

This Newspaper Has More Readers In Coke Co. Than Any Other Paper

A newspaper of Age, Coverage, News, Features, and Typography—a booster every week for the BEST county in West Texas

When your subscription EXPIRES postal laws require that your paper be STOPPED. This we do. Please renew promptly

Published At The County Seat—Only Legal Paper In The County

Robert Lee Observer

Now In It's 59th Year It Is Coke County's Oldest and Largest Newspaper

WEST TEXAS' NEATEST WEEKLY PAPER—COMPARE!

FIFTY-NINTH YEAR—ESTABLISHED JUNE 13, 1889

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Vol. 59, No. 27

Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, Friday, December 17, 1948

Published Weekly

Service Held For Coke County Boy Killed In France

The remains of Earl Walker, well known Coke county youth who gave his life for his country, were brought back this week for permanent burial in his home community. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. (Jack) Walker of Robert Lee.

The casketed remains arrived over the Santa Fe at Bronte Tuesday morning and were brought to the Robert Lee Baptist church where services were held at 2 p. m. The Rev. Fred D. Blake, pastor of the church, officiated. Selections were sung by a community choir of mixed voices.

Burial was in the family plot at McKenzie cemetery, northwest of Silver. A color guard in uniform was furnished by the American Legion. Pallbearers were chosen from a group of veterans who left for the service with Earl. They included Wayne Smith, Ray Muddell and Ernest Bloodworth of Robert Lee, Matthew Caperton and Hollis Stevens, Bronte, and Dick Wylie and Harvey and Jake Allen of San Angelo.

Cliff Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral and burial arrangements.

William Earl Walker was born on a ranch near Silver Feb. 17, 1925. He attended school at Silver and Robert Lee and graduated from high school here in 1942. He was active in helping operate his father's ranch before he left for service with the armed forces Dec. 3, 1943.

His basic training took place at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Ft. Mead, Md. He left the States for overseas duty July 27, 1944, and landed in Italy on Aug. 13.

Pvt. Walker served as an infantry machine gunner with the Third Division of the Seventh Army, and was killed in the vicinity of Des Fosse, France, on Nov. 6, 1944, while participating in an attack upon a German held town.

The body, which was temporarily buried in a U. S. Military Cemetery at Hochfelden, France, arrived in New York a few weeks ago on the Carroll Victory, which brought back more than 7,500 war dead from Europe, among them 316 from Texas.

Accompanying the remains of Pvt. Walker from Ft. Worth to Robert Lee was Sgt. W. E. Simpson of Mena, Ark. Sgt. Simpson was a guest in the Walker home during his stay here, and returned to Ft. Worth Wednesday night.

A large crowd of relatives and friends of the family attended the funeral.

Basket Ball Games

There will be some exhibition basketball games in the Robert Lee gym on Monday night, December 20, beginning at 7 o'clock.

The Robert Lee girls are playing basketball this year for the first time in a number of years. Twenty girls are coming out for the sport. They have twelve new black basketball suits.

There will be one short game to be played by the girls having black suits. The winner of this game will then play a regular length game against a team of girls who will wear orange suits.

The Robert Lee boys will also play a game. There will be no charge for these games and the public is invited.

He Gave His Life



Pvt. Earl Walker

County Approves New Hospital Plans

Coke county commissioners put in a busy day here Monday at their regular monthly session. Present to see how the county's business is transacted were J. W. Service and Claud Ditmore, who will assume their places on the commissioners court Jan. 1.

Revised plans for the county hospital were presented to the court by the architect, T. Roy Ainsworth, who made changes to conform with desires of the state and federal authorities. The new plans call for eight rooms and 10 beds, the addition of a small basement and other changes.

Local officials approved the preliminary plans presented by Ainsworth and they were forwarded to Austin for state approval. Under the new setup the county will receive federal aid for one-third the cost of the hospital and its equipment.

The county voted to give the town of Bronte \$2,500 toward the purchase of fire equipment. A similar amount has been appropriated in county funds for Robert Lee.

The commissioners will hold their final meeting on Friday, Dec. 31, to wind up the year's business. At that time Commissioners Henry Varnadore and Ben Brooks will retire in favor of Messrs. Service and Ditmore. Commissioners Otis Smith and T. R. Harmon were re-elected this year and will retain their offices.

Oil Play Brings Boom at Bronte

Bronte has taken on all the aspects of an oil boom community since Humble's No. 1 R. E. Hickman was brought in three weeks ago. Leases and royalties have been selling right and left at unheard of prices, and there is a scramble to lease up city lots, since the oil strike is only one mile west of the city limits.

The Hickman well flowed 131 barrels of 46 gravity oil in an official 6-hour test, and latest reports are that the flow has increased since the test was made. Production is from the Palo Pinto lime from 4,350 to 4,368 feet.

American Republics is nearing pay on the Jess Percifull place, a quarter of a mile north of No. 1 C. E. Rawlings. Two other new tests are going down. Hickok & Reynolds, who brought in the Rawlings discovery in the Bronte field, are drilling No. 1 O. R. McQueen, north of Hickman, while Humble has started an east offset

Notes from the Oil Field



No. 1 Mettie Russell et al, Seaboard's wildcat 3 miles west of Robert Lee, has reached a depth of 2,400 feet. Drilling was suspended the past couple of days for rig repairs. Surface pipe was cemented the last of the week to 1,449 feet with 600 sacks.

A. G. Hill's No. 3 Ralph Harris estate has been flowing to tanks the past two days, with an estimated production of between 80 and 100 barrels daily. The hole was completed at a depth of 5,800 feet in Pennsylvanian sand. It is a diagonal northeast offset to No. 2 Harris, recently completed 350-barrel producer.

Delaney Drilling Co., which completed its third well for Hill, is standing by until another location has been staked.

No. 5 Harris was drilling Wednesday below 5,500 feet, and No. 4 below 3,800 feet. They are south and east of No. 2 Harris.

Algord Oil company's No. 1 Marvin Simpson was drilling Thursday below 4,200 feet in shale. It is a southeast outpost to No. 1 Jack Lassiter, Marble Fall discovery in the new field 3 miles west and north of Sanco.

Plymouth's No. 1 P. W. Millican, west of Edith, was drilling at 4,700 feet on Thursday. It is an east offset to Sun's P. W. Millican discovery.

Sun's Production Up In November

Sun Oil company produced 116,687 barrels of oil from its Coke county operations during the month of November, according to figures released this week by the company's area office at Silver.

Production was from 36 wells, 34 of which flow naturally and two are pumping. Five wells have been shut in with their allowable production transferred to other wells.

Sun now has 22 regular employees in the production department of the Robert Lee area. First producing well was brought in just two years ago on the Allen Jameson lease south of Silver.

Sun is getting a good start on its new plant which will utilize gas now being flared. The plant expected to cost in excess of a million dollars is located on Fred Jameson property, 2 1-2 miles south and east of Silver.

A crew of 75 men are at work for the Pritchard company of Kansas City, contractors on the gas plant. This week concrete footings are being poured for the huge propane storage tanks.

H. O. Evinger, superintendent, and Willard McDuffie, clerk, are permanent employees of the gas department who arrived recently at Silver.

Christmas Baskets

Arrangements are being made for the distribution of Christmas baskets to a number of deserving Robert Lee families. The movement is being sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department, the American Legion and the Lions club. Committee members are Dick Kannady, C. S. Brown and Mac McAdams.

The Robert Lee 8th graders enjoyed a class party on Dec. 14. Sandwiches and cocoa were served. Sponsors were Principal McLeod, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Roberts.

Married



Mrs. Edward Earl Pierce

Ione Davis Is Bride Of Edward Earl Pierce

The marriage of Miss Ione Davis and Edward Earl Pierce, well known Robert Lee young couple, took place at 7:30 p. m. Dec. 9, with Bro. R. T. Williamson officiating at his home in San Angelo. Attendants were the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosburg.

The bride wore a grey suit with black accessories. She is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Mitchell Davis and a graduate of Robert Lee high school. She was employed at Kelly Field for a year and held several local office positions. At present she is connected with the Poulter Abstract Co. in San Angelo.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce. He attended Robert Lee high school and served three years in the Infantry during the recent war, being stationed in the Pacific area. He is now employed in the paint and body shop of Angelo Motors Co.

The couple will reside in San Angelo.

Early Paper Next Week

Next week's issue of The Observer will be printed one day early because of the holiday season. Printing will be completed on Wednesday, and everyone is urged to get their news and advertising copy in one day earlier than usual.

Mrs. J. Q. Counts returned to her work in the county clerk's office this week after recovering from a recent operation.

High School Cagers Open Season Tonight

After winding up a highly successful football season, Robert Lee high school athletes immediately started their basketball training.

Coach Mike Hughes is well pleased with the early showing of his squad in their cage workouts. The Steers will get their first taste of action in a tournament this week end at Stanton.

The basketball conference is not the same as the football setup, Robert Lee being in a district with Bronte, Norton, Miles and Wall.

When the conference schedule starts after the Christmas vacation it will be necessary to play two games weekly. Where possible the girls will also be scheduled for games along with the boys.

Coach Hughes says the annual football banquet will not take place until after the first of the year. According to plans football jackets will be awarded to each member of the 1948 Steer squad, about 19 players in all.

Sun No. 3 Brannan Flows 240 Barrels In Official Test

Sun Oil company this week completed its No. 3 Jewell Brannan for a daily production of 240 barrels of high gravity pipeline oil. Gauge was through a quarter inch choke and the well flowed naturally after completion in open hole at a depth of 6,320 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,305-1.

Location is in the NW quarter of Section 460, formerly the S. M. Conner ranch, four miles southwest of Silver. It is near the southwestern edge of Sun's rapidly developing Jameson field in the Silver locality.

