in this issue.

Y Cafe is to be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. City Hall will be closed Friday at 5 p.m. to Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.

worth of Butane went to Mrs. J. N. Buchanan. B. B. Pierce got a wash and grease job at Sparks' Texaco Station. Jack's Bait Stand's \$5.00 worth of merchandise went to Gene Hinnard, and West Texas gift merchandise went to A. Vanzuela. O. T. Colvin's \$5.00 insurance value was awarded to Mr. Folsom.

O. L. Roe got 10 half gallons of milk from Add Davis's Gandy station, while Bruce Clift's \$3.00 cash was won by Lois Mae Smith.

LaVerne Summers drew a \$5.50 side mirror from Vaughan Chevrolet, Doris Payne \$5.00 worth of gas from McCabe's Humble Station.

Mrs. Jeff Dean received the Reba Beauty Shop gift certificate, Baylor Walker drew \$5.00 cash from Coke County officials. Mrs. Bryan Yarborough got the

big monkey doll from Y Cafe. \$5.00 in merchandise from Ivey Motor Co. went to Carolyn Prine. Other gifts and recipients follow:

Hillcrest Laundry, \$3.00 wash and dry to C. B. Mitchell.

Butane Sales 100 gallons butane to Ronald Hester. Olene's Beauty Shop gift to Nancy Green. Francilla Flowers, \$5.50 poinsettia to Maurine Vosburg.

Adams Abstract Company, \$5.00 cash to Foy Askins.

Woody's Econ-o-Wash, \$5.00 service to Kay Lackey.

Jones Barber Shop, 2 hair cuts to Nolan Harmon.

Froggy's Cafe, \$5.00 value to Bessie Walker.

Bahlman Cleaners, \$5.00 value to Mrs. Carl Brock.

Baker's Grocery and Market, \$5.00 in groceries "and no soup bones" to Hays Prince.

McDorman's El Paso Station, 10 gallons of gas to Edna Havins.

Nativity Scene At Methodist Church 5 P.M. Next Sunday

A live nativity scene is again being presented this year by the Intermediate Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church. The picture shows some of the group as they appeared last Sunday in front of the church. They may be seen again this Sunday from 5-6 p.m. Participating youth are: Vernay Vaughn, Kitten Dean, Linzy Wagley, Buddy Thomas, Rhea Jean McCutchen, Linda Cowley, Randy Hall and Ray Don Roe. Sponsors for the group are Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr., Mrs. Dorman Thomas, Mrs. Hubert Payton, and Mrs. Ava Lou Hanna.

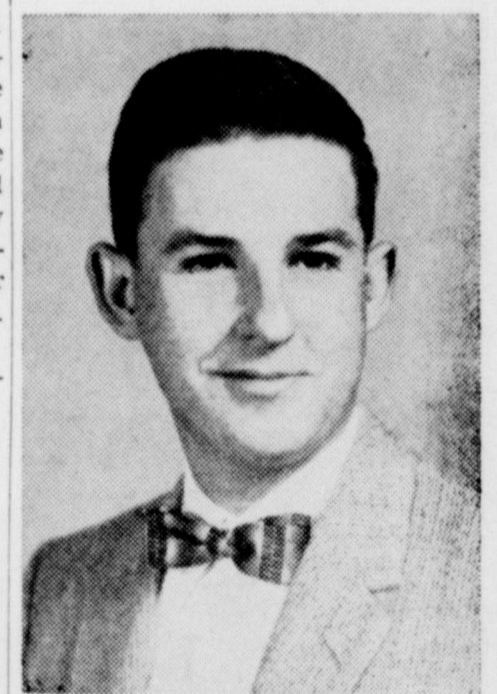
At 6 p.m. on Dec. 23 a special Christmas candle-light communion service will be held at the church. Following the service a caroling group, sponsored by the senior MYF will visit the hospital and the shut-ins. Afterwards they will return to the Methodist parsonage for refreshments. Sponsor for the group is Sterling Lindsey.

Observer want ads are very effective and cost very little.

Butch Davis Going To Sweetwater Job Beginning Friday

G. E. (Butch) Davis begins work Friday with C & H in Sweetwater, and plans to move there soon. The firm is wholesale distributor for cosmetics, drugs, and sundries, and Butch is to start work in their office, later to do selling also.

This is a new experience for him, after growing up in Robert Lee and never before going to another town to work and live.



G. E. (BUTCH) DAVIS

A graduate of Robert Lee High School, 1951, where he played tuba in the band from childhood, one year in San Angelo College, Mr. Davis has been active as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and of the Quarterback Club, announcer at the football games, and instructor for the High School pep squad.

He ends his employment of four years and three months with the U. S. Government's Agricultural Conservation Service today (Thursday) to begin his new job at Sweetwater tomorrow.

Mrs. Davis, the former Carolyn Johnson, came from Ethel, Mississippi. They were married in May 1959, and have one daughter, Donna Kay.

The Davises are advertising their home here for sale, and expect to move to Sweetwater, though not immediately.

SANTA GETS FIRST HAND INFO HERE



Santa lingered here Saturday for some confidential chats with those who appreciate him

most at Robert Lee Saturday. They were all too busy to give names to the newspaper, so if

you recognize someone here you know, drop by the Observer and give names to the editor.

At Year's End They Wore Wool Ensembles They Made

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At the left the best coordinated garment in the Sub-Deb Division of District 4 Make It Yourself with Wool contest this year was this jumper made of red wool flannel, with four large buttons down the skirt.

Betty Hughes models the jumper, which she made herself, with a red cotton print dress plus black accessories to finish her outfit.

Linda Heuvel, also in the Sub-Deb division, models a white sweater with her slim skirt and V-necked top. Her accessories include a smart fur hat and black flats.

At right are four of six wool suits modeled by the girls who created them. Rosalind Bradham's red suit has a collarless jacket with a double row of self-buttons and below the elbow sleeves, and a slim skirt. The jacket has a dainty golden pin while she wears black heels and hat.

Charlotte Smith chose blue. Her jacket has a high stand up collar effect with a self bow at the front. Her skirt has soft gathers in front. Notice her white lamb's wool hat and the navy heels and bag. She is also wearing costume pin and earrings.

Mary Wojtek styled this white wool flannel dress, which features a plain neckline accented with a gold pin. The long sleeves have four buttons above the wrist. The skirt has unpressed pleats. Her accessories are black heels, gold gloves and self belt.



Sandy Thomas models her two piece suit. The teracado wool looks fine fashioned into her slim skirt and hip tip jacket. Note the jacket has elbow length sleeves. Sandy's outfit is accessorized by

black heels, purse, and fur hat. The girls made and modeled the suit in connection with their homemaking work in Robert Lee High School, Mrs. Fred Cooke, instructor.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our many friends our sincere appreciation for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our precious mother, and grandmother. Words fail us when we try to

thank you, but we know that God will richly reward you for the many kindnesses. The beautiful flowers and cards, the food that was brought in at the church and homes and every thoughtful act will be pleasant memories to us. Family of Mrs. L. M. Service



ERNEST CLENDENNEN
AND FAMILY

Mrs. Charles Ragsdale of Blackwell dropped in The Observer office for a chat Thursday and to tell of her new granddaughter. She was reared here at Robert Lee, still has a host of relatives and friends here. She attended Mrs. Lucy Service's funeral while in town. Her father, the late Bob Hall, managed and edited the Observer for several years, also worked with George Cowan and A. W. Puett.

Mrs. Ragsdale is kept quite busy now as she belongs to the Eastern Star, several ladies clubs around Blackwell, as well as she is reporter for three newspapers, Sweetwater, Bronte Enterprise and the Abilene Reporter News.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ragsdale of Blackwell have a new girl, Jana Ann, born at the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo Nov. 13, weight 5 pounds and 2 ounces. This is their second child, Bob Jr. is 3 years of age.



Best Wishes

May the Star of Christmas shine abundantly in your heart and life during this Holy Season and in all the days to come.

McDORMAN EL PASO STATION

MR. & MRS. LINDSEY McDORMAN

Have a Happy Holiday



There is no Christmas Carol, no poem, no truer word with which to express our sentiments than this sincere greeting...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
GOD BLESS YOU

BUTANE SALES COMPANY

Robert Lee Phone 453-3261 Day or Night
Wesley Kinsey Owners Vaughan Davis

NOW WHY SHOULD ANYONE GET ALL BOTHERED OVER A TOWEL?

After the episode of Posie, the Skunk, related in the Observer several weeks ago, Mrs. Dick Skipworth resolved, No More Pets! But—(Let her tell it.)

"My second born, a son aged 14, joined the F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) and came to me with the announcement that he had told his teacher he would take on the project of raising three pigs.

I was adamant—But, after all what can one do when two big blue eyes look up at one and Sam

(for it was Sam) says plaintively, "But, Mother, I'll be the only one without a project!"

So enter three little pigs. We talked, ate, and slept pigs from then until county show time.

I especially remember rushing home early one afternoon in order to go to San Angelo on some errands. I plunked the youngest, Drexel, in the bathtub and reached for a towel to dry him. He broke into tears and yelled, "Don't dry me with that towel!"

