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Arrott Loses To Smith In Appeal To Higher Court

Judgment of \$2,392.51 in favor of L. E. Smith against C. E. Arrott received in a district court trial before Judge John F. Sutton here last year has been confirmed by the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin. A report of the finding written by Associate Justice Raymond Gray was filed with District Clerk Willis Smith the first of the week.

The original lawsuit was brought by Smith against Arrott for recovery of the per acre price for a deficiency in the number of acres of land called for in a deed.

At the close of the testimony when the case was tried in Coke county district court, the case was withdrawn from the jury and a judgment of \$2,392.51 was rendered by the court.

The parties had entered into a written contract of purchase and sale whereby Arrott agreed to sell to Smith the west 1,750 acres of a 3,350-acre ranch southeast of Robert Lee. The contract recited the purchase price for the land to be \$23 per acre.

No survey was made of the land prior to the contract or the deed and not until some three years later, at which time a shortage in acres was discovered. The deed was dated March 27, 1945, and Smith had the survey run in 1948.

Smith alleged the sale was made by the acre and that the incorrect number of acres was written into the deed as a result of the mutual mistake of the parties. It was Arrott's position that the sale was in gross.

The sale price was \$40,204, which figured \$23 per acre for 1,748 acres. Both parties testified they did not know of any deficiency in acreage until the survey was made.

Wilson & Wilson represented Smith in the lawsuit, while lawyers for Arrott were Kerr, Gayer & Sutton.

Abandon Russell Wildcat

A wildcat test for oil on the R. C. Russell ranch, five miles northwest of Robert Lee, was plugged and abandoned the first of the week after striking sulphur water in the Ellenburger. The test was made by C. H. Murphy & Co and was bottomed at 6,729 feet.

Geologists report little or no oil show in any of the formations explored. It was thought the Strawn was topped at 6,300 feet. Top of the Ellenburger was 6,660 feet.

A 20-foot core Saturday looked somewhat favorable but a drillstem test the following day recovered only drilling mud cut with sulphur water. Operators then drilled an additional 25 feet and the final drillstem test recovered 530 feet of sulphur water and 90 feet of water-cut drilling mud.

New Chevrolets

Harvey Chevrolet Co. of Robert Lee reports the sale of a 4-door sedan to Donley McKee of Robert Lee. He is a driller for Guy Mabee on the R. C. Russell lease. E. E. Hawkins, Robert Lee truck operator, also purchased a new Chevrolet 4-door sedan from Mr. Harvey.

Jarvis Littlefield received two broken fingers and cut tendons on his left hand in an oil field accident last Saturday. He is employed on the Rutledge rig near Edith and was helping move the rotary equipment when the mishap occurred. He returned to a San Angelo hospital Wednesday for additional surgery on his hand.

Merry Christmas

May
the blessings of
Christmas
descend
upon your homes
in
abundance.



The Observer Family

Final Approval For Mountain Cr. Dam

Final approval of plans for the proposed Mountain Creek dam and reservoir at Robert Lee took place at a meeting of Upper Colorado River Authority directors here Tuesday afternoon.

The project is to be constructed from UCRA funds and is expected to cost upwards of \$75,000. The Authority is to be reimbursed with payments over a 20-year period, but no interest will be charged.

Approval was given on the purchase of 70 acres of land from D. J. Walker, which will comprise much of the inundated area. Approval was also given for similar compensation to Millard Meek for 20 acres Mr. Walker previously accepted the offer. UCRA directors also authorized the officers to proceed by negotiation, and by condemnation if necessary, to acquire other property and premises needed for the dam undertaking.

An advertisement is to be published next week setting Jan. 17 as the date when bids will be received at the office of UCRA Secretary G. C. Allen, in Robert Lee.

L. T. Youngblood of Bronte is president of the UCRA Board and he and Mr. Allen have been working out the details with engineers, property owners and city officials.

It is pointed out that the UCRA directors took action several months ago to assist both Bronte and Robert Lee in securing adequate water supplies. Bronte's project is being held up pending the proposed Oak Creek Dam.

To The Taxpayers

I will leave Friday for Lubbock to spend Christmas. Will be in my office for tax collections the 29th, 30th and 31st.—J. L. Ross.

Ralph Walker underwent a tonsilectomy last Thursday at a San Angelo hospital. Ralph is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee J. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman honored their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wink, on their wedding anniversaries Dec. 4. The Gartmans have been married 28 years and the Winks 23 years.



Belva Rippetoe Returns Home For Christmas

Little Belva Rippetoe is back at her home in Bronte for Christmas. The 7-year-old child and her mother spent the past two months in New York City where a specialist treated Belva for a rare blood disease which is described as incurable.

