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Burglars Strike 4 Rob't Lee Places

Fast moving burglars visited Robert Lee Christmas night, breaking into the U. S. post office and three business places. Their loot amounted to not more than \$50 in money and merchandise. So far they have escaped apprehension.

Besides the post office they broke into Baker's Grocery & Market, J. F. McCabe's Humble service station and broke into a soft drink machine in front of Loyd Phelan's Texaco service station.

The burglars were less fortunate at the Calvin Wallace Grocery & Station where they smashed out a front window but failed to get inside because of a wooden barrier. They broke out a glass of a rear door to gain admission to the post office, while front doors were smashed at both the Baker and McCabe places of business.

First information of the robberies was uncovered by Mrs. B. B. Pierce and Mrs. Ell Hatley, who had gone off duty at Coke County Memorial Hospital at 11 p. m. Driving by the post office they discovered the back door wide open and phoned Postmaster H. S. Lewis Jr.

About the same time Mrs. Genie Baker heard glass being broken at the McCabe station door across the street, and the noise was also heard by her son, Ronnie Baker, who lives next door and was watching TV.

The burglars saw Mrs. Baker when she came out onto her porch and soon drove off west on Highways 208 and 158 which run

through town. By that time Deputy Sheriff O. B. Jacobs had also been notified and got out of his house just in time to see the light colored car drive past.

He gave chase, hoping but not sure it was the burglars' auto. About three miles out of town on Highway 208 he met a car that was coming toward Robert Lee. Jacobs then turned around but failed to catch up with the car. He figured it had pulled off the highway and turned out the lights.

The deputy sheriff returned to Robert Lee and found Constable and Nightwatchman Ollie Roe, who had stopped for a short time at the Ross Conoco Station. Roe said he had made the rounds less than a half hour before, but had seen nothing suspicious, and at no time during the night had he noticed the strange light colored car in town.

Suspecting that the burglars had headed toward Colorado City, authorities there were requested to set up a road block. The stolen car they were driving was found on another street, and the following day it was learned another car in the vicinity had been stolen.

Postal Inspector English is working on the case along with other officers in West Texas. Much of the stolen property was left in the car abandoned at Colorado City. Some clues have also been found, including a jacket with a name inside.

The car used by the burglars in Robert Lee had been stolen earlier in the night from the home of Joe McNutt, 217 Iris, San Angelo. It belonged to P. W. Young of Connally AFB at Waco, who was visiting McNutt.

Taken from the post office was an adding machine, an alarm clock and a few dollars from Carrier Bob Read's cash box. Sunday morning the adding machine was found by Constable Roe along the highway near Panther Gap, 4 miles east of Silver. It had been thrown from the car and was badly damaged.

The Baker store lost \$14 in change from the cash register, as well as some groceries, candy bars, a two-foot link of bologna, cookies and cakes. Much of the merchandise was recovered.

Mr. McCabe said they took about \$14 from a cash drawer at his service station.

AT BROOKE HOSPITAL

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEX. -- Specialist Four Don A. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isham M. Austin, Robert Lee, Tex., recently was assigned to duty at the 47th Field Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston.

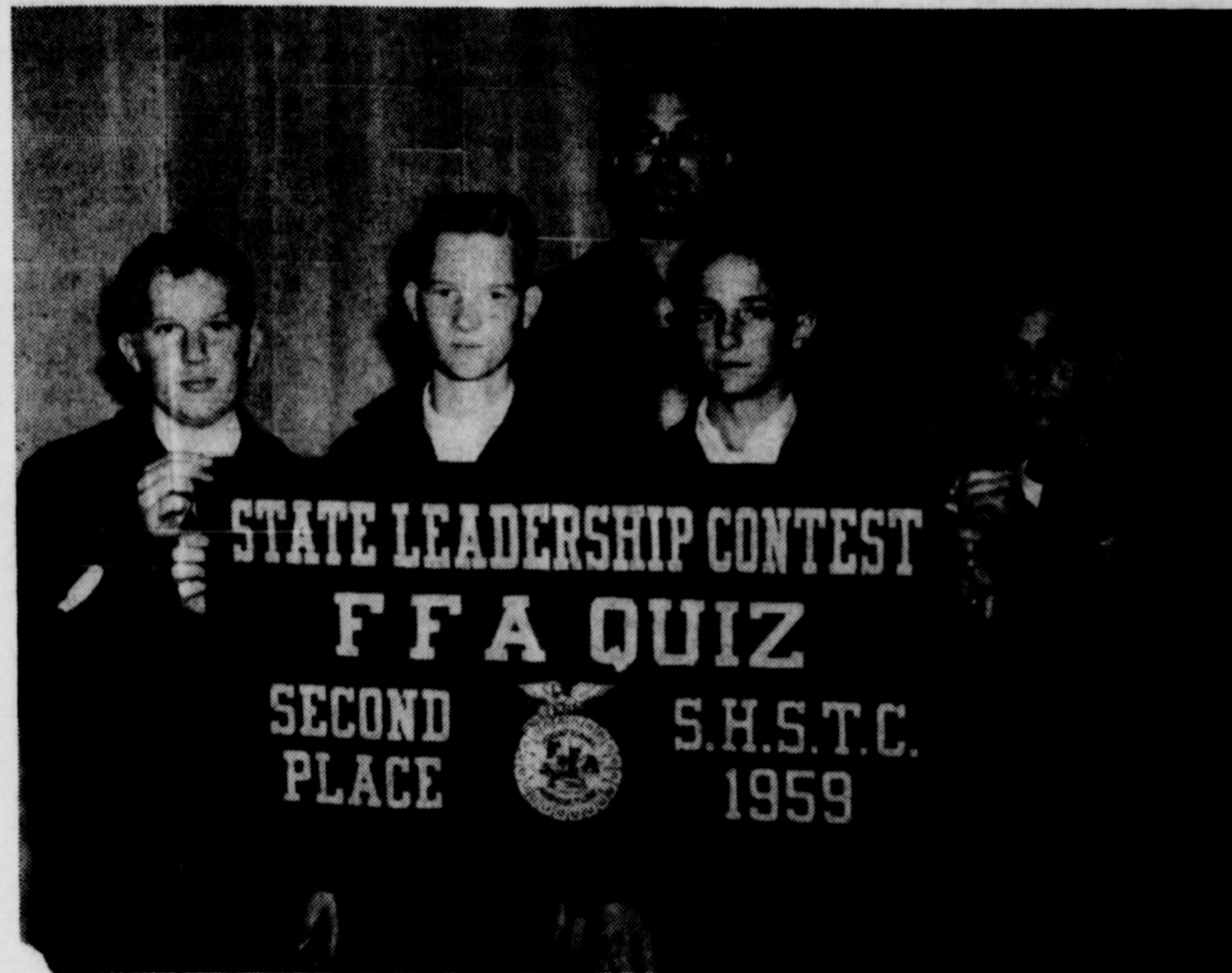
Specialist Austin arrived at the fort from an assignment in Hawaii. He entered the Army in 1953. The 28-year-old soldier attended Robert Lee High School.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