Since I was in a hurry, I paid him little mind, but to no avail—his tears broke into shrieks of horror. Well, I had to get to the bottom of this, so I patiently stopped all bathing procedures and asked one simple question, "And why don't you want me to dry you with this towel?"

The answer was to the point, "Cause Sam Ed dried his pig on that one!"

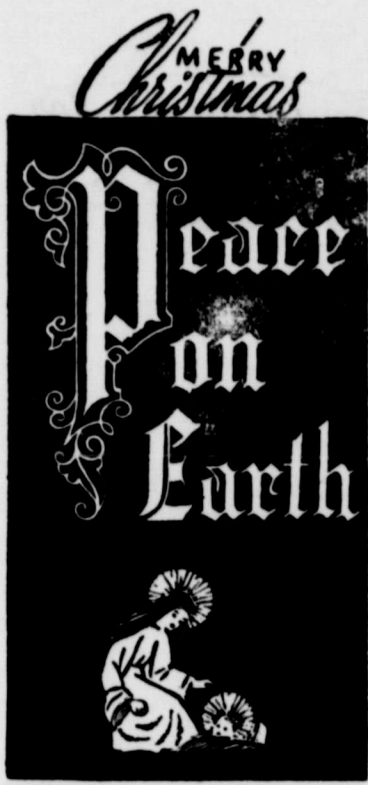
Sure enough it turned out that Sam Ed had dried his pigs on my bath towels, but he let it be known in no uncertain terms that the pigs weren't dirty—only wet!

At last came show time. As it turned out, Sam Ed got a good price for his pigs, so "all's well that ends well" (if it ends).

Editor's Note: It didn't, and more pets came to live at the Skipworth's, as you will read later.)

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

DELBERT SHOEMAKER, W. M.
MELVIN CHILDRESS, Secretary



Nadine's
Beauty Shop

CHRISTIAN AID USES FARM SURPLUSES IN NEEDY COUNTRIES

Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) is trying to collect food and blankets to aid 1,300,000 Algerians, made destitute by the seven years of civil war in Algeria.

Crop, sponsored by Church World Service, collects some of the agricultural surplus donated by farmers, such as carloads of corn in Illinois, has it processed and shipped to aid people in need in foreign lands.

Lunchroom Menus

For week beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2 and ending Friday, Jan. 4.

Wednesday, Jan. 2: Hamburgers lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, buttered corn, potato chips, chocolate and vanilla pudding, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 3: Bar-B-cued weiners, peach halves with cottage cheese on lettuce, creamed potatoes, hot rolls and butter, chocolate cake and icing, milk.

Friday, Jan. 4: Roast beef, roast potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls and butter, milk, jelly and raisins.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County will receive bids in the office of the County Judge until 10 o'clock A.M., Monday, January 7th, 1963 for the following:

One new suitable truck chassis and engine to be used for a fire truck; meeting or exceeding the following stated minimum requirements:

- GVW: 18,000
 - CU. In. Engine: 300
 - Cab to Axle: 102"
 - FOB Apparatus Builder's Plant
 - Two rear view mirrors
 - Front and rear directional lights and switch with hazard switch
- The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any technicality.

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Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Myers, David and Sheri Nell of Colorado City were in Robert Lee over the weekend to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once more we come to the day of greetings and family gatherings, the day of Peace and Joy and good will. It is the Season when we especially want to pause and say "Thanks" to you for our pleasant and friendly association during the past twelve months.



RICHARDS GRO. and STATION

MR. AND MRS. HADLEY RICHARDS



May the carols of Christmas remind us to give thanks for our many blessings; now and through the coming year.

FROGGY'S CAFE

MR. & MRS. E. C. DAVIS AND GIRLS



This is to be a Merry Christmas

FOR THE CENTER OF THE SOUTHWEST

Today, America's business leaders know more about the Center of the Southwest than they did a year ago.

That's because we have promoted the business and industrial advantages extensively throughout the year.

Our promotional efforts have reached attentive eyes and ears too.

So much so that we are encouraged to continue our area development program in 1963 with added enthusiasm.

So much so that this is, in reality, a Merry Christmas for The Center of the Southwest—the region that faces GROWTH UNLIMITED.



West Texas Utilities Company

an investor owned company

Rites Saturday for Mrs. McCutchen, County Pioneer

Death came to the second of two mothers, long time residents and well known to Coke County people from pioneer days, when Mrs. Eva McCutchen, wife of W. M. (Bill) McCutchen, succumbed after an extended illness Thursday at 9:30.

Mrs. Lucy Ola Service, near neighbor, was buried at Robert Lee Thursday.

Funeral services for Mrs. McCutchen were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. H. L. Bloodworth preaching the sermon. Burial was in the Robert Lee cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. McCutchen have made their home many years on their stock farm in the Graham Valley community north of Robert Lee.

Mrs. McCutchen was born Oct. 10, 1890, in Sherwood, and was married to McCutchen July 1, 1906, in Robert Lee. She was a resident of the county 61 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, J. D. McCutchen of Robert Lee, Wayne McCutchen of Silverton, Mack McCutchen of San Antonio and Billy McCutchen of Midland; five daughters, Mrs. Ruth Service and Mrs. Yvonne Devoll, both of Robert Lee, Mrs. Hilda Kirchman and Mrs. Joyce Hood, both of San Angelo, and Mrs. LaVerne Cole of Abilene; one brother, R. I. Rushing of El Paso; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Rutherford of Ennis and Mrs. Lovie

Long of Tulsa, Okla.; 29 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers included four grandsons—J. W. Service Jr., Richard (Butch) Service, David McCutchen of San Angelo and Robert Mack Kirchman of San Angelo; grandsons-in-law were Charles Fowler, Ray McClellan, Stewart Peak; and a nephew, Melvin Childress.

Union Texas Will Pick Up Gas From Wells Near Sanco

Union Texas Petroleum, which formerly operated under the name of Texas Natural Gas, has staked out lines for gathering gas from wells in the Northeast IAB Field and is to build a booster station on Yellow Wolf Creek just north of Sanco to put gas from these wells into their line which runs across country just under a half mile south of Sanco.

This line carries gas from the Fort Chadbourne field to the plant west of Silver. Report here is that another booster plant is to be built at Oak Creek Lake. Maintenance and some construction work is done by a crew of which Mike Casey of Robert Lee is foreman. Their warehouse and office is now at Bronte, seven members of the crew living at Robert Lee.

Oil is moved out of the field through a Sun Pipe Line Company line, from a central tank battery on the Simpson lease near where the gas booster station is to be located.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Holtville, California
December 12, 1962

Mr. Ulmer S. Bird
Editor and Publisher of the Robert Lee Observer
Dear Sir and Friend:

According to my last bank check which was Dec. 5, 1961, my subscription is now due again. Enclosed is my personal check for the Observer for one year.

Lula J. Burson
P. O. Box 214

Dear Mrs. Burson:
We want especially to thank you for your check. Before we had done so, you took special pains to check up on your subscription. Your friends here at Robert will always be glad to hear from you. Best wishes. — USB.

Please find check which I hope is correct. Please extend my mother's subscription for a year.

Mrs. Eva Byrd
301 North Bowie
Tulia, Texas

Believe I read where you add a card stating who is having it sent when it is a Christmas Gift? Then please extend our subscription which will be out in February.

M. J. Dixon
Box 2
Bronte, Texas

You add a native spice to the Observer which I read with interest. I like you, am native and the Observer was in the Byrd home long before I was born. So sorry W. E. Hawkins had to go but glad you wrote about him. Another clipping for my scrapbook. Thank you.

Lois Byrd Dixon

Ten cases have been filed in District Court here since the first of November, most of them suits on insurance.

EVELYN W. BRYANT

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CHRISTMAS

From All of Us at the Theater

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

NOTE: EVENING SHOWS NOW START AT 6:15

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 & 22
The Mightiest Adventure of Them All—Rory Calhoun, Yoko Tana
"MARCO POLO"

(In Cinemascope and Color) Also Color Cartoon

SUNDAY & MONDAY, DEC. 23 & 24, Matinee Sunday 1:30
Rosalind Russell, Alec Guinness in
"A MAJORITY OF ONE"

(A Boxoffice Blue Ribbon Winner in Color) Also Cartoon

We're Glad



... To have had the friendships of people like you... to have enjoyed the associations they have made possible... to have the opportunity of expressing our thanks for all you have done for us... and of course, to wish you a tremendously

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Ray Shandley T.V. - Radio

SALES & SERVICE



For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord—Luke 2:11

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Colvin

Greetings

AND
BEST WISHES
FOR A
HAPPY
HOLIDAY
SEASON

From

WALLACE GROCERY & MARKET

Mr. & Mrs.
J. C. Wallace
Proprietors

Lela Ray McAdams
Cashier

WALLACE GROCERY

Weekend Specials

Prices Good Through Dec. 24

CELERY - - - Stalk 13c

FIRM HEADS
LETTUCE - - - Lb. 15c

EAST TEXAS
YAMS - - - Lb. 10c

BANANAS - - 2 Lbs. 25c

HUNT'S YELLOW CLING HALVES NO. 2 1/2 CAN
PEACHES 4 for \$1.00

FLOUR, Kimbell's - 10 Lbs. 79c

PINT JAR
MARSHMALLOW CREAM - 2 FOR 29c

FOLGER'S LB. CAN
COFFEE 69c

BISCUITS, Mead s - 12 Cans \$1.00

HALF OR WHOLE CURED
HAMS lb. 59c

Joy in Gardens El Valle Program

Theme for El Valle Garden Club's December program was "Joy to the World" with Stanley Adams showing slides of Gardens around the world from Scotland, England, Spain, Holland, Germany, to Japan, Hawaii and western United States. He showed slides of formal and informal gardens and related history of many of the famous ones.