Baker-Taylor's rotary equipment was moved from Brannan No. 3 to Brannan No. 4, where a depth of 1,206 feet was reported Thursday.

No. 2 Brannan was coring in lime at 6,320 feet and is due for completion very soon.

No. 14 Homer Jameson was coring Thursday in sand and shale at 5,911 feet, and planned to test Friday.

No. 5 J. B. Walker, south of the river, was coring in lime at 6,233 feet and nearing bottom.

No. 12 Homer Jameson had reached a depth of 4,522 feet in shale and sand.

No. 1 Bloodworth was drilling in shale at 4,867 feet.

Sun's No. 1 C. C. Millican, west of Edith topped the lime reef at 5,808 feet, more than 100 higher than the P. W. Millican discovery. It was testing Thursday at 5,853 feet.

No. 1 Annie Cummings, a north offset to the discovery, had reached 5,056 feet and was drilling in shale.

4 New Dwellings Under Way Here

Four new residence units for Robert Lee are getting under construction this week. They will be located in a nice residential section north of the school house.

Gerald Allen has let a contract to John Brown for two 3-room modern dwellings to be erected on adjacent lots formerly owned by the Tunnel family. Cost of the houses is expected to be under \$3,500 each including lot.

Mr. Allen is aware of the urgent need for more small homes in Robert Lee and says the new houses will be for sale or for rent.

Otto Wojtek and Jeff Dean are moving in a large army building from Brownwood and each will take one-half the 50 x 100 ft. structure.

Judge Dean will remodel his part of the building into a home for himself and family, and has purchased a site from Dr. Griffith near the new Allen houses.

Mr. Wojtek plans to convert his section of the building into a duplex apartment. It will be located near the Wojtek home in the block north of the school house.

Trade Day Dec. 22

The final of the series of Trade Day gift drawings will take place in Robert Lee next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. There will be a community Christmas program preceding the drawing.

Baptist Ladies From Silver Entertained Here

Women from the Silver Baptist church and the Robert Lee Baptist church met in the Robert Lee church Dec. 7 for the Lottie Moon (Foreign Mission) Season of Prayer. There was a good representation from both churches and the entire program was well rendered.

The morning program was presented by the women from Silver under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Legg, Silver program chairman. Those taking part in the discussions were Mrs. Legg, Mrs. A. E. Rose, Mrs. Homer Jameson, Mrs. Gebhart, Mrs. Merle Jameson, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Preston. After the closing devotional by Mrs. Legg, a trio composed of Mrs. Merle Jameson, Mrs. Geb-

hart and Mrs. Legg, sang "Who at My Door is Standing?" The congregation was then dismissed in prayer, and a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed in the church basement.

The afternoon program was given by the women of the Robert Lee church under the direction of the local president, Mrs. H. E. Ivey, in the absence of Mrs. W. C. Caffey, who had prepared the program. Those taking part in the afternoon discussions were Mrs. Ivey, Mrs. Fred Blake, Mrs. H. C. Allen, Mrs. B. A. Austin, Mrs. Farris and Mrs. Victor Wojtek. After the closing devotional the entire group sang the W. M. U. hymn "Jesus Shall Reign."

At intervals throughout the entire program Christmas songs were sung and seasons of prayer observed.

This special season of prayer for Foreign Missions was started in honor of Miss Lottie Moon, who gave her life in the mission fields of China. W. M. U. organizations in the entire Southland observe a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions at this time every year, and special offerings are made for this cause.

The Southwide goal this year is \$1,600,000.00. Reports are given of all foreign fields and much information concerning Baptist work is available to women through these programs. Women participating are caused to see that they are helping to carry out the scripture adopted by the W. M. U. "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow—"Philippians 2:10.

From J. T. Norfleet

J. T. Norfleet, former Coke county resident, who now resides at 3965 Alabama St., San Diego, Calif., writes as follows:

"Just a few lines to tell you we miss our home paper away out west. But we like to live here where the wind never blows hard, never have sand storms and blizzards, just plenty of sunshine and rain. We are awfully dry here now, with little rainfall. You Texans come out to see us and we'll go deep sea fishing. Believe me, it's a thrill. A merry Christmas to all you folks."

Doris Pettit and Mrs. Billy Carroll Green are employed at the Adams abstract office.

Personals

(Intended for Last Week)

Myrtle and Ada Hurley spent Sunday at Winters with the M. J. Goldens, former Robert Lee residents.

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter and daughter, Jewell Hunter, spent the weekend with relatives at Winters.

Jimmy Mack Mathis had the end of his right forefinger mashed off in an oil field accident Tuesday of last week. He was employed by Carter Drilling Co. on the Harris lease.

Darrel Ainsworth was called to Snyder early last week by the illness of his grandfather, J. L. Ainsworth, who died Tuesday afternoon of pneumonia. Darrel was one of the pallbearers at the funeral service and burial Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Martin of Andrews are visiting in the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Duke.

Ed Gray spent a portion of last week at San Antonio with his son, Glenn Gray, and family. Glenn and his wife and daughter, Lynell, brought Ed home and spent the weekend here.

Hiram George and wife left this week to spend some time at Alpine, after visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jack Calder, and family. While in Robert Lee they resided in the home of Mrs. B. E. Davis. Mr and Mrs. George are from Lennox, Iowa, and are in the south this winter because of Mrs. George's health.

Church of Christ

East Side, Robert Lee

Regular Services each Sunday, Bible Study at 10:15 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 to 12 Evening service at 4 p. m.—Idus England.

We Appreciate Your Business

FURNITURE

FOR THE HOME

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE CO.

PHONE 5157 SAN ANGELO

Butane Service Co.

STOVES - TANKS - SERVELS

Prompt Service

Robert Lee 92 PHONES Bronte 123

The Observer For Fine Printing

WARNING!

With cold weather coming you better have those water pipes and cutoffs checked, pipes covered and leaky faucets replaced.

Phone 144

DICK KANNADY

Robert Lee, Texas

COL-TEX

Gasoline



Wholesale

Phone 127

Varnadore Bros.

Your Home Town Gas and Oil Men

KANNADY

Plumbing Shop

Robert Lee, Texas

Phone 144

Plumbing Repairs and Contracting

ALL JOBS GUARANTEED

Dick Kannady

Proprietor

Made Right Styled Right Priced Right



28-A West Beauregard

San Angelo, Texas

Protect Your Car With

Winter Conditioning

- ★ Change oil and grease in transmission and differential.
- ★ Install Anti-Freeze in radiator.
- ★ Tighten cooling system connections.
- ★ Flush crankcase and fill with wintergrade oil.
- ★ Scientific engine tune-up for best cold weather performance and economy.

★ ★ ★

Havins & Vowell

Complete Automotive Service

Phone 38

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Why Not Make This A Westinghouse Xmas

Christmas is a Day of Memories and every member of the family will cherish the day when your home receives one of these fine Westinghouse Electrical Appliances. Westinghouse quality needs no explanation—it means you will enjoy satisfaction for many years to come, perhaps a life time. You new REA users will be needing and deserving some of these items, so come in now and insure your family of a Merry Westinghouse Christmas this year.

We have the following Westinghouse articles in stock. The price is the same here in Robert Lee as in San Angelo, Dallas or Chicago.

Toasters, each	5.95
Pop-up Toasters, each	20.95
Irons, each	12.95
Sandwich Grills, each	17.95
Automatic Coffee Maker, complete	26.95
Food Mixers and Juicers, with attachments	41.95
Roasters 38.95, and Stands 17.50	56.45
Radios, table model with phono. combination	104.95
Radios, ivory finish table model	59.95
Radios, portables	29.95 to 45.00
Electric Water Heaters, 30 gal. capacity	132.95
Laundromat, the water saving electric washer	299.95

You Can Be **SURE** If It's Westinghouse

See Us About Terms of Payment

Leeper Supply Co.

Across From the Court House

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

R. H. Blaylock, 73, Dies Following Brief Illness

R. H. Blaylock, Sr. 73, Robert Lee stock farmer and former government trapper, died at a San Angelo hospital late Monday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the First Baptist Church in Eldorado with the Rev. J. M. Hayes officiating. Burial was in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Mr. Blaylock was rushed to the San Angelo hospital Monday after he became ill at his home.

For 25 years he served as a government trapper and for the past three years he was interested in stock ranching south of Robert Lee.

He was born in Georgia and came to Eden when a small boy. During his life he lived at Eldorado, Eden, and Robert Lee.

Mr. Blaylock is survived by six daughters, Mrs. B. L. Copple, Robert Lee; Mrs. Ira Copple, Concan; Mrs. A. T. Nixon, Southland; Mrs. J. D. Jennings, San Antonio; Mrs. Jack Hefferman, Killeen; and Mrs. Aubrey Lackey, Robert Lee; and three sons, R. H. Jr., and W. A. of Eldorado and Bert of Robert Lee.

Bob Fields is off work for a week or two nursing an injured foot received Wednesday when he was at work in the oil field.

Mrs. O. A. Madison and little daughter have been at Big Spring the past week where the latter underwent hospital treatment. She is much improved.

Mrs. G. E. Davis was taken to Shannon hospital Wednesday for treatment. She was recently released from the Bronte hospital where she was a patient for a week.

Mrs. Frank Bickam is a patient at the Bronte hospital this week and it is feared she may have to undergo a serious operation. Mr. Bickman is pusher for J. C. Hawkins Drilling Co. on the Annie Cummings location near Edith.