C. E. (Doc) Benningfield, well known Robert Lee resident, has been critically ill the past week or more in Veterans Hospital at Big Spring. A recurrence of an old ailment sent him to the hospital three weeks ago.



IVEY MOTOR COMPANY employees and their families enjoyed a Christmas dinner last Wednesday night. Roast turkey topped the menu and there were favors and gifts for everyone. Each family was given an electric ice cream freezer, two of them are seen on the table. Reading left to right are E. H. Ivey, Royce Smith, Hays Prince, Jack Cowley, Jimmy Killam, Elmo Bell, Kenneth Lackey, Jessie Gloria and Cumbie Ivey, the boss. Cumbie Ivey Jr. took the photo.



Robert Lee FFA Quiz Team won second place in the recent state FFA Contest held at Huntsville. Pictured left to right are Ronnie Reid, Joe Roe, Don Hester and Jimmy Moore. Standing behind the boys is Huan Harris, vocational ag teacher and class advisor.

Future Farmer Teams in State Contest Dec. 13

Future Farmer Teams from across Texas, all first place winners in ten area contests previously conducted, competed in leadership activities on the campus of Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Saturday, Dec. 13, for the coveted designation as state champions.

Teams entered in the six divisions of the state event began by long hours of practice in their home Future Farmer Chapters. After earning the right to represent the Chapter through competition at home, the teams entered district contests at approximately fifty locations in Texas. The winners in the districts progressed to the ten Area contests. From there, came the ten teams in the State meet in Huntsville.

First year vocational agriculture students, "Greenhant" to older members, competed among themselves in three of the six events; Greenhand Chapter Conducting, Greenhand Farm Skill and FFA Quiz. The more experienced Future Farmers entered Junior Chapter Conducting, Senior Farm Skills and Radio Broadcasting.

In the Chapter Conducting Contests the boys demonstrated abilities in parliamentary procedure, expression of ideas and conducting organizational business. In the Farm Skills Division, contestants were judged on proficiency in demonstrating an improved farming practice while explaining its usefulness and purpose. The Radio Contest simulated actual radio programming. The FFA Quiz determines the knowledge of the organization possessed by the contestant.

Robert Lee's FFA team won second in the FFA Quiz and 9th in radio.

Royce Wallace returned Monday to his army base at Bliss, El Paso, after a 15-day leave with home folks. He will complete his two years of service in another month and his wife will remain in Robert Lee during that period.

PLAYED IN BOWL GAME

Norman Roberts returned the first of the week after playing in the Tangerine Bowl game Saturday afternoon at Orlando, Fla. He is a star end for the East Texas State College Lions who defeated Missouri Valley College of Marshall, Mo., by a score of 26-7. Played on a wet field, the game was close at 12-7 until late in the last period when the Lions ran over two quick touchdowns. Norman, who is an expert pass receiver, had few chances in the game as only three aerials were attempted because of the wet ball. He caught a pass for a 2-point conversion after a touchdown. The Lions made the trip to Florida and return by chartered plane and arrived back in Commerce Sunday evening. The Robert Lee young man has completed his college football career and is to be given a tryout by one of the top professional teams next year. Announcement of his signing is expected to be released by the club in the near future. Norman's family remained with relatives in Bronte and Robert Lee while he was in Florida. They will return to Commerce this weekend. He has one more semester before getting his college degree with a major in physical education.