Mrs. Rippetoe and daughter came out from New York Tuesday, making a non-stop flight to Dallas. J. M. Rippetoe, well known Bronte druggist, met his wife and child at Dallas, as did a younger



Notes From The Oil Field

Amerada March To Test

Amerada March Ranch, wildcat 15 miles southwest of Robert Lee, was taking a drillstem test Wednesday in lime at 5,800 feet. Operators thought they may have topped the reef.

Providence Oil Co. and A. C. Sorrelle, Jr. No. 1 S. E. Adams, wildcat two miles south of Robert Lee, was drilling around 1,400 feet in redbeds and shale. Surface pipe had been set to a depth of 600 feet.

Barnsdall Oil Co. and George W. Strake No. 1 Findlater-Webb, wildcat two miles northwest of Tennyson, recovered 2,820 feet of muddy sulphur water on a drillstem test from 4,762-97 feet.

A. G. Hill No. 7 Ralph Harris Estate, on the south side of the river south of Silver, planned to plug back and try for completion in Strawn sand. Rotary equipment has been moved to Snyder, while cable tools will be used to complete the test.

Southern Minerals and Bridewell, Perkins & Green No. 1 S. A. Runkles, wildcat southwest of Robert Lee, was drilling Wednesday at 6,396 feet in shale.

Notice

We will close down Friday night and from then on will gin only on Wednesdays and Saturdays.—Robert Lee Gin.

Mrs. S. E. Cook and daughter, Ruth O'Reilly, are visiting here with their son and brother, Ned Thomason. The ladies have just returned from California.

Sun 7 Cummings Shows 415 Barrels in 24 Hour Test

Sun No. 7 Annie L. Cummings, west and north of Edith, flowed 415 barrels of oil through quarter inch choke during its official 24-hour test. Tubing pressure was 975 pounds and casing pressure gauged the same. Gas-oil ratio was 1,170-1.

No. 7 Cummings was completed in open hole bottomed at 6,034 feet. Top of the reef was 5,823 feet.

Sun No. 2 G. W. Davidson, a north offset to No. 7 Cummings has set 9 5/8ths inch casing to 594 feet. Paul Rutledge is the drilling contractor, having moved his rotary equipment from No. 7 Cummings.

In the Jameson field southwest of Silver Sun No. 4 Robert W. Walker was being swabbed in for completion with a total depth of 6,315 feet.

Ray-Harris is moving rotary equipment one location east and slightly north to No. 10 Jewell Brannan.

In the same area Sun A-1 John B. Walker was drilling at 3,975 feet in sand and shale.

Sun has started a wildcat test No. 1 F. A. Braden, two miles north of Wall. It is about 10 miles north of the producing Susan Peak field in southern Tom Green county.

Cotton Protest Filed With Fisher

A delegation of farmers from Robert Lee called upon Congressman O. C. Fisher in San Angelo Monday to lodge a protest against the new 1950 cotton acreage allotments for Coke county.

The way things stand now nobody in this county will have enough allotment to bother with planting any cotton at all.

Congressman Fisher told the group he believed the matter could be straightened out, and it was his opinion that farmers here had not been given proper credit for other crops grown during the war years. He promised to do what he could to help the situation in Coke.

County PMA News

Results of the voting Thursday December 15 in a National referendum on cotton marketing quotas by the Nation farmers were approved by the necessary two-thirds majority and cotton marketing quotas will be in effect in 1950.

There were 72 votes cast in Coke County in the referendum held Thursday December 15. There were 39 farmers who voted in favor of cotton marketing quotas and 33 farmers who voted against marketing quotas.

Since cotton marketing quotas will be in effect for 1950 farmers who plant with their acreage allotments will be able to sell all of the cotton they grow without paying any penalty and will be eligible for government loans on their cotton at 90 per cent of parity.

Farmers who overplant their acreage allotments will have to pay a penalty of one-half the parity price on all cotton they grow in excess of their marketing quotas. A marketing quota is the cotton produced on a farm's allotted acreage. At current parity price, the penalty would be 15 cents a pound on all excess cotton.

daughter, Nona, 6 years old. They came on to San Angelo by plane and were met there by Mrs. Maymie Littlefield of Robert Lee, a sister of Mrs. Rippetoe.

The group stopped in Robert a short time before continuing to Bronte. Mrs. Littlefield and her daughters had a Christmas tree arranged in the Rippetoe home and gifts and letters have arrived from all over the country.

Belva isn't much better. She improved a great deal during the first few weeks, then had a setback thought to have been caused by showing the nurses how she could turn handsprings.