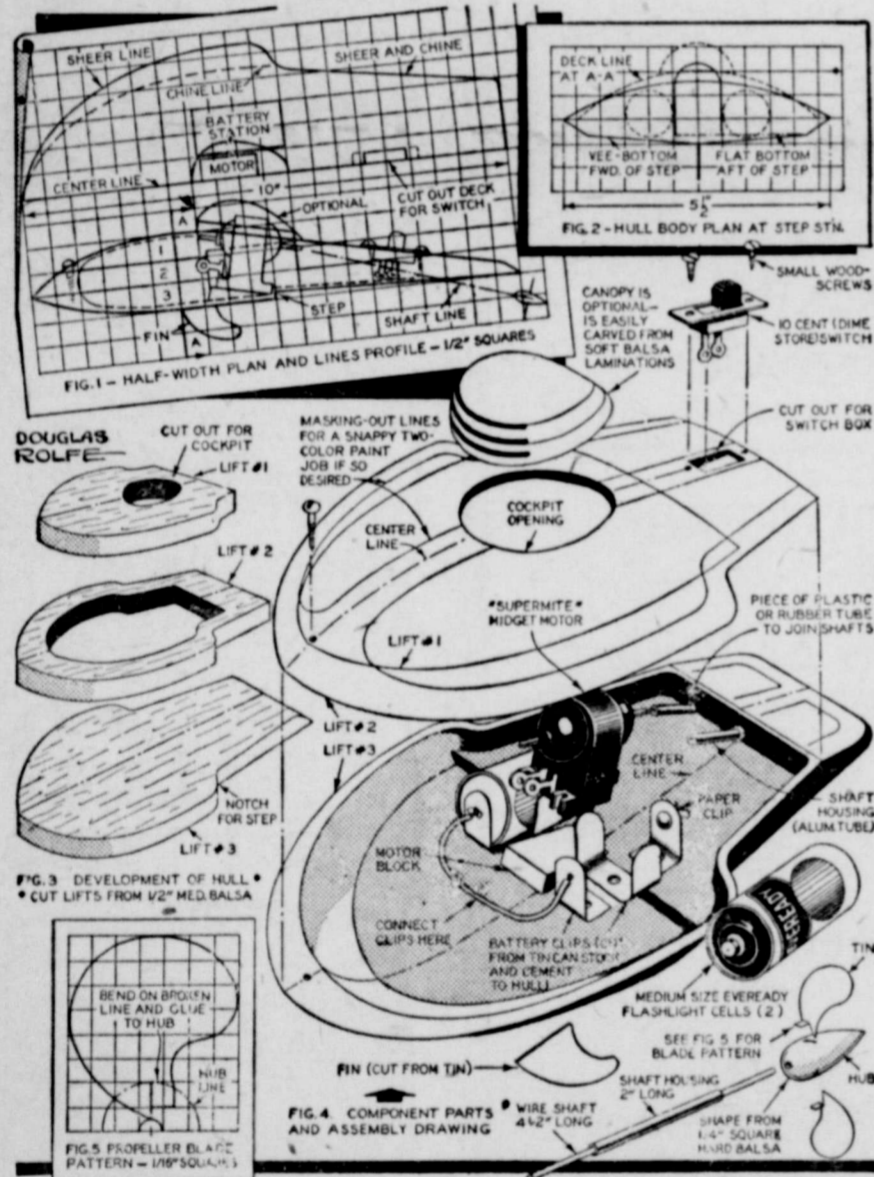
Legion Auxiliary Unit Initiates Sterling Members

The Robert Lee Degree team of the American Legion Auxiliary was again appointed 21st District Degree team by Mrs. Fred L. White, district president, at Sterling City Tuesday night where the degree team had the honor of initiating 21 charter members of the newly organized unit, following the installation of officers.

The team was composed of Billie Lewis, pres., Jessie Fay Brock, 1st vice pres., Katherine Patterson, 2nd vice pres., Dale Fields, jr., past pres., Lois Kannady, chaplain; Artie Mathews, adjutant; Corena Davis, sgt. at arms; Jewell Ledbetter, asst. sgt. at arms; Patsy Berry, pianist; Gladys Strickland, initiation officer; and Martha Smith serving as candle bearer for the candle light ceremony.

Local Legionnaires attending were Hugh Lewis, Jr., Dick Kannady, Marcus Turner, J. C. Strickland, Eddie Patterson, Carl Brock, Bob Fields and Henry Berry.

FATHER and SON



10-INCH SPEEDBOAT

Budget: Dad, \$3.00 for motor—Son, 55c for materials

Dear Dad:

The hull is carved. The Supermite motor is driven by one or two Eveready flashlight batteries.

First, lay out full-size patterns of the hull (Figures 1 and 2). The hull is built in three "lifts." The two upper lifts are to be cemented together to form the removable deck section. The lower lift forms the actual hull. Figure 3 shows how the lifts are assembled. Pin them together temporarily and carve the outside to shape. Figure 3 shows a typical section through the hull. After shaping the outside, separate the pieces and hollow out the upper and lower lifts. Cement the two lower lifts together and, when they are dry, hollow out No. 2 lift to conform with lift No. 3. Put in the motor block and the battery clips and fit the switch as shown in Figure 4. In making the connections, allow enough wire so that the deck portion can be raised to replace batteries. Put in the propeller shaft housing. This may be any piece of metal tubing of just the right size to allow any easy fit for the

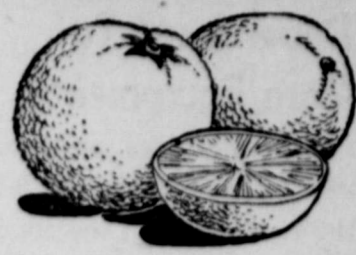
shaft. Make the propeller as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 and mount it on the shaft with cement. Hook up the propeller shaft to the motor shaft with a short length of plastic or rubber tubing.

Next cut out the fin and press it into the bottom just ahead of the step station. Later it can be cemented in place; but first sand down the entire hull with very fine sandpaper. Give the whole works a coat of sanding sealer (costs 10¢) and sand down again.

The paint job is up to the builder. Masking-out lines are indicated for a two-tone desk paint job; but this is not essential. Nor is the motor hood or canopy, also indicated; but this detail improves the appearance of the boat and seals it against water damage to the batteries. Check any tendency to turn off course by bending the fin as needed and... let her go.

Sincerely yours,

Doug Rolfe



Christmas Fruits

We have plenty of Winesap and Delicious Apples by the pound or by the box. A new shipment of Texas Oranges, Grapefruit and Ruby Red Grapefruit. Assorted Fruits packed in Mexican wicker baskets, or half bushel baskets, make an Ideal Gift. Also plenty of Arizona Navel Oranges.

CALIFORNIA PASCAL

CELERY stalk 14c

PICANS Burketts pound 39c

AVACODOS Medium size each 15c

Fresh Cocoanuts ea. 15c

TANGERINES Texas grown pound 10c



SOUTH TEXAS

CARROTS bunch 6½c

FIRM HEADS

CABBAGE Lb. 3c

Fruit Cake, one lb. 97c **Mincemeat Pies, each** 47c

Grape Juice Pure New York Concord pint 19c

Margarine, plain Admiration pound 29c

Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray 16 oz. tin 17c

Ribbon Cane Syrup, Louisiana, No. 5 tin 49c, **No. 10 tin** 95c

Cocconut Durkees Fancy Shredded 4 oz. pkg. 5c

Sliced Pineapple Dole No. 2 tin 32c

Christmas Trees—All Sizes Available

Ingredients for your Fruit Cake

Martinelli's Apple Cider—Plenty

Pineapple Juice Dole tall can 2 for 25c

Mincemeat Imperial 9 oz. pkg. 15c

Sugar, Pure Cane Imperial 10 pounds 89c

Oatmeal Cookie Mix 3 Minute 16 oz. pkg. 33c

Devil's Food Cake Mix 14 oz. pkg. 29c

Chocolate Covered Cherries 1 pound box 69c

Fruits for Salad, tall tin, 29c **Fruit Cocktail, tall,** 25c

Plenty of Candy, Nuts and Christmas Goodies

Pitted Dates 1 pound cello pkg. 29c

Peas, Peerless Large, tender, sweet No. 2 tin 2 for 25c

Corn, Rosedale, Country Gentleman No. 303 tin 20c

Pumpkin, Libby's, Custard No. 303 tin 2 for 25c

Sugar Cured JOWLS lb 49c

PICNIC HAMS lb 52c

SAUSAGE Armours lb 59c

M SYSTEM FOOD STORES SYSTEM
Home of Everyday Low Prices

Fire Department To Get More Equipment

Two new fog nozzles and some additional water hose will be added to the equipment of the county fire truck here, according to action of the county commissioners Monday.

Appearing before the commissioners court were Sam Jay, Dick Kannady and O. B. Jacobs, representing the Volunteer Fire Department. It was pointed out that fog nozzles would add greatly to the efficiency of the pumper truck, since the fog spray smothers out a blaze.

The new fire truck here was purchased the past year by \$3,500 in individual subscriptions and ownership of the equipment was turned over to Coke county.

At its regular meeting last week

WHEELCHAIR CHRISTMAS



Release from wheel chair bondage is the Christmas gift most fervently sought by the youngsters being assisted at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

the Volunteer Fire Department was addressed by Sgt. Jowers of the Highway Patrol. He pointed out that local officers should enforce the state law which prohibits parking within 10 feet of a fire plug, and also within 20 feet of a driveway leading into a fire station.

Sam Jay, fire chief, reports the organization has 15 members and every one of them is active. Other officers include Sam Williams, president, Marcus Turner, vice president, and Dick Kannady, secretary. Rev. E. W. Wright was installed as department chaplain. All but two of the members helped fight the fire in the Bronte business district last Thursday.

At its meeting this week the Volunteers voted to purchase two gas masks and two helmets.

Dick Kannady will represent the department in helping arrange Christmas baskets. Other cooperating organizations are the American Legion and Lions club.