Ford Sales Here Have Been Good

Local car dealers report a good business the last two months of the year. Ivey Motor Co., Ford-Mercury distributors, report the sale of 31 new units since the '59 models came out in early November.

Among local residents who purchased new Fords were the following:

Curtis Pruitt, Fairlane.
R. C. Russell, pickup.
M. H. Jameson, F'lane tn. sed.
James Herford, custom 4-door.
Henry Burkett, F'lane Victoria.
James Petty, pickup.
J. L. Brunson, cus. 300 sedan.
Jeff Blair, custom 300 sedan.
L. E. Higgins, Galaxie.
Hays Prince, custom 300 sedan.
E. W. Olson, pickup.
Bill Moncreif, Galaxie.
J. P. Jameson, custom 300 sed.

NEW RESIDENTS

New residents of Robert Lee are O. H. White and his family, who moved recently from Odessa. Mr. White will be in charge of Superior Paraffin Scraping Co. operations in this area, having succeeded Otis Murray, who went back to Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have two children. Their son, Edward Houston, is 16 and the daughter, Diane, is 11 years old. The family is living in the Curtis Trimble rent house in the north part of town.

More Chevrolets To Be Available

Vaughan Chevrolet Co. reports the sale of 20 new units since the '59 models came out two months ago. Because of strikes production of Chevrolets was delayed for several weeks, but deliveries are coming through normally now, Mr. Vaughan said.

Among the owners of new Chevrolet passenger cars are the following:

Delbert Shoemaker, Impala.
E. J. Brice, 2-door sedan.
Ira Bird, 4-door sedan.
L. N. Addison, 4-door sedan.
Arch Mathers, 4-door sedan.
B. D. Gartman, 4-door sedan.
R. E. Burleson, 4-door sedan.
Wilfred Bruce, 4-door sedan.
Sue McGallian, station wagon.
Genie Baker, 4-door sedan.
Don Robertson, sport coupe.

Pickup trucks were delivered to Curtis Walker, Tom Wiginton, Ambassador Oil Co., Eugene Wojtek, Dick Shortes, L. C. Cox Welding Service, Wooten Plumbing Co., Wilton Robertson and J. O. Rudd.

COUNTY OFFICER CHANGE

W. W. (Bud) Thetford will take over Jan. 1 as County Judge for the only change in the roster of principal officers in Coke County. Roy P. Ross will succeed C. E. Davis as justice of the peace in Precinct 1 at the same time. County Commissioners were to be in session Wednesday to approve bonds, etc.

Lee Roy Brown came from Dallas for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Brown.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams came from Denver City for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Partin of Crane were guests over Christmas in the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. S. Lewis Jr. and family.

The Escue family has enjoyed a holiday reunion in Robert Lee and San Angelo. Coming from Norwalk, Ohio, were Mr. and Mrs. Alden Kosel and daughters, Cathy and Vicki. Mrs. Kosel is the former Anna Escue. Irven Escue and family of Spearman, the Floyd Higgins family of Midland joined Mrs. Jack Cowley and her family here and the J. H. Escue family in San Angelo. The children have also been guests of their mother, Mrs. Bob Cross, in San Angelo.

Lyndon Waldrop arrived Tuesday from Ft. Sill, Okla., for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Waldrop, at Hayrick.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Welch and son came from Kerrville for a visit over Christmas with kinfolks and friends. Mrs. Welch is the former Ruby Bessent.

Mrs. A. D. Fields and son, Don, went to Ft. Worth for a Christmas gathering of the Gilmore family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Brown. They were accompanied by Miss Beth Gilmore of Monahans. Present for the happy event was the ladies' mother, Mrs. Tom Gilmore of Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen were hosts at a large family gathering on Christmas Day, when kinfolks of both Mr. and Mrs. Allen were present.

County Agent and Mrs. Sterling Lindsey and children have been spending the holidays with relatives in South Texas. They divided the period between his family at Pearsall and Mrs. Lindsey's parents at Turnertown.

The Robert Lewis Jay family spent Christmas in San Angelo with Mrs. Jay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Castello. Mrs. Jay had been in San Angelo much of the previous week with her mother, who underwent major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sheppard and children, Becky, Danny and Kenny, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard and daughters, Dixie Jan and Debbie, came from Spearman for a visit over Christmas with home folks in Robert Lee. Mrs. Jerome Sheppard is the former Juanice Childress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress, and Mrs. Bert Sheppard is the former Patti Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor. The Sheppard brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Delmir Sheppard. They are in charge of the Baker & Taylor Drilling Co. repair shop at Spearman.

Jerald Millican left Monday for his home at Hobbs, N. Mex., after a ten days' visit in the home of his father, D. M. Millican. Jerald had been off work following a tonsillectomy.