The annual Golden Age tea was observed with the following guests: Mrs. D. K. Glenn, Mrs. Joe Carter, Mrs. Edna Butner, Mrs. L. T. Youngblood, Mrs. O. R. McQueen, Mrs. Albert Rawlings and Mrs. Ed Cumbie, Bronte; Mrs. Stanley Adams, San Angelo, Mrs. George Beeman, Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough and Mrs. Cortez Russell, Robert Lee.

Refreshments of coffee and fruit cake were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Jr. and Mrs. C. V. Brooks in the home of Mrs. Ivey.

Among out of town people attending the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Service and of Mrs. Eva McCutchen last week were Mr. and Mrs. David Lowrance of San Angelo; Clyde Service, brother of the late Leonard Service, and daughter, Mrs. Clyde Herring of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Higgins of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Escue of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Escue and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Escue.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Service were three nephews, Jack Cowley, J. H. Escue, Ervin Escue, Leslie Wink, Sam McGallion, and David Key.

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TRANSLATION OF LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a big red fire truck with a siren on top of it. I need a fire truck and "Tito" (Tom Sawyer Jr.) needs a big truck.

Santa Claus, Tom and Ronnie wants a gun. Baby Penne and Wesley want some toys.

Thank you,
Glenn Davis

The original of the above was a full page thoroughly done from side to side and top to bottom, and nobody but Santa Claus, or maybe Mrs. Santa Claus could have translated it. It seems Tom, Ronnie, Wesley and Glenn sort of got their heads together on this one. — Editor.

Silver Man Named District Deputy Of Masonic District

Alton Roberts, Senior Warden of the Hayrick Lodge of Robert Lee, who went as voting delegate from this lodge to the 127th Grand Lodge of Texas, gives a report of the state Masonic meeting early in December.

At the opening, Masons from the Highway Department put on a Master Masons Degree, The Six Flags of Texas were shown.

Mr. Roberts attended the big banquet and noted the presence of Grand Worshipful Masters from the states of Arizona, Oklahoma, Illinois, Arkansas, and Louisiana, also a representative from the Grand Worshipful Master of the Republic of Mexico (Old Mexico).

Jack Denman of Silver was selected Grand District Deputy of Masonic District 7.

Mrs. Roberts made the trip with Mr. Roberts.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a Barbie and Ken doll and I want a baton.
I want a little red wagon, or bicycle and I live in Sanco, Texas, and I've been nice.
Love,
Wanda,

Joe Fields Passes Away at Roscoe, to Be Buried Friday

Services are to be held today, Thursday, at 2:00 o'clock for Joseph E. Johnson (Joe) Fields, 90, who died in Roscoe about 9 a.m. Tuesday.

A resident of Coke County since 1889, Mr. Field lived on his farm in the Edith community until his health failed and he moved to Robert Lee and lived in town for several years.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. LaRue Harmon of Robert Lee, a grandson, William Jo Harmon, of Fort Carson, Colorado, and several nieces and nephews.

A more complete account will be published in the Observer next week.

In case of fire Dial 453-4291.

C. E. CALDER TRUCKER

General Hauling

Phone 453-2721

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

LOWER COSTS ON Farm and Ranch LOANS

The Federal Land Bank of Houston has announced that effective on January 1, 1963, it will reduce temporarily to 5% the interest rate on all outstanding loans which presently bear a rate in excess of 5%. The contract rate on new loans will continue to be 5½% but interest on loans closed on and after December 1, 1962, will be billed at 5% until further notice by the bank.

This action is further evidence of our announced goal to supply your loan funds at the lowest possible cost.

Without obligation, come in and let's see if you and your land can qualify for the special benefits provided through one of our loans.

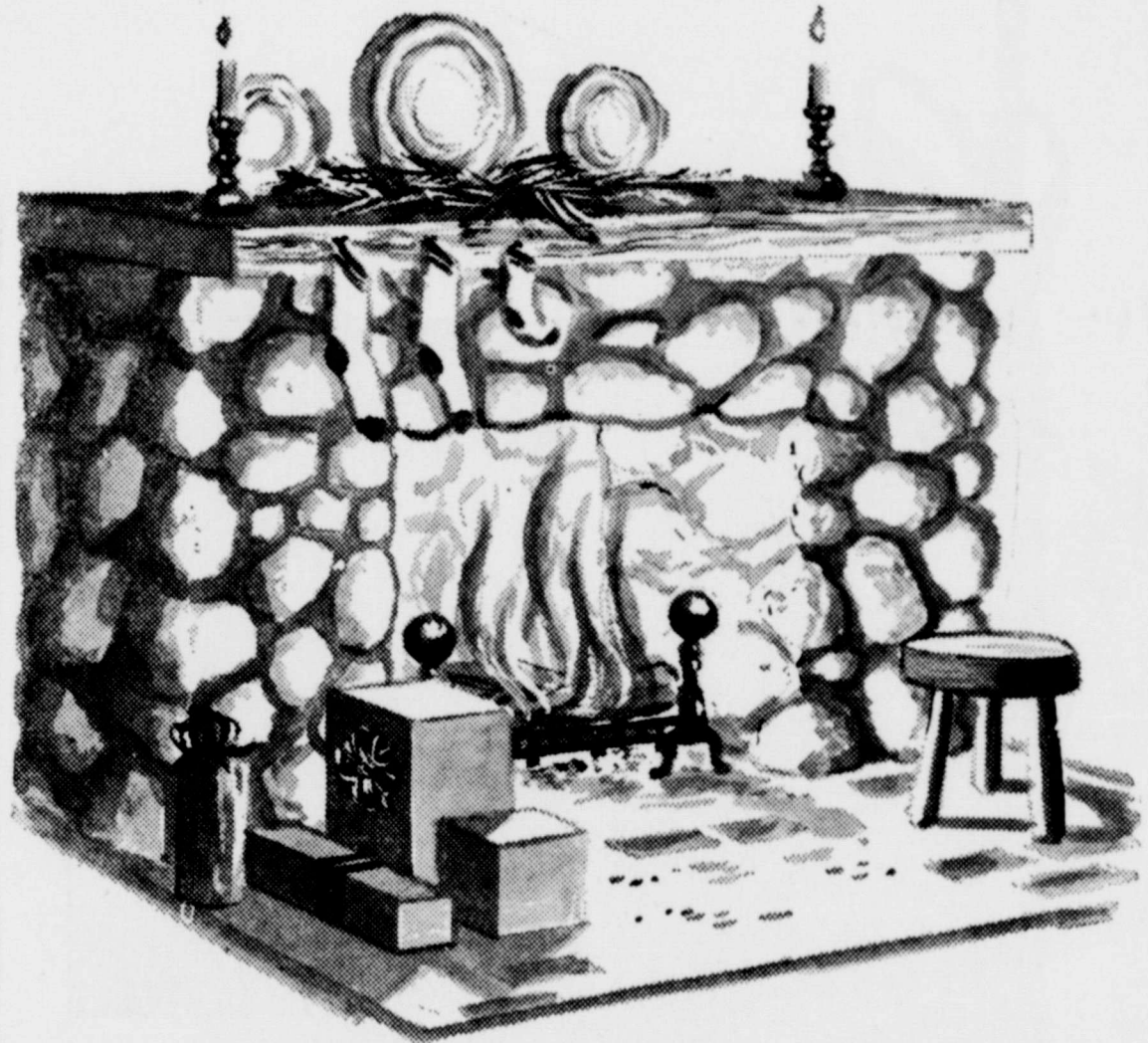


The Federal Land Bank Association

R. H. Emery, Manager

112 South Irving St.

San Angelo, Texas



The fireplace: still symbolic of warmth, security, and family closeness.

May your Christmas season burn bright with warmth and happiness and may His love draw your family close at this Holy Season.

Our thanks to you and

Merry Christmas

From All at The

Robert Lee Observer



OLLIE ROE AND FAMILY

WE WILL BE CLOSED

SUNDAY — MONDAY — TUESDAY

December 23rd, 24th and 25th

But Will Remain Open

Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 22nd

VAUGHAN CHEVROLET
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COMANY

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

I want a flintstone set. And a

racing set.