Ray Eugene Rives, wife and baby son, Jimmie, left Sunday for California where the former will resume his duties in the navy at Moffett Field after a month's leave. Eugene, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rives, will complete a 4-year enlistment next September. He has a rating of 2nd class painter and has been recommended for promotion.

Bronte Folks Appreciate Help From Robert Lee

Sam Jay, chief of the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, has received the following letter with \$50.00 check enclosed from H. O. Whitt, Mayor of Bronte:

"We wish to express the appreciation of the city officials of Bronte and our entire citizenship joins us in our expressions of appreciation for the splendid work your department did in saving our town Thursday morning from what looked to be certain destruction.

"Words cannot express our thanks to you. We realize you good neighbors saved us from a horrible fire and, altho the fire was bad indeed, yet it makes us feel good to know we have friends and neighbors who will respond so graciously in times like that.

"As a small token of appreciation the citizens of Bronte have authorized me as mayor, to pass to you our check in the amount of \$50.00

"We want to say from the bottom of our hearts, Thank You"

Folks You Know

J. W. Cumbie was brought home Monday from the Bronte hospital where he underwent treatment the past week. Mr. Cumbie's many friends will be pleased to know that his condition has improved.

W. W. Ainsworth of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Glasgow and W. R. Read of Blackwell were guests here Sunday in the D. R. Ainsworth home. Mr. Read remained here for a few days.

T. J. Sanders is operating a second chair in the Snead barber shop, while his wife is keeping books at the Casey Chevrolet Co. They reside in Ballinger.

BUY YOUR Christmas Cards Early

We have a good supply to select from. Use our lay-away plan for Xmas Gifts

BILBO DRUG

GIFTS

For Every Member of the Family

Dishes For Christmas

New oven proof open stock in two attractive patterns—Camwood in ivory with beautiful floral band—Laurella in harmonizing everlasting colors of jade, jonquil, periwinkle and cocotan.

Buy a "starter" set now and add to it later. We plan to keep these patterns in stock. Buy as many pieces as a like.

Also colored kitchenware, lemonade sets with pitcher and 6 mugs, mixing bowls, and refrigerator jugs.

PYREX WARE

Always a Select Gift

We have a complete stock, including colored refrigerator sets and mixing bowls, all kinds of plates, baking dishes, etc.

PRESTO COOKERS

You will be delighted with a Presto Fry-Master Cooker.

Electric Toasters & Irons

The well known Philco Proctor line.

PHILCO RADIOS

A model to suit your pocket book, consoles, table models, portables, with or without record players.

Philco Refrigerators

Christmas delivery assured if you act now!

Christmas Toys

Electric Trains, Wagons, fishing kits, footballs, games and many small toys for the little tots.

Christmas Tree Lights and extra bulbs

Other Splendid Gifts

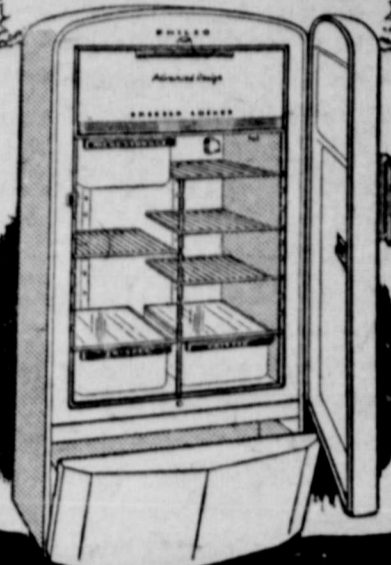
Delta Electric lanterns, flashlights, shotguns and rifles, tools for dad or brother, etc.

Free Gift Wrapping

Looney Lumber & Hardware Co.

FRED McDONALD, JR., Owner
Robert Lee, Texas

Christmas Delivery Assured... IF YOU ACT AT ONCE!



BRAND NEW 1949
PHILCO
REFRIGERATOR

Only Philco Brings You All these 1949 Features

Philco Advanced Design with last word in modern convenience. Zero-Zone Freezer Locker. Balanced Humidity. Full Shelf Adjustability. 8.1 cu. ft. Capacity. 16.2 sq. ft. Shelf Area. 5-Year Warranty. The ideal gift... see it now!

PHILCO 893

300.00

EASY PAYMENT PLAN

Looney Lbr. & Hdwe.
Robert Lee, Texas

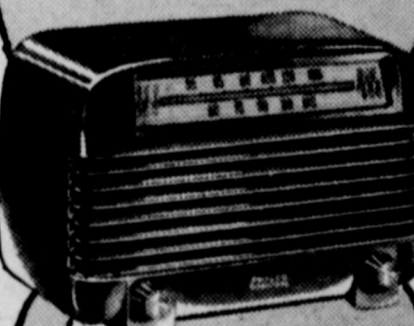
MAKE IT A
PHILCO

This Xmas

Amazing Performance

IN THE NEW

PHILCO
TABLE RADIO



\$ 26.50

Easy Terms

A wonderful performer with thrilling tone and power. Covers full Standard Broadcast band with high sensitivity and selectivity. Operates on AC or DC. Streamlined plastic cabinet. Philco 504.

LOONEY
Lumber and
Hardware Co.

\$ Save Money \$

ALCOHOL BASE
ANTI-FREEZE

\$1.50 per gal.

Willard Batteries
\$14.40 Ex.

Ethyl Gasoline, 24c
Regular, 23c

Big stock Fireworks

COX STATION

East of Robert Lee on Bronte
Hiway

B. M. Mundell & Son

Cedar and Mesquite
Eradication

Dams, Tanks, Spreader
Dams, Etc.

Phone 94

Robert Lee, Texas

ROBERT MASSIE CO.

Everything In Furniture

Ambulance Service Funeral Home
San Angelo, Texas



Change to lighter weight oil and grease, check your batteries, tune up that motor, and get good tires for safe winter driving.

Kelly-Springfield Tires
Texaco Gasoline and Lubricating Oil
Chevrolet Parts and Service

CASEY
CHEVROLET COMPANY
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

SILVER NEWS

Mrs. Dalton Millican honored her daughter, Carolyn Sue, on her second birthday with a party Saturday P. M. Refreshments of cake and hot chocolate were served to Larry and Darwin Caswell, Mary Beth Walker, Jo Ann and Frankie Millican, Jerry Jameson, Virginia Payne and Mesdames Roy Walker, Mitchell Caswell, Myrle Jameson, Francis Millican and the grandmother, Mrs. D. M. Millican.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Snowden are in Colorado City with the former's mother, Mrs. Sam Snowden, who is ill.

J. M. Pickens and wife of Colorado City were Sunday guests of the Homer Jamesons.

George Ryon and wife have returned to their home in Winslow, Ariz. after a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Upton D. Mathers.

W. J. Turner and family left Wednesday on their annual vacation. They will visit Mrs. Turner's parents, the R. R. Hooks at Mission, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. England, Jr. at Corpus Christi. They will return Jan. 1.

Mrs. M. H. Jameson and Jerry were Big Spring visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Mathers and daughter, Willie Lee, of Sierra Blanca were here a few days this week. They came for the funeral of Mrs. Mathers' nephew, Earl Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. England, Sr. of Tyler, Texas are here for a visit with their daughter and family, the Clark Rennels.

Mrs. Jack Mowbray was among those attending the Odessa-Amarillo football game at Odessa Friday. She remained for the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Randall Harris of Midland. They accompanied her home the first of the week for

a few days visit. Mr. Harris is a scout for Sun Oil Co.

C. E. Mathers and wife spent several days last week in Cisco with their daughter and family, the J. L. Kuhns.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mathers are parents of a son born last Friday in a Roscoe hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. and 7 oz. and has been named Robert Doyle.

Rogers Holden of Chillicothe is here visiting his father, T. B. Holden.

H. H. Jameson is in the hospital at Colorado City suffering from injuries which he received when he fell at his home the first of the week.

Mrs. Carmen Snead and son, Allan, of Big Spring spent the weekend with the Clark Rennels.

Gerald Kennemer and family moved to Bronte this week. They will live on the Dan Middleton farm.

S. V. Fant, wife and daughter, Norma Jo, and Bob Odom, wife and son, Bobby Hugh, spent Sunday in San Angelo with the Finis Whites.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennemer of Austin. She has been named Barbara Ann.

I. B. Millican wife and son, Talman of Robert Lee were Sunday visitors in the D. M. Millican home.

Boyd Jennings and wife of Spade spent the weekend with her parents, the P. E. Johnsons.

G. A. Jameson and family of Big Lake visited the Alen Jamesons this week.

Raymond Richardson is now manager of the Varnadore Oil Co. station at the Y Courts, succeeding his cousin, Boone Richardson, who has returned to his former position as mechanic in the Havins & Vowell garage.

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hurt are the recent parents of a baby daughter. The mother is the former Cleo Prine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gartman received a message stating that her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Jachitz, had passed away Saturday night at Holland, Texas. Mrs. Gartman left Sunday to attend the funeral held Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Devoll and Junior visited the Leon Leonards Sunday at Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Allen of Robert Lee were Sunday visitors in the John Allen home.

Charles Fowler and wife of Robert Lee were Sunday guests in the parental Sam Fowler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Monroe Prine and daughter of San Angelo were Sanco visitors on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hurt and baby visited in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin have been in San Angelo this week at the bedside of the former's mother, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Pearl Rutherford was called to El Paso the last of the week by the illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Irving Rushing.

Mrs. Marcus Turner is reported to be recovering nicely following a major operation early last week at the Winters hospital. It is expected she will be able to return home by the end of the week.

Mrs. E. A. Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Fletcher and children are visiting in Austin with the Bill Lloyds.

SAY, FELLOW!