Want Ads

For Rent—5-room house with two bedrooms and bath, located across from high school. Palmer Leeper. c

For Trade—Two gentle riding mares, will trade for yearling colt or what have you. A. N. Counts. w2p

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For Sale—Cocker Spaniel puppies. See Lois Wilson back of Baker's Grocery. lp

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Almanac

DECEMBER

- 24—Charles Wakefield Cadman born, 1822.
- 25—Christmas.
- 26—German battleship "Scharnhorst" sunk, 1943.
- 27—Louis Pasteur born, 1822.
- 28—Irish Free State became the State of Eire, 1937.
- 29—First YMCA established, Boston, 1851.
- 30—Benedict Arnold with 27 ships arrived in James River, 1780.
- 31—New Year's Eve.

S. E. ADAMS
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The STEERING WHEEL

(By Joyce McCutchen)

Things We Notice

Christmas holidays are here. But who can enjoy them with midterm tests staring them in the face?

The basketball girls have won two trophies in the last two weeks. Besides winning their own tournament they took second place at Water Valley last weekend. Three players from Robert Lee were selected for the All Tournament Team, Joyce Littlefield, Barbara Harwell, and Raymond McGallian.

The seniors are looking forward to the expected arrival of their rings.

Mr. Mitchell is back in school again after a few days illness.

Please don't get excited if moans and groans should be heard coming from the hill. The Senior girls have taken up cooking in the Home Ec. Department. The Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen girls have been sewing. They are making dresses and aprons. All four groups made curtains for the cottage.

Watch this column for date of the senior play. The play was postponed because of numerous school activities.

Royce Smith was courting Sandra Hester. She was always in beauty parlors.

"Royce" she said, "will you love me when my hair has turned to gray?"

"Why not? I've loved you through three colors already."

Miss Hassell was conducting a class in grammar. She went to the blackboard and wrote, "I ain't had no fun this winter." "What should I do to correct that?" she asked Roe.

"Get a boy friend," he replied.

Allen Sparks to Roy Clawson—"I had an operation and the doctor left the sponge in me."

"Got any pain?"

"No, but, boy, do I get thirsty."

Raymond's father took him to the opera for the first time. The conductor started waving the baton. The Soprano began singing an aria. Raymond watched both intently.

"Why is he hitting her with a stick?" he asked.

"He is not hitting her with a stick."

"Then why is she hollering?"

Heard in the hall: Mr. Petross and Mr. Hughes—

"I'm a man of few words," said Mr. Hughes.

"I'm married, too," answered Mr. Petross.

(Last week's guess who, was The ma Jo Bryan)

Garden Club Party

The home of Mrs. R. C. Russell was the scene of El Valle Garden Club's Christmas party Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Sam Powell received the guests and each received a miniature yuletide corsage.

The program started with Christmas games, such as Merry Xmas, Xmas Bell Exchange, Nut Contest, etc. Numbers were drawn for the gift exchange. Mrs. Bruce Cliff concluded the program by giving a reading, "The Christmas Rose."

Mrs. Russell played Christmas carols during the coffee hour and Mrs. Powell presided at the silver coffee service. Toasted pecans, mints, fruit cake and coffee were served to 27 members and one guest. The lace covered serving table was centered with a yuletide arrangement flanked with red tapers.

Mrs. Mahon Honored

A pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. L. B. Mahon was given Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Paul Isbell, with Mrs. W. T. Bowen and Mrs. James Thomason as assisting hostess. Mrs. Mahon received many lovely gifts.

Filled Christmas Cookies

- 6 cups sifted enriched flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup lard
- 1 1-2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs, beater
- 1-2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup mincemeat, jam, ground dates and nuts or chopped candied fruit

Sift together flour, baking powder, nutmeg and salt. Cream lard; add sugar and cream until light. Add eggs to sugar and lard mixture. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk to the creamed mixture. Add flavoring and mix thoroughly. Chill dough in refrigerator at least 2 hours. Roll thin. Cut into round, star or other shapes with cookie cutter. Leave half of the cut cookies. In the center of each of the others place about 1 teaspoon of mincemeat, jam, marmalade, ground dates and nuts, or chopped candied fruit. On the top of each of these, place a similarly shaped cookie. Press the edges together lightly. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees F.) for 10 to 12 minutes. Yield: 3 dozen cookies. This dough may be made into sugar cookies by rolling, cutting into rounds and sprinkling with sugar. Bake at same temperature. Yield: 6 dozen cookies.