Love,

Mack Walker

Merry
Christmas



WALKER'S

Service Station

Hillcrest Laundry

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher, and Mr. Thresher, husband of Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher, whose given name, names, initial, or initials are unknown to Plaintiff or affiant and to the legal representatives of Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher, if she be dead and to the unknown heirs of Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher, and to the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher, defendants, in here-in-after styled and numbered cause:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the District Court of Coke County, Texas, 51st Judicial District of Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance hereof; that is to say at or before ten

o'clock A. M. Monday, the 7th day of January, 1963, and answer the petition of O. D. Dillingham vs. Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher, et al, in which O. D. Dillingham is plaintiff and Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher and Mr. Thresher, husband of Sarah B. Thresher, the legal representatives of Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher if she be dead, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of Mrs. Sarah B. Thresher, are defendants and which petition was filed in said Court on the 16th day of November, 1962, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Trespass to try title and remove cloud from title under the three, five, and ten year Statute of Limitations, on the following described land: Being all of Lot No. 1 in Block 61 of the Original town of Bronte in the County of Coke and the State of Texas.

Plaintiff gives notice in said petition that he will introduce in evidence the Deed Records of Coke County and the Tax Records of Coke County, as it is more fully shown by his petition.

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

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Robert Lee, this 16th day

of November, 1962.
J. L. Tinkler,
Clerk of the District Court
of Coke County, Texas.
Publish Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13.

In case of fire Dial 453-4291.

May every

Happiness
be yours

this
Christmas

Brown Lumber
Yard & Hdwe.

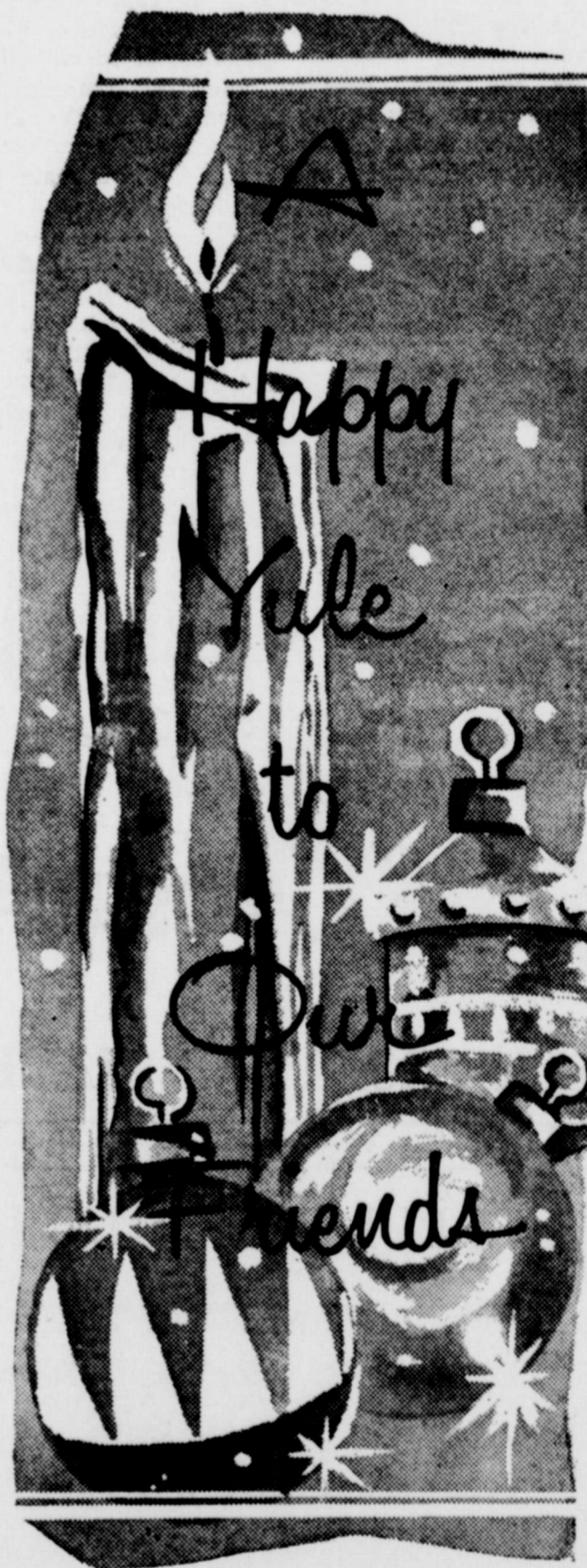


Our sincere thanks for your continued friendship and loyalty go with our wish that your Christmas be one of happiness and joy, filled with memories wonderful to recall.

MERRY * CHRISTMAS!

Clift Ambulance Service

RUTH and BRUCE CLIFT



Merry Christmas to All!

ROACH'S

MR. AND MRS. W. T. ROACH
AND MRS. LEOLA SCOTT

COUNTRYSIDE

By STERLING LINDSEY

The screw worm control program officials are already making plans to extend the sterile fly barrier along the border, according to late reports. The barrier will stretch from below Brownsville to the Arizona-New Mexico state line. If weather permits, and we must emphasize this, the program officials expect the barrier to be in place by February 15, 1963. They expect to use approximately 50 million sterile flies per week in the zone and use their remaining production to fight outbreaks if and when they occur.

The program officials urge us to continue to keep close watch for screwworms and treat any cases that develop. Also, to continue sending in samples.

Both of the above suggestions will be extremely important to us if the program goes as planned. First, we must control any outbreaks that may occur above the barrier if the program is to be a success. If we can keep a case of screwworms from completing its cycle, then we have greatly helped the cause — the outbreak area will be confined and the number of possible cases will be small instead of possibly thousands.

The second factor, sending in samples, will be vital to us because, according to the officials present plans, outbreaks above the barrier will be spot treated based on samples submitted. I do not have the above information officially but I do have it from a reliable source.

We should have received by the time this goes to press, copies of the 1963 Farmers income tax guide. They may be secured from an office of the Internal Revenue

Service. There are some changes in the tax laws that could be important to some operators. The local tax consultants can advise you on the changes as they have been interpreted to them or if you prefer can study the changes yourself in the new guide. Give us a ring if you would like to have a copy.

Several new hybrid grain sorghums will be on the market in 1963. Seed supplies are limited, however.

The new hybrids possess a high degree of resistance to smut and, being shorter, are more resistant to lodging. The varieties are: RS 621, a Martin type hybrid recommended where RS 608 and R10 are grown; RS 623, a Wheatland type that has done especially well along the Gulf Coast; and RS 616 and RS 622, both Kafir types that show much promise where RS 610 is grown. RS 616 is unusually short in height and has been outstanding in the irrigated areas of the Rio Grande Valley.

Farmers accustomed to growing RS 610 without severe smut or lodging problems might do well to continue with it, especially in dryland areas where yields of less than 1,500 pounds per acre are likely, according to the specialist.

The Coke County Stock Show Association Directors will meet in the conference room of the court house, Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., to make final plans for the coming County Show. The show is scheduled for Monday, January 14 — just 25 days away.

Progress means people working and getting somewhere with it.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Coke County will receive bids in the office of the County Judge until 10 o'clock A.M. Monday January 7th, 1963 for the following:

One new two stage class A

underwriters heavy duty 500 gallons per minute pumper fire fighting apparatus, to be mounted on a suitable truck chassis to be furnished by Coke County.

(Detailed specifications can be

seen at the office of the Coke

County Judge, Robert Lee, Texas.)

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waiver any technicality.

Publish Dec. 21 & 28

WE CHERISH-

the happiness our old friends and new friends have given us over the years, and at this joyous and heartwarming season offer our sincerest wishes for Christmas joy and prosperity in the days to come.

Best Wishes



MR. and MRS. A. J. KIRKPATRICK

a happy christmas

Always we wish the best of everything for our friends and customers but it is particularly at Christmastime that we express a special kind of wish... one that will bring you complete happiness and joys which you can treasure in the days to come.



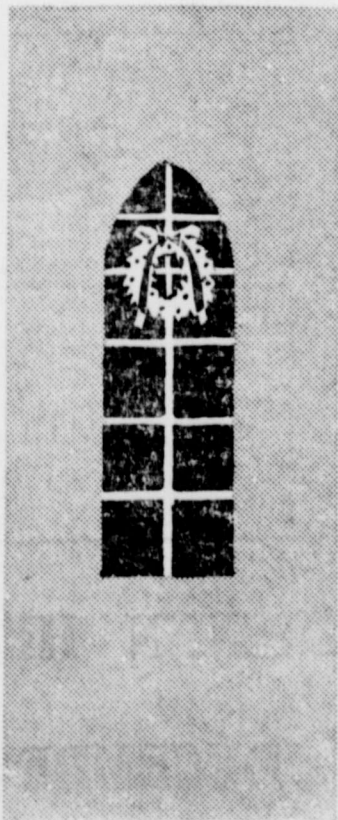
to our friends

Texaco Service Station

AND EMPLOYEES

C. L. SPARKS AND FAMILY

Wishing
You A
JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS
SEASON



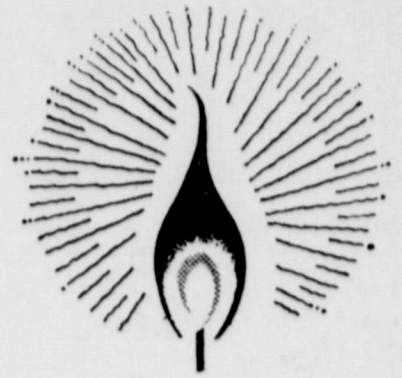
We are grateful for your friendship which has made our progress possible... and we want to thank you especially for enriching our daily lives with your kindness and courtesy.