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CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Visiting in the homes of Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, Mrs. Ray Shandley and Mrs. Carl Hurley over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Odis Adams and sons of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hamilton and children of Roswell, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Eubanks and daughter of McCamey, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton and daughter of Hobbs, N. Mex., and Mr. and Mrs. James Rymer and son of San Antonio.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. S. Crum is expected to return Sunday from a two weeks' holiday visit in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jones, at Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Caulder came from Midland to spend Christmas here in the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ferrell returned Sunday from a Christmas visit with their son, First Lt. Paul Ferrell, and family at Wichita, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler and children returned Saturday to their home in Abilene after spending Christmas with Mrs. Winkler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman.

Pvt. and Mrs. Bob Watkins and little son, Johnny Bob, arrived Sunday night for a visit with home folks. Mrs. Watkins is the former Johnnie Beth Snead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snead Jr. Bob has a ten days leave from his Air Force base at Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bilbo were happy to have their five sons-in-law and daughters and their families here for Christmas. The group included the Lamar Kays of Alpine, the Jarvis Littlefield family of Afton, Okla., the Bob Borens of Snyder, the Steward Evans family of Midland and the Bill Havins family of San Angelo. Also joining the group was Mr. Bilbo's brother, Otho Bilbo, and family of Hobbs, N. Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hinnard and Cookie and Mrs. Joe Dodson Sr. returned Sunday from a visit over Christmas with the Wilson and Frank Bryan families in Bosque County. Also joining them on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. (Sarge) Martin and son, Jimmy. Mrs. Hinnard and Mrs. Martin are daughters of the Wilson Bryans.

Christmas guests in the Calvin Wallace home included S. G. Wallace and family of Pecos and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wallace and children of Amarillo.

CHRISTMAS AT TAYLORS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor enjoyed having several of their children and families home for Christmas. They included Mr. and Mrs. Coy Jones and little son, Matthew, of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard and daughters, Dixie and Debbie, of Spearman, Mrs. Jack Martin and three children of Corona, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Slay and daughters, Patty and Ginger, of Odessa, and the J. Q. Counts and Ivey Eubanks families of Robert Lee.

T. E. L. CLASS PROGRAM

Mrs. H. C. Allen reviewed the story of Delilah and Sampson from the book "All the Women of the Bible" by Edith Deen, when she entertained the T. E. L. Class of the Robert Lee Baptist Church at a regular December meeting.

During the business session, Mrs. L. E. Cowley, class secretary, reported an average attendance for November of twelve and a total offering of \$8.45.

The hostess served coffee and cake and presented each member with a sealed Christmas message to be opened on Christmas morning.

Mrs. Lena Millican, the class teacher, gave each one present a bag of homemade candy.

Deer Season Closed Dec. 31

Between 55 and 65 whitetail bucks were killed in Coke County, according to an estimate made by Game Warden Glen Crooks. This report was made this week with the hunting season for deer closing Dec. 31.

Mr. Crooks said 25 deer had been brought into the Baker cold storage locker in Robert Lee and 15 or more went through the Vaughan Davis Sun Grocery locker at Silver.

It is probable that more deer were killed in the county than a year ago. This is the second straight season that Coke has been open for deer and turkey hunting. The number of wild turkeys bagged is unknown, but there were quite a few.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors for their gifts and cards and many acts of kindness which helped make my Christmas a pleasant one. Good friends like you are appreciated more than I can put into words.—V. P. Byrne.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDaniel and new son were guests the last of the week in the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel. Delivered by Caesarean section Dec. 17 in an Austin hospital, the baby weighed 8 pounds and has been named Charles David.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Jenner of El Reno, Okla., have been holiday guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roberts returned Sunday from a ten days trip to California where they visited their son, Bobby F. Roberts, and family at Long Beach. The granddaughter, Sheila Gwen, 7 months old, came in for her share of attention. Bobby is a mechanic at an army helicopter base and will complete his two years of service in May. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts made the trip by bus. They did some sight seeing in the Los Angeles area.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith were Christmas dinner guests in the home of his sister, Mrs. D. I. Durham, in San Angelo. Also present was another brother, J. N. Smith, and wife of San Angelo and Mrs. Durham's daughter, Mrs. E. L. Dorn and family of Colorado City, and a son, J. R. Durham of San Angelo.

Judge Jeff Dean and family and the Bobby Baker family motored to Weatherford for a Christmas visit in the parental home of Mrs. Claud Dean.

D. M. Millican was an honored guest at a family gathering on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Millican at Silver. The other three sons were also present including Dalton Millican and family of Midland, Bunyan Millican and family of Silver and Jerald Millican of Hobbs, N. Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Good were hosts at a Christmas dinner, guests being his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Paul Good, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker and sons of Stephenville. Later in the week Sheriff and Mrs. Good spent a few days with the Parkers.

The Waldrop family enjoyed a reunion on Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Waldrop at Hayrick. Guests included B. T. Hartgrave and family of Eldorado, O. A. Warrington and family of San Angelo, the Pat and Tom Rives families of Robert Lee and Glenn Waldrop and family of Edith.