J. H. Escue, Jr. and wife of San Angelo were Sunday guests in the Jack Cowley home.

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- ★ Don't forget that box of Pangburns Fine Candy, a gift everyone loves and appreciates.
- ★ The Dolls we have left are going at Half Price. The Toys we have left you can have at almost your own price.
- ★ We have many Beautiful Gifts left to select from, such as fine Stationery, Watches for both Men or Women, fine Perfumes and Sets.
- ★ We have a beautiful assortment of Airmail Hose for the ladies and Socks and Ties for the men.
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Dressed Turkeys	lb	59c
Picnic Hams	lb	45c
Pork Sausage	1 lb bag	38c

Merry Christmas BAKER'S Groc. & Mkt.

Yuletide Greetings

1949



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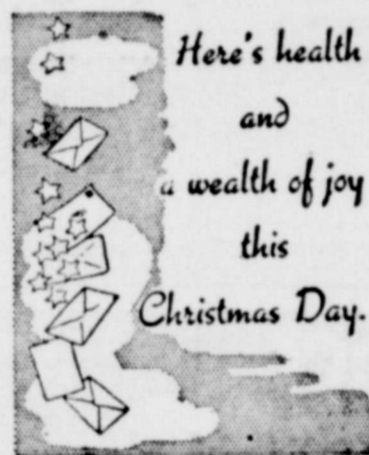
Season's Greetings

May all the wonderful things that go with Christmas be yours in the fullest abundance this year.



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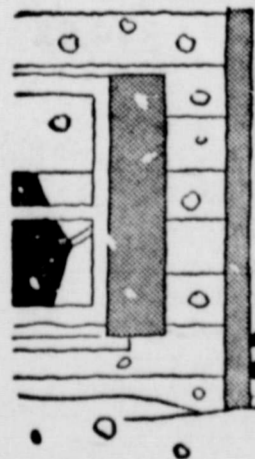
FRANK C. DICKEY
County Attorney



Yuletide Greetings



● Naturally, there is a Santa Claus---just as naturally as there are children. No one even doubts that any more.



● Just give way to the spirit of the season and your share of joy will come.

1949

Robert Lee State Bank



The night before Christmas...

Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.

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Christmas Gifts

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cole have sent The Observer as a Christmas Gift to their daughter, Mrs. W. F. (Nellie) Longwood, whose present address is Wakefield, Kans.

J. T. (Bud) Jones has ordered a year's subscription to his brother, W. I. Jones, whose address is 627

Parker Ave., Monrovia, Calif. Clayton Caraway of Blackwell will receive The Observer during the coming year as a gift from his sister, Mrs. H. C. Allen, of Robert Lee.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith motored to Abilene last Friday for a visit with relatives.

Christmas Program

Sanco Evangelical Methodist Church, Dec. 22, 7 P. M.

A Welcome.....Bonnie Gartman
A Christmas Speech.....Marilyn Reid
Invocation.....Mrs. Ira A Bird

THE GUIDING STAR

Joab.....Melva Gartman
Lydia.....Lvon Reid
Sandra.....Sammie Jo Fowler
Janna.....Edna Lea Killam
David.....Jane Gartman
Mary.....Fay Killam
Joseph.....Myrna Smith
Travelers.....Myrna Smith, Fay Killam, Annice Gartman, Julia Nell Killam, Jerrel Smith and Robert Gartman

Joybells of Bethlehem.....Joy Adkins
Trio.....Edna Lea Killam, Faye Killam and Julia Nell Killam

Merry Christmas Wishes.....Ronnie Reid, Marilyn Reid, Patricia Fowler, Robert Gartman and Bonnie Gartman
Quartet.....Jane Gartman, Billie Dove Allen, Myrna Smith and Faye Killam

The Blessed Faith-led Way.....Annice Gartman

THE BEST GIFT

Mrs. Cameron.....Billie Dove Allen
Mr. Cameron.....Jimmie Killam
Donald.....Ray Killam
Marilee.....Nettie Mae Gartman
Betty.....June McKinley
Annabelle Underwood.....Joy Adkins
Lois.....Annice Gartman
Jean.....Patricia Fowler
Robert.....Jerrel Smith

The Helper.....Patricia Fowler
Christmas Means God's Love.....Marylin Reid, Jerrel Smith and Robert Gartman

Duet.....Melva Gartman and Lvon Reid
To Bethlehem.....Edna Lea Killam and Julia Nell Killam
Christmas Carol.....Group
Benediction

County Ag Agents News Column

4-H Banquet Best Ever

Tuesday, December 13, 195 4-H boys and girls and their parents and leaders enjoyed their Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet at the Robert Lee gym. It was quite a gala affair in which the boys and girls were the hosts while the mothers and dads were the guests.