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WAALITA & JOHNNIE HOLLIS

CLOSED DEC. 24TH, 25TH & 26TH

TASTY TREATS FOR A *Merry Christmas* FEAST



MEATS



THICK SLICED **Bacon** 2 LBS. **98c**

WHOLE HOG **Sausage** 2 LB. BAG **\$1.09**

LONGHORN CHEESE - - - Lb. 49c

SEVEN BONE ROAST - - - Lb. 49c

JELLO - - - - - 3 Boxes 29c

WHITE KARO SYRUP - - Pint 27c

COCONUT - - - - - 3½ Oz. Can 23c

HERSHEY'S DAINTIES - 6 Oz. Pkg. 25c

MARSHMALLOWS - - 10 Oz. Pkg. 19c

MARSHMALLOWS - - 28 Oz. Jar 43c

MINCE MEAT - - - - 28 Oz. Jar 23c

CRANBERRY SAUCE, Ocean Spray - 2 Cans 49c

FRUIT COCKTAIL - - No. 303 Can 23c

PUMPKIN, Del Monte - - No. 303 Can 15c

IRVINGTON CLUB
WHOLE GREEN BEANS - - - - Can 29c

SALAD DRESSING, Morton's - - - Qt. 39c

PRODUCE

SPUDS - - - 10 Lb. Bag 45c

CARROTS, Cello Bag - 2 for 25c

LARGE STALK
Celery **15c**

KIM TISSUE - 10 Rolls 99c

KIM
NAPKINS, 80 Ct. - 2 Pkgs. 29c

WORTZ BRAND
CRACKERS - - 2 Lb. Box 43c

VANILLA WAFERS - 1 Lb. 29c

HORMEL'S
Oleo 6 lbs. \$1.00

STOKELY'S
CATSUP, 14 Oz. Bot. - 2 for 45c

TIDE - - - Giant Size 73c

6 BOTTLE CARTON
Drinks **35c**

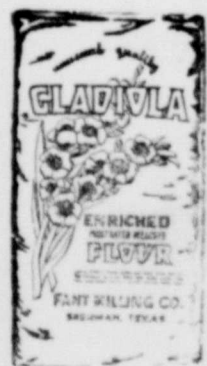
PLUS DEPOSIT

BISCUITS - 12 Cans \$1.00

GANDY'S
BIG DISH - - 2 for \$1.00 ½ GAL. CRT.

KIM
FACIAL TISSUE - 19c 400 COUNT

KIMBELL
SHORTENING - 3 Lb. Can 59c



FLOUR

10 LB. GLADIOLA

89c

SHILLINGS

COFFEE

1 LB. CAN

59c

SUGAR

5 LBS. PURE CANE

49c

PLENTY OF TURKEYS, HAMS AND CHICKEN HENS

THESE PRICES GOOD THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

BAKER'S GRO. & MKT.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 11: Mrs. L. M. Service expired.
 Dec. 12: Mrs. W. B. Clift admitted. Condie Clark and Mrs. J. O. Rudd dismissed.
 Dec. 13: Mrs. Henry Briscoe admitted. Mrs. W. M. McCutchen expired.
 Dec. 14: Larry Brock admitted.
 Dec. 15: Mrs. Henry Briscoe and Mrs. W. B. Clift dismissed.
 Dec. 16: Mrs. R. R. Ash and Larry Brock dismissed.
 Dec. 18: Mrs. J. E. Roane admitted.

CHRISTMAS PLAYLET AT COFFEE TUESDAY

Mrs. Marvin Simpson was hostess Tuesday morning to the Women's Society of Christian Service in the annual Christmas coffee program.

A Christmas playlet was presented by Mrs. Delbert Shoemaker, Rev. Dempsey Salter, Mrs. Woodrow Gardner, Mrs. J. R. Haralson, and Mrs. Marvin Simpson Sr.

A silver offering was taken for one of the Methodist missionary enterprises.

The school tax office will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day, December 24 and 25, December 31 and January 1.

READ THE WANT ADS



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FOR BLOODWORTHS WITH SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE AT SILVER

About to cut their golden wedding anniversary cake, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Bloodworth, above, were honored Sunday afternoon in an open house with their children hosts and hostesses at the recreation building at Silver.

Besides relatives and friends in Silver and other Coke county communities a number registered from out of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker came from Sterling City.

From San Angelo came:

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, Willie I. Tubb, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burke, Mrs. Allen Young, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis and children, Rev. Howard Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wimberley, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Wimberley and children, Mr. S. B. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray and Mrs. Jemima Richardson.

From Colorado City were: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bloodworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramage, Mrs. Douglas Sherman and children, and Mr. Albert Lamb.

Mrs. Arthur Bloodworth and Mrs. Nell Turner and children were present from Snyder.

Mrs. Bill Burlison and Mrs. Lou Oats from Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Underwood, Big Spring.

Miss Carolyn Simpson was to fly in this week from Tucson, Arizona, where she is teaching, to spend a few days with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simpson.

Elkins Cabinet Shop

Robert Lee, Texas
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Robert Lee Church of Christ

SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study, all ages, 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Young People's Meeting
 6:00 p.m.
 Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, Ladies Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, Midweek Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
 DON SWINNEY —Minister



May peace and joy abide with you at this Holiday Season.

Best Wishes
 of the
 Season

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

J. L. "CHILLY" TINKLER

WINNIE WALDROP

MILDRED WALLACE

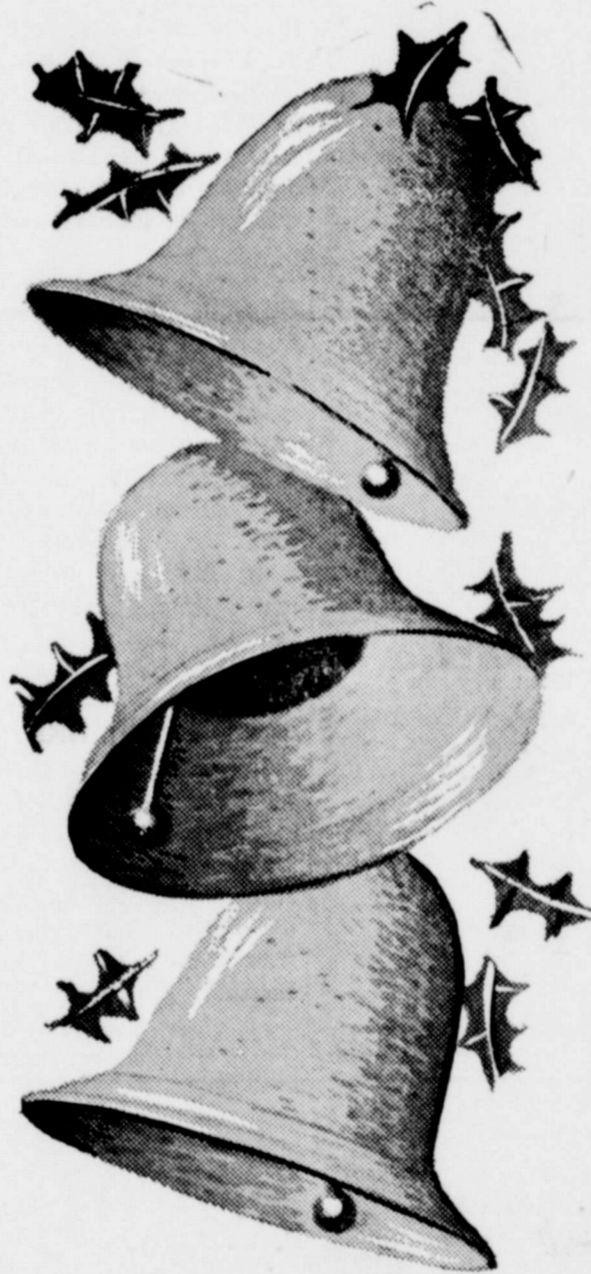


Merry Christmas
 TO EVERYONE

FARRIS CITY DRUG STORE

For Your Christmas Shopping Convenience, We Will Be Open
 Sunday Afternoon, Dec. 23rd

Free Drawing for \$25 Electric Blanket at Farris Drug December 24 at 7:30.



GLAD TIDINGS

All the world renews the story of the coming of The Prince of Peace. This renewal of faith each year at this time is ageless . . . grows brighter each year . . . gives hope to all who hear it. In this season of glad tidings, we find an extra measure of gratitude in our own hearts for everyone.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR

Christmas

Ulmer and Josephine Bird

Silver All Around The Peak

By MRS. GEORGE FUGATE

Robert Jameson, fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jameson, was presented the Eagle Scout badge at a recent Lion's Club meeting. Presentation of the award was by Mr. Milton Wyatt, Scout Executive. Robert has earned 27 merit badges and is in the 9th grade.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Woolzey, and Mr. Milton Wyatt.

David Furr was honored on his tenth birthday with a party at

the Methodist Fellowship Hall, last Tuesday evening.