Mrs. Otis Rabb and son, Larry Jack, spent several days last week with the Wilfred Rabbs in Midland. They were joined there over Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Hall and Randy.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HERE

College students will be returning soon to their studies after holiday vacations spent with home folks. Among the Robert Lee students who are attending college are the following:

Texas Tech, Lubbock — Leslie Nell Wink, Doris Sparks, Bub Burson, Dennis Blair.
Hardin-Simmons, Abilene—June McKinley, Freddie McDaniel.
McMurry, Abilene — Tom Sawyer.
East Texas State, Commerce—Norman Roberts.
Texas A & I, Kingsville — Roland McArthur.
Texas A & M, College Station—Robbie Don Godwin.
Tarleton State College, Stephenville — Joe Harmon.
San Angelo College — Carolyn Simpson.

MORE COLD WEATHER

This area along with much of the great southwest has experienced severe weather to close out the old year. A light snow blanketed Coke County Tuesday morning but it melted soon after noon when the sun came out. Sections to the north received heavy snow with sleet and rain to the east. West Texas is badly in need of moisture, especially the grain fields. The temperature in Robert Lee Wednesday morning was an even 20 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton were happy to have their five sons and their families home for Christmas.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams included their son, Sherman and his wife of Denver City. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maples of Odessa, Roy Casey and family and Cleve Casey.
Larry Jack Rabb, who is enrolled in an army finance school at Ft. Sheridan, Ind., has been home on a holiday leave.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 23 — Mrs. L. M. Service admitted. W. H. Robertson dismissed.

Dec. 24 — L. H. Blankenship, Mrs. Ed S. Roberts admitted, Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry Jr. dismissed.

Dec. 25 — Bonnie Quisenberry, Bob Lomas admitted.

Dec. 26 — Virginia Lara admitted.

Dec. 27 — Mrs. Ed S. Roberts dismissed.

Dec. 28 — Osa Faries, Mrs. Fred McDonald Jr., Mrs. Guadalupe Sanchez admitted. Mrs. L. M. Service dismissed.

Dec. 29 — Son born to Mrs. Guadalupe Sanchez. Billy Joyce Peoples admitted.

Dec. 30 — Mrs. Otis Rabb, admitted. Virginia Lara, Bob Lomas dismissed.

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY

Thursday, Jan. 1, will be observed as legal holiday by the post office, court house and bank. Most business houses will be open for business as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Jiggs) Lofton planned to leave Thursday after a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lofton. They will visit Mrs. Lofton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rappley Farris at Goldthwaite, enroute to their home at Dickinson. Jiggs bagged an 8-point buck Saturday while hunting with Donald Hamilton and Wallace Farris near Ft. McKavitt in Menard County.

BIRTHS

SANCHEZ — Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Sanchez of Bronte are parents of a son born at 2:35 p. m. Dec. 29 in Coke County Memorial Hospital. The infant weighed 8 pounds, 7½ ounces. The father is a farm laborer.



NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Thanks for your patronage in the past and we extend best wishes to all for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Since opening last spring our business has been very satisfactory. Our stock has been steadily enlarged and we now have a complete line of building material of all kinds.

We will strive to merit your continued patronage and friendship, and again express our thanks and appreciation.

BROWN LUMBER & SUPPLY

Dale Brown

John Brown

NEWS THE OBSERVETTE

Published by Students of Robert Lee High School

OLD SPORT REVIVED (KENNEY SAWYER)

An old sport that has suddenly become popular around Robert Lee is coon hunting. The main purpose in coon hunting is to purchase a coon dog. New dog owners over the holidays were Ronnie Sims and Freddy McDonald. Ronnie's dog was given the name "Foots" and Freddy's dog was named "Melba." The boys bought their dogs from Roy Braswell.

After taking their new dogs out the boys did not catch a coon, but managed to corner one skunk, possum and an armadillo.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY (VICKI WOJTEK)

A Christmas assembly for grades seven through 12 was sponsored by the Student Council in the school auditorium Friday, Dec. 19. The assembly, held just before school let out for Christmas, consisted of the singing of Christmas songs by the group and special numbers by local talent.

Those singing special numbers were: Mack Tubb, Barbara Gray, and the Bachelors. Group singing was led by Brenda Cowley. Jane Austin played the piano for the group singing.

After the assembly, the student council handed out Christmas candy to the students and teachers.

The Observette

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4 Student To Go To Band Competition

(BRENDA COWLEY)

Four band members will represent Robert Lee High School in All-Region competition at McMurry College in Abilene, Saturday, January 10. These are Brenda Cowley, Jerry Dean, Ronnie Sims and Don Weathers.

To be able to get in the All-Region Band the student tries out before a judge. These tryouts consist of playing designated scales,

sightreading, and a special number of the student's choice. This year the special number will be a composition to be played in the All-Region Band.

Mr. Robert L. Jay, band director, will be a judge at the meet. He will judge the trombone players.

The high school wishes these students good luck at the contest and hopes they will come back with high honors.

Students Vacation Across N. America

(JANE AUSTIN)

This is a continuation of Jane Austin's account of a two weeks stay in New Brunswick, Canada, with the J. E. Taylor's.

St. John, the commercial metropolis of New Brunswick and one of Canada's year-around ports, was founded by an intrepid body of Loyalists who landed there in 1873. Samuel de Champlain had discovered the St. John River preceding that date about 50 years. The Champlain Monument, which portrays him pointing to the fine river and harbor he discovered, stands today in Queen's Square in St. John.