The Coke County 4-H Clubs have developed a cooperative scheme whereby the boys furnish the baked hens while the girls furnish the pies and salad. Twenty one hens were required to feed the group while no less than 30 pies were served to top the meal. Gandy's Creamery, San Angelo, furnished milk free for all who wanted it.

An interesting program centering around 4-H Club enterprises was given. The "Tiny Tots Square Dance Team," sponsored by Mrs. Fred McDonald gave several numbers.

The welcome address was given by Allen Cobb, a 4-H Club member of five years standing. Mrs. Marvin Simpson gave the response.

Special awards were made to Eddy Sue McAuley, Eula Faye Smith, Zona Mae King, Doris Cooper, Nelda Ann Sheppard, Esther Allen, Don Fields, Allen Cobb, James Robertson, Milburn Wink, Ada Louise Maxwell and Judith Anderson.

Will Show at Houston

Gerald Sandusky of Bronte will be an exhibitor at the 1950 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, Feb. 1-12. His entry, one of the first from Coke county, will be a junior division Angus steer. Sandusky will also show a steer which he won in a calf scramble at the Houston Show last year.

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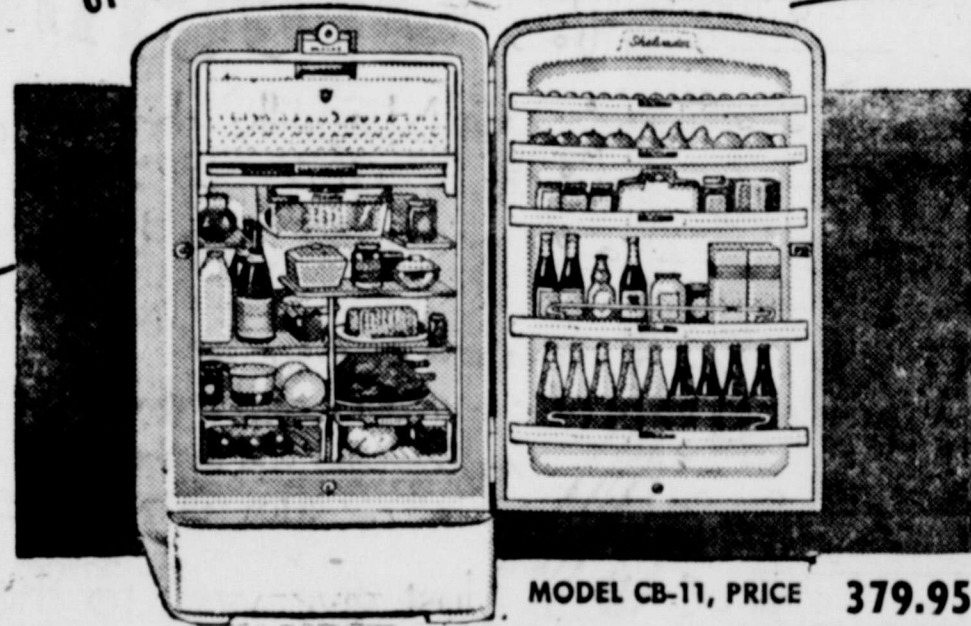
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F.F.A. NEWS

By Milburn Wink

Supervised Farming

Supervised Farming is some type of agricultural enterprise carried on by a student who is studying vocational agriculture. The supervised practice may be any type of farm activity or a combination of farm enterprises, such as stock raising, poultry raising, or crop production.

However, emphasis is usually placed on proper selection of supervised jobs. In the case of animals, we select the best that is suited for the purpose desired. In case of crops, the emphasis is placed first on seed selection, soil suited for particular crops, preparation of the seed beds, and use of fertilizer when needed. We have found that most of the Coke county soil is

low in nitrogen.

The F.F.A. boys are well under way with their supervised farming projects so far. Mr. Maddoux, V. A. Advisor, reports a majority of the calves, lambs and pigs on feed are three-fourths finished, with still 65 days remaining before show date. We are expecting a very good livestock show here Feb. 28.

A majority of the boys have vaccinated their lambs against feedlot sickness with a new preparation of clostridren Type D Bacteria. Dosage is 2cc per head and the cost is 11c per head. We feel this is time and money well spent and the results so far are excellent. Not one lamb has gone off feed since inoculation with clostridren Type D.

Jack Cowley And Wife In Home Talent Play

Although each has played leading parts in various successful stage productions, it is the first time in Robert Lee theatre history that both Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley have starred in the same play.