You Are Invited To Attend

Men's Bible Class Of Silver

Time—10:00 A. M. Every Sunday

Place—Educational Bldg. Silver Baptist Church

Welcome!

For Better Telephone Service

—always give the person you are calling plenty of time to answer

—and please answer your telephone promptly

SAN ANGELO
TELEPHONE COMPANY

Time—to make Christmas Dreams

come true

BULOVA

"Gift of a Lifetime"

HER EXCELLENCY "U"
21 JEWELS
2 DIAMONDS
14 KT. GOLD
\$125.00

HIS EXCELLENCY "XX"
21 JEWELS
\$49.50

FROM THE
Excellency Group
21 Jewels

HER EXCELLENCY "A"
21 JEWELS
\$49.50

FRANKLIN
17 JEWELS
\$42.50

SUSAN
17 JEWELS
\$59.50

WALTON
\$24.75

CHRISTINE
17 JEWELS
\$47.50

MARIE
17 JEWELS
\$39.75

CHIEF
17 JEWELS
\$57.50

Nathan's
JEWELERS
San Angelo

Prices include Federal Tax

America's Greatest Watch Value — **BULOVA**

Edith Echoes

By Mrs. J. T. Thetford

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Danford of San Angelo are the parents of a girl born at the Shannon hospital Dec. 10, 1948, weight 7 lbs. 10 oz. and she has been named Elizabeth Kay. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Danford all of Edith.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns and family Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bagely of Spearman, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander of Maryneal.

R. P. Brown of Sterling City, sponsored by the Texas Co., entertained the community at the Green Mountain school house with movies Thursday nite. Refreshments were served to the guests and prizes were given to the holder of the lucky numbers. Mr. Brown has been with the Texas Co. for 35 years and was recently awarded an all expense trip to Houston.

We are glad to report that Mrs. W. E. Burns' father of Mertzon who fell from a tree and broke his

back, is doing better now.

Mrs. T. R. Harmon has at last had the cast removed from her arm which was broken over a year ago.

Talman Millican of Sonora has rented Mrs. T. M. Freeman's farm for next year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hurley of San Angelo spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. T. M. Freeman.

A Christmas program for the school will be Monday night at 7 o'clock, December 20, at the Green Mountain school house.

After the program gifts will be distributed from the decorated tree.

All the pupils will take part in the program under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Margarete Sparks. Everyone is invited to come.

The Honor Roll for the second six weeks of school has been announced by Mrs. Sparks as follows:

Sixth grade—A average, Janie Hoglund; B average, Betty Burson, Lynn Davidson, Buddy Millican.

Fifth grade—B average, Nell Burson.

Fourth grade—A average, Sammie Joe Duncan; B average, Joe Harmon, Fredrick Ashworth, Mary Beth Schooler, Dee Jay Garvin.

Third grade—B average, Bub Burson.

Second grade—A average, William Hoglund; B average, Jerry Tinkler.

First grade—B average, Douglas Ashworth, Paul Tinkler, and Jimmie Lee Goin.

Last week the Social Science classes made health posters. The Art classes made very attractive Christmas posters.

Mrs. Margarete Sparks attended the funeral of her cousin, Miss Mary Lee, Sunday at the Methodist church in Anson. Miss Lee died suddenly Friday noon at her home in Abilene of a heart attack.

Sammie Joe Duncan has been absent from school a week because of illness. We hope Sammie will soon be in school again.

Douglas Martin returned to school Monday after several weeks absence.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Harmon Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harmon and family.

Folks You Know

J. T. Edmiston has accepted a position as office manager with H & L Truck Co., beginning his new duties here the first of the week. "Jim" has had years of experience in oil field operations and came here in the summer of 1947 with the Stanolind core drilling crew. For the past six months he was employed by a carbon black plant at Big Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Edmiston are welcomed back to Robert Lee by their many friends. They have leased one of the Dr. J. K. Griffith apartments.

Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good and Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey spent a couple of day last week in Dallas, combining business with pleasure.

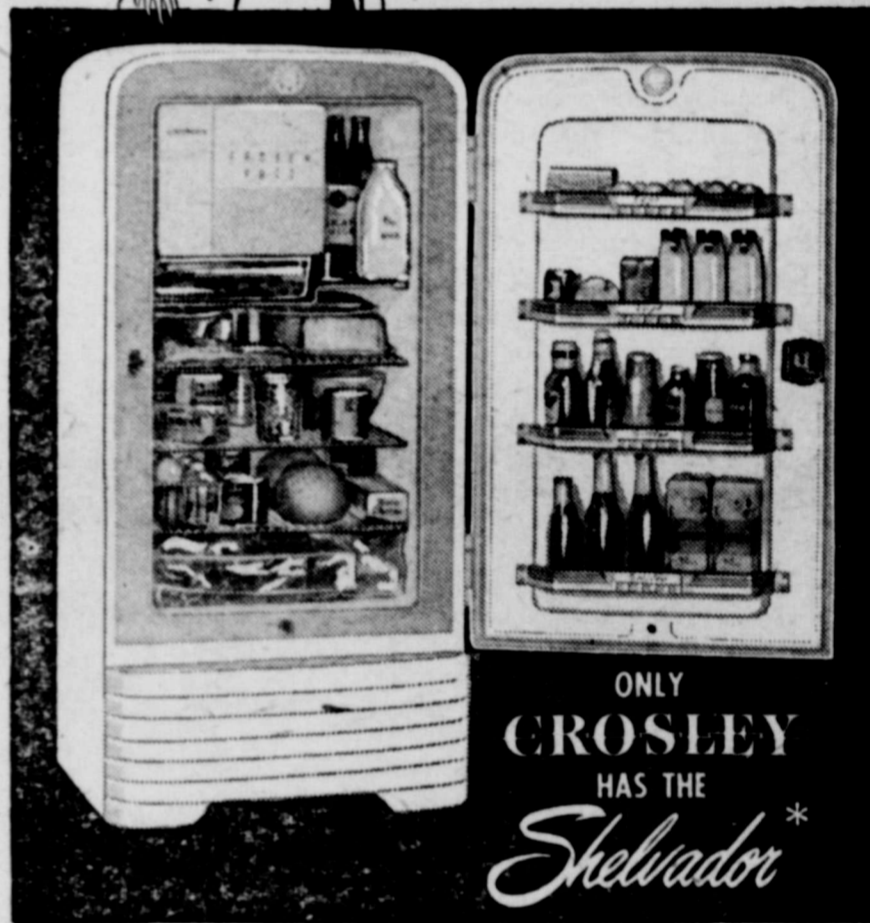
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duncan and little son, Jerald Carlton, and the former's mother, Mrs. P. J. Duncan, arrived the first of the week from Flora Vista, New Mex., for a ten days holiday visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends. They were accompanied by Bert Duncan of Denver, Colo., who will spend Christmas with his wife and children here. Jack is making a fine success of his farming operations in northern New Mexico, where he has a highly productive irrigated place.

Weldon Hester of Bronte is employed at the City Cleaners here. He formerly worked in the Kemp cleaning establishment at Bronte which was destroyed by fire last week.

At last! a
BIG REFRIGERATOR
that fits our small kitchen!



Yes, and a
BIG REFRIGERATOR
that fits our
small budget!



ONLY
CROSLEY
HAS THE
*Shelvador**

NEW...ALL-NEW

CROSLEY
*Shelvador**
REFRIGERATOR

*®
BIG 7 CU. FT.
CAPACITY
in the floor space
of a "4"

NOW...A NEW
LOW PRICE

\$ 239.95

9-ft. Refrigerator, \$289.95

Butane Range, \$207.95

Automatic Electric Range, \$262.95

Radios, \$32.50 to \$439.95

Compare the tone, volume, stations and looks (plus the Crosley patent that takes the scratch out of old worn records) with any other radio you have ever heard anywhere.

RADIO JIM

Robert Lee, Texas



New Christmas Goods

Coming in Twice Weekly at YOUR Drug Store

Among the many fine Christmas gifts are: Priceless Max Factor Sets, Coty Vanities, beautiful "Evening in Paris" combinations. Ladies fine Billfolds and Ronson Lighters, featuring the Princess Pat and Adonis, plenty of Cory Coffee-makers, Safex Ashtray sets, gaily wrapped packages of Pangborn's Fine Candies.

Cake Plates and Covers, Xmas Bells, Lights, Artificial Snow, etc. Toys galore for the kiddies, small middle size and large Dolls.

For his gifts we have the famous Director billfolds in the beautiful gift box, Electrsc Razors. We have Spruce Shaving Sets, Mennen, Alden Scott, Williams, Gentry and Hawick Toiletries for Men.

Cameras by Spartus, Gem Jr., and Brownie and plenty of Film and Flashbulbs.

We have a complete line of Jewelite Comb and Brush Sets, also Gold-filled Glassware and beautiful Perfume Atomizers.

Watches, Watch-bands, Electric Clocks, Electric Heating Pads.

Shop at Home and Save

Farris City Drug Store

Open Until 9 thru Dec. 24 and Sunday Afternoon 2 to 4

Soil Conservation District News

Guy Denman, Weldon Fikes, I. M. Austin and L. E. Wink completed the development of a coordinated soil and water conservation plan on their farms and ranches last week. These land owners received assistance from the district with the development of their plans. These plans include (1) protection of range grasses from close grazing, (2) seeding of winter and summer cover crops, such as abuzzi rye and hairy vetch and Madrid sweet clover, (3) protecting crop residue and maintaining on or near the surface of the soil, (4) construction of large ridge type terraces, and, (5) construction of road blocks and diversion terraces.

These land owners entered into an agreement with the board of

supervisors to treat each acre of land according to its needs to keep it permanently productive and to receive technical assistance from the district in applying and maintaining the practices put on the ground.