Refreshments were served to Carla Furr, Johnny Millican, Mike Mumford, Ernest Hereford, Craig Howell, Scott Jones, Quinn Conley, Rusty Wright, A. B. Jennings, Mike Conley, Jay Burney, John Gilbert, Robert Fugate and Jay Eubanks.

Nativity Scene

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12

The Silver MYF will present a living nativity scene at the Methodist Church the evenings of Dec. 21, 22 & 23. These young people would like to invite everyone to drive by the church and relive with them the manger scene of nearly 2,000 years ago.

Those participating are: Raymon Kincaid, Billy Paul, Charles Kennedy, Gene Kincaid, Cindy Davis, Daphne Roe, Gayle Conley, Judy Kincaid, Larry Paul, Eddie Parker, Karen Fugate, Susan Newell, Keith Jones, Aletris Ackerman and Sue Kennedy. Mrs. Phil Wall is MYF sponsor.

The Silver Peak School was the scene of Christmas parties and exchanging of gifts Wednesday, when classes were dismissed for the holidays. Refreshments were served by the room mothers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Jacoby Daughters First In Christmas Decoration Awards

First place in the BCD lighting and Christmas decorations contest was awarded to Linda and Nancy Jacoby, daughters of Mrs. Jake Jacoby. With Santa Claus on the roof top of the Jacoby home and an outdoor Christmas tree with children and presents about it, the Jacoby arrangement was considered the most typical of American Christmas.

First prize was \$7.50 cash. Mrs. Dale Wojtek was awarded the second prize of \$2.50 cash with a Santa Claus scene.

Mrs. Curtis Blair won third place, with \$2.50 prize for an entrance way decoration depicting the Star of the East.

Judging was in charge of the Garden Club. Mrs. Marvin Simpson, president, said it was a good contest with a number of very attractive decorations.

William Joe Harmon returned Saturday to Fort Carson after a few days with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley Harmon. He is with an artillery division in advanced training there.

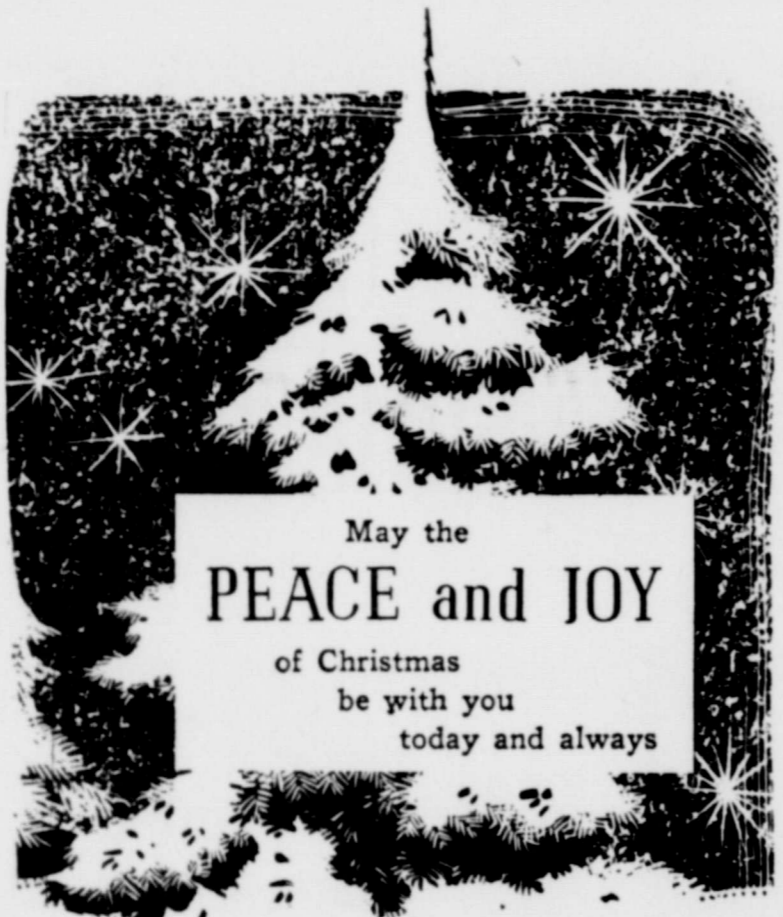
The Harmon's had their Christmas dinner while he was here, with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon, Sheila Roberts of Robert Lee and Cortez Harmon and family from San Angelo.

CARD OF THANKS

For all the many acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and passing of our loved one, including food, flowers, cards, and to Dr. McDaniel and nurses at Coke Memorial Hospital we want to express our deepest thanks. May God bless you all. The McCutchen Family

Warm wishes for a very Merry Christmas

BUZ AND FLOY SAWYER



David, Alene and Joe Key



GREETINGS and BEST WISHES TO YOU at CHRISTMAS TIME

ECON - O - WASH

MR. AND MRS. WOODROW GARDNER

MERRY CHRISTMAS ...and the best of good wishes

Wishing you joy and happiness not only on Christmas but every day



CHISM and RUBY BROWN



MAY PEACE

Be Your Gift at Christmas And Your Treasure in the Days to Come

Coke County Sheriff Dept.

MELVIN CHILDRESS

JESSE PARKER

VERA ALLEN



with our special thanks for your continued loyalty...we say, "Greetings" and

BEST WISHES

IVEY MOTOR CO.

Our Home Circle

By Fay C. Roe
Home Demonstration Agent

The District 7 Gold Star Award Banquet held last Wednesday at noon in San Angelo was a very nice affair. It was a delight to see the 4-H'ers receive the coveted Gold Star Award. The girl from Coke County, Betty Hughes, was among those honored. She and her mother, Mrs. A. V. Hughes attended along with me. I am proud of Betty and the nice record she has made. She not only does well in 4-H, but she does well in other activities. Did you notice she placed in the "Make It Yourself With Wool Show" held

recently? The H. D. Christmas Party held last week was enjoyed by 32 members and three visitors. A wonderful program was presented by the Bronte clubs with Mmes. C. E. Arrott, J. C. Boatright, Truman Parker and Gene Halamicek taking parts. Other clubs equally did a fine job. Robert Lee club did the tree decoration, Green Mountain, the table and favors, Friendship, gifts and Silver, the refreshments. Each club member who missed the party missed a

I will be out of the office from December 24th until Jan. 2, 1963. I will spend most of the holidays with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Croslin near Paris, Texas. Daphne and A. J. III will accompany me.

I wish all of you who read "Our Home Circle" a wonderful Holiday Season and the best year ever in 1963! Merry Christmas to all!

I hope this recipe does not reach you so late that you will not try it for Christmas. This is so easy to make and yet is so good. I ate some of the bread out at Mrs. R. L. Pages and it was so good I just had to have the recipe. My family enjoys it as well as I do.

FRUIT BREAD

- 1/2 cup soft butter, creamed
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 6 oz. package chocolate chips
- 1 4-8 oz. bottle marischino cherries
- 1/4 cup currants
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans

Mix in order given. Bake at 350 degrees in well buttered pan. I used a loaf bread pan and it takes around 1 hour to bake. I also added fruit cake mix to one batch I made and it is very good.

WILL SPEND HOLIDAYS IN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

Two Robert Lee High School seniors left Sunday, December 16, for two weeks active duty in the Navy Reserve.

Joe Lara left for New Orleans and was to report aboard the U.S.S. Hughes Monday morning.

Donald Ellis was to report aboard the U.S.S. Constellation Sunday evening. The Constellation is the world's largest conventional driven air craft carrier.

Both boys are to return December 29.

ON ALL-AREA TEAM

The Abilene Reporter - News sports writers' poll places Derwood Coalson, Robert Lee Junior, on the all-area first team.

Bill Roach, another Junior, is named on the area second team as guard, and Rusty Dodson, Senior, as back.

Honorable mention went to Dwain Walker, Comie Hallmark, and Phil Lowder, Seniors.

As Good As We Make It
Today and Tomorrow
Robert Lee!



OLENE'S BEAUTY SHOP



FOR YOU, OUR FRIENDS

Better friends we could not wish for
Nor a happier occasion
than this Christmas to wish them
joy, success and happiness.