Jack is the mysterious Clarence Guen, and keeps the audience guessing as to his true identity. He also keeps them laughing with his spurts of poetry. Between plays Jack works as a mechanic for Ivey Motor Co.

The charming Oklahoma widow, Mrs. Rosey Berry, is very aptly played by Mrs. Cowley. She portrays her part to perfection and several times almost succeeds in getting a proposal from Aaron Slick.

Stage settings and management is under the capable direction of Dick Kannady.

Next week we will bring further information on characters who will be seen soon in the Firemen's Benefit Show. Watch for it!

Greetings

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to all my friends in Robert Lee and wish them a Very Happy Christmas.—R. B. Young.

Mrs. T. E. Pitcock has been unable to get around much lately. She stepped off the step and sprained both ankles.

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and Happy New Year*

Robert Lee Variety Store

Xmas Specials

ENGLISH WALNUTS	1 lb cello pkg	35c
PECANS, 5 lb bag, 1.65	Brazil Nuts, lb.	33c
CELERY, lge stalk 17c	Tomatoes, fresh, lb.	15c
CRANBERRIES, lb 25c	CARROTS, bunch	5c
Pitted DATES	lb	25c
RAISINS	15 oz pkg	19c
Pie Apricots or Peaches	No. 2 can	25c
BARTLETT PEARS	Lge. 2½ can	37c
RED PIE CHERRIES	No. 2 can	29c
FRUIT COCKTAIL	Lge. 2½ can	41c
Armour Pure Lard	3 lbs	43c
Picnic Hams	Ready Cooked lb	45c
Seven Bone Roast	lb	49c
Slab BACON	lb	45c

We Will Be Closed Dec. 26
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY

Roberts Grocery

Firemen And Auxiliary Have Christmas Party

The new Robert Lee fire station was initiated Monday night with its first Christmas tree when the Volunteer Firemen and Auxiliary held their Christmas party.

Mrs. Sam Williams was program chairman. A feature was the singing of carols by a quartet composed of Daisy Nell, Shirley and Butch Davis and Mary Francis Wylie. Names were drawn for a gift exchange and Fire Chief Sam Jay played Santa Claus.

Pecan pie, coffee and hot chocolate were served to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams and Sherman and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis and Daisy Nell and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kannady and Dickie, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis

and Butch, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner and Mary Francis Wylie.

Also Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Stewart and Clifford, Ernest and Annette, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowley, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Buck) Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay and W. D. McAdams

Mrs. T. E. Pitcock and Mrs. Bryan Gartman surprised their husband with a birthday dinner Sunday at Mrs. Pitcocks. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denman and Mrs. Lura Reid and the Douglas Gartmans.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gartman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. They were honored two days early because their son, Louie, had to return to California.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary at their home in Bronte next Sunday, Dec. 25. Open house will be held from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. The couple have nine children, all of whom will be present for the Golden Wedding.

Christmas



MAY EVERY HOUR BE PLEASANT AND CHEERFUL

Floyd & Kayo HIGGINS



May the tidings of great joy be yours in full this Christmas.

Denman & Ross

J. W.

Mike

Greetings 1949



OUR SINCEREST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

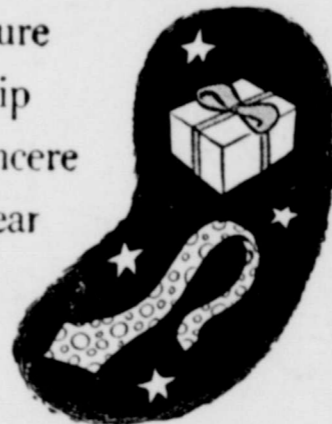
City Cleaners



Coke County Co-Operative Ass'n
Ell & Zola Hatley



As a partial measure of our friendship we express the sincere hope that this year holds for you a perfect Christmas.



May it be touched with the same kind of serenity that accompanies a Christmas Eve snowfall.

Butane Service Company

BRONTE—ROBERT LEE



Merry
Christmas



The divinity
of the season
is surpassed only
in the joy it brings
to the hearts
of men.
Merry Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Clift



For a smile on every face
and a carol in every heart
we commend you to the spirit
of Christmas.
Happy holiday.

Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Adams



HAPPY HOLIDAY

to all of you.
May no cloud
appear to disturb
its serenity.

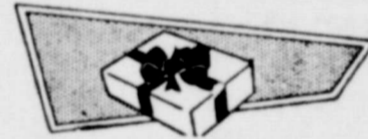


**BEST WISHES
1949**

MRS. RUBY PETTIT
County Treasurer



MAY ALL
THE SEASON'S BEST
BE YOURS
THIS CHRISTMASTIME.