From the Taylor's home near Millville to St. John is about a four hour drive. As we entered this city, we saw a highway bridge linking Lancaster with the neighboring St. John. Beneath this bridge flows the world-famed Reversing Falls. Here the visitor can see the mighty miracle of the tides, as river and ocean waters meet in a swirling struggle at the Reversing Falls Gorge. Twice daily the phenomenon reveals itself as the prodigious tides of Fundy roll through the harbor

mouth and force the waters of the St. John River back uphill. The change of tides and the wonderous movement of that water is a sight well worth viewing.

Dinner was served us in a Fairport Restaurant dining room while we overlooked the Bay of Fundy. I ordered halibut steak with all the trimmings, which was enormous as well as delicious. Good food and efficient service seemed to be given us wherever we ate—Ohio or New Brunswick.

Another point of interest in this city was the New Brunswick museum. One very, very interesting display that I shall never forget was a colonial bedroom and a living room. Everything was shown from the trundle bed to a handmade wool rug. I didn't get to spend one-half the time there that I wanted to because the day was nearing an end and we wanted to get some special-made get back to Fredricton early ice cream, served in an ice cream parlour... which sold nothing but ice cream. This place advertised 55 different flavors. We ordered Royal Maple flavor — very delicious.

Senior Girls Chosen For Interview

(SANDRA BAKER)

Patricia Conner, a senior at RLHS, was one of the girls chosen for this week's interview. Pat transferred from Colorado City to Robert Lee the last semester of her sophomore year. She previously attended the Silver School.

Pat participated in basketball and volleyball in Silver and belonged to the Future Business Leaders of America in Colorado City. She belonged to the FHA three years and was a member of the 4-H for one year.

Pat plans to attend a Beauty School at Abilene after graduation, and her ambition is to become a beauty instructor.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Conner of Silver.

Peggy Boone is one of the seniors who has attended Robert Lee School for 12 years. She has participated in school activities for the four years that she has been in high school. Peggy participates in basketball, volleyball, track, and baseball. She belongs to the Library Club and the FHA. Peggy is president of the Library Club this year, and she held the same position last year. She was secretary of the club for one year and was secretary of the 4-H Club for one year.

Peggy plans to attend a business college after graduation, and her ambition is to be a secretary.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sloan Boone of Robert Lee.

Seniors Given Christmas Party

(PAT CONNER)

Monday night, Dec. 23, the seniors were given a Christmas party by Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis at the recreation hall.

After some games, the gifts were exchanged. Boys brought girls' gifts, and girls brought boys' gifts.

For refreshment, Mrs. Davis served cup cakes topped with a candy cane, and punch.

All but two of the class of 23 students were present. Mrs. "Buzz" Sawyer, mother of Mrs. Davis, was also present.

GOOD Today,
 BETTER Tomorrow;
 ROBERT LEE!

CARD OF APPRECIATION TO GARDEN CLUB

(FRANCES WYLIE)

On behalf of the members of the Robert Lee High School, I would like to thank the Garden Club for the beautiful Christmas tree the club members placed in the recreational hall for the Christmas parties. Many of the high school classes and parties at the hall and the tree added to the Christmas spirit. We, of the high school, thank you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 6: Mertzon, there, 7:00 p.m.
 Jan. 8: Sterling City Jr. High, here, 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 9: Christoval, there, boys only, 7:00 p.m.
 Jan. 12: Coke County Livestock Show.
 Jan. 13: Eldorado, here, 7:00 p.m.
 Jan. 15: PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 15: Sterling City Jr. High, there, 6:30 p.m.

Resolutions Are Made To Be Kept

(FRANCES WYLIE)

Many of us sat down before or on New Year's Day and made a list of resolutions that we intend to keep.

There are some who made resolutions, which could not be broken, just to say they made their New Year's resolutions. These can not be counted as resolutions.

Some made their declarations for the new year in haste. Those who did these could have been angry with some friend or family

member. Here is a list of New Year's resolutions that most anyone could add to his list. Maybe you already have some or all in yours.

- (1) I resolve to be more helpful to my parents in working at my chores and doing additional ones to add to my parents' comfort.
- (2) I resolve to take more pride in my school work, my community work, and my church work.
- (3) I resolve to work harder at carrying out the Golden Rule.

THE ELEMENTARY MAKES NEWS

(MARIAN MASON AND SUE PARKER)

Santa Claus was the main topic among the children in the elementary grades. Each child told, with great enthusiasm, what was left under the Christmas tree for him.

Dolls were brought to school by the girls and guns by the boys. Other articles of interest were also brought to be shown.

After the students visited with

their friends whom they had not seen for an entire week, they settled down once again for another day at school.

Several students went out of the state for Christmas.

Tom McBroom has enrolled in the third grade. Tom has moved from Quemado, Mexico.

Good Today
 Better Tomorrow
 ROBERT LEE!

NOTICE TAXPAYERS

Starting Jan. 12, I will be at my office in Robert Lee from Monday thru Friday of each week, and at Bronte Feed Store on Saturdays to assist you with your Income Tax Returns. Fifteen years Experience plus up to date information in all type of Tax Returns.