B. F. Bridges and son, district cooperators with the Coke County Soil Conservation District, are planning to build three miles of terraces on their ranch five and one-half miles southeast of Bronte as soon as equipment can be located. The terraces are a part of their complete coordinated soil and water conservation plan. Other practices they plan to apply and maintain on their ranch are contour farming, reseeding of their native grasses, and protection of crop residue.

W. C. Shamblin, district co-operator and supervisor of the Coke County Soil Conservation

District, is constructing a series of small earthen dams on his ranch four miles west of Blackwell. These small dams will be used to impound runoff water from the watershed and slow up the flow of the water thus increasing the intake of water on the rangeland and retarding soil erosion.

Two miles of terrace lines were run last week on Weldon Fikes farm located 2 1-2 miles southeast of Sanco. Fikes will construct the terraces with his Ford tractor and disc.

The county has completed construction of five miles of broad base ridge type terraces with the ends closed on L. E. and Finnell Smith's farm located one mile west of Edith store.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mahon and children spent the weekend in Odessa with the Lee Ligon family.

Letter to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

I'm a little boy almost 6 years old. I'm in the first grade and I'd like to get my list in for Christmas. I want a new gun, a pair of house shoes with Rudolf, the red nosed reindeer on them, a Bible that zips up, a record player with some records, a new suit and sweater, some gloves and a new hat, and a hi-chair for my doll, some plows for my tractor, some candy, fruit and nuts. Put these under my Christmas tree. Don't forget to fill other little boys and girls lists, too. I love you. Jerry Jameson, Silver, Texas.

Robert Lewis Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay, cut himself with a knife on his wrist Sunday. The wound which required three stitches was treated at Shannon hospital.

AAA NEWS

Clarence N. Webb of Tennyson, Robert Walker of Silver and A. B. Sheppard, Robert Lee were selected to serve as county committee for the Coke County ACA. Alternates are Edward Cumbie, Bronte, and Weldon Fikes of Robert Lee.

The following have been selected to serve on the Community Committee for 1949: Community A., Weldon Fikes, Ray Ledbetter, Leslie E. Wink. Community B., Clarence E. Arrott, Owen T. Colvin, and Edward M. Cumbie. Community C., Lem E. Cowley, Finnell Smith and Johnnie I. Williams.

A total of 87 votes were cast. The new county and community committee members will take office January 1, 1949.

Messrs. Walker and Sheppard will succeed J. B. Robertson and Cleve Casey on the county committee.

Their Future is in the Balance

Meat animals are what they eat! It takes a balanced ration to keep them healthy, growing and gaining. Successful livestock men know this. Hundreds of controlled feeding experiments prove it. Morrison, the great feeding authority, states—"Lambs on unbalanced rations require 46% more corn and 15% more hay for each 100 pounds of gain!"

Balanced rations for hogs show spectacular results. Anyone can make a lot of fat and a little lean with corn and water. But that's the slow, expensive way. It takes a pile of corn to do it. But with corn balanced with proteins and minerals and vitamins hogs can be fed to market weights in six months or less. Think of the corn you can save—11 bushels of corn alone will make 100 pounds of pork, but only 6½ bushels of corn plus 35 pounds of protein supplement will do the same job faster.

Scores of feeding trials prove that a balanced ration pays with steers and lambs, whether on the range or in the feedlot. In fact, the same basic principle applies to all livestock and poultry. Forage and other homegrown feeds, properly balanced with proteins and minerals, make more and better meat pounds at less cost.

Continuous research affords new and exciting means of using available materials in improved rations for livestock. At first, tankage alone was used to add protein to hog rations. It did a good job. Then research proved that a combination of proteins



is better than one kind alone. A mixture of tankage, soybean meal, linseed meal and, in some areas, cottonseed meal, produces better quality pork even faster. This improvement in rations makes for more efficient and economical use of proteins. But what about vitamins and minerals? Here, too, many advancements in techniques of supplying these nutrients have been made. Dehydrated alfalfa, milk solids, vitamin oils, and some synthetic sources provide essential vitamins and other factors. Mineral balance is necessary, too. Salt, the universal need, supplies sodium and chlorine. Steamed bone meal supplies calcium and phosphorus, and other major minerals. With these, alert research men now are combining other known essential elements, such as cobalt, manganese, iron, iodine, copper, and magnesium, to turn slow gainers into fast gainers.

Soda Bill Sez:

You can't make money last unless you make it first!

What America needs is less soiled conversation and more soil conservation.

Quotes of the Month

It's cheaper to warm water with fuel in the tank heater than with corn in a steer.

E. T. Robbins, University of Illinois

For proper nutrition of brood sows, feed good quality alfalfa hay liberally, ground or otherwise. Use at least 15% in mixed rations for sow, or self-feed the hay in a rack.

Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station

A flock of 300 hens will consume 17 tons of water annually. If possible to install, running water in a laying house will save a lot of walking, carrying and plain hard work.

M. A. Seaton, Kansas State College

A phosphorus supplement fed to ewes in amounts to satisfy their requirements would increase their vitality, help maintain their weight during the winter, and increase the percentage lamb crop.

Farm and Home Science, Utah

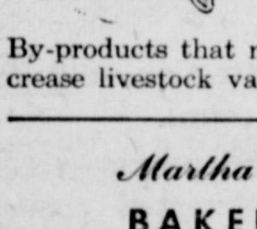
How good are you kids at knowing the names of the animals used to help you play games?



In baseball, what part of a steer do you wear? Why, the glove has a padding that's made from its hair!



In what game would you say the pig best fits in? Yes, football, that's right—the ball's called a "pigskin"!



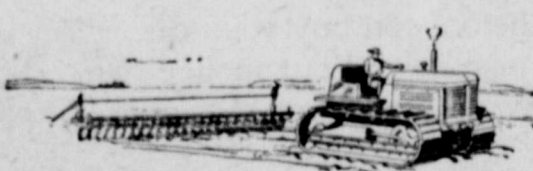
And the last time you walked a tennis ball—wham! Did you know that the racket strings came from a—lamb?

By-products that meat packers save every day increase livestock values, make stockmen more pay.

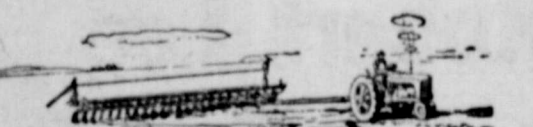
Martha Logan's Recipe for BAKED HAM SLICE

Cover a 2-inch-thick slice of ham with honey or orange marmalade. Add 1 cup water or fruit juice. Bake in a covered pan in a slow oven (325° F.) about 25 to 30 minutes per pound (about 2 hours).

"It takes a big tractor to pull a heavy-duty plow"



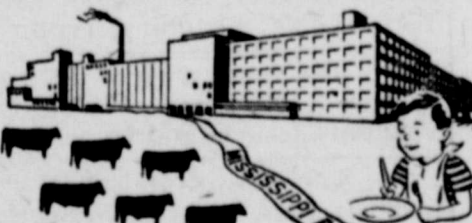
This large tractor is especially designed to handle the big and heavy jobs—easily, efficiently, economically.



This little tractor is good when used for its proper purposes. But it is not built to pull such a heavy plow.

It's the same way with business, including the meat-packing business. There's need for all kinds and sizes of packing plants—large ones as well as small ones. Two-thirds of the livestock is produced west of the Mississippi River. Two-thirds of the meat is eaten east of it. Bringing meat and meat-eaters together is a big job!

That's where the "big tractor" proves its worth. The country needs nation-wide meat packers like Swift & Company. For with processing plants located where most of the livestock is raised, we can help bridge the gap between western range and feedlots and the kitchen range. It is an important job, filling the vital needs of producers and consumers. As we have served them over the years, we have grown. And as we have grown, so also our ability to serve has grown.



AmJani
P. M. JARVIS
Vice-President,
Swift & Company



First Calves Forecast Production

by Marvin Koger, Animal Husbandman, New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station



Want to estimate efficiency of calf production in your cow herd? The cow's first calf tells more than her good looks. In a New Mexico study, we took the weaning weights of first calves weaned by three-year-old cows. These weights were compared with the weaning weights of calves raised by these same cows in the next four years. Cows and calves were placed in five groups (according to the weaning weight of first calves). Here's the 5-year record:

Groups	Average First Calf Weight From 3-Year-Old Cows	Average Calf Weights From Same Cows for Next 4 Years
Group 1	321 pounds	404 pounds
Group 2	349 pounds	417 pounds
Group 3	383 pounds	430 pounds
Group 4	409 pounds	443 pounds
Group 5	441 pounds	456 pounds

Considering only the two extremes, Group One and Group Five, it was shown that breeding stock picked from Group One could be expected to produce, for the next four years, calves that had a yearly average weaning weight of only 404 pounds. But those picked from Group Five should produce calves with a yearly average weaning weight of 456 pounds, 52 pounds more than Group One.

These figures show that later calves are apt to be a repeat performance of the cow's first calf. Cows doing poorly their first calving year continued to produce the lightest group of calves. They were poor risks. Culling cows with light, scrubby first calves would be well repaid in greater profit through more efficient production.

If you would like a full report on this experiment, write to New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station, State College, N. M.

Swift & Company

UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

Nutrition is our business—and yours

Senior Girls Defeat Juniors in Grid Game

The senior girls won the football game Friday night by a score of 12-6. The Juniors scored in the first quarter with Lynn Doris Varnadore taking the ball over from the five yard stripe.

The Seniors struck back in the second quarter with Dean Richards making a 44 yard run around right end to tie up the score. At the half the score remained tied, 6-6.

The Seniors scored again in the third quarter with Janie Sue Higgins making the tally. And that's the way the game ended—Seniors 12, Juniors 6.

Both teams played excellent football—especially considering they had only two weeks of practice.