HARVEY CHEVROLET CO.



In the
Christmas
mood,
we
wish you
all
happiness.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JEFF DEAN, County Judge

Be Careful When Heating With Gas

AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—By this time you're aware that heater weather has definitely hit Texas.

State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox, commenting on the above-mentioned fact, said Thursday there is no doubt that carbon monoxide—associated with gas heaters—is one of the most lethal and least publicized of all the poisonous gases.

Carbon monoxide, the doctor explained, is formed when there is not enough oxygen mixed with burning gas, or when the design or operation of gas burning equipment is faulty.

"With a toxicity comparable to the gases used in warfare, not enough attention is paid to the deadly effort of prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide," the veteran health officer said. He indicated that carbon monoxide claims more than its fair share of accidental deaths in Texas, but for some inexplicable reason it is not held in the same perspective as other accidents.

Dr. Cox believes this "killer" is due an explanation, and made the following recommendations for users of gas heaters:

(1) Make sure the heater is properly adjusted, by a gas serviceman if possible.

(2) Use metal tubing for connecting the stove to the gas line, and check for leaks before the stove is used.

(3) Always ventilate a room where a heater is burning. Even if no carbon monoxide is being formed, oxygen is being consumed.

(4) Never operate a stove at its highest burning rate.

(5) Do not use propane or butane gas in a heater designed for natural gas.

(6) Never let the stove burn all night. When other people using the same fuel line turn their stoves off, the line pressure will increase, and the flame of the burning stove will increase to the point where carbon monoxide may be produced.

Carbon monoxide expelled by an automobile exhaust is a big health hazard in winter, too, Cox warned. He said many motorists have wrecked their cars and been listed as a highway death, when carbon monoxide was really the killing agent.



Let us give thanks together for the priceless gift of Christmas.

1949

City Cafe

Mrs. Maymie Littlefield

Christmas Program at Sanco

A Christmas program will be given at the Evangelical Methodist Church at Sanco, Thursday night, December 22, at 7 o'clock. Most of the children and young people of the community are participating in the program, and everyone is invited and urged to be there.

From Mrs. Rabb

Our good friend, Mrs. J. C. Rabb, writes from San Angelo: "Enclosed you will find check for another year renewal to The Observer. Am glad you reminded Santa Claus as I was about to forget that it was just around the corner. Hope you and yours will have a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year."

Nazarene Services

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Preaching Service, 11:00 A. M.
Youth Services, 6:15 P. M.
Preaching Service, 7:00 P. M.
Youth's Services Tuesday 7:00 P. M.

Adult Prayer Meeting Tuesday 7:00 P. M.

A warm welcome to all.

Visitors in the S. R. Young home last week were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Perry of Miles and their daughter, Mrs. Bill Paysinger, and her son, Robert of Batesville.

SEASON'S
BEST



A truly Merry
Christmas
to our good
friends and
neighbors.

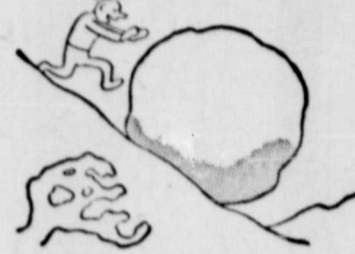


Bilbo Drug



Nineteen forty-nine

TO YOU
AND YOUR WHOLE
FAMILY OUR
BEST WISHES.



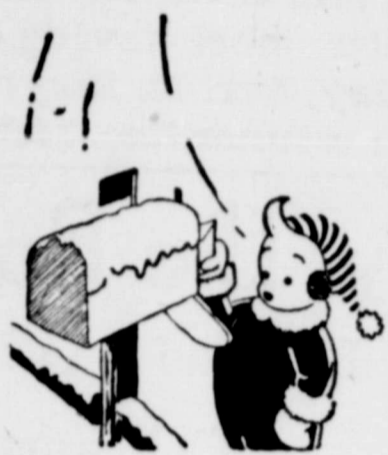
Key Feed Store

May Your Christmas
be Merry and Bright!

May the laughter of friends . . . the companionship of family . . . the sentiment and charm of the Holiday Season make your Christmas happy and gay.

We, your friends and neighbors, at your service company will be working day and night keeping the lights gaily gleaming to make your Christmas bright.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**



A
wealth of
New Year cheer.
May
all the good things
of 1950
be yours to enjoy

Willis Smith
County and District Clerk

for 1949
**Much
Joy**



BROWN & CLARK



God willing, there
will be no pain of
sadness to mar the
tender happiness
that Christmas
ought to bring
to all of you



ROBERT LEE GIN



The Yule is a season for songs and
rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all
you friendly people may share in this
spirit to the utmost

And for what it's worth, we offer our
heartiest wishes
for a very Merry
Christmas



Adams Abstract Co.