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

PERSONALS

Larry Farris and his wife returned Sunday to Dallas after a Christmas visit with his father, M. W. (Buster) Farris. Larry resigned as an aviation instructor in the ROTC at Texas A & M College and has accepted a position as pilot of an executive plane owned by Richardson Mfg. Co. of Dallas. The company manufactures dragline buckets and has a factory in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Davis spent Christmas at Odessa with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Black, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey Sr. and Cumbie Ivey Jr. and family were members of a family gathering which enjoyed Christmas in the R. E. Hickman home at Bronte. Mr. Hickman's four children and their families were present.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Pierce included their son, Edward Earl Pierce, and his family of San Angelo.

The Pritchard Brown family came from Delmita for a weekend visit with home folks. They were guests at a family dinner Saturday night in the John Brown home and on Sunday the group was entertained in the R. S. Walton home at Bronte. Dale Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brown were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rymer and son, Marty, 2 years old, returned Sunday to their home in San Antonio after a holiday visit with Mrs. Rymer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hurley. They joined other kinfolks in a Christmas party at the Milam Clark home in San Angelo.

PAYNE FAMILY REUNION

All the children and their families gathered for a Christmas celebration in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne, at their farm home between Robert Lee and Bronte. It was the first time that all the family had been together in the past 18 years.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. George A. Snyder and children of Van Horn; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Payne of Ft. Worth; and their son, Bobby, who is stationed in the armed forces at Ft. Knox; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reed and family of Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Payne and family of Odessa; also Lloyd Payne of Odessa and Alonzo Payne, who resides at home.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reed of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McElroy and children of Comanche, Mrs. Odessa Clawson and son, Roy, Frank Clawson Jr. of Oklahoma City and Miss Viola Clawson of Robert Lee.

A bounteous Christmas dinner was served, gifts were exchanged and the event proved a most happy one for Mr. and Mrs. Payne.

Mrs. Mattie Tinkler's home was the scene of a happy family gathering on Christmas Day. All of her children and their families were present except Mrs. Pauline Large of Chicago, Ill., and Eckhart Tinkler of Pecos. The other children are Mrs. L. E. Wink, Mrs. D. A. Dumas and J. L. Tinkler of Robert Lee, Mrs. L. J. Sonnenburg and Miles Tinkler of Mereta and Clarence and Roy Tinkler of San Angelo.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Childress enjoyed having their three daughters and their families home for Christmas. They included Mrs. Leslie Copeland of Silver, Mrs. Jerome Sheppard of Spearman and Mrs. Eddie Roy Braswell of Bronte. Joining the group for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCullough of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. George Braswell and Dennie Ray of Bronte.

Mrs. Elsie Latham and Mrs. Lillie Gaines spent Christmas at Andrews with the Monroe Gaines and F. L. Wanker families. Mrs. Monroe Gaines, who visited here earlier in the week, returned to Andrews with them. Monroe is a driller on an Ard rig and his brother-in-law, Forrest Wanker, is a member of his crew.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coffman and son, Bill, of Cherokee came for a visit over Christmas with their son and brother, James L. Coffman, and family. The group were Christmas dinner guests of the Coffmans' daughter, Mrs. Joe Trojack, and family in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gholson returned last Wednesday from a few days visit with kinfolks in East Texas. Arriving Friday for a visit until Sunday were Mr. Gholson's sons, A. J. and Roy W. and the latter's family of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stranger and children of Worland, Wyo., visited here the first of last week with the A. B. Sheppard, T. A. Jones and Delmir Sheppard families. They were enroute to Natalia for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Stranger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Robbins.

Mrs. Ethel Green was happy to have her four children and their families here for Christmas. The children include J. D. Green of Big Lake, and Mrs. J. S. Augustine, Garlan and Billy C. Green of Colorado City.

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CHRISTMAS AT McCUTCHENS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCutchen were happy to have most of their children and their families home for Christmas. Among the guests were J. D. McCutchen and family of Levelland, the Maurice Coles of Abilene, the Robert Kirchman family of San Angelo, Billie McCutchen of Midland, and the J. W. Service Sr. family and the Lendy Devolls of Robert Lee. Three children unable to be home were M. C. McCutchen of San Antonio, Wayne McCutchen of Silverton and Mrs. Joyce Hood of Andrews. Among the guests were also Mrs. McCutchen's brother and sister, R. I. Rushing of El Paso and Mrs. Pearl Rutherford of San Angelo. The Wayne McCutchens had gone to California, but their daughters, Waynelle and Joyann, came down from Silverton for a brief holiday visit. The Coles showed colored slides made during the trip to Mexico City last summer.

The Dick Skipworth and Buster Farris families enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the Skipworth home and the following day were entertained in the Farris home. Joining the family groups were the Cecil Cates family of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Farris of Dallas.

Milburn Wink planned to leave Thursday of this week to resume his army training at Ft. Gordon, Ga. Following a period at Ft. Ord, Calif., he was transferred to Gordon for a five-weeks school in the Signal Corps Supply. Milburn had a two weeks' leave and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wink at Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harwell, southeast of town, were happy to have their two daughters and their families home for Christmas. They included the Ike Billings family of Del Rio and the David Dixons of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Keith of Borger visited here the fore part of last week with their daughter, Mrs. James L. Coffman, and family.