JACK and BESSIE
WALKER

TO GREET YOU WITH BEST WISHES

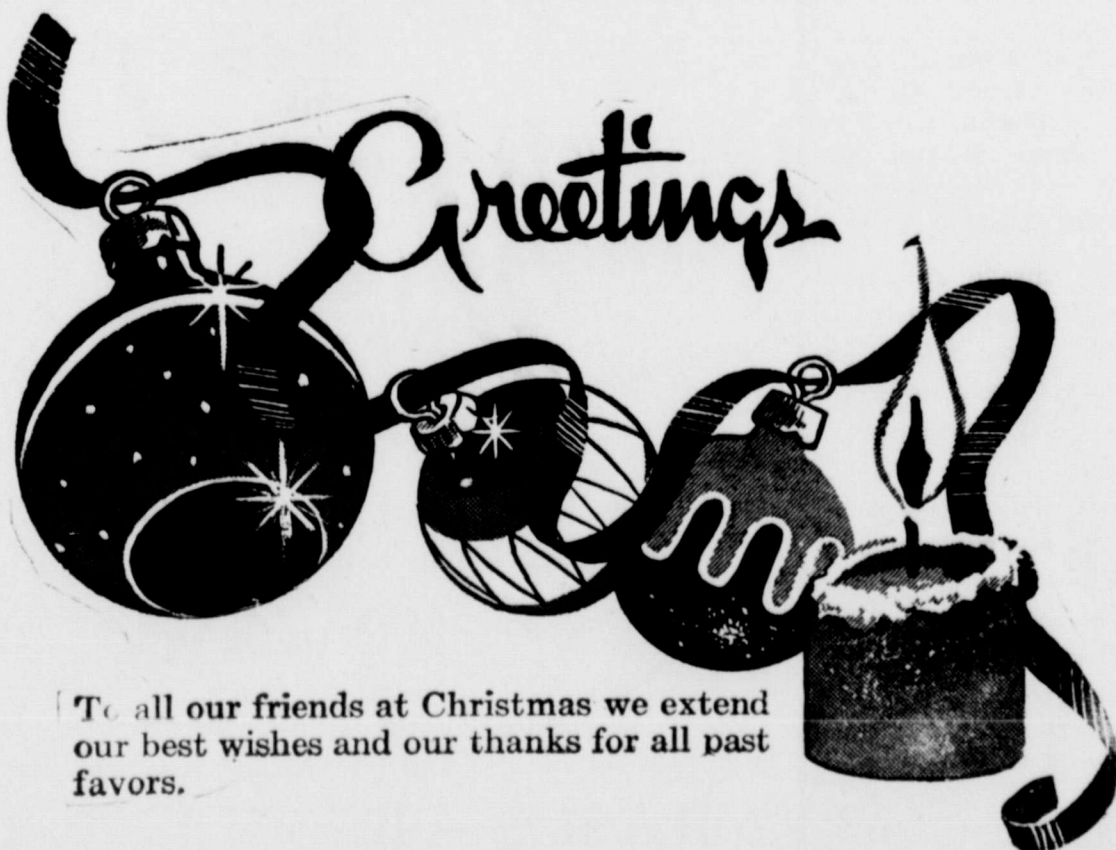
Merry Christmas 

GLADYS' BEAUTY SHOP
JONES BARBER SHOP



GOOD WISHES

Judge and Mrs. W. W. Thetford



To all our friends at Christmas we extend our best wishes and our thanks for all past favors.

COKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE

O. B. JACOBS

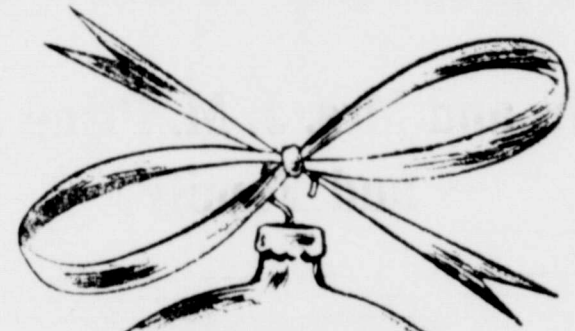
JERRY McCUTCHEN

BESS HANDLEY



When Ornaments Are All in Place...

When there is a Christmas smile lighting every face . . . when the carolers sing . . . and good friends meet . . . and all the world is full of good cheer . . . and there is Peace on Earth . . . Good Will Toward men . . . then it's time to exchange



Christmas Greetings

HERE'S OURS . . . WITH A SINCERE
THANK YOU FOR ALL
PAST FAVORS.



ROSS SERVICE STATION

MR. AND MRS. RICKEY ROSS
MR. AND MRS. JOE ROSS

OTIS JOHNSON WOULD LIKE TO SEE FRIEND OF FORMER YEARS

Otis E. Johnson, of Prusser,

Washington, old time Texas cowboy, and husband of the former Gertrude Murray, has been visiting in Robert Lee in connection with the illness of Miss Nancy Murray, his wife's sister, and daughter of the late L. B. Murray, formerly sheriff of Coke County.

Miss Nancy and her sister, Effie, have made their home together here for years. Miss Nancy is reported responding somewhat to treatment at a Houston hospital for a serious illness.

Mr. Johnson would like to locate a Mr. Conger he used to know in West Texas.

INSURANCE

Life, Health and Accident, Polio, Travel. Also Automobile, City and Farm Property, Fire and Casualty.

**GERALD C. ALLEN
WILLIAM H. ALLEN**



HOLIDAY calls are a vital part of CHRISTMAS and everywhere you turn, folks hurry on these pleasant errands. Since we cannot come in person, we take this means of expressing our appreciation for your friendship and good will. We sincerely wish that your Holiday Season will be a joyous one with a full measure of success and happiness.

**Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen
and Frank**



**Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prine Jr.
and Family**



May you have that Peace, Hope and Love which is Christmas.

The John Conleys

Want Ads

Classified Advertising Rates: Minimum charge 75c per insertion. First insertion 5c per word; subsequent insertions (with no changes in copy) 3c per word. (Initials, abbreviations and figures (except telephone numbers, house numbers and post office box numbers) count as one word. All classified advertising is payable upon publication.

For Rent: Two bedroom home located in Sunset Addition. Nice yard, backyard fence and attached garage. Available about Jan. 1st. If interested write Eddie Good, Box 578, Carthage, Texas. 3tc

To interest young children, "CHILDCRAFT". Complete information for the whole family in "WORLD BOOK." Contact Mrs. Jeeff Dean, Phone 453 4781, Robert Lee.

UPHOLSTERY SHOP, just starting. Located across street from Y Cafe. Appreciate all types of upholstery work from old and new customers. Located corner of 9th and Commerce. Mrs. Keith Hood.

FOR SALE — Fresh dressed hens. See or call Jessie Hurley. 2tp

MAN or WOMAN service and collect from coin-operated machines in this area, full or part-time. Person selected must have good serviceable car and 10 or more spare hours weekly, \$600 to \$4,600 cash capital. Write giving name, address, Phone number and all details to Box 6932, Dallas, Texas. 1tp

Male Boxer, pheasants, ducks, bantams, parakeets, pigeons, laying cages. 2205 Dallas, San Angelo Texas. Phone 949-2715.

FOR SALE OR TRADE 200 West Main St., Ranger, Texas. Corner lot 50'x140'. Three-story solid brick apartment hotel. Eleven furn. apartments and 24 hotel rooms. Coffee shop, barber, beauty shop and ground-floor store. Original cost \$150,000. Are asking \$75,000, including all furnishings and equipment. 5% commission to agents. Will finance. Contact T. A. Blakely, 3008 Southland Center, Dallas, Tex. Riverside 8-8781.

SELL-Lease to dependable party, Lee's Cafe. Sell building & equipment, all or part. TR 4-2129, Clarendon, Texas.

FOR SALE — John Deere 840 tractor with Hancock piggyback scraper. J. T. Christon, Box 705, Colorado City, Texas. RAndolph 8-2942.

FOR SALE: 30 acres of land close to Sanco. Cheap. Contact Coke Austin, 716 Powell, San Angelo, Texas. Phone 655-1134. 2tc

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

A radio in a missile shot into space is sending messages back to earth 22.5 million miles. So far as we know there's no limit to how far a radio message can be broadcasted.

Yet there are still some skeptical about a prayer reaching heaven.

This radio is expected to send back information about the planet Venus. Serious preparations are being made by the Russians and the U. S. both to travel to other worlds.

The word "angelos" meant "messenger."

The angels in the Bible were messengers from another world. The Russians plan to send messengers into outer space, other worlds — but won't believe any ever came here.

Son Millican and Gerald Millhouse, all in about 30 minutes.

can and W. L. Metcalf went out to see what the dogs had bayed and it seems bobcats are now running in packs. They killed 3 bob cats within half miles of the

The City Hall will be closed from Friday, December 21 at 5 p.m. until Wednesday morning, December 26, at 8 a.m.



Merry Christmas

McCABE SERVICE STATION

MR. & MRS. J. F. McCABE JR.

"... and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11



May the Spirit of Christmas

abide with you

ADAMS ABSTRACT CO.

MR. AND MRS. S. E. ADAMS

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Adams

Mrs. Juanita Godwin



From left to right above, Doyle Robertson, Robert Wink and Gaylon Pitcock have been active through 1962 in 4-H Club work, placing, as the banner they hold indicates, in the District Soil Judging Contest, and each of them outside of school hours active in practical work on the ranch.

Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, is feeding two pigs

in vocational agriculture work. Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wink, has fed three steers in 4-H, two steers and two pigs in FFA (vocational agriculture). He also lists one range heifer in his record book. Robert was on the Steer football squad this year. Gaylon, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pitcock, lists one steer and one range heifer among his 4-H projects, and has chalked up a good year in the Dogie line in football.

Robert Lee Cagers Win Here, Lose By One Point Friday

Robert Lee boys basketball teams on their own floor Monday night posted three wins over Bronte teams.

The Seventh Grade overran the visitors 23 to 3. In the B team match it was Robert Lee 42, Bronte 31; A teams, Robert Lee 64, Bronte 39.

High scorer for the A's was Phil Lowder with 21 points, for the B's, Terry Thetford with 15.