May the
season shower
you with
excellent gifts of gladness.

PAUL GOOD, Sheriff

Folks You Know

J S Ross returned the latter part of the week from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Ayers, and family at Ravia, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo M. Havins of 213 Lippan Drive in San Angelo, are parents of a son, Terry Lynvell, born at 12:55 a. m. Dec. 15 in a San Angelo hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces. The couple has two other children, Milton Ray, 8, and Linda Jo, 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Havins of Robert Lee and Mrs. Minnie Lee Scarborough of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kuhn and children of Colorado City were guests Sunday in the Lawrence Higgins home. The ladies are sisters.

The many friends of Mrs. Tom Smith will be distressed to learn that her condition has been very grave the past week. She spent a few days with Odessa relatives and was returned to her home here the last of the week.

Mrs. V. A Barrett arrived Tuesday from Fontana, Calif., for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Newton, and her sister, Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough. Mrs. Barrett is the former Jo Newton, youngest of the Newton children.

Mike Hughes says their new baby is a girl, although The Observer stated last week it was a boy. The name, Mickey Joe, still stands.

T. L. Vowell, Jr. has ordered The Observer sent to his father, T. L. Vowell, Sr., Rt. 3, Colorado City. The former is switcher for Chapel Hill Oil Co. and will soon move his family into the new residence which has been completed on the Harris River Ranch.

Christmas Party

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary and their families enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday night. There was a gift exchange with Santa in charge. The men prepared and served the refreshments.

Attend Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mauldin were in Jonesboro the last of the week to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Mauldin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDonald. Others going were Donald Mauldin and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wayne Smith, and Ronnie Snoddy. The McDonalds were married in Mississippi but have resided in Texas the past forty years. Eight of their nine living children were present for the anniversary festivities on Saturday and a total of 150 guests were in attendance.

For Sale or Rent—2 room trailer house, fully equipped, air brakes, butane and lights. See it at Geo. W. Hales, Robert Lee, Tex. w2p

ALAMO THEATRE

"Motion Pictures Are Your Finest Entertainment"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23-24

CALAMITY JANE and SAM BASS in Technicolor with Yvonne De Carlo and Howard Duff Cartoon & News

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY, DEC. 25-26-27

Sunday Matinees at 1:30 and 3:00

In Technicolor **LIFE WITH FATHER**

With Irene Dunne and William Powell Also Cartoon

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28-29

THE LIFE OF RILEY

Starring William Bendix Cartoon



The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

Ivey Electric Co.

Xmas Specials

SURF Washing Powder	2 lge pkgs	43c
Kimbell Mexican Beans	2 cans	19c
Kimbell Chili	No. 2 can	55c
Kimbell Tamales	can	23c
Prune Plums	Large 2½ can	19c
Dinty Moore Vienna Sausage	2 cans	29c
Royal Gem Pumpkin	2 cans	19c
Gabberts Pure Pork Sausage	lb	49c
SLAB BACON	lb	49c

PLENTY OF FIREWORKS

We will be Open Monday, Dec. 26

Cecil's Groc. & Sta.

East of Robert Lee on Bronte Road



A happy holiday to all.

Attention Boys and Girls All entries in the Red & White label saving contest must be in Friday, Dec. 23. Bicycle will be awarded the winner Dec. 24th.

Buy By The Box!

Or Half Box and SAVE

Apples Delicious and Winesap

Oranges Texas and California

Plenty of Grapefruit, Tangerines, Bananas

For Those Last Minute Presents We Suggest
Gift Cartons of Cigars and All Popular Cigarettes

We've Got Plenty of Fireworks

For the Kids and Dad To. Crackers, Roman Candles, Sky Rockets, and Sparklers.

No Christmas is complete without plenty of Candies, and Nuts. We have large, fresh stocks of Chocolate Covered Cherries, Xmas Mix, Ribbon Mix, Jumbo Mint Stick, Colorful Gumdrops and Orange Slices, Walnuts, Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Fresh Coconuts, Roasted Peanuts, Paper Shell Pecans, Fresh Cranberries plus all the other good things to grace the Holiday Table.

And Don't Forget the Egg Nog Mix

Place Your Order Early For

Christmas Hams, half or whole Picnic Hams, cooked or cured Hens, Bakers, Turkeys

We will be closed Monday, Dec. 26

Frank's Food Store