The large crowd of spectators enjoyed the event in spite of chilly weather and were surprised how well the girls performed on the gridiron. Gate receipts were in excess of \$145 and will be used to buy the girls' basket ball uniforms.

School Tax Notice

Your school taxes are due. Why not pay before the holidays. You have thirty days grace in which to make payment, if necessary or if you desire, however, if you have the money that you cannot use profitably, why not settle the tax matter and get it off hand. If not paid by January 31st, penalties will be immediately charged.—J. L. Ross, collector.

If you don't get The Observer You don't get The News!

Christmas Pageant

A special Christmas pageant will be presented by the Robert Lee Baptist Church at 7:30 Sunday night, December 19. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

The program consists of songs by special choir, quartets and duets. The story of the birth of Christ is portrayed by song, scripture reading, silhouettes and costumed participants.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Victor Wojtek, with Mr. J. O. McLeod as scripture narrator.

Training Union Rally

The Runnels Baptist Association Training Unions will meet with the First Baptist Church in Bronte Sunday, December 19, at 3:00 P. M.

Some twenty churches are expected to be represented at this meeting from Runnels, Coke and adjacent counties.

The theme of the program will be, "Found Faithful." Special music will be rendered by the Seventh Street Baptist Church, Ballinger. Rev. C. C. Goen, pastor of the Baptist Church in Rowena, will be the principal speaker.

Lee Roland Latham and family returned to Robert Lee this week from Roswell, N. Mex., where Lee received his discharge from the Air Force. He re-enlisted a year ago and retains his reserve corps commission as a first lieutenant. Lee plans to take employment with the H & L Truck Co.

County Ag Agents News Column

Marlene and LeDrew Arrott show good profit on their partnership turkey project. Marlene's net profit was \$91.13, while her brother made \$48.08, but still has five more turkeys to sell.

Nelda Ann Sheppard also had a turkey project and came out with \$114.11 net profit. Here is the way it figures out:

Marlene sold 15 turkeys for \$156.67 and won \$10.34 prize money at the state fair. Her feed bill was \$57.13 and the poult costs \$18.75.

LeDrew sold 10 turkeys for \$118.32 and won \$5.64 at the fair. His expenses included \$18.75 for poult costs and \$57.13 for feed.

Nelda Ann sold 15 turkeys at the fair for \$209.84 and three at home for \$25 and her cash prizes amounted to \$10.12. Her feed bill figured \$112.10 and the poult costs \$18.75.

Attorney Jerome T. Ragsdale of Dallas was in Robert Lee last Saturday transacting business at the court house. His law firm is handling some land title cases for Mrs. Lou Whiteside.

Bake Sale

The Senior class will have a bake sale on Saturday, December 18. Proceeds will go into the fund for the senior trip.

WANT ADS

For Sale—Young turkeys, live or dressed. Leave your order at Cox Service Station. p

For Sale—Must sell 1937 Chrysler Imperial Eight 4-door sedan. Radio, heater and overdrive, good rubber and motor, \$375. See Arlyn Simpson at Frank's Food Store. p

For Rent—A few locker boxes Coke County Co-Op.

Closing Out—Never again will you get cedar posts at the low prices we are now quoting. 6 and 8 ft. lengths. Come and get 'em. B & H Cedar Yard, south of county jail. w2p

Found—A gold wedding ring by Annelle Simpson. Describe and pay for ad.

You can be SURE if its WESTINGHOUSE

For Rent—2-bedroom tile house—Arnold Samuelson. p

For Sale—Two business lots in Robert Lee, southeast of court house square. Priced right. Mrs. B. F. Allen, 418 West Twohig Ave., San Angelo. Phone 3495. 25w3p

ROYALTIES

Do you have them? Will you sell them? If so, list them with me. TAYLOR EMERSON, Licensed Dealer, Bronte, Texas. Write or phone 111 or 7504.

For Sale—1941 Glider trailer house, 21 ft. long, fully equipped. Leroy Sims, Phone 618-R, Colorado City, Texas. 1c

Wanted—Reliable hustler to supply consumers with 200 household necessities. State age, occupation, references. Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-1230-Y, Memphis, Tenn. p

See the newest Westinghouse Radios, Toasters, Roasters, Vacuum Cleaners and Irons.

For Sale—Two brand new 9 x 12 linoleum rugs, never been unwrapped. J. C. Strickland. c

For Sale—1,380 acre ranch with 100 acres in cultivation, 5 pastures and 3 fields with good net wire fence. Good black land, lots of good water and grass. 6 room brick house with hardwood floors and all modern conveniences. Located 8 miles east of Dublin on paved road. \$47.50 per acre. See Fred Middleton, Owner, at Ballinger, or inquire at D. L. Vestal's Shop. 26w2c

You can be SURE if it's WESTINGHOUSE

THE IDEAL Christmas Gift

A Year's Subscription TO THE

Robert Lee Observ'r

Many persons now residing at a distance write in to say how anxious they are to receive their copy of The Observer each week. You can make one of your friends or relatives happy, too, by sending The Observer to them as a Christmas Gift.

Only \$2.00 Per Year

Sent by Mail to Any Part of the Country

SPECIAL NOTICE:

You folks who have been sending The Observer to other parties the past year, should be sure and renew without delay.

Choose Your Financing Plan Wisely

Finance thru this Bank

The Modern Low-Cost Way

Just as the new motor car models bring you important improvements, so this Bank's modern Auto Financing Plan offers vital advantages making it the economical, sensible way to finance your next car. You need not be a depositor to finance here.

List These Advantages:

1. Substantial savings thru our low rates. No hidden "extra" charges.
2. Insurance may be placed with your own agent.
3. We can finance your insurance premium—include it in your monthly payments.
4. Any new or late model used car may be financed here.
5. Dependable BANK protection—dignified, responsible handling of your account.
6. You deal with home people—receive prompt, friendly service and interested cooperation.
7. You establish valuable BANK CREDIT.
8. Payments may be made at the bank—saving you inconvenience and extra expense.

★ ★ ★

See us before you buy your car. We can approve your loan now. Your money will then be ready, and you can purchase the car of your choice at any time.

★ ★ ★

Robert Lee State Bank

A Bank Loan Establishes Bank Credit



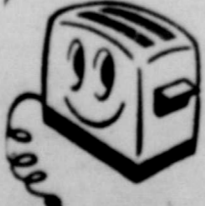
This Christmas give them a cheerful year-full of

ELECTRICAL LIVING

This Christmas, make every day a holiday...give a year-full of cheerful living...give electrical gifts...gifts of convenience and comfort.

Come in. Reddy Kilowatt, your electrical servant, is waiting to be your guide for Christmas shopping tours. The supply of QUALITY electric merchandise is limited. Shop early...shop now! For gifts of better living...see your electrical dealer.

West Texas Utilities Company



Court House Filings

Warranty Deeds

Steve Badley to Walter Scott, lots 7-8, blk 20, Bronte.

Minnie Goff et al to S. E. Adams, lot 11, blk 41, Bronte, \$200.

E G & Homer E Walton to R S Walton, lots 9-10-11, blk 8, Bronte, \$30.

Mary U West to R W Rees, lots 5-6, blk 55, Bronte, \$50.

Mary U West to Taylor Emerson, lots 1 and 12, blk 7, lot 11 in blk 27, lot 8 in blk 55, lot 11 in blk 33, lots 9-10 in blk 77, Bronte.

Ernest N Ivey to L C Ivey, lots 15 to 18 incl, blk 82, Bronte.

McNeil Wylie to R W Smith, lots lots 4-5-6, blk 28, Robert Lee, \$9,500.

Lois L Calvert to S E Bloodworth and Boyd V Copple lot 8, blk 12, Robert Lee, \$200.

Royalty Deeds

Mrs Mattie Jacobs et al to S E Adams, one-fourth interest in 960 acres leased to Sun in Sections 325 and 313, 1-A H&TC. \$13.20 Revenue Stamps.

Ada and J D Walker to S E Adams, one-sixty-fourth interest in 242 acres of N half of Sur 23, blk 2 H&TC. \$2.75 stamps.

Oil, Gas Leases

Al C Gentry to Kenneth W Brown, 19 acres out of T W White-side Sur 1, 1-A H&TC.

Don Edmiaston to S E Adams, 219 acres on Coke-Runnels county line.

Glenn M Donnell to Kenneth W Brown, SE quarter Sur 269, 1 A H&TC.

RE Cumbie to E M Wahlemaier, 211 5 acres off north end Michael Fox Sur.

A D Bagwell et al to Taylor Emerson, 2 acre tract in Luttrell addn, Bronte, \$10.

C E Scott to Sun Oil Oil Co, 160 acres, W half E half Sec 126, blk 2 H&TC. \$20.15 revenue stamps.

Mattie Glenn to L V Hitt, lots 1-2-3, blk 41, Bronte, \$10.

J D Leonard to C M Joines, 10 lots in blk 9 and 10 lots in blk 11, Bronte, \$10.

J H Rigsbee to Kenneth W Brown, 19 acres in SE cor Sur 269, 1-A H&TC.

Coke county to Taylor Emerson, 14 lots in blk 45, Bronte.

If you don't get The Observer
You don't get The News!

Adams

Abstract & Insurance Co.

Abstracts

Fire, Auto and Casualty

Insurance

Phone 21—Robert Lee, Texas



Hayrick Lodge
No. 696 A. F. & A. M.

Meets second Tuesday
night in each month.
Visitors welcome.

John H. Brown, Worshipful Master
Marcus Turner, Secretary

**DEAD
ANIMALS**
Un-Skinned
REMOVED free

CALL COLLECT
San Angelo 3200

If no answer
call 4023-3
SAN ANGELO
By-Products, Inc.

Methodist Cantata

The Methodist Church Choir will present their annual Christmas cantata next Sunday evening, Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock.

Choir members have been working on the cantata for several weeks. The musical program features a number of solos and duets, as well as the numbers by the entire chorus.

Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough is the choir director and Mrs. Cortez Russell is the pianist. Everyone is invited to hear this program of Christmas music.

Air Force Recruiting

Pfc. Ersel R. Hensley of the San Angelo U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station was in Robert Lee Monday afternoon contacting and interviewing men for the new regular army and U. S. Air Force.

Pfc. Hensley said they now have openings for men who are 18 years for a one-year enlistment in both the army and air force.

For further information drop in at the Recruiting Station at 15 East Concho St., San Angelo, or see the recruiter when he is here in Robert Lee each Monday afternoon from 12:30 to 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stayton spent the weekend at Andrews with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Pettis, who is confined to a hospital with illness.

County Ag Agents News Column

Attention Farmers: We are now taking orders for 16-20-0 fertilizer and 0-20-0 also. Anyone wanting any amount of this fertilizer should notify the county agent at once. We need to get our order in now for early spring delivery. The cost of the 16-20-0 fertilizer will be \$87.00 per ton from car door at Bronte.

If applied as did Mr. J. T. Luttrell and D. K. Glenn at the rate of 50 pounds per acre the cost of fertilizer would be about \$2.17 per acre. Talk to these men and get their opinion on whether it pays.

We need to know right away who wants to buy and how much.

The 4-H Club Achievement Day Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, at the Robert Lee lunch room. This is the time of year when the boys and girls entertain Mother and Dad. More than 100 4-H boys and girls with their parents are expected. The boys furnish hens while the girls supply the pies for a good old chicken and dressing supper.

Casey Chevrolet Co is this week exhibiting a new 1-ton pickup truck in their display room.

MRS. KATHERINE PATTERSON

IS NOW OUR

Robert Lee Representative

Would Appreciate Serving You

CITY FLOWER SHOP

127 East Beauregard

San Angelo

NOTICE

We have added to our equipment a new undercoating machine. Get your car undercoated now and

★ **Prevent Rust**

★ **Stop Rattles and Road Noise**

★ **Seal out dust, water, mud, ect.**

Join the fast increasing number of auto owners who know the benefits of an undercoating job.

Ivey Motor Co.
Body and Fender Department

GIVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO A FORD OWNER WITH THIS

FORD Dealer Gift Certificate

Gift Certificate

NAME OF BEARER _____

Is entitled to _____ AMOUNT _____

on the purchase of any merchandise or service we have to offer.

Got a Ford owner on your Christmas List? Then stop in at your nearest Ford Dealer's today, and get a Christmas Gift Certificate... redeemable in smart, useful Ford accessories or Genuine Ford Service!

They're available in any amount you specify... they save you time and trouble... they make a personal, much appreciated Gift for any and every Ford owner!

LOOK WHAT A GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BUY!

These and many more Genuine Ford Accessories are available at our showrooms now. They're designed specially for Ford cars. There's one for every need and taste. See them when you stop in for your Gift Certificate. You'll probably want to give your own Ford a Merry Christmas!

Your Ford Dealer invites you to listen to the Fred Allen Show, Sunday Evenings—NBC Network
Listen to the Ford Theater, Friday Evenings—CBS Network.
See your newspaper for time and station.

IVEY MOTOR COMPANY

Robert Lee, Texas

A MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR FORD DEALER

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Hayley, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Frank Strom and the latter's children, Bill and Carol, were here from Snyder Sunday and visited in the J. I. Murtishaw home. A weekend guest was also Mrs. Ed Fletcher of Bronte, a sister of Mrs. Murtishaw. One of the main points of conversation was the oil development at Bronte, since both Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Hayley have royalty holdings in that locality.

A son, James Drexel, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skipworth on Dec. 9 at the Bronte hospital. The baby arrived at 9:40 a. m. and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. The Skipworths have two other children, Willie Sue, and Sammy Ed. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Tate of Van Alstyne, Tex., and Mrs. Mabel Williams of Robert Lee.

Mrs. Lillian Turney and Mrs. John Roger Simpson and son, Johnny Mac, of Alpine are guests in the Allie Bilbo home.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Yarbrough are the proud parents of twin daughters born Dec. 8 at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. Wanda Nell, who weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces, was born at 2:16 a. m., and Wadren Dell weighing 3 pounds, 13 ounces, arrived at 2:22 a. m. Mother and daughters are doing nicely. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ryan of Quinlan, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Yarbrough of Snyder. Mrs. J. J. Yarbrough of Robert Lee is the great grandmother.

Jimmie Copeland received several cuts about his face the other day when he fell off a bicycle. He was riding on the handle bars with Don Bowen. Jimmie was given emergency treatment at Shannon hospital.

Mrs. R. S. Crum was brought home Friday in the Clift ambulance from Burnet where she had been a hospital patient since the day before Thanksgiving when she fractured a limb. Physicians found it advisable to insert a steel plate to repair the fracture between the knee and hip. Mrs. Crum is quite comfortable now and is getting around the house on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and children will move back to Robert Lee this week, and the former will be employed by Baker-Taylor Drilling Co. For the past year they have resided at Eldorado where Calvin was employed in the oil field.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Varnadore are the happy parents of a son, Jimmy Douglas, born at 12:59 p. m. Dec. 9 at Shannon hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed 6 pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Varnadore of Robert Lee.

D. D. Shirl and wife have moved to Odessa where the former has been re-employed as a driver for the Jones Truck Co. Mr. and Mrs. Shirl have resided in Robert Lee since last March when he began working for H & L Truck Co. They have occupied one of the Travis Hicks apartments.

Tallman Millican is returning to Coke county after an absence of several years and has leased the Wardlaw ranch' formerly owned by Mrs. M. D. Porter, near Edith. He will also operate Mrs. Freeman's place. Tallman, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Millican, has been employed on the Joe Logan ranch near Sonora. He has a foundation herd of cattle, but will not move them to Coke county until grazing conditions improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Danford of San Angelo are the proud parents of a daughter born Dec. 10 at Shannon hospital. The baby, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces has been named Elizabeth Kaye. It is their first child. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Millican and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Danford of Edith.

If you don't get The Observer
You don't get The News!

Robert Lee Observer

Established 1889—Oldest Business
Institution in Coke County

A. J. KIRKPATRICK, Publisher

Published Every Friday

Entered at the post office in Robert Lee,
Texas as second class matter

Subscription \$2.00 a Year
Six Months \$1.00

When Your Subscription Expires This
Paper Is Promptly Discontinued

Office of publication: The Observer building,
Main Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

ALAMO THEATRE

Robert Lee, Texas

"Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DEC. 17-18

Gene Autry and Champion in Cinecolor in
The Strawberry Roan Also Comedy and News

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY, DEC. 19-20-21

Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:20

"Fighting Father Dunne" starring
Pat O'Brien as Father Dunne Also Comedy

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, DEC. 22-23

George Raft Randolph Scott-George Brent-Joan Blondell in
"Christmas Eve" Also Cartoon

Santa Says -

Choose a Practical Christmas Present—

A Gift for the Home

To Be Enjoyed by Every Member of the Family
Our stock is complete with a variety of excellent
merchandise suitable for wonderful gifts, such as:

Dormeyer Electric Mixers

Schick and Remington Electric Razors

Nothing is more appropriate than a Gift
of Pyrex, Mariposa, Glass, Aluminumware

Gas and Electric Ranges

Refrigerators — Water Heaters

Bathroom Fixtures — Washing Machines

Radios, G-E and Admiral

Electric Toasters, Percolators, Waffle Irons

G-E Electric Blankets

Lamp Shades, natural scenes and colors

Leather Goods, Ladies Bags, Purses, Bill-
folds, Belts, Etc.

Hand made by G. P. Lowry, former Coke county resident

IVEY ELECTRIC

Home Appliance Store

Robert Lee, Texas

Sliced Bacon lb 69c

Sirloin Steak lb 75c

TENDER NO WASTE
Veal Cutlets lb 89c

SHORT SHANK
Picnic Hams lb 53c

Brick Chili pound 53c

Peaches in heavy syrup 2½ can 25c

Pumpkin large 2½ can 18c

Yams large 2½ can 17c

Whole New Potatoes No. 2 can 10c

PURE LARD 3 lb carton 79c

Open next Sunday until 10 A. M. Place your order
with us for a Christmas Ham or Hen

GENIE BAKER'S Grocery & Market

Bulls



**Blocky, Black Bulls
first - rate quality
top-notch pedigrees**

For Sale NOW, \$250 and up

Select your 1949 herd bull from us TODAY, and insure a
successful new year for your cattle business, whether
registered, commercial or crossbred.

The Blocky Blacks Beat Them All

BLACK GOLD ANGUS FARMS

MARVIN SIMPSON

Phone 3206

Robert Lee, Texas

FRANK'S FOOD STORE

Red & White

COFFEE lb. 53c

Vanilla, Imitation 8 oz. 10c

Cru-Sliced or Chunks

Doles Pineapple No. 2 can 33c

Del Monte

Pumpkin 2 cans 25c

Swifts Pure

Lard 3 lbs. 69c

Stokleys Tiny

Green Limas No. 1 can 25c

Farm House

Tomatoes, solid pack, No. 2 can 19c

Tomato Sauce

Sardines oval 15 oz. tin 27c

Grape Juice Churchs qt. 49c

Bisquick lge. box 49c

Breeze, 2 boxes 38c

Corn Meal, C. L. Green 10 lbs. 69c

Choice Beef, Seven Bone

ROAST LB. 55c

Bacon, Hormel Sliced lb. 65c

Please give us your order now for Turkeys & Hens