At Christoval Tournament last Friday, December 14, the Robert Lee B's lost two close games to Mertzon and Eldorado. With Mertzon it was 36-35, and then Mertzon won 2nd in the tournament over Christoval with another 1 point margin, 51-50.

Close shaves were the order, with Eldorado 41, Robert Lee 39, Eldorado defeating Bronte by a wide margin for consolation honors.

Terry Thetford made the all-tournament team, and the Robert Lee Freshman-Sophomore composed team drew high praise from competing coaches and tournament hosts, according to those attending from Robert Lee.

In case of fire Dial 453-4291.

SAN ANGELO, December 18: Miss Barbara Gray, daughter of Mrs. G. Gray, Robert Lee, was recently elected vice-president of the Women's Intramural Council at San Angelo College.

Miss Gray was a member of the winning women's basketball team at San Angelo College and has been selected as a forward on the women's all-star basketball team.

Miss Gray is a physical education major at San Angelo College where she is a freshman student.

A Word to the Wise

If you find anything worth reading in this issue of the Observer—anything that you enjoy or appreciate, it is made possible by those who have bought space for advertising and greetings.

We do not have everything you need in Robert Lee, but you might be surprised at what merchants do have here that will help you finish up your Christmas shopping.

The more you can buy here the better stock your merchants will be able to carry, the better newspaper, school, churches, streets, water system you will have, and the more jobs there will be for those who live by earning wages. —Editor.

I. A. Bird and Nolan Pentecost saw the top Hereford bull at Amarillo sell for \$6,500, and others in proportion. Charlie Creighton showed one that sold for \$3,200.

Neither of the two Coke men had any animals up there this year, though they have often shown Herefords there.



All Aboard for a MERRY Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins and Kay

Season's Greetings

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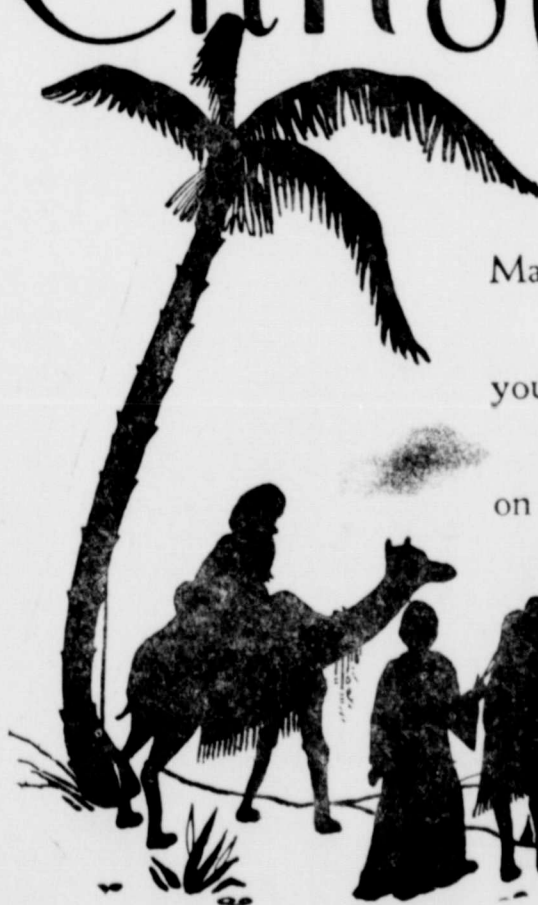
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"AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED, AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER . . ." ISAAH 40:5



The Spirit of

Christmas



May God above look down and bless your heart and home with happiness on this glorious occasion.

Season's Wishes

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The World As We See It

By the Publisher of The Observer

Gifts That Money Never Bought

Snow was white and still on the fir trees all over the Ardennes, and covered the ground with its cold, white blanket on Christmas Day, 1945.

In the edge of Luxembourg City where the road goes out to Junclinster and Echtenach the man who writes this memoir was lying on an army pallet upstairs in a stone building that was our headquarters, with a mild but miserable case of the flu, a holdover from a week in a pup tent on the wet ground back in France.

We had planned a Christmas tree in the mess hall downstairs. The boys had "found" a little fir, and had put it up, but I didn't feel like going down there, and one of them came upstairs with a package of "K" rations, with "Merry Christmas" scrawled on a scrap of paper he had found somewhere.

I had received more expensive gifts in my time, but never one that had more meaning, and that scrap of paper is still somewhere among those little things one doesn't ever throw away.

All day long and all night long the incessant thunder of the guns up at Bastogne to the northwest, about 15 miles away were echoed by those up at Echtenach about ten miles to the west, and down on the Mozelle, about the same distance southwest. There was one road in and the same road out of Luxembourg City, but nobody was saying anything about taking it out.

The next day the flu was a little better, and your present editor pulled himself off the pallet and up to the 194th Evacuation Hospital upon the hill.

There had been heavy fighting along the little Oure River, and every ward was crowded, the reception room had men lying on pallets so close one could hardly step between them, and tents had been stretched in the yard. Still they came in, cooks and even nurses helping lug the stretchers as men were unloaded from trucks, jeeps, ambulances—all sorts of vehicles.

As I walked among them, the smooth face of one lad turned toward me, his eye bright and clear, and I stopped to chat with him. "How long have you been here?" "Since Saturday, Sir."

All day Christmas Eve, all day Christmas, and now the day after—"Did you get some shrapnel?"

"In both legs, Sir."

"Are they getting around to you?"

"The nurse gets around. They have a lot of men here."

"Can I do anything for you?"

"No, Sir. They'll get to me after awhile. There are a lot of men worse hurt than I am."

That was my second Christmas gift at Luxembourg. This is seventeen years now. But never has a Christmas passed that I have not remembered. There will never a Christmas pass that I will not remember.

It had been a drab day with the flu a long way from home. But here was a boy like one of yours just out of high school, on a pallet on a stone floor, giving me one of the finest gifts ever given—the courage of one who would put his life on the line and never whimper, and add to it a smile.

Will Santa's hoard be meager this year? Will your gifts not be as fine or expensive as you would like—those you receive, or those you give?

You have gifts more wonderful than ever you can know—gifts from God and man, since that first Christmas night long ago.

Now do you understand why never a Christmas season passes but sometime during those days my mind goes back to Luxembourg in gratitude again for the lesson I learned and the gifts I received that Christmas in the Ardennes?

I think you understand.

Observations

(A Personal Word By The Editor)

Among the pictures hung upon the walls of this writer's mind never to be removed and never to dim is the face of a young man, turned into the cold wind, riding a tank out of Luxembourg.

Courage like that I can partly understand—I was close enough to it. But there is a courage no MAN will ever even half-way know, and that is the courage of the women who have reared their families in this country of ours—some of them grown old, some of them still young, some of them passed on.

Just last week two of those mothers left us. Dear friends they were and in their going it is hard for us to keep from thinking too sadly of our loss.

But we must now remember that in their time they, too, bore their losses and lived on. They met the pain and bore the burdens of bearing and rearing children. There was something so real about them, and a kind of patience men find it hard to come by.

They were brave; they had courage. They laid away their loved ones and went on with their lives. Somewhere along the way in life we learn that such courage is the greatest of all, and the last mile of the journey is often the bravest part of it.

Mrs. Lucy Ola Service, wife of the late Leonard Service, and Mrs. Eva McCutchen, wife of W. M. (Bill) McCutchen, lived in the same community, enjoyed some of the same grandchildren, belonged to the same church, died the same week in the same hospital with the same malady.

Funerals were conducted in the same church, led by the same minister, and they rest in the same cemetery.

The son of one and the daughter of the other, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service, lost their mothers in the same week, only two days apart. The funeral for Mrs. Service was conducted Thursday, for Mrs. McCutchen Saturday.

Among the Men

At the six o'clock (Morning) Curtis Walker drinking coffee and waiting for somebody to help him tag sheep. Steve Casey thinking it over. Jay Denman getting his eyes open. Calvin Wallace getting along good with his morning cigar. Mike Casey with his mind on Union Petroleum construction and a lot of work to get rolling. Jake Tubb always on time. Doo Dad not around to count the cups, but he stays in business. How does he do it?

El Higgins says it did, too, come a freeze down on the river place November 9, bit the Johnson grass and cattle had to be moved the next day, one of those nights cold air settles in low spots.

December finally got here with around 20 degree weather a couple of nights, the first to kill vegetation all over, then mild weather with one day reported 85 degrees at midday.

Butch Davis says when his new boss at his new job called him Mister by the name his parents first gave him, he looked around the room to see who the man was talking to.

Bob Godwin says they have a fresh bouquet of roses just clipped from the bush and here it is December.

A nail driven into a tree trunk will be at the same height from the ground five years later.

NOTICE

The Observer print shop is still at the old location, but the newspaper office has been moved next door, in the building formerly occupied by Lynn Hammack radio repair service.

From habit many still look for the office in the shop side. Just step one door north, and there we are. Except for a few minutes now and then there is usually someone in the office, throughout the working day.



Merry Christmas!

JACK CAPPS
Baits and Tackle



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our friends at Christmas

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to all of you

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