We wish all our friends and customers Good Health and Good Fortune during the coming year.

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May the New Year bring you much happiness and a full share of prosperity and plenty.

ROBERT LEE OBSERVER



Happy

NEW YEAR



Missionary Film Showing Jan. 4 at Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward, missionary appointees to Peru under Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be arriving this weekend from Costa Rica as houseguests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lackey. Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Lackey became acquainted while classmates in nurses training at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois. They also both graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. Mr. Woodward is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute.

While here Mr. and Mrs. Woodward will have charge of the Sunday evening service at the Robert Lee Baptist Church (January 4) and will be showing a film. The film, White Condor, has its setting in Peru, South America, and is the story of a Piro Indian Chief who receives the Word of God translated not only into his language but into his heart and becomes a personal soul-winner, teacher and preacher of the Gospel, carrying this life-giving message to villages other than his own. Dr. Robert G. Rayburn, former pastor of College church, Wheaton, Ill., said of this film, "If I had my way, I should like to urge every Christian church in this land to have a showing of this gripping film."

The public is cordially invited to attend this service which begins at 7:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken to help with the Woodwards' support.

HAVINS FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Havins entertained at a family gathering on Christmas Day. Guests included Sgt. and Mrs. Otto Havins of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. (Dooge) Hallmark of Midland, Bill Havins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Martin and children of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Havins and other kinfolks called during the afternoon and enjoyed a telephone visit with their sister, Mrs. Besse Reed, in California. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Havins entertained all their children and their families at a Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley and all their children and their families enjoyed a Christmas Eve dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields at Sterling City. There was a Christmas tree and gift exchange. The event also celebrated Mr. Cowley's birthday which falls on Christmas.



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ELMO YARBROUGH HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Yarbrough of Troup came to Robert Lee for a Christmas visit with kinfolks and friends. He is a brother of Bryan Yarbrough and Mrs. Ned Thomason and Boyd Yarbrough of Snyder. Elmo has been in East Texas 12 years where he has been very successful in his stock farming operations. He said 1958 has been a good crop year in his section. Mrs. Yarbrough is a teacher in the 5th grade at the public school in Whitehouse. The Yarbroughs were accompanied here by their friend, Miss Edith Little, who is also a teacher at Whitehouse.

Local News

Holiday guests in the R. C. Sawyer home included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawyer of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lyon and family of El Paso, Dr. and Mrs. Robert T. Stenberg and sons of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nease and children of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nease, Neil and Nancy were overnight guests Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis.

Guests in the Dee Walker home over Christmas included Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Conger and Debbie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and Linda and Phil of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker Jr. and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and daughters of Robert Lee. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Varnadore and family spent the weekend here after returning from Mena, Ark., where they spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnadore.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gartman on Christmas Day included W. F. Fikes, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Filkes and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pitcock and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gartman and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Winkler and two children and Annice Gartman.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cosgrove and children of Alpine. The Cosgroves spent Christmas with his kinfolks at Oklahoma City.



Notes From The Oil Field

Humble Finals Harris No. 11

Humble Oil & Refining Co. has completed its No. 11 R. H. Harris Estate as a producer in the I. A. B. (Menielle Penn) field 14 miles northwest of Robert Lee, in Conrad Kleb survey 504.

Daily potential flow was 252 barrels of 44.2 gravity oil, plus 2% water. Gauge was through a quarter-inch choke. Pressure was 180 pounds on the tubing with a packer on the casing. Gas-oil ratio 773-1.

Production is from 102 perforations 5,484 to 5,692 feet. Casing was set at a depth of 5,781 feet with hole bottomed at 5,795 feet.

Texas oil allowable has been fired for 12 producing days in January, the same as December. Some purchasers were in favor of cutting the production. Humble was a top buyer.

Wadley & Condrey No. 1 Joe Field, southwest of Edith, drilling early this week at 5,640 feet in shale.

Sun 1-B Price, 3 miles east of Silver, 6,447 feet in lime and shale.

Woodward No. 1 Fred McCabe, 8 miles southwest of Robert Lee, below 3,000 feet in shale and lime. Tucker Drilling Co. is the contractor.

Milk Cow Dies From Rabies

Rabies has been showing up in Coke County livestock. A milk cow owned by Finnell Smith west of Edith died of the disease after being sick three days.

Symptoms indicated rabies and a specimen taken from the dead animal was sent to the state laboratory in Austin. A report came back that the cow died of rabies.

Mr. Smith has been advised by health authorities that his family was not endangered by using the milk. However, infection could result from contact with an open wound.

Mrs. Frank Clawson had a cow which died of similar symptoms. However, a lab test was negative.

Health officials say rabies has been caused by infected fox which spread the disease to dogs and then to livestock. County officials

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may be requested to require all dogs to be vaccinated against rabies.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Dean Scott

and children returned Sunday to their home in Lubbock after a visit over Christmas with Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. Fred McDonald Jr